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WEEKS AFTER SC SNUB OVER SAMPLE RE-VERIFICATION

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Wrongful exclusions and inclusions, need one cut-off for country: Himanta

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GUWAHATI, NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20



Assam Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma

WEEKS AFTER the Supreme Court rejected the Centre and Assam government's pleas for re-verification of a sample of names included in the draft National Register of Citizens and the final list excluded over 19 lakh people, much to the dismay of the BJP given that many were

Bengal to Kerala, faultlines deepen: Mamata says never, Opp slams pan-India NRC

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

WITHIN HOURS of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement in Parliament Wednesday that the NRC for Assam will be repeated whenever the exercise is conducted nationwide, Opposition-ruled states and parties spoke out against any

pan-India NRC move. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who has been taking on the BJP-led central government over the Citizenship Amendment Bill, said her government will not allow the NRC to be implemented in the state. Addressing a public meeting at Sagardighi in Murshidabad district, Banerjee said nobody

Divestment kicks in: Stake sale in major PSUs announced

BPCL, Concor, SCIL to be privatised, nod to paring govt stake in select PSUs

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE NDA government Wednesday decided to privatise three big PSUs — downstream oil major BPCL (excluding Assam-based Numaligarh Refinery Ltd), cargo mover Container Corporation of India Ltd and shipping company Shipping Corporation of India Ltd — through strategic sale and transfer of management control.

It will also offload its entire stake in power companies THDC India Ltd (74.23 per cent) and NEEPCO (100 per cent) and transfer management control to state-owned power producer NTPC Ltd.

Briefing mediapersons after a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the CCEA also gave in-principle approval to pare down government stake in select Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to below 51 per cent while retaining management control.

In her Budget for the current year, Sitharaman set a disinvestment receipt target of Rs 1,05,000



Numaligarh to be moved out of BPCL: Sitharaman. PTI

crore compared with Rs 80,000 crore in 2018-19. Market analysts said it will be a challenge for the government to complete the strategic sale of the three companies before the financial year ends on March 31, 2020.

In BPCL, the government will sell its 53.29 per cent holding, and in Shipping Corporation of India the stake sale will be 63.75 per cent. In CONCOR, the government will sell 30.8 per cent out of its total stake of 54.8 per cent. Sources said the Centre wants to retain 24 per cent stake in CONCOR given its importance in the railway sector, but will transfer entire management control to a

DHFL board superseded, RBI initiates bankruptcy process

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

THE RESERVE Bank of India Wednesday superseded the board of directors of crisis-ridden Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL), which has liabilities of close to Rs 84,000 crore, and initiated the bankruptcy proceedings "owing to governance concerns and defaults by DHFL in meeting various payment obligations".

The RBI, which stepped in after the banks and DHFL failed to agree on a resolution plan to bring the firm back on the rails, has appointed R Subramaniam, former MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank, as the Administrator to run the affairs of the company. The immediate fallout of the move is that banks will have to declare DHFL loans as non-performing assets (NPAs), adding to the bad loan worries of the banking system.

The RBI announcement came after market hours. The DHFL stock which closed at Rs 20.15 Wednesday had touched a 52-week high of Rs 252.20 on December 31, 2018.

The central bank said it would take the company to the National Company Law Tribunal

Govt in RS: 5,161 preventive arrests in Valley after Aug 4

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs (MHA) told Parliament on Wednesday that 5,161 preventive arrests were made in the Valley after August 4, a day before the government announced its decision to scrap Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370 and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories.

"With a view to prevent commission of offences involving breach of peace and activities prejudicial to the security of the state and maintenance of the public order, 5,161 preventive arrests, including stone pelters, miscreants, OGWs, separatists and political workers, were made since 4th of August, 2019, in Kashmir Valley, and, out of these, 609 persons are presently under detention, out of which approximately 218 are stone-pelters," Minister of State (Home)



At Lal Chowk in Srinagar on Wednesday. Shuaib Masoodi

Told couple of days, kept for 3 months: RTI activist

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

WHEN THE area SHO knocked on the door of Raja Muzaffar Bhat at 3 am on August 5 and told him that he had orders to detain him for "a couple of days" at the local Chadoora police station in Budgam, the RTI activist

told his wife and parents to tell his two children that he had gone on a trek and would be back soon.

It would be nearly three months before he returned from the "trek". Bhat was released on October 28 from detention at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar.

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NCP chief Sharad Pawar in Parliament, Wednesday. Anil Sharma

Pawar meets PM, his party and Congress say stable govt soon

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

ON A day when NCP chief Sharad Pawar injected an element of intrigue into the fluid political situation in Maharashtra when he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the latter's chamber in Parliament, top leaders of both the Congress and NCP on Wednesday expressed confidence that they would form a "stable" government in the state soon.

Speaking to reporters after a marathon meeting of Congress and NCP leaders at Pawar's residence here, NCP leader Nawab Malik said: "A stable government cannot be formed in Maharashtra without the NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena coming together. We will form the government soon. We discussed all those aspects."

Former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan said "some aspects of the alliance are still to be discussed."

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First fixed income ETF of bluechip PSUs may be launched next month

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE GOVERNMENT is expected to launch India's first fixed income Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) comprising debt securities of about a dozen state-owned companies by mid-December 2019. The ETF is expected to have a size of Rs 15,000 crore to Rs 20,000 crore.

Government sources said roadshows are currently on for the Fund, which could be launched as early as December,

and that there is significant interest in the market. The fund will comprise only AAA-rated papers of the PSU companies.

The debt ETF provides a new option to conservative investors to own securities of government-owned companies along with the facility of overnight liquidity as ETF units will be listed on exchanges. Compared with bank fixed deposits that generate a post-tax return of around 5.5 per cent, this product could generate a return of over 7 per cent for the investors.

The debt ETF can comprise

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WhatsApp: Govt admits to breach alert, House panel votes for scrutiny

KARISHMA MEHROTRA & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

ON A day the government admitted in Parliament that WhatsApp had notified it in May and September of a breach in some accounts in India via spyware Pegasus, sharp differences emerged at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology on discussing the issue of "citizens' data security and privacy".

With the BJP members objecting and citing jurisdiction issues, the committee is learnt to



The Indian Express report on October 31

have been split down the middle, with 12 members for a discussion, and 12 against. Finally, Shashi Tharoor, who heads the panel, cast his tie-breaker vote, supporting the demand for a discussion.

A group of 17 activists, whose WhatsApp in mobile devices was

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Finally, ISRO makes it official: Vikram made a hard-landing

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

AMITABH SINHA
PUNE, NOVEMBER 20

TWO-AND-A-HALF months later, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has finally admitted publicly that the Vikram lander on Chandrayaan-2 mission made a "hard-landing" on the moon.

In a written answer to a question posed to the Department of Space in Lok Sabha, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Jitendra Singh said



Chandrayaan-2 was launched on July 22

the "reduction in velocity" of the Vikram lander during the final phase of its descent on the moon's surface "was more than the designed value". As a result, Vikram "hard-landed" on the

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WHY BJP IS UNHAPPY WITH ASSAM NRC, AND WANTS CITIZENSHIP BILL FIRST
On Wednesday, Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the current final National Register of Citizens (NRC) of Assam should be rejected and a fresh pan-India NRC should be prepared, with a single cut-off date.

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PINK BALL TEST: INDIA, BANGLADESH GET SET
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Discussion on 3-party coalition barring BJP is underway

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Status report on Kashmir

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Valley arrests

G Kishan Reddy said in a written reply in Rajya Sabha.

He was responding to a question asked by DMK MP Tiruchi Siva on the detentions in Kashmir.

Sources said the data cited is only of preventive arrests, and the total arrests made would be much more.

Replying to a separate question in RS on Wednesday, Reddy said 586 incidents of terrorism had been reported in Kashmir from January 1 to November 10, in which 36 civilians were killed and 183 injured.

The government, however, maintained silence on whether statehood would be restored in J&K. Responding to a question by AAP MP Sushil Gupta on “whether the government is prepared to give back statehood status to J&K as early as possible”, Reddy said: “As per Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 which was notified on 09.08.2019, the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir has been reorganised into the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with Legislature, and Union Territory of Ladakh without Legislature.”

Vikram landing

moon “within 500 metres of the designated landing site”, he said.

The fact that Vikram, which was supposed to touch down on the moon’s surface in the early hours of September 7, had crash-landed was no secret. That was the only fate possible after it was seen to be unable to slow down its velocity at the required rate when it was barely 2 km from the moon’s surface.

ISRO, however, had so far avoided any comment on the fate of the Vikram lander. It had maintained that communication with the lander was lost when it was 355 metres above the moon, and efforts were being made to restore contact. Three days after the incident, ISRO had said the Orbiter module of Chandrayaan-2, which is functioning normally and circling the moon, had spotted Vikram and taken thermal images, but did not say anything about the condition of the lander. At that time too, it had said that it was trying to re-establish communication signal.

“The first phase of descent was performed nominally from an altitude of 30 km to 7.4 km above the moon surface. The velocity was reduced from 1,683 m/s to 146 m/s. During the second phase of descent, the reduction in velocity was more than the designed value. Due to this deviation, the initial conditions at the start of the fine braking phase (final phase below 7.4 km altitude) were beyond the designed parameters. As a result, Vikram hard-landed within 500 m of the designated landing site,” the minister said in a written answer in the Lok Sabha.

DHFL board

to chalk out a rescue package or liquidation for DHFL which defaulted on repayments to banks, mutual funds and retail investors. “The Reserve Bank also intends to shortly initiate the process of resolution of the company under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency and Liquidation Proceedings of Financial Service Providers and Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2019 and would also apply to the NCLT for appointing the Administrator as the Insolvency Resolution Professional,” the RBI said.

DHFL owes Rs 26,324 crore to banks as term loans, Rs 1,203 crore as short-term loans and Rs 10,815 crore as non-convertible debentures (NCDs). It also owes Rs 2,747 crore as ECBs, Rs 2,350 crore to National Housing Bank, Rs 6,188 crore as public deposits and Rs 2,267 crore as subordinate debt, among others, as of July 2019. The total liabilities were

around Rs 84,000 crore.

Audit firm KPMG, which carried out the forensic audit of DHFL, has reportedly found instances of fund diversion. The report is learnt to have detected diversion of over Rs 19,000 crore of bank loans to DHFL’s related entities, sources said.

The board of DHFL includes Kapil Wadhawan, Chairman & MD, Dheeraj Wadhawan, Non-Executive Director, Alok Kumar Misra, Srinath Sridharan, Sunjoy Joshi and Deepali Pant Joshi. Mishra was the former MD of Bank of India and Deepali Pant Joshi was an ED in RBI.

Banks which were trying to resolve the DHFL crisis were unable to formulate a suitable plan as mutual funds were not willing to go by it. “Rating agencies downgraded the company to the default status in June this year. Since then, lenders were trying to salvage their loans extended to the company. We are not sure how much money can be recovered from the company through the NCLT route,” said an official of State Bank of India.

The bankruptcy proceedings in DHFL is expected to exacerbate the already parlous liquidity situation in the non-banking financial companies (NBFC) sector. Defaults by IL&FS group last September had rocked the financial sector, leading to a liquidity crunch.

The RBI will take DHFL to the bankruptcy court as per the new rules laid down by the government for finance companies. The government had last week instituted an interim resolution mechanism for systemically important financial service providers (FSPs) other than banks, pending the Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance (FRDI) Bill. According to the relevant rules issued and put into effect by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the RBI or other financial-sector regulators as the case may be, can initiate the insolvency process for such FSPs under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). This considerably consolidates the process in the hands of the regulator.

RTI activist

Speaking to *The Indian Express* earlier this week, Bhat provided the first detailed account of the convention centre-turned sub-jail, where politicians, arrested following the government’s decision to revoke the special status of Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370, were lodged.

The SHO who detained him was carrying a satellite phone, said Bhat. He showed no written orders. “He kept saying up or send orders hain”.

Bhat was shifted to SKICC after four days at the Chadoora police station. “It was packed with lots of young boys who had also been picked up on August 4, and the number of CRPF personnel in that police station was amazing. They kept me and the Budgam district Congress president Mohamed Maqbool in a separate room,” Bhat recalled.

As he and Maqbool were being shifted to SKICC, Bhat said, the police convoy was attacked by stone-pelters on the main road to Srinagar. “There was so much stone-pelting, we were inside a bulletproof vehicle, but it was still terrifying,” he said.

When he reached SKICC, there were already over two dozen political detainees there. “Hakeem Yaseen (ex- PDP minister), Waheed Parva (youth president and spokesperson, PDP), Sajad Lone (president, People’s Conference), Imran Raza Ansari (former minister), Ali Mohamed Sagar, Mubarak Gul (ex-MLAs, National Conference)... a couple of days later, Naem Akhtar (former minister) came, then they brought Shah Fesal (former IAS officer and leader of J&K People’s Movement),” Bhat said.

His first sight was of them having dinner together in a hall.

Snubbed by SC, Assam govt hits back

said a fresh exercise should be conducted in Assam along with the rest of the country. The current NRC, he said, cannot be accepted by the state government because it is “erroneous” with “wrongful exclusions and inclusions”.

Sarma made the announcement at a press conference in Guwahati soon after Union Home Minister Amit Shah told Rajya Sabha that whenever the NRC exercise is extended to the whole country, it will have to be repeated in Assam.

“The NRC exercise in Assam was undertaken as per an order of the Supreme Court and as per a separate Act. When the NRC exercise is replicated across the country, it will naturally have to be repeated in Assam. I want to make it clear again that people, whichever religion they belong to, should not feel scared. Everybody will be included in NRC. As for the gazette notification that the member referred to, it is applicable across the country,” Shah said.

The gazette notification mentioned was from September 7, 2015 which dealt with Passport (Entry into India) Amendment Rules, 2015 and referred to “persons belonging to minority communities in Bangladesh and Pakistan, namely, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians who were compelled to seek shelter in India due to religious persecution or fear of religious persecution and entered into India on or before the 31st December, 2014”.

Replying to a supplementary question by nominated member Swapna Dasgupta during Question Hour, Shah also reiterated the government’s commitment to the Citizenship Amendment Bill, saying it is of

the firm belief that Hindu, Buddhist, Parsi, Sikh and Christian refugees from neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan deserve to get Indian citizenship. “That is why CAB was brought to ensure such religious refugees from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, who have been persecuted for their religion, can become citizens,” he said.

Incidentally, last December, the Union Home Ministry, replying to a question in Lok Sabha, had said: “The exercise to update NRC 1951 is being conducted under the special provisions in respect of State of Assam under the Citizenship Act, 1955 and the Citizenship Rules, 2003. At present there is no proposal to extend the National register of Citizens to states other than Assam.” This was the Ministry’s reply to unstarred question number 1235 that came up in Lok Sabha on December 18, 2018.

To Congress member Ripun Bora’s question about when would tribunals — where people who have been left out of the NRC can go for redressal — become functional in Assam, Shah said tribunals will be formed in every tehsil and the lawyers’ expenses for those left out will be borne by the Assam government.

Clarifying that the CAB — it proposes to give citizenship to refugees of all religions except Islam — has got nothing to do with NRC, Shah countered Opposition criticism of the Bill being discriminatory. “Chairman Sir, the Bill was passed by Lok Sabha, scrutinised by a joint Select Committee which had people from all political parties. Whatever it says about religion is there with the consent of all parties. This not a

new thing,” he said.

In Guwahati, Sarma said: “State government cannot accept this NRC. People who should not have been included in the NRC have been included. And those who should have been included have been excluded.”

Welcoming the Home Minister’s statement about an NRC for the country, Sarma said Shah’s statement comes in the backdrop of similar requests to him by Assam and the state BJP at multiple meetings — first, the “current NRC in Assam should be rejected”; second, there “should be a national NRC, with Assam taking part in it”; and, third, “if possible, cut-off date for the pan-India NRC can be the same across the country”.

Sarma said: “Cut-off for entire country should be same. There should not be two cut-off dates. If 1971 is the cut-off, then it should be the same for the country,” he said, adding that Assam should not have a different cut-off date. “Assam NRC should be rejected and Assam should be allowed to be part of national NRC,” he said.

The NRC, first prepared in Assam in 1951, was updated to include names of persons (or their descendants) who appeared in the 1951 NRC or in any of the electoral rolls or in any one of the other admissible documents issued up to midnight of March 24, 1971, the cut-off for detection of “illegal” migrants in Assam. The cut-off was based on the Assam Accord of 1985.

Sarma did not specify what should be the cut-off of a pan-India NRC, but insisted that whatever the year, it should be the same across the country.

He said that in the absence of a pan-India NRC, a suspected

illegal foreigner excluded from the NRC in Assam could move to another state and start living as an Indian citizen. “If we remove an individual from Assam through NRC as a ‘foreigner’, he might go and get his name included in Kolkata’s voter list. He will become an Indian citizen. We are saying all ‘foreigners’ should be sent out from India, not only Assam,” he said.

The final NRC published on August 31 excluded over 19 lakh applicants and they will get a chance to appeal against before Foreigners Tribunals in the state. The first step towards contesting the NRC rejection is obtaining a rejection order from the NRC authorities, but that has not been issued yet.

In July, the Assam government and the Centre had petitioned the Supreme Court for re-verification of a sample of names included in the draft NRC — 20% in border districts and 10% elsewhere — but this was dismissed by the bench of then Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi after Prateek Hajela, the state NRC coordinator, said that re-verification of 27% names had been already done.

Hajela invited flak from the state government and the BJP. In a statement on July 24, the state BJP said, Hajela was working under the direction of “certain forces” to “publish a faulty NRC with names of illegal foreigners in it”.

On August 1, the state government released the exclusion data of the draft NRC to question the accuracy of the process and criticised Hajela. In its reply on the floor of the Assembly, the state government said that Hajela’s reasoning was wrong. On October 18, the Supreme Court ordered Hajela’s transfer out of Assam.

close to our heart,” he said.

Madhya Pradesh minister Arif Aqueel said “the sole intention is to harass minorities, nothing else”.

Assam Congress president and MP Ripun Bora said: “The Congress party does not support the statement of Amit Shah that NRC will be done again in Assam. He has talked about NRC across India. That is a separate topic. But in Assam, it is different. It was prepared under special circumstances. The government’s duty now is to make the Foreigners’ Tribunals functional immediately so that genuine citizens left out of the NRC can appeal. But they are saying instead NRC will be prepared again in Assam. That will cause turmoil in Assam.”

The Congress, on its part, said present laws do not allow a nationwide NRC which, it said,

will have to flow out of the Citizenship Amendment Bill.

“The Citizenship Bill is not the same as was examined by the Joint Parliamentary Committee. It will definitely need an examination by a standing committee or a select committee so that the law that is enacted is not flawed or in conflict with the Constitution of India. NRC will have to flow out of the Citizenship Amendment Bill. The present law does not allow that. In case of Assam, it was specific to the state as per the Assam Accord and monitored by the Supreme Court,” senior Congress leader Anand Sharma said.

The CAB, he said, “must pass the muster when it comes to the litmus test of constitutionality.” And the Constitution of India, he said, does not allow discrimination on religious considerations.

shed under the then Indira Awas Yojana in Hanjura village, got 20 water pipelines extended to another village in Budgam. Most recently, he had been in a long battle with J&K Bank to get it to declare its NPAs, huge loans to business houses and management of other assets after the bank was brought under the ambit of the RTI Act.

Bhat, who briefly flirted with a political career with an unsuccessful attempt at the 2014 Lok Sabha elections as an AAP candidate, said he was the “odd one out” at SKICC.

“I was the only non-politician in that group. As an RTI activist, I have raised some political and social issues. As a columnist, I wrote a couple of pieces against scrapping Articles 370 and 35-A. But

much as I could not understand why I had been detained, I felt more sorry for my fellow prisoners. They were the ones who had raised the Indian flag in Kashmir, risked their lives by being on Delhi’s side, and yet this was their situation,” Bhat said.

The detainees had no access to national newspapers. “When the local newspapers resumed publication, we used to get them irregularly, but in any case there was no news, no views in them about what was happening. We had TV, so we could watch the news,” he said. The employees at SKICC, which is run by Air India’s Centaur Hotel, would relay whatever information they had. “From their body language, we could see they were helpless too,” Bhat said.

Shah Fesal and Sajad Lone had

got books through their families. “We shared the books. Apart from watching TV, we played cards sometimes,” Bhat said.

After a month, families were allowed to visit on one day of the week. “We heard that Sajjad Lone’s sister had protested outside SKICC, and after that, one family member was allowed to visit. First it was on a Sunday, then that was shifted to Saturday, and later Wednesday,” Bhat said.

At first, some detainees thought they would approach the court to quash their detention, or apply for bail, or put in a habeas corpus petition. “But after what happened to Farooq Abdullah, everyone got scared that if they applied for bail, the government would slap the Public Safety Act on them. That means no bail for six months,” Bhat said.

A couple of days before his own release, former PDP minister Imran Ansari, former PDP MLA representing Batmaloo in Srinagar, Noor Mohammed Sheikh, NC member and chairman of the Anantnag Municipal Council Hilal Ahmed Shah, and NC leader Mohammed Saeed Aakhoo were released. Bhat said he did not have to sign off on any conditions before his release, except for presenting himself before a magistrate on November 10.

Last week, the remaining detainees were shifted from SKICC to the MLAs’ hostel in Srinagar.

Bluechip PSUs

corporate debt securities in the form of bonds, credit linked note, debentures, promissory notes as underlying instruments. Large central public sector enterprises are expected to participate in the maiden debt ETF. “We already held some roadshows and hope that the debt ETF will be launched by December,” a government source confirmed.

The government expects the debt ETF to improve liquidity in the corporate bond market, enhance investor base and smoothen borrowing plans of the participating state-owned companies. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has appointed Edelweiss Asset Management as the asset manager for the proposed debt ETF. Tax treatment of the debt ETF will be same as that of debt mutual funds.

Pawar meets PM

Saying that the two parties have “gone into various aspects of formation of an alliance”, he said, “I am sure we will be able to give a very stable government to Maharashtra very soon.”

While the Congress-NCP meeting — to work out the modalities for extending support to the Shiv Sena and forming the government in Maharashtra — could not give a final shape to the three-party alliance, sources in the two parties indicated that the three parties were close to an agreement on both power-sharing and a common minimum programme (CMP).

A government will be in place within the next fortnight, they said. These sources, however, indicated that the issue of giving the chief minister’s post to the Sena for a full five-year-term could emerge as a sticking point. The NCP, which has just two MLAs less than the Sena, is said to be in favour of rotational chief ministership. Sources said the Congress is also keen that the word “secular” finds a mention in the CMP.

Hours before the Congress-NCP meeting, Pawar met Modi in the latter’s chamber in Parliament. He said he discussed issues related to farmers in Maharashtra and sought the Prime Minister’s urgent intervention. The meeting between Pawar and Modi lasted for over 30 minutes. As soon as Pawar left, Home Minister and BJP president Amit Shah walked into Modi’s Parliament chamber.

The meeting surprised NCP ally Congress, and at least one senior leader questioned the timing.

The NCP supreme tweeted a copy of the memorandum detailing the “havoc” caused by unseasonal rains in Nashik and Nagpur districts and urging the Prime Minister to “initiate massive relief measures and ameliorate the miseries of distressed farmers.”

WhatsApp

targeted, had demanded a detailed probe by the parliamentary panel. But the BJP members are learnt to have pointed out that none of the activists had filed an FIR or approached cyber security cells.

Objecting to the committee’s move to take up the matter suo motu, the members said WhatsApp had not given information on the names of the persons whose accounts were breached.

Earlier in the day, the government’s admission to the breach alert came in a reply in Parliament to questions from AIMIM MPs Asaduddin Owaisi and Syed Imtiaz Jaleel asking for the government’s reaction to “reports of alleged use and purchase of the Pegasus spyware by government agencies”.

In his reply, Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said: “The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) published a vulnerability note on May 17, 2019 advising counter measures to users regarding a vulnerability in WhatsApp. Subsequently, on May 20, 2019 WhatsApp reported an incident to the CERT-In stating that WhatsApp had identified and promptly fixed a vulnerability that could enable an attacker to insert and execute code on mobile devices and that the vulnerability can no longer be exploited to carry out attacks.”

“On September 5, 2019 WhatsApp wrote to CERT-In mentioning an update to the security incident reported in May 2019, that while the full extent of this attack may never be known, WhatsApp continued to review the available information. It also mentioned that WhatsApp believes it is likely that devices of approximately 121 users in India may have been attempted to be reached.”

PSUs

private player since its remaining stake will be below the critical threshold of 26 per cent.

Even as the government will sell its stake in BPCL, the latter’s 61 per cent stake in Numaligarh Refinery in Assam will be transferred to another government entity. “A carve-out plan has been made for Numaligarh Refinery. It will be moved out of BPCL and transferred to a government company,” Sitharaman said.

Alongside this decision, in a major relief to telecom service providers facing financial stress, the government deferred receipt of spectrum charges but companies will have to make these payments along with interest as specified during the spectrum auction. Following the Supreme Court order on adjusted gross revenue-related payments, the Cabinet has not provided any relief so far as it is being looked into by the administrative ministry.

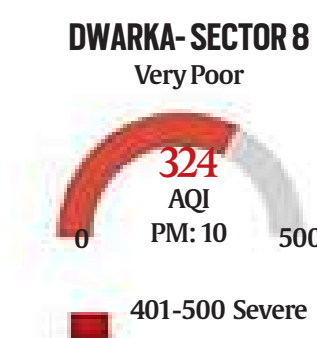
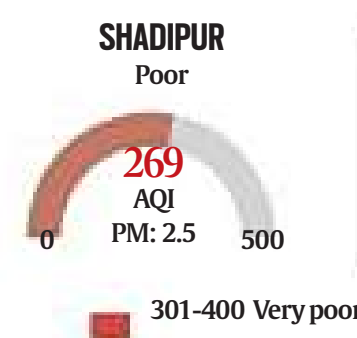
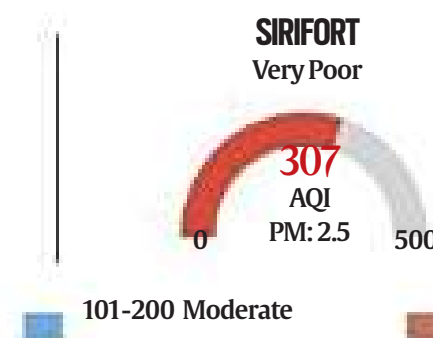
Telecom companies opting for deferment of spectrum payments will have to submit a bank guarantee for the revised amount payable to the government. The Cabinet has approved a two-year moratorium on spectrum auction instalment dues. The deferred amounts can be spread equally on the remaining instalments, to be paid by the telecom companies without increase in the overall time period.

Sources said through these stake sales, the government may raise a total of around Rs 1 lakh crore.





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JNU FEE HIKE

Centre sits across the table with students

Hostel fee hike means EWS students pay Rs 12,000 more per year in JNU

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

AN ECONOMICALLY weaker student at JNU will have to shell out an extra Rs 12,000 annually for hostel fee, even after concessions offered by the university administration, shows an analysis by *The Indian Express*.

This also means that the merit-cum-means (MCM) scholarship offered by JNU — for students whose parent's income does not exceed Rs 20,833 per month — would now only cover roughly half of a student's annual hostel and tuition fee. Under the old fee structure, it covered almost 75%. JNU is yet to define who all are eligible for concession on hostel fee. For this analysis, *The Indian Express* has assumed that all MCM students will be able to avail the 50% concession.

Currently, 18% of the 7,500 students at JNU receive Rs 2,000 per month as MCM scholarship. According to JNU's November 13 statement, these students are among those eligible for 50% concession on room rent, utility charges and service charges.

Under the revised fee structure approved by the JNU Executive Council on November 13, an EWS student covered under MCM and living in a double seater room will have to pay Rs 2,200 establishment charges, Rs 300 for crockery, utensils and newspaper, Rs 1,800 for room rent, Rs 10,200 towards service

71% of JNU students avail a scholarship scheme

NAME OF ASSISTANCE/ FELLOWSHIP	PAID BY	SELECTION CRITERIA	AMOUNT (per month)	NO. OF STUDENTS
Research Associate	ICMR		₹47,000	2
Senior Research Fellow (SRF)	UGC, CSIR, ICMR, DBT	For PhD students who have had JRF for two years	₹35,000	446
Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)	UGC, ICMR, DBT	For PhD students selected through written exams	₹31,000	226
	Tokyo Foundation		₹22,000	8
SRF	ICSSR		₹18,000	28
JRF	ICSSR		₹16,000	140
Special Fellowships for SC/ST & physically challenged	JNU	For students from deprived sections who have completed two years of PhD or are on the verge of completion	₹12,000	6
Non-NET Fellowship	UGC	M.Phil & PhD students not availing assistance from any other source	₹5,000 to ₹8,000	3,080
Escort Allowance	JNU	Physically, visually challenged who hire writers for exam or research thesis	₹3,500	30
Escort Allowance	JNU	Physically, visually challenged who hire writers for exam or research thesis	₹3,000	39
Nirman Fellowship	JNU	Awarded to M.A. students at the Centre for Political Studies based on their interests and deprivation	₹2,500	10
Merit-cum-Means scholarship	JNU	For students whose parent's/guardian's monthly income doesn't exceed ₹20,833	₹2,000	1,356
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS				5,371

charges and approximately Rs 30,000 as mess bill annually. Along with annual tuition fee and other charges of Rs 400, the total expenditure comes to about Rs 44,900 per year. This doesn't include utility charges for water and power, to be charged as per consumption.

Under the old structure, a poor student living in double-seater room paid Rs 2,200 as establishment charges, Rs 300 for crockery, utensils and newspaper, Rs 120 as room rent and approximately Rs 30,000 as mess bill annually.

After accounting for annual

tuition fee and other charges of Rs 400, the total expenditure of an EWS student covered under MCM would come to Rs 33,020 per year — or about Rs 12,000 less than under the new structure.

About 5,600 of 7,500 JNU students live in hostels. Of the total student strength, 5,371, or 71%,

are beneficiaries of at least one scholarship (see box).

JNU students have been protesting against the first hike in the university's hostel fee in four decades. The protest has focused on introduction of service charges for maintenance, mess workers, cook and sanitation.



The students have sought the V-C's resignation and rollback of the fee hike.

Praveen Khanna

the university administration represented by 13 deans. JNU Vice-Chancellor M Jagadesh Kumar Tuesday skipped this meeting despite an invitation. Teachers have been invited for interaction Thursday.

On Wednesday, the committee appealed to the students to "restore normalcy". Members of the students' union, however, said protests would continue till the hostel fee is rolled back.

The student representatives placed three demands before the committee members. First, they want the new inter-hall administration (IHA) manual revoked. Second, another IHA meeting involving the students'

union and hostel presidents, should be held to deliberate on hostel issues. And lastly, the resignation of Kumar and Dean of Students Umesh Kadam, which they referred to as "a must for restoring normalcy in the university".

JNUSU president Aishe Ghosh said that the constitution of the committee itself reflects a breakdown in the internal processes of the university. She added that the union did not meet the committee to enter into "negotiations" with them.

"There is no dialogue process within the university. Any communication with the V-C is through Twitter or videos shared on e-mail... The high-power committee should not think that we had gone there to do negotiations. If there is any decision on the hostels, it has to happen in the university through a fresh IHA meeting, in accordance with university statutes," she said.

As reported by *The Indian Express* Tuesday, Home Minister Amit Shah was briefed on the standoff by HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal on Monday. Shah called a second meeting with Pokhriyal on Tuesday in which he is learned to have expressed concerns over the steep hike in fees.

Disabled students head to PHQ over batchmate's assault



At the protest outside police HQ Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

DEMANDING AN inquiry into the incident of lathicharge against a visually impaired student during the protest against fee hike Monday and sensitisation of the police force on disability, a delegation of differently abled Jawaharlal Nehru University students met with DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa Wednesday.

Around 40 students, part of the JNU Visually Challenged Students' Forum, arrived at the police headquarters at ITO around 12:45 pm. The group had left the university shortly with an initial plan to protest at the new police headquarters at Jai Singh Road. However, members of the forum said that they were stopped by police on their way and taken to Vasant Kunj police station.

"Officers there asked us to tell our grievances to them instead of at the police headquarters. We told them that our grievances are not against them, but against some incidents during the protest on Monday, which should be addressed at a city-wide level. They then agreed to set up a meeting with the commissioner," said Manish Chauhan, an M.Phil student at the Centre for Study of Law and Governance.

The violence against visually impaired student Shashi Bhushan Pandey was the primary concern among the students, but what was also repeated was Pandey's claim that police asked him "Andhe ho toh protest mein aaye kyun?"

"By saying something like that, police fundamentally questioned and demeaned our right to protest. Can we, as disabled persons, not ask for our rights?" said Mukesh, a PhD

student at the Centre of Indian Languages.

Chauhan pointed out that disabled persons had chosen to be a part of the ongoing protest at JNU because of the way in which the fee hike would affect them. "We will actually be the worst affected... It is such a challenge for disabled persons to make their way to higher education. Raising fees will close off JNU as an option to many," he said. Several students also said that there should be a conversation on fee concession for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) students. As of now, the Executive Council has stated that there will be a 50% concession for an undefined BPL category.

According to the university annual report for the year 2017-2018, there were 203 students in the PWD category.

While the students were unable to meet the Commissioner, a delegation of five students met DCP Randhawa. They claimed that the DCP agreed on three of their primary demands — issue a circular to sensitise Delhi Police personnel with regard to dealing with students with disabilities; an inquiry into the incident of lathicharge; and arranging a meeting with the Commissioner of Police.

"We also raised the issue of making the manhandling of disabled persons a recognised punishable offence," said Pankaj Singh Kushwaha, a PhD student at the School of International Studies.

Randhawa said, "We assured the students that we will look into their demands and help solve their problems."

A police officer said that if "evidence indicates police's fault, including lathicharge, then appropriate action will be taken."

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Attendance scam: Five Home Guard officers held

Noida: Five Home Guard officers were arrested in connection with the 'fake attendance scam' Wednesday. Police said a Platoon Commander approached the SSP in July, claiming some Home Guard officers allegedly sent requests for salary based on inflated attendance figures. The arrests came a day after attendance rolls of two-three years were found burnt, allegedly in an attempt to destroy evidence.

Two held for smuggling gold

New Delhi: Two men were arrested at the IGI airport for allegedly trying to smuggle gold items worth around Rs 22 lakh, upon their arrival from Dubai.

Minor among 2 held in road rage case

New Delhi: A 19-year-old man was arrested and a minor apprehended by police for allegedly stabbing a man during a road rage incident in North East Delhi's Seelampur.

Man held for raping niece

New Delhi: A 49-year-old man was arrested from North East Delhi for allegedly raping his niece. Police said the woman alleged her uncle raped her on multiple occasions in the last five years. A case has been filed against the man, said police. **ENS**

Kejriwal says Paswan misleading public on water, Vardhan hits back

CM raises question on BIS report authenticity; health minister claims water-borne diseases going up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday accused Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan of lying and deceiving people over the issue of water quality in the capital. The latest attack escalates the war of words over quality of water provided by the Delhi Jal Board, a department headed by Kejriwal, which broke out after a Bureau of Indian Standards report stated that Delhi's water quality was the worst among 20 states. Earlier in the day, Paswan got the report hand-delivered to Kejriwal's house, after the CM said he had not seen a copy of it.

As per the report, shared by Paswan, 11 samples were picked up from different parts of the city and they failed on all 19 parameters, including taste, colour, odour and suspended solids.

However, Kejriwal sought to highlight that one of the men from whose house the sample was apparently picked up has told reporters that he was satisfied with the quality of water at his Burari home.

The man, Deepak Kumar Roy, told reporters Wednesday that no one had picked up a sample from his house, and he had never complained of poor water quality. When *The Indian Express* had contacted Roy Tuesday, he had said he was not interested in becoming part of any controversy, refusing to say anything more.

On Wednesday, Kejriwal raised questions about the authenticity of the report and tweeted to Paswan: "Sir, you are saying a sample was picked up from this man's house and it failed to clear the water quality test but he says that no sample was picked up from his house. He also said he is satisfied with the quality of water. Why did you lie?"

EXPLAINED Method questioned

AS PER Delhi Jal Board officials, the method of collecting samples adopted by BIS needs to be examined, since they were collected from people who already had complaints. "If you pick a sample from there, it is obvious it will fail tests. For a true picture, tests need to be randomised," an official said.

Why are you deceiving people despite being a union minister?"



The CM alleged a sample for the survey was picked from a house after members of Paswan's party intervened



Kejriwal also alleged that in Nand Nagri, a sample was picked up from a household after the intervention of members of the Paswan-led Lok Janshakti Party.

Meanwhile, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan claimed the number of children suffering from water-borne diseases and being admitted to Delhi hospitals has gone up over the past few days. He also accused Kejriwal of playing politics over the issue, and said: "BIS is an

autonomous body which maintains international standards. They have tested the samples impartially. Instead of maligning the report, Arvind Kejriwal should have taken immediate action but they only understand the politics of lies," Dr Vardhan tweeted.

The CM has already announced that 32 officials have been appointed to pick samples from all over the city. On Wednesday, he said the Delhi government had nominated DJB V-C Dinesh Mohaniya and DJB member (water) Shalabh Kumar for a joint inspection with officials of BIS. Paswan, however, wrote back to Kejriwal and requested that Mohaniya be replaced by a government official as Mohaniya was a political leader and MLA.

On Tuesday, *The Indian Express* had spoken to four people from whose houses samples were picked up. Three said they had complained about quality before samples were picked up.



The DMRC's feeder fleet currently has 174 non-AC MIDI buses and around 1,000 e-rickshaws. *Archive*

Metro wants 15,000 e-autos for last-mile, has approached SC

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE DELHI Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) approached the Supreme Court, seeking a relaxation of the cap on the number of three-wheeler permits in the capital, as the Metro plans to induct at least 15,000 electric autorickshaws in its feeder fleet to boost last-mile connectivity.

The Metro's first-of-its-kind plan to induct battery-operated three-wheelers on a large scale has come against the backdrop of its decision to scrap five tenders, floated to procure 422 low-floor MIDI buses for its feeder bus fleet.

Currently, the feeder fleet comprises 174 non-AC MIDI buses and around 1,000 e-rickshaws, which serve Metro commuters coming out of around 11 stations across Delhi-NCR. Metro has also tied up with cab aggregators Ola and Uber, under which kiosks have come up at certain stations for assisting passengers in booking cabs and autos.

"We are planning to scale up the number of e-rickshaws to 5,000. But we are also looking at e-autos. There is a qualitative difference between the two. Autos provide more comfort. But there is a cap on the number of autos in Delhi. We have moved the Supreme Court for allowing 15,000 autos," DMRC Managing Director Mangu Singh told *The Indian Express*.

In 1997, the SC fixed a 1 lakh cap on autos as these were mostly powered by two-stroke petrol or

diesel engines, which caused heavy pollution. Subsequently, the auto fleet largely shifted to CNG.

Singh said Metro will not procure e-autos directly, but rope in aggregators by inviting open proposals with lenient stipulations, as the sector is still developing.

The proposal to induct MIDI electric buses was scrapped due to factors such as high cost, lack of availability, and a potentially large subsidy requirement from the Delhi government.

"We realised that procuring these buses would be a costly affair. By floating tenders, we were testing the market. The quotes we received were very high, mostly because the segment has no competition. The subsidy burden or the viability gap would have been very high as well. Even the Delhi government said the segment of buses we were exploring was not proper. So when the FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles) scheme was launched, we applied and got approval for 100 buses," Singh said.

On October 9, the DMRC floated two tenders — for 50 e-buses each for the corporation's East and North clusters, pegging the estimated cost at Rs 362 crore. The buses, being procured under the FAME II scheme, will be inducted under the cluster model in which private players will procure, operate and maintain them.

But Singh said DMRC has realised the feeder buses would not ensure last-mile connectivity, as they would be unable to match the frequency of Metro trains.

Apart from VIP treatment on flights, man who posed as pilot wanted to impress women: Police

SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

A CRISP pilot uniform got 48-year-old Rajan Mahbubani upgraded seats on flights, while aviation jargon and anecdotes got him entry into cockpits. On November 18, dressed as a pilot, he was about to board his 16th flight as a passenger from IGI airport, when Mahbubani was arrested for allegedly impersonating a pilot.

"He shuttled between Delhi and Kolkata and got the pilot's uniform stitched from Kolkata over a year ago. He also got an Armyman's uniform stitched and

claimed to be a colonel. Both claims are false," said DCP (Airport) Sanjay Bhatia.

An officer said that during questioning, Mahbubani told police he was "charmed by uniforms and the stereotypes that followed a uniformed man."

"He said the uniform helped him impress women on Facebook and TikTok and in person," said the officer.

On Monday, Mahbubani attempted to board an AirAsia flight dressed as a Lufthansa airlines pilot, and was spotted by a Lufthansa staff member. "He was questioned and even though an ID was found on him, he was not registered with the airline. The ID



Rajan Mahbubani was arrested from the IGI airport on November 18

was found to be fake," said Bhatia. A case of cheating was registered against Mahbubani and he was arrested. Bhatia said that in the past, the accused had posed as an AirAsia pilot. "He managed to get in the pilot's lane at entry and exit points of airports because of the ID," said a police officer.

"He had been doing this for over a year. Whenever he was on board a flight, he would request the pilot to let him see the cockpit... the uniform often got him free upgrades and special treatment on-board," the officer said.

Bhatia said that Mahbubani, who is based in Kolkata, was in Delhi for three-four days for a

work meeting and was staying with a friend in Vasant Kunj, who too was under the impression that he was a pilot with Lufthansa.

"He runs a consultancy firm and would often come to Delhi for meetings," said Bhatia. A police officer said "popular telecom brands invited him to do management training, and he shared photos on social media". Bhatia said that "the accused told one client that he was a retired army officer, and lied to another about his educational qualifications".

Police said photos of him wearing the two uniforms and posing, as well as TikTok videos of him singing in the uniform have been recovered from his phone.

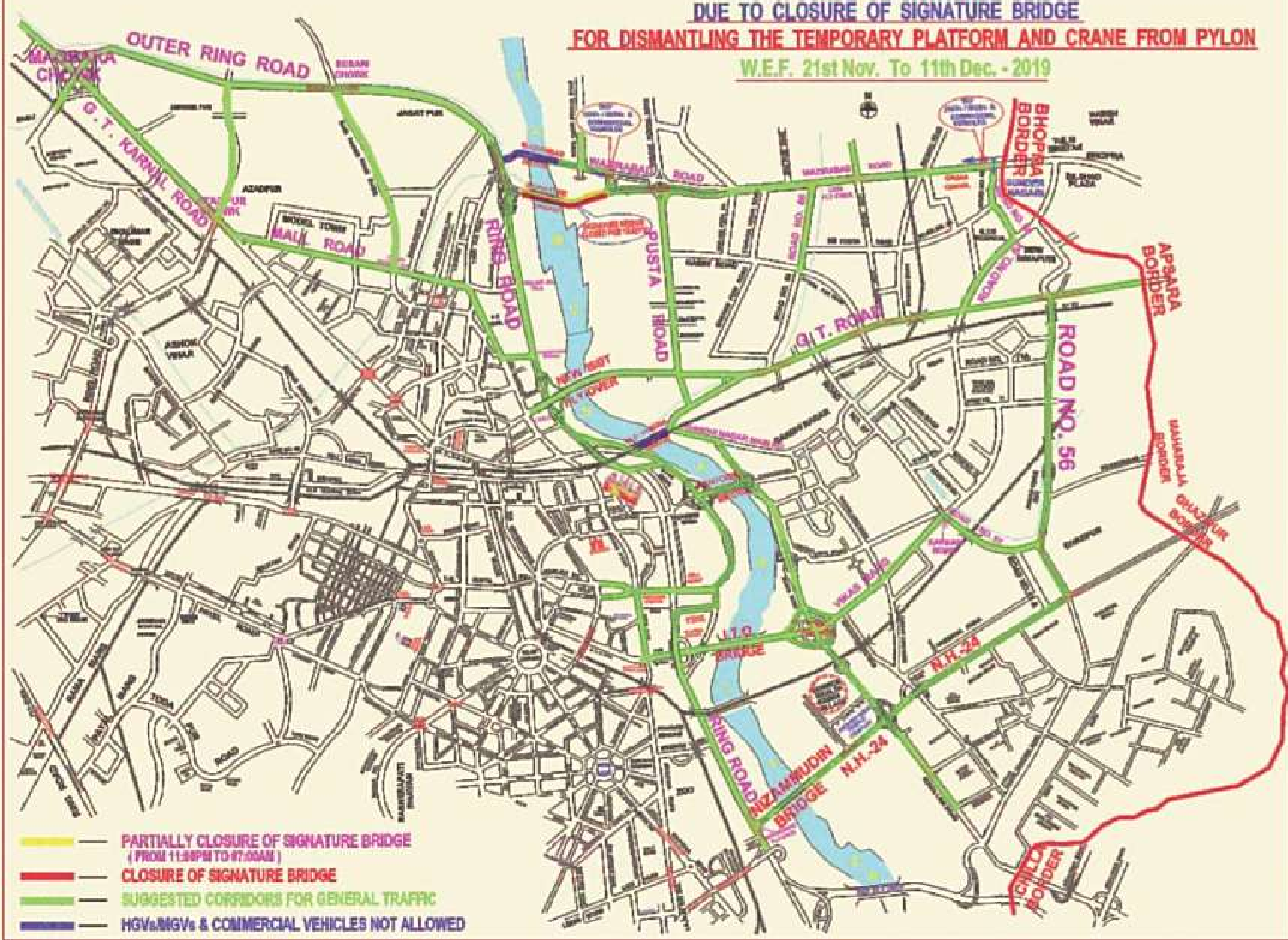


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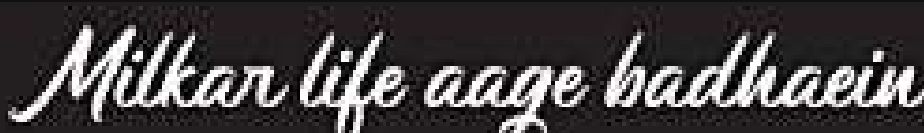
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(c) (Loss on sale / redemption of investments)	(9,473)	(709)	-	-	(8,656)	(83)	(25)	(6,002)	(3)	-	(11)	(5,740)	(105)	(143)	
(d) Transfer/Gain on revaluation/ change in fair value	(22,540)	-	-	-	(21,720)	(457)	(371)	(7,373)	-	-	-	(6,742)	(181)	(450)	
(e) Amortisation of premium/discount on investments	3,229	193	12	42	2,973	2	7	2,438	(208)	(2)	16	2,595	8	29	
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Provision for doubtful debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bad Debts written off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provision for Fringe Benefit Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Provision for Income Tax	1,946	1,925	-	21	-	-	-	789	621	-	168	-	-	-	
Provisions (other than taxation)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(a) For diminution in the value of investments (net)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(b) Advances & Recoveries	44	31	1	9	2	1	-	(13)	3	2	(25)	3	-	4	
TOTAL (B)	60,663	41,389	167	4,788	14,205	11	23	53,228	36,542	178	3,114	13,360	13	21	
BENEFIT PAID (Net)	104,420	29,614	228	6,956	65,711	1,341	570	93,770	20,800	126	4,036	66,359	1,657	792	
Interim Bonuses Paid	153	149	4	-	-	-	-	181	176	2	3	-	-	-	
Change in valuation of liability in respect of life policies in force															
(a) Gross	108,032	120,528	2,114	12,678	(25,750)	(1,358)	(180)	115,171	114,008	2,223	6,342	(6,073)	(829)	(500)	
(b) Fund Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(c) Amount ceded in Re-insurance	(6,509)	(6,232)	-	(262)	(15)	-	-	(14,129)	(11,971)	-	(2,222)	64	-	-	
(d) Amount accepted in Re-insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL (C)	206,096	144,059	2,346	19,372	39,946	(17)	390	194,993	123,013	2,351	8,159	60,350	828	292	
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) (D) = (A) - (B) - (C)	14,006	13,213	558	124	-	66	45	9,122	6,036	293	2,678	-	84	31	
Balance of previous year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
APPROPRIATIONS															
Reserve for lapsed unit linked policies unlikely to be revived	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfer to Shareholders' account	(2,528)	(2,411)	(6)	-	-	(66)	(45)	(4,580)	(1,936)	-	(2,529)	-	(84)	(31)	
Balance being funds for future appropriations	(11,478)	(10,802)	(552)	(124)	-	-	-	(4,542)	(4,100)	(293)	(149)	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

FORM L-22A

Analytical Ratios

Analytical Ratios					
Sl. No.	Particulars	For the Quarter September 30, 2019	Upto the Quarter September 30, 2019	For the Quarter September 30, 2018	Upto the Quarter September 30, 2018

Sl. No.	Particulars	For the Quarter September 30, 2019	Upto the Quarter September 30, 2019	For the Quarter September 30, 2018	Upto the Quarter September 30, 2018
1	New business premium income growth rate - segment wise				
	- Participating policies	6.3%	0.4%	-52.7%	-47.3%
	- Non-participating policies	20.3%	41.5%	28.4%	22.3%
	- Pension	-15.8%	-16.9%	-46.7%	-31.6%
	- Non - Par Annuity	173.7%	-9.2%	-68.0%	-9.2%
	- Non Par Pension	-21.4%	16.9%	26.9%	65.4%
	- Health	-57.8%	-54.6%	-60.4%	-84.5%
	- Group - linked	136.0%	49.8%	328.4%	633.4%
	- Individual Life - Linked	29.7%	1.5%	270.3%	259.1%
	- Pension - linked	0.0%	0.0%	NA	-100.0%
2	Net Retention Ratio	97.0%	96.6%	97.4%	96.9%
3	Expense of Management to Gross Direct Premium Ratio	23.2%	25.5%	25.1%	27.2%
4	Commission Ratio (Gross commission paid to Gross Premium)	5.2%	5.2%	5.4%	5.2%
5	Ratio of policyholders' liabilities to shareholders' funds	1668.0%	1668.0%	1545.1%	1545.1%
6	Growth rate of Shareholders' Fund	9.0%	9.0%	12.4%	12.4%
7	Ratio of surplus to Policyholders' Liability	0.3%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%
8	Change in net worth (₹ in Lakhs)	10,206	10,206	12,452	12,452
9	Profit after tax/Total income	-0.7%	0.6%	2.3%	2.2%
10	(Total real estate + loans)/(Cash & invested assets)	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
11	Total investments/(Capital + Surplus)	1751.2%	1751.2%	1625.6%	1625.6%
12	Total affiliated investments/(Capital+ Surplus)	2.0%	2.0%	2.2%	2.2%
13	Investment Yield (Annualised)				
	- Non linked Par (With unrealised gains/ losses)	6.8%	15.4%	2.3%	-1.6%
	- Non linked Par (With realised gains/ losses)	8.2%	9.3%	8.2%	8.3%
	- Non linked Non Par (With unrealised gains/ losses)	8.0%	16.1%	1.9%	-2.1%
	- Non linked Non Par (With realised gains/ losses)	8.4%	8.8%	8.3%	8.3%
14	Conservation Ratio				
	- Linked	69.7%	71.3%	71.0%	74.5%
	- Non Linked	84.3%	84.2%	85.2%	84.0%
	- Pension (both Linked and Non Linked)	69.4%	71.9%	82.3%	79.6%
	- Health	88.0%	89.5%	89.5%	83.0%
15	Persistency Ratio				
	For 13th month	72.8%	75.0%	74.2%	76.7%
	For 25th month	62.7%	65.2%	58.7%	62.0%
	For 37th month	50.5%	53.4%	47.9%	49.0%
	For 49th Month	43.2%	44.4%	36.9%	38.2%
	For 61st month	29.4%	30.2%	27.7%	27.6%
16	NPA Ratio				
	Gross NPA Ratio	0.1%	0.1%	NIL	NIL
	Net NPA Ratio	0.0%	0.0%	NIL	NIL

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Sd/-
Ashish Kumar Srivastava
Managing Director & CEO

Unauthorised colonies: Bill in Parliament winter session

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE GOVERNMENT will introduce a Bill during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament to allow registration of properties and provide relief to residents in unauthorised colonies from registration charges and stamp duty.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday approved the proposal to introduce the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Recognition of Property Rights of Residents in Unauthorised Colonies) Bill, 2019 during the Winter Session.

In a briefing about the cabinet decisions, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the cabinet has approved a proposal by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to give relief to residents of unauthorised colonies in the capital.

Gurgaon doc ‘kills herself’, FIR names husband, his kin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 20

A 29-YEAR-OLD doctor allegedly committed suicide at her Gurgaon residence Monday, following which a case of abetment of suicide has been registered against her husband, who is a doctor at AIIMS.

Sonam Motis, an anaesthetist at Fortis hospital in Gurgaon, was found lying on the floor of her room, Gurgaon Police PRO Subhash Boken said, adding that police are probing the contents of pill bottles found nearby.

Her father, Onkar Lal Motis (64), alleged that Sonam's husband, a resident doctor at AIIMS, was responsible for her death.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, he claimed: "The couple often fought over his lifestyle choices." The husband's phone remained switched off on Wednesday.

The two met at AIIMS in 2017 and got married in May 2018. "In



Sonam Motis worked at Fortis hospital

January 2018, Sonam told me about him and we approved of the relationship. Since it was a love marriage, we believed they wouldn't have too many problems," said Onkar, a Kota resident and a retired BSNL official.

Police confirmed that the FIR names both Sonam's husband and his family.

Onkar said that on the day of the incident, he called his daughter around noon. When she didn't take his calls, he called police

and the watchman. "We speak over the phone every day; she would tell me about how she was depressed... On Monday, when I called her, she didn't pick up. I called the watchman, who then told me that Sonam hadn't come out of her house since morning and wasn't opening the door. I called police, and was eventually informed that she was dead."

Police said her body has been sent for a post-mortem to ascertain the exact cause of the death. "We are checking whether there was forced entry inside the house. No suicide note was found from the spot. A case has been registered against her husband and his family and we are probing the matter," said PRO Boken.

Onkar said that of late, Sonam had been living alone at a rented apartment in Gurgaon's Sector 43, while her husband had left his house in South Extension and shifted to a hostel near AIIMS.

FROM 33% TO 44% OF TOTAL RIDERSHIP ON DTC BUSES

Rides made free, jump in number of women taking bus

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE NUMBER of women taking public buses in Delhi has seen a sizeable jump — from a daily average of 33% of the total ridership to 44% — after the implementation of the free rides scheme, according to official data.

The share of women commuters in the total ridership figures has remained consistently above 40% since November 5, after the scheme that allows women to travel free on DTC and cluster buses was implemented.

In fact, since November 11, there have been six occasions when Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) registered a 44% women ridership.

The Delhi government has been emphasising that apart



Delhi govt's free bus rides scheme was rolled out on October 29

from ensuring safety, the scheme will help bring more women into the labour force, which stands at around 11% at the moment.

On October 30, 35% of the total DTC ridership was made up of women, while the share was 27% in the case of cluster buses. Delhi has 3,781 DTC and 1,900

cluster buses.

On November 19, the share of female ridership in DTC buses was 44%, while that in cluster buses was 38%. A transport department official said that women ridership in cluster buses may not have crossed 40% yet, but the substantial increase seen in case of DTC buses "was a positive".

"DTC buses cover more areas than the ones under the cluster scheme. These buses connect the urban and rural areas of Delhi. So the DTC ridership is more representative when it comes drawing a conclusive picture," the official said.

The figures crossed 40% at a time when odd-even car restrictions were in force. However, there has been no dip in the share since November 15, when the restrictions were lifted.

Meanwhile, in a setback, the Delhi Transport department's tender to procure 385 electric buses, which were to be inducted in the cluster fleet, has failed as the bidders did not meet the required "technical qualifications", another official said.

The tender, which was floated in March, had received bids from around three private players. "Initially, not much happened due to the Lok Sabha elections. The evaluation of the bids started in August. It is definitely a setback," the official said.

The plan to get 1,000 low-floor AC buses, for which three separate tenders were floated, will also see a delay. While the tender for 400 AC buses has gone through and their delivery will begin next month, two separate tenders for 350 and 250 buses each of this category have failed.

Told to get bag checked at court, man attacks advocate, flees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

AN ADVOCATE has claimed that he was attacked by a man after an argument over security checking inside Saket district court premises Wednesday.

The advocate, identified as Dilshad Ahmad Saifi, was treated at a local hospital in South Delhi, following which he forwarded his complaint to the local police.

DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said, "Action will be taken as and when we receive the complaint."

Saifi sustained injuries to his head and left hand index finger. The man fled the court premises after the incident, Saifi claimed.

The incident took place Wednesday afternoon, when Saifi, who was attending a mat-



Dilshad Saifi sustained injuries to his head and hand. The accused is absconding

ter at the family court, left to escort his client to the main gate. He returned to find the accused arguing with a security officer outside the entrance for advocates.

"A litigant was arguing with a security officer. The officer kept telling the man that if he was a government servant, he could show the card and enter. He declined and even refused to allow the security officer to check his bag before barging inside," Saifi told *The Indian Express*.

The man moved towards court room number 2, where he was stopped by Saifi.

"I told him he must get his bag checked, but he took out something from the bag and hit me on the head and hand. He ran away from the court premises before anyone could catch him," Saifi said.

The advocate has demanded that the police ramp up the security at the court premises.

The Saket district Bar Association president Karnail Singh said that he will write to senior police officers and other officials regarding security arrangements at the court.

"Some police officers have started coming back to Saket district court. The Naib courts are also present for duty. The injured lawyer's complaint will be handed over to the police," Singh said.

Delhi defends health scheme in High Court

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE DELHI government defended its health scheme, the Delhi Arogya Kosh (DAK), at the Delhi High Court Wednesday, saying it is not turning people away or denying treatment to anyone on the basis of residence.

"Several policy initiatives introduced by the Delhi government cater to several categories of persons, irrespective of their domicile status," a bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice CHari Shankar was told via an affidavit.

To cater to the needs of the migrant population, the bench was told the Delhi government has introduced mohalla clinics, polyclinics and schemes that facilitate the treatment for victims of road accident/acid attacks/burn injuries. Delhi government's additional

standing counsel Sanjoy Ghose, who filed the affidavit, said, "Delhi's residents are not provided the benefits of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna..." like other states and UTs.

The government placed its affidavit on a PIL by Abhijit Mishra, a financial economist, alleging that DAK, was "discriminatory" as it requires citizens to be residents of the capital in order to access it.

Ghose apprised the court that "Delhi is reportedly the fifth most populous city in the world... the burgeoning population has placed... strain on available resources, despite which the respondent (Delhi government's health department) has been doing its best to... improve quality of life..."

DAK is a registered society which provides financial assistance up to Rs 5 lakh to needy patients for treatment of any illness in a government hospital.

SHIVAMPATEL
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

STARTING THURSDAY, a penalty would be imposed on officials of land-owning agencies which have vacant plots with either construction and demolition waste or garbage dumped in them, officials said Wednesday. The decision was taken at a meeting of the heads of various Delhi government departments and municipal bodies and was chaired by Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev.

Officials said MCD deputy commissioners from all zones would lead teams to identify such vacant plots. "The officer concerned of the agency, in whose area the vacant plot exists, will be penalised based on the scale of the damage caused," a senior Delhi government official said.

Authorities said they are plan-

AQI MAY TOUCH 'SEVERE' FRIDAY

New Delhi: Air quality in Delhi-NCR deteriorated Wednesday and may further worsen with a possibility of reaching dangerous levels in some areas on Friday. Delhi recorded an AQI of 301, in the 'very poor' category, up from 242 the previous day. Air quality is expected to improve by Saturday, with a passing Western disturbance increasing wind speed. ENS


ning to start penalising "visibly polluting vehicles" from Thursday. "All vehicles, including two-

three- and four-wheelers, which are seen to be visibly polluting, will be fined," the official added.

Officials said action is being taken after a recent Supreme Court order directed authorities to step up pollution control measures. An action plan to control high concentration of pollutants in the air during winter months would also be finalised in the next few days, officials added.

The SC had directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) on November 15 to conduct checking of three-wheeler vehicles as well as those used by corporations to find out the kind of fuel being used, after a complaint alleged use of kerosene.

The DPCC had sent samples for checking from 209 vehicles. The results of 20 were received recently, and as per the official, all 20 vehicles passed the test.



ODISHA STATE HOUSING BOARD


Bid Invitation Notice

No - 11432/OSHB
File No - EB-I/44/2019

Date - 19.11.2019

Bid Identification Number/01(A)/CE/OSHB/2019-20

Odisha State Housing Board Invites Developers for Development of an Integrated Residential cum Commercial Complex over an area of 6.589 Acre of land at Patrapada Bhubaneswar, Odisha through e-auction process in Public Private Partnership mode.



The Project

Odisha State Housing Board (OSHB), proposes to develop an integrated residential cum commercial complex in Bhubaneswar. OSHB plans to develop the projects on Public Private Partnership mode and intends to select a Developer through e-auction of the land who shall be responsible for infrastructure development, marketing, operation and maintenance of the projects. The Developer shall have to develop a minimum of 2/3rd of the total built up area for residential use and maximum of 1/3rd of the total built up area for commercial use. OSHB has identified a strategically located piece of land spread over an area of around 6.589 Acre in Mouza Patrapada, under Bhubaneswar Tahasil, Khurda, Orissa for the Project.

Reserve price of the land is fixed at Rs. 87.00 crores, (Rupees Eighty Seven Crores)

Selection Process

The Developer would be selected through an open competitive (e-auction) double stage bidding process. Intending Bidders/Developers are hereby invited to submit their Bids for the development of the projects. The detail eligibility criteria are provided in the Request for Proposal document.

Issue of Request for Proposal (RFP) Document

RFP document, detailing the project information and requirements can be obtained from OSHB office from **22.11.2019 onwards till 3.00 PM on 21.12.2019** on payment of a non-refundable cost of Rs. 53,100.00 (Rupees Fifty three thousand one hundred) only, inclusive of GST @ 18%. It can also be downloaded from **www.oshb.org**. In this case, a non-refundable demand draft of Rs. 53,100.00 (Rupees Fifty three thousand one hundred) only in favour of "Orissa Housing Board Funds" payable at Bhubaneswar shall be submitted along with the Bid towards cost of the REP document.

The completed RFP along with required documents should reach OSHB office on or before **21.12.2019 at 15:00 hrs** by registered post / speed post / courier only. No drop box facility is available and hand delivery is not allowed. OSHB will not be responsible for any postal / courier delay. The technical bids will be opened on **23.12.2019 at 11.00 hours** in the OSHB conference hall in the presence of bidders or their authorised representatives.

OSHB reserves the right, without any obligation or liability, to accept or reject any or all the RFPs at any stage of the process, to cancel or modify the process or any part thereof or to vary any or all the terms and conditions at any time, without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Any modification / amendment / corrigendum, if any, to the RFP document, shall not be advertised in the newspapers but shall be posted in the website only.

Contact Persons

Mr. Simanchal Panda, Executive Engineer (PPP), OSHB, pe1@oshb.org, +91 8249177105

Completed RFP may be sent to

The Housing Commissioner-cum-Secretary
Orissa State Housing Board (OSHB), A/32, Unit III, Sachivalaya Marg
Bhubaneswar - 751 001, Orissa, India
Tel No: 0674 - 2393524, 2393277, 2393525 | Fax No: 0674-2393952

Sd/-
Housing Commissioner cum Secretary



TENDER NOTICE

Bank of India invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Procurement of Database Activity Monitoring (DAM) Solution.

Last date for submission of Request for Proposal: **16.12.2019 by 3.00 pm.**

Full details are available on the Bank's Corporate Website: **www.bankofindia.co.in** under "Tender" Section from **21.11.2019**.

Amendments / Corrigendum, if any, will be kept on our website only.



NOTICE INVITING TENDER

South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) invites Open Tenders under Two Bid system on item rate basis on its e-tendering portal from eligible applicants/registered municipal contractors who fulfill qualification criteria of NIT, for the work "Supply of Wheel Barrows of 140 Litre capacity of Central Store, SDMC" having Estimated Cost: Rs. 45.00 Lacs, Earnest money: Rs. 90,000/-, Time of Completion - 3 Months & H/A: G-110-1182.

The Eligibility conditions and other details/tender documents may be downloaded from SDMC website **www.mcdonline.gov.in** and **http://www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER** upto **05.12.2019 (upto 2:00PM)**

R.O. No. 110/DP/19/2019-20 **Executive Engineer (Store-DEMS)**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, BEED

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.BEED/ 15 OF 20 19-20

E-Tenders for (02) Works in B-I form is invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Beed (Phone No. 02442-222474) from the registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Govt. of Maharashtra for the improvement roads/repair of buildings/construction of new buildings in Tal. Beed/Georai/Wadwani Dist. Beed. The details can be viewed and downloaded from following website.

www.mahapwd.com
https://mahatenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Beed

dgjpr 2019-2020/3373



Office of Satna Smart City Development LIMITED (SSCDL)

Municipal Corporation Satna (MP)-485001

E-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. SSCDL/2019/Tender/548 **Satna, Dated: 19.11.2019**

Tender ID : 2019_UAD_64486_1

Online tender through e-tendering is invited by Satna Smart City Development Limited (SSCDL), Satna, M.P. for Request for Proposal (RFP) notice for "Selection of Agency to Prepare Property Tax Register" based on GIS & Multi-Purpose Household Survey with Technical Handholding Support in Satna City". The brief details of the project are as below:

(i) Document Download/Sale Start Date: 20.11.2019, 17:30 Hrs
(ii) Bid Submission Start Date: 20.11.2019, 17:30 Hrs
(iii) Bid Submission Closing Date: 18.12.2019, 17:30 Hrs
(iv) Pre-Bid meeting Date: 29.11.2019, 11:00 Hrs at SSCDL office

For eligibility details, EMD and terms & condition of the tender please visit **https://mptenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Satna Smart City Development Limited
Satna (M.P.)

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



GUNNER KAWARE BABA SAHEB
(01 Jun 1976 to 21 Nov 2000)



GUNNER ARJINDER SINGH (15 Aug 1979 to 21 Nov 2000)

Eighteen years ago you made the supreme sacrifice for the honour of the Regt and Country while combating insurgents in South Assam. Your heroic deeds epitomized valour and self sacrifice that acts as a source of inspiration & strength to us.

Co and All Ranks 17 Para Fd Regt (8 RAJPUT)



NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Shahdara South Zone, School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092

NIT : EDMC/EE (Pr.)-H/Shah./S/TC/2019-20/07 **Date : 18.11.2019**

The Executive Engineer (Pr.)-H Shahdara South on behalf of Commissioner, EDMC invites online item rate tender on two bid system & percentage rate tender for the work in the tender documents, fulfilling the eligibility criteria:-

Last Date of Download of Tender Document : 02.12.2019 at 3:00 PM

Last Date of Bid Preparation and Hash Submission : 02.12.2019 at 3:30 PM

Last Date of Close for Bid : 02.12.2019 at 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Last Date of Re-encryption of Online Bid : 02.12.2019 at 6:00 PM to 04.12.2019 at 3:00 PM

Last Date for Submission of Technical Bid (For Item No. 01 & 02) & Financial Bid (For Item No. 03 to 04) : 04.12.2019 at 3:10 PM

Opening of Technical Bid (For Item No. 01 & 02) & Financial Bid (For Item No. 03 to 04) : Rs. 2,50,400/-

Opening of Financial Bid : Will be opened after evaluation of Technical bid

Pre-bid meeting for item no 01 & 02 will be held on 25.11.2019 at 11:00 am in the Office of EE-Pr-H-Shahdara South, School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092.

S. No. : 1, Name of Work : Providing & fixing of football Astro-Turf 50 mm thickness including chain line/wire mesh in Triokpur Sports Complex in Shahdara (South) Zone. Head of Account : XL-VIII-V. Tender Amount : Rs. 1,500/- Tender No. : 317470. S. No. : 2, Name of Work : Providing & fixing fitness equipment in following apartments/Society: Gyandeept Society, Akash darshan, Anand Lok, Nav Bharat, Manu, Maavilla, Delhi Police Appt, IFS Appt, Supreme, Fine home, Bhagwan, Amar Jyoti, Parvata, Manush, Vigyan Lok, Nagarajna, AIMS, Elahbad, Indian Express Society in ward No. 12E/AC-57, SSZ. Head of Account : XL-VIII-S-I (MLALAD). Tender Amount : Rs. 1,68,34,408/- Earnest Money : Rs. 3,36,700/- Time of Completion : 04 Months, Rates Hold good for : 06 Months, Tender Cost : Rs. 1,500/- Tender No. : 317472.

Note : Tenders at S.No. 1 & 2 are of Open Category.

The demand draft for tenders cost & earnest money will be deposited in the office of SE (Project)-Shah, South, 3rd Floor, Zonal Office Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110092. Detailed NIT can be seen from the following website: **http://engineering.mcdetenders.com**. (IWP & SMS enabled tenders portal) or from the office of the undersigned. Both tenders cost and Earnest money can be deposited in the form of bank draft of a scheduled Bank in favour of Commissioner, EDMC.

R.O. No. 84/DP/Exs/2019-20 **Executive Engineer (Pr-H) Shahdara South Zone**

EDMC's Citizens Helpline No. : 155303

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7 IN PARLIAMENT WINTER SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

“Yes. All citizens are equal. That need not be stressed. All citizens are equal irrespective of caste, creed, sex, religion and region. India is one.

Appeasement of none and justice for all.”

M VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman, during Question Hour when questions were being asked about the Citizenship Amendment Bill and NRC.

LOK SABHA

“There is no discussion after a ruling is given.”

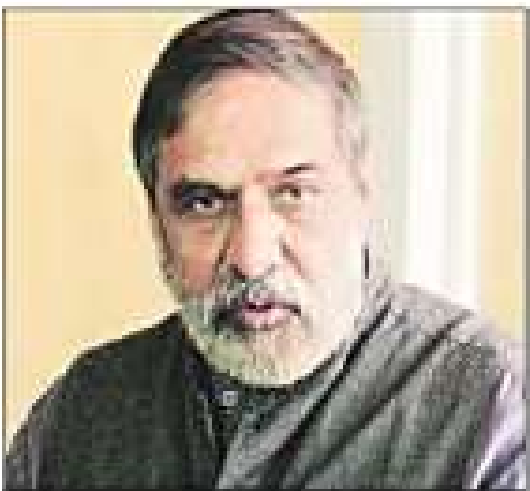
OM BIRLA, Speaker, to DMK member Dayanidhi Maran after he continued to press a notice for a breach of privilege of the House.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The MLAs are having office buildings in the constituency, but there is no office space for MPs. So I request the government to please allow Rs 50 lakh out of the MPLAD Fund to construct an MP office in the headquarters of the parliamentary constituency.”

S THIRUNAVUKKARASAR, Congress MP in Lok Sabha.

5 QUESTIONS



CONGRESS DEPUTY LEADER IN THE RAJYA SABHA **ANAND SHARMA** RAISED THE ISSUE OF WITHDRAWAL OF SPG COVER TO FORMER PM MANMOHAN SINGH, CONGRESS PRESIDENT SONIA GANDHI, RAHUL GANDHI AND PRIYANKA GANDHI. HE SPOKE TO **ABANTIKA GHOSH**.

What was your Zero Hour submission?

I raised the issue of the decision of this government to withdraw SPG cover to former PM Manmohan Singh, Congress president Sonia Gandhi, former president Rahul Gandhi and general secretary Priyanka Gandhi. This is unjustified and unwarranted. It exposes them to security risks and threats...

The government's contention is that the threat perception is lower now.

This is a lame excuse. It is the duty of the state to protect senior leaders. There is no room here for any partisan political considerations. It is an obligation of the government. Yes, an evaluation can be done but remember this is the family that has lost two prime ministers to acts of terror. This is not a special favour.

Dr Subramanian Swamy said that there is no threat because there is no LTTE any longer.

I do not want to respond to what he said. His animosity to the Gandhi family is well known.

Eligibility for SPG security is laid down in the SPG Act.

Exactly. It is for ex-prime ministers, their families, those who face grave threat. That is why the Congress government never withdrew or even diluted the SPG cover for former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee even though he was no longer politically active. That continued till his death in August 2018. Dr Manmohan Singh has been the PM for 10 years, he is still a Member of Parliament, active politically.

Was it extended to former PM Vajpayee because there was a threat perception or as a matter of courtesy?

It was done because it is mandated by the law. It is the duty of the government and the UPA government fulfilled it.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. *PTI*

J&K completely normal, no Sec 144 during day: Shah

ABANTIKA GHOSH

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

MAINTAINING THAT the situation is “completely normal” in the Valley, Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday told the Rajya Sabha that prohibitory orders under Section 144 are not imposed in any of the 195 police stations of Jammu and Kashmir, except between 8 pm and 6 am.

He also said that school attendance stands at 98 per cent, and that a call would be taken on resuming internet services based on inputs from the J&K administration.

Shah said that not one death has been reported in police firing in Kashmir since August 5, when the Union government decided to scrap special status to the state and bifurcate it into two union territories. He said all “predictions of rivers of blood flowing after abrogation of Article 370” have come wrong.

In reply to a question, Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishen Reddy admitted that the advisory board for looking into allegations against people detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) is yet to be constituted.

Amid cries of protest from Opposition leaders, especially Leader of Opposition in the Upper House Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is from J&K and is a former chief minister, the government also refused to talk about the detention of former CM and Lok Sabha MP Farooq Abdullah under PSA. Reddy maintained that “various people have been incarcerated at various times” for “national security”.

Replying to NCP member Majeed Memon, who asked when normalcy will be restored in the Valley, Shah said: “The situation in Kashmir is completely normal. There are some misconceptions that are being spread, so I want to give the people, through this House, some details of the extent of normalcy there. Section 144 is lifted in all 195

police stations; incidents of stone-pelting have come down... 544 (stone-pelting incidents) this year against 802 last year; all 20,411 schools are open and examinations have been conducted; of 50,537 students in Class XI, 50,272 — that is 99.48 per cent — sat for their exams, as did 99.7 per cent students of classes X and XII.”

He said, “All hospitals and health centres in the Valley are open. Sales of petrol, diesel, LPG, rice, etc, have gone up by 8-16 per cent over the same period last year. The Valley's apples are being procured, (and) the expected output is about 22.58 lakh metric tonnes.”

An irate Azad said he could contradict every answer, at which Shah retorted that it is not good to be stuck only with one's own ideas. He dared Azad to prove the figures wrong.

Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu intervened and said he has already had a word with the Home Minister and the House would soon discuss the Kashmir situation in detail. Shah went on to say that all media outlets are fully functional in J&K, as are government offices and banks. In all, 36,192 new cases have come to J&K High Court and more than 52,000 were disposed of, he said. “There was 98.3 per cent voting in 307 of 316 Block Development Council elections in October,” he said.

He also told the House that all 93,247 landlines and 59 lakh mobile phones are currently functional in J&K.

Azad said health and education are most affected because of suspension of internet services.

But Shah said, “There is absolutely no shortage of medicines anywhere. We have also started mobile medicine vans; drug stores inside hospitals are well-stocked... total number of OPD patients in Srinagar alone was 6,06,700. In October, 7.91 lakh people attended OPDs in Srinagar... in such a small city. There is no dearth of health facilities anywhere...”



Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury supported the BJP on raising the issue of Ponzi schemes. *PTI*

ernment will change the law as required to ensure that the money of the poor is not looted. He appealed to the members of the

‘NO PLAN FOR ONE CARD FOR ALL UTILITIES’

No proposal to make Hindi main language: Govt

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THERE IS neither any proposal to promote Hindi as the country's main language nor any plans to usher in one card for all utilities, the government told Parliament on Wednesday.

Home Minister Amit Shah has made a mention of the two in his earlier speeches. However, his ministry told the Rajya Sabha during Question Hour that there were no such proposals.

To a question asked by Tamil Nadu MP Vaiko (MDMK) on whether “the minister has announced one nation one language for India and Hindi will be the single language”, MoS (Home) G Kishen Reddy said, “There is no proposal for one nation one language.”

“The Constitution accords equal importance to all the languages of the country. Language matters are in the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India and are within



Vaiko had asked whether Hindi will be the single language

the executive spheres of the Central government and the respective state governments,” Reddy said.

To another question on whether government was considering bringing one card for all utilities, Reddy replied, “At present there is no proposal for one card for all utilities.”

In September, while speaking at a

‘MEPs’ visit private, a familiarisation exercise; Indian MPs not allowed due to security concerns’

New Delhi: Replying to multiple queries during Question Hour in the Rajya Sabha, the government Wednesday defended facilitation of the visit of 27 Members of European Parliament (MEPs) to Kashmir last month, saying it was a private visit organised by a think tank on the request of the MEPs to understand the impact of terrorism in the Valley. The government said the visit would improve people-to-people contact and Indian MPs were not allowed to visit Kashmir because of “security concerns”.

G Kishan Reddy, Minister of State for Home Affairs, skirted pinpoint questions on the government's association with the NGO which had organised the visit. The questions were asked by MPs Jose K Mani (Kerala Congress-M), Javed Ali Khan (SP) and Sukhram Singh Yadav (SP).

“The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has reported that a group of 27 Members of European Parliament (MEPs), who belonged to different political parties, including ruling and opposition parties, paid a private visit to India from 28th October, 2019 to 1st November, 2019 at the invitation of International Institute for Nonaligned Studies, a Delhi-based think tank,” Reddy said.

The government insisted that the visit of the MEPs was a “familiarisation” exercise and that they got a sense of the threat that terrorism poses to Kashmir.

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House to rise above party lines and support the legislation.

Earlier, several Opposition members demanded that chit funds be exempted from GST and sought reduction of the proposed commission for foreman from 7 per cent to 6 per cent.

Congress MP from Khadoor Sahib, Jasbir Singh Gill, said imposing 12 per cent GST on chit funds is detrimental and urged the government to exempt it. Thakur said the issue of exemption can be considered in the GST council.

During the discussion, several members cited Saradha and Rose Valley scams. However, Thakur said members should not mix up the issue of unregulated deposit schemes with chit funds.

During the debate, members from the

Govt defers surrogacy Bill in RS after members oppose provisions

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE RAJYA Sabha on Wednesday deferred passage of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill after several members opposed certain provisions in the legislation and demanded that the Bill be modified.

The members sought changes in provisions that only a close relative can be a surrogate mother, as well as the clause that surrogacy is permitted for couples after at least five years of marriage.

The Bill, which seeks to ban commercial surrogacy, was passed by Lok Sabha in Monsoon Session and was taken up for discussion in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, several members had argued that the government has not taken into consideration recommendations made by the Parliamentary standing committee which scrutinised the Bill. Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav, who headed the committee, said the government did not accept 13 major recommendations.

Many members spoke on similar lines on Wednesday as well.

Given the sentiment, the government is learnt to have decided not to rush with the Bill and instead examine various amendments suggested by the members and have a re-look at the standing committee's report to see whether it can incorporate any of the suggestions.

Accordingly, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi proposed that the House discuss the Bill up to 4 pm and thereafter take up another Bill. The surrogacy Bill “may be continued tomorrow (Thursday)”, he said.

Sources said Congress's M V Rajeev Gowda had given many amendments to the Bill.

On Tuesday, Gowda had said the Bill in its present form would not serve the purpose for which it was intended. He said the Bill should be aligned to the 21st century, not the “Victorian Era”. It has some “unjust provisions” and impracticalities, he said.

On Wednesday, Congress's Jairam Ramesh said the Bill in its present form will in effect drive surrogacy out of the market. He said: “It is mind-boggling that we are going to be passing a Bill which is going to make only a close relative a surrogate mother. This flies in the face of our understanding of Indian families, of Indian society, and I am absolutely surprised that a Bill can come in this fashion that (says) surrogacy will be restricted to a close relative.”

“If we recognise that infertility is a problem, if we recognise that infertility is on the rise, if we recognise that people want surrogacy... then this Bill is the wrong Bill. This Bill will put an end to any form of surrogacy because we can't expect that only the sisters or



Jairam Ramesh: This Bill will put an end to any form of surrogacy because we can't expect close relatives to come forward.

RS members seek review of transgender Bill

New Delhi: Several members in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday sought review of a Bill on protection of rights of transgenders and demanded that it be referred to a select parliamentary committee. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019, which seeks to provide a mechanism for social, economic and educational empowerment of transgenders, was moved for consideration and passage in Rajya Sabha by Social Justice Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot.

The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha in August.

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sister-in-law or some close relative is going to come forward... this is going to create more emotional problems, more psychological problems than we can never imagine.... So this close relative thing is a very dangerous element in the Bill,” he said.

He said the Bill also is silent on the question of prior informed consent.

The DMK also said it is opposed to the Bill in its present form.

Pointing out the Bill's shortcomings, CPI's Binoy Viswam said, “Why is a single woman not allowed to have a child through surrogacy? The Bill is silent on that. There are many other social issues and sections, for example, transgenders... Surrogacy is meant for people of all sects, all human beings and all social gatherings. But eliminating certain sections from the purview of the Bill cannot be appreciated.”

Raut writes to Naidu on seat change: Bid to humiliate, Sena not formally out of NDA

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HIS SEAT moved from the third row to the fifth in the Upper House, Shiv Sena's Parliamentary party leader Sanjay Raut has written a strongly worded letter to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu to protest against the move.

Calling the move an “attempt to humiliate” him, Raut demanded that he be seated in the first three rows, keeping in view his seniority and status as the leader of his party.

The latest controversy comes in the aftermath of the BJP-Sena break-up over government formation in Maharashtra. The Sena is currently engaged in an effort to forge a government in alliance with the NCP and the Congress.

In his letter, Raut wrote, “I think that this decision was taken by someone deliberately to hurt the sentiments of Shiv Sena and to suppress our voice... I may remind you that even when NDA was in Opposition, I was allotted a third row seat in the House in view of my seniority in Rajya Sabha. But now, what I feel...my seat has been allotted in the fifth row intentionally to humiliate me and my party's status in the House.”

Raut said he fails to understand the reason behind this “unwarranted step of re-allocation of seats since there is no formal announcement about the (Sena's) removal from NDA”. This move, according to him, has hurt the dignity of Parliament.

The Sena leader wrote, “I strongly feel that the Chairperson is above party affiliations and should take decisions in a non-partisan manner.” However, a message seems to have been sent that “it is correlated with the tussle for government formation in Maharashtra”.

8 GOVT & POLITICS



PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

EVER SINCE Pranab Mukherjee was president, Rashtrapati Bhawan has been holding Visitor's conference with central universities, IITs, NITs and IISERs. On Monday, the conference for IITs, NITs and IISERs was held. Usually, quality of education and international ranking of institutions are the topics discussed at this conference every year. However, on Monday, the President had an interesting appeal for those in attendance. He requested them to work on solutions to fight the problem of pollution.

TRANSFER BUZZ

THE SUDDEN transfer of 11 officers, mostly of the joint secretary level, from Railway ministry to zones on Monday night has created a buzz. The bureaucracy is of the view that the pattern of transfers is such that offices of Railway Board Members will be weakened, affecting its functioning and decision-making. A part of so-called 'right-sizing' of the ministry, the logic behind the exercise is not clear to officers. This comes after the ministry recently dissolved the Transformation Cell by surrendering/transferring the posts. Now there is a buzz that a third of even Railway Board Secretariat Service officials may soon be posted outside the ministry.

HOUSE QUERY

FOLLOWING SUBMISSIONS by Trinamool Congress MPs Nadimul Haq and Manas Ranjan Bhunia during the Zero Hour on Wednesday about the devastation caused by the cyclone Bulbul in West Bengal, Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu asked, "What is Bulbul?". Bhunia then explained, "Bulbul is the name given to a cyclonic storm". The cyclone had recently hit West Bengal and Odisha.

Abe may visit India in Dec for bilateral meet with Modi

Meet may be held in mid-December; Guwahati, Konark among venue choices

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

JAPAN'S PRIME Minister Shinzo Abe is likely to visit India in mid-December and New Delhi and Tokyo are working out the dates between December 13 and 17 for his annual summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

As for the venue of the bilateral talks, the Indian side is scouting for locations and is considering Odisha and Assam as possible places for the meeting.

While Assam's Guwahati is the first choice for the bilateral meeting, Odisha's Bhubaneswar has emerged as a top contender owing to its infrastructure and local administration.

It is learnt that the picturesque Sun temple in Konark in



Japan PM Shinzo Abe

Odisha could provide a backdrop for the summit meeting between Modi and Abe. Such a picturesque backdrop will be comparable to the summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Modi in Mahabalipuram in October.

In September 2017, when Abe last came to India for the bilateral summit, he visited

Ahmedabad and a roadshow was organised to welcome him. In 2018, when Modi visited Japan, he was hosted by Abe at a private dinner at his ancestral home in Yamanashi, the first such reception to be extended to a foreign leader.

Before Abe comes to India, the two sides are expected to hold the first 2+2 ministerial meeting — between the Foreign ministers and Defence ministers — on November 30, sources said. This will lay the groundwork for the visit by the Japanese Prime Minister in December.

Sources said the Northeastern states were identified as the first choice for the venue since Japan is involved in some projects in the region as part of India's Act East policy. These projects are governed by

the North East Forum, presided over by the Japanese ambassador to India and the Foreign Secretary, said the sources. Among the projects, nine are ongoing and three are new. They include road connectivity projects in Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram, forest management projects in Sikkim, Tripura and Nagaland and water supply and sewage projects in Assam.

This will be Abe's first visit to India since Modi was re-elected in May.

The two leaders, however, have met four times since Modi's re-election — at the G20 Summit in Osaka in June, the G7 Summit in Biarritz in August, the Eastern Economic Forum meet in Vladivostok in September and ASEAN & East Asia summits in Bangkok in November.

MHA rejects TRS MLA's appeal against citizenship cancellation

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THE UNION Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has rejected the appeal of



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Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) legislator Ramesh against cancellation of his citizenship, bringing into question his status as a legislator.

In September, the MHA had cancelled Ramesh's citizenship since he had earlier opted for German citizenship.

Ramesh, MLA from Vemulavada in north Telangana, had appealed to the ministry against the order. Sources said the ministry was not convinced and rejected his appeal.

Ramesh had told *The Indian Express* in September, "There are certain technical grounds on which the citizenship has been cancelled but I will give all information and appeal for review. For instance, the rule that a person has to live continuously for 365 days to be eligible for Indian citizenship came only after I was granted it (German citizenship). It now cannot be the basis for cancelling my citizenship. I have already given up my German citizenship. I have 30 days before being barred as an MLA."

Ramesh had migrated to Germany in 1993. He married a German national and after getting German citizenship had renounced his Indian citizenship. The TRS leader maintains that he returned to India in 2009 and had applied for Indian citizenship, which was granted on February 3, 2009. He contested 2009 elections of unified Andhra Pradesh on a TDP ticket and won, but resigned in favour of Telangana statehood and joined the TRS. He won the by-election in July 2010.

In August last year, the Supreme Court had asked MHA to look into the issue.



DELIBERATIONS

Congress and NCP leaders at a meeting in NCP Chief Sharad Pawar's residence in New Delhi on Wednesday. *ANI*

FREE SPEECH OF CONSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONARIES

Claiming damages remedy to fight malicious propaganda: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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A CONSTITUTION bench of the Supreme Court, which is examining whether there can be limits on the right to free speech of Constitutional functionaries, observed on Wednesday that claiming damages under the law of torts is the "remedy" to fight motivated and malicious propaganda and attempts to tarnish reputations.

"The legal community is also at fault. We never developed the law of torts...to claim damages...That's the remedy," observed Justice S Ravindra Bhat, who was part of the bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra.

The comments came as Senior Advocate Harish Salve, who is assisting the court as Amicus Curiae, highlighted the nuisance of false reports targeting people holding high offices, only to be withdrawn or proved

wrong subsequently.

"Just because you are in an important office doesn't mean that you are open to any nonsense," Salve told the bench, also comprising Justices Indira Banerjee, Vineet Saran and M R Shah, and adding, "The government has a duty to do something about this."

"Reputations are tarnished with complete impunity," he said. Democracy, said Salve, was based on the people's faith in the system. He added that the power of courts comes from the faith of the public in the institution and that cannot be allowed to be undermined. He said people don't take to streets because they believe there is a state machinery which will protect them. "If that faith is undermined, you are destroying the edifice of democracy. If people lose faith, democracy will collapse," he said.

Salve opined that "if a public functionary undermines it through statements, surely that

is actionable".

Pointing out that judges exercise restraint while carrying out their responsibilities, he said constitutional functionaries are also under an oath. "If there is a duty on the government, there is a duty on every member of the government," he said.

Justice Mishra asked if the collective responsibility rule can be invoked in such cases.

"That is why they have to be careful about what they say...They cannot say I'm not Home Minister...They cannot escape liability by saying they are not in charge of the department," Salve said.

The question of whether there can be limits to free speech by ministers and those holding high offices had arisen in the context of controversial comments by former Uttar Pradesh minister and Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan following the 2016 Bulandshahr gangrape case.

ROW OVER TEACHER'S RELIGION

As Muslim Sanskrit professor leaves for home, BHU students come out in his support

AVANEESH MISHRA
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 20

AFTER BEING appointed as assistant professor at Banaras Hindu University's Sanskrit Vidya Dharam Vigyan (SVDV) two weeks ago, Firoze Khan, a doctorate in Sanskrit, on Wednesday left for his native place in Jaipur as students of his department continued with their protest opposing his appointment as he is a Muslim.

Meanwhile, a section of students of the university came out in support of Khan, who could not



Firoze Khan

attend the university since his joining on November 7.

"Dr Firoze Khan had gone into hiding after joining at the registrar office. No one knew where he was staying as he did not come to the university. However, today his Head of Department (HoD) told me that Firoze has left for Jaipur. There are some reports doing the

rounds that he has resigned. This is not true. Firoze Khan has told the HoD that he was going to his hometown," Vindheshwari Mishra, Dean, SVDV, said.

Two days ago, a distraught Khan had expressed hope that the students will come around. "All my life, I learnt Sanskrit and I was never made to realise I am a Muslim, but now when I am trying to teach, suddenly it has become the only subject," Khan had told *The Indian Express*.

Meanwhile, a section of students came out openly in support of Khan for the first time. Holding banners with 'We are with you Dr

Firoze Khan' written on it, the students marched from the university's Lanka Gate to Ravidas Gate. The "peace march" was carried out under the banner of 'Joint Action Committee' of outfits like the NSUI, Youth for Swaraj and AISA. The students said if the issue is not resolved, they will start a protest at a bigger scale, starting Thursday.

Earlier in the day, they met Vice-Chancellor Rakesh Bhatnagar and sought the university's stand on the issue. According to sources, the administration told said there was nothing wrong with the Khan's appointment.

Ayodhya verdict: Sunni board split on SC review plea

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 20

DAYS AFTER the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) decided to file a review petition challenging the Supreme Court verdict in the Ayodhya case, members of the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board are divided on the question of re-view petition.

Of the Sunni Board's eight members, including chairman Zufar Faruqui, two on Wednesday said a review should be filed, while some were against it. There seemed unanimity over objecting to the court's offer of 5 acres to build a mosque.

The Board is scheduled to meet in Lucknow on November 26 to discuss the issue.

Imran Mabood Khan, Allahabad High Court lawyer and Board member since 2001, alleged that Faruqui is under "pressure" due to cases filed against him, a charge Faruqui dismissed.

He told *The Indian Express*, "He (Faruqui) will not let the Board file a review petition because he fears a backlash from the government due to corruption...he transferred Waqf properties illegally."

Denying any wrongdoing and being under pressure, Faruqui said, "So many people are saying a review petition should not be filed. Are they all under pressure? The recent cases against me are political (in nature) and have nothing to do with this case. If I was under pressure, I would have filed withdrawal application (earlier)."

About the court's offer to give the Muslim side 5 acres to build a mosque, Mabood said, "It is merely a distraction. This will set a bad precedent. The Muslim side should reject the offer."

About the review, he said, "If AIMPLB has said a review petition will be filed, the Sunni Waqf Board should support it. The review petition may not stand in court, but must be filed."

Abdul Razzaque Khan, a

EXPLAINED
E Cases against Board chairman

SUNNI WAQF Board chairman Zufar Faruqui has been named in two cases, lodged in August and September this year in Rampur, along with others. The first FIR on August 19, lodged at Azim Nagar police station, is regarding alleged usurping of around 86 bighas classified as Enemy Property. The FIR names nine people in all. The second FIR, at Kotwali police station on September 12, names Faruqui and others for allegedly assaulting complainant Naseema Khattoon's husband and forcibly evicting them from their house in Rampur.

lawyer at Lucknow bench of Allahabad HC and Board member since 2003, reiterated Mabood's stance on the verdict. On review petition, he said, "Since the verdict is not fair, a review should be filed. It is part of the legal process. It is the only way to tell the world that what happened was not fair."

About the offer of land, he said, "Land for a mosque can't be traded. The offer should be rejected." He said he will attend the November 26 meeting and express his views.

Abraar Ahmed, Samajwadi Party MLA and Board member, said he will attend the meeting. "We respect the court's decision, but I feel it was unfair," he said. On the offer of 5 acres, he said, "A mosque can't be built on donated land. The offer should be rejected."

Ahmed refused to comment the question of review plea.

Another Board member, who did not want to be named, said the verdict should be accepted and a review petition should not be filed.

Govt must disclose electoral bonds details in House: Cong

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ALLEGING THAT electoral bonds have turned out to be a black money recycling and political bribery scheme, the Congress on Wednesday demanded that the government disclose the identity of all donors and reveal in Parliament information regarding donations received by all political parties.

The Congress claimed that RTI replies have shown that Prime Minister's Office intervened to open special windows for political donations through electoral bonds before the Karnataka Assembly elections last year.

Addressing a press conference, Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad said RTI replies have shown that

rules regarding the scheme were flouted at the PMO's instance.

"It was not a scheme for transparency in political funding, it was a scheme which was deliberately created to extort money and to force corporates or accept donations without disclosing identity of obliging corporate for government patronage and consideration," senior Congress leader Anand Sharma said.

"The government must disclose all information and place it in both Houses of Parliament, of electoral bearer bonds issued and which political party got how much... Only when the identity is revealed of those who have donated hundreds of crores... the nation will come to know which decisions of the government, which policies of the Modi government benefited those corporates..." Sharma said.

WRITEBACK

RESPONDING TO a report in *The Indian Express* titled '3 institutes of eminence flag slow funding, govt points to unspent funds' (November 17), Subrat Pradhan, deputy secretary, Department of Higher Education has issued the following statement:

"There is no delay from the ministry in releasing funds to these three public institutions under the IoE (Institution of Eminence) scheme. As per the provision under the IoE Guidelines, 2017, the release of funds to the public institutions under the scheme would depend upon the capacity of the institutions to absorb the funds and their achievement of the financial and physical outcomes laid down in their implementation plan.

The ministry had released Rs 43 Crore (approx.) to each of these institutes in 2018-19. Further, Rs 50 Crore and Rs 35 Crore have been released to IIT, Delhi and IISC, Bangalore in

2019-20, respectively. However, these institutes have not been able to spend the IoE funds given to them as of now. While IIT Delhi has still an unspent balance of Rs 73.54 crore, IISC, Bangalore and IIT, Bombay have unspent balance of Rs 56.53 crore and 42.97 crore, respectively.

In view of the above, all these three public institutions have been asked to utilise the unspent balance with them and inform the ministry as soon as possible for further release of IoE grants in this financial year 2019-20." **Ritika Chopra replies:** The report is based on the presentation made by IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay and Indian Institute of Science before the Empowered Expert Committee on September 26. As for the unspent balance with the three IoEs, the report carries the ministry's version as well as a detailed break-up of funds lying unused with each institution. *The Indian Express* stands by its report.

EXPRESS NETWORK



NORTH

Woman killed over dowry demand in Bijnor, three held

Meerut: A 24-year-old woman was strangled, allegedly by her husband, after her father could not meet the dowry demands of her in-laws. The incident took place in Bijnor's Shergarh village on Tuesday night. The woman, Monica, married Anchal Kumar (26) last year. "The father of the victim said in the

FIR that his daughter was killed by her husband and in-laws and that they were mentally and physically tormenting her. The three persons named in the FIR have been detained. We are probing the charges. The postmortem report is awaited," said Ashutosh Kumar, in-charge of Afzalgarh police station. **ENS**



An official from Kerala State Literacy Mission felicitates Bhageerathi Amma in Kerala's Kollam district on Tuesday. The 105-year-old woman appeared for the Class IV 'equivalency exam'. **PTI**

EAST

Currency shower from Kolkata office as DRI conducts search

Kolkata: There was a shower of crisp currency notes from the sixth floor of a building in Kolkata's central business district on Wednesday when DRI officials were conducting a search in a private office on that floor. Bundles of Rs 2000, Rs 500 and Rs 100 notes were seen being pushed out of a window with the help of a broom. DRI sources said its

personnel had gone to the office of a private company engaged in export-import activities to conduct search for alleged evasion of duty. However, it cannot be definitely said there was a relation between the search operations and the shower of notes on the street, sources said. Police said probe into the incident is on. **PTI**

WEST

Businessman kills self over failure to pay GST: Police

Aurangabad: The owner of a small metal polishing unit at Waluj Industrial area in Aurangabad committed suicide after he failed to pay Goods and Services Tax (GST), police said on Wednesday. Vishnu Ram-bhau Kalavane (53) hanged himself at his home in Pandharpur area on Tuesday, an officer said. In a suicide

note, Kalavane stated that the failure to pay GST forced him to take the extreme step, the officer added. "The deceased cited failure to pay GST and his inability to get an extension to pay as reasons," inspector Anil Gayakwad of Waluj MIDC police station said, adding that a case of sudden death has been registered in this connection. **PTI**

SOUTH

Fearing job loss, woman techie commits suicide

Hyderabad: A 24-year-old woman working as a junior software developer at an IT firm here hanged herself to death, apparently because she feared she will lose her job, police said on Wednesday. Her body was found hanging from the ceiling fan in her hostel room, they said. A police officer said she committed suicide on

Tuesday night, apparently after the IT firm she was working at issued a notice to her and some other employees, informing them that it will start job cuts from December. The woman, hailing from Mahabubnagar district of Telangana, was working with the company for the past two-and-a-half years, the officer said. **PTI**

For political detainees in Srinagar: 'Shredded matting, blocked windows'

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 20

A SINGLE bed, windows blocked by plyboard sheets, shredded matting on the floor and a single rod heater subject to availability of electricity — this is how political detainees at Srinagar's MLA Hostel described the premises at which they are now being held.

The hostel was declared a sub-jail on November 13. On Sunday, 34 political detainees, who were in custody at Sher-e-Kashmir Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar since the revocation of special status to Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, were moved there in cars with tinted windows.

They are being held in the old part of the hostel, which is "dilapidated, unclean and has barely any heating arrangement" even as temperatures are in single degrees, sources said. The lawns of the hostel, too, have been barricaded by tin sheets.

The new building of the hostel is being used to house corporators of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation and panchs and sarpanchs elected last year.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that lack of proper heat-



Shehryar Khanum, daughter of former minister and PDP leader Naeem Akhtar, after meeting him at the MLA Hostel in Srinagar on Wednesday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

ing, a bill of over Rs 3 crore for keeping the detainees at SKICC, and security concerns were the key reasons for moving them out after over 100 days.

"A different hotel was recommended first, but the police establishment raised security-related objections. So, the prisoners were moved to the

MLA Hostel. Additionally, since SKICC is surrounded by water on three sides, sabotage could not be ruled out," said a source, who did not wish to be identified.

Another source claimed that the detainees were "frisked repeatedly despite being moved from one prison to another".

Earlier, former Chief Minister

Mehbooba Mufti was moved to a government-owned bungalow in central Srinagar from the tourist hut at Chashme Shahi, on November 16. Former Chief minister Omar Abdullah continues to be held at Hari Niwas on Gupkar Road and his father and Srinagar MP Farooq Abdullah remains detained in his house.

MAN ALLEGES ABDUCTION OF 2 DAUGHTERS

HC notice to police, Nithyananda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 20

THE GUJARAT High Court on Wednesday issued notices to senior police officers, self-styled godman Nithyananda and the chief coordinator of his ashram in Ahmedabad in connection with a habeas corpus petition in which a man has alleged that his two daughters have been abducted and illegally confined by the ashram authorities.

The petition states that the 48-year-old man enrolled his four children with Nithyananda Dhyanyapeetham in Bengaluru in 2013, "expecting that the children will have better and spiritual upliftment". But the children were shifted to Ahmedabad and he and his wife were not allowed to meet them, the plea alleges. Subsequently,



Self-styled godman Nithyananda

the man filed a complaint on November 1. "The local police station in-charge then visited the premises, handed over their two minor kids to the petitioner and his wife and said the petitioner that other two major-aged daughters don't want to meet and talk to them," the petition states, claiming that his daughters are still at the ashram in Ahmedabad. The FIR was filed on November 17.

The division bench headed by Justice SR Brahmbhatt asked the petitioner's counsel, "Who are you to ask for the girls' custody?" The question came up as

the two daughters have been listed as adults in the petition. The counsel contended that ashram authorities have "abducted the petitioner's children from the place (ashram) and shifted them to a private place...and illegally confined them there for more than 2 weeks..."

The court then issued a notice to all the respondents, including the DGP of Gujarat, SP, Ahmedabad Rural, and the in-charge of the police station where the FIR was lodged, Nithyananda and the chief coordinator of the Ahmedabad ashram. The respondents have been asked to reply to the notice by November 26, when the court will hear the matter next.

The petitioner has sought a writ of habeas corpus, directing the respondents to produce his daughters and sought their custody.

CASE AGAINST AMU PROF, HUSBAND

SSP asks officer how FIR was lodged

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 20

ALIGARH SENIOR Superintendent of Police Akash Kulhary has asked the Station Officer how an FIR was registered against an assistant professor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and her husband on charges of promoting enmity for their Facebook posts.

The FIR was registered against Huma Parveen, an assistant professor in AMU, and her husband Naeem Showkat, who belongs to Baramulla in Kashmir, at Gandhi Park police station in Aligarh on Tuesday on a complaint filed by Akhil Bharat

Hindu Mahasabha leader Ashok Pandey. The complaint accused the couple of uploading "several objectionable posts" related to Kashmir and mocking Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The FIR was lodged under IPC sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony) and 505 (2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes).

"I have asked on what basis the FIR was lodged...I have spoken to the Station Officer and he told me he had received a complaint of around 22 pages of the

Facebook posts of the assistant professor and her husband. I have also asked the Circle Officer on what basis the FIR was lodged when it did not come to me or any senior officer..." SSP Kulhary told *The Indian Express*.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Huma Parveen, who has been teaching in the university since 2013, said, "The complainant has most probably misunderstood my posts. I have never posted anything on social media that may hurt the sentiments of any person or incite any person or group. Most of my posts are shared by me and not written by me, but none of them is hurtful to anyone."

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA

Mahadayi protests cast shadow on film festival inauguration, Javadekar heckled

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, NOVEMBER 20

UNION Minister Prakash Javadekar was on Wednesday heckled by protesters during his address at the inaugural session of the 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) on Wednesday at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee indoor stadium near Panaji.

Agitating against Javadekar-led Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change giving a go-ahead to Karnataka for the Kalasa Banduri project, three protesters shouted "Aamka Mhadhei Aamka Zai (We want our Mhadhei)" as the minister rose to speak. Mhadhei is used to refer to



Prakash Javadekar

the Mahadayi river and the Kalasa Banduri project aims to provide drinking water to three north Karnataka districts by diverting water from the Mahadayi.

Protests were also held at the screening venues of IFFI, with party workers of Congress and Goa Forward staging demonstrations. The delegates who walked in to

watch the opening film at the Inox Multiplex complex in Panaji were greeted with placards saying, "Go Back Javadekar". The protests come at a time when prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC are in place in Goa in view of the Supreme Court verdict in the Ayodhya case.

An inter-state water disputes tribunal has allotted 13.42 thousand million cubic feet of water (TMC) to Karnataka and 1.33 TMC to Maharashtra. Both Karnataka and Goa have contested the order and the matter is now pending in apex court.

The three men who raised slogans were taken into custody. BJP leaders tried to play down the episode. "The leader among the three is a Dubai-based man

Farooq has been charged under the Public Safety Act.

Shehryar Khanum, daughter of Naeem Akhtar, the 67-year-old senior PDP leader and former minister in the Mehbooba Mufti government, told *The Indian Express* that knowing the conditions of the hostel, she went to the venue to bring a change of clothes, an electric blanket and a flask to her father.

"Everyone knows the dilapidated nature of these buildings. No MLA has lived there in several years and only some staff used to be accommodated in that space. The electricity is erratic and we need at least the bare minimum to deal with the extreme cold Kashmir weather," Khanum said.

Kashmir witnessed early snowfall this year and the harshest period of the long winter — the 40-day long "chillai kalan" — is yet to begin. Emphasising that there are many detainees whose families may not even know what is needed for those held in the old part of the hostel, she said: "They would presume that at least heating arrangement would be made, given that the establishment cited weather as the reason to move them."

After three months, Pakistan partially restores postal exchange with India

DIVYA GOYAL
LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 20

NEARLY THREE months after Pakistan unilaterally stopped postal exchange with India following the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, the Director General of Pakistan Post has issued orders to restore the service, but only "to the extent of letter mail and Express Mail Service (EMS) documents". India Post, however, says it is yet to be apprised of any such decision.

The development days after India wrote to Universal Postal Union (UPU), a UN agency that regulates postal exchange across the globe, apprising them of the "unilateral" decision taken by Pakistan "without serving any prior notice" and "defying UPU norms".

On August 23, the customs and postal departments of Pakistan issued 'internal' orders stopping postal exchange with India. It was the first time postal mail exchange was stopped between the two neighbours.

On Wednesday, a senior official from Pakistan postal department told *The Indian Express*, "The postal service with India has been restored but only to the extent to letter mail and Express Mail Service exchange. Post offices have been directed to start bookings for India-bound letters and documents."

Confirming that the orders had been received, Aqleem Hussain, chief postmaster, Rawalpindi post office, said, "We have received the orders and book-

EXPLAINED

Not business as usual

PAKISTAN HAS restored 'EMS services' only for documents and letters. Before Pakistan stopped postal exchange, both countries were allowing maximum of 30 kg of shipments to be exchanged via EMS, as per details on India Post website. But now only documents will be allowed.

ings for India-bound letters and documents are now open."

Tanweer Qamar Mohammad, Deputy Director General (DDG), International Relations and Global Business, India Post, told *The Indian Express* that they were yet to receive any official communication from Pakistan in this regard and that any further decision will be taken only after directions from Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

"We haven't received any official communication from Pakistan on restoring postal services. Any further decision in this regard will be taken after directions and in consultation with the MEA."



Donald Trump

Trump admin approves sale of naval guns worth \$1 billion to India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 20

THE TRUMP Administration has notified to the US Congress its determination to sell \$1 billion worth of naval guns to India for use against warships, anti-aircraft and shore bombardment, in a move that would enhance the capabilities of the Indian Navy.

The proposed foreign military sale of up to 13 MK-45 5inch/62 caliber (MOD 4) naval guns and related equipment is at an estimated cost of \$1.0210 billion, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency said in its notification to the Congress on Tuesday.

To be manufactured by the BAE Systems Land and Armaments, the proposed sale will improve India's capability to meet current and future threats from enemy weapon systems, the notification said.

"The MK-45 Gun System will provide the capability to conduct anti-surface warfare and anti-air defence missions while enhancing interoperability with US and other allied forces," the notification said.

India will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defence, it said. The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region, it said.

According to the notification, this notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.

With this, India has become one of the few countries to which the US decided to sell the latest version (Mod 4) of its naval guns.

The other countries to have bought MOD 4 naval guns so far are Australia, Japan and South Korea. The one given to Thailand is an upgraded MOD 4 version. The US has also determined to sell these to a few other allies and friends, including Britain and Canada.



Pragya Thakur

Pragya Thakur nominated to Parliamentary panel on defence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

BJP Lok Sabha member Pragya Singh Thakur has been nominated to the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Defence.

The Bhopal MP, who is accused in the Malegaon blasts case, defeated former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh and Congress leader Digvijaya Singh in the Lok Sabha polls earlier this year.

She was granted bail by the Bombay High Court on health grounds in April 2017 after charges against her under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act were dropped by the National Investigation Agency. She is currently under trial for multiple charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The 21-member parliamentary consultative committee is headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Tender Notice NOS/AP/MSIDCE/Equipment/2019-20, Dated: 20.11.2019
The MDCI invites tender through e-procurement platform for
1. Technical Support Unit (TSU) to work with Project Co-ordination Cell (PCC) for World Bank Andhra Pradesh Health Systems Strengthening Project. 2. Request for Proposal for Selection of Service Provider for providing Emergency Response Services (108) across A.P. 3. Request for Proposal for Selection of Service Provider for 104 Mobile Medical Unit Services in A.P. 4. Request for Proposal for Selection of Agency to establish and operate Emergency Response Center (ERC) in A.P.
For detailed notification and further details please visit the website <http://msidc.ap.nic.in> & www.tender.approcurement.gov.in.
APMSIDC will reserve the right to cancel the tenders at any time without assigning any reasons.

OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, GURUGRAM
Notice
LIST OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR SENDING PEOPLE ABROAD IN HARYANA
Annexure-A List of Authorized agents for sending people in abroad for the state of Haryana.
Annexure-B List of illegal agents/agencies for sending people in abroad and action taken against them in Haryana.
Annexure-C List of recruiting agents for the State of Haryana uploaded from the website: emigrate.gov.in of protector General of Emigrants जो कि जिला प्रमुख का WebSite:- www.gurugram.gov.in पर Upload है।
Issued on 18.11.2019 with my signature & Stamp of office.
Sd/-
Deputy Commissioner,
Gurugram

UJVNL LTD.
H.O.: UJVNL, Mahesh Bagh, GMS Road, Gurgaon-122006
Telephone: 0122-2351616 & Fax: 0122-2351616
CIN No. U40101HR2001SC0033186 Website: www.ujvnlimited.com
RO No.: 864/UJVNL Addendum-01 Date: 20-11-2019
e-Tender No. 11/SPH/2019-20
Addendum is hereby made in the above tender as follows:
In Section VI, i.e. "technical specification", under sub head F following is added in scope of work:-
i. Inspection, Testing & replacement installation of shaft seal of unit 1,2 & 3 at Sharda Power House Lohlahead Khatima as per details given below:-
i. Inspection of shaft seal thickness & its replacement/ installation. (Shaft seal will be provided by UJVNL)
ii. Checking guide bearing coupling studs torque.
iii. Checking the clearance between shaft and seal.
iv. Checking alignment and flatness of seal.
v. Checking torque lightning of sealing ring.
All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged. The various dates shall be read as below:
For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "https://tenders.gov.in".
Executive Engineer (Maintenance)
Sharda Powerhouse, UJVNL Limited
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION
VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS
E-Tender Notice No.: 22 of 2019-20 Dated 15.11.2019

Sr No.	e-Tender No.	Name of work	Approximate NIT Cost (₹)	EMD (₹)
01	DRM-ADI-117-2019-20	New works and all ordinary repairs up to Rs. 5 lakhs for ZONE No. 18 of 2019-2020 (i.e. From Patan (excl.) to Bhildi (excl.) under Senior Section Engineer (Works) Patan's Unit, ADEN/Mahesana's Jurisdiction.	39,60,621.70	79,200.00
02	DRM-ADI-118-2019-20	Out sourcing of track maintenance activities between Patan-Bhildi section under jurisdiction of Sr. Section Engineer (PWay)/Patn (for two years).	1,97,25,696.10	2,48,600.00
03	DRM-ADI-119-2019-20	Patan: Improvement of Station building and Passenger Amenities.	2,80,89,996.74	2,80,400.00
04	DRM-ADI-120-2019-20	Reconditioning of CMS crossing in SBI by R&W Transomatic Robots or Similar welding technology on Khediyar-Patanpur section in the jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer (North) Ahmedabad.	4491949.41	89,600.00
05	DRM-ADI-121-2019-20	Katodan Road: Providing CPWTs office in lieu of old building.	6918,161.53	1,38,400.00
06	DRM-ADI-122-2019-20	Repairs to sandbed dead end under jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer (West) Ahmedabad. (P&I invited)	45,37,768.89	90,600.00

For above all tenders: Closing date & time of e-tender: Closing date & time for tender is 15.00 Hrs. on date 17.12.2019, Office Address: Sr. Divisional Engineer (Coordination) Ahmedabad, DRM Officer, N. Chandra Bridge, Opp. New Swadeshi Mill, Nevada Road, Amudura, Ahmedabad-382345, Website address for participating e-tenders: www.iirps.gov.in
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GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Block No. 14/1 Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar,
Ph: 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257696
E-TENDER NOTICE: 08/2019-20
Tenders are invited online for following items (through internet) on Annual Rate Contract basis from reputed manufacturers (Only SSI Unit of Gujarat State). Interested bidders are requested to submit the tender through e-tender process. All tender documents can be downloaded free from website <http://gmscl.nprocure.com> between 20/11/2019 to 10/12/2019 upto 15.55 Hrs. Detail Tender Notice is available on website: <https://gmscl.nprocure.com> / <http://gmscl.gujarat.gov.in> and this office notice board. Relaxation to be given to Startup (Micro & Small Industries) as per Prevailing Purchase Policy of Government of Gujarat State.

Sr. No.	Name of Item
1	Surgical Rubber Gloves with ISI Mark 4148-1989 (Non Sterile) - Reserved for only SSI unit of Gujarat State
2	Disposable Surgical Rubber Gloves with ISI Mark 13422-1992 (Sterile) Reserved for only SSI Unit of Gujarat State.
Duration of Downloading Tender (Online): 20/11/2019 to 10/12/2019 upto 15.55 hrs.	
Last date for submission (online) : 10/12/2019 upto 16.00 hrs.	
Last date for Physical Submission on : 11/12/2019 upto 12.00 hrs.	
Due date of opening of Technical Bid (online) : 12/12/2019 on 12.30 hrs.	
INF/1567/19-20 MANAGING DIRECTOR	

राष्ट्रीय रोजगार सेवा छतीसगढ़
जिला रोजगार एवं स्वरोजगार मार्गदर्शन केन्द्र, जांजीर-चांपा (छ.ग.)
क्रमांक/जिरोएवंस्वरोमाकेगांवा/आकांक्षा/2019/113 जांजीर दिनांक 18/11/2019
रुचि की अभिव्यक्ति
जिला प्रशासन जांजीर चांपा द्वारा डभरा, सक्ती, अकलतरा (विकासखण्ड मुख्यालय) एवं शिवरीनारायण के विद्यार्थियों के लिए राज्य सेवा परीक्षा, व्यापम, रेलवे, बैंकिंग, एवं अन्य प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं की तैयारी करने वाली संस्थाओं से आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।
नियम, शर्तें एवं प्रश्न कार्यालय जिला रोजगार एवं स्वरोजगार मार्गदर्शन केन्द्र, जांजीर चांपा (छ.ग.) में आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर र. 750/- नाद भुगतान कर कार्यालय दिवस में प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
1. निविदा हेतु आवेदन प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि-22.11.2019 (शाम 5.00 बजे तक)
2. निविदा प्रश्न विक्रय की अंतिम तिथि- 25.11.2019 (शाम 5.00 बजे तक)
3. निविदा प्रश्न जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि- 29.11.2019 (शाम 3.00 बजे तक)
4. प्राप्त निविदायें खोलने की तिथि - 30.11.2019 (शाम 4.00 बजे)
5. निविदा प्रश्न विक्रय का स्थान - कार्यालय जिला रोजगार एवं स्वरोजगार मार्गदर्शन केन्द्र, जांजीर चांपा (छ.ग.)
स्वा/-
जिला रोजगार अधिकारी एवं नोडल अधिकारी "आकांक्षा" जिला जांजीर चांपा (छ.ग.)
75153

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: 55 years, Complexion: Dark, Height: 5'5", was wearing White colour Shirt & Blue colour Pant, was found dead on Footpath near Soorghat, Timarpur, Delhi.
In this regard a DD No. 10-A, dated 09.10.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.
SHO
P.S. Timarpur, Delhi
DP/638/N/19 Ph.: 011-23812734, 23814421

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IISER Pune invites bids through e-Procurement system of Central Public Procurement (CPP) portal for the following:
Setting up of Transmission Electron Microscopy facility at IISER Pune.
Tender document will be published on <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and <http://www.iiserpune.ac.in/links/tender-notices-and-soi>
Advt. No: IISER/S&P/06/2019 Dated 20/11/2019 Director

ANDHRA PRADESH TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LTD
(Govt. of AP undertaking)
Tender Call Notice for Smart Phones, Fingerprint Scanners and Ins devices on outright purchase model for all Village/ Ward Volunteers and Village/ Ward Secretaries in Andhra Pradesh (2" Call).
Time schedule of various tender related events:

	21-11-2019
Bidding date	
Bid closing date/time	28-11-2019, 03.00 PM
Bid Document Fee	Rs. 50,000/-
APTS Contact person	K. Shyam Sunder, Manager, Mobile: 9963029402, Email: kshamsundera@gmail.com
APTS Reference No.	ITC51-14021129/2019-PROC-APTS

For further details regarding detailed Tender Notification, specifications and digital certificate please visit <https://www.aptsgov.in> and www.approcurement.gov.in.
Sd/- Managing Director, A.P. Technology Services Ltd.

Metro Railway, Kolkata
Kolkata's Pride
Standardisation of Guard Rail
Tender notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway, Metro Rail Bhavan, 33/1, J.L. Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071 for the following work:
Name of work : Standardisation of Guard Rail in Dum Dum-Tollygunge section in the sub-section under JEDP Way/KHBN (i.e. from Km 7/14 to Km 12/2 of Metro Railway, Kolkata. **Tender Value :** Rs. 1,63,50,088/- **Cost of tender document :** Rs. 5,000/- **Earnest Money :** Rs. 2,31,800/- **Completion Period:** 9 months from the date of issue of LOA. **Date of closing:** 23.12.2019 at 12.00 hrs. The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website www.iirps.gov.in The bidding for the tender is to be submitted only through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.
Abridged e-Tender Notice No. Civil-23/11-2019 (Open)
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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
Sr.DEN/MSB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 179-DRM-MB-19-20 closing date 17/12/2019 16.00 hrs. **Name of work - Provision of Divysing friendly toilets (D & E category stations) & toilets at goods sheds under jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/MSB/Maradabad.** Tender closing date/time - 17.12.2019 16.00, Cost of work Rs. 88,95,127.16, Earnest Money Rs. 1,37,900.00, Tender Cost Rs. 5000.00, Bidding start date 03.12.2019 and Period of Completion 06 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into www.iirps.gov.in. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.
Tender No. 179-DRM-MB-19-20 Dated - 18.11.2019 3718/2019
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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:** Provision of "Divysing friendly Toilets" along with septic tank and soakpit at 8 Nos (NSG-5 & NSG-6) railway stations in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-III/NDLS. **2. Approx cost of work:** Rs. 14,70,151.42 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventy Thousand One Hundred Fifty one and Paise Forty Two only) **3. Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 28,400/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Only) **4. Cost of tender document :** Rs. 3000/- **5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender:** 13.12.2019 @ 15.00 Hrs. **6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:** www.iirps.gov.in • The tenders must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.iirps.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/NIT/38/2019-20/W/3 Dated: 20.11.2019.** 3706/19
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI
PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI - 110001.
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993). In the Matter of OA. 318/2019 DRT-III
CORPORATION BANK Vs SH. SAHIL DHAWAN & ORS.
Applicant Vs Defendants
To, D-3 M/S UNNATI FORTUNE HONDINGS LTD. (UNNATI FORTUNE), Through Its Director Regd. Office: At- B-117, Sector-67, Noida, UP-201301.
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 16.12.2019 At 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 28th day of October 2019.
By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

तेजस्विनी परियोजना
किशोरियों एवं युवतियों का सामाजिक-आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण
email id: procurement.jwds@gmail.com / jwds.jhar@gmail.com
Government of Jharkhand
Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security
JHARKHAND WOMEN DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
1st Floor, Engineer's Hostel-II, Sector-III, Bharuwa, Ranchi - 834004
No. 835 Date 20th November, 2019
2nd Extension Notice for submission of EoI Proposal
Reference: PR No. 218651 & 221561
Hiring of Vocational Skills Training Service Provider (VTSP) for delivery of job-oriented Vocational Skills Training (VST) services to Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Jharkhand under Tejaswini Project in 16 different sectors.
1. It is in reference to the Requests for Expression of Interest (REoIs), dated 01st October, 2019, vide P.R Reference No. 218651, published on 04th October, 2019 and further extension notice dated 05th November, 2019 vide P.R Reference No. 221561, published on 06th November, 2019 on various newspapers by Jharkhand Women Development Society under Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security, Government of Jharkhand for Hiring of Vocational Skills Training Service Provider (VTSP) for delivery of job-oriented Vocational Skills Training (VST) services to Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Jharkhand under Tejaswini Project in 16 different sectors.
2. The timeline to submit the proposal in reference to the said REoIs is being extended. The proposal, complete in all respect, must now be submitted at the address specified in the REoIs, dated 01st October 2019, by 1600 hrs. (IST) on 05th December, 2019.
3. Any proposal received by JWDS after the designated time and date shall not be considered at all. Sd/-
Senior Administrative Officer, Tejaswini Project
PR 222058 Social Welfare, Women and Child Development, 19/20/D

Rly panel chief objects to 'obscene' Khushwant Singh book at stall

Bhopal: The chairman of a Railway committee on Wednesday directed a

book vendor at the city's railway station to stop selling Khushwant Singh's novel *Women, Sex, Love and Lust*, asking officials to ensure "such obscene things" are not sold at book stalls at Bhopal station. Ramesh Chandra Ratn is chairman of Railways' Passenger Services Committee. PTI

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड
उपग्रो जल निगम, 4/4, संजय प्लेस, आगरा
पत्रांक : 2860/निविदा/142 दिनांक: 18.11.2019
अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना
उपग्रो जल निगम की ओर से जनपद आगरा के विकास खण्ड फतेहपुर (सीकर) में हेन्डलूम के निर्माण कार्य हेतु निविदायें की बिदाई दिनांक 21.11.2019 तक कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड, उपग्रो जल निगम, 4/4 संजय प्लेस, आगरा में की जायेगी। पर्यन्त निर्माण कार्य हेतु "डी" श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से सीलबन्ध निविदायें दिनांक 22.11.2019 को आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदायें प्रश्न का मूल्य रु० 1000/- + 12 प्रतिशत जी.एस.टी. हैं। निविदा के साथ धरोहर धनराशि रु० कमरा: 10000/- हजार जो अधिशासी अभियन्ता के नाम से बन्धक होगी। निविदा कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड, उपग्रो जल निगम, आगरा में दिनांक 23.11.2019 के अपराह्न 12.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदा के कार्यों का विस्तृत विवरण जल निगम के वेबसाइट www.upjn.org से या सम्बन्धित कार्यालय से प्राप्त करें।

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE (Through Manual Tender)
Tender Notice No. 2019-29- Rubbish Date 18.11.2019

On the behalf of President of India Manual Tenders are invited by the CWM, Carriage Workshop, NWR, Jodhpur. 1. Name of Work with its Location : Sale and Removal of RUBBISH From Carriage Workshop, North Western Railway, Jodhpur (As per Scope of Work). 2. Approximate Cost of work : Rs. 4270000.00 (Rs. Forty Two Lakh Seventy Thousand and only). Cost of tender form : Rs. 3000 (Rs. Three Thousand Only) 3. Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 55400.00/- (Rs. Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred Only) 4. Address of the office from where the tender can be purchased : Office of the CWM, Carriage Workshop, N.W. Rly., Jodhpur-342001 (Rajasthan) 5. Date and time for Submission of tender and opening of tender : Submission of tender : On dated 15.12.2019 Up to 15.00 Hrs. and 15.12.2019 at 15.15 Hrs. 6. Completion period of the work : 12 Months 7. Web site particular and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen etc. : www.nwr.indianrailways.gov.in & Office of CWM, Carriage Workshop, NWR, Jodhpur 8. Address of the NIT issuing Office : Office of the CWM, Carriage Workshop, NWR, Jodhpur-342001 (Rajasthan) Note : 1. Manual offers are invited against this tender. 2. Cost of tender document & EMD will be accepted only in form of Demand Draft/ Banker Cheque in favour of F.A. & C.A.O./NWR/Jodhpur executed by State Bank of India or any of the Nationalized Banks or by a Scheduled Bank.
Contact help line no. 138 for general complaints 1212-AL/19

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
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Details of the Tender Notices of S.C.Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in
e-procurement Tender Notice No. 162 (Through e-procurement)
The following tenders have been floated through e-procurement. Suppliers are requested to visit Indian Railway Website www.iirps.gov.in in which the tenders pertaining to Track Machines of this Railway are published and tender documents are available. Tenderers are requested to submit their offers online through IREPS website only.
SI.No:1 Tender No. & Description: TMC2019009 Hydraulic Squeezing / Closing cylinders for the use of Track machines. **Quantity:** As per tender schedule. **Date of Tender Opening:** 18.12.2019
SI.No:2 Tender No. & Description: TMC2019010 Tamping arm small/big pin assembly, Tool Tilting Cylinder Pin Assemblies, etc., for the use of Track Machines. **Quantity:** As per the tender schedule. **Date of Tender Opening:** 18.12.2019
SI.No:3 Tender No. & Description: TMC2019013 Spacer Rings, PB Spacers, Set of Spacer Rings, Cover, etc., for the use of Track Machines. **Quantity:** As per the tender schedule. **Date of Tender Opening:** 18.12.2019
SI.No:4 Tender No. & Description: TMC2019016 Fly Wheels & Fly wheel Guards of motor side & Non-motor side, Oil Reservoir for the use of Track Machines. **Quantity:** As per tender schedule. **Date of Tender Opening:** 20.12.2019
SI.No:5 Tender No. & Description: TMC2019022 Vibration Shaft Bearings for the use of Track Machines. **Quantity:** As per tender schedule. **Date of Tender Opening:** 20.12.2019
SI.No:6 Tender No. & Description: TMC2019024 Procurement of Hydraulic Motors, Hydraulic Relief / Check Valves and Hydraulic Double / Triple Pumps, etc., for the use of Track Machines. **Quantity:** As per tender schedule. **Date of Tender Opening:** 20.12.2019
Dy. Chief Engineer/TM/HQ/Secunderabad
A1894
For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit website at www.iirps.gov.in <http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in>

SC: Victim's lawyer can't question witnesses directly

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LAWYER ENGAGED by the victim in a criminal trial may route questions he or she may have for witnesses through the public prosecutor or the judge, but cannot ask such questions to the witnesses directly, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday.

A bench of Justices M M Shantanagoudar and Deepak Gupta said this would ensure primacy of the public prosecutor in a trial and also avoid inconsistencies in the case advanced by the public prosecutor and the victim's counsel.

"If the victim's counsel feels a certain aspect has gone unaddressed in the examination of witnesses or arguments advanced by the public prosecutor, he may route any questions or points through the public prosecutor himself," the bench said.

It said, "even if there is a situation where the public prosecutor fails to highlight some issue of importance despite it having been suggested by the victim's counsel, the victim's counsel may still not be given the unbridled mantle of making oral arguments or examining witnesses", as he or she "still has a recourse by channelling...questions or arguments through the judge...".

The bench upheld an order of Calcutta High Court, which had agreed with a trial court's decision to dismiss an application filed by the wife of a man who was allegedly murdered. The woman had sought permission for her counsel to cross-question witnesses after the public prosecutor had examined them.

Allowing a victim's counsel to make oral arguments and cross-examine witnesses "goes beyond mere assistive role", the bench ruled. It said "permitting such a free hand would go against the scheme envisaged under CrPC", which accords primacy to the public prosecutor in conducting a trial.

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD - CHENNAI CIRCLE
493, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-35, Phone No.344-345220/70
TENDER NOTICE No. CCH/20/2019-20 Dated: 20.11.2019
Sealed tenders with Pre-Qualification system duly superscripted on the covers with name of work, reference No., due date and name of tenderer are invited for the following works so as to reach the office of the Superintending Engineer (Chennai Circle), Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Chennai-600 035 up to 3.00 P.M. (as per office clock) on the due date mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the undersigned at this office at 3.30 P.M. on the same day in the presence of the tenderer or their agent who choose to be present.

Sr. No.	Description of work	Approx. value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs.)
1	Construction of Commercial / Office Complex (Stilt+4 floors) in T.S.No.3 Part of Unur Village, Shastrri Nagar, Velachery Taluk in Chennai District.	993.10	5,07,000/-

Last date & time for receipt & Opening of tender on 20.12.2019 up to 3.00 PM & 3.30 PM respectively. Period for sale 13.12.2019 to 19.12.2019. Cost of tender document is Rs.15,750/-
www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost. The tender notice & other Conditions details can be had from Superintending Engineer/ Chennai Circle, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-35.
DPR/443/TENDER/2019 Superintending Engineer (I/c), Chennai Circle.

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD INVITATION OF BIDS - TWO COVER - ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM

IFS No.	Item	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore including GST)	Bid security (Rs. in lakh)
1	Providing UGSS to Velachery/Kanathapuram Town Panchayat in Thiruvallur District including maintenance for a period of 12 months (Period of completion-12 months)	27.00	20.25

DIR/443/TENDER/2019 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS Chief Engineer (I/c), TWAD Board, Madurai

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES TENDER NOTICE FOR PROCESSING OF UNIFORM CLOTH
Sealed tenders in the prescribed format are invited only from the interested eligible parties for Processing of Uniform Cloth under Free Supply of Uniform Scheme for the Academic Year 2020-2021.
TENDER FOR PROCESSING OF UNIFORM CLOTH

S.No.	Cloth Variety	Shade	Required Quantity to be processed in each shade
1	Polycot Drill	Green	29.58
		Sandal	54.92
		Total	84.50
2	Polycot Casement	Green	17.78
		Sandal	58.77
		Total	77.55
3	Polycot Checked Shirting	Checked Shirting	201.83
		Total	201.83
		Grand Total	363.88

EMD Rs. 10,00,000/-
The tender schedule can also be downloaded at free of cost from Government tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and used for bidding (or) Rs.5700/- (inclusive of 12% GST) by D.D./RTGS to get the Tender Schedule by post.
Sale Period 21.11.2019 to 23.12.2019 upto 10.30 am
Last date and time for receipt of tender 23.12.2019 upto 11.00 am.
Date and time of opening of tender 23.12.2019 at 12.00 Noon.
Supply Period 270 days
Pre-bid meeting 02.12.2019 at 11.30 a.m
Eligibility of the Tenderer and other conditions are stipulated in the Tender Schedule
Demand Draft or RTGS remittance chalan from SBI Yarn Committee for FDS 2014 Payable SBI branch, North Urban Road, T.Nagar, Chennai-17 to Chennai A/c. No. 33105533046
The tender schedule can also be downloaded at free of cost from Government tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and used for bidding. Interested tenderers are requested to submit the tender schedule duly filled in separate covers and it should be sent in a sealed envelope superscripting "Tender for Processing of Uniform Cloth" should be addressed to Joint Director (Uniforms)/Tender Inviting Authority", O/o the Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Kumbakonam, II Floor, Chennai - 600 108.
Contact: Joint Director (Uniforms) Telephone : 044 - 25341539 Mobile : 9443742935 email ID: tenderwring2015@gmail.com
DIR/4474/TENDER/2019 Joint Director (Uniforms)/Tender Inviting Authority

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES TENDER NOTICE FOR PURCHASE OF POLYESTER STAPLE FIBRE
Sealed tenders under two cover system in the prescribed format are invited from manufacturers or dealers for the Purchase of 1 Denier x 32 mm Polyester Staple fibre for Cooperative Spinning Mills Under Free Supply of Uniforms to the School Children

Required Quantity in MT	Earnest money deposit in (Rs.)	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of tender	Date and time of opening of Tender
1850 M.T.	Rs 3,00,000/-	21.11.2019 to 28.11.2019 upto 10.30 a.m	28.11.2019 upto 11.00 a.m	28.11.2019 at 12.00 Noon

Eligibility of the Tenderer and Other conditions are stipulated in the Tender Schedule which can be downloaded at free of cost from Government tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in or by post on request with a Demand Draft Rs.5700/- in favour of "Tender Committee for Modernisation of Cooperative Spinning Mills" payable at Chennai City (inclusive of 12% GST). Other details may be obtained in the tender schedule.
Contact : Joint Director (Textiles) Telephone : 044-25341

Classifieds

PERSONAL

It is general information that I Shalini Gautami D/o Rajesh Kumar R/o 75-B/6, Gali No.-11, Prem Nagar, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Priya Gaurav Garg for all future purposes. 0040521175-5

I, No 9098254-Y Rank HAV Sanjeev Kumar S/O- Bishan Dass R/O- Tandaryai, Tehsil-Hira Nagar, District-Kathua.In my service records name of my daughter has been wrongly mentioned as Mahak Sharma instead of Mehak Sharma. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020396796-1

I, Jarnail Ranjit Singh S/o Ranjit Singh R/O-D-70, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-92 have changed my name to Jarnail Singh for all future purposes. 0040520980-1

I, Champa Khanna, W/o-Vinod Khanna had, lost my Share-Certificate of, B-28, Sochna-C.G.H.S Ltd., vasundhara-Enclave, Delhi-96, EP-180, Dr.-04. 11.2012. If find kindly, Contact-9818788771 0040521181-2

I, Parashin Mangal, S/o Subhash Vishwanath Mangal, R/o C-195, Sec-44, Noida-201301, U.P., have changed my name from Ashutosh to Ashutosh Mangal for all future purposes. 0040521157-1

I, hitherto known as Rakesh Kumar Pathak alias Rakesh Kumar S/o Ram Nayan Pathak R/O-25/5, Basantar-Lines, Sadar-Bazar, Delhi-Cantt, Delhi-110010, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rakesh Kumar Pathak. 0040521184-4

I, Vikas Narang S/o Ashan Narang R/o B-6/16, Mianwali Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Vikram Narang. 0040521190-1

I, Varinder Kumar S/o Madan Lal R/o-S-47, Gali No.2, Block-S, Vishwas-Park, Uttam-Nagar, Dwarka, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Varinder. 0040521184-7

I, Ushama R/o C-II/35, Raju Park, Khanpur, N Delhi-62 inform that my father's name is wrongly mentioned in my passport and mark sheet as Mustkim Khan. Mohammad Mustaqeem Khan and Mustkim Khan are one & same person. 0040521133-3

I, Tiwari Kalpesh Jaiprakash R/o La Residencia, T12-1602, Greater Noida, U.P 201306 have changed my name to Kalpesh Tiwari. 0070684455-1

I, Surender Chawla S/O Ram Chand Chawla H.No.44 Road No.52 West PunjabBagh N.Delhi-110026 Changed My Name To Surinder Kumar Chawla. 0040521175-4

I, Shera S/o Kishen Bhadur R/o B-431 Qutub Vihar Phase-II Goela Khurd Delhi-110071 changed my name to Shera Rana. 0040521211-3

I, Shivam Roda S/O Sushil Roda born on 04/10/1997 residing at C-108, Sushant Lok-1, have changed my name to Shivam R Roda vide affidavit dated 30/09/2019 at Gurugram 0050158816-1

I, Seema Kumari W/o-Hawaladar Servesh Kumar R/O,Village-Banamau, Post-Simriya, Tehsil-Sawalpur Distt-Hardoi U.P.-241402, have changed my name to Seema Devi, for all future purposes. 0040521211-1

I, Roopal Gupta D/o Raj Kumar Gupta R/O 23/9 Shakti Nagar Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Rupali Gupta 0040521125-1

I, Ranjit Singh S/o Late Sh. Amar Singh R/O-A-71, Shyam Kunj, Gali No.6, Goyla Khurd, New Delhi-110071 have changed my name from Ranjeet Singh Negi To Ranjit Singh Forever. 0040521163-3

I, Rani W/O Pradeep Kumar H.No-A-2/29, Sector-4, Rohini Avantika North Delhi-110085, Have Changed My Name To Rani Kaushik. 0040521211-2

I, Raj Bhatia W/O-Late Sh.Sunder Lal Bhatia, R/O-CA-16-D, DDA-Flats, Munirka, New-Delhi-110067, have changed my name to Raj Kumari Bhatia. 0040521211-5

I, Puspavati w/o Rakesh Kumar Pathak R/O-25/5, Basantar-Lines, Sadar, Bazar, Delhi-Cantt, Delhi-110010, have changed my name to Pushpavati Pathak Permanently. 0040521184-5

I, Prmod Kumar S/o Dev Dutt Bakshi R/O-H.No.D-128, Road-06, Street-10A, Shyam-Vihar-I, Najafgarh, N.Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Prmod Kumar Bakshi. 0040521175-2

I, Pradeep Kumar Aggarwal S/o-Jagdish Prasad R/O-D-202, Block-D, Phase-1, Vivek-Vihar, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Pradeep Aggarwal permanently. 0040521184-8

I, Poonam w/o Ashan Narang R/O-B-6/16, Mianwali Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Poonam Narang. 0040521190-2

I, Bitto Rastogi S/o Nand Kishor Rastogi R/o-X/561 Jai Mata Gali, Raghubarpara No.1, Gandhi Nagar Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Bittoo Rastogi for all purposes. 0040521173-3

I, Bhupinder Singh Mehta S/O Ranjit Singh R/O-E-65b, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi, 110015, Have Changed My Name From Bhupinder Singh To Bhupinder Singh Mehta In Future For All Purposes. 0040521211-9

I, Bhupendra S/o Narender Makhlia R/O- 35/1166, DDA-Flats, Madangir, Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062, changed My Name To Bhupender. 0040521190-5

I, Bhavna Parashar D/O Navneet Sharma R/o-B-1/130 G1,DLF Dilshad Ext-II,Shahibabad, Ghaziabad-121005, have changed my name to Bhavna. 0040521183-1

I, Bharti Roy W/O Surojit Roy, Plot No 42 SF5, Shakti khand 2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, 201014 have changed my name to Seema Roy. 0070684451-1

I, Nikunj Kumar Parsotam Kacha S/o-Kacha Parsotam Thakarsir R/O:175 TFJ-Block, Vikaspur, New Delhi-18. Have Changed My Name to Nikunj Parashottambhai Kacha. 0040521184-1

I, Muqsin Saeed Ahmed Mohammed Ali, S/o Sayeed Ahmed, R/O-19A, First Floor, Shaheen Bagh, Abul Fazel Enclave Part-II, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Muqsin Sayeed Mohd Ali. Also inform that my father name wrongly written in my Passport No.E80344225 as Sayeed Ahmed Mohammed, but his correct name is Sayeed Ahmed. 0040521111-1

I, Mohammad Aakil Khan R/o C-II/35, Raju Park, Khanpur, N Delhi-62 inform that my name is wrongly mentioned in my passport and mark sheet as Aakil Khan. Mohammad Aakil Khan and Aakil Khan are one & same person. 0040521133-1

I, Mohammad Aakil Khan R/o C-II/35, Raju Park, Khanpur, N Delhi-62 inform that my father's name is wrongly mentioned in my passport and mark sheet as Mustkim Khan. Mohammad Mustaqeem Khan and Mustkim Khan are one & same person. 0040521133-2

I, Manju Yadav D/o Krishan W/o Pradeep Yadav R/O-WZ-632, Madipur-Village, N.Delhi-110063 inform that Manju D/o Krishan and Manju Yadav D/o Kishan Yadav are mentioned as my name in different Certificate which are the names of one and same person. 0040521175-9

I, Mala Alley Subba W/O Sh.K.K.Subba R/O-3046, Sector-B4, VasantKunj, New Delhi-110070,,have Changed My Name From Mala Alley Subba To Mala Subba, For All Future Purposes. 0040521190-6

I, Lata W/o Sarbesh Kumar R/O-G-223A, Sector-22, Noida, Gautam BudhNagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Pinki. 0040521211-4

I, Jitender Goel S/o Sh.Ram Aytar Goel R/O-E-4, 2nd-Floor Sushila-Road, Adarsh-Nagar Delhi-110033, has been changed my name Now Jitender Kumar Goel, for all purposes. 0040521211-7

I, Jasmeet Kaur W/o Sukhbir Singh R/O-A-87, J1.colony chauhkidani, Tilak-Nagar, New-Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Kulvinder Kaur, for all purposes. 0040521184-6

I, Jagjeet Kaur Bhambra W/o Gurdev Singh R/o:-51, Rameshwar-Nagar, Azadpur, Delhi-33.Have Changed My Name to Jagjeet Kaur for all Purposes. 0040521175-1

I, Hitherto known as Ramjit Son of Shri Jog Raj Residing at VPO Kitna, Tehsil Garshankar, Hoshiarpur Punjab-144531, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ramjit Singh. 0040521173-1

I, Farheen R/o C-II/35, Raju Park, Khanpur, N Delhi-62 inform that my father's name is wrongly mentioned in my passport and mark sheet as Mustkim Khan. Mohammad Mustaqeem Khan and Mustkim Khan are one & same person. 0040521133-4

I, Brij Kishor Singh S/O Shri Bai Nath Singh, R/O 377, Sector-6, R.K. Puram, Delhi-110022 inform that all the names Brij Kishore Singh, Brij Kishor and Brij Kishor Singh are of same person and I will be known as Brij Kishore singh for all purposes. 0040521190-7

I, Poonam Aggarwal D/O Rewa Chand R/O-E-187 1st-Floor Amar Colony Lajpat Nagar-4 New Delhi-110024 Have Changed My Name To Poonam. 0040521113-3

I, Ruhu Bhatia W/o Kishan Bhatia R/O-172C, BC-Block ShalimarBagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name from Harsha Bhatia to Ruhu Bhatia for future purposes. 0040521175-8

I, Priti Gupta W/o Sh.Rajiv Kumar D/O Sh. P. Govil R/O-A-77, Kala Kunj, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi have changed my name to Preti Gupta for all purposes. 0040521113-3

I, Deepak Kumar S/o Sh. Munshi Singh R/o 92, Patwar Ghar Near Chohal Ghar, East Barbapur, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my name from Deepak To Deepak Tomar Forever. 0040521163-2

I, Bhupinder Singh, S/o Pyara Singh, R/o 11/118, Dakshinpuri, New Delhi-110062, inform that my date of birth wrongly written in my Aadhar Card, Voter ID, Passport as 07/06/1966, Pan Card as 01/01/1966, But my correct date of birth is 07/06/1958. 0040521123-1

I Daminii, R/o 1411, Tower 1, 14th floor Galaxy North Avenue-2, Gaur City 2, Chipynana, Khurd Urf Tigri, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201009 have changed my name to Daminii Mittal as per document. 0070684416-1

I, Godambari Devi W/o Sh. Rajee Singh Chauhan R/O M-17, Sector-12, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 have changed my name from Gangotri Devi to Godambari Devi Forever. 0040521163-1

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying, passing Certificate of Senior Second and any Examination of year 2001 and Roll No:6221687 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. My name is Varun Monga, Address:- B1/604, Varun Apt sec-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085, Ph:-9999996463. 0040521181-4

I, GOGEE DEVI S/OUSE OF SHYOM SINGH JAKHAR resident of VPO Narwa Teh, and Distt. Jodhpur (Raj) 342306, have changed my name from GOGEE DEVI to GOGI DEVI vide affidavit dated 06/10/2019. 0040521122-1

मैं, हरी निवासी साई बाबा नगर, मंजीपुरा रोड, नोदिया, खेडा, गुजरात-387001 ने अपना नाम बदलकर नटगोसाई हरीसाई बाबूबाई रख लिया है। भविष्य में मुझे नटगोसाई हरीसाई बाबूबाई के नाम से ही जाना जाए। 0040521167-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Pardeep komar have lost my original passing certificate and migration certificate of 10th year 2009 Roll no 6341279 C. B.S.E. Board. If found please contact 9990216324. 0040521167-1

I, Anju Jetwani W/o J.K.Jetwani, Have Lost Original Possession Letter Of Property No.Plot.No-69, Block A-4, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-85, Finder Contact-931267045. 0040521190-10

I, Arushi D/o Viney Krishan Uppal R/o-2/20, First-Floor, Malviya-Nagar, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Arushi Uppal. 0040521184-10

I, Anup Kumar S/o Khem Raj Sharma R/o-Flat No. 107-A, Management-Apartments, Plot.No.17, Sector-5, Dwarka, Delhi-110075,changed my name to Anup Sharma. 0040521184-9

I, Anshuman Dhawan S/o-Harish Dhawan R/o-H.No.155, Upper-Ground-Floor, Kapil-Vihar, Pitampura Delhi-110034, have Changed my minor Son name from Deevyam Dhawan to Divyam Dhawan,,for all purposes. 0040521211-8

I, Amrik Singh Nijjar S/O Swarn Singh R/O F-7/20, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi Changed Name to Amrik Singh. 0040521184-3

I, Abhishek Gupta S/o Raj Kumar Gupta R/o 752/22, Gali No.-1, Gandhi Nagar, Gurugram, Haryana-12001, have changed my name to ABHISHEK. 0040521129-1

I, ABNEET D/O IQBAL MOHUMAD R/O Village: Alamgir, Ludhiana, Punjab-141116, have changed my name to AVNEET KAUR. 0040521127-1

I, Pardeep komar have lost lost my original passing certificate and migration certificate of 12th year 2011 Roll no 9636685 C.B.S.E.Board. If found please contact 9990216324. 0040521167-2

I, Hitherto known as Yasmeen W/o Zia Ul Haq R/o H.No.-1048, Street No-34, Jafraabad, Delhi-110053 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nasreen Zia. 0040521175-10

I, Hitherto known as KRISHAN KUMAR alias KRISHAN KUMAR GUPTA S/O SH. OM PRAKASH GUPTA residing at R/O J-1B, Ganga Ram Vatika, New Delhi 110018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KRISHAN KUMAR GUPTA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040521112-1

I, Varsha W/o Sh.Jitender Gureja R/o Flat No.D-1003, Heritage Max, Sector, Sector-102, Guragao Dwarka Expressway, Gurgaon, Haryana have changed my name to Monika Gureja for all purposes. 0040521113-2

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I, Joginder Kumar S/o Sh.Mool Chand R/O-T-180, Punjabi Basti, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Joginder for all purposes. 0040521113-1

I, Jitendra Singh, R/O-SRB-20B, Shipra River, Gyan Khand-3, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 Have Changed My Name To Jitendra Singh As Per Document. 0070684417-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that my clientent Smt. Jasbir Kaur W/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh R/o 3B/64, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 do hereby disown and debar her son namely 'Jung Singh' from all her movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because he is out of control of my clientent.
Anybody dealing with him shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibility, my clientent will not be held responsible for any of his act and deeds in future.
Sd/- B.B.N. DEO, ADVOCATE
SR-II-B Campus, Janakpuri, N.Delhi-58

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that share certificate(s) bearing No(s) 2002/2718, 3500 and 7380 for 2018 shares bearing distinctive No(s) 251279 to 251328, 255554 to 255603, 2955715 to 2955764 and 443890 to 443903 of Indian Card Clothing Co. Ltd standing in the name of Amrit Kaur have been lost and the Adventurer has applied to the Company for issue of duplicate share certificate(s) in lieu thereof. Any person(s) who has claim(s) on the said shares should lodge such claims with the Company, Registrars and Transfer Agents via Kany FinTech Private Ltd. Kany Selenium Tower -B, Plot number, 31 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad-500032 within 15 days from the date of this notice failing which the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates in respect of the said shares.
Date: 21/11/2019
Place: New Delhi
Name of the Shareholder: Amrit Kaur

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that share certificate(s) bearing No(s) 51427-51430 for 80 shares bearing distinctive No(s) 4210423 to 4210502 of Indian Card Clothing Co. Ltd standing in the name of Hammandar Kaur have been lost and the Adventurer has applied to the Company for issue of duplicate share certificate(s) in lieu thereof. Any person(s) who has claim(s) on the said shares should lodge such claims with the Company, Registrars and Transfer Agents via Kany FinTech Private Ltd. Kany Selenium Tower -B, Plot number, 31 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad-500032 within 15 days from the date of this notice failing which the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates in respect of the said shares.
Date: 21/11/2019
Place: New Delhi
Name of the Shareholder: Hammandar Kaur

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for information that City 2100 Share Certificate of MISC Limited held by late father Birendra Singh R/O B-1-638, Janakpuri - New Delhi-110018, Under folio No-017 have been lost and claimants Son Upendra Singh has applied for duplicate Share Certificate, any person having information regarding such shares should report to the Register Allocated Assignments Limited Corporate Office 4E/2 Jhadowan Extension New Delhi-110055, within 21 days from publication of this notice failing which no objection, if any, shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE
मेरे मुविकरुन डिट्टु बिजा का नाम जर्नलर् निवासी माला नमर A-509 बाबा बिहार बाबाई दिल्ली 110042 ने अपने पुत्री विमन को उनके गलत व्यवहार के कारण अपनी सील पत्र एवं अवल दस्तावी से संबंधित कर दिया है। जाब के बाद मेरे मुविकरुन उनके किसी भी कार्य के लिए जिम्मेदार नहीं होंगे।
नोट: मेरी, एफफाईडट कर के अड्डा का नंबर डी बिजा की बिने

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, for and on behalf of my client M/s Shubham Lifts Pvt. Ltd., having office at 201-202, Plot No. 07, Vardaan, Royal Plaza, LSC Gurgaon Town, Delhi-110009, do hereby inform the general public at large that my client is in the business of manufacturing, supply, installation, commissioning and servicing of all types of lifts under its own brand viz Shubham Lifts. My client is not a dealer, distributor, reseller of any kind of lift or parts thereof manufactured by any other brand or company. If any person(s), including online portals/e-commerce, platforms/websites (social media etc.), wrongly associates the name of Shubham Lifts with any other brand/manufacturer of lifts in any advertisement, publication or filing then the same shall be deemed to be false and misleading and that person shall be solely liable for all consequences arising therefrom. My client shall not be responsible for any such false and misleading advertisement information. Any person acting upon or dealing with anyone on the basis of the same shall be solely liable and costs will be borne by him/her.
Pradeep Kr. Aggarwal, Advocate
Chamber: 320, CK Dattay Block Supreme Court of India, New Delhi-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE
May it be known to general public(s) that my clientent Sh. Jagdeep Singh & his wife Smt. Subba Bai, residents of R/O-B-58, Ajay Park, Naraina, Delhi-110028, do hereby disown and debar her son namely 'Jung Singh' from all her movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because he is out of control of my clientent.
Anybody dealing with him shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibility, my clientent will not be held responsible for any of his act and deeds in future.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to the general public at large on behalf of my clients Shri Bharat Bhushan Kanodia S/o Late Sh. O.P. Kanodia and Smt. Meena Kanodia w/o Shri. Bharat Bhushan Kanodia both R/O H.No. 100, Upper Ground Floor, Dayanand Vihar, Delhi that my aforesaid clients have disowned and disinherited their son Shri Nikhil Kanodia and Daughter-in-law Smt. Nikita Sindhu and Grand Daughter Baby Samara Kanodia from their all movable and immovable properties. In case anybody deal with them, heshethere shall do the same at his/her own risk, cost and consequences and my above named clients shall not be responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever.
NIKHIL KUMAR WATS (Advocate)
(M) 9711659414

PUBLIC NOTICE
IT IS HEREBY INFORMED TO PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT MY CLIENT ANIL GMD DO LATE SH. RAJ KUMAR MALHOTRA R/O-A/5105, FOURTH FLOOR, SECTOR-8, ROHINI, DELHI, HAS LOST ALL ORIGINAL PROPERTY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING ALL DDA PAPERS AND TITLE DEEDS IN THE NAME OF SH. RAJ KUMAR MALHOTRA IN RESPECT OF PROPERTY NO. 36/38B, BLOCK AND POCKET- D/16, SECTOR-7, ROHINI, DELHI WHICH HAS BEEN LOST/ MISPLACED/LOST/LOST AND IS NOT RECOVERABLE AFTER HER BEST EFFORTS. MY CLIENT HAS LOOSED A FINANCE VIDE LR NO. 19107020 DATED 19.11.2019 WITH PLEASE STATION, CRIME BRANCH, DELHI. IF ANY BODY FIND THE SAID DOCUMENTS PLEASE INFORM HER AT THE ABOVE/ADDRESS OR PH. NO. 7881126389/8148073. IF ANY OTHER CLAIMANT HAS ANY RIGHT IN THE AFORESAID PROPERTY AND/OR ANYONE FIND THE SAID DOCUMENTS, HES/HER/HE SHOULD FILE AN FIR & GIVE INFORMATION TO MY CLIENT AT THE ABOVE SAID ADDRESS.

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clientent Smt. Anshu Chandra Bai Githani Lal Anshu & W/o Sandeep Chandra R/O R-103, Yam Vihar, Dilli Nagar, New Delhi-110028 has disowned and debar her husband Sandeep Chandra from her movable & immovable properties with immediate effect because he is out of control, irresponsible, unfaithful, dishonest, and dishonestly controlled by him against my client. Anybody dealing with him in any manner whatsoever will be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and consequences. My client shall not be held responsible for any acts, deeds & consequences done by him.
Sanjay Kapoor & Associates
7/89, 1st Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi

NOTICE
Required
Specialised Building Repair Consultant & Contractor for Exterior Facade of Multistoried Building namely Riviera Apartments Owners CHS Ltd. Flat No-9, Riviera Apartments, 45, Mall Road, Delhi-110054 on or before 02.12.2019 between 11 AM to 4 PM on all working days.

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TIRUPPUR SMART CITY LIMITED
TIRUPPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited in Two cover system (Through both on E- Tender and Manual) for 1.) Providing Internal Plumbing Works for Water Supply House Service Connections in Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation -41226 Nos at an estimate cost of Rs. 14.50 or 2.) Providing Internal Plumbing Works for water Supply-House Service Connections in Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation -40756 Nos at an estimate cost of Rs. 14.25 or under Smart City Mission by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited upto 3.00 P.M. on 27.12.2019 and the same will be opened by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited or his authorized person on the same day at 3.30 P.M. in the presence of the contractors or their representatives present at that time. The tender documents can be downloaded from the website <https://ntenders.gov.in> upto 2.00 P.M. on 26.12.2019. Any further details will be heard from Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation office in any of the working day if required. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 10.12.2019 at 11.30 AM. The Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason therefor.
R/o No. : E1/2453/2019
Place : Tiruppur
Date : 16.11.2019
Managing Director,
Tiruppur Smart City Limited

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TIRUPPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited in Two cover system (Through both on E- Tender and Manual) for Implementation of Smart Roads in Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation (12 packages at a total estimate cost of Rs. 88.224 Crore) under Smart City Mission by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited upto 3.00 P.M. on 27.12.2019 and the same will be opened by the Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited or his authorized person on the same day at 3.30 P.M. in the presence of the contractors or their representatives present at that time. The tender documents can be downloaded from the website <https://ntenders.gov.in> upto 2.00 P.M. on 26.12.2019. Any further details will be heard from Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation office in any of the working day if required. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 09.12.2019 at 11.30 AM. The Managing Director, Tiruppur Smart City Limited reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason therefor.
R/o No. : E1/8530 (I) /2017
Place : Tiruppur
Date : 15.11.2019
Managing Director,
Tiruppur Smart City Limited

Paschimanchal vidyut vitran Nigam Ltd.,
Victoria Park, Meerut
E-TENDER NOTICE
E- tenders are invited for supply of :-
(1) 200 Nos. 11 KV TVM Cat-B Meter against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/COM/15/19-20.
(2) 100 Nos. 33 KV TVM Cat-B Meter against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/COM/16/19-20.
Date of opening of above tenders: 20.12.2019
For detailed information please log on www.pvvnl.org & E-Tendering website www.etender.up.nic.in till the date of submission of bids. Superintending Engineer (Commercial) "Help line Number for Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut) & 9412207451"
Remark :- www.etender.up.nic.in Sd/-
Superintending Engineer (Commercial)
पत्रांक: 10286 दिनांक: 20.11.2019
For Managing Director
“SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION”

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM
CORRIGENDUM-VI NOTICE
SR. NO. : 1
LETTER/MEMO NO. & DATE: Ch-51/XEN/R-APDRP/SG-AMC/FMS/NIT-24 Dated 18.11.2019
NAME OF DEPT./BOARD/CORP/AUTH.: Chief Technology Officer.
OLD REFERENCE/NIT/TENDER NO.: 24/XEN R-APDRP/ SG-AMC/ FMS/2019
NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM: Date extended
WEBSITE OF THE DEPT./BOARD/CORP/AUTH: www.uhbvn.org.in
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 9317554907, seprojects@uhbvn.org.in
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VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED (A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Challakere Division No.06, Challakere-577522, Chitradurga District Phone No: 08195-250307 email ID:ubppe06@gmail.com
No:EE/VJNL/UBP/Division No.6/Challakere/AE-2/Tender/2019-20/555 Dated:19.11.2019
Corrigendum-4 Tender Notification
Ref:-1) Tender Notification No:462, Dated:1

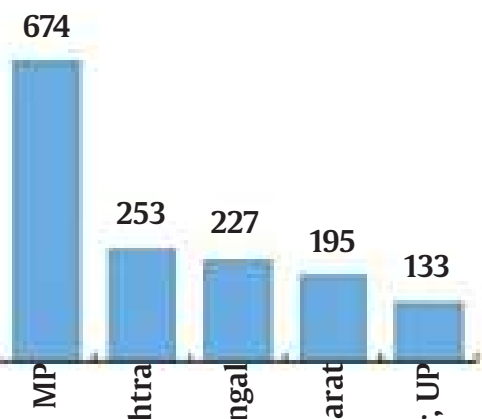
TELLING NUMBERS

Monsoon toll: 2,400 human lives, highest in Madhya Pradesh

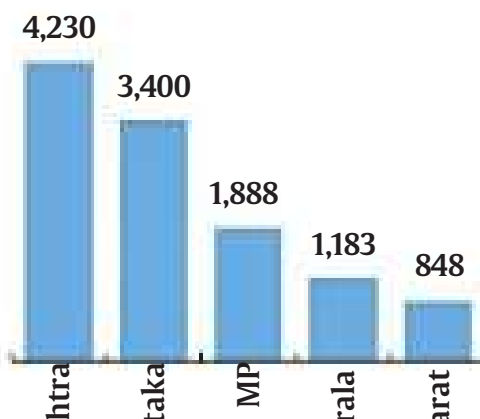
FLOODS DURING the southwest monsoon this year claimed 2,391 human lives in 24 states, besides leaving 15,729 cattle dead. While the south-west monsoon season typically runs between June and September, these deaths were recorded between June 1 and November 14, according to data released by the Ministry of Home Affairs during the Winter Session of Parliament. Replying to a question, the Ministry said 8,00,067 houses were damaged and 63.97 lakh hectares of cropped areas were affected due to floods, landslides, cloudbursts and other hydro-meteorological hazards. The highest number of human lives lost was 674 in Madhya Pradesh, followed by Maharashtra (253), West Bengal (227), Gujarat (195) and Bihar (133).

and UP (133 each). The highest number of cattle deaths was 4,230 in Maharashtra, followed by Karnataka (3,400), Madhya Pradesh (1,888), Kerala (1,183) and Gujarat (848). Assam had the highest number of houses damaged (1,31,949), followed by MP (1,18,386), Karnataka (1,15,792), Maharashtra (1,09,714) and West Bengal (83,787). The largest cropped area damaged, in lakh hectares, was in Rajasthan (27.36), followed by Karnataka (9.35), UP (8.88), Madhya Pradesh (6.04) and Maharashtra (4.17). This year, the monsoon rainfall received in September was about 152 per cent more than normal, and over 560 extreme rainfall events were recorded, as per the Indian Meteorological Department.

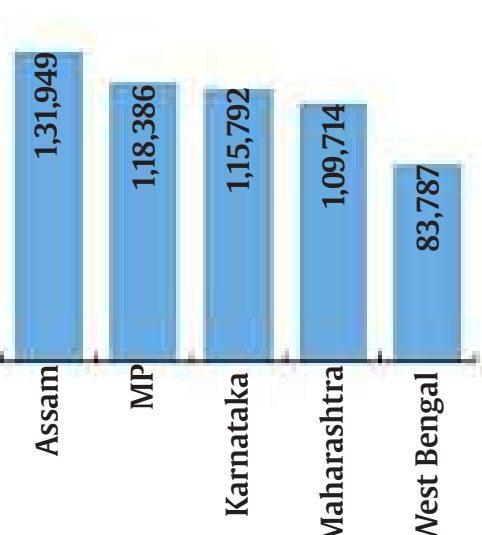
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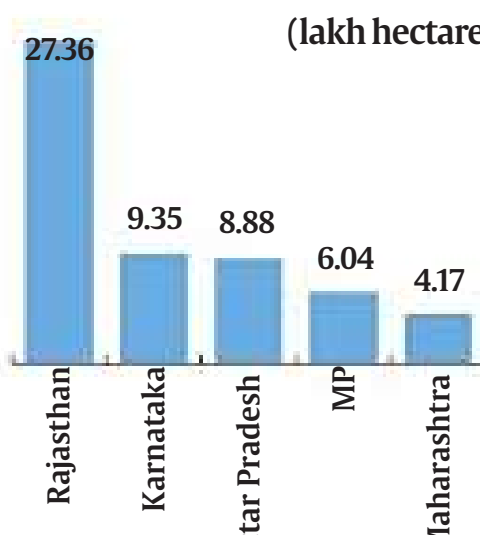
CATTLE LOST



HOUSES DAMAGED



CROPPED AREA DAMAGED



Source: Ministry of Home Affairs

THIS WORD MEANS

IDRIS ELBA

A wasp species. Why was it named after the actor?



Idris elba. Source: Pensoft Publishers

The species is described in the *Journal of Hymenoptera Research*. The research team comprised scientists from Colegio de Postgraduados (Mexico), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Florida State Collection of Arthropods.

HAMZA KHAN

JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 20

OVER THE last 10 days, thousands of migratory birds have been found dead at Sambhar Lake, about 80 km southwest of Jaipur city. Officials have buried over 18,000 carcasses so far. While there is no clarity yet on what has caused the deaths, investigations so far suggest avian botulism, a paralytic and frequently fatal disease caused by the ingestion of toxins.

What birds have been found dead?

Sambhar Lake is India's largest inland saltwater lake at 230 sq km, spread mostly across Jaipur and Nagaur districts and also a part of Ajmer. It has a catchment area of 5,700 square km, with the water depth fluctuating between 60 cm in the dry season to about 3 metres at the end of the monsoon.

Every year, the lake attracts thousands of migratory birds. A total 83 species of water birds have been recorded at the lake, the most abundant of which are little grebe, great crested grebe, great white pelican, little cormorant, black stork, and darter, apart from various species of plovers, egrets, herons, and geese.

Birds of about 25-30 species have now been found dead, including northern shoveller, Brahminy duck, pied avocet, Kentish plover and tufted duck. The trend began on November 10 when visitors found a large number of dead birds. More and more were found over the next several days. Until Wednesday, November 20, the Rajasthan government had, using various agencies, buried 18,422 bird carcasses to prevent the spread of infection. Of these, 8,825 were disposed of in Jaipur and 9,597 in Nagaur. Officials also rescued 748 birds, of which around 400 were still alive as of Wednesday.

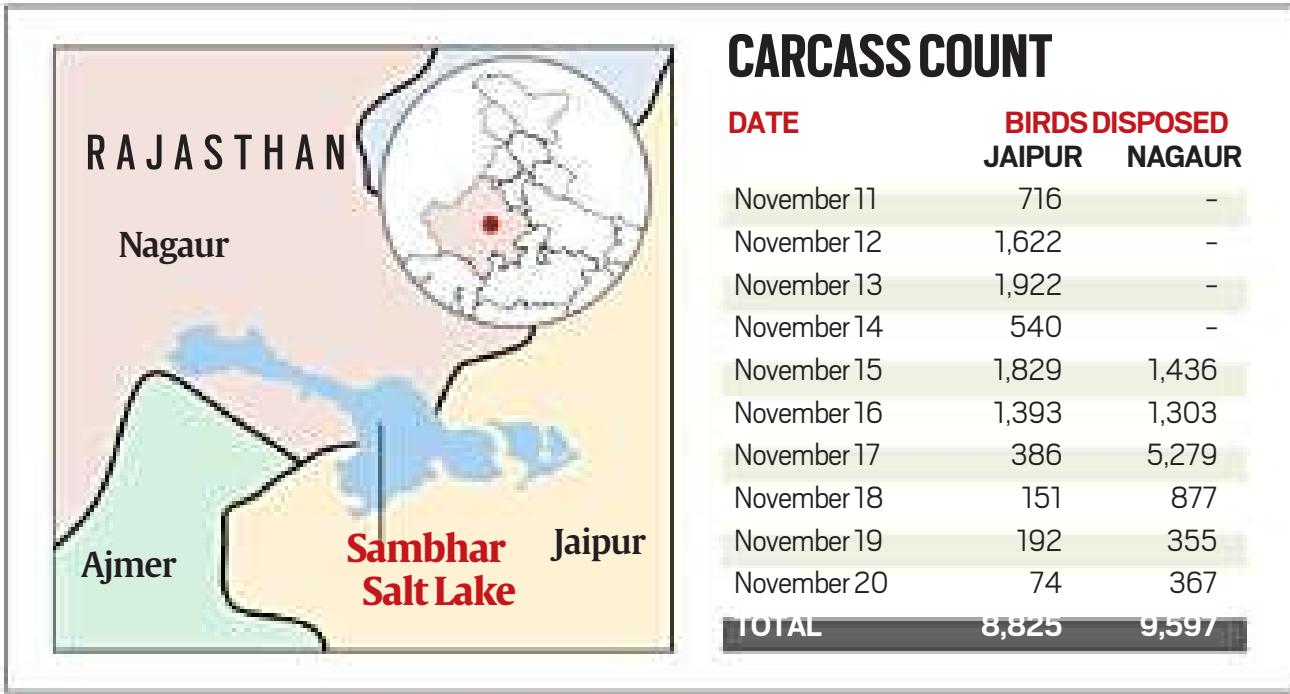
Officials said the number of dead birds being found each day is declining now. From a peak of 3,265 and 2,696 burials respectively on November 15 and 16, the count had reduced to 441 by November 20 (74 in Jaipur and 367 in Nagaur). Combing operations are, however, still on.

How much is known so far about the cause of death?

The evidence points to avian botulism, but this has not been officially confirmed. "On the basis of history, epidemiological observations, classical clinical symptoms and postmortem findings, the most probable diagnosis is avian botulism," said a report by the Apex Centre for Animal Disease Investigation, Monitoring



A worker places a dead bird into a sack at the Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan on Monday, November 11. PTI



and Surveillance at the College of Veterinary and Animal Science under the Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), Bikaner. "The clinical signs exhibited by affected birds included dullness, depression, anorexia, flaccid paralysis in legs and wings, and neck touching the ground. The birds were unable to walk, swim, or take flight. There was no rise of body temperature, no nasal discharge, no respiratory distress or any other sign."

But why is it taking so long to establish the cause of death?

The government is waiting for reports from various sources to establish the exact cause. It has so far engaged eight institutions and agencies, but has received complete reports from only two: RAJUVAS and the

National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD) in Bhopal. While RAJUVAS has suggested avian botulism, NIHSAD has ruled out bird flu.

Partial reports have been received from the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, and the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board. Reports are awaited from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly; the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) in Coimbatore, the Bombay Natural History Society, and the Sambhar Salt Limited joint venture.

Is there a concern for human health?

Humans are primarily at risk from avian botulism only if they eat infected fish or birds. While NIHSAD has ruled out bird flu, this was what was feared initially. Personnel were di-

rected to adopt appropriate prophylactic measures such as use of masks and gloves and burial of carcasses in deep pits with limestone.

How common is avian botulism?

There have been several waterfowl botulism outbreaks. Between 1995 and 1997 in Canada, an estimated 1,00,000 birds died in Alberta, 1,17,000 in Manitoba, and 1 million in Saskatchewan. In 1997, another 5,14,000 birds died due to botulism in Green Salt Lake, Utah, US. In 1952, an epizootic outbreak killed 4-5 million waterfowl across western US.

What could be other possible reasons for the bird deaths at Sambhar Lake?

After a Division Bench of the Rajasthan High Court led by Chief Justice Indrajit Mahanty took cognisance of the deaths, the Rajasthan government listed likely reasons:

- Viral infection;
- Toxicity, as a new area has been filled up after almost 20 years, and there could be higher concentration of salts along the edges;
- Bacteriological infection; and
- Higher temperature and high water levels due to a good monsoon. This might have led to an increase in competition for resources. The weaker individuals, exhausted from the long journey, perhaps were unable to compete, and may have succumbed to stress emanating from the shortage of food, susceptibility to disease/pollutants/toxins and other habitat-related factors in the wintering grounds, the government suggested. If that is the reason, the government said it is expected that with fall of temperature and lowering of water levels, incidence of such mortality will go down.

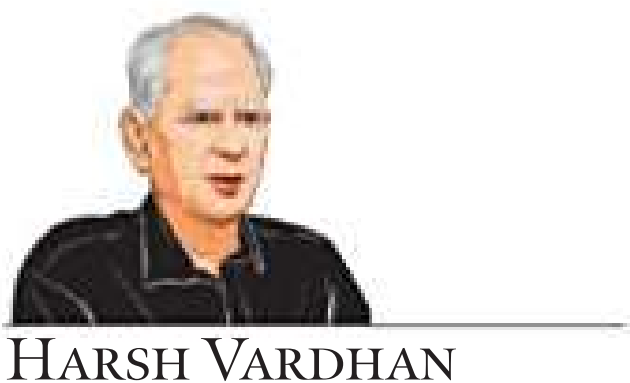
What are the reasons that make salt concentration a concern?

In a 2016 directive, the National Green Tribunal had noted the impact of the salt industry — including "unauthorised salt pans" — on the ecosystem of Sambhar Lake and asked the state government to cancel allotment of salt pans. Over the last week, the Wildlife Institute of India, the State Pollution Control Board and Sambhar Salts Ltd have collected samples to test for water quality. Part of the lake has been leased to Sambhar Salts, a joint venture of Hindustan Salts Limited and the state government. Sambhar Salts produces 196,000 tonnes of clean salt every year, which is around 9 per cent of India's salt production.

The lake was recognised as a wetland of international importance when it was designated as a UNESCO Ramsar Site in 1990. Today, as per NGO Wetlands International, it has the worst possible Wetland Health Score at E.

AN EXPERT EXPLAINS

Issues at lake: management, hydrology, salt pans



HARSH VARDHAN

Have there ever been so many bird deaths in India? What can the cause be?

No, never. The Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History in Coimbatore and Wildlife Institute of India (Dehradun) will give you the causes.

How well has the government handled the situation?

The government does not have the capability to handle such a crisis; they are overwhelmed by an unexpected calamity. But whom should we blame? The Forest Department does not even have an office

there. Personnel from the Animal Husbandry Department personnel have been sent there but they don't even have access to drinking water, let alone make a cup of tea, because the water is saline.

What can the government do?

The government should pass legislation in the Assembly to create a Sambhar Lake Development and Conservation Authority. This authority should be handed A to Z responsibility of Sambhar Lake. Currently, no one is there. No official is ready to speak and every government department passes the buck, be it Forest or Irrigation. The Revenue Department says they had the land once; Panchayat says that they had the land but gave it to Hindustan Salts Limited, and Hindustan Salts is now not ready to talk; they are not even answering calls.

We are now telling the government that you have not done anything all these years, yet we do not wish to criticise you, but do something at least now. Set up the Sambhar Development Authority along the lines of Odisha's Chilika Development Authority for

Chilika Lake, and make the Chief Minister its Chairman. CM Ashok Gehlot should speak to Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik today and ask him to send over Ajit Patnaik, former chief of Chilika Development Authority, for help in setting up the Sambhar Lake Authority.

What are the issues at Sambhar that need to be addressed immediately?

There is no document about management of Sambhar Lake. World Wildlife Fund had created a document about 22 years ago, and it is now outdated. A fresh document should study why the water from four rivers, which flows into the lake, has decreased over the years. It should study the hydrology, sedimentation, the increase or decrease in depth of the lake, as well as birds, animals, their food sources, etc.

What are the possible reasons for deteriorating ecology at Sambhar Lake?

The absolute lack of management, the lack of bandobast. You [government] have set it loose, and handed it [partially] to Hindustan Salts Limited which did not do

anything and is itself making losses.

In 2016, National Green Tribunal had acted on a complaint that alleged the presence of illegal salt pans at Sambhar Lake. Are those still active?

Dher saarey, plenty of them. And all belong to politicians, sarpanches, MLAs, MPs, ministers. More are in Nagaur. But there is no one to share this information as there is no one who is answerable. For example, Jaipur Development Authority and Jaipur Municipal Corporation are ready to talk about Jaipur, but there is no one for Sambhar. The death of birds should make the government take concrete steps.

Harsh Vardhan, an ecologist with over four decades of work, is currently the Honorary Secretary of Tourism and Wildlife Society of India. He was previously Rajasthan Director of the World Wildlife Fund and been associated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and International Crane Foundation. He spoke to Hamza Khan in Jaipur.

What is IPRS, the artists' body that has gone to police against Yash Raj Films?

MOHAMED THAYER

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

THE ECONOMIC Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police has registered an FIR against Yash Raj Films (YRF) Pvt Ltd, its chairman and managing director Aditya Chopra, his brother Uday Chopra, and others for alleged criminal breach of trust and failure to pay an estimated Rs 100 crore in royalty to several music composers and writers since 2012.

The FIR was registered on a complaint by the Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS). This is the first criminal case initiated by the IPRS after it was re-registered as a copyright society in 2017. YRF did not respond to questions regarding the case.

What is the Indian Performing Right

Society, and how does it function?

The IPRS is a representative body of artists, including music owners, composers, lyricists, and publishers of music, which collects royalties due to the artists if their work is used anywhere from a wedding to a New Year function or on radio or TV — in other words, wherever music is played. The body was set up in 1969, and re-registered as a copyright society in 2017, following which it started functioning actively.

The IPRS has its offices in Mumbai, and lyricist Javed Akhtar is its chairman.

A 2012 amendment in The Copyright Act, 1957 laid down that artists would get 50% of royalties every time their work was used, even if the copyright remained with the production house or the music brand. Which meant that every time a song was played in, say, a large party in a hotel or by a radio station, or streamed or even used as a mobile

phone ringtone, 50% of the royalty would go to the production house or music company, and the other 50% would be split between the lyricist and composer of the song.

The IPRS is responsible for collecting the 50% royalty that is due to artists involved in "literary work accompanied by music" — meaning lyricists, music composers, and publishers of music.

While even individual artists can theoretically approach the users of their work directly, it is likely to be a difficult and long drawn-out process. As members of IPRS, they have better infrastructure at their disposal to press their claim and collect the money due to them.

How does the process of licensing with the IPRS work?

The IPRS has a database of around 10 million songs, including Indian and interna-

tional numbers, for which it collects royalty.

If cases of big events, the IPRS generally approaches the organisers beforehand to inform them about the licensing required to play the songs of artists who are registered with them. Most online streaming platforms are registered with IPRS, and licensed to use the artists' songs.

After being re-registered as a copyright society in 2017 under the amended Copyright Act, the IPRS sent letters to all media platforms, asking them to ensure that artists are paid 50% of the royalty as per the Act.

In 2017-18, the IPRS collected Rs 45 crore in royalty on behalf of artists, and in the following year (2018-19), it collected Rs 166 crore. Between 2012 and 2017, annual collections were usually under Rs 40 crore, an IPRS official said.

In April this year, IPRS distributed royalties of more than Rs 20 crore to composers,

songwriters, and publishers.

What can IPRS do if songs are used without licence?

IPRS has both civil and criminal remedies available to it under The Copyright Act. It has filed civil suits in 20-25 cases earlier, but the move against YRF was the IPRS's first criminal complaint.

According to IPRS, YRF was one of the entities it had written to after 2017, seeking royalty for artists. However, despite the amendment to The Copyright Act, YRF allegedly paid only a minuscule amount to artists. After the dispute remained unresolved despite the exchange of several letters, IPRS lodged a formal complaint with the Mumbai Police some two months ago.

Since the amount involved was high, the matter was handed over to the EOW. After inquiring into the matter for around two

months, the police registered an FIR against YRF on charges of criminal breach of trust, along with sections of The Copyright Act.

What difference has IPRS made for artists seeking copyright dues?

While IPRS has some numbers to show, not all artists are satisfied that it has delivered on its promise. Some music companies and production houses have allegedly found ways to dodge the requirement of sharing royalty with artists. On some occasions, the fees paid to artists are termed as "advance royalty", meaning the royalty has already paid; on other occasions, the artist is allegedly offered a deal to sign a letter giving the royalty back to the music company. Some big production houses that don't get along with IPRS have started their own body to collect royalties for artists working on their projects, say these artists.



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BULLY ON CAMPUS

Fee hike is a symptom, as government watches JNU administration turn on its own students

ON TUESDAY, JAWAHARLAL Nehru University's (JNU) administration moved a contempt of court petition in Delhi High Court against the institution's own students. The university authorities have drawn on a court order from August 2017, which "bans protests within 100 yards of JNU's administrative block". The petition is the latest in a series of antagonistic postures that have driven a wedge deeper between the university administration and its students, and thrown JNU into turmoil for nearly a month. The students are protesting against a hike in fees, which they claim is steep. But, by all accounts, the anger and restlessness on campus is also stoked by the administration's pattern of high-handedness. In this case, the fee hike was imposed without even a modicum of consultation with the student body. Then, to students worried about their educational prospects and careers, the JNU authorities have repeatedly given the message that their agitation will be treated as a law and order problem.

The JNU Act 1966, enshrines "social justice" as one of the university's objectives. "The University shall endeavour to promote... social justice, secularism, national integration, democratic ways of life, international understanding and scientific approach to the problems of society," it says. JNU's deprivation points system, discontinued for research scholars in 2017, enabled many students from marginalised communities and backward regions to enter the university's portals. In a country beset with myriad oppressions of caste, gender, and increasingly, religion, the university's classrooms, libraries, hostels, canteens and dhabas have been among the precious spaces where the young from disadvantaged sections can debate, discuss, disagree, and cultivate friendships with their peers from the more privileged strata of society. Around 40 per cent of students admitted to the university in 2017 had a parental income of less than Rs 12,000 per month, according to the university's annual report for 2017-2018. It's this egalitarian ideal and character of the university, the students believe, that will be imperiled by the increase in fees. As a report in this paper last week showed, those likely to be hurt by the hike include those from families with an annual income of less than Rs 50,000, students from families that have lost their sole earning member, women graduates with working class backgrounds.

Universities in democratic societies are the natural home for political discussion, provocative ideas, even dissent. But since 2016, it has seemed that the ruling dispensation has targeted the university, especially JNU, because of its reputation of being a bastion for the left-leaning. Through a variety of incursions in JNU, the BJP-led government has sent out the message that it will go after institutions it accuses of a "nationalism deficit". The JNU administration and its vice-chancellor may have fallen in unresistingly with this project but the government must know that the apparent heavy-handedness with students makes it look, not strong and decisive, but like a bully.

TAMIL TEASER

Promise of Rajinikanth-Kamal Haasan tango in electoral politics is exciting. But they might need more than star power

A TEASER FROM the two mega stars of Tamil cinema, Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan, on Tuesday, of a possible political blockbuster has created a stir in the state. Though both have punctuated their statement about "joining hands" with several caveats, the idea has the potential to turn the assembly election slated for 2021 into a gripping show. A Rajini-Kamal joint entry is likely to add fizz to the campaign, which, in the absence of AIADMK supremo J Jayalalithaa and DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi, is predicted to be a boring affair.

So far, the ageing superstars have had limited traction in Tamil Nadu even though they announced their entry in electoral politics some time ago. Even as Rajinikanth said he was preparing for the next assembly election and skipped the May general election, Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) contested all the Lok Sabha constituencies in the state. MNM candidates lost their deposits in all the seats and a number of its candidates finished third behind DMK and AIADMK in urban constituencies. The two actor-politicians have so far been vague about ideology, while offering issue-centric responses, and talking in general terms about the need to do good for the state. But neither of them has rejected the political paradigm and the goals the Dravidian Movement set in the 1950s and '60s, among them social justice and Tamil pride. However, there has been speculation that the BJP may align with Rajinikanth and that the latter could be projected as the face of a non-Dravidian political coalition.

While voter fatigue threatens the prospects of the AIADMK and DMK, Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan will have to offer a clear and coherent political agenda to emerge as an alternative. To begin with, the two men will have to agree on core issues — Rajinikanth welcomed the abrogation of Article 370 whereas Haasan described it as an "assault on democracy". For all their love of films, people in Tamil Nadu make a distinction between cinema and governance. Rajinikanth and Haasan would do well to realise that while their star power may pull in the crowds, they will need to spell out their political agenda to convince even their fans to vote for them. It is useful, here, to remember a certain MGR, the popular hero-turned-successful politician, who had put in many years in the DMK as a member, campaigner and fund-raiser before branching out with his own political party.

ART, ERODED

International Film Festival of India gives prominent place to mainstream films. That may not be its mandate

THE INTERNATIONAL FILM Festival of India (IFFI) self-professedly aims to "provide a common platform to project the excellence of the art of film-making". In its 50th edition, now playing in Goa, it may need to renew its commitment to its mandate. The imperatives of the mainstream market — stars, box office collections, or even being accessible to a broad audience — are not meant to animate the IFFI. But, as iconic film-maker Adoor Gopalakrishnan told this newspaper, the IFFI is increasingly distancing itself from its stated purpose.

The Indian Panorama section at the IFFI, according to Gopalakrishnan, is important because "it showcases the best of our production every year". This year, 12 of the 26 films being showcased are commercial, mainstream works. Critics, producers and even the discerning audience at a film festival expect more than merely fare that has been successful commercially. "Sadly, with our stupid effort to preen the producers of worthless films, we are providing them with equal status and esteem as the quality filmmakers," says Gopalakrishnan.

He flags an important issue. For festivals the aim is, it must be, the discovery of the new, even the discomfiting; where cinema is art, not just a business proposition. Conversation with the alternative space in Indian cinema has only enriched the mainstream. Excellence in the former is based primarily on artistic merit. By introducing films that are judged by a different yardstick, the IFFI would be placating the audience rather than challenging it. Since 2015, when the festival removed films from the FTII seemingly due to protests by students against the appointment of Gajendra Chauhan as the film school's director, it has lost some of its credibility. It can ill-afford to let the temptations of commerce and glamour erode its image further.



KRISHNA KUMAR

THE LANGUAGE USED by teachers to explain is known as "medium of instruction" in our system. This usage has a considerable history now. It reminds us that education was once regarded as instruction. One would like to believe that things have changed now and that education now covers a wider spectrum of efforts and effects. Had this change in the public perception of education actually occurred, no one would easily share the Andhra Pradesh government's hope that children studying in government schools will now have a bright future because they are going to switch to English medium instruction from Grade I.

Some years ago, I had an unforgettable personal encounter with the medium problem in Mumbai. Two officials of the municipality were with me on a school visit. There were seven schools in that space, each with a different medium. I spent half an hour in a Grade II classroom where the medium was Hindi. After the period, I got a brief chance to speak to the teacher who was a Marathi-speaking young woman. I asked her if there were children in her class with Hindi-Marathi parents. She said: "Quite a few." I asked her: "Do you sometimes use Marathi to explain things to these children?" Her answer stunned me. "I am not allowed to speak Marathi in my classes because this is a Hindi-medium school," she said. The last question I remember asking her was: "Who stops you from speaking your mother tongue?" Instead of answering, she looked at the officials standing beside me. It is hard to say what her gaze meant. It is unlikely that someone had actually stopped her from using Marathi in her classes. More likely, she felt constrained because she had been posted at a Hindi-medium school.

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It is, of course, true that judicious use of technology can enhance the teacher's effort. So was it when radio sets were distributed across the system. But the hype didn't help. Now when smart boards are replacing black boards and chalk, we need to ask why teacher training remains poor and school life so regimented. Teachers have always been at the receiving end. Had they been consulted in Andhra, the switch-over to English-medium might not have happened in such a dramatic manner.

Educational reforms are not like economic reforms. The latter are publicly debated every evening. Plenty of voices keep asking for more and speedier reforms in the economy. Since the 1990s, there has been considerable consensus on what it means to reform the economy. There is no such consensus in education.

That is why the decision announced by the Andhra government will impress many as a radical reform while others will shake their heads in resignation and see it as a political gimmick. It is assumed that parents whose children study in government schools will not mind this sharp switch-over. In all probability, they will appreciate it. Like politicians, many parents have zeroed in on English-medium teaching as a solution to the problems their children suffer in government schools and after passing out.

Parental vision has not shrunk overnight. The medium gap has been growing for several decades now in every part of the nation. It is a measure of social distance, between schools ruled by bureaucratic norms and others who feel more free. The difference between the two types is not always clear. It is a common belief that private schools prepare the child for the brave new world of competition, while government schools don't worry about their children. In the absence of any real measurement of the school's role in shaping children's future, public and political imagina-

tion picks on the medium gap and declares it the culprit.

Without exception, all policy documents favour the mother tongue as the best medium of education, especially in the early grades. Those who favour English from the start point towards private schools and ask why government school children alone must carry the burden of implementing the policy. That is a valid point. Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Successive governments have failed to influence the private school world on the question of medium. Introducing English as a medium in government schools, thus, acquires a populist appeal.

To put up a stronger case for the mother tongue, we will have to go into the deeper debate — about learning itself. At the primary level, it means connecting things with words. To do that, the child's language provides a richer resource. The primary teacher who uses the child's language has a great advantage. Whether she makes the best use of this advantage is a different question.

Our teachers seldom feel free or encouraged to do their best; nor are they trained to exercise professional autonomy. Our teachers are used to being told what to do and they are mostly quite poorly trained. Many didn't want to be teachers in the first place, not at least at the primary level. If English is what the Andhra government wants teachers to use in the classroom, they will switch on to English — howsoever they can. Let the children fend for themselves. Private tutors will flourish.

What will happen to the children's mother tongue? The Andhra government has assured us that it will be taught as a compulsory subject. That is nice, but it is not the same thing. To stop the mother tongue from being used across the curriculum as a medium is like changing the architecture of the collective mind.

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V VASANTHI DEVI

P S KRISHNAN, who left us on November 10, was an extraordinary combination of the bureaucrat-reformer-activist. His was a life driven by single-minded devotion to the cause of the deprived and exploited.

From his student days in his native Kerala and later, as a member of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in the Andhra Pradesh cadre — and then in various positions including as secretary to the Government of India — he relentlessly worked for the empowerment of the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC).

He sought to mould governance and public administration into a proactive instrument of reaching out to the deprived communities. He fleshed out the true spirit of constitutional provisions and social legislation, and implemented them with uncompromising zeal, brushing aside severe opposition from powerful sections inside and outside government. Challenging India's inequities and inhumanities is not new. What is rare is the challenge emerging from within the system, from within the core of the "Steel Frame". And Krishnan's life and work are "the rarest of the rare" among Indian bureaucrats.

As a young officer in Andhra Pradesh, he conducted his official camps in Scheduled Caste bastis and tribal villages, infusing self-esteem in the depressed sections, but infuriating the upper caste-classes. In addition, the imperious officialdom did not know how to deal with this young brat, who was striking at the root of its power. They viewed him as a scourge, accusing him of "strident advocacy

CHALLENGER FROM WITHIN

PS Krishnan was a rare bureaucrat who sought to reform government for marginalised

of inter-caste marriages, partiality to depressed classes, trusting the words of the villagers rather than village officers and acting in a manner that helped subversive elements."

Not bothering to reply to these remarks, Krishnan went on to advocate not "inter-caste" marriages, but "anti-caste" marriages. He also said that there should be a legislation prohibiting marriages in the same caste. "I expounded the concept of 'social incest', in addition to the concept of 'biological incest'."

As early as in 1957, he launched massive drives for the distribution of agricultural land and house sites to the landless and homeless in Andhra Pradesh. His pioneering work constitutes milestones in the post-independence history of Andhra Pradesh.

His vision derives, Krishnan used to say, from a unique blend of many ideologies: Of Ambedkar, Gandhi, Marx, Periyar, Vivekananda and Narayana Guru. He used to say that he entered the civil service armed with an uncompromising commitment to fight against the entrenched caste system and untouchability, and to strive for social justice.

When he rose to senior positions, as secretary to Gol, for instance, he conceived and implemented path-breaking initiatives. He was the crucial force behind constitutional and legislative enactments like the Constitution (65th) Amendment Act, 1990, vesting constitutional status in the National Commission for SCs and STs; the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989; and, the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993.

Krishnan also formulated many schemes

for the betterment of the marginalised like the Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes (SCP) in 1978. His tireless efforts pulled out the Mandal Commission Report from cold storage and he persuaded V P Singh to implement it. Each of these initiatives he helmed was, inevitably, challenged in the courts. With his remarkable acumen, he drafted elaborate arguments to face the judicial process, that ultimately placed them on unassailable legal foundations. Among these were the Mandal legislation and reservations in educational institutions for SCs, STs and OBCs.

On the question of who are the oppressed sections in India — is it class or caste that is the basic unit of Indian society? — Krishnan advocates a unified caste-class approach. The basic contradiction in rural India today is between the dominant landed backward castes and landless Dalits, who constitute the main labour force. However, a large section of OBCs, particularly the innumerable service and artisanal castes, too, are landless and so there is no contradiction between these castes and Dalits. The two sections of the non-dominant, landless castes coming together and transcending caste barriers, would forge the unity of the oppressed — and lead to the liberation of society. Distribution of land to all the landless is, hence, key to the much needed transformation of Indian society. Krishnan's legacy should lead us towards the annihilation of caste and a world of justice and human rights.

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SPY PROBE ON

THE GOVERNMENT HAS already commenced investigations in the case of alleged CIA connections of a cabinet colleague of Indira Gandhi during the Bangladesh war. Disclosing this in Delhi, Deputy Prime Minister Y B Chavan said that many ministries besides his own ministry of Home, would be involved in the probe. Chavan refused to say anything more on this except that an adequate probe was necessary in this case as suspicion had been raised and allegations had been made.

INDO-BANGLA FRICTION

INDIA AND BANGLADESH have agreed to

take steps to prevent recurrence of the recent incidents on the border between Tripura and Bangladesh. The two countries signed a joint statement in Dacca, agreeing to remove "all causes of irritation" that have led to several incidents on the border, including exchange of fire between the security forces near Belonia on the Tripura border.

IRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS

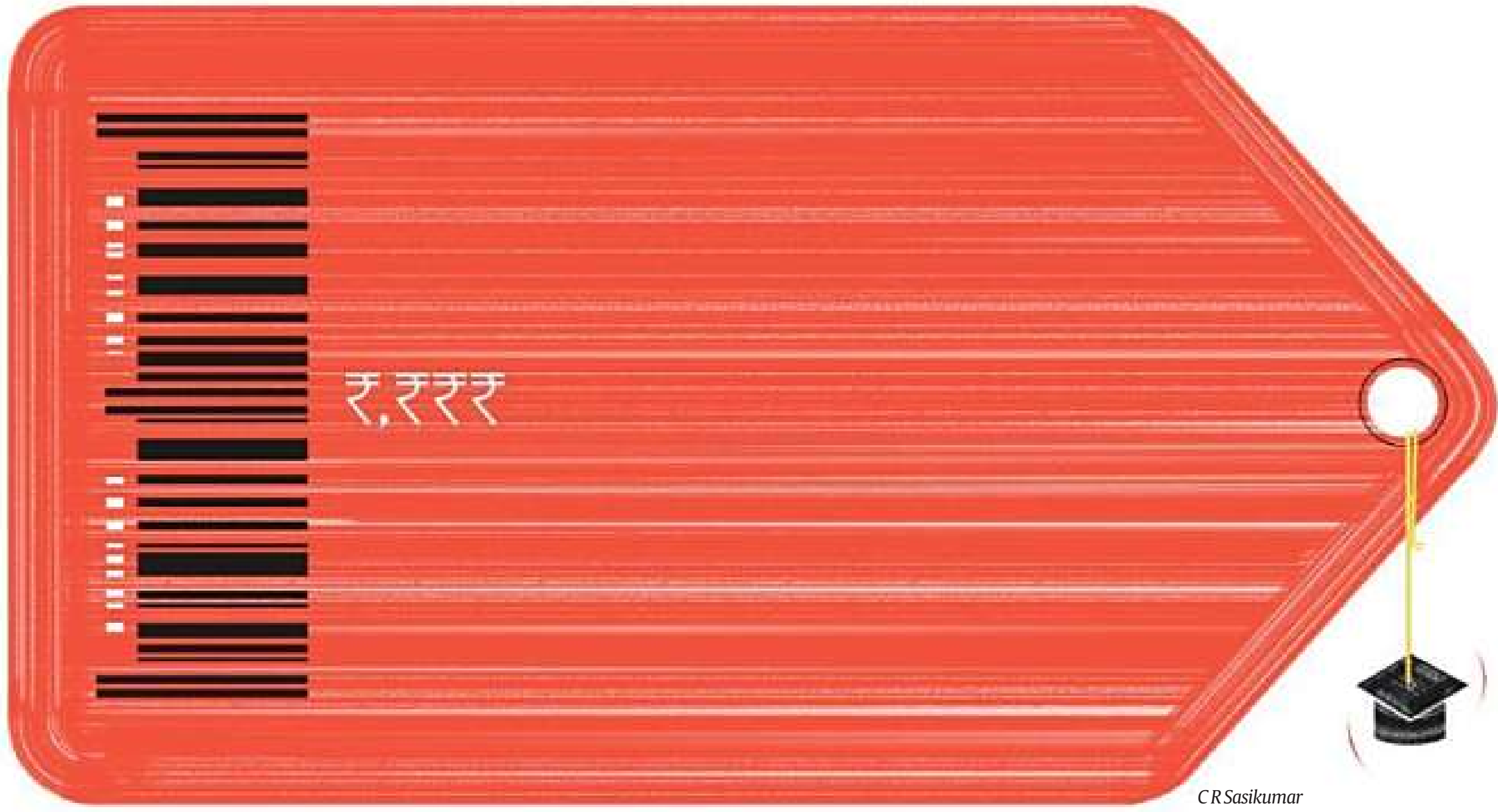
TEN MORE HOSTAGES freed from the US embassy in Teheran flew to Europe and one of them said the 49 remaining Americans were "in greater danger than we were" from their militant Islamic captors. After 16 days as hostages, the six black men and four women

were flown to Frankfurt, West Germany via Paris and driven to a US air force hospital.

CHARAN GOVT FLAWS

CONTRARY TO THE mandate, the caretaker government of Charan Singh has got away with several major policy decisions having crucial financial implications. Following the dissolution of the Lok Sabha on August 22, the President had enjoined upon the government to desist from actions "which set new policy or involve executive decisions". But the series of concessions announced recently for railwaymen, and others, do constitute major administrative decisions and involve spending of no significant order.





CR Sasikumar

Why we must listen to JNU

Students are speaking out against the eclipse of equitable access to publicly funded education, and attempts to place education in the marketplace rather than at the disposal of the social good



PARNAL CHIRMULEY

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND faculty speaking up for publicly-funded higher education have been the object of intense vilification in sections of the media and the general public countless times in the past few years. And yet, they refuse to fade away, spilling out of campuses, fighting for equitable access to publicly-funded higher education. They refuse to be shamed into submitting to education policies that exclude large sections of the population to make way for the elite few. The background to their persistence needs to be sketched out, especially because trained and paid armies of trolls continue to plague the discourse on higher education with vitriol and lies.

The attempt to construct stereotypes of students in the public sphere as lazy, good-for-nothings who want to survive on the taxpayer's money is a clever sleight of hand by the ruling party and its offspring. Students of research universities like JNU are repeatedly castigated, supposedly by a "taxpaying public" for not earning their own living and paying fees. The argument is that money spent on their education is "a waste". It helps obfuscate the true nature of education policies by this government. It seeks to draw your attention away from the fact that equitable access to inclusive higher education actually transforms lives for the better, wherein a street vendor's child, a former chowkidar, a young woman from a slum in Mumbai can each seek an education that helps them climb out of the pit of deprivation and achieve intergenerational mobility. For a ruling dispensation that stands triumphant on the shoulders of social divisions based on caste, gender, and religion, this disruption of inequality is frightening. And, this is why you are being relentlessly fed these stereotypes so that you will continue as passive participants in the drama of the oppression of the

marginalised and the underprivileged. Here are a few facts that might help us to cut through the vitriol and ask some hard questions: According to the CAG Report of February 2019, Rs 94,036 crore of the secondary and higher education cess and Rs 7,298 crore of the research and development cess remained unutilised. Where will this money go? The fee hike in JNU (which has led to massive protests in recent weeks, bringing down upon our students the wrath of paramilitary and police), if implemented, will lead to over 40 per cent of our students being completely abandoned by the education system, and render JNU as one of the most expensive public universities in the country.

Here, the question of where the taxpayer's money is going can be sharpened: In 2017-18, the total expenditure on JNU was Rs 556 crore, seeing over 8,000 students through one academic year, over a 1,000 research articles published in reputed journals, 1,086 special lectures being open to the public, and 4,594 MPhil and PhD dissertations being submitted. Contrast this with the Rs 1,313 crore spent on mere publicity of the central government and its schemes. The imbalance in priorities is crystal clear. In JNU, some 2,500 students with fellowships pay Rs 7,500 (Rs 22.5 crore per annum) per month as housing allowance to the university. In the last two years, Mphil/PhD (especially reserved) seats have been left vacant, despite the Delhi High Court castigating JNU for causing a national waste of resources. The struggle against seat cuts now joins the struggle against fee hike to make the same point over and over again — the decimation by the present government of the inclusive and representational higher education for all.

A deeper reflection of this imbalance is the National Education Policy (NEP) 2019, which is really what students in JNU and across campuses are fighting against. This policy is nothing more than a deliberately planned eclipse of equitable access to publicly funded education. Here is why.

The setting up of the Higher Education Funding Authority (HEFA) by this government to replace the University Grants Commission (UGC) requires that institutions of higher education function not on grants, but on loans that are to be recovered through fee hikes and other "internal resource generation", a pseu-

The attempt to construct stereotypes of students in the public sphere as lazy, good-for-nothings that want to survive on the taxpayer's money is a clever sleight of hand by the ruling party and its offspring. Students of research universities like JNU are repeatedly castigated, supposedly by a 'taxpaying public' for not earning their own living and paying fees. The argument is that money spent on their education is 'a waste'. It helps obfuscate the true nature of education policies by this government.

donym for placing education in the marketplace rather than at the disposal of the social good. The vision and the methods of the NEP 2019, which is built on the fundamentals of the HEFA, have nothing to do with universal humanistic values that underlie education policies in many countries where human rights, bridging social, economic, and regional chasms are the objectives of education at all levels. In fact, in many of them, university education is free, even though the average per capita income is far higher than in India. In these imaginations, the subject is defined by her rights and her needs. Moreover, the Constitution of India requires that education policy provide for equitable access to publicly funded education.

The NEP 2019, however, has little beyond the so called "Fourth Industrial Revolution" as the driving impetus, in which, the individual is seen as mere kindling in the fire of economic activity. It sees no other function to education other than producing cheap labour that toils away on the lowest rung of the labour ladder. It renders complete the shift from education as a right to education as a commodity. In the real world, in real time, this policy casts a highly porous net that will benefit but a small section of the population that can buy education from private profiteers, rendering even basic education an unaffordable luxury. Increasingly, the bottom of even the social section that believes it might be able to afford this luxury is also falling out, given the state of the economy where unemployment is the highest in 45 years. In the absence of publicly-funded education, parents and students will be driven in the direction of education loans and a lifetime of indebtedness. This puts education out of the reach of even the middle classes.

This is why students in universities like JNU are at the barricades, in a movement that is spreading like a necessary conflagration through campuses in the country, for they want to ensure their own rights and pay it forward, so that coming generations can rightfully seek solid and affordable education instead of choosing between indebtedness and illiteracy. We need to listen to them, now.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Like many other countries, Pakistan too has a spotty human rights record, but when it can speak out against the human rights violations of the Kashmiris and the Rohingya, can it stay silent about the Uighurs?" —DAWN

Ball is in the majority's court

Manufactured hate should not sway Hindu worldview post the Ayodhya verdict



RAJMOHAN GANDHI

IN AN INDIAN Express article (November 15) following the Supreme Court's Ayodhya verdict, Rajiv Tuli, member of the RSS's Delhi executive, asks India's Muslims to ask themselves a question: "Do we want a Bharat which represents the legacy of Babar, Ghazni and Ghori, or do we want a Bharat where the legacy of the nation is represented by Lord Rama, Lord Krishna, Dara Shikoh, Kabir and APJ Abdul Kalam?"

What Tuli follows up with may be viewed by Muslims as a warning: "The call has to be taken by Muslims in Bharat and the ball is in their court now." He further adds: "Any interpretation of the Babri structure, other than... as a monument of our slavery, will clearly indicate that Hindus are being asked to live with a feeling of humiliation." Tuli hints of campaigns to come when he writes: "Hindus have asked for a peaceful return. Of only three of their holy sites (Ayodhya, Mathura and Kashi) that were vandalised."

Clearly, the award of 2.77 acres of contested land has not quenched the thirst for avenging history's presumed wrongs. India's Muslims are expected to do more to remove "the feeling of humiliation" that 80 per cent of Indians supposedly nurse.

Muslims must declare (even if they don't believe it) that the Babri mosque was built to proclaim Hindu slavery, and they must take steps of restitution for other ancient wrongs, starting with Mathura and Kashi — "The ball is in their court."

Actually, the ball is in the court of India's Hindus, who must ask if they will allow further infusion in their minds of manufactured hate. The immortal Tulsidas lost no sleep when the Babri mosque was built. That structure made not the slightest difference either to his Ram or to his *Ramcharitmanas*. For centuries thereafter, that structure failed to humiliate other lovers of Ram and the Ramayana.

Thus, there is no record of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, who probably held more Ramayana events than anyone else in his time, saying that the Babri mosque offended him and it had to go.

K M Munshi, more responsible than anyone else for Somnath temple's renovation, was Uttar Pradesh governor for five years, staying in Lucknow — not very far from Ayodhya — from 1952 to 1957. He seems to have made no demand for Babri Masjid's removal.

Men like Malaviya and Munshi may not have liked the fact that the Babri mosque was raised on or near the site that many believed was Ram's birthplace. They may not have liked the fact that for a long time the

Mughals ruled India, or, later, that the British ruled India.

However, accepting history's facts, they did not ask for the removal of Mughal forts and mosques, or of British palaces and churches. Such buildings might recall past defeats. But they were also part of India's assets, constructed — often impressively — by human skill and toil. Hindus were glad that the structures belonged to India.

Political calculation may see value in destroying the assets, but where will you stop? Will you remove the Red Fort and the Purana Qila? The Taj? The Qutub Minar? Will you pull down Kolkata's Victoria Memorial, New Delhi's imperial structures, and Mumbai's Gateway of India?

It's time for the calm Hindu to speak up, reclaim the Hindu platform, and restore sanity to it. For centuries, the serene confidence of everyday Hindus, as also of exceptional Hindu figures, sprang not from how they were treated by others, whether non-Hindu or Hindu, but from their own peace of mind, and their own creativity.

Loyal to their inner hearts, they were comfortable also with fellow-inhabitants of India and the planet. In our world's current season, however, headlines and megaphones have been seized by merchants of anger and distortion.

History assures us that seasons change. All Hindus who acknowledge the eternal Ram — who is also the eternal Krishna, the eternal Shiva, the eternal Allah, and the eternal God — can contribute to that change by speaking out in their circles and, where possible, on public platforms.

They can, for one thing, register their horror at the demotion of Ram to the status of a national hero. The maker of the universe, the giver of life and the master of death is greater than that.

Dear Mr Tuli, please do not bracket Lord Ram or Lord Krishna with historical figures, not even with extraordinary ones like Prince Dara, Sant Kabir and President Kalam.

You need not agree with Gandhi when he said, "The Rama whom I adore is God himself, unborn and uncreated" (*Collected Works*, 86: 427). But you cannot compel other Hindus — or Muslims or Christians — to declare that Rama was born in a particular spot in Ayodhya on a particular date.

You are entitled to your belief. Others have their liberty to disagree. That is a human right, one guaranteed — so far — by the Indian Constitution.

And, please remember, that the Supreme Court has declared unlawful both the sly insertion in 1949 of Ram idols into the Babri Masjid and the 1992 destruction of the mosque.

You have no right to ask all Hindus to defend or celebrate these two acts which will remain an embarrassment to Hinduism. Only an unqualified apology by those involved can begin to erase that embarrassment.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISLAND CHALLENGE

THIS LETTER REFERS TO the editorial, 'Old in the new' (IE, November 19). Sri Lanka's new president, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, has promised to strengthen ties with China. PM Narendra Modi's ambition to shape the Indo-Pacific great game will fail unless he manages to make Gotabaya play ball and keep China at bay. Over the last two years, India had tried to rebuild bridges with Sri Lanka. The various meetings between Modi and Mahinda Rajapaksa, Gotabaya's brother, mean that India will not have to start from scratch. But the Modi government will have to deliver even more on economic and security cooperation. India's main challenge is to deepen the economic interdependence with Sri Lanka and expand connectivity initiatives. India must finalise the Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement, which has been repeatedly delayed.

P L Singh, Amritsar

DON'T GIVE IN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Scholarship has no religion' (IE, November 16). It is the beauty of Indian culture that a Muslim professor can be appointed to teach Sanskrit in BHU. The adverse reactions against the appointment must be criticised. The university authorities and the UP government should not bow to these protests.

Rishabh Singh via e-mail

CHECK THE DISTRESS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A greater ease of living' (IE, November 20). Public welfare schemes like subsidised food-

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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grain, housing, toilets, electricity, and gas connections and access to various financial services have had a significant impact on the lives of the rural poor. But agrarian distress and unemployment among the educated youth has shrunk the disposable income in the hands of the rural population. The high demand for work under MGNREGA indicates the gloomy employment prospects.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

BE HONEST

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Figure it out' (IE, November 20). The numbers related to the GDP and the economy are not encouraging. A series of efforts from government to boost economy is not producing results. The least the government can do is to be transparent about the economy. Scrapping the consumption survey will not fetch the desired results.

Bal Govind, Noida



J S SANDHU

CONSEQUENT TO PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's announcement from the ramparts of Red Fort, the proposed structure for the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) has been deliberated upon. We should soon be seeing the first CDS take charge. The proposed charter of the CDS, his powers and status, etc, has been debated intensely. One school of thought recommends an evolutionary, incremental expansion of the role, while some feel he should be given greater operational control *ab initio*. Like many bureaucratic approval processes, turf battles often cloud judgements, the resistance to change tends to only marginally alter the existing status quo. In this case, too, Service HQs prefer to retain their powers, resources and establishments. Hence, to avoid a dilution of their spheres, they are in favour of the CDS taking charge of new organisations, domains, and also to handle the integrated structures. Existing single-service responsibilities would remain largely undisturbed.

What should be the answer to this dilemma? A logical appraisal is warranted: Retention of existing warfighting structures, while the CDS takes control of newer organi-

A cut above

Chief of Defence Staff should play the role of the primary military adviser

sations being set up for tackling future threats, has some merit. Development of future technologies and means to face emerging threats in the cyber, space, missiles domain, nurturing of AI-based platforms, usage of drones for various roles and such modern conflict realities is indeed important. These advancements are extremely costly, and the CDS can facilitate optimal, cost-effective integrated development and deployment of such structures.

Modern war and warfighting has tremendous economic costs. Defence budgets are invariably inadequate to meet the "wishlists", and intense prioritisation of capabilities is inevitable. The CDS can be the vital fulcrum to undertake such prioritisation and rationalisation, and, therefore, can play a stellar role in the perspective planning and development function. Considering the high cost of future technology, the CDS can also contribute towards optimisation of existing structures. Such review of existing establishments and manpower should also be an assigned task for him.

But should the CDS be utilised only in capability building and cost cutting, and opti-

misation measures? Future conflict situations would possibly need integrated application of fighting formations and resources, with unitary operational control of deployed elements. The CDS would be better placed for integrated employment of war fighting potential, and therefore logically needs to be part of the operational control chain.

In the debates on CDS, one often heard the designated profile as "providing single-point military advice". National security decisions are always taken after a multitude of advisory inputs from a number of agencies, duly analysing ramifications and end state probabilities. The CDS is better termed as the primary military advisor, with the service chiefs also remaining important military advisors. The CDS should not become another interposed level between the Raksha Mantri and the service chiefs, whose access to the minister should remain as prevalent.

In effect, the CDS should be in charge of newer domains and organisations, and be well poised to optimise, cut costs and prioritise different service demands. He could be an effective mentor for realising our military-

industrial power potential, and for modernisation and capability enhancement. His tri-service position makes him the most suited driver for the integrated application of warfighting resources and facilitates unitary control in integrated operations. The CDS also has a primary advisory role, and therefore should not be boxed into administrative efficiency roles, but must be in the operational control chain. In the interim, the CDS may not override the operational responsibility of the service chiefs, and in due course, his operational responsibility can expand and become more "hands-on".

Thus, it is clear that the CDS would play a far more critical role in the national security apparatus, than the three service chiefs. Our higher defence organisation would finally mature, and be more in tune with our rising power ranking. From being the "first among equals", I would like to see the CDS graduate to "first above the others".

The writer was General officer Commanding of the Indian Army's Chinar Corps in Kashmir. Views are personal

TOPOF THE WORLD



Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit

THAILAND Court removes maverick MP from Parliament

Bangkok: Thailand's Constitutional Court ruled Wednesday that the maverick leader of a new political party that finished third in a general election in March violated election laws and cannot keep his seat in Parliament. The court said Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit, chief of the Future Forward Party, violated a rule barring owners of media firms from running for Parliament. The court rejected his claim that he sold his holding in a media production company before the deadline needed to be a candidate. The ruling was expected. Thanathorn's party has been a thorn in the side of the establishment, in whose favour the courts have consistently ruled.

PAKISTAN Sedition case on 17 students over 'anti-Pak' slogans

Lahore: Police in Pakistan's Punjab province have registered a sedition case against 17 students of the prestigious Sindh University for allegedly raising slogans against Pakistan and defacing walls with anti-government messages during a protest. Jamshoro police registered the case against the students on the complaint of Ghulam Qadir Panhwar, the security head of the campus. The students rejected the allegations against them and said they had staged the protest against water shortage in the hostel.

GERMANY Son of German ex-president stabbed to death

Frankfurt Am Main: An assailant has stabbed to death the son of former German president Richard von Weizsaecker in attack at a Berlin hospital that left one other person seriously injured, police said Wednesday. The motive for the attack on Fritz von Weizsaecker, 59, on Tuesday evening was unclear. Von Weizsaecker, a doctor, had just delivered a lecture on liver diseases at the Schlosspark hospital in the western Berlin neighbourhood of Charlottenburg when he was stabbed, a police spokesman said. He died at the scene despite efforts to save him.

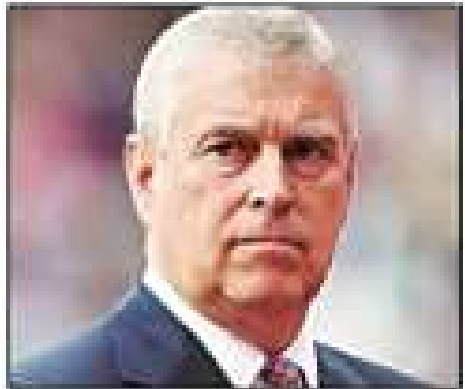
IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS

Envoy says Ukraine pressure was at Trump's order: It was no secret

Clear quid pro quo linking White House visit for Ukraine President and probes into Dems: Sondland

PETER BAKER
NOVEMBER 20

GORDON SONDLAND, the Republican megadonor turned ambassador to the European Union, told the House Intelligence Committee on Wednesday that he and other advisers to US President Donald Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate Democrats "because the President directed us to do so". In much-anticipated testimony opening the fourth day of public impeachment hearings, Sondland said that he, Energy Secretary Rick Perry and Kurt Volker, the special envoy for Ukraine, were reluctant to work with Rudy Giuliani, the President's personal attorney, on the pressure campaign and agreed only at Trump's insistence. "Secretary Perry, Ambassador Volker and I worked with Mr Rudy Giuliani on Ukraine matters at the express direction of the President of the United States," Sondland told the committee.



Britain's Prince Andrew to step back from public duties after Epstein furore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON, NOVEMBER 20

PRINCE ANDREW on Wednesday said he was cancelling his public engagements, as the outcry from the British royal's friendship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein showed no sign of abating. Queen Elizabeth II's second son has been under pressure since a television interview broadcast Saturday in which he defended his links to the disgraced financier, who was found dead in prison in August. An increasing number of organisations and initiatives backed by Andrew have said they were not renewing or would review their support because of the revelations. Andrew, 59, said in an emailed statement he now recognised his links to Epstein had become a "major disruption" to the royal family and the charities and organisations associated with it. "Therefore, I have asked Her Majesty (the Queen) if I may step back from public duties for the foreseeable future, and she has given her permission," he added. "I continue to unequivocally regret my ill-judged association with Jeffrey Epstein. His suicide has left many unanswered questions, particularly for his victims, and I deeply sympathise with everyone who has been affected and wants some form of closure," he added.



Gordon Sondland, US ambassador to the European Union, at the impeachment inquiry hearing in Washington. NYT

"We did not want to work with Mr Giuliani. Simply put, we were playing the hand we were dealt." With no alternative, he said, "we followed the President's orders." Sondland confirmed what has already been known, that there was a clear "quid pro quo" linking a coveted White House meeting

for Ukraine's President to the investigations Trump wanted undertaken into Democrats. And he said he was concerned about "a potential quid pro quo" linking \$391 million in security aid suspended by Trump to the desired investigations. Sondland acknowledged that

Hong Kong students' sewer escape thwarted as rows with UK, US grow

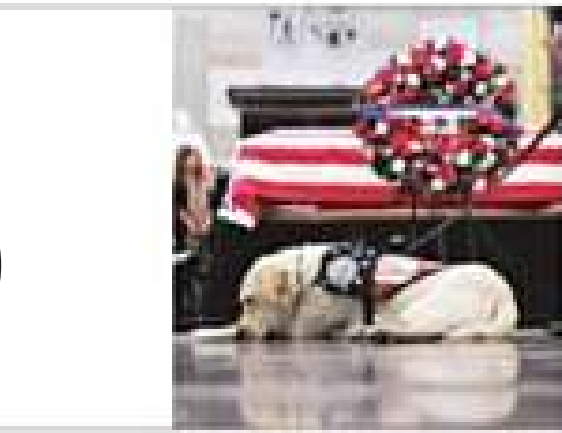
MARIUS ZAHARIA & JESSIE PANG
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 20

SOME ANTI-GOVERNMENT protesters trapped inside a Hong Kong university on Wednesday tried to flee through the sewers, where one student said she saw snakes, but fireman prevented further escape bids by blocking a metal manhole into the system. Reuters witnesses said fewer than 100 protesters remained inside the Polytechnic University, ring-fenced 24 hours a day by riot police and barricades, after more than 1,000 were arrested from late on Monday. Some surrendered while others were grabbed in escape attempts that



Protesters look inside a sewer for an escape route. Reuters

included trying to clamber down ropes to waiting motorbikes. Some protesters, wearing waterproof boots and carrying torches, resurfaced inside the campus after unsuccessfully probing the sewers — where fast-rising



MEANWHILE
STATUE OF BUSH'S SERVICE DOG To Go ON DISPLAY

A life-size statue of former US president George H W Bush's service dog will go on display next month at the presidential library in College Station, Texas. Sully, a three-year-old labrador, assisted Bush during the last six months of his life before the former president's death in 2018 at the age of 94. The dog became famous after he was photographed next to Bush's casket.

Gotabaya to appoint brother Mahinda as Sri Lanka PM after Wickremesinghe quits

SHIHAR ANEEZ
COLOMBO, NOVEMBER 20

Sri Lanka's newly elected president is set to name his brother and current opposition leader Mahinda Rajapaksa as interim prime minister, a party spokesman said on Wednesday, just hours after the sitting premier said he plans to step down.

Premier Ranil Wickremesinghe said he planned to tender his resignation on Thursday, after his party's candidate lost in a presidential election to Mahinda's younger brother Gotabaya Rajapaksa over the weekend.

Mahinda Rajapaksa will be sworn in as prime minister and assume office on Thursday, Keheliya Rambukwella, a spokesman for the Mahinda-led Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), told Reuters.

This will see two brothers holding the top positions in the government of Sri Lanka for the first time in its history.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa, also a member of the SLPP, defeated the candidate from Wickremesinghe's party on Nov 16. Gotabaya had earlier served as defence chief under his brother Mahinda, who himself served as president from 2005-2015. "I have decided to resign



Mahinda Rajapaksa will be sworn in as prime minister and assume office Thursday

from the Prime Minister's post to give space for the new President to form his own government," Wickremesinghe said earlier on Wednesday.

Government leaders said a parliamentary election is expected around April and Mahinda is expected to be his party's prime ministerial candidate.

The recent presidential election was largely overshadowed by Sri Lanka's deepest economic slump in more than 15 years, which followed attacks on hotels and churches on Easter Sunday that killed more than 250 people. Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attacks, which damaged Sri Lanka's important tourism sector. REUTERS

Suu Kyi to contest Rohingya genocide case at world court

SHOON NAING
YANGON, NOVEMBER 20

AUNG SAN Suu Kyi will appear before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to contest a case filed by Gambia accusing Myanmar of genocide against its Rohingya Muslim minority, her government said on Wednesday.

More than 730,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh since a 2017 crackdown by Myanmar's military, which UN investigators say was carried out with "genocidal intent". Myanmar denies accusations of genocide.



Suu Kyi will Myanmar's team to The Hague

"Myanmar has retained prominent international lawyers to contest the case submitted by Gambia," the ministry for state counselor Suu Kyi's office said. "The State Counselor, in her capacity as Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, will lead a team to the Hague, Netherlands, to defend the national interest of Myanmar at the ICJ," it said. REUTERS

Israeli strikes kill 11 'fighters' in Syria: monitor

Jerusalem: The Israeli army carried out a "wide-scale" attack against Iranian forces and Syrian army targets in Syria Wednesday, killing at least 11 "fighters", the Israeli Army and a monitoring group said.

In a rare confirmation of their operations in Syria, the Israeli army said they carried out dozens on strikes against the Iranian elite Quds Force and the Syrian military, in response to four rockets fired at Israel a day before.

At least 11 "fighters" were killed in the strikes, said UK-based monitoring group the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Seven were foreigners, its head Rami Abdel Rahman said, though he could not confirm whether they were all Iranian.

Iran has fought alongside Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces in the country's civil war, heightening Israeli concern over the presence of its arch foe along its border. PTI

LEIBERMAN REFUSES TO BACK NETANYAHU, GANTZ

Israel likely to hold unprecedented third election in less than a year

ARON HELLER
JERUSALEM, NOVEMBER 20

ISRAELI KINGMAKER politician Avigdor Lieberman on Wednesday refused to endorse a candidate for prime minister, pushing the country toward a new election for the third time in less than a year.

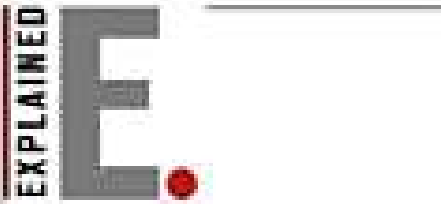
Lieberman's comments came ahead of a midnight deadline for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rival, Benny Gantz, to form a coalition. Without Lieberman, Gantz appears unable to secure the required majority in parliament to be prime minister.

If Israel is forced into a third election, it would be entering uncharted waters, with opinion polls already predicting a very similar deadlock. But a new campaign could benefit the embat-



Avigdor Lieberman heads a small ultranationalist party

tled Netanyahu, who is expected to be indicted on corruption charges in the coming weeks. Netanyahu would be best-positioned to fight any charges from the prime minister's office. Lieberman, who heads a small secular, ultranationalist party, triggered the September election after refusing to join Netanyahu's coalition following earlier elections in April. AP



Graft charges may change next polls

WITH NETANYAHU and Gantz unable to get the support needed to form a government with the deadline looming, a third election within a span of 12 months is looming on Israel. Polls indicate yet another deadlock between Netanyahu and Gantz even after that election. However, if Netanyahu is indicted on corruption charges before that, as is expected, it could deal a blow to his chances at the ballot box.

US CONGRESSWOMAN WRITES TO JUDGES ASKING FOR 'A SYSTEM OF COMPASSION TO BE APPLIED' IN HIS SENTENCING

Man who threatened to shoot Ilhan Omar pleads guilty, she calls for leniency

ED SHANAHAN
NOVEMBER 20

IT BEGAN with a hate-filled call to Representative Ilhan Omar's Washington office in March, officials said.

"Do you work for the Muslim Brotherhood?" Patrick W Carlineo Jr asked a member of Omar's staff on that call, according to a criminal complaint. "Why are you working for her, she's a (expletive) terrorist. Somebody ought to put a bullet in her skull. Back in the day, our forefathers would have put a bullet in her (expletive)."

"I'll put a bullet in her (expletive) skull," the staff member also recalled Carlineo, 55, saying, according to the complaint.

On Monday, Carlineo, of Addison, New York, pleaded guilty to threatening to kill Omar, a Minnesota Democrat and one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress, and to possessing guns illegally.

Omar responded to Carlineo's guilty plea in Federal District Court in Buffalo by urging leniency when he is sentenced. In a letter she posted on Twitter on Tuesday, Omar addressed the judge who will sen-

tence him, asking "for a system of compassion to be applied."

"Threatening assassination of a public official in our country is dangerous to both the individual and our republic," Omar wrote, describing the crimes that Carlineo admitted to as "grave" and adding that "threats of political violence and hate speech" were "not unique" to him.

"They are an increasing feature in our public sphere," Omar, a Somali refugee whose family received asylum in the United States when she was a teenager, added. "We will not defeat it with anger and exclusion. We



will defeat it with compassion."

A member of her party's progressive wing, Omar — the first woman to wear a hijab on the House floor — has been denounced in some quarters, in-

cluding by some Democrats, for embracing the boycott-Israel movement and criticizing supporters of the Jewish state.

She has also emerged as a frequent foil for President

Donald Trump. She was among four female freshman lawmakers who Trump said in July should "go back" to the countries they came from.

In an interview with the FBI at his home about a week after he called Omar's office, Carlineo described himself as a patriot who loved Trump and hated "radical Muslims in our government". He also told an FBI agent that he believed Omar supported Islamic militant groups, such as Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, and that her election to Congress was illegitimate.

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*Indian basket as on November 19, 2019

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*International market data till 1900 IST

TAXATION WATCH
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Five state ministers to FM: 'Facing acute pressure on fiscal' because of GST dues

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

FOLLOWING DELAY in compensation payout by Centre for the August-September period, Opposition-ruled states on Wednesday asked for the immediate payment of pending dues under goods and services tax (GST) regime and an extension for the compensation period beyond 2022.

In a joint statement, five states/UTs — Kerala, West Bengal, Delhi, Rajasthan, Punjab — said they are facing "acute pressure" on their fiscal situation due to the delayed payment from Centre. "No explanation whatsoever has been furnished for this delay of nearly one month. As a result, states are facing acute pressure on fiscal, some already resorting to ways and means or even overdrafts," said the statement signed by the five state FMs who attended the meeting of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers.

West Bengal FM Amit Mitra said the pending amount for the state is at Rs 1,500 crore, while Kerala FM Thomas Isaac said the state was supposed to get Rs 1,600 crore. Punjab FM Manpreet Singh Badal said his state is awaiting Rs 2,100 crore as

compensation while arrears stand at Rs 2,000 crore, while Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia the GST compensation due to Delhi is Rs 2,355 crore.

As per publicly available central government data, the Centre has collected Rs 56,801 crore in April-October and paid out Rs 45,744 crore for the April-July period, leaving Rs 11,057 crore in their kitty assuming no payment has happened yet to any of the states for August-September.

Isaac later in a tweet said, "If Centre is fearing serious shortfall in GST compensation cess collection compared to requirements, answer is not defaulting payments to states. Solution is simple. Borrow the excess requirement and extend the cess beyond 5 year compensation period till loans are repaid." The current delay has shaken the confidence of the States who have so far supported GST, Isaac added.

State FMs in their statement "appealed to Union FM to look into the matter personally and release the compensation without any further delay", suggesting that the matter should be taken up in the next meeting of the GST Council and "a healthy mechanism be evolved to provide compensation in future with due urgency and judiciousness."

NEW NORM TO BE APPLICABLE FROM JANUARY 1

Sebi to listed firms: Disclose default details within 24 hrs from 30th day

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Wednesday tightened the norms for listed companies on disclosure of loan defaults.

As per the new norms, in case of default in repayment of principle or interest on loans beyond 30 days, listed companies will have to disclose the "fact of such a default" within 24 hours.

"The board has decided that in case of any default in repayment of principle and interest on loans from banks or financial institutions which continues beyond 30 days from the pre-agreed payment date, listed entities shall promptly, but not later than 24 hours from the 30th day, disclose the fact of such default," said Sebi in a statement.

The new norm will be applicable to listed firms from January 1, 2020.

Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi said



Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi at the market regulator's headquarters in Mumbai on Wednesday. Pradip Das

that this move will ensure "better disclosure and transparency." The decision has been taken to address the gaps in the availability of information with respect to defaults, Sebi said.

"The objective of new default disclosure is to get more openness

to help investors," said Tyagi. He also said that the new default disclosure norms have been set in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). "One day default disclosure was not agreed to by the board. This scheme of 30 days is implementable," Tyagi

EXPLAINED
Investors to benefit

WITH THE new default disclosure norms for publicly traded firms, the potential risks to a firm will be known to investors and lenders of the company. Investors can, as a result, take informed investment decisions based on these disclosures.

'No deadline extension for splitting post of CMD'

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said on Wednesday it will not extend the timeline to comply with its new rule that mandates a split in the post of chairman and managing director of a company and also bars relatives from holding key jobs in a company.

In May 2018, Sebi asked the

top 500 listed companies to split the post of chairman and managing director by April 2020. Sebi's decision came after the recommendations of the Uday Kotak-led panel on corporate governance.

At present, several listed firms have integrated the two positions as CMD (chairman-cum managing director) that overlap the board and management in some cases, which could cause conflict of interest. A number of such firms have requested the Centre and

Sebi to review this norm.

However, Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi on Wednesday said the regulator has given "sufficient time" to firms to understand the rule and plan for it. "Extending the time will only mean that they (the companies) don't want to do it," Tyagi said the idea of splitting the position is to bring about a balance in power and decision making as the leader of the management will be different from the board's leader.

referring to an earlier proposal of making a loan default disclosure within a day of default.

In the past one year, several firms have defaulted on loans and the late disclosures of such defaults have led to erosion of wealth for investors.

The regulator said a Sebi group is looking into the classification of promoter, promoter group and entity in control and will soon submit its views on the issue. "It is an issue that needs to be looked into," Tyagi said.

Apart from this Tyagi also said that it is studying the request of the National Stock Exchange to allow it to launch an initial public offering (IPO). In May, Sebi barred the NSE from accessing the securities market for six months.

Sterling and Wilson shares plunge 49% in 8 sessions

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

SHARES OF Sterling and Wilson Solar (SWSL), promoted by Shapoorji Pallonji and Company (SPCPL) and Khurshed Y Daruvala, have tanked 49.33 per cent to Rs 283.75 in the last eight sessions on the stock exchanges amid concerns over loan repayment by the company.

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by the promoters from the company as mentioned in various media coverages". The stock is now trading at a discount of 63.6 per cent below the IPO price of Rs 780 per share.

The Shapoorji Pallonji group, a leading construction group, holds over 18 per cent stake in Tata Sons, the holding company of the

Tata group.

On November 14, SWSL informed the stock exchanges that the promoters had requested the board of directors of the company to consider a revised repayment schedule for the balance outstanding amount which was reduced to Rs 2,341 crore (principal amount of Rs 2,085 crore and in-

terest Rs 256 crore) as on September 30, 2019 "due to the significant and rapid deterioration in the credit markets" creating a significant liquidity crisis, which was unforeseeable. It also cited the lesser than expected realization from the IPO, given that the amount realised from the IPO was Rs 2,850 crore before expenses and taxes as compared to Rs 4,500 crore as initially contemplated.

According to the company's stock exchange filing, the promoters further stated that SPCPL will endeavour to reduce the outstanding loan by Rs 1,000 crore

from the level as of the date of listing, by December 31, 2019. The board took note of the letter and authorised the Audit Committee of the board to work with the promoters to draw up a plan by December 31, 2019, for repayment of the balance amounts, it said.

"The board has also decided to levy an additional interest rate of 50 basis points over the current interest rate being applied to the said outstanding loan, taking the applicable interest payable to 100 basis points per annum which is above the weighted average interest rate on borrowings of the company," the filing said.

Essel Group to sell 16.5% stake in Zee

Mumbai: The Essel Group, the promoter of Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL), will sell a 16.5 per cent stake in the media firm to financial investors in a block deal.

The proceeds of the sale transaction will be used to repay loan obligations to the lenders of the group with whom the shares are currently pledged, the company said on Wednesday.

Following the transaction, Essel Group's overall holding in

Zee Entertainment will be 5 per cent, out of which encumbered holdings of the group will be 1.1 per cent. Punit Goenka will continue as managing director and chief executive officer of ZEEL post the stake sale, sources said.

OFI Global China Fund, a subsidiary of the American financial investment firm Invesco Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund, will pick up 2.3 per cent out of the 16.5 per cent stake sale. FE

EXPORT INCENTIVE SCHEMES

India appeals against WTO panel ruling

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

INDIA HAS appealed against a ruling of the WTO's dispute settlement panel, which held that certain provisions of the domestic export incentive initiatives are inconsistent with global trade norms, an official said.

The dispute was filed by the US, which has challenged five such initiatives namely Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS), Export Oriented

Units (EOU), Electronics Hardware Technology Parks (EHTP), Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG).

The US asserted that these initiatives harmed its companies by creating an uneven playing field. A report by the dispute settlement panel found that these schemes were in violation of the WTO agreements for providing prohibited export subsidies.

"India has filed an appeal against the panel's report, which was released on October 31," the official said. The plea was made in

the appellate body of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) dispute settlement mechanism.

The US has dragged India to the WTO under Article 27 of the organisation's Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM), which also provides for special and differential treatment to developing countries like India. At the time when the agreement came into force, developing countries with over \$1,000 per capita gross national income were provided eight years to bring down their export subsidies.

'Employment growth has slowed in last two years'

The employment growth in the country has slowed down in the last two years, to 3.9 per cent in 2017-18 and 2.8 per cent in 2018-19 as the core industries have witnessed, virtually, a negative growth in hiring, as per a Care Ratings study

IN TERMS OF GROWTH in employment on an annual basis, it was 2.5 per cent in 2015-16, 4.1 per cent in 2016-17 and 3.9 per cent and 2.8 per cent in 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively. Hence, there has been a slowdown in growth in the last 2 years after a sharp recovery in 2016-17, according to the study

HIGHEST GROWTH was in the NBFC segment, which has added more from 2016-17 onwards as the sector also witnessed sharp growth in business

CORE INDUSTRIES have witnessed virtually negative growth in headcount, with crude oil just about maintaining the employment level

THE TOP 10 SECTORS covering 895 companies with employment of 4.70 million in 2018-19 accounted for three fourth of the total employment of

THE IDEAL SITUATION

Ideally, it observed that the rate of growth in employment should link with growth in gross domestic product, which is the broadest indicator of economic growth



the sample companies

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH has not been commensurate with GDP growth with a difference of 4.2 per cent in CAGR during this period

CONSUMER-ORIENTED INDUSTRIES showed a varied pattern, like in the agricultural and durable

FINDINGS

The study revealed that aggregate headcount increased at 3.3 per cent annually between 2014-15 and 2018-19, that is over a four-year period

42.4% employment share was from three service industries while the balance was from manufacturing (30 per cent) and agriculture (3 per cent)

goods there has been a deceleration in employment while there has been an increase for FMCG and textiles albeit at a lower than sample average of 3.3 per cent

THE STUDY is based on a set of 1,938 companies spread across all sectors

moderated by Sandeep Singh, Associate Editor, *The Indian Express*.

"For various reasons financial institutions have moved away from funding housing projects. Private equities are interested in buying commercially viable spaces. In NBFCs, we can see a domino effect and slowly that funding is drying up. In this environment, a fabulous announcement was made by Honourable FM that a stress fund of Rs 25,000 will be created of which Rs 10,000 crore will come from government and the rest from LIC and SBI. From broad contours announced, viable projects not in court of law will be considered," said Rajive Kumar.

According to UP RERA chief, till the fund is established and the guidelines are curated, the



organisations can carry out due diligence with regards to balance sheets and registrations. The RERA has urged that projects that wish to avail the funding must be registered with the Authority and that the window is still open for those builders that are yet to do so. Highlighting the woes of the industry, Balvinder Kumar,



(From left to right) Signature Global MD Ravi Agarwal, Gulshan Homz director Deepak Kapoor, UP RERA Chairman Rajive Kumar, UP RERA Member Balvinder Kumar, Gaursons MD Manoj Gaur and ATS Infrastructure Chairman & Managing Director Getamber Anand at the IE Round Table Conference in Noida on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna



Member UP RERA, said at the panel discussion that "A large number of buyers are going to NCLT and are sabotaging the process. Institutions like RERA are becoming helpless and we are hoping that the government will come up with a solution. The real task of RERA will start when detailed guidelines are issued. India's major real estate problems are in NCR."

He further said that a sizeable number of flats in this region were stuck at various levels. "We are hoping that in the next 2-3 months when things are ironed out, we will begin to

see positive results," he said.

According to Manoj Gaur, MD, Gaursons, "There will be positive changes after the fund. If the finance is available like it was before and the miscalculated charges by the authority are regulated, things will get better. Often projects are ready or are near completion, but there is no NOC by the Authorities. Several such flats are situated in Noida and Greater Noida. Two crucial reports are being awaited which will make the process easier."

The developers hailed RERA's role as a "big brother" which provides a feasible environment for real estate development. "Often there is mistrust between government officers, bureaucrats and the real estate industry. Several questions are put on the real es-

tate sector. RERA and other organisations have highlighted the fact that the government needs to listen to the real estate industry and have acted as an elder brother in this regards," said Deepak Kapoor, director, Gulshan Homz.

Also present at the panel discussion was Ravi Agarwal, Signature Global MD, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Getamber Anand (CMD, ATS Group).

The State Bank of India Capital Venture will be carrying out the due diligence before disbursing funds to stressed projects and a guideline for the same is expected soon. The projects are only eligible if their net worth positive and that they are registered with RERA, according to the Finance Ministry.

BRIEFLY

Ruchi Soya: NCLAT rejects DBS plea

New Delhi: The NCLAT has dismissed the plea of DBS Bank, a dissenting financial creditor of Ruchi Soya, challenging the distribution of proceeds from the bid by Patanjali Ayurveda.

Nadella tops Fortune list

New York: Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella has occupied the top spot in Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019 list.

'Citi India head Jhaveri retires'

New Delhi: Pramit Jhaveri, the former country head of Citi India, has taken an early retirement from Citi after spending close to four decades at the bank in various capacities, sources said.

RIL m-cap nears ₹10L cr mark

New Delhi: The market valuation of Reliance Industries, the country's most valued firm, is fast nearing the Rs 10 lakh crore mark, surpassing British energy major BP Plc. At the close of trade on Wednesday, the company's market valuation or market capitalisation (m-cap) rose to Rs 9,80,699.59 crore (\$136 billion). BP Plc's m-cap was at \$130 billion in pre-market trade at the NYSE. PTI

Surveyors not required for health, motor, aviation policy claims: IRDAI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

INSURANCE regulator IRDAI has said licensed surveyors are not mandatory for settling any claims in the line of business (LoB) like claims under insurance policies including travel and personal accident covers, aviation hull insurance, motor, health and cyber insurance policies.

According to IRDAI, any claims, in respect of loss or damage to crop, trees, plantations and forests which are covered by the government sponsored schemes and claims under policies of motor vehicle insurance where the claim is on account of theft or injury or death to third parties, can now be settled without mandatorily involving a certified surveyor.

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An insurer normally sends a loss assessor or surveyor to determine the damage when a claim is lodged

termine the damage when a claim is lodged. The surveyor and loss assessors are expected to observe the damage and submit their report about it independent of the insurer and the insured. In a notification on Tuesday, Sujay Banarjee, Member (Distribution), IRDAI, said the regulator has enlarged the exemptions of some more portfolios where use of a surveyor is not mandatory now. However, industry sources said that in segments like fire and engineering, the general insurers will have to continue the mandatory practice of appointing a surveyor to settle any claims which are above Rs 50,000.

IRDAI has exempted claims under policies in respect of which

documentary evidence of the value of loss is available in the form of police reports, short-landing or non-delivery certificates issued by port trusts, railways or other public or semi-government authorities, claims in respect of which exercise authorities give a certificate for dutiable items and sling loss claims certified by harbour authorities are now exempted from involving a surveyor for settling claim.

It has also exempted claims of general average under marine policies, claims under policies of motor vehicle insurance where the claim is on account of theft or injury or death to third parties. Claims under health insurance policies including travel and per-

sonal accident covers are also exempted. Claims under workmen's compensation/ benefit policies under the Employees Compensation (Amendment) Act, 2009 or similar Act and claims under public liability policies, including third party liability, professional indemnity, products liability and personal liability except where liability arising out of property damage or defect to physical property /goods are involved are also exempted from involving a surveyor.

It has also exempted claims under aviation hull insurance policies and cyber insurance policies, claims under money insurance including cash in transit policies and all risks and burglary insurance policies on personal effects and jewellery. Claims in respect of loss or damage to crop, trees, plantations and forests which are covered by government sponsored Schemes are also exempted.

RCEP did not address issues, concerns of India, says Goyal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE GOVERNMENT told Lok Sabha on Wednesday that it did not join the mega free trade agreement RCEP as the grouping did not address the outstanding issues and concerns of India.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal in a written reply to the House said during the third RCEP Summit on November 4 in Bangkok, India stated that the current structure did not reflect its guiding principles or address the outstanding issues and concerns of India, in the light of which India did not join the deal. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) bloc comprised 10 ASEAN members and their six FTA partners. Meanwhile, former Australian PM Tony Abbott said he would be cautious about RCEP as the mega free trade agreement "does look like a trade arm" of China's Belt and Road Initiative.



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Demography Policy, Bulgaria, Mariyana Nikolova at the India-Europe 29 Business Forum in New Delhi. Amit Mehra

'India, Europe offer opportunity to help kick-start global growth'

New Delhi: India, with its 1.3 billion population, offers huge business opportunities for the companies of Central and Eastern European countries, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday. He further said both India and

Europe also offer an opportunity to help kick-start economic growth in the world.

"We have lots of opportunities together," he said while addressing the India-Europe 29 Business Forum, organised by industry body CII. PTI

Post monsoon, demand for thermal power to go up: PowerMin

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE MINISTRY of Power Wednesday said that it expects demand for electricity produced by thermal power stations to improve starting this month, following a drop in generation from renewable energy sources.

"Now the monsoon and windy season is over, the generation from hydro and wind has started reducing. Thus, from November 2019 till March 2020

the electricity demand will largely be met from thermal power stations," stated the ministry. It added that the plant load factor (PLF) — the measure of a power plant's output compared to its maximum capacity — of thermal power stations for 2019-20 would improve to around 60 per cent "as per the target."

Demand for thermal power has reduced as a result of additional renewable capacity, but the overall demand for power had increased this year, said

From November 2019 till March 2020 the electricity demand will largely be met from thermal power stations, the Power Ministry said

Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy RK Singh.

"We have brought flexibilisation and took major steps to

reduce inefficiency in the sector. We have added renewable, therefore, dependency on thermal has reduced but overall power demand has increased as compared to last year," he said in a tweet Wednesday. "The period April-October 2019 saw the highest growth in hydroelectricity generation in five years at 16 per cent. Renewable energy generation grew by five per cent in the same period. Naturally, this reduced load on coal or thermal power plants," he added. Green power now con-

tributes to around 27.3 per cent of the country's overall power mix, compared with 19.6 per cent during 2015-16.

The minister added that demand for power fell in October due to a 35 per cent increase in rainfall, which had dampened agricultural demand for power.

Data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry as well as Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) shows that electricity generation in September, too, had contracted.

GM sues FCA, alleging bribery in union bargaining process

Detroit: General Motors on Wednesday filed a racketeering lawsuit against Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV, alleging that its rival engaged in bribery over many years to corrupt the bargaining process with the United Auto Workers (UAW) union and gain wage and work practices advantages over GM.

GM said it will seek "substantial damages" from FCA, but did not specify an amount. FCA could not immediately be reached for

comment.

The lawsuit also names as defendants three former FCA executives who have pleaded guilty in an ongoing federal probe into the UAW and FCA.

FCA officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

The move comes at a delicate time for FCA, which is working on a planned merger with French automaker PSA and is currently negotiating a four-year contract with the UAW. REUTERS

Onion import of 1.2L tonnes okayed

New Delhi: To control the rising prices of onion, the government has decided to import 1.2 lakh tonnes of onions. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday took a decision in this regard.

Informing about the Cabinet decision, Finance Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman said 1.2 lakh tonnes of onions will be imported.

The decision comes days after Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan announced the government will import onions to improve the domestic availability. ENS

Alibaba confirms Hong Kong IPO listing, totalling up to \$13 billion

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BEIJING, NOVEMBER 20

CHINESE E-COMMERCE giant Alibaba has raised at least \$11 billion in a share offering in Hong Kong, netting the city's biggest offering since 2010 despite recent political turmoil.

Alibaba said Wednesday that it has set the price for the offering at 176 Hong Kong dollars (\$22.50) per share. The price is a 2.9 per cent discount for the closing price for its shares traded in New York. It's also below the original maximum offer price of \$188 Hong Kong dollars.

The company's shares are due to begin trading on Nov. 26.

The secondary listing in Hong Kong is a rare boost for Hong Kong at a time when the former British colony is embroiled in political unrest. The company's share code, 9988, is a homonym in Chinese for "eternal prosperity." The company has a cash pile of more than \$30 billion, but analysts said it was riding the momentum from recent strong earnings.

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Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC) invites sealed bids from eligible firms to undertake DGPS/ETS survey of mining lease area.
Experienced and established firms are invited to submit their RFP (Tender) in the prescribed formats. The complete RFP document can be downloaded from the following websites: www.orsac.gov.in and www.odisha.gov.in.
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No. KSWC/TECH/TENDER-89/3151/2019-20 DATE: 20.11.2019
SHORT TERM 'e'-TENDER
The online e-tenders were invited from the manufacturers of lorry weighbridges for installation of 60 MTs Electronic Lorry Weigh bridges at State warehouse (1) Maddur, (2) Malur (Irabanahalli), (3) Devihosur (Haveri), (4) Macherahalli, (5) Bagalakote U-3, (6) Koppala (Guladahalli) and (7) Kadajji (Davanagere) at Govt. e-proc portal Indent No. KSWC/2019-20/IND-166. The e-proc has changed the last date at e-proc portal for submission of tenders to **25.11.2019 upto 10.00 A.M.**
DIPR/DU/1726/2019-20 **Managing Director, KSWC.**

TENDER CALL NOTICE
Office of the D.G & I.G. of Police, Odisha, Cuttack
1 Sealed tenders are invited from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) or their Authorized Agent / Authorized Dealer for supply of Tyre, Tube, Flaps, Batteries, Hood and Side Flaps to Odisha Police M.V fleet during the Current Financial Year 2019-20.
2. Name of Items along with detail technical Specifications, probable requirement of Tyre, Tube, Flaps, Batteries, Hood and Side Flaps may be seen from the Web site of the Odisha Police i.e. www.odishapolice.gov.in and in Govt. of Odisha website i.e. www.odisha.gov.in. The quantity may vary during indent of the items depending upon budgetary allocation.
3. Date of issue of Tender documents from **dttd.22.11.2019 at 10.00 AM to dttd. 12.12.2019 Upto 5.00 PM.**
4. Last date for receipt of sealed Tender on **dttd. 13.12.2019 up to 5.00 PM.**
5. Date for opening of sealed Tenders / Technical Bids on **dttd. 17.12.2019 at 11.30 AM** at the Office of the **Communication Range Office, Tulsipur, Cuttack.**
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender No. CWC/I-PCMM/R&P/2019 Dated : 21.11.2019
Central Warehousing Corporation, a Schedule-A, Mini Ratna Category-I, CPSE, invites online bid for the following Consultancy work:-
Streamlining Human Resource practices in Central Warehousing Corporation by internal improvement journey to comply with the practices against Maturity Level-2 as per People Capability Maturity Model (P-CMM®).
For details, please visit Tenders section of CWC's website www.cwceprocure.nic.in or website www.cwceprocure.com from 21st November 2019, 11:00 Hrs onwards.
Note : Last date for downloading of Tender Document for the work is 12th December 2019 upto 18:00 Hrs and last date for submission of online Bids is 12th December 2019 upto 2:35 Hrs.
Sd/- Deputy General Manager (Personnel)

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ICMR: National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India
No. NARF/ST/Equipment/01/2019-2020 Date: 19-11-2019
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(e-Procurement mode only)
Online bids are invited by the Director ICMR-National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research, Genome Valley, Kolthur (P.O), Shamirpet (M), Hyderabad, Telangana-500101 in two bid system from reputed suppliers / authorized dealers / manufacturing companies of Indian / Foreign origin, for the supply of Scientific Equipment / Instruments / Systems. For details such as specifications, terms and conditions, procedure to be followed and tender documents, please visit website www.narfbr.org; <https://www.icmr.nic.in>; <https://eprocure.gov.in>. Bids shall be submitted online only at CPPP (website: **5.00 PM on 10th December, 2019.** The received Technical Bids will be opened at **11.00 AM on 12th December 2019.**
Place : Hyderabad **Sd/- DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE**
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OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (PPP) P.W.D., RAJASHTAN, JAIPUR
No. 1233 NIT No. 20/2019-20 Date: 15/11/19
INVITATION OF REP/FINANCIAL BIDS FOR TOLL FEE COLLECTION
On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, Public Works Department, Rajasthan (India) invites RFP/Financial Bids for Fee Collection for ADB funded Highways under RSHIP Tranche-1 Package-04 in specified format.
The RFP/Financial Bid document can be viewed or/ and downloaded from website: <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://www.pwd.rajasthan.gov.in> and <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> from 18.11.2019. Any further amendments to the RFP/Financial Bid document shall only be made available on above websites as such prospective Bidders are expected to visit the above websites for the same.
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Notice Inviting Bid
N.I.B. No. BIP/Info/771 Nov. 18, 2019
Offers are invited from reputed Public Relations Firms for Government of Rajasthan. The Complete Bidding Document containing Instructions to Bidders, Bid Evaluation, Qualification Criteria, Key Personnel Requirements, Bidding Forms, Conditions of Contract, Contract Forms, Payment of Price of Bidding Document, User Charges/Processing Fee, Bid Security etc. may be seen at or downloaded from the website of State Public Procurement Portal <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> or e-procurement portal <http://eproc.raj.nic.in>. The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 20.11.2019 at 4.00 pm, at BIP. The Bid security is Rs. 20 lac. The last date for submission of online Technical and Financial Bid is 26.11.2019 at 2 pm. The Bid will be opened on 26.11.2019 at 5.00 pm. For any further clarification Ms. Nidhi Sen, General Manager, may be contacted on 0141-2227274, 2227713, 2227812 or an email may be sent to bip.raj@nic.in.
Sd/- UBN No-BIP1920SLOB00012 Chief General Manager (F&A)

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Notice Inviting Tender (e-bidding only)
Electronic Bids are invited through Open Tender from Firms for **'Appointment of Consulting Organization for Assisting PFCL in Project Management Services for Implementation of Smart Metering in Shimla & Dharamshala under HPSEB Ltd.'**. The last date of Bid submission will be **12.12.2019 at 15:00 hrs (IST)**. For details visit our website www.pfcclindia.com under the head 'tenders' or e-Procurement Portal www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocurement/pfccl

Government of Rajasthan
Office of Director, Archaeology & Museums Department, Rajasthan, Jaipur
(Phone No. 0141-2820360, Email-dirarchraj@gmail.com)
No.:- A&M/TS(M)/Restaurant Amber/19/11695 Dated:- 15/11/19
UBN No.: AMD1920SLOB00029
SHORT TERM E-Bid Notice for Running a multi cuisine Restaurant at Amber Fort, Amber, Jaipur
On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan the Department of Archeology and Museums is invites Online Short Term Bid for Running a multi cuisine Restaurant at Amber palace from reputed firms/companies/joint venture's engaged in operating and managing restaurants capable of serving multi-cuisine food of good and hygienic quality. The proposed location is around 695 sqm. in area and is situated at 11th and 11th floors in the west of Jaleb Chowk, Amer Palace.

Particular	Bid Security (in Rs.)	Bid Fess (in Rs.)	Bid Processing Fees (in Rs.)	Dates for availability of Bid Documents for downloading	Last Date & time of Online Submission of Bid	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid
For Running a multi cuisine Restaurant at Amber Fort, Jaipur	5,86,090/-	1000/-	1000/-	27.11.2019 Upto 2.00 PM	27.11.2019 Upto 2.00 PM	27.11.2019 AT 4.00 P.M.

1- Detailed bid document terms & condition can be viewed or/and downloaded from Department website <http://museumsrajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> & <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>. Online Bid are to be submitted duly digitally signed in electronic format only on website <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>.
2- The Bid fee Rs. 1000/- & bid security of Rs. 5,86,090/- in the form of D.D./banker cheque in favour of Director, Archaeology & Museums Department, Rajasthan Jaipur, and Bid Processing fee of Rs. 1000/- in form of D.D./banker cheque in favour of M.D., R.I.S.L., Jaipur should be Submitted till 2.00 PM of 27.11.2019 in this Office.
3- Any amendments to the bid documents shall only be made available on above websites as such prospective Bidders are expected to visit above websites for the same.
DIPR/9777/2019 **Sd/- Director**

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF DRUGS AND MEDICAL CONSUMABLES (GROUP-IV) FOR THE YEAR 2019-20
Bid Ref. No. : OSMCL/2019-20/DRUGS-DHS-GEN(GR-IV)/07 Date: 20/11/2019
Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<https://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Drugs and Medical Consumables (Group-IV) as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.No.	Particulars	Date and time
1.	Date & time of release of bid	21.11.2019, 3.00 PM
2.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	25.11.2019, 4.00 PM Venue: Tender Evaluation Room, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar
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4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time 13.12.2019, 10 AM End Date & Time 20.12.2019, 11.00 AM
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The Rural

Tracking the changing India in its villages

HARISH DAMODARAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

FOR THE Indian sugar industry, the worst seems over.

Although the current 2019-20 sugar year (October-September) has opened with record stocks of over 14 million tonnes (mt) — equivalent to six-and-a-half months of domestic consumption — the ray of hope is from tightening global supplies, making large-scale exports from the country a viable proposition.

In 2018-19, India's sugar output as well as closing stocks hit all-time-highs of 33.16 mt and 14.27 mt, respectively (see table 1). This, in ordinary circumstances, would have spelled disaster both for mills (already burdened by low sugar realisations) and farmers (not receiving full or timely payment for their cane). Mills in Uttar Pradesh (UP), as on November 19, are to still pay Rs 3,660.90 crore out of the total Rs 33,048.03 crore worth of cane bought from growers in 2018-19, even as they have commenced crushing for the new 2019-20 season.

But this gloomy domestic glut scenario — compounded by near-flat consumption in recent years, apparently reflecting growing health consciousness and reduced offtake by industrial users, including beverage, sweetmeat, chocolate, confectionery, biscuit and ice-cream makers — is being partly offset by a developing global deficit.

The US-based commodity analytics firm Tropical Research Services has projected world raw sugar production in 2019-20 to fall short of consumption by 11.90 mt, a marked turnaround from the surplus of 10.52 mt only two years ago. Moreover, closing stocks, at 43.2% of consumption, would be the lowest since 2010-11 (see table 2).

"This is a great opportunity for us to export and it couldn't have come at a better time, when we are saddled with so much of stocks," says Prakash Naiknavare, managing director of the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories.

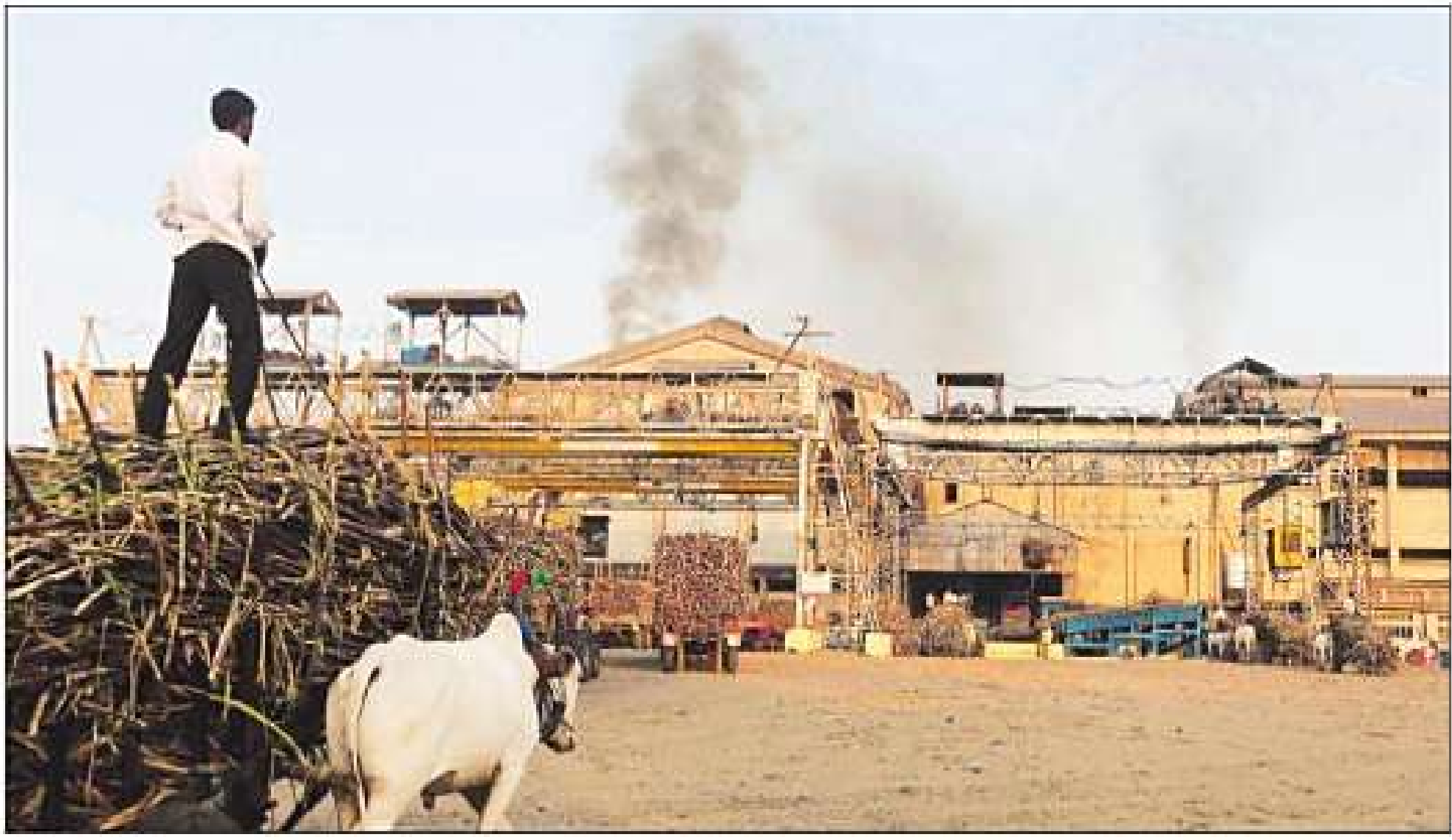
Sugar exports from India amounted to 3.8 mt in 2018-19, lower than the targeted 5 mt. For the current sugar year, the Narendra Modi government has allocated export quotas to mills aggregating 6 mt, apart from granting a three-month extension till December 31 to discharge their balance 1.2 mt commitment for 2018-19. Together, they add up to 7.2 mt, way above the highest-ever shipments of 4.96 mt achieved in 2007-08.

"It is a stiff target," admits Naiknavare, "but the good thing is that the international market looks much more conducive and the government has announced an adequate export incentive well before the start of this season". The Modi government, on September 12, notified a new 'World Trade Organisation (WTO)-compatible' scheme providing a lump-sum assistance totaling Rs 10,448 per tonne towards marketing, internal transport, port handling and ocean freight expenses incurred on export of sugar. The scheme, limited to the maximum admissible export quantity of 6 mt for all mills, would entail a fiscal cost of about Rs 6,269 crore.

Last year, the notification for facilitating exports was issued only on October 5. Further, the incentive package included an assistance of Rs 13.88 for every quintal of cane crushed and a payment to defray expenditure towards internal transport, freight, handling and other export-related charges. The latter payment was up to Rs 1,000 per tonne of sugar for mills located within 100 km from ports and Rs 3,000/tonne for those beyond 100 km in non-coastal states.

"It was too complicated, with procedural hurdles and excessive documentation requirements for making claims. The new scheme is simple: You simply export and get a flat incentive of Rs 10,448 for every kg of sugar going out. Also, what is being given is a lump-sum assistance and not reimbursement of actual expenses, which can be challenged at the WTO. And it has been announced early enough to plan our production for exports," notes a UP-based miller.

Indian mills, it is learned, have already



GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY

Shipping out trouble

India's sugar exports are set to hit a record high this year, providing some respite to the beleaguered industry

TABLE 1: INDIA SUGAR BALANCE SHEET (LAKH TONNES)

Year*	Production	Imports	Consumption	Exports	Stocks
2010-11	243.94	0	207.69	26.00	57.29
2011-12	263.43	0	220.00	33.90	66.82
2012-13	251.41	7.25	230.00	3.48	92
2013-14	243.6	11.77	244.27	27.82	75.28
2014-15	283.13	12.36	256.55	23.02	91.2
2015-16	251.25	0	248.5	16.70	77.25
2016-17	202.62	4.48	244.48	0.46	39.41
2017-18	323.28	2.24	254.50	6.32	104.11
2018-19	331.61	0	255.00	38.00	142.72

*October-September; **Year-end. Source: National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories

TABLE 2: GLOBAL SUGAR BALANCE SHEET (MILLION TONNES)

Year*	Production (1)	Consumption (2)	Gap (1-2)	Stocks-to-Use %
2010-11	166.827	166.142	0.685	42.9
2011-12	174.190	168.893	5.297	45.1
2012-13	183.318	172.779	10.539	49.8
2013-14	181.533	176.388	5.145	51.6
2014-15	181.853	179.350	2.504	51.7
2015-16	175.082	181.330	-6.248	47.7
2016-17	178.329	181.807	-3.479	45.6
2017-18	193.702	183.177	10.524	50.7
2018-19	185.110	185.089	0.021	50.2
2019-20	175.682	187.582	-11.899	43.2

Source: Tropical Research Services

contracted 1.3 mt of sugar for exports during this season. A significant quantity of it is raw brown, as opposed to white refined, sugar. The normal crystal white sugar produced by Indian mills has an 'ICUMSA value' of over 100. The market for it is limited, unlike the more widely traded highly-refined sugar of 45 ICUMSA grade (the lower the ICUMSA, the more the whiteness).

"Our raw sugar from fresh cane, crushed within 12 hours of harvesting, is free of dextran (an undesirable compound resulting from microorganism-induced biodeterioration) and with 600-1,000 ICUMSA. There is a good demand now for it, especially from re-

fineries in United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, China and South Korea that largely source Brazilian raw sugar. Since the Brazilian sugar season starts only in April-May, we have a six-month time window to leverage," points out Naiknavare.

Iran, too, is reportedly buying significant quantities from India. The Islamic republic, which has been blocked from the global financial system due to US-imposed economic sanctions, is using the rupees earned from sale of oil to import sugar, rice, tea, soyabean meal and other commodities from India.

"Everything's falling in place. Not only are we in a better position to export, but the gov-

ernment also deserves credit for coming out with a practical and well-timed incentive scheme. It allows us to begin the season by producing raw sugar and enter into back-to-back contracts with importers," observes the earlier-quoted UP miller. Even in Maharashtra, the delayed start due to heavy unseasonal rains — mills will crush only from November 22 — may be a blessing of sorts, as it gives leeway to take up production of raw sugar straightaway for dispatching to the ports rather than storing in factory godowns.

Raw sugar is currently trading in New York at roughly 12.8 cents per pound. The rate would be higher, at 13.3 cents or Rs 21/kg, for Indian sugar, which fetches a 4.05% 'polarisation premium' for extra sucrose content. Adding the Rs 10.5 incentive and deducting Rs 2-2.5 towards bagging, transport and port handling charges, mills would realise Rs 29-29.5 per kg from exports. This is below the domestic ex-factory price of Rs 31.5-32.5 for white sugar. But raw sugar production costs are also lower by Rs 1/kg or so, as mills save on lime, sulphur and additional steam-cum-processing charges. Besides, the government fixes monthly quotas for sales in the domestic market, whereas there are no such restrictions on export of sugar. Faster liquidation translates into savings in interest and carrying costs as well.

The improved prospects for exports, however, do not translate into an end to the industry's woes. The state advised price (SAP) for sugarcane in UP has gone up only marginally from Rs 300-315 to Rs 310-325 per quintal between 2016-17 and 2018-19, with mills struggling to pay even that. The Yogi Adityanath administration has not declared the SAP for the current season, despite 87 out of the state's 119 mills already crushing 5.85 mt of cane and producing 0.58 mt of sugar till now.

In Maharashtra, drought in the Marathwada-Solapur-Ahmednagar region till August, alongside unprecedented flooding in the main southern sugar belt of Sangli-Kolhapur during late-July/early-August and heavy unseasonal rains across the state after September, has taken a heavy toll on production itself. Maharashtra's sugar output is likely to plunge to 5.5-6 mt in 2018-19, from last year's record 10.72 mt.

For the moment, exports are the sole bright spot for Indian sugar.

Ethanol as solution loses spirit

Mills are finding it more profitable to supply to liquor makers than oil marketing companies



PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS

THE NARENDRA Modi government's much-touted ethanol solution to the sugar industry's problem of plenty appears to find few takers — at least for now. This, despite the significant increase in prices of ethanol procured by public sector oil marketing companies (OMC) for blending with petrol and mills being given the flexibility to produce it directly from sugarcane juice or even sugar and sugar syrup.

On September 20, the OMCs floated purchase tenders for 511 crore litres of ethanol for the 2019-20 supply year (December-November). But when the tenders were opened on October 11, bids were received for only 164 crore litres. This was below the 185 crore litres supplied by mills in 2018-19, against a much lower tendered quantity of 329 crore litres. In the preceding two years, tenders were floated for 313 crore litres and 280 crore litres, with the corresponding quantities supplied amounting to 150.5 crore litres and 66.7 crore litres, respectively.

Abinash Verma, director-general of the Indian Sugar Mills Association, attributed the lukewarm response from mills to reduced sugarcane and molasses availability this year, especially in Maharashtra and Karnataka. "Drought followed by floods in large cane-growing areas of both states has made their mills reluctant to commit significant ethanol supplies, even as molasses prices have almost doubled to Rs 8,000-8,200 per quintal," he said.

Even for the 164 crore litres of committed supplies, 95 crore litres or 58% came from Uttar Pradesh, with mills in Maharashtra and Karnataka offering just 22 crore litres and 16 crore litres, respectively. Sugar production, too, is expected to drop this year to around 55 lakh tonnes (lt) in Maharashtra, from 107.20 lt in 2018-19, while similarly falling from 44.30 lt to an estimated 33 lt for Karnataka.

Between 2017-18 and 2019-20, the government has raised the ex-distillery price payable by OMCs for ethanol manufactured from 'C' molasses — the residual mother liquor after the maximum possi-

ble recovery of sugar from the cane juice — from Rs 40.85 to Rs 43.75 per litre. More significant, though, has been the decision to permit mills to make ethanol from the earlier 'B heavy' molasses stage and even directly from sugarcane juice. Further, mills are being offered higher rates for ethanol derived from these non-conventional routes. For the 2019-20, mills would be paid Rs 43.75/litre for ethanol manufactured from 'C' molasses, with these fixed at Rs 54.27 from 'B heavy' molasses and Rs 59.48/litre for the sugarcane juice and sugar/sugar syrup routes.

These incentives — plus the government mandating 10% ethanol blending in petrol and targeting this at 20% by 2030 — have, however, not really enthused sugar mills.

Bhairavnath B Thombare, chairman of the Latur-based Natural Sugars and Allied Industries, has a simple explanation for this. Currently, rectified spirit (RS) used by alcohol-based chemical makers and other industrial users is fetching a price of Rs 43-44 per litre. The ex-distillery realisations from extra neutral alcohol (ENA), which is what goes into potable country and Indian Made Foreign Liquor, are even more at Rs 58-60.

"Both are produced by fermenting molasses, but the alcohol content is only 95% in RS and 96% for ENA. On the other hand, ethanol is alcohol of 99%-plus purity. Converting RS into ethanol costs about Rs 5 per litre. It is more viable, then, to sell RS than ethanol. While making ENA from RS costs Rs 3/litre, the higher price makes it worth selling the former. Either way, production of ethanol does not make much sense this year," he pointed out.

Verma felt that the picture might change when the OMCs float their next tender in December or January. By then, the cane crushing season would have progressed, which should help ease availability of molasses. "We would see more bidding from mills that have expanded their ethanol production capacities," he noted. But in all likelihood, the bids will come mostly from UP mills, which have no dearth of cane for crushing in 2019-20 as well.

ROUGH WEATHER

Making the PM Fasal Bima Yojana work better on the ground

Some practical suggestions for improving implementation of the Modi government's flagship crop insurance scheme



SUDHAKAR MANDA

SINCE THE launch of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in kharif 2016, there have been mixed reactions to the Narendra Modi government's flagship crop insurance scheme from different stakeholders.

While each of them — insurance and reinsurance companies, farmers, state governments, agricultural scientists, economists and media — have their own perception about the scheme, what is not in doubt, however, is the fact that it is very ambitious and probably an 'ideal one' any country should have. Also, the government has been very forthcoming in using technology, right from the process of registration of farmers to the settlement of claims and transferring of money to beneficiaries. The whole infrastructure for making this process a success may not have been in place

from the start, but the individual pillars are being strengthened with each passing crop season and issues resolved through consensus approach. And this isn't easy, given the vast differences within the country in terms of last-mile penetration of technology, crop types, seed varieties, agronomic practices, landholding sizes, microclimate and soil-moisture regimes, etc. In addition to these major constraints is the small time window available for farmer enrolment, monitoring of crop through the season, conducting crop cutting experiments (CCE) for quantitative assessment of losses, if any, and settling claims — not to speak of the 'human factor' operating at every level of undertaking these exercises.

Taking into account the above realities, here are some suggestions that may be worth considering for improving the implementation of a fundamentally well-conceived scheme:

■ **Historic Yield data:** For calculation of threshold yields, against which crop loss assessment is made, PMFBY relies on data aggregated at district or, at best, sub-district level. This is problematic when field or plot-level insurance is what should be a desirable aim. Any benchmark based on historic long-term data also needs relooking, as the field that gave 'x'

quintals of produce in the past may currently yield more, thanks to availability of better seeds, irrigation or better crop management practices. To arrive at threshold yields, it would be best to take the past three-years data and exclude drought/flood years to decide threshold yields, while giving more weight to the latest year. In the past few years, yield data is being collected through digitisation of CCEs involving geo-tagging, date-timing and photographs of the plots where these are being conducted. Such data, which correlates better with local conditions than area averages, should be used for determination of threshold yields as well.

■ **Selection of Insurance Units (IUs) for CCEs:** Sowing acreages aren't uniform across any district or even block. While some IUs in a district or block may have significant area sown under a particular notified crop, this wouldn't be the case with others. It makes sense, therefore, to merge IUs having less sown area under that crop with the nearest significant ones. Alternatively, a number of IUs, whose individual sown area under the crop is below a pre-decided level, can be merged to form a bigger IU. All this will reduce the total number of IUs in which CCEs are required to be conducted. A further reduction can be achieved through smart site



A farmer near Kolhapur in Maharashtra surveying the flood-damaged sugarcane crop in his field. Parthasarathi Biswas

selection of IUs using satellite-mapping tools such as normalised difference vegetation, water or leaf area indices (which would help identify sites where more or less CCEs may be required, depending on the crop health status revealed by these values).

■ **Selection of fields:** CCEs are now done on random plot selection basis, independent of whether a farmer's crop is insured or

not. Insurance is sought primarily by farmers whose yields are generally low and prone to fluctuations. That being so, it would be unfair to decide the fate of insured farmers based on data collected from uninsured farmers' plots. To be fair to insured farmers, yields from only their plots ought to be considered, as opposed to taking all farmers for computing the average yield of an IU. One way to do this to simply take the list of all insured plots in the IU and picking randomly (even a digital lottery system isn't bad).

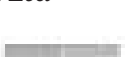
■ **Adopting Satellite Remote-Sensing Technology (RST):** Ideally, RST should be employed at all stages in the crop season, whether for tracking progress of sowing area or estimation of yields and determining sites for CCEs. One reason for RST solutions not being adopted for crop insurance is the lack of standardisation in the approaches towards their use. Secondly, optical remote-sensing images in the red, green, blue, and near infrared electromagnetic spectrum bands are not available during the major part of the kharif (monsoon) season, when they are needed the most. Now that we have satellite technology using microwaves, which can penetrate through cloud cover, light rain and haze, its utility for determination of crop-wise sown area and yields is beyond doubt. RST can, in fact, today be widely and more effectively deployed to simplify many aspects of PMFBY implementation.

■ **Weather-based insurance:** In an ideal

world, crop yield loss at the individual farm should be the basis for compensation. But from a simplicity and scalability point of view, weather-based crop insurance is the best and fastest solution. Automated weather stations that measure simple parameters such as rainfall, temperature, relative humidity and wind speed — which correlate well with crop growth performance — can help supplement or even be an alternative to CCEs. Below-normal rain during July-August is bad for most kharif crops (when they are in sowing or vegetative growth stage), just as we know from this year's experience how too much rainfall in September-October (when they are in grain formation or near-harvesting stage) isn't also good. It should further be possible to offer insurance products based on crop yield proxies from satellite datasets such as normalised difference vegetation index. These should preferably be microwave satellite datasets, which are all-season.

No doubt, a lot of tweaking still needs to be done to PMFBY. Addressing the issues highlighted above should result in reduction of CCEs and more standardisation in procedures. These would ultimately help distressed farmers, who are looking for immediate relief in case of crop loss from natural factors beyond their control. They will benefit from a crop insurance scheme that expeditiously settles claims.

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ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD

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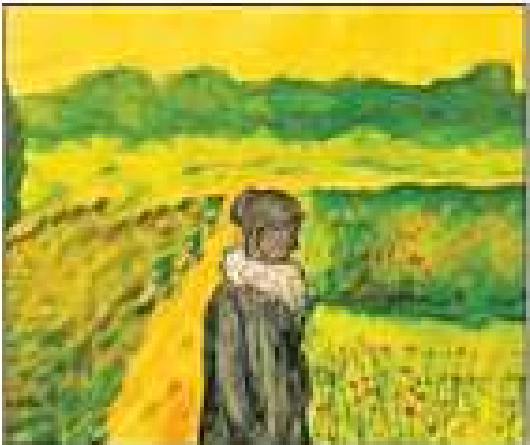
Making a Note

A COLLABORATION between the veena and piano, ‘Stringmasters – Tracing the Evolution of Form’ aims to find common spaces between the two and showcases the journeys that the instruments have taken in their respective traditions. While Jayanthi Kumaresh (pictured) is one of India’s torchbearers for the Saraswathi veena, pianist Anil Srinivasan is recognised for adapting the piano to the Indian context. “We have created a taanam format, which is unique to the piano and veena, making this a truly evolved collaboration,” says Srinivasan. They will be accompanied by Pramath Kiran on the tabla and Trichy and Krishnaswamy on the ghatam. On Nov 24, 6 pm, at India International Centre.



A Night of Music

As part of its Foundation Day celebrations, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts in Delhi has a series of programmes lined up, culminating into a night of musical extravaganza. The concert will see prominent artists such as sitar players Adnan Khan and Abhyankar. The evening begins with Carnatic vocals by sisters Ranjani and Gayatri, who have performed around the world. Instrumental enthusiasts can enjoy a performance by Pravin Godkhinde, an eminent flute artiste, as well as Deb Shankar Roy and his brother Jyoti Shankar Roy, who have played the violin for films by Satyajit Ray. On November 23, 7pm to November 24, 7am. Entry is free.



One with Nature

AT THE recent launch of anthropologist Subhash Malik’s book, *Moments of Being*, in Delhi, Prof Neera Chandoke said that philosophers have always asked themselves the question, ‘Who am I?’, and that ‘Subhash has answered this question for himself with his book’. The book is a synthesis of Malik’s paintings and Sukrita Paul’s poetry, done over the years. The launch was followed by a discussion with artists Arpana Caur and Shobha Broota, and architect-scholar Vikram Lall. Broota also remembered the artist’s brother, Keshav Malik, a noted poet and art critic, to whom the book is dedicated.



Words Worth

AUTHOR AND chairperson for Infosys Foundation Sudha Murty (pictured) will deliver the 13th Penguin Annual Lecture on ‘Storytelling and Social Change: How Literature Influences Who We Are and What We Do’ to be held on December 11 at The Imperial, New Delhi. Murty will draw from her two passions – storytelling and social work – to showcase the connection between literary arts and philanthropy. “Writing is a medium of my expression and experience. I have been blessed that my personal experiences have touched the hearts of readers,” she said. In the past, historian Yuval Noah Harari, historian Ramachandra Guha, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and author Dan Brown have delivered the lecture.



Gold Rush

The 50th edition of International Film Festival of India kicked off in Goa on Wednesday with two of India’s biggest actors, Amitabh Bachchan and Rajinikanth, taking stage

KRISHN KAUSHIK

THE OPENING of the 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) saw two of the biggest stars of the Indian movie industry come together on stage. Rajinikanth was chosen as the icon of the golden jubilee of IFFI while Amitabh Bachchan was the chief guest of the opening ceremony and there will be a retrospective of his movies over the next eight days.

Both the stars said that the other had inspired him. Bachchan said that Rajinikanth is “such a humble human being, who has come from such humble beginnings”, and “inspires” people everyday. The Bollywood star also said that more than anyone else, he wants to thank his fans and the audience. The love and affection that they have given him through the highs and lows, he said, “is a major debt that I can never repay, nor would I want to repay”.

Accepting his award as the icon of IFFI’s golden jubilee, Rajinikanth said he was “extremely happy to receive this prestigious Special Icon of Golden Jubilee award” and thanked the Indian Government for “honouring him with the award”. He said that he dedicated the award to his directors, producers and “all the technicians who have worked in my films”, but “above all”, he expressed his gratitude to his fans and “Tamil people who have supported me”.

Apart from the two, French actress Isabelle Huppert was given the lifetime achievement award who thanked India for giving this “extraordinary award” to her. IFFI this year will also have a retrospective of the octogenarian British filmmaker Ken Loach. Though Loach was not present for the opening ceremony, he sent a video message.

In the politically loaded message, Loach mentioned the rise of the political far right across the world as a major challenges



(Top) Amitabh Bachchan, Rajinikanth, I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar, Goa CM Pramod Sawant, with others, during the IFFI opening ceremony in Goa *PIB*; French actor Isabelle Huppert who received the Lifetime Achievement Award

everyone faces today. “Although the details of our lives are different, the concerns are universal... The rise of the political far right concerns us all; where people are set against each other and divided by the countries we come from, divided by the class we belong to, the economic class, and divided by interests. We have to assert in our country and in your country in every way we can and through films is that what unites us is far bigger than what divides us,” he said.

Ramesh Sippy, N Chandra and PC Sreeram were honoured as legends of Indian cinema. The opening ceremony was marked by several government functionaries being felicitated as well, including Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, and Environment, Forests and Climate Change, and Heavy Industries Prakash Javadekar and Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.



Javadekar thanked all artists during his speech saying that they can have a significant impact on people’s lives. “You have enriched each one of us. You don’t know what you’ve done, but each artist has contributed to make our lives better,” he said.



NOT SHOWING

Auction house Sotheby’s has removed a Banksy sculpture titled *The Drinker* — his take on Rodin’s *The Drinker* — from a major London auction. There were reports of the work, expected to fetch a million pounds, being stolen two days before the auction.

On the Cards

The latest edition of IFFI, Goa, packs over 200 movies into its nine-day schedule. Here are some of the films you shouldn’t miss:

MASTER FRAMES: The section has 17 films by international masters including Roy Andersson’s *About Endlessness*, Costa Gavras’ *Adults in the Room*, Francois Ozon’s *By The Grace Of God*, Semih Kaplanoglu’s *Commitment*, Werner Herzog’s *Family Romance LLC*, Fatih Akin’s *The Golden Glove* and Dardenne Brothers’ *Young Ahmed*

SOUL OF ASIA: Movies to be showcased in this section include Chinese films Wen Li’s *Feelings to Tell*, Zhou Sun’s *Summer is the Coldest Season*, *The Fourth Wall* co-directed by Zhang Chong and Bo Zhang and Lalith Rathnayake’s *The Other Half*. It also features omnibus movies *Ten Years Japan* and *Ten Years Taiwan*, which reflect how young directors have envisioned their surroundings over a decade

OSCAR RETROSPECTIVE: Some of the classics such as *Casablanca* by Michael Curtiz, *Gone With the Wind* by Victor Fleming, *Ben Hur* (pictured) and *The Best Years of our Lives* by William Wyler, *All About Eve* by Joseph L Mankiewicz,



Lawrence of Arabia by David Lean, *The Godfather* by Francis Ford Coppola, *The Silence of the Lambs* by Jonathan Demme and *Forrest Gump* by Robert Zemeckis will be screened

WOMEN FILMMAKERS: IFFI will feature 50 films by as many women filmmakers. There is 37 *Seconds* by Hikari, *Portrait of a Lady on Fire* by Celine Sciamma, *Her Name is Petrunija* and *Honey Boy*

WORLD PANORAMA: This section showcases 64 selected films which have bagged prestigious awards, such as *Les Misérables*, *Bombay Rose*, *Buoyancy*, *Deerskin* and *You will die at 20*.



FESTIVAL KALEIDOSCOPE: This year’s Palme d’Or winner at Cannes festival, *Parasite* by Bong Joon-ho, will have its India Premiere at IFFI. The other films in this section are *A Son* by Mehdi Barsaoui, *Bacurau* (pictured) co-directed by Juliano Dornelles and Kleber Mendonça Filho and *Echo* by Rúnar Rúnarsson



African Beats

A recent event aimed to expose the Capital to African people and their culture

SONAL GUPTA

“THE MUSIC allows you to lose yourself in the rhythm, which is the biggest challenge in today’s scenario. West African music being tribal, resonates through your body and centres you emotionally,” says Yashdeep Khare, member of the Sunshine Ensemble. The band had the audience clapping to the rhythm of the African drums, called djembe, at the Akshara Theatre in Delhi for the Spirit of Africa Festival, held recently. The festival organised in collaboration with the P[ART]icle Collective, was not a just a celebration of African culture but an effort to spark conversations over racism and work towards inclusion.

“There are so many attacks and assaults

A performance during ‘Spirit of Africa’

on Africans, and lot of it is because Indians are not very exposed to African culture,” said Anasuya Vaidya of Akshara Theatre. Vaidya’s team performed *My Child Yaaba*, a children’s play written by Ghanian writer, Ama Ata Aidoo. “It is important to expose children to different cultures. While it is a different country and era, they found a lot of resonance with their own culture. The characters live in a big joint family in a village in Ghana with all the mothers, aunts and uncles, much like we do in India,” she added. The venue was lined with stalls selling African garments, authentic Ethiopian coffee and food, such as injira, which tastes a lot like dosa, and a hair-styling kiosk.

Films centred around Africans living in India were also screened, followed by a discussion with the filmmakers. Vatsala Singh’s short film *Africans are Peddlers, Cannibals, Ha”mi: India’s Racism Exposed*, focusses on the narratives of Africans who have faced harrowing incidents in Delhi. The tribute to modern African literature continued with a dramatic reading of poems by Maya Angelou and Chinua Achebe.

I just hope this marks the beginning of where we get huge crowds coming into the stadium and Test cricket gets its credit.”

RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN, ON PINK BALL CRICKET

Eyes on Rahane and Mayank ahead of squad selection

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 20

THE SELECTION meeting in Kolkata on Thursday for the upcoming limited-overs series against West Indies is an opportunity for the MSK Prasad-led panel to have a rethink. For some reason, Ajinkya Rahane was binned as a white-ball player after the South Africa tour in early 2018. Manic experiments followed in search of the ideal No. 4 for the World Cup. When India crashed out of the World Cup, nine-ODI-old Rishabh Pant had walked out to bat in that position. That Rahane wasn't doing well by his standards even in the long-form during that period didn't help his cause. But now the Test team vice-captain is back at his best, as his Test average – 73.87 – and two hundreds under pressure in seven matches this year confirm. The question, however, is: Can the 31-year-old convince the selectors that his Test form could be replicated in ODIs as well?

India host three T20 Internationals and as many ODIs against West Indies in December. If the panel sticks to its policy of workload management for key players – Virat Kohli has rested for the three T20Is against Bangladesh – then Rohit, too, deserves a break. Rohit has been playing almost non-stop this year – 25 ODIs, 11 T20Is and four Tests so far apart from the IPL. If he is rested, then Rahane, who till 2017 was the Indian team's reserve opener in white-ball cricket, becomes a serious contender on form.

Mayank Agarwal, too, is in red-hot form in Test cricket, fresh from two double hundreds and a century in his last four matches. Given that Shikhar Dhawan is going through a mini slump, Agarwal should be a strong contender for the opening slot in the ODIs.

That he can open the innings as well as bat down the order at No.4 should, at least theoretically, bolster Rahane's case. Then again, it needs to be seen if the selection panel considers the T20I and the ODI squads in isolation. If their thought process is completely 2020 World T20-oriented, with the ODI series fitting in as an extension, then its unlikely that Rahane will get a look-in.

Mumbai police refuse to provide security for Dec 6 India-WI T20I

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

THE BCCI may be required to find a different venue for the India-West Indies T20 International, scheduled to be held at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on December 6, after the city police verbally informed the Mumbai Cricket Association of their inability to provide security for the match.

The police want MCA to change the venue as match-day coincides with Dr Ambedkar Mahaparinirvan Diwas, which will be observed on December 6, as well as the anniversary of the Babri Masjid demolition. Security in the city is typically heightened around this time, and police forces tend to be stretched while maintaining law and order in the city. *The Indian Express* understands that MCA has informed its Apex Council members about Mumbai Police' request during its meeting held on Wednesday. It is learnt that MCA will meet Mumbai Police officials on Thursday in this regard.

"Mumbai Police has expressed their views on providing no security on that particular day for the T20 international game. Police will have heavy bandobast across city as people from all over Maharashtra come to the Chaityabhoomi at Shivaji Park on Mahaparinirvan day. At the same time Police doesn't want to take any risk post the Ayodhya judgment. But we will meet officers again and check if security can be made available," an MCA official said.

When Taufel buried face in a pillow and burst into tears after close shave

VISHAL MENON
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE WORD 'superstition' entered the conversation seamlessly. Simon Taufel, the former Australia umpire was narrating a life-changing incident to Harbhajan Singh during the latter's book launch 'Finding the Gaps' in New Delhi. Like most cricketers, Taufel, too had a superstition. Whenever he was on duty, he would never change his bus seats. On March 1, 2009 – in Lahore to officiate the second Pakistan-Sri Lanka Test match – he decided to take an exception to his superstition, when he found fourth umpire Ahsan Raza perched on his designated spot.

Moments later, terrorists sprayed bullets that killed the bus driver and injured Raza. "There were a lot of things that were happening. The vehicle we were travelling in was shot at and killed our driver. One bullet razed past Raza's shoulder, and the other was lodged in his stomach. To imagine that if I had not taken an exception to my superstition that day, I would have had to cop that bullet. I remember sitting in that vehicle holding onto Peter's (Manuel) arms, not knowing what to make of the situation,"



CAN WIN WITH THEIR HANDS TIED

Indian players warm-up before a practice session at Eden Gardens on Wednesday. Partha Paul

Ballad of East and West

Cultural as well as cricketing connections makes the upcoming Kolkata Test a special occasion for many in the Bangladesh team

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE NOVELTY of a day-night Test on Indian soil aside, everything else at the upcoming India-Bangladesh Test will likely be more of the same. An extra coat of lacquer on the pink ball to aid swing, a greener pitch that might result in exaggerated seam movement, dew and the twilight zone, a period that players dread because of the reduced visibility factor – all these issues are relevant when there's a battle of equals. But between India and Bangladesh, the gulf in Test cricket is so wide that the hosts are expected to make light of the obstacles that a day-night Test could present.

On Wednesday, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly voiced his excitement that first four days of the Eden Test is a sell-out. Then again, Bangladesh would do well if they can take the game that far. In good batting conditions at Indore, they lost inside three days even after India had dropped a few sitters in both innings. So red or pink, the visitors' degree of difficulty remains the same.

That doesn't mean Bangladesh are an afterthought in the upcoming contest. Their weakness doesn't make the affair any less significant for them.

A common thread

And yet, an India versus Bangladesh Test in Kolkata is special. Bangladesh have been playing Test cricket since 2000. They had to wait for nearly two decades to play a Test in the city where their national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam had established himself as an anti-colonial revolutionary through his literary works. This is where Rabindranath

Tagore was born and bred and laid out his lyrical oeuvres including *Amar Sonar Bangla* – Bangladesh's national anthem. Tagore wrote and composed the national anthem of both India and Bangladesh. So whenever the two teams play, the Nobel Laureate remains a common thread.

The Radcliffe Line divided the same people and same culture in 1947. Seventy-two years down the line, Kolkata or Bengal, like the Punjab region, still have a great many people who feel nostalgic about their ancestral homeland and on the other side of the border. East Bengal Club secretary Kalyan Majumdar, in fact, bears a grudge that his ancestors were uprooted. "No, no, we don't see any emotional connect with Bangladesh or their cricket team. When you have your past generations uprooted from their birthplace, anger had to be the only recourse. As for us, our generation and our children, we are Indians and we don't relate ourselves to Bangladesh in any way. We were very happy to see India's resounding victory at Indore. We would be very happy to see India roll over Bangladesh here," Majumdar told *The Indian Express*.

His forefathers migrated from Noakhali in erstwhile East Bengal. Majumdar, an eminent writer, quoted William Wordsworth to describe his family's past – "emotion recollected in tranquillity". He helms a football club that still carries its pre-Partition name. "Our fan base no longer sees the East Bengal Club as an association for those who came here after the Partition. Far from it. But the name hasn't been changed because of the fond nostalgia."

Former Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) joint-secretary Subir Ganguly, also an ex-East Bengal official, concurred. "There's absolutely no sentiment attached," he said. But Ganguly



Many Bangladeshi players, including Mushfiquur Rahim, played age-group cricket at Eden Gardens.

also agreed with the "fond nostalgia" part.

Majumdar opined that even the 'Bengali-connect' bit has become passé. "That feeling existed till the 1970s. Now, in the era of globalisation, youngsters see themselves as Indians first and members of the world next," he said.

Return to alma mater

As for the Bangladesh players, a lot them

have returned to the place where they played cricket as kids. Under the late Jagmohan Dalmiya, the CAB had an exchange programme with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and the likes of Mushfiquur Rahim, Mominul Haque, Liton Das and Mohammad Mithun, and also Tamim Iqbal and Shakib Al Hasan, came here to play matches as U-14s and U-16s.

"Of course this is a special occasion for

Shami can be deadly on any surface, with any ball: Saha

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INDIA WICKETKEEPER Wriddhiman Saha on Wednesday brushed aside concerns about pink ball being a challenge for bowlers like Mohammed Shami who, according to him, can be trusted to come good irrespective of the ball's colour or the nature of the surface.

India will take on Bangladesh in their maiden Day/Night Test starting here on Friday. Shami had a match-haul of seven wickets among the Indian pace attack's collective haul of 14 scalps in the home team's innings and 130-run victory over Bangladesh in the first Test in Indore.

"With the form they (Shami, Ishant Sharma and Umesh Yadav) are in, the pink ball is not a factor. Especially (Mohammed) Shami, he can be deadly on any wicket. He has pace and is able to extract reverse swing," Saha said when asked whether colour of the ball will make more difference.

Saha said that they haven't yet checked how much movement is on offer as far as pink ball is concerned.

"We are yet to see the movement of the pink ball. But the colour of the ball won't matter with the current form of our pacers," Saha added.

A handful of Indian players, including Bengal's Shami and Saha, have pink ball experience in domestic cricket but the wicket-keeper pointed out that it was a Kookaburra.

"The only change is the colour of the ball. It's made differently. There's also a change in the timing and picking the ball a bit difficult in twilight. It may help the pacers but will be challenging for the batsmen," Saha said.

us. We waited 19 years to play a Test at Eden. For the players, emotions will evaporate once the match starts, but we will cherish the memory of this game," said a Bangladesh team official.

Coming back to Dalmiya, he was instrumental in bringing Bangladesh to the Test fold. "Even much before Bangladesh got Test status, the relationship between the BCB and the CAB was at a different level. I fondly remember the love that my father had received when the ICC Knockout tournament was held there in 1998. That was the first major ICC global tournament, which was also organised to generate funds, for the ICC didn't have any funds at that point time," Avishek, Dalmiya's son, told this paper.

The knockout tournament was the opening gambit, with an eye to take Test cricket to Bangladesh. "The CAB had sent its curator and ground staff to ensure the (ICC) tournament was successfully organised. From that point of time the whole initiative that Bangladesh should get Test status started. In 2000, which was my father's final year as the ICC president, Test status was given to Bangladesh despite some objections from certain nations. The Asian bloc supported the move and eventually it was a unanimous decision. So obviously, it has been a very long wait (to host Bangladesh for a Test) as far as Eden Gardens is concerned. And it's a very nostalgic moment for all of us here. All the old memories are back again, which makes one emotional," Avishek said.

It's befitting that Bangladesh are part of this historic occasion – the first-ever day-night Test in India at Eden. Just that a full house would hope the visitors show some stomach for a fight.

cision and it's really tough. As players, we are allowed to play one bad shot or bowl one bad delivery and still get away with it. But imagine these guys. One bad decision can change the outcome of the match."

Taufel admits his years in the international arena have taught him a fundamental lesson: the grim acceptance that umpires are human, far-from-perfect creatures and prone to mistakes. This realization helped him swallow some of the several howlers he had committed during his 12-year career. "When I began as an umpire at grade cricket in Australia as a 20-year-old, I thought that I would never make a mistake. One of the great things about being young is that you can feel indestructible and that nothing is too hard or impossible," he points out.

With time, however, these opinions changed. In his debut Test – Australia-West Indies Boxing Day Test match at MCG in 2000 – he admits he made two mistakes. Four years later, England-New Zealand Test at Trent Bridge was probably his worst by all accounts. His error-count in that match was six by the time the match wound up on Day 4. "My standards were so high that anything less than perfect was unacceptable. The cameras don't lie. Suddenly, the youthful concept

of confidence and bravado was blown away with a feeling of helplessness," he explains.

Taufel would overcome this despair by adopting a more prosaic, yet an effective ball-by-ball approach. Another remarkable trait he managed to imbibe was the ability to desensitize himself from the game. "There are so many of my own little challenges I have to look into that I really didn't care if a batsman was approaching a personal landmark or found time to appreciate if someone played a great shot."

He was also blessed with a keen sixth-sense, what he describes as "gut-feeling" that helped him get some of the most difficult decisions spot on. "The India-Pakistan ODI game in Karachi in 2004 was probably the noisiest venues I had ever officiated in. I don't remember the Indian spinner who had elicited a faint edge from Inzamam-ul-Haq. There was no way anyone would have heard anything in that stadium. But my gut instinct told me that there was an edge and I went by it. I stood vindicated as replays later suggested there was a deviation," he recounts.

For Taufel, one of his biggest takeaways as an international umpire, was his ability to forge long-standing bonds with vastly contrasting personalities ranging from a Steve Bucknor, David Shepherd to a Billy Bowden

and Steve Davis. "The relationships I have forged with these guys is something I will always treasure. I saw Shepherd as my mentor. During the 2004 India-Pakistan Test match in Multan that both of us officiated together, I remember doing warm-ups after the first day's play and David would be sitting in the dressing room having my ice-cream," he says with a chuckle.

Spending two consecutive Christmases alone in distant Durban and the constant yearning to be with family – wife Helen and kids Harry, Jack and Sophie – hastened Taufel's retirement. His last international outing was the 2012 World T20 final between Sri Lanka and West Indies. For the audience assembled in the national capital, this was a nostalgic trip back into the 90s and noughties, with a timely reminder that even seven years after Taufel's retirement, his popularity in India is still undiminished.

The discussion ends with lines from 'Finding the Gaps' that aptly sum up the affable 48-year-old. "Don't try to be perfect, you'll only disappoint yourself. Don't expect others to be perfect, they will only fall short of your expectations. Strive for excellence every day and celebrate little wins and achievements of progress along the way."

BRIEFLY

Bhaker misses final by one point

Putian: Manu Bhaker missed out on the finals by a point as India drew a blank on the second competition day of the World Cup Finals for rifle and pistol shooters here on Wednesday. After Sanjeev Rajput's narrow miss on day one, it was Bhaker in the women's 25m pistol event. Bhaker shot 583 in qualification, the same score as two other competitors, one of whom made the finals with the Indian losing out on lesser number of inner 10s. In fact, both Bhaker and Australian Elena Gallabovitch not only had the same score, but also the same number of 17 shots in the inner 10 ring. Among other Indians, Asian Games champion Rahi Sarnobat shot 569 for an 18th-place finish in the women's 25m pistol, while Anish Bhanwala shot 578 in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol to end in 10th position. **PTI**

Maradona quits as coach of Gimnasia

Buenos Aires: Diego Maradona has quit as coach of Argentinian Superliga side Gimnasia, less than three months after taking over, the club announced. "Maradona is no longer the Gimnasia coach," club president Gabriel Pellegrino said on Argentina's Radio La Red. "He said he was here to add to things, not to divide," was Pellegrino's explanation for the World Cup-winner's decision. Reports in Argentina suggested Maradona's departure was linked to an imminent management shake-up at the club in La Plata, 50 kilometres from Buenos Aires. Maradona was no longer keen on remaining at the club after Pellegrino, the man who brought him back to Argentine football, pulled out of running for re-election as the side's president next Saturday. **AFP**



NADA to be present at inter-district meet

New Delhi: Dope testing will be a part of the National Inter-District Junior Athletics Meet (NIDJAM) for the first time in its 17-year-old history, Athletics Federation of India (AFI) announced on Wednesday. The AFI confirmed that the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) will send a team to collect a number of samples in the three-day event, beginning here on Saturday. AFI President Adille Sumariwalla said anti-doping measures this year will be among the major steps taken towards raising the bar and making NIDJAM the most prized event for the young athletes. **PTI**

DDCA vice-president Bansal removed

New Delhi: The Delhi & Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) on Wednesday removed Rakesh Bansal from the post of vice-president after it came to light that he has been chargesheeted in a criminal case. Rakesh has been accused of signing a cheque worth Rs 50 lakh to a company, which had subsequently bounced. "The DDCA, on Wednesday, received intimation that Mr. Rakesh Bansal, who is Vice-President of DDCA, has been accused and charged in a criminal case for offence under Section 138 NI Act by the Court of Mr. Tushar Gupta, Metropolitan Magistrate," DDCA issued a press release. Earlier on Saturday, DDCA president Rajat Sharma had resigned from his post, citing his inability to continue amidst "various pulls and pressures". However, the DDCA ombudsman on Sunday rejected Sharma's resignation, asking him to resume work as president and also fixed November 27 to formally hear the matter. **PTI**

Fast forward

Pakistan's latest pace sensation, 16-year-old Naseem Shah, has impressed even the great Andy Roberts

SRIRAM VEERA

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

A NIGHT before the tour game in Perth against Australia 'A', Pakistan's premier batsman Babar Azam was shaken by a WhatsApp call from the late Abdul Qadir's son Sulaman from Lahore.

It's bad news – the young teenaged pace talent Naseem Shah's mother had died, and Sulaman, a mentor of sorts of Shah and who took in a fresh-faced teenager at his Abdul Qadir Academy a few years ago, wants Babar and the team to break the news gently. "Let him sleep now, no point in waking him and shock him. Please tell the manager to tell the news gently to him," Sulaman says. Babar promises to do the same and soon, the manager is on line, affirming the same.

As it turned out, after Sulaman's discussions with the family and the team management's internal talks, it was decided that Shah would play that 'A' game. "He never was going to make it in time for the funeral," Sulaman says.

He didn't bowl in the first innings and in the second, stormed into cricketing world's imagination with an imperious performance – snarling bouncers that shake up Usman Khawaja whose woes convince the selectors not to pick him for the Test series, and snorters from just short of length that harrasses the Test opener Marcus Harris. Short videos go viral on Twitter, Cricket Australia puts out slightly longer versions and the cricketing world gets all delirious – nothing quite stirs it like the sighting of the next great pace hope. He is 16, they say, and even if some doubt his age, no many doubt his natural talent.

It's just not fans that are goose bumping but the cricketing fraternity is salivating. That art is truly international is proven when one hears the excited voice of the pace legend Andy Roberts from Antigua. Turns out, a few years ago, Roberts had been in Lahore for a three-week pace camp and had worked with the very young Shah. More than his own stint, he seems to be more interested in finding out about how the boy is doing now.

As one mentions a few titbits from the internet, and sends videos to him, Roberts repeats the full name "Naseem Shah" three to four times, lingering and stretching Naseeeeeem in obvious pleasure.

"Wonderful talent, I remember. Just a young kid then. You see young talent and see some good stuff but this boy was something else. Had everything: pace, skill to move the ball, and was aggressive – he was very eager to learn," Roberts says.

So much so that, Roberts remembers the last day, the farewell moment from the camp. "He was almost crying, tears in his eyes that we were leaving and camp was ending. I used to wonder what happened to him."



Shah and Roberts didn't need to be worried for the talent would run in to Pakistan's wisest cricketing head – Mudassar Nazar, the former opener and medium pacer who runs the National Cricket Academy and the man whose brains Imran Khan used to pick during his captaincy days.

It was during a troubled phase a couple of years ago when Shah reached out to Mudassar. He was hit by a serious back injury. "Not just one but three stress fractures on the back," Mudassar seems to shudder even now. "It was dark times indeed, and even as I would tell him to be strong and motivate him, even I was worried. But how hard he worked. Great commitment and desire," Mudassar says.

"Mera kya hoga, sir? (What will happen to me?) Will I be able to play again? Will I be able to bowl as fast as before? *Baccha tha*, young boy, he used to keep asking and I would keep counselling him that he can if he works hard. His friends and peers like Musa Khan and Hasnain Mohammad were all going past him and that also makes one wonder, na?"

Mudassar suggested a few course corrections: the action was modified a bit – "His front leg was going too far across at the crease, twisting his back, and that was changed. Small stuff like that. His overall strength was increased. All this means, not



Naseem Shah is set to become the youngest Test debutant on Australian soil. **PCB**



only did he have to do gym sessions but also change his action – and practise it a lot to make it natural. It needs great passion and hard work to do all that."

For nine months, Shah spent hours in the morning, afternoon, and evening working on all that was required. "He was with me at the academy for those months and slogged so hard. Any early doubts I had about him disappeared."

Not just Mudassar but the Pakistan cricket establishment threw their weight behind Shah. He had been signed up by the PSL team Quetta Gladiators when he was hit by the injury. Nadeem Omar, the team's owner and a godfather to many young cricket talents in the country, allowed him to be with the team even if unfit so that he doesn't feel dispirited and also learns from the likes of Viv Richards, team's mentor.



"To bowl fast, you need to be aggressive and you need to want to bowl fast. It causes pain to the body and you need to withstand it. Naseem was always eager to do whatever was required. He had everything I would say," Mudassar says.

It's the nuances that Mudassar strived to inculcate. "The angles, for example. How to use the crease better. I would say something about say, the need to bowl from round the stumps and he would quickly pick it up and do it in training. How to bowl different lengths. He would soak it all up quickly. But I would say he was already really good when

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It's an impression that Shah gave to people even years before. Sulaman, son of Qadir, remembers the day when Shah's uncle Saeed brought him to his academy. Clad in Salwar Kameez, a thin eager-eyed lower-middle class kid from Lower Dir, a place eight hours by road from Lahore, started to bowl at the ground. "I am not exaggerating but the very first ball he bowled, I was moved and started to watch with great interest. I had given him an old ball mind you but he bowled superbly. He bowled a few balls and I remember rushing to him to tell him, 'Naseem, what do you want to do? Under-16, Under-19 and even Pakistan ODI team you will play even if you don't work hard. That's the kind of talent you have? But if you work hard, you will play Test match cricket for Pakistan and there is nothing greater than that. Will you?" "I won't say that *uski zehen mey maine Test dream daala*, but I am happy to have played a small part," Sulaman says.

Next day, Sulaman took Shah to the pace trials for U-16. But the selection was already done and the last-instant intervention wasn't enough. "He was heart broken but I told him, just trust me, work on your bowling, next year you will get in. No one can stop you."

Some time later, Sulaman sent a message to his father Qadir, who was with ZTBL, a team in domestic cricket. "Baba, you have to see this kid. And he said, *Bhejo*, send." Soon, Qadir was a fan. "He has everything: pace, action, and cricketing sense. He is going to be a big cricketer, baba said."

Around this time, Shah started to work with a former pacer and a respected coach Saud Khan. "It was Saud *bhai* who polished him. At the academy we had worked on his run-up, making it more fluent, and then Saud *bhai* worked a lot with him during this important phase."

Roberts entered the picture around this time. "To bowl fast, you have to be aggressive. That he was. I told him and other bowlers about the need to improve the lower-body strength. The legs. Talked a bit about the need to be accurate with bouncers – even then he was very keen in bowling them," Roberts laughs. "Nothing out of the world but usual stuff that you tell young pacers but he was very eager."

"You know the difference between Pakistani and Caribbean pacers?" Roberts warms up. "Here they constantly keep talking about need for fast pitches. As if in our days, we bowled on really quick tracks. No way. You have to be fast through the air, not off the wicket. If there is help, great but the real job is done through the air. The Pakistani bowlers understand that. The young kid too got it. I am so happy that he has continued to work and Pakistan cricket has helped him to reach Tests. I would be very interested in watching how he performs."

Only thing that Mudassar worries now is the kind of hype building around Shah. "It can get tricky. I hope he takes all that and settles down. But it's great that he has a great bowler like Waqar Younis as team coach there. Who better than him to coach? Remember, even Waqar didn't have success early in Australia. His record in that country improved later. So he will pass on all that. And even if things don't go according to what we all wish; one thing is certain: Naseem will come back from Australia a better, improved bowler. This experience will help him a great deal."

How far can the boy go? "All the way, I would say. He is the real deal," Mudassar says. "From what I see, he has everything, it's up to him now," Roberts says.

Sulaman was at Shah's house for the mother's funeral. "I spoke to him that day. And told him 'remember how happy your mother would be. November 21st (the start of the first Test) is your day, her day. You are born to do this: be a great fast bowler. Just focus on it'. I know how terrible it is to lose a parent; I lost my father recently and he is so young but I just wanted to make sure that he knows all his family, friends, Pakistan cricket and even cricket fans around the world are with him." What did he say? "I will try my best. Playing Tests for Pakistan has been my dream. *Karoonga*."

Australia vs Pakistan: 1st Test: Live on Sony Network: 5:30 am

Qureshi's absence opens door for teens in Pak squad

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Pakistan has been forced to pick two rookie 17-year-olds for their Davis Cup encounter against a full-strength Indian squad, after senior players Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi and Aqeel Khan pulled out protesting against the tie being shifted to a neutral venue.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has shifted the November 29-30 tie from Islamabad to Kazakhstan capital Nur-Sultan.

The Pakistan Tennis Federation named teenagers Huzaifa Abdul Rehman and Shoaib Khan, both of whom are ranked as lowly as 446 and 1004 respectively in the junior ITF ranking list.

Yousuf Khan and Ahmad Kamil, also teenagers, along with Amjad complete the squad. With Pakistan's top players Aisam and Aqeel pulling out of the tie in protest against shifting out of matches to a neutral venue, the PTF was left with no option but to pick junior players.

"It could have been a good tie but for India. We are sending junior players. Our senior Davis Cup team is not coming. We are sending our junior Davis Cup team. They are all 16-17 years old and will gain some experience," PTF President Salim Saifullah Khan told PTI. "India wanted to win this tie, so now they can win this tie easily. Everyday hundreds of Indians are coming to Pakistan. Our hotels in Islamabad are full of Indians but the six Indian players can't come. It's a shame," Khan added.

In the last tie, Pakistan hosted against Uzbekistan in April 2018, apart from Aqeel and Aisam, Muzammil Murtaza, Heera Ashiq and Shahzad Khan were part of the squad, which had lost 0-4. In the same year, Pakistan had beaten Korea 4-0 at home.

Since 2017, Pakistan hosted four Davis Cup teams and Hong Kong was the only team deciding against travelling to Islamabad.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) dismissed Pakistan's review appeal against shifting of the tie against India to a neutral venue and nominated Nur Sultan to host matches on Tuesday.

When asked whether they have let their team down by pulling out, veteran Aqeel told PTI, that it was about taking a stance.

"We have not let down our team and nation, I don't think so. The Pakistan federation is also supporting us. This is a moral stand that we have taken. It's not that wherever you throw us, we will go and play. In the past also ITF has taken a few decisions that went against us," the 39-year-old said.

"We are also standing somewhere. We are also playing in Group I. We have maintained our position by beating some good teams in Asia zone. Aisam and I were very clear in our stance that if the tie is played outside, we won't play," he said.

Aqeel questioned why India was given a walkover when Australia had refused to travel to India in May 2009 in the wake of Mumbai terror attack during the previous year. "Why the tie was not played on a neutral venue at that time and India were given a walkover?," he countered, indicating that ITF was not fair with PTF. "We wanted a good competition. Indian tennis federation and Indian team have missed out on an opportunity to receive incredible hospitality and security by refusing to visit Islamabad. We don't understand, thousands of people are coming here, then what was the problem with this Indian team?"

The winner of the tie will make it to the 2020 Davis Cup Qualifiers, from where the winning team will strive to make it to the World Group.

The Pakistan Tennis Federation named teenagers Huzaifa Abdul Rehman and Shoaib Khan, both of whom are ranked as lowly as 446 and 1004 respectively in the junior ITF ranking list. Yousuf Khan and Ahmad Kamil, also teenagers, along with Amjad complete the squad.

Root ready for test after Ashes blip

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ENGLAND CAPTAIN Joe Root has declared himself free of any Ashes hangover as he looked to revive his fortunes and those of his team in the two-Test series in New Zealand starting on Thursday. Root said he had been working on his batting shortcomings and denied the Test captaincy weighed on his performance in the drawn mid-year series against Australia, in which he suffered three ducks as England failed to regain the Ashes.

Neither England nor New Zealand were prepared to name their line-ups Thursday for what will be the maiden Test at Mount Maunganui's Bay Oval ground. But Root said rising star Jofra Archer "would bring something different to what we had previously" in the bowling stakes, indicating the pace-man will be included.

New Zealand will not be fighting fire with fire – their genuine quick Lockie Ferguson is in the squad for the first time, but captain Kane Williamson said he would sit out the first Test. England have had the upper hand over New Zealand this year, narrowly winning the World Cup on the boundary count-



Joe Root prior to a training session at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui. **AP**

back rule when the final was tied, and winning the recent Twenty20 series 3-2 when a super over was needed to separate the two sides. But while the wins were satisfying, Root said Test cricket was another level altogether and after failing to beat Australia he fancied England could start on the road to redemption against New Zealand.

"Long term it's important that we look after Test cricket in England and we make it a priority," he said.

"You look at the guys in the dressing room and they're all desperate to get that right. We feel we're in a strong position to take this team forward."

Root, who averages 47.91 but was well off his best with an average of 32.50 against Australia this year, was adamant the pressure of captaincy was not an issue. "It's very clear that I want to be leading this team moving forward," he said. "I'm not concerned about it. I know I've not performed as I'd like to in previous series and probably over the last year, but they're challenges you face as an international player. It could have been exactly the same if I wasn't captain. I've gone away and worked out a few things and feel like my game's in good order coming into this series."

Despite Root's confidence, New Zealand go into the series ranked second in the world, one spot ahead of England, and have won seven of their past eight home series including a 1-0 win in a two-match series against England 20 months ago. Tim Southee, Trent Boult and Neil Wagner, who took 32 of the 40 England wickets to fall in that series, were confirmed Thursday as again forming the bowling pace attack.

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Bookies who approached woman cricketer to be further investigated

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TWOBOOKIES, reported to the India cricket board's Anti-corruption and Security Unit (ACSU) for approaching a member of the national women's team, have been directed by a city court to appear before the crimebranch for further investigations on November 22. Thebookies-Jitendra Kothari and Rakesh Bafna-had approached a20-year-old cricketer while she was rehabbing at the National CricketAcademy in the city under the pretext of offering her managerial services last February.

Thecricketer had then reported the approach, made during India-Englandone-day series, to the International Cricket Council, which conductedan inquiry and warned the bookies after finding prima facie evidenceagainst them. Based on a reference made by the ICC, the regionalintegrity manager of the ACSU, Haridayal Singh Champavath, filed acriminal complaint with the Bengaluru police in September this year.The Bengaluru po-

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ting. Theplayer then reported the approach to the ICC.

Accordingto the case registered against the bookies, they were planning to use the information provided by the player for the India England women's one-day series played at the end of February in India. ACSU head Ajit Singh Shekhawat, a formerRajasthan director general of police, had spoken about a woman cricketer being approached by bookies in September.

Withthe Bengaluru crime branch police aggressively tracking fixingincidents after a flurry of such instances, especially in theKarnataka Premier League T20, the two bookies recently approached a sessionscourt in Bengaluru fearing arrest and seeking anticipatorybail. Kothari,who hails from Gurgaon, and Bafna, who's from Cuttack, have beenregistered anticipatory bail but have also been directed by the sessionscourt to appear before the CCB police on November 22. The duo hasalso been asked to appear before the police twice every month. The two bookies on Wednesdayfiled a fresh set of anticipatory bail pleas.



Jose, once more

Spurs pin their hopes on Mourinho to help them rediscover their winning ways

London: Jose Mourinho was on Wednesday appointed Tottenham's new manager to replace the sacked Mauricio Pochettino, with the club lan- guishing 14th in the Premier League. The Portuguese former Chelsea, Real Madrid and Manchester United manager signed a contract until the end of the 2022/23 season, with a basic salary of £8m a year, the north London club said in a statement.

Pochettino, 47, transformed Spurs' fortunes after arriving from Southampton in 2014 and al- though he failed to win a trophy he took the club to the Champions League final for the first time in their history just six months ago. But the Argentine was sacked on Tuesday, with Tottenham struggling in the league after picking up just three wins from their opening 12 games. This season they were knocked out of the League Cup by fourth-tier Colchester United and suffered an embarrassing 7-2 defeat at home to Bayern Munich in the Champions League.

"I am excited to be joining a club with such a great heritage and such passionate supporters," said Mourinho, who has won domestic league titles in four dif- ferent countries — Portugal, England, Italy and Spain.

"The quality in both the squad and the academy excites me. Working with these players is what has attracted me."

Spurs Chairman Daniel Levy said: "In Jose we have one of the most successful managers in football. He has a wealth of ex- perience, can inspire teams and is a great tactician. "He has won honours at every club he has coached. We believe he will bring energy and belief to the dressing room."

Mourinho has won Champions League titles with Porto and Inter Milan. **AFP**



"What can I promise? Passion, real passion. Passion for my job, but also passion for my club, that's the way I have been all my career and I want to try, obviously, everything to bring happiness to everyone who loves the club."

JOSE MOURINHO,
TOTTENHAM SPURS MANAGER

Putting a broken house in order

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FOR THE entire duration of his 895-day stint with Manchester United, Jose Mourinho stayed at a 600-pound-a-night, 90-square-metre luxury suite, Lowry's Riverside Suite, in Greater Manchester. The room, after his ouster from Old Trafford, was duly rechristened and marketed as "Mourinho's ex-suite", at a hiked rate of 816-pound-a-night. The Spurs man- agement, though, needn't scamper to find a luxury abode—and Mourinho, it's said is extremely finicky about hotel rooms — or shell out an ex- orbitant amount in this regard, as their newly-appointed man- ager has a 25-million pound house in central London.

It's his increasing fondness for the house and the city— which he faithfully brought up during his punditry-stint with *Sky Sports* — that sparked spec- ulations of him assuming reins of a London-based club. Arsenal, it was widely, assumed — such a wedding would have been uncomfortably ironic given his storied antipathy to- wards Arsene Wenger and the club — but it's their bitter rivals that he would pair up with as he begins re-ascent to manag- erial pinnacle. And his first, and foremost endeavour, would be to set a broken house in order — the broken house that's the swanky new Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

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Mourinho is a left-field appointment for Levy but if you want a winner - and Spurs have not won a trophy for a long time - Mourinho is your man.

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WINNING MACHINE

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Jose Mourinho has won **19 titles (both domestic and international) across five different countries.**

soothe the egos, stitch a few victories, and salvage a rapidly drifting season.

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conquering men in the 2010 Champions League semifinal. While he didn't self-anoint a sobriquet — like the Special One (when he first took over Chelsea) or the Happy One (when he returned to Stamford Bridge), a moniker "The Returning One" would be apt.

Task two: Dusting off the rustiness

There's no dearth of talent in the Spurs ranks, and im- portantly players that Mourinho appreciates like Harry Kane and Christian Eriksen as well as Mourinho kind of players like Erik Lamela (under-appreciated under Pochettino, but who works hard off the ball), and Toby Alderweireld (who he coveted during his United days). In fact, several times has he raved about the technical gifts of Spurs' players. Contrary to popular perceptions, Mourinho prefers technical than powerful players.

Like for instance, his first Chelsea side, which for most part of his reign played an en- thralling brand of football, with highly technical players like Arjen Robben and Joe Cole (at the tip of his 4-4-2 diamond formation) adorning his line- up. So was it during Madrid.

And he also loves an out- right, clinical striker in the Kane mould (check Didier Drogba, Karim Benzema, Samuel Eto'o and to lesser extent Romelu Lukaku). Only thing is that sev- eral of them have looked jaded like Eriksen, Lucas Moura, Dele Alli and Moussa Sissoko. If he

can revive their form — and Mourinho has the knack of re- vivifying careers — Spurs could hope for an upswing.

Task three: Brand of football

Seldom ever has there been an obsession on the style of foot- ball in the Premier League than it's now. Courtesy Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp. Pochettino didn't lag behind either.

So there could be unflinching scrutiny on the type of foot- ball Mourinho's Spurs would embrace, especially with a club that always professed an aggressive approach. One who puts prag- matism over aesthetics, the parking the bus metaphor could seldom be far behind. While Mourinho is a pragmatist than a dreamer, it's a misconception that he's forthrightly defensive —his Madrid routinely outscored Barcelona. Rather, he's a remark- ably flexible manager, schooled to deliver with a variety of strate- gies and formations. Maybe, more than style and flourishes, it's Mourinho's mean streak that Spurs will benefit from. Spurs want to win trophies. So does Mourinho. There could be tantrums and histrionics en route—very unlike any Spurs manager—but there would be no shortage of drama.

Task four: Self-redemption

Even before the United ouster, the knives were out at Mourinho. That he didn't connect well with the new genera- tion of players. That his ideas were dated. That his gloss was mystique off, exacerbated by a downward win percentage, from a high of 76 with Madrid to 53.8 with United. That he's yes- terday's man.

It's against this backdrop that he makes his fourth entry into the EPL, with (historically) the least glamorous of teams. But therein lurks the scattered chords of his redemption song. Jose, once more.

Bale sends Real Madrid a message

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GARETH BALE laughed and danced with his Welsh interna- tional teammates behind a flag that had the message: "Wales. Golf. Madrid. In That Order."

The forward can look for- ward to playing in another ma- jor tournament with Wales af- ter helping the national team secure a place in next year's European Championship on Tuesday. Given the way he cel- ebrated qualification, Bale's fu- ture with Real Madrid might not be so rosy.

Aaron Ramsey scored twice — the first goal set up by a cross from Bale — as Wales beat Hungary 2-0 in a winner-takes- all match in Cardiff on Tuesday. Wales climbed from fourth to a second-place finish in Group E behind Croatia, leaving Hungary to attempt to get to the finals via the playoffs in March. Slovakia, which beat Azerbaijan 2-0 on Tuesday, fin- ished in third place and will also contest the playoffs.

It will be a second straight Euros for the Welsh, after 2016 in France when they reached the semifinals in their first ma- jor tournament in 58 years.

That was under Chris Coleman and now they are coached by Ryan Giggs, the Manchester United great who has delivered in his first qual- ifying campaign in charge of his country.

Under Giggs, Wales could be



Bale's latest act of rebellion poses new problem for Zidane.

a threat at the Europe-wide tournament held in June and July next year, with its forward line containing Bale and Manchester United's Daniel James while Ramsey — now at Juventus after leaving Arsenal in the offseason — makes runs from midfield. Much will hinge on the fitness of Bale and Ramsey, who are both injury prone. This was the first time they started together for Wales since a Nations League qualifier against Denmark last November.

"This is where we want to

be," Bale said about Wales reaching a major tournament for only the third time. "We will go there and have some fun again."

He looked like he was hav- ing fun after the match as he danced on the field behind a flag whose message was seem- ingly linked to recent com- ments made by former Real Madrid player Predrag Mijatovic when discussing Bale's current priorities at Madrid. Bale, who is big golf fan, has rarely appeared for Madrid in recent weeks because of in-

jury but was able to play for Wales in both of its Euro 2020 qualifiers over the past week. Once again, he shone for Wales. Bale was given time and space to curl in a left-footed cross from the right wing that Ramsey met at the far post to head high into the net.

Ramsey's second goal, in the 47th, was a cool finish from close range after he latched onto an acrobatic effort by substitute Kieffer Moore. "It's about time he contributed!" Bale said jok- ingly about Ramsey. "He's a world class player, it's great to have him back and his goals helped us through."

The Slovaks could have qual- ified in second place if the Wales-Hungary match had fin- ished in a draw.

They did all they could, win- ning in Trnava courtesy of Robert Bozenik's 19th-minute goal and another from Marek Hamsik in the 86th. On the final night of qualifying, top-ranked Belgium completed a perfect campaign in Group I by thrash- ing Cyprus 6-1 for a 10th straight win.

Christian Benteke and Kevin De Bruyne both scored twice, with Yannick Carrasco also on the score sheet and Christoforu Kypros scoring an own goal.

Belgium was the most pro- lific team in qualifying, scoring 40 goals from 15 different play- ers. Roberto Martinez's side also conceded just three goals. Russia beat San Marino 5-0 and finished second, with its only losses coming against Belgium.

Nadal keeps Spain alive against Russia in Davis Cup Finals

Madrid: Rafael Nadal kept Spain's hopes alive against Russia in the inaugural Davis Cup Finals on Tuesday. The top-ranked Spaniard defeated Karen Khachanov 6-3, 7-6 (7) to level the series 1-1 after Andrey Rublev had rallied to beat Roberto Bautista-Agut 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (0) in the first match.

Nadal converted his second match point at the packed "Caja Magica" (Magic Box) center court. That ensured the tie will be de- cided in the doubles match, which was set to start after mid- night local time. In the revamped Davis Cup format debuting this year, teams play only two singles and a doubles in each tie, with the

group winners advancing to the knockout stage along with the two best second-place finishers in the six groups. Russia defeated defending champion Croatia in Group on Monday.

Serbia's Novak Djokovic and Britain's Andy Murray will make their first appearance on Wednesday. Serbia takes on Japan and Britain plays the Netherlands. The Davis Cup Finals is being played in World Cup- style with all 18 teams playing in a single venue in the same week. It is the result of a 25-year part- nership between International Tennis Federation and Kosmos, a group co-founded by Barcelona soccer player Gerard Pique. **AP**



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