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2 lynched in West Bengal over suspicion of cow theft

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 21

TWO MEN were lynched in West Bengal’s Coochbehar district Thursday for allegedly ferrying two stolen cows in a vehicle with no number plate, police said, adding that 13 people have been arrested so far. According to an officer probing the case, rumours of cows being stolen had been rife in the area of late.

According to police, Mathabhanga residents Prakash Das (32) and Babul Mitra (37) were stopped by around 20 locals at 5.30 am after they noticed the animals in their pick-up van. “They pulled them out and beat them with sticks and stones before torching the vehicle. The mob dispersed when police reached the spot,” said an officer from Kotwali police station. The men were rushed to Coochbehar Government Medical College and Hospital, where they succumbed to injuries. Police said they are yet to ascertain whether the cows were actually stolen.

“Thirteen people have been arrested and an investigation is underway,” SP (Coochbehar) Santosh Nimbalkar said. Police deployment has been increased in the area and raids are underway to identify others who were part of the mob, an officer said.

The accused have been arrested on charges of murder, and more charges are likely to be added, the officer said.

Ayodhya ruling darkest spot in history but won’t go for review: Jamiat

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE JAMIAT Ulama-i-Hind (JUH) faction led by Maulana Mahmood Madani has decided not to file a review petition on the verdict of the Supreme Court in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case. The JUH working committee that met on Thursday adopted a resolution describing the judgment as “the darkest spot in the history of free India” but said it wouldn’t file a review petition as there was “possibility of further damage”.

Earlier this week, the Jamiat faction led by senior Deoband teacher Maulana Arshad Madani and the All India Muslim

BOTH PARTIES EXPECT DEPUTY CM POSTS

After Sonia green light, Cong & NCP to join Sena-led govt in Maharashtra

Ahead of power-sharing deal, Uddhav meets Pawar; Cong heads to Mumbai

MANOJ CG & VISHWAS WAGHMODE
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 21

THE UNCERTAINTY over government formation in Maharashtra is set to end within the next 48 hours with the Congress and NCP reaching an understanding Thursday on backing a Shiv Sena-led government in the state. The two parties, sources said, will join the government and the nitty-gritty of the power-sharing formula could be finalised and announced before Saturday.

The Congress Working Committee met Thursday morn-

ing at party chief Sonia Gandhi’s residence and gave the green signal for an alliance with the NCP and the ideologically incompatible Shiv Sena. Senior Congress leaders Ahmed Patel, Mallikarjun Kharge and K C Venugopal are expected in Mumbai Friday where, along with the NCP, they will finalise the power-sharing formula with the Shiv Sena leadership.

Late Thursday night, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and his MLA-son Aaditya met NCP chief Sharad Pawar at his Silver Oak residence in south Mumbai. Shiv Sena’s Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut was also present at the meeting.

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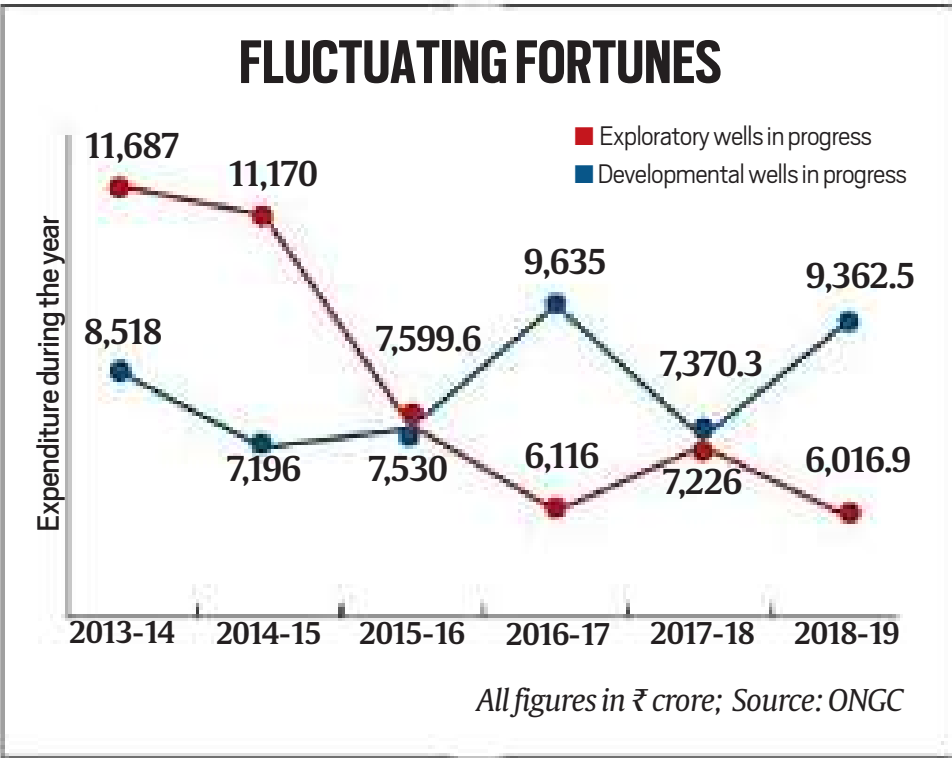
Uddhav and Aaditya Thackeray at Sharad Pawar’s Mumbai home, Thursday. Nirmal Harindran

ONGC cash reserves at record low, spend on exploration dips

SANDEEP SINGH & ANIL SASI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE DEPLETING cash and other bank balances of ONGC Ltd, India’s main state-owned oil explorer that accounts for over 60 per cent of the country’s crude oil production, finds a reflection in the overall capex spends of the upstream petroleum major.

ONGC’s cash and balances dipped to touch a record low of Rs 504 crore in March 2019, down from Rs 1,013 crore in March 2018 and Rs 9,511 crore in March 2017 and Rs 9,957 in March 2016. While this slide in balances is precipitated by two deals involving ONGC’s stake buys in downstream oil marketing company Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) and Gujarat-based GSPC that dented the former’s cash reserves, the government has maintained that ONGC has “sufficient lines of credit from banks and strong access to capital mar-



kets” to maintain its working capital requirements.

A closer examination of the data for the last six years, however, shows that ONGC’s expenditure on exploratory wells has almost halved from Rs 11,687 crore in the year ended March 2014 to Rs 6,016 crore in the year ended March 2019.

This decline in exploratory

expenditure comes alongside a steady decline in domestic crude oil production. Data shows that domestic crude oil production has consistently declined between FY12 (38.09 MMT) and FY18 (35.68 MMT).

The expenditure by ONGC on developmental wells has, however, remained steady over the

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In Jharkhand, Shah brings up Ram temple: Cong tried to stall

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 21

SETTING THE tone for the five-phase Assembly polls in Jharkhand starting November 30, BJP president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday raked up the issue of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, abrogation of Article 370, committee for reservation of the backward and “70 years of Congress misrule” while underlining the “double engine” growth of Jharkhand under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Raghubar Das.

At two separate rallies in Manika and Latehar, Shah spoke of Modi’s “strong” response to Pakistan following the terror attacks in Uri and Pulwama.

At one of the rallies, he asked



At a rally in Jharkhand on Thursday. ANI

the crowd: “Should the Ram temple be built in Ayodhya or not? Tell me, mothers and sisters. Every person in this country wants a Ram temple. But the Congress stalled the case.” It was met with cheers of “Jai Shri Ram”.

“We wanted a resolution to this dispute within the framework of the Constitution. Now see, how

with the blessings of Lord Ram, Supreme Court has cleared the way and a big temple will be constructed. Modiji is resolving age-old problems,” he said.

He said that if the BJP government returns to power, it will form a committee to increase the percentage of reservation among the backward caste. He called it “social justice”. The government, he said, has already undertaken an exercise for sub-categorisation of Other Backward Class.

On Kashmir, he said the Congress delayed abrogation of Article 370. “Batao 370 jaani chahiye thi ki nahi, zorse bolo jaani chahiye thi ki nahi? Aap sab ki baat maante huey, August 5 ko Modiji ne dhaara 370 hata diya (Tell me, 370 should have gone or not? Modi abrogated Article 370 after listening to all of you).”

Answer each question on curbs: SC to J&K admin

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE J&K administration was in the spotlight Thursday when it was told by the Supreme Court that it will have to respond to each and every question raised on restrictions imposed in the wake of the August 5 announcement ending the special status of the state under Article 370.

The bench of Justices N V Ramana, R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai, hearing petitions challenging the restrictions, told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for J&K, that he must answer all questions so that the impression does not go out that the government was not serious about the case.

Mehta told the bench this was not the case because the situation in J&K was improving every day. He said he was ready with a status report, as sought by the court, detailing the ground situation as on November 20. The data, he said, “reflects normalcy in Kashmir and not otherwise, as sought to be projected by the petitioners”.

During the hearing, attempts by a lawyer to compare the situation in Hong Kong with that prevailing in J&K had the court inquiring if Hong Kong too faced

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In downtown Srinagar, Thursday. Shuaib Masoodi

Rich love electoral bonds: More than 91% donations over Rs 1 crore each

Together with bonds of Rs 10-lakh denomination, figure climbs to 99.7%

UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

ELECTORAL BONDS with denomination of Rs 1 crore accounted for more than 91 per cent of the Rs 5,896 crore raised in the first eleven of the total twelve phases over which bonds were sold by select branches of the State Bank of India.

According to documents obtained by transparency activist Commodore Lokesh Batra (Retd) under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, bonds with a ticket size of Rs 1 crore (the highest available) and Rs 10 lakh accounted for almost 99.7 per cent of the total value of bonds sold in the first 11 phases between March 1, 2018 and July 24, 2019.

The other denominations — Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000 and Rs 1 lakh — accounted for bonds worth just Rs 15.06 crore. In terms of the number of bonds (see table 1), 11,782 bonds were sold, of which 5,409 were of Rs 1 crore denomination and 4,723 of Rs 10 lakh denomination.

The dominant use of high value bonds clearly shows that almost the entire money came from the wealthiest section of the society.

The RTI documents also show that over the 12 phases, just four cities accounted for 83 per cent of all electoral bonds by value. The SBI branches in Mumbai, Kolkata, New Delhi and Hyderabad (see table 2) together accounted for bonds worth

ELECTORAL BONDS SOLD: BY DENOMINATION	
Denomination	Bonds sold
Rs 1 crore	5,409
Rs 10 Lakh	4,723
Rs 1 lakh	1,543
Rs 10,000	60
Rs 1,000	47
Total	11,782
DISTRIBUTION BY CITIES	
Branch Name	Amount (in Rs crore)
Mumbai	1,880
Kolkata	1,440
New Delhi	919
Hyderabad	846
Total of all branches	6,128

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DIN IN THE HOUSE OVER POLL BONDS

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Rs 5,085 crore of the total Rs 6,128.72 crore. Of this, Rs 6,108.47 crore has been encashed, with the balance Rs 20.25 crore being deposited in the Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund. Almost 80 per cent of the bonds were encashed in New Delhi.

In House panels, NDA members wave rule book to skirt debate

RAVISH TIWARI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE GOVERNMENT set up Parliamentary committees soon after the monsoon session following criticism from the Opposition over legislation being passed without scrutiny in the absence of these panels. But it seems to have found a way to skirt them. NDA members in many committees are using the rule book to stonewall scrutiny on issues that may raise uncomfortable questions for the government.

A Parliamentary committee is considered a forum for non-partisan deeper scrutiny of the issues of the day. Its members are drawn from all parties based on their proportional representation in the House, and the parties nominate their candidates.

There have been at least three such instances in three separate newly constituted panels — the Public Accounts Committee, the Standing Committee on Home Affairs, and the Standing Committee on Information Technology, headed by Congress leaders Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Anand Sharma and Shashi Tharoor, respectively.

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In non-partisan space, red flags

A PARLIAMENTARY panel is an extension of Parliament. To ensure non-partisan scrutiny of the executive, its proceedings do not happen in the public glare. Bills can come to it, the committee can also choose subjects. Barring select, highly contentious issues, committees are known to take a non-partisan approach. Dissent notes are not uncommon but objections at the very start are unusual.

On Wednesday, Tharoor cast a deciding vote to overrule objections from members from Treasury benches to the Standing Committee on Information and Technology discussing data privacy issues arising from the WhatsApp security breach.

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NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 21

FROM SUPPRESSING ankle pain to overcoming PUBG addiction — two teenage shooters and one who just turned 20 showed the world how prodigiously talented they are at the ISSF World Cup Final with a haul of three gold medals in a single day, an unprecedented achievement for the country at the year-end event where only the best get entry.

Divyansh Singh Panwar and Manu Bhaker, both 17, and 20-year-old Elavenil Valarivan scripted history for India and

took the country to the top of the overall medals tally Thursday, surpassing hosts China. Divyansh (final score 250.1) and Elavenil (250.8) defeated their challengers by just 0.1 point to win their respective 10 metre air rifle finals.

Divyansh is the first since London Olympics bronze medalist Gagan Narang in 2008, and Elavenil since Anjali Bhagwat in 2003, to win gold medals in this event at the World Cup Final, where shooters qualify by accumulating points from four World Cups held through the year.

Manu, meanwhile, broke the junior world record with a score

of 244.7 to win the 10m air pistol event. For her, Thursday’s final was all about overcoming pain as she beat multiple World Cup gold medalist Zorana Arunovic of Serbia.

“She has been struggling with ankle pain for a year and wears insoles to deal with it. Standing for long hours while training for 10m air pistol and 25m pistol events makes it unbearable sometimes. Many questioned her when there was a dip in form, but she has shown the world she can win against the best,” her father Ram Krishan Bhaker, who is in the merchant navy, said.

Manu, who first hit headlines



(From left) Manu Bhaker, Divyansh Panwar and Elavenil Valarivan in Putian, China, Thursday. NRAI

by becoming the junior world champion in Suhl, Germany, last year, had secured the 2020 Olympics quota for India with a fourth place in Munich World Cup in May.

Divyansh was hooked to Esports and was a PUBG addict. When he took up the sport of shooting at the Karni Singh Range in Delhi, the Jaipur-based teen had to be weaned away from the phone screen. In April this year, he booked an Olympic quota for India in the 10m air rifle.

“Watching him shoot in the final made my heart skip a beat; the 0.1 margin was so narrow,”

Divyansh’s father Ashok Panwar said. Though he has been able to stay away from online games, Divyansh is now watching reruns of Mahabharata episodes first screened in the late 1980s. “He tells us he wants to be the Arjun of shooting,” Ashok said.

Elavenil dreamt of becoming a scientist like her father before the shooting bug bit her. She honed her skills at Narang’s Gun for Glory academy at Sanskardham School in Ahmedabad. Every time she wins a medal, her parents get her a pair of gold earrings. “We were following the final on YouTube. As soon as she won the gold,

I called up my husband and told him that Elavenil will again ask for earrings,” K Saroja, her mother, said.

Elavenil’s medal underlines the country’s strength in the women’s 10m air rifle — the world number 1, 2 and 3 are all Indians, with Elavenil placed third behind Apurvi Chandel and Anjum Moudgil. The gold will add intrigue to the team selection for the Tokyo Olympics where only two shooters are allowed per event. India have won a record 15 quotas for the Games, and the medal spree means they will enter the Olympic year as hot prospects.





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KERALA: SCHOOLGIRL DIES FOLLOWING SNAKE-BITE INSIDE CLASSROOM

After enraged locals and parents of other kids staged protests, the district collector Adeela Abdullah ordered an inquiry by the deputy director of the education department and the district medical officer.

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Why the govt is struggling to meet its disinvestment target

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In today's episode of the 3 Things podcast, we look at the govt's decision to privatize 3 big PSU's and why it is struggling to meet its disinvestment target

KARNATAKA GOVT TO HC

‘Arrangements being made in each district to house illegal foreigners’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 21

HEARINGS ON a bail petition filed in the Karnataka High Court by two allegedly illegal immigrants from Bangladesh — who were among 13 people arrested in August 2018 from rural Bengaluru — has highlighted the state's lack of preparedness to house illegal immigrants despite a recent police crackdown on them in Bengaluru.

Since September 2019, when a bail plea was filed by Babul Khan (46) and his daughter Taniya (20), a single-judge bench has attempted to nudge the BJP government to ensure that illegal immigrants are housed in a manner that meets international standards before they are deported to their home countries. The October 25 arrest of 60 alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh has provided the impetus for the court to push the government to set up facilities to house illegal immigrants — after being informed by the state government on November 5 that no approved detention centre exists in the state.

The Karnataka government has stated that illegal immigrants will be housed in temporary facilities until a detention centre — as per an MHA manual based on international conventions — is set up in January 2020 outside Bengaluru. It has also said that it is ready to set up MHA-approved detention centres in all districts.

India ranks 8th in WHO study on physical activity among adolescents

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, NOVEMBER 21

INDIA IS among the top 10 countries with the lowest level of insufficient physical activity among adolescents, according to a new WHO study. Bangladesh tops the list while USA's adolescents rank fourth on the list of 146 countries. India ranks eighth, with overall prevalence of insufficient physical activity in adolescents at 73.9 per cent.

The study found that more than 80 per cent of school-going adolescents globally did not meet current recommendations of at least one hour of physical activity per day — including 85 per cent girls and 78 per cent boys. Yet, among 146 countries, the lowest levels of insufficient physical activity in boys were found in Bangladesh, India and USA. In 2016, Philippines was the country with the highest prevalence of insufficient activity among boys (93 per cent), whereas South Korea showed highest levels among girls (97

per cent) and both genders combined (94 per cent).

Authors of the study — to be published in The Lancet Child and Adolescent Health on Friday — noted that the lower levels of insufficient physical activity in Bangladesh and India may be explained by the focus on sports like cricket. The US rates may be driven by good physical education in schools, pervasive media coverage of sports, and good availability of sports clubs.

Lead author of the study Regina Guthold from the Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing Department, WHO, told The Indian Express that the percentage of insufficient physical activity in India was 74 per cent (72 per cent for boys and 76 per cent for girls). “So while India is below the global average, there are still ¾ of Indian adolescents not getting enough physical activity. Also similar to the global trend, since 2001, India has shown small decreases in insufficient physical activity in boys, but not in girls,” Guthold said.

and pregnant women who have been left uncovered under the immunisation programme.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Thursday reviewed the states' preparedness for the mission. He said: “... India has the opportunity to achieve further reduction in deaths among children under five years of age, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of ending preventable child deaths by 2030.”

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ONGC cash

last six years. While the expenditure in the financial year 2013-14 amounted to Rs 8,518 crore, that in the last year stood at Rs 9,362 crore.

Under the investments head too, there was a marginal slip (non-current investments) down to Rs 84,882 crore in 2018-19 from Rs 85,731 crore in 2017-18. ONGC has stated on record that its exploration and production business “remains the predominant cash-generator” and thereby, the decline in spend is exploratory wells is being seen as a negative.

Apart from ONGC, there are two other key sources of domestic crude — production from state owned Oil India Ltd and the output from the PSC Fields (production sharing contract field operated by private players), which together accounted for about 40 per cent of domestic crude output last fiscal.

With domestic crude output flagging on account of aging fields and lack of any major new discovery, imported crude has consistently accounted for over 80 per cent of the country's oil requirements. The trend runs counter to the government's stated aim to cut oil import dependence to 67 per cent by 2022.

The overall capital expenditure of state-owned oil firms, ONGC, as well as Indian Oil Corporation, GAIL India Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL), HPCL, Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Ltd and their subsidiaries is projected to hit a four-year low of Rs 93,693 crore in oil and gas exploration, refining and petrochemicals in FY20. Oil PSEs had invested Rs 94,438 crore in the year ended March 31, 2019, lower than the Rs 132,003 crore invested in 2017-18, Rs 104,426 crore in 2016-17 and Rs 97,223 crore invested in 2015-16, according to Ministry estimates and budget numbers.

The decline is even more worrying considering that it comes despite the upswing in refining capex due to the BS-VI fuel up-grades that downstream petroleum majors have to mandatorily undertake, alongside greenfield and brownfield expansions driving up capex, analysts said.

At a review meeting in September held by the Finance Ministry in Delhi, ONGC is learnt to have declared a capex plan of Rs 32,921 crore for FY20, of which its capex in the first five months of the fiscal (till August 2019) was just 27 per cent (Rs 8,777 crore) of the total planned expenditure while for Indian Oil Corporation, of its capex plan of Rs 25,083 crore for the full fiscal, Rs 8,173 crore (or 31 per cent) had been spent.

ONGC had said that the funding requirement of Rs 36,915 crore for acquiring 51.11 per cent equity shares in HPCL was met through internal funds of Rs 12,034 crore and balance Rs 24,881 crore was borrowed from commercial banks. The funding requirement of Rs 7,560 crore for Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation's acquisition was met by way of ‘borrowing against term deposits’. The outstanding loan of ONGC as on March 31, 2019 was Rs 21,594 crore, primarily on account of these two buys.

Even though oil and gas is a capital-intensive enterprise, the Ministry has gone on record to state that “ONGC has maintained its activity level and no activity has

Cong, NCP to join Sena-led govt in Maharashtra

Sources in the Shiv Sena said Uddhav Thackeray has also called a meeting of party legislators on Friday morning. “The party chief is likely to speak on government formation,” a Sena functionary said.

The Congress understanding is that the government will be led by the Sena with the Congress and NCP getting posts of Deputy Chief Ministers. The post of Assembly Speaker, the Congress believes, will be given to it. The portfolios will be divided as per the respective party strength. “It is almost equal for the Sena and NCP and the Congress may get two less,” a senior leader said.

But sources in the NCP said the party is still demanding rotation of the CM post. At least one senior NCP leader told The Indian Express that the issue is

still open and will come up during discussions with the Sena. Another critical factor, sources said, is who will head the government. The NCP and the Congress are comfortable with Uddhav Thackeray as Chief Minister. This view will also be conveyed to the Sena.

The CWC had to hold a special meeting and give its in-principle approval since an alliance with the Sena, which has a hard Hindutva past, is no less than crossing the Rubicon for the Congress.

The party was keen that the word “secular” finds mention in the Common Minimum Programme and the suggestion had emerged as a sticking point. The Congress, sources said, has now climbed down and the CMP will spell out that the new government will adhere to the

Preamble of the Constitution. The document will reaffirm “total faith and commitment to the Constitution of India in letter and spirit and that the government which will be formed will work accordingly to uphold those foundational values,” a senior leader said.

Top Congress and NCP leaders met later after which senior leader Prithviraj Chavan said the Congress and NCP have “complete unanimity” on all issues regarding government formation and they will now hold talks with the Shiv Sena to “finalise the architecture of the alliance”.

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut said a new government in Maharashtra should be in place before December and a final decision on it will be taken in a day or two. He said there are no

plans of any meeting between Sonia Gandhi and Uddhav Thackeray this week.

Gandhi was initially reluctant to the proposal for forming a government with the Sena but changed her stand in the face of the “collective resolve of the Maharashtra Congress leadership to keep the BJP at bay,” a senior leader said. The CWC too took the view that the principal opponent is the BJP and “given their aggression” it is important to checkmate them by dividing the NDA and keeping them out of an important state like Maharashtra, the leader said. The signal from more than two-third of the Congress MLAs that they may cross sides to enable formation of an alternative government also forced the party central leadership's hands.

Solicitor General Mehta contended that rights were not taken away from the people of J&K as claimed by the petitioners, but conferred on them for the first time in 70 years. The Right to Education Act, he said, was not applicable to J&K, but no public-spirited person ever came to the court to say their children cannot study. He said they were now saying that lack of Internet was a curb on freedom of speech and expression.

He said an impression was sought to be given that the state was placed under curfew by some order that was being dictated from above, but the fact was that the decision for each area was taken locally, keeping in mind the situation in these areas and after assessing intelligence inputs, military intelligence inputs, the ability of terrorists and separatists to foment trouble in these areas.

Not one person was killed after August 5, he said, adding that this was to the credit of the security forces. “It has to be acclaimed. But it was sought to be trivialized by saying you impose curfew in the entire state and then claim no murder took place,” he said.

On the situation in the region, Mehta said all 20,411 schools were open and examinations were going on as per schedule. He said misinformation was being spread that schools in J&K were open but there was no attendance. “Out of 50,537 students of 11th standard in Kashmir Valley, 50,272 students i.e. 99.48% appeared in the examination. Further, 99.7% students are writing the 10th and 12th class examinations,” he said.

Reeling off statistics from the report, Mehta said that since August 5, 43,998 kilo litres of petrol, 37,129 kilo litres of diesel, 4,921 kilo litres of kerosene and 15,74,873 LPG cylinders had been issued.

On the apple crop, Mehta said 11,59 lakh metric tonnes of apples have been exported from J&K for sale in addition to NAFED purchasing 8069 metric tonnes of apples from farmers who could not sell their produce.

He said there had been a decrease in incidents of stone-pelted — from 802 cases in 2018 to 544 in 2019, of which only 190 incidents had been reported after August 5.

On medical facilities, the report said that all hospitals and medical centres are open in the Valley. In Srinagar city, a total of 7,67,475 OPD patients were treated in September and 791,470 in October.

All 93,247 landline phones, the report said, are functioning in the region. Also, out of 59,76,359 mobile phones, voice calls were enabled on 20,05,293 post-paid mobile phones in the Valley.

Government offices and courts were also fully functional, the report said, adding that since August 5, people had filed about 36,492 cases in the region. As many as 52,096 cases have been disposed by courts, including the lower judiciary and the High Court.

It also said that the Block Development Council polls held in October witnessed 98.3% of polling from among 26,629 panchayat representatives.

On public transport, Mehta pointed out that from August 12 to November 19, buses including those of the State Road Transport Corporation had conducted 1,446 trips and that on November 19, 319 buses were on the roads.

and overwhelmingly one-sided. It has confirmed that the mosque was not built after demolishing any temple but there existed a mosque for several hundred years which was demolished and now the court has paved the way for construction of a temple over its site. As such the judgment is the darkest spot in the history of free India. In such a situation we cannot expect any better award from the concerned judges. Rather, there is possibility of further damage. Therefore, the working committee considers that filing a review petition will not be fruitful.”

been curtailed during 2018-19, due to shortage of funds”.

“The acquisitions (HPCL and GSPC) were made to add more value and growth to the business of ONGC and considering the potential benefit from vertical integration across the oil and gas value chain and the synergies arising out of acquisition of a downstream oil refining and marketing company... ONGC has sufficient lines of credit from banks and strong access to capital markets to maintain the working capital requirements,” a Ministry official said.

House panels

On November 15, the Standing Committee on Home Affairs kicked off with NDA members questioning the panel's jurisdiction in discussing the situation in Kashmir.

One of the first meetings of the Public Accounts Committee saw ruling party MPs objecting, including in writing, to the panel taking up the issue of India's preparedness in meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Following objections from Treasury benches at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Information and Technology on Wednesday, the panel was forced to call for a vote. Officials from the Information & Technology, Home and Atomic Energy Departments are meant to brief the committee on citizens' data security and privacy.

At least two NDA members are learnt to have cited Rule 331(E) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha, dealing with functions

of Standing Committees administered by the lower House, to object to the issue being taken up. According to them, under the provision, Standing Committees could not take up matters pertaining to day-to-day administration of the concerned ministries/departments.

The members, mostly belonging to the BJP, said the committee could not pursue the matter suo motu, and asked why several of the people who had claimed their phones had been hacked had not filed an FIR.

With the Opposition digging its heels in, one NDA member cited Rule 261 to demand that a decision on pursuing the matter be determined by a majority of members present and voting. After the panel was split down the middle, with 12 members voting for it and 12 against, Tharoor cast a deciding vote as chairperson under Rule 262 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha, allowing the discussion.

The Standing Committee on Home Affairs is administered by the Rajya Sabha. As per a Parliamentary Bulletin issued by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on October 22, the panel was to take up “Administration, Development and People's Welfare in the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh” among nine subjects selected for “detailed examination”.

Members belonging to the Treasury Benches objected to a discussion on the Kashmir situation, quoting 270 and 271 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council

Maulana Qari Mohammad Usman Mansoorpuri, however, agreed with the AIMPLB and the Arshad Madani-led faction on not accepting the alternative five-acre plot.

In a separate resolution, the working committee said that caretakers of Wakf properties are forced to take decisions harmful to the Muslim community because of “undue interference of Central and state governments”. It reads: “The working committee... vehemently demands from the government to open and allow Muslims to offer prayers in mosques controlled by the ASI which are undisputed. They should be opened forthwith for prayers so that the mosques remain thronged by the worshippers of Allah Almighty.”

The resolution went on to criticise the UP Sunni Wakf Board, saying it had “played the role of Mir Jafar (the commander of the Nawab of Bengal, who betrayed him in the Battle of Plassey, 1757) for the Muslims of India”. The Wakf Board, which was a party in the case, is divided on the matter of filing a review, with chairman Zufar Faruqi opposed to it.

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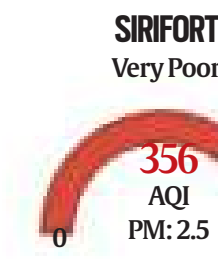
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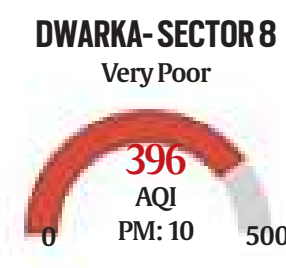
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6-YR-OLD GIRL REUNITED WITH FAMILY

Bus marshal foils kidnapping bid, earns praise from CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

FIVE HOURS after a six-year-old girl went missing from Nizamuddin railway station early Wednesday morning, she was found crying next to a man who attempted to calm her down in a cluster bus near South West Delhi's Palam. The child's scared demeanour raised suspicion in the mind of Arun Kumar (24), the bus marshal, who foiled a kidnapping bid within minutes — and also got the accused, seated next to the child, arrested.

A day later, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said he was “proud of the marshal and conductor who reunited the child with her family... both will be honoured by Delhi government.”

The incident took place around 10.45 am on bus route 728, which was headed towards New Delhi. Kumar, a civil defence volunteer, said, “The child



Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot with Arun Kumar, the 24-year-old bus marshal

and the man took the bus from Palam flyover. The child kept crying and the man couldn't calm her down. Through her body language, I felt something was not right so I confronted the man. He tried to flee, and I asked the conductor, Virendra, to shut both gates of the bus.”

The bus then went towards Subroto Park police post and a

PCR call was made. DCP (Railways) Harendra K Singh said a call from Subroto Park police post about a child being handed over by a bus marshal fit the description of a child who went missing at 6 am from platform number 6 of Nizamuddin railway station.

Singh said, “We realised it was the same girl — she had

gotten off the UP Sampark Kranti with her parents and two younger siblings. We will award Rs 2,000 each to the marshal and conductor as well as a commendation certificate.”

At a press conference Thursday, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said, “We are often asked why there is a need for bus marshals... today I'm happy to report this instance... From October 29 to today, bus marshals have averted several untoward incidents of pickpocketing. Bus marshals who show courage and presence of mind will be rewarded.”

Kejriwal said he met Kumar on Thursday, and he apprised him of the entire sequence of events. “Many passengers in the bus also came forward and helped Arun. If we come across any wrongdoing, we must help the victim like true Indians and good citizens,” he said.

The accused has been identified as Satish Kumar (22), a ragpicker.

Rs 20 lakh necklace leads cops to 3 states — and cook who fled with it

SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

IN SEARCH of a stolen Chopard diamond necklace — a luxury Swiss jewellery and watch label — Delhi Police went on a week-long wild goose chase that led them to UP, Bihar and Jharkhand where they found the Rs 20 lakh necklace and the 22-year-old woman who made off with it.

Police said the woman worked as a cook for a couple who live in Greater Kailash II and allegedly stole the necklace, two pairs of earrings worth Rs 20,000, five gold coins, and Rs 4 lakh in cash. She “distributed” Rs 2 lakh to her mother, mother-in-law, friends, and also loaned some money to an acquaintance.

“On November 14, a PCR call was made by Shamsudeen Macheri Paramba regarding



The stolen jewellery

theft of jewellery and money to the tune of above Rs 24 lakh, when he and his wife had gone out for dinner. When they returned, their house help told them that the cook left after they did... a man later called and said the cook will not be coming back,” said Additional DCP (South) Parvinder Singh.

A police team found that the woman had been working as a full-time cook at the home for

over 50 days, and that her police verification had been completed by the placement agency from where she was hired.

Set up in the mid-19th century, the Swiss label throws the coveted Chopard party at the Cannes film festival every year. Chopard jewels are worn by A-listers from across the world at red-carpet events.

Paramba's pregnant wife told *The Indian Express*, “I usually keep the necklace in a biometric locker at our house. My husband gifted it to me last year on my birthday. I took it out on November 12 to wear for my birthday. Instead of putting it back in the biometric locker, I kept it in another locker. On November 13, my husband and I went for dinner at 9 pm and returned around midnight to find the cook missing, along with the money and jewellery.”

She said the cook lived in the

house and had gained their trust. “For 2-3 days when the house help was on leave, she helped me out in my room as I am pregnant. She probably saw the lockers then,” said Paramba's wife.

An officer said, “The cook phone was switched off. We approached the placement agency and found that her mother lives in UP's Khurja. When we got there, she told us her daughter visited a few days ago and left behind some money, and that she might be at her in-laws' house in Bihar.”

“The team then left for Bihar, where the accused's mother-in-law too repeated the same story and said she might be in Jamshedpur where her husband and son live. They then left for Jamshedpur, where the woman was arrested. Her husband was not involved in this. She said she wanted to lead a lavish lifestyle and buy some land,” said Singh.

Rs 80 lakh stolen from ATM van, staff found unconscious inside, say police

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TWO MEN from an ATM management and cash pick-up company were allegedly kidnapped and their van was looted of Rs 80 lakh by armed men in Dwarka Thursday, said police.

According to police, the accused allegedly attacked the driver and the guard inside the van, and made off with the money from the vault. According to police, the van was found near Sector 11 in Dwarka in a dam-

aged condition, with the two men lying unconscious inside.

While the accused haven't been identified so far, police said they have accessed CCTV footage from nearby areas. The victims, Dhiraj and Vipin Mishra, were accompanied by two other men working as custodians, who had gone to fill cash inside an ATM at the time of the incident.

According to police, the incident took place at 12.30 pm in Dwarka's Sector 6, near Maniwal Hospital. The custodians, Narendra and Vikas, told police: “We were coming from Naraina after putting

cash in two-three ATMs. We then went to an ATM near Maniwal Hospital. Dhiraj parked the van on the road opposite the hospital, and Mishra was with him when we left. When we came back half an hour later, the van was missing. We called them, but they didn't pick up. So we called police.”

Police said that soon after receiving the complaint, they received information about two injured men lying inside a van in Sector 11.

Anto Alphonse, DCP (Dwarka), said, “Initial investigation revealed two men were in-

involved. It seems the accused threatened the driver and the guard with a knife. They took the money from the van, drove it to another spot and beat up the victims. They later fled.”

Police said the injured men were rushed to Venkateshwar Hospital and are receiving treatment. “We have recorded statements of the custodians,” said DCP Alphonse. Police said the guard, Mishra, was found with his weapon, which he did not use at the time of the incident. “We are probing the case from all angles,” said the DCP.

Air quality back to ‘severe’ today

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AIR QUALITY is expected to plunge to ‘severe’ category Friday, with calm surface level winds and low temperature being ineffective in dispersal of pollutants, air and weather monitoring agencies said.

The 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) of Delhi Thursday remained in the ‘very poor’ category, but jumped by 65 points from Wednesday to reach 366 Thursday, as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

In NCR, Ghaziabad and Noida had already touched ‘severe’ with an AQI of 416 and 402, while Gurgaon was in ‘poor’ range with 280.

As of 10 pm Thursday, five out of 35 monitoring stations in Delhi had recorded ‘severe’ air quality — meaning the air in these areas would “affect healthy people and seriously impact those with existing diseases” — while all others remained in the ‘very poor’ range.

The central government's air quality monitoring agency SA-



An improvement in air quality is likely by Saturday. Amit Mehra

FAR released a map of air pollution hot spots in Delhi and nearby NCR areas. These are the locations that would be impacted by higher PM2.5 concentration this week as compared to other areas.

The hotspots include areas around Shalimar Bagh, Azadpur and Jasola Vihar in Delhi, and Sahibabad, parts of Ghaziabad and Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

A report by SAFAR said, “(AQI) may touch lower end of ‘severe’ category by Friday. The main factors working towards

the deterioration are the extremely low wind speed and strong near-surface inversion during the stable night time.”

An inversion is when temperature near the surface is lower than the temperature at a higher altitude.

An inversion happens due to multiple factors including windspeed and cloud cover over a region. It puts a cap on the upward movement of air. This hinders the diffusion of pollutants trapped near the surface.

BRACE FOR BAD AIR

FRIDAY
PM 10: **405 (very poor)**
PM 2.5: **248 (very poor)**

SUNDAY
PM 10: **280 (poor)**
PM 2.5: **172 (very poor)**

* Source: SAFAR
* Avg 24-hr acceptable standard:
PM 10 - 100 µg/m³
PM 2.5 - 60 µg/m³

An official from the IMD said surface level windspeed as calm as 5 km/h were recorded Thursday and is likely to remain the same till Friday afternoon, after which it will pick up pace and reach 15 km/h by Saturday.

Light rainfall with good wind speed is also forecast on November 26.

SAFAR has also said an improvement in air quality is likely by Saturday, owing to a passing Western disturbance which would increase wind speed.

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CM putting pressure on Centre for illegal colony Bill: AAP

New Delhi: The Centre was “under pressure” to bring a bill to regularise unauthorised colonies of Delhi in the Winter Session of the Parliament due to the continuous demands of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP on Thursday claimed.

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a bill which provides for a legal framework to grant ownership rights to people living in unauthorised colonies in the city, a move that will benefit 40 to 50 lakh people.

“We want an immediate ordinance on this matter and the registry should start immediately. The people of unauthorised colonies have been cheated earlier also in the same way and we do not want a repeat of such an act again by the BJP,” said Rajya Sabha MP and senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh.

Singh further claimed that the Centre was “under pressure” to bring a bill to regularise unauthorised colonies of Delhi in the Winter Session of the Parliament due to the continuous demands of Arvind Kejriwal.

The proposed bill is aimed at recognising general power of attorney (GPA), will, agreement to sell, purchase and possession documents, which will be a one-time relaxation for this purpose for the residents of these colonies.

The decision is politically significant in view of the Assembly polls due early next year.

On October 23, the Cabinet had approved the proposal, which is applicable to 1,797 unauthorised colonies in the capital. PTI



At Sangam Vihar, an unauthorised colony

MHRD COMMITTEE LIKELY TO SUBMIT REPORT NEXT WEEK JNU teachers’ body seeks V-C resignation in panel meeting

ARANYASHANKAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE HIGH-POWERED committee set up by the Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry, to “recommend ways to restore normal functioning” at Jawaharlal Nehru University in the face of continued protests over hostel fee hike, is likely to submit its report to the ministry by the beginning of next week, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

In their meeting with the JNU Teachers’ Association (JNUTA) Thursday, teachers told the committee to recommend the resignation of JNU Vice-Chancellor M Jagadeesh Kumar. The three-member committee had met JNU Students’ Union representatives and hostel presidents on Wednesday. They are scheduled to meet them again at the JNU campus Friday.

On Tuesday, Kumar had skipped the meeting called by the committee with the Registrar and deans. “They (JNUTA) were invited to share their view about the current crisis. They said the same thing we’ve been hearing for the past two days — that there should be increased participation in all decision making, which seems to have been compromised. This is the general sense...,” said a committee member on condition of anonymity.

He said the committee would finalise the report “quickly”. “Tomorrow, we will meet students again on campus. It won’t take more than two-three days to draft and submit our report...,” said the committee member.

JNUTA president D K Lobiya said 13 members of the JNUTA Executive Committee met the HRD-appointed committee, where it was “expressly” conveyed that the V-C was “subverting the democratic processes of decision-making in the university”. “We told them that all institutional mechanisms have broken down and that the fee hike was a unilateral decision, taken without



ABVP students were detained at the Parliament Street police station Thursday. *Gajendra Yadav*

following any proper procedure. We also told them that till the time he (Kumar) is there, normalcy cannot be ensured, and that the committee should recommend that he resign,” he said.

“Any dialogue process that will be initiated has to happen only after fee is rolled back and the V-C is ready to have a dialogue... The committee members did not give any assurance but they gave us a patient hearing,” said Lobiya.

Protests have been raging on campus for 25 days now over revision of the hostel manual. On Saturday, a citizen’s march is planned from Mandi House to Parliament in solidarity with JNU.

Some teachers distance themselves

A section of JNU teachers Thursday “disassociated” themselves from the university’s teachers association for “supporting and instigating violence and unruly behaviour” of a “section of students against teachers”. A total of 113 teachers, while supporting the “genuine demand” of rollback of fee hike, attacked the committee for meddling with the “autonomy” of the university. Backing the V-C, they said his authority had been “brazenly undermined”.

Lobiya said, “No such decision has been communicated to us. JNUTA is a body of teachers, it has addressed all their concerns...”

Police detain 160 at ABVP protest march against JNU fee hike

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

DELHI POLICE Thursday detained 160 students from the ABVP units of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Delhi University (DU), for protesting against the hostel fee hike in JNU. “A total of 160 people — 148 men and 12 women — were detained at the Parliament Street police station. Protesting students jumped over barricades and had to be detained,” said DCP (New Delhi) Eish Singhal.

ABVP JNU unit secretary Manish Jangid alleged that “10-15 students had to be hospitalised after they sustained injuries through lathicharge”. However, the DCP termed the allegations of lathicharge “false”.

Thursday’s march against hostel fee hike was held from Mandi House to Parliament Street. Around 200 students participated in the march, where slogans of ‘Bharat Mata Ki Jai’ and ‘Vande Mataram’ were raised

alongside ‘Roll back fee hike’.

At Parliament Street, protesters climbed on to the barricades and raised slogans, but did not break them.

ABVP national convenor for All India Central Universities, Lalit Pandey, said the organisation had called the protest against the MHRD-appointed high power committee as well. “We don’t consider this a committee, we consider it a compromise. It has been created only with the purpose of causing delay...,” he said.

“The Inter Hall Administration manual needs to be rolled back... The way JNUSU has bent in front of this committee is shameful. We’ll not engage with the committee,” said Pandey.

While the ABVP has distanced itself from the JNUSU protest, the binary was not as stark among the protesters. “I was a part of the JNUSU protest. My family income is less than Rs 50,000 a year; paying Rs 8,000 for hostel is out of question,” said Saurav Kumar Singh, a PhD student.

PIL on AIIMS ‘favouritism’: HC seeks Centre, hospital reply

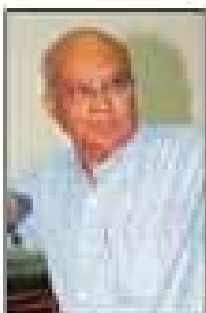
EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE DELHI High Court has sought to know the stand of the Centre and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on a PIL alleging favouritism in the recruitment to faculty posts at the premier institution. A bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar asked the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and AIIMS to file replies by February.

Former Director of AIIMS Dr P Venugopal, who moved the court, sought directions to the Union Public Service Commission and other authorities to determine the order of merit while directly recruiting medical faculty to the institution.

In the plea, Venugopal (77) said he filed it in public interest on the basis of his personal knowledge, which he has derived from his experience at AIIMS, and other material available in public.

The petition alleged that less meritorious candidates are being given preference in exchange for a consideration, thereby lowering the standard of the institution and



Former AIIMS director, P Venugopal, filed the PIL

compromising larger public interest. It also alleged that this is affecting the ability and morale of faculty members to perform their functions to their fullest capability.

The plea said the issue raised is of such a nature that it involves greater public interest and being a pioneer and premier institution, the reputation of AIIMS is at stake due to inaction on the part of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare — the parent ministry.

The plea claimed that during Venugopal’s interaction with various faculty members at AIIMS in the last four months, “almost on a daily basis, the petitioner has come across stories of undue favours being given to non-meritorious persons, bypassing of rules and granting favours in exchange of quid pro quo, and general apathy and alienation of meritorious candidates who are not even getting the seniority de-

served by them under the mandate of the statute”.

“Having regard to Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, nepotism or favouritism can never be permitted in any process for selection of medical faculty at an institute of national importance such as AIIMS, where providing of services has a direct consequence on the lives of hundred and thousands of patients who throng the institution every day,” the plea said.

The petition also raised eight questions for the court’s adjudication, including, “whether recruitment to faculty posts at AIIMS can be permitted to be controlled by political and other considerations, thereby leading to dilution of merit at an institution of national importance which plays a vital role in maintaining public standards of the country”.

It added, “Whether it is permissible to adopt a non-transparent methodology or one which does not recognise merit as the only criterion for recruitment to such vital posts occupied by faculty members at AIIMS, where such faculty members are directly engaged in patient care, research, education and training the future generation of doctors.”

Long drive in tight denim lands man in hospital emergency

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

WHAT STARTED as a fun drive for a 30-year-old businessman ended with a swollen leg, blackouts and an emergency trip to a hospital in a critical condition two days later. Saurabh Sharma suffered a pulmonary embolism — a blockage in one of the pulmonary arteries in the lungs. Doctors said it was caused by a non-stop eight-hour-long drive wearing tight-fitting denims.

“I was on my way to Rishikesh and wore tight denims. Since it was an automatic car, my left leg did not move at all. I started feeling the pain in my calves and



Saurabh Sharma suffered a pulmonary embolism, said doctors

to a hospital. With a feeble BP and pulse, his condition became critical and doctors performed CPR to revive him.

“Due to low BP over a long period, his kidneys were unable to function properly. He was put on a 24-hour dialysis therapy. We later found that he suffered from a massive pulmonary embolism because of the long drive. He was wearing tight-fitting denim, which can be a reason for the clot in his leg,” said Dr Naveen Bhamri, Director & HoD, Cardiology, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Shalimar Bagh.

“Prolonged sitting in uncomfortable clothes can also lead to this problem,” said Dr V K Kahl, head of cardiology at AIIMS.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Parmjit Kaur W/o Harjeet Singh R/o H No. A-54, Chander Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 19.10.2019 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 49-A** dated **20.10.2019** has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped lady is as under:

Name : Parmjit Kaur, **Husband's Name :** Harjeet Singh, **Age :** 29 years, **Height :** 5'2", **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** Shallow, **Wearing :** Blue Suit - Salwar and chappal in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax : 011-24368639
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641
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P.S., Nihal Vihar, Delhi
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SEARCH FOR MISSING



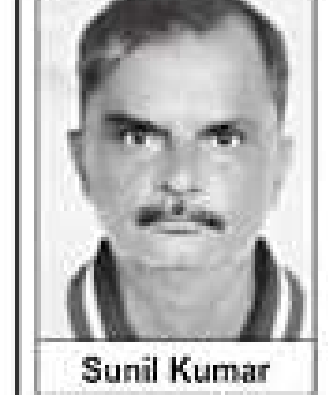
General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Chetan, S/o Sh. Ram Chander, R/o T-55/51, U&V Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, Age: 24 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Normal, wearing Blue Colour Shirt and White Colour Pant,** has been missing since 22.10.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 50-A**, dated **22.10.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**.

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

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/9503/NW/19

SHO
P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
Ph: 011-27495198, 27497179

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Sunil Kumar S/o K I Verma R/o WZ 138, Gali No. 2, Lajwanti Garden, Delhi** has been missing since **09.10.2019 at 11:15 AM**. In this regard **DD No. 13-A** Dated **04.11.2019** has been lodged at **PS Mayapuri, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 48 years, **Height:** 5'7" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Pink Colour Shirt & Blue Colour Jeans and White Shoes in feet.
Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-

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DP/8503/WD/19

NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
Tender Notice 179-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 18.11.2019 Date of Opening 17.12.2019
In NIT header of Tender invited vide Tender notice No. 179-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 18.11.2019 to be open on 18.12.2019, for the work of Name of work:- Provision of Divyang friendly toilets (D & E category stations) & toilets at goods sheds under jurisdiction of Sr. DENIM Moradabad. Due to change in general condition of contract the tender Notice No 179-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 18.11.2019 should be read as Rates are Excluding of GST in all SOR Items. Tenderer to quote his/her rate keeping in mind that rates are exclusive of GST and his offered rates should also be exclusive of GST and GST at the rate as applicable will be paid extra. The other terms & conditions of the tender will remain same. 3749/2019
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पण्डित सुन्दरलाल शर्मा (मुक्त) विश्वविद्यालय छत्तीसगढ़, बिलासपुर
निविदा विज्ञापन क्र. 1056/शंभार/क्या/2019 बिलासपुर, दिनांक-20/11/2019
खुली निविदा सूचना
पण्डित सुन्दरलाल शर्मा (मुक्त) विश्वविद्यालय छत्तीसगढ़ बिलासपुर की ओर से पंजीकृत फर्म/अधिकृत किराताओं से निम्न सामग्री प्रदान हेतु मोहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
(क) कम्प्यूटर डेस्कटॉप (ख) एयर कंडिशनर (ग) प्रयोगशाला की सामग्री -1. जन्तु विज्ञान 2. वनस्पति विज्ञान 3. भौतिक शास्त्र 4. रसायनशास्त्र 5. मनोविज्ञान एवं 6. शिक्षा प्रयोगशालाएं उपरोक्त सामग्री हेतु पृथक-पृथक निविदा आमंत्रित है। निविदा फार्म/विधि एवं अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी विश्वविद्यालय के वेबसाईट www.pssou.ac.in से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।
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RATNAGIRI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT
Chief Officer, Ratnagiri Municipal Council has Inviting E-Tender of the work 'Providing, Erecting, Testing & Commissioning A.C. Diesel Generator Set, at Sheel Jackwell of Ratnagiri Municipal Council' having estimated Cost Rs. 1,54,94,550/- All Information Related Tender are available on www.mahatenders.gov.in website within period of 21/11/2019 to 17/12/2019 upto 4.00 P.M.
Sd/-
Chief Officer
Date : 20/11/2019 Ratnagiri Municipal Council

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drainage Circle, Balasore.
"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.- SEDCBLS- 07/2019-20
1. Name of Work:- Drainage Projects (Under D.I.P. Scheme)
2. Total No. of Projects:- 04 nos. individual work
3. Estimated cost of individual works:- From Rs. 1,74,80,324/- to Rs. 3,52,98,507/- (excluding G.S.T.)
4. Period of completion:- 11 (Eleven) Calendar months
5. Bid Identification Number SEDCBLS/DBDK - 07/2019-20
6. Date & Time of availability and receipt of Bid document in the Portal From Dt. 25.11.2019 at 10.00 hours to Dt. 16.12.2019 at 17.00 hours
7. Date of Opening of technical bid Dt. 17.12.2019 at 11.30 Hrs in the O/O The S.E.D.C., Balasore
8. Date of Opening of financial bid Dt. 31.12.2019 at 11.30 Hrs in the O/O The S.E.D.C., Balasore
9. Date of lottery (if required) Dt. 03.01.2020 at 11.30 Hrs in the O/O The S.E.D.C., Balasore.
10. Procurement Officer / Name & address of the officer inviting Bids. Superintending Engineer, Drainage Circle, Balasore.
Further details can be seen from the Govt. Web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in said website.
Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
Drainage Circle, Balasore.
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
Tender Notice 178-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 18.11.2019 Date of Opening 17.12.2019
In NIT header of Tender invited vide Tender notice No. 178-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 18.11.2019 to be open on 18.12.2019, for the work of Name of work:- Through Rail Renewal (P)= 20.00 Km in the section of Sr. DENIMMB, published in Amar Ujala news paper on 20.11.2019 vide advertisement No. 3683/19. Due to change in general condition of contract the tender Notice No 178-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 18.11.2019 should be read as Rates are Excluding of GST in all SOR Items. Tenderer to quote his/her rate keeping in mind that rates are exclusive of GST and his offered rates should also be exclusive of GST and GST at the rate as applicable will be paid extra. The other terms & conditions of the tender will remain same. 3744/2019
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
1st Corrigendum
In reference to e-Tender Notice No. 62-Med/WC/Divil, Hospital/Delhi/2019-21 for Washing control for washing of linen of Northern Railway Divisional Hospital, S.P. Mukherjee Marg, Delhi-110006 with contractor's labour and washing material etc. for a period of two years from the date of award of work corrigendum is as under:-
Tender Notice No. No. 62-Med/WC/Divil, Hospital/Delhi/2019-21
Date and time for submission of tender & opening of tender 12.12.2019 upto 15.00 hrs. and opening 15.30 hrs.
The Tender document may be read with corrigendum-I
All other terms and conditions will remain same
No. 62-Med/WC/Divil, Hospital/Delhi/2019-21 Dated 21.11.2019 3741/19
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
(through e-tendering)
Name of work with its location: Comprehensive AMC of Cord IRIS Exchange installed at Delhi Division for three years. App. cost of the work (In Rs.): Rs. 14,19,848.54/- only. Tender Document Fee (In Rs.): Rs. 2,350/- only. Earnest Money deposited (In Rs.): Rs. 28,400/- only. Address of the office: Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-I, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-I, DRM office, New Delhi-110055. Date & Time for upload the tender/closing of tender: Tender upload/closing date & time 18.12.2019 upto 15.00 hrs. Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.: See the Northern Railway website www.nrsps.gov.in & Notice board at 3&T branch, 3rd floor, DRM office, State entry road, New Delhi-110055. No.: 558-Sig-16-Tele-AMC-562 Dated 21.11.2019 3735/2019
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WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION
Tender Advertisement
SMM/ODL SBI on behalf of the President of the India invites following electronic open tenders for supply of materials
Sr. Tender No. Brief Description of material Qty. Date & time of E-tender box closing
1 72-19-5235 Digital Time Switch 04 Nos. 16/12/2019, 11.00 hrs
2 72-19-5274 Tab Fasten 2000 Nos. 16/12/2019, 11.00 hrs
3 72-19-5279 Pin Extraction Tool to TE Pin No. 305183 04 Nos. 16/12/2019, 11.00 hrs
4 72-19-5280 Pin Insertion Tool to TE Pin No. 305183 04 Nos. 16/12/2019, 11.00 hrs
5 72-19-5281 Pin Extraction Tool to RS Component PL No. 178-6957 04 Nos. 16/12/2019, 11.00 hrs
Regarding detailed tender notice containing purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, interested parties may visit www.irps.gov.in or follow us on Facebook, Like us on Facebook.com/WesternRly-Follow us on Twitter.com/WesternRly

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-
Sl. Tender No. Brief Description Qty. Closing Date
01 071910344 GUIDE BUSH FOR AXLE BOX GUIDE 23187 NOS 16-12-19
02 08191521 SINGLE SECTION DIGITAL AXLE COUNTER (SSDAC) 9 NOS/SET 16-12-19
03 11192045 MANUALL MATER ARC WELDING ELECTRODES CLASS M-2 194000 MTR 16-12-19
04 11192046 SOLID MIG / MAG WELDING FILLER WIRE 24500 KGS 16-12-19
05 08196654 SET OF BASE & COVER FOR AIR CORE INDUCTOR 700 SET 25-12-19
NOTE - 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.irps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.
Tender Notice No. 14/2019-2020 Dated : 20.11.2019 3728/2019
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SALUTE THE SOLDIER



Maj Surya Pratap Singh
28 AUG 1984 - 22 NOV 2018

Team Seventeen remembers the beloved and the cheerful personality of Maj Surya Pratap Singh, who left us untimely and suddenly one year ago. We pray to Almighty to give strength to his family. He will remain with us as our eternal guardian angel like he was in life.

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

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum
Tender notice 169-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 07.11.2019 Date of Opening 10.12.2019
In NIT header of Tender invited vide Tender notice No. 169-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 07.11.2019 to be open on 10.12.2019, for the work of Repair to road surface & speed breaker of Level crossing in BLR-SRC section of SSE Works/BLR under ADE/HRD-I, published in Amar Ujala news paper on 06.11.2019 vide advertisement No. 3559/19. Due to change in general condition of contract the tender Notice No 169-DRM-MB-18-19 dt. 07.11.2019 should be read as Rates are Excluding of GST in all SOR Items. Tenderer to quote his/her rate keeping in mind that rates are exclusive of GST and his offered rates should also be exclusive of GST and GST at the rate as applicable will be paid extra. The other terms & conditions of the tender will remain same. 3746/19
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पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय, बागपत अल्पकालीन-निविदा सूचना

अल्पकालीन-निविदा सूचना: निम्नलिखित कार्यो/आपूर्ति के लिए अनुभवी, विश्वसनीय एवं रजिस्टर्ड ठेकेदारों से मुहरबंद अलग-अलग निविदाये दो भागों में आमंत्रित है, जो दिनांक 10.12.2019 को 12.00 बजे तक प्राप्त की जायेगी और उसी दिन 14.00 बजे सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में एजेन्सी द्वारा पैक काई तथा निविदा मूल्य एवं घरोहर जारी की धनराशि खण्ड कार्यालय के खाते में आर.टी.जी.एस/एन.ई.एफ.टी. के माध्यम से जमा कराई जायेगी तथा बैंक में जमा का साक्ष्य यू.टी.आर. संख्या/ पे-इन.रिलफ मूल को प्रति संलग्न की जायेगी। द्वितीय भाग दरे प्रस्तुत करनी होगी। निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदाएं उपरोक्तानुसार आगले कार्यदिवस में खोली जायेगी। अघोहरताक्षरी को अपूर्ण, वृत्तपुर्ण अथवा समस्त निविदाएं निरस्त करने का अधिकार पूर्णतः सुरक्षित रहेगा। अल्पकालीन निविदा सं. 34/2019-20 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड- द्वितीय बागपत के उपखण्ड द्वितीय खेकड़ा डाउन के अंतर्गत आने वाले 04 नं. 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्रों पर तैनात नोडल अधिकारी के बैठने हेतु व बिलिंग एवं फीडर से सम्बन्धित अभिलेखों के रखरखाव हेतु फनीचर उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। अल्पकालीन निविदा सं. 35/2019-20 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय बागपत के उपखण्ड चुरथ खेकड़ा ग्रामीण के अंतर्गत आने वाले 07 नं. 33/11 के.वी उपकेन्द्रों पर तैनात नोडल अधिकारी के बैठने हेतु व बिलिंग एवं फीडर से सम्बन्धित अभिलेखों के रखरखाव हेतु फनीचर उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। अल्पकालीन निविदा सं. 36/2019-20 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय बागपत के अंतर्गत डाउन खेकड़ा में एच.टी./ एल.टी. लाईनों में लगे सड़े गले एस.टी. पोलो की विद्युत सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से मेन्टेनेन्स एवं बदलने का कार्य कराया जाना। अल्पकालीन निविदा सं. 37/2019-20 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय बागपत के अंतर्गत आने वाले 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र खेकड़ा ग्रामीण पर मेन्टेनेन्स का कार्य जैसे- सिस्चआई की टूट-फूट, रंगाई व पुनर्गट व साफ सफाई का कार्य कराया जाना। अल्पकालीन निविदा सं. 39/2019-20 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय बागपत के अंतर्गत आने वाले 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र खेकड़ा डाउन पर मेन्टेनेन्स का कार्य जैसे- सिस्चआई की टूट-फूट, रंगाई व पुनर्गट व साफ सफाई का कार्य कराया जाना। समस्त प्रत्येक निविदाओं की घोरावर राशि 2000.00 निर्धारित निविदा शुल्क राशि 500+18 प्रतिशत जी.एस.टी. अग्रतिदेय सहित एवं घोहर राशि एन.ई.एफ.टी./ आर.टी.जी.एस. के माध्यम से पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, खेकड़ा के खाता सं.- 6444005700000019 आई.एफ.सी. कोड पी.यू.ए.सी.- 0644400 में जमा काराकर बैंक जमा का साक्ष्य यथा योग्य, यू.टी.आर. संख्या पे-इन रिलफ का मूलप्रति अन्य आवश्यक पत्रों के साथ दिनांक 10.12.2019 को 12.00 बजे तक प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें निविदा पत्र के साथ संलग्न है। कृपया विस्तृत सूचना निगम की Website: www.pvvn.org पर देखी जा सकती है। विद्युत हेल्प लाईन 1800-1800-3002 (मेटर), 1800-180-8752 (सब्सक्रि) राष्ट्रीय हित में अल्पकालीन निविदाओं में अग्रिशासी अभियन्ता, पत्रांक 2311/ वि.वि.ख.-द्वि बा/ विज्ञापन दिनांक: 16.11.2019

BRIEFLY

SDMC signs MoU for life insurance for daily wagers

New Delhi: The South Delhi Municipal Corporation has signed a memorandum of understanding with a public sector bank for providing life insurance cover to its daily wagers and contract employees, under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, said mayor Sunita Kangra.

23 polluting vehicles fined

New Delhi: As many as 23 “visibly polluting vehicles” were fined Rs 18 lakh under the Environment Protection Act Thursday, as part of a special joint drive by the Transport Department and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. The decision to penalise such vehicles under the Act was taken after it emerged that the maximum penalty of Rs 1,500 that the Motor Vehicles Act stipulates was not acting as a deterrent.

Scooter rams divider, 1 dead

New Delhi: A 30-year-old cab driver died after his scooter allegedly rammmed a road divider at South East Delhi’s Okhla Estate Road Wednesday. Police said the man was on his way home when the accident took place. ENS

Body of minor found in drain

New Delhi: The body of a minor boy was found stuffed inside a sack in a drain in North East Delhi Thursday, police said. PTI

UNION MINISTER ASKS CM TO REMOVE WATER PURIFIERS

Shadow on water survey, says DJB V-C, Paswan hits back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

OF THE 11 samples tested by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to assess drinking water quality in the capital, one was from an address that did not exist while the occupant of another claimed no sample was taken from his home, Delhi Jal Board (DJB) vice-chairman and AAP MLA Dinesh Mohaniya alleged Thursday.

Addressing a press conference at the Delhi Secretariat, Mohaniya also claimed the resident of the third address is a member of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), whose chief, Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, released the BIS report last week. The report said Delhi’s drinking water quality was the worst among 21 cities. “At one house, the resident said the sample was taken by an LJP worker, not a BIS official,” he claimed.

Paswan, meanwhile, challenged Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to remove ROs in Delhi government offices: “If tap water in Delhi is pure, then Kejriwal should announce the removal of ROs from government offices



The report said Delhi’s water quality is worst among 21 cities

and start providing tap water in official meetings.”

On Kejriwal’s claim that one of the men from whose house the sample was apparently picked up had told reporters he was satisfied with the water quality, Paswan said: “AAP claims water samples were not collected from Dipak Roy’s house. Roy gave the statement under pressure as an AAP MLA was sitting next to him. BIS has proof of collection of samples from Roy’s house.”

He also released a letter by

BIS deputy director general J Roy Chowdhury, which, he said, states that two officers of BIS visited Roy’s house and collected 100 litres of water samples.

As per BIS, it had collected piped drinking water samples from Delhi and 20 other cities, including Mumbai, Hyderabad and Kolkata, for testing against parameters including presence of chemical and toxic substances, and virological and biological requirements.

Kejriwal had called the report

“politically motivated “ and challenged the Centre for a re-test.

Mohaniya claimed that the BIS not report did not mention the quality standard that should be met by the samples and the detailed findings of the test.

He said the DJB is testing samples from the 11 addresses assessed by the BIS and a report will be released soon. “... If BIS officials have made a mistake... they should be held responsible,” Mohaniya said.

Meanwhile, BJP leaders Thursday staged a protest near Kejriwal’s residence carrying “water samples from across Delhi”. The North civic body also said it will conduct an independent survey of water quality from all 104 wards and send a report to Delhi government and DJB. “We have reports that water is dirty, so we want to test it on different parameters so a true picture comes out,” said standing committee chairperson Jai Prakash.

On December 6, the BIS will organise a workshop for state government officials regarding potable water quality and ISO: 10500:2012 (Specification for Drinking Water).

Gangster seeks phone and TV in Tihar, HC allows it

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE DELHI High Court directed the Tihar Jail administration to allow gangster Neeraj Sehrawat, alias Neeraj Bawana, to have access to a television set, use a telephone, and regularly meet his advocates and relatives, noting that other inmates were extended these facilities.

Bawana, through his advocate Randhir Kumar, had moved a writ petition before the court claiming that his fundamental rights under Article 14 of the Constitution were being violated due to restrictions imposed on him by jail authorities.

In his order, Justice Vibhu Bakhru said, “This court is unable to accept that all other inmates have an unrestricted use of meeting with friends and families or use of telephone... In so far as restriction to legal meetings with advocates or provision of television facility is concerned, the respondents are directed to ensure that similar facilities, as are provided to other inmates, also be provided to the petitioner and to the same extent.”

Bawana had earlier submitted

that there were no restrictions on Rajendra Sadashiv Nikalje, alias Chhota Rajan, who was also an inmate in the same high-security ward where he is lodged.

“Another inmate in the high-security ward, Chhota Rajan, was granted facility to meet his wife face to face. Further, it is submitted that the petitioner (Bawana) has been denied home-cooked food... while the same facility is extended to other inmates without justifiable cause...,” it said.

Bawana pointed out that he was a non-vegetarian, and that the jail served only vegetarian food. But the court said, “It is clear that there is no discrimination against the petitioner in respect of food..., as no separate food is being prepared for petitioner.”

Bawana also submitted that he is kept in solitary confinement, though such care is not taken when he is produced for court hearings in a jail van that he shares with other inmates.

His petition also mentioned that he has cases against him in UP, Haryana, Delhi and other places, but his meetings with advocates is restricted to two days per week.

Policeman caught taking Rs 6,000 bribe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

AN FIR was registered against a head constable who allegedly demanded and accepted Rs 6,000 as a bribe from a shopkeeper in West Delhi’s Subhash Nagar Tuesday. Police said the accused is posted with Rajouri Garden police station. The incident took place on November 1 when the complainant was sitting in his shop with his friends.

In his statement to the vigilance department, the complainant said, “The head constable came around 4.30 pm and asked us to come to the police station. We asked him why but he threatened us, so we went with him. At the station, he said that we were playing cards and asked for a bribe. I didn’t want to pay him but fearing arrest, I agreed to pay him.”

The man later approached the vigilance department of Delhi Police. Before going to exchange the money, vigilance officials applied chemicals to mark the notes.

“The raiding team caught the head constable red-handed,” said a senior vigilance officer.

A case under sections 120B and 384 was filed against the head constable.

How five men from UP managed to sell broom bits as ‘jeera from Rajasthan’

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

EVEN THOUGH it was being ground in massive quantities, the earthy and nutty undertones of cumin were suspiciously missing. It was a “unique Rajasthani technique,” the five men who manufactured cumin seeds allegedly told curious shopkeepers nearby.

On Tuesday, the five men were arrested for allegedly making and selling “fake cumin seeds” — made using broom bits, stone powder,

molasses and grass. Police said the men distributed the seeds at wholesale markets across Delhi, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

The accused hail from UP’s Shahjahanpur. They set up a factory in a single-storey building covered with metal sheets in Pooth Khurd village. “The men bought the raw material from UP and made the fake cumin in the factory. We recovered more than 20,000 kg of fake cumin from the factory and the warehouse. The accused told us there were 4-5 other men who worked for them, but weren’t at the factory at the time of




Accused hail from Shahjahanpur

the raid. We are looking for them and are further investigating the matter

with the FSSAI,” said a senior police officer. The accused were identified as Harinandan, Kamran, Ganga Prasad, Harish and Pawan. A case was registered at Bawana police station against the men for cheating and adulteration of food.

Gaurav Sharma, DCP (Outer North) said, “The men sold the fake cumin by saying it was a ‘traditional condiment’ from Rajasthan, made in a unique manner which left it without cumin’s regular smell. The owner, Harinandan, would sell the product for Rs 40 per kg and his partners were paid Rs 2 per kg.”





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FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

“You have been in power for many years. You know the procedure. In fact, compared to some of you, I am junior in the House.”

M VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman, on Opposition MPs demanding that business be suspended for discussion on electoral bonds

LOK SABHA

“Please do not throw such allegations on the Chair.”

OM BIRLA, Speaker, to Congress’s Raveet Singh Bittu after the latter said the Speaker was favouring the ruling party in the House.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“First the government formation must happen in Maharashtra for the state to waive farm loan. And for government formation we are pinning our hopes on the Congress and Sonia ji so that the government can be formed soon.”

BHAVANA GAWALI, Shiv Sena MP in Lok Sabha.



5 QUESTIONS

CONGRESS MP FROM LUDHIANA **RAVNEET SINGH BITTU** SPEAKS TO **AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** ON WHY HE RAISED THE ISSUE OF WITHDRAWAL OF SPG COVER FROM THE GANDHI FAMILY

What is your objection to the withdrawal of SPG protection from the Gandhi family?
This is petty politics by the Narendra Modi government. It is the politics of vendetta. The Gandhi family has sacrificed so much for the country, so this is wrong.

But is there a threat perception against the family?
This family has lost two of its members, who were also PMs, to assassinations. There is ample reason why the SPG should continue to protect it. The hangings of terrorists like Afzal Guru, Kasab and others happened during the UPA tenure. So, Khalistani terrorists, Pakistani terrorists and even ISIS have every reason to try to harm members of the family.

But the SPG is meant to protect only the Prime Minister
The SPG has a yearly budget of Rs 385 crore and it has around 3,500 personnel and innumerable vehicles and apparatus to protect just Narendra Modi. Does the PM need such a huge arrangement for protection? This has to be the only case in the world where so much is used to protect just one PM. So the SPG has now become just MPG—‘Modi Protection Group’.

Hasn’t the government done this on the recommendation of security agencies?
The Intelligence Bureau chief is their man. He will recommend whatever the government wants him to. But see, SPG cover was not withdrawn from Mr Vajpayee, even though he was not in a position to step out of home in the last five years of his life. When Mr Modi was CM, the Centre gave him protection of National Security Guards. NSG cover was given to Rajnath Singh, Mulayam Singh Yadav during the time of UPA. We have never resorted to pettiness.

But the Gandhi family has not objected to the move
They have the decency to accept the government’s decision. But the fact is that it was after Indira Gandhi’s assassination that the SPG was formed. Rajiv Gandhi’s SPG cover was removed when he was no longer the PM and in 1991 he was assassinated. But the Gandhi family has even forgiven Rajiv’s killers.

Poll bonds: Oppn seeks discussion, BJP hits back

RS adjourned, LS sees walkout; Piyush Goyal says ‘alliance of defeated’ don’t want clean poll funds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE CONGRESS staged a walkout in Lok Sabha on Thursday after party MP Manish Tewari’s microphone was turned off in the middle of his Zero Hour mention on electoral bonds.

The Rajya Sabha, within minutes of assembling in the morning, was adjourned until noon as opposition parties objected to Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu’s decision to not permit a discussion on electoral bonds, eviction of forest dwellers, and privatisation of state-owned firms.

Addressing the media later in the evening, hours after the Congress demanded a joint parliamentary committee inquiry into the “opaque” donations, Union minister Piyush Goyal hit back at the main opposition party. He said that an “alliance of defeated and dejected corrupt politicians” do not want clean, tax-paid transparent money to fund elections.

“Electoral bonds brought in honest money in electoral politics. People who are revolting against electoral bonds have grown used to black money and believe in its usage during elections,” he said. “An alliance of defeated and dejected parties who do not want transparency in political donations are now trying to mislead people raising baseless charges.”

Earlier in the day, immediately after papers were laid in the Upper House, Naidu said he had received notices from Congress MPs Mohamed Ali Khan and B K Hariprasad on reservations expressed by the RBI on electoral bonds, from CPI leader K K Ragesh on eviction of forest dwellers, and from CPI’s Elamaram Kareem on disinvestment of government stake in state-owned firms.

“I have gone through this, and decided not to admit them because they do not warrant suspension of other business and taking this up on priority,” Naidu said, evoking sharp responses from the Opposition.

In Lok Sabha, as the House assembled, the Congress demanded a discussion. Speaker Om Birla objected to Tewari mentioning the

role of “PMO” — the Prime Minister’s Office — in matters of electoral bonds. “You can’t name anyone,” Birla said, and Tewari’s microphone was turned off.

As Tewari continued to speak, Sonia was seen getting up and proceeding to walk out, following which other Congress MPs joined her. The rest of the Opposition, such as TMC and DMK, remained seated.

Tewari said that the Centre had, through electoral bonds, made “government corruption official”, and that the earlier regulation over influence of the rich on politics was no longer present. “Despite reservations expressed by RBI and Election Commission, the government went ahead with introduction of electoral bonds,” he said. Tewari said the scheme was such that people would not know who is the donor, who is the receiver, and how much money has been given.

Later in the evening, Goyal told the media, “Allegations against the government over electoral bonds are baseless. In fact, the Narendra Modi government has, for the first time, taken a number of steps against corruption. The Election Commission has seized crores of rupees from Congress leaders; they have been corrupt and have used black money extensively.”

He said, “It is unique that those who are themselves immersed in corruption are opposing it the most. There have been cases earlier of Prime Ministers allegedly accepting suitcases of cash, of various scams, including Bofors, Jeep, 2G, Coalgate, etc. In all these, the Congress party has been involved. It is natural that they will oppose a system which is cleaning the electoral process...”

Goyal said there had been consultations between RBI and the EC on the electoral bonds issue. According to him, between the passing of the Finance Bill on March 31, 2017, and Notification of the Electoral Bond Scheme on January 2, 2018, there were multiple interactions between RBI and the government.

“To ensure there is no misuse of electoral bonds, the encashment can be done by only qualified registered parties and within 15 days,” he added.

Govt ignored red flags raised by Reserve Bank, Election Commission

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE ELECTORAL bonds scheme floated by the NDA government has come under scrutiny after reports revealed how the Finance Ministry brushed aside objections raised by institutions such as the Reserve Bank of India and the Election Commission of India and pushed ahead with the scheme without addressing any of their concerns.

Citing documents on the scheme obtained by transparency activist Commodore Lokesh Batra (retd) under the Right to Information Act, *HuffPost India* detailed in a series of reports how the scheme was announced in Budget 2017-18. Since March 2018, electoral bonds worth at least Rs 6,128.72 crore were issued, and Rs 6,108.47 crore encashed. The BJP garnered 95 per cent of the Rs 222 crore bonds issued in the first tranche of bonds, according to data compiled by the Association for Democratic Reforms.

According to a *HuffPost India* report, the RBI said that electoral bonds and an amendment to the RBI Act as sought by the Finance Ministry would set a bad precedent. Electoral bonds, the RBI said, would effectively be a type of “bearer bond”, a notoriously opaque financial instrument that carries no trace of its ownership.

“Bearer instruments have the potential to become currency and if issued in sizeable quantities can undermine faith in banknotes issued by RBI,” the bank wrote. The bearer bonds are transferable by delivery, and who finally and actually contributes to the political party will not be known, it said.

As per the report, RBI’s concerns were dismissed by then Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia in a single short paragraph the same day the finance ministry received the RBI letter.

Two days later, on February 1, 2017, then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley proposed the creation of electoral bonds and the amendment to the RBI Act. The next month, the proposals became law with the passage of the Finance Bill



After Rajya Sabha was adjourned. PTI

2017. In response to queries from *The Indian Express* seeking comments on issues related to the electoral bonds scheme, former RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya did not comment, citing “one year cooling off period.”

In May 2017, the Election Commission of India (ECI) wrote to the Union Ministry of Law and Justice, warning that electoral bonds would help political parties hide illegal donations from foreign sources, as dubious donors could now set up shell companies to funnel black money to politicians. It wanted electoral bonds and other legal changes made to reduce transparency in funding of political parties to be rolled back.

As late as October 2018, the Law and Justice Ministry records showed, ECI continued to insist upon the rollback of the bonds and other anti-transparency provisions. ECI’s continued objections became public knowledge when, in March 2019, it reiterated its opposition to the bonds in an affidavit submitted to the Supreme Court.

Contrary to the government’s assertions that donor details will remain anonymous, State Bank of India (authorised to sell electoral bonds) uses an alphanumeric code to keep track of who bought how many bonds, and the political party to whom the bond was eventually donated. This mechanism of tracking these bonds, the documents reveal, was approved by the Finance Ministry. The

rules governing electoral bonds require SBI to share this data with law enforcement agencies if required.

The government specified four 10-day windows in January, April, July and October each year when SBI would sell these bonds. The rules also allowed for an additional 30 days in years when a general election was scheduled. However, the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) directed the Finance Ministry to break its own rules to approve the unscheduled sale of electoral bonds ahead of state Assembly elections on two separate occasions. These state elections — in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana — were the last round of polls before the Modi government’s first term ended. The PMO’s intervention to open extra windows for political donations via electoral bonds is significant because the limited sale periods were intended as a precaution against money laundering. The RBI had initially recommended that the bonds be sold twice a year for a short duration.

Justifying the electoral bond scheme in his Facebook post on April 7, 2019, Jaitley said the NDA had, in 2017, created the instrument “based on the principle of masking the identity link between the party and the donor”.

“This instrument provides for a complete white money donation. The bond as a banking instrument of SBI, a Party had to deposit it in a single declared account by the political party. Both at the hands of the receiver and the donor, it is white money through a declared channel. As far as the transparency is concerned, as against the original system of cash which was non-transparent throughout, there is an improved transparency in the electoral bonds. The donor declares in his balance sheet the quantum of bonds that he has bought. The SBI has a record of the donors. The recipient party declares the amount of bonds it has received. The link between the donor and the identity of the party is masked in the same way as is done in the case of electoral trust,” he said in the post.

Govt refers surrogacy Bill to 23-member RS select committee

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THE GOVERNMENT on Thursday referred the surrogacy Bill to a 23-member select committee of Rajya Sabha. Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan moved a resolution in the House, referring the Bill to a select committee.

Rajya Sabha members had on Wednesday sought amendments in certain provisions of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019, that seeks to ban commercial surrogacy in India. The Bill only allows a close relative to act as a surrogate to couples who have been legally married for at least five years.

Harsh Vardhan moved a motion in the House, referring the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019, to the select committee. The members approved the motion by voice vote.

“I move the motion that Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019...as passed by Lok Sabha be referred to a select committee of the Rajya Sabha consisting of following members...” Vardhan said. The members are Bhupender Yadav, Vikash Mahatme, Saroj Pandey, Ashwani Vaishnav, Jairam Ramesh, Amee Yajnik, A R Biswas, A Navaneethakrishnan, Ravi Prakash Verma, Prasanna Acharya, Ramchandra Prasad Singh, Banda Prakash, K Somaprasad, R S Bharathi, Veer Singh, Vandana Chavan, Anil Desai, Naresh Gujral, Sushil Kumar Gupta, V Vijayasai Reddy, Hishay Lachungpa, Parimal Nathwani and Sambhaji Chhatrapati.

The minister said the panel has been asked to submit its report by the last day of last week of the next session. However, Vardhan did not name the chairman of the committee.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said the head of the committee would also attach an annexure in its report, providing details of the number of members attending the meetings of the panel.

Oppn seeks select panel scrutiny for transgender Bill

New Delhi: The Opposition has said in Rajya Sabha that the government’s Bill aimed at protecting the rights of transgender persons is not “comprehensive” enough and should be sent to a select panel for further scrutiny.

Instead of a new Bill, the government should have brought the private member’s Bill on the transgenders’ rights moved by DMK leader Tiruchi Siva and already passed in Lok Sabha last year, the Opposition said.

Participating in a debate on the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019, Opposition parties DMK, NCP, CPI and AAP alleged that the government has brought its own version, tweaking major provisions suggested in the private member’s Bill. **ENS**

As reported by *The Indian Express*, the Rajya Sabha had on Wednesday deferred passage of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill after several members opposed certain provisions and demanded that the Bill be modified.

The members had 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.

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.

ISRO preparing for 3rd mission to moon: Govt

Pune: The ISRO on Thursday said it was preparing for sending a third mission to the moon, but did not specify the target date.

Minister of State in the PMO Jitendra Singh replied in the affirmative to a written question in Rajya Sabha whether the Department of Space is planning a Chandrayaan-3 mission. He was also asked about the expected timeline.

“ISRO has drawn out a roadmap of lunar exploration missions to master the technologies required. This roadmap has been presented to the space commission. Based on the final analysis and recommendation of the expert committee, work on future lunar missions is progressing,” the minister said in response, without giving any specific timeline. **ENS**

BEYOND POLITICS

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Rajya Sabha MP from SP Jaya Bachchan at Parliament on Thursday. Anil Sharma

Delhi’s air quality has improved since 2016: Javadekar in Rajya Sabha

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AS THE Rajya Sabha debated the issue of air pollution in Delhi, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar on Thursday said the capital’s air quality has improved over the last three years and that the number of ‘good’ and ‘moderate’ days has increased. “As per continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations data, there is general improvement in air quality of Delhi,” Javadekar said.

Congress MP Partap Singh Bajwa hit back, referring to a recent tweet by Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, who had advised that eating carrots would help beat air pollution. “They are asking us to eat carrots. Are we

goats?” he asked the minister. Bajwa also referred to a tweet by Javadekar in which he said people should start their day by listening to music. “He knows that people’s lungs are stuck now, (their) throats are choked and eyes are not responding as tears are coming out. We are already facing the music,” Bajwa said. “Is this the way the government is tackling pollution?”

Earlier, informing the House about the steps taken by the government to tackle the issue, Javadekar said a high-level task force was set up under the chairmanship of the principal secretary to the Prime Minister in November 2017, which is closely monitoring the implementation of measures to manage air pollution in Delhi-NCR.

On vehicular emissions, he said BS VI

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FOLLOWING CRITICISM from various quarters, including a former Army chief, the uniform of Rajya Sabha marshals is set to change again. It is not clear whether it will be a completely new uniform or the present one will see some changes, but officials have ruled out the option of marshals returning to their old outfit.

The uniform of half-a-dozen marshals, who assist Presiding Officers of the Upper House in conducting proceedings, was changed at the start of the Winter Session. From safari suit and turban in summer and dark *bandhgala*s in winter, the uniform was



A marshal in Rajya Sabha in the uniform that has invited criticism

changed to a blue suit with a peaked cap.

The change drew criticism from several quarters, including former Army chief General

Ved Prakash Malik. “Copying and wearing of military uniforms by non military personnel is illegal and a security hazard. I hope @VPSecretariat, @RajyaSabha & @rajinathsingh ji will take early action,” tweeted the former Army chief. On Wednesday, during the Question Hour, Congress MP Jairam Ramesh said, “Sir, I have been trying to draw the attention, but I think the cap is obstructing the vision. You are not able to see my hand.”

After the new uniform drew criticism, Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu had announced that it will be reviewed.

“The similarity to a military outfit is incidental, it is blue, not green. At the all-party meeting on Sunday when it was first worn, it was much appreciated. The uniform was

basically designed drawing inspiration from the attire of staff in state Assemblies. However, now it will be redone. The caps have already been dispensed with. There is no question of going back to the old uniform because the marshals were not happy with it. We have initiated the process for a new uniform. Till then, the current one will be in use,” said a source.

According to sources in Rajya Sabha secretariat, the uniform was changed after a long-standing demand of marshals who resented the fact that despite being gazetted officers, there was nothing in their uniform to distinguish them from chamber attendants, who are lower-ranked officials. The turban was also thought to be cumbersome, said the sources.

7 GOVT & POLITICS

INDIA TO SRI LANKA

'Take forward reconciliation, meet aspirations of Tamils'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

TWO DAYS after meeting newly-elected Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, New Delhi on Thursday drew the red line on Tamil minorities in Sri Lanka, for the first time in recent years.

Delhi underlined its expectation that the new government in Sri Lanka should carry forward the process of "national reconciliation" and meet the aspirations of the Tamil community. It also outlined "equality, justice, peace and dignity" as the key aspirations of Tamil minorities.

The government said that these expectations have been conveyed to Gotabaya during the meeting between him and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday.

This comes amid concerns in the Tamil community in Sri Lanka, which was articulated by the Tamil National Alliance — the major political party representing interests of ethnic Tamil minorities in the island country.

Without mincing words, the Ministry of External Affairs

EXPLAINED

Past record raises concerns

THIS IS the first time in recent years that Delhi has underlined the expectations on Tamil minorities so clearly, especially after five years of Sri Lankan government under President Maithripala Sirisena and PM Ranil Wickremesinghe. They have now been replaced by the Rajapaksa brothers. The family, which was in power before 2015, has been accused of human rights violations against Tamil minorities. Indian concerns stem from the past record of the Rajapaksas when they were in office.

spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said on Thursday, "During his meeting with President Rajapaksa, External Affairs Minister discussed our close and bilateral relations with Sri Lanka, including ways to further strengthen this in coming years... (he) conveyed to President Rajapaksa India's expectation that the Sri Lankan government will take forward the process of national reconciliation to arrive at a solution that meets the aspirations of the Tamil community for equality, justice, peace and dignity."

He added, "You must have seen President Rajapaksa's statement where he affirmed that he will be the President of all Sri Lankans irrespective of their racial or religious identity and without creating a distinction on whether they voted for him or not. The President also stated that he is committed to ensuring the development of the Northern and Eastern provinces and considers India a valued partner towards this endeavour."

The MEA spokesperson also rejected the perception that it was acting quickly, keeping in mind

the pro-Chinese Rajapaksa brothers at the helm in Colombo. "Our relations with Sri Lanka, or for that matter with any neighbouring country, are independent of our relations with third countries. Our multifaceted relationship with Sri Lanka stands on its own footing and is rooted in our geographical proximity and historical connections," Kumar said.

Articulating the sentiments of Tamil minorities, Tamil National Alliance leader R Sampanthan, who had backed Gotabaya's rival Sajith Premadasa, has said, "Our wish is that the new President will respect the very substantial democratic verdict of the Tamil people of the North and East and it is my belief that he will do so. It is only then that we can bring about a sense of oneness and the feeling that we are all equal citizens of one country and this country will be protected and that by creating such an environment we can achieve major economic and social development which will benefit all the people of this country."

Gotabaya has said that his country will "maintain an equidistant and yet, cordial relations with all countries".

Credibility of bar key to judicial independence: CJI

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THE INTEGRITY of the bar is important to maintain the independence of the judiciary, Chief Justice of India Sharad Arvind Bobde said in his maiden public address on Thursday.

"If the bar loses its integrity, it would have an enormous repercussion on the workings of the judiciary," CJI Bobde said. He was speaking at an event organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) in his honour. "It is our collective responsibility to ensure that the credibility of the bar is maintained. And it will be maintained only if members of the bar continue to act freely, diligently, and fearlessly in promoting the legitimate interests of their clients..." he said.

CJI Bobde also said exorbitant fee charged by senior advocates is a matter of concern. He said that judicial independence also includes "people's access to independent and affordable advocacy and assistance from lawyers".

He also said that the judiciary must harness technology in providing more efficient and cost-effective access to delivery of justice. "This must also include undertak-



Chief Justice of India Sharad Arvind Bobde

ing serious study concerning future of artificial intelligence in law, especially how it can assist in judicial decision making," he said.

The CJI also expressed concern on the mental health of legal professionals. "... Efforts in this direction must attempt both de-stigmatisation of this idea and making available professional help, where necessary," he said.

Attorney General of India K K Venugopal, who also spoke at the event, batted for increasing the age of retirement for judges of the higher judiciary. "Both High Court and Supreme Court judges must retire at 70. The collegium must also try to appoint judges to ensure CJs have at least a tenure of 3 years," he said.

PRIVATE SPACE

IN PARLIAMENT House, BJP MP and actress Kirron Kher is often asked about the well-being of her actor-husband Anupam Kher, known as a Narendra Modi supporter by party leaders. In the winter session, the Chandigarh MP has had more than a line to say about her husband, who is currently in New York filming 'New Amsterdam', an American series by NBC. "He seems to have become an NRI," Kher quipped when a minister asked. She said he has become so famous that he gets mobbed at times at public places. She also said when someone recently approached her, seeking time to sit with him to discuss something, she had to tell the person that she herself wanted time to sit with him.

ROW OVER SEAT ROW

EVEN AS Shiv Sena continues to sulk about the change of seats of its MPs in Rajya Sabha, sources in the secretariat of the Upper House say while the seats were changed as per recommendation of the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry, there was no design in putting the former NDA allies right next to the Congress and NCP benches. It was simply a case of vacancies, which arose because of retirements, deaths, etc, of members, being filled. Also, a front-row seat is given only to parties with five or more MPs, and NCP's Sharad Pawar has one as a mark of respect for his political career spanning over five decades.

TASTE OF LOYALTY

AFTER THEIR SPG cover was withdrawn, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and party's former chief Rahul Gandhi had publicly thanked the force for protecting them over the years. On Thursday, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the government move was part of politics and argued that such things keep happening in politics. While the Gandhi family members have given an impression that they have taken the decision in their stride, Congress leaders are eager to exhibit their unflinching loyalty to the family. They have slammed the government, raised the issue in Parliament, and have even held street protests.

MP govt clears inclusion of eggs in anganwadi meals

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 21

DISREGARDING OPPOSITION from the BJP and Jain groups, the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh has given administrative sanction to a proposal to include eggs in the meals of anganwadi children and pregnant and lactating mothers.

The proposal, prepared by Women and Child Development Department, entails tentative expenditure of Rs 110 crore.

To begin with, eggs will be served only in 89 tribal blocks of the state and the remaining areas will be covered depending on the response in the first phase. The children and women will get three eggs a week.

"Those who don't consume eggs will be given a substitute equally rich in protein," Women and Child Development Principal Secretary Anupam Rajan told *The Indian Express*. The proposal will take effect from the next financial year that begins on April 1, he said.

Women and Child

Development Minister Imarti Devi has signed the file. She said serving eggs will help fight malnutrition which is rampant in tribal areas.

Sources said Chief Minister Kamal Nath had backed the idea when he reviewed the progress of activities conducted by the department last month. The government hopes introducing eggs will increase attendance in anganwadis in tribal areas, where eggs are not opposed on social or religious grounds.

The department plans to send teams to states where eggs are already included in the anganwadi meals and mid-day meals in schools for details on procuring and distributing eggs at lower costs. Given that an average strength in an anganwadi is between 30 and 40, the department hopes the poultry industry will get a boost.

The BJP, which ruled the state between 2003 and 2018, has been against the idea, with former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan claiming the move will divide children along their food choices.

BONDING IN HOUSE

Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut (right) greets DMK MP A Raja during the Winter Session of Parliament, on Thursday. *Renuka Puri*

ED allowed to question Chidambaram in Tihar

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A DELHI court on Thursday allowed the Enforcement Directorate to interrogate senior Congress leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram in Tihar jail for two days in the INX Media money-laundering case, which is being probed by the ED.

Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar passed the order on a plea filed by the agency, which was represented by central government standing counsel Amit Mahajan and special public prosecutor N K Matta.

The court allowed the ED to interrogate Chidambaram on November 22 and 23 from 10

am to 3 pm.

In its plea, the ED sought the court's permission to record Chidambaram's statement under Section 50 of PMLA.

"The agency submitted that it wants to confront Chidambaram with crucial documents which are in possession of the DoE and same would enable DoE to ascertain and unearth the relevant aspects of the case," the order read.

The ED told the court that Chidambaram's custodial interrogation was essential for ascertaining the complex money trail apart from the involvement of the other accused. The court had earlier extended Chidambaram's judicial custody till November 27.

Bangladesh PM to visit India for Eden match

New Delhi: Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be present for the opening day's play of India's maiden day-night Test cricket match in Kolkata on Friday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday.

India is taking on Bangladesh in its first ever pink-ball Test match at the Eden Gardens stadium.

MEA's official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said Hasina will be visiting Kolkata to witness the historic match at the request of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"This request was made in view of the historic nature of the first ever day-night Test match to be played on Indian soil, and bearing in mind the special occasion that this represents in Indian sport," Kumar said at a media briefing.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday told Parliament that India is trying to convince the US that tapping into the Indian talent is in mutual benefit of the two countries.

"Issuing visas is the sovereign prerogative of other sates. But at the same time, there are very important economic and business and social interests... We are constantly in touch with the American system, the American government, members of the Congress to convince them that tapping into the Indian talent pool is for our mutual benefit," Jaishankar told Rajya Sabha.

He said India has been successful in convincing the US to a "large extent as actually if you look at the numbers, the number of H-1B visas has been going up in the last few years, even though the total rejection rate has been coming down".

Replying to a question during Question Hour on whether seven Indian IT majors were disqualified for H-1B visa by the US, Jaishankar said, "With regard to seven major Indian employers, there is no disqualification on any of them. The



Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar

number of visas for which they have applied to has come down in the last two years. Denial rates have also gone up," he said.

The minister added that denial rates have not gone up only for Indian companies, but for all companies.

About the spouses of Indians, Jaishankar said the H4 visa was introduced in the US in 2015, allowing them to work in the country.

"Indians account for 93 per cent of the total visas issued in this category. There was some controversy whether this programme will be continued, but right now it is continuing..." he said.

"Indian nationals account for nearly 70 per cent of all H-1B visas issued even though the share of Indian IT companies in H-1B visas is relatively small," he said.

Scare of NRC to intensify fear: CPM

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A DAY after Home Minister Amit Shah signalled that NRC will be carried out across the nation, the CPM on Thursday opposed the move and accused the BJP of creating an environment of "fear and intimidation" through the NRC process.

The CPM said it is an unnecessary and wasteful process since Aadhaar and EPIC cards are already in vogue. "The Modi-Shah duo continue to play the game of scaring people and polarising them on communal lines. Despite the fact that there are multiple identity proofs — Aadhaar, EPIC, PAN, etc. — the scare of NRC is to intensify the environment of fear and intimidation," party general secretary Sitaram Yechury said.

The CPM politburo said it was strongly opposed to a repetition of the NRC process in Assam as well. "The NRC process was undertaken under the supervision of the Supreme Court. The whole process had incurred an expenditure of Rs 1,600 crore. Now what is necessary is to ensure that those

Indian citizens who were excluded are brought into the list... It will only serve the BJP's agenda of communally dividing the people," it said.

The CPM also slammed the government over selling its stake in PSUs, saying, "In order to meet its profligate expenditure, mostly on propaganda and spin, this government is selling public assets to meet a target of raising Rs 1.10 lakh crore... productive and value-creating PSUs are being sold to promote their crony corporates to gain strategic control of the Indian economy. This is akin to selling family silver to meet daily expenditures, inevitably ruining the family."

Talk to experts on economy: Mamata

Kolkata: Asserting that disinvestment of shares of PSUs is no solution for the economic crisis, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said, "Our party stands against the disinvestment of PSUs... (it) cannot bring economic stability in the long run... I feel the PM must speak with experts on this, and if needed, convene an all-party meeting."



Prakash Karat

'Disturbing signs of SC failing to live up to responsibilities'

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CPM POLITBURO member and former general secretary Prakash Karat on Thursday said there are "disturbing signs" of the Supreme Court "failing to live up to its responsibilities".

He argued that Justice Ranjan Gogoi's tenure as Chief Justice was marked by the court's increasing acquiescence with the executive and compromising with majoritarianism on matters of faith.

In an article titled "Supreme Court Failings", Karat wrote, "Unfortunately, over a period of time, there are disturbing signs of the Supreme Court failing to live up to its responsibilities and to act as the custodian of the Constitution. That this is happening at a time when an authoritarian Hindutva regime is working to subvert the secular-democratic framework of the Constitution becomes a matter of serious concern."

The article will appear in the forthcoming edition of the CPM mouthpiece *Peoples Democracy*.

A Malayalam version of the article appeared on Thursday in CPM's Kerala daily *Deshabhimani*.

In the article, Karat mentioned the Supreme Court judgments on Ayodhya, Kashmir, Sabarimala and electoral bond issues to back his charge.

He said the manner in which the apex court has dealt with a host of petitions regarding the restrictions imposed on citizens, including detention of political leaders and activists, in J&K was "truly inexplicable". All the order of September 16 did, he said, was to direct the central government and J&K administration "to ensure that normalcy is restored in J&K on a selective basis and without compromising on national interest".

"By this, the court gave the executive sufficient leeway to selectively relax restrictions and also made it conditional to not compromising with national interest. Delay in giving a judicial verdict is a form of judicial evasion which enables the government/ executive to get away with a wrong measure or policy," he wrote.

POLITICAL PARTIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TARGET PEOPLE BY AFFILIATION

Google to ban ads based on political leaning

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

AFTER RIVALS Facebook and Twitter battled it out over their political advertisement policies this month, Google has also responded to growing criticism by revoking several micro-targeting capabilities, or advertising campaigns tailor-made to target very precise segments of the population.

With staggered application across the world, it will apply to India starting January 6 next year. Google's change removes the capability that allowed political candidates to target online users according to their political affiliation.

Earlier, political advertisers could use first- or third-party data to create their own targeting pools, or targets based on interest areas. Now the advertising will resemble more similarly to TV categories of age, gender, and location, Google announced on Wednesday.

The debate around political ads policy began when Facebook stated that it would not fact-check political ads. Twitter subsequently banned all ads that mention a candidate, political party, government official, election, legislation and the like from the platform.

Twitter also decided to restrict micro-targeting for "issue-based" ads, such as ads about climate change or abortion.

"We believe political message reach should be earned, not bought," Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey tweeted on October 31.

Facebook faced flak for allowing false advertisements by politicians, and is currently reviewing its decision.

Contrastingly, messaging app Snapchat is fact-checking political ads. All the platforms are facing more pressure in the US in the run-up to next year's Presidential election.

Google has decided to limit the degree of micro-targeting with voter records and similar data banks, but will still not fact-check the advertisements. Candidates will still be able to target users according to age,

gender, location, and some other groupings — such as those interested in a specific topic.

The policy will apply to the December 12 UK General Election and the European Union by the end of this year. Before this, Google allowed candidates in the US to target users according to their searches, which bucketed them in political leanings, or voter file lists.

Facebook's political ads policy, which allows for targeting based on user history, remains the same. The feature became controversial when Russian actors were learnt to have used this feature to determine political affiliation of users and target them accordingly.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Japsehaj Singh Dua S/o Manjeet Singh R/O C-60, IInd floor, back lane, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Japsehaj Singh, for all purposes. 40521255-1

I, Jagdish Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/O G-38, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, have changed my name Jagdish Singh Chana for all purposes. 40521274-7

I, Ibram Siraj W/O Sirajuddin R/O 488, Shahzada Bagh, Phase-1, Inder Lok, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035. Changed My Name To Iram Siraj. 0040521307-8

I, Harmohinder Singh Monga S/o Late Sudershan Singh Monga R/o 24, 3rd Floor, Pocket-G, 122, Sector-15, North West, Delhi-110089. Have changed my name from Har Mohinder Singh to Harmohinder Singh Monga for all purposes. 0040521244-1

I, Harjinder S/o Mohan Singh R/o WZ-5B/1, Plot-No.24, F/F, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Harjinder Singh. 0040521289-10

I, GosaIn Singh S/o Late Dhyan Singh Rawal R/o A-36, Golden Enclave, Ranaji Enclave, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 have changed my name from GosaIn Singh to Gusain Singh, vide affidavit dated 25/08/2019 before NCT, Delhi. 0040521256-2

I, Dhairay Phougat S/O Shri Amrit Singh R/O D-12/156, Sector-8, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Dhairya Phougat. 0040521307-2

I, Deepak Kumar S/o Sh.Jai Chand Ahuja R/o H.No.1487/14, Arjun-Nagar, Gurugram, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar Ahuja,,for all future Purposes. 0040521307-3

I, Deep Chandra S/O Girishchand R/O C-152,Galino-11, Pusta-2, Sonia Vihar, Delhi-110094. Have Changed My Name To Deep Chander. 0040521307-7

I, Chandra Shekhar Malhotra S/o Late Shri Dina Nath Malhotra R/o 3/20, 3rd floor, Shanti Niketan, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi-110021, have changed my name from Chandra Shekhar Malhotra to Shekhar Malhotra w.e.f. 21st November, 2019. 0040521306-1

I, Brij Kishore Singh S/O Shri Baij 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. 0040521149-2

I, Balbeer Singh S/O Chanan Singh R/o T-3456/A Upper Ground Floor, Raja Park, Shakur Basti, Delhi, have changed my name to Balbir Singh permanently. 40521240-2

I, Ashok Kumar Arora S/O Raj Kumar Arora R/O Kh.No-44/20/1, 2.gali.no.32 block-C Inder-Prastha Colony Burari Delhi-110084,have changed name to Ashok Arora. 40521307-1

I, Rajesh kumar S/o Zile Singh Add-WZ-645 Palam-Village Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Rajesh Solanki. 40521274-6

I, Jasmin Kaur Sabherwal W/O Amardeep Singh R/O WZ-15, back-side, Meenakshi-Garden New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Jasmin Kaur Sabharwal for all purposes. 40521274-4

I, Jaskaran Singh Kohli S/o Late Ravinder Singh Kohli R/O-70C/2, Purana Tejab-Mill, Bholanath Nagar, Shahdara,Delhi-110032 that name of my father has been wrongly written as Ravinder Singh in 10th-Class Certificate & Adhaar Card. but my father's correct name is Ravinder Singh Kohli. 40521307-5

I, Amriti Kaur W/o Harjinder Singh R/o WZ-5B/1, Plot-No.24, F/F, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Amrit Kaur.40521289-9

No.1493985Y NK Govind Singh S/o Late Sh.Hari Hari Singh R/O-Vill.-Kunjasu Po-Kunjasa, Tehsil-Pokhari-Distt. Chamoli, Uttarakhand-246473,inform that my daughter name is wrongly-mentioned as Kumar Shakshi instead of Shakshi in my army record.Her Actual and correct name is Shakshi. AFFIDAVIT-IN- DL80962121676281R.40521333-2

I, Yadav Monika Sabhajit D/O Sabhajit Yadav R/O 2/54/1-2, Near Post Office, Teliwara, Delhi-110032. Changed My Name To Monika Yadav. 0040521307-6

I, Vinay Kumar Modi S/o Kubert Dutt Modi R/O 16-A, 2nd-Floor, Gali No.1, West Arjun Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Vinay Modi. 0040521289-3

I, Tahir Ahmed S/o Anul Haque. R/O-1662 gali No.17, Rajiv Gandhi-Nagar new Mustafabad, Delhi-94, have changed name of my minor son, from ISRAHIL ANSARI to FARMAAN, for all future purposes. 0040521274-10

I, Shamim S/o Babu Khan R/O H.No.462, Gali No.19, F-Block, Khajoori Khas, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Shamim Khan for all purposes. 0040521249-3

I, Rajinder Kumar S/o Chaman Lal, R/O F-8 Double Storey Motia Khan, Pahar Ganj New Delhi 110055, changed My Name To Rajender Sharma. 0040521289-5

I, Rajender Garg S/o Krishan Lal Garg R/O 422, Modern Appt Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name to Rajender Kumar Garg permanently. 0040521240-3

I, Rajeev Kumar Gupta S/o Suresnder Kumar Gupta R/o-B-1/68, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Rajeev Gupta. 40521289-8

I, Punal Agarwal R/O 31 Ambica Vihar, Paschim Vihar, Nd-87 Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Mishitaa Agarwal To Mishyttaa Agarwal For All Purposes, And My Minor Daughter's Correct DOB Is 15.02.2012. 70684602-1

I, Pooja Chaturvedi W/O Shivam Gupta R/o 25/102 Tejas Enclave, Vayu Sene Vatika- Gurugram Haryana- 122001, have changed my name from Pooja Gupta to Pooja Chaturvedi, vide-affidavit No. IN-DL86081204436135R dated-21-Nov-19 before-Patiala House-Courts. 40521274-8

I, Pallavi Lamba W/o Brahm Dev Arya R/o-Plot No.24-A/1, Chander-Mohalla, Dharampura, Najafgarh New Delhi-110043, have changed my name from Pallavi to Pallavi Lamba for all purposes. 0040521274-9

I, Neelam W/o Shyam Lal R/O-3367/243,Hansa Puri,Tri Nagar,Delhi-110035,have changed my name from Neelam Devi to Neelam for all future purposes. 40521330-1

I, Narinderjit Kaur W/o Gurdeep Singh R/o Z-32A, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Narinderjeet Kaur. 40521289-2

I, Mohammed Rafayuzzaman Siddiqui S/o Mohd Maseeh Uzzaman Siddiqui R/O-Flat-No.123 12th-Floor Tower-A Regal-Garden DLF-Garden City Sector-90 Gurgaon Haryana-122505, have changed my name to Mohammed Rafay Uzzaman Siddiqui. 40521333-3

I, Mohammad Naïm S/o Mohammad Nasim H.No.323, Street.No.15, KardamPuri, Shahdara, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Mohammad Naeem Permanently. 0040521274-3

I, Mehjabin Ali W/o Arshad Ali R/O-J-63/A Thokar.No.4, AbulFazal-Enclave Part-1, Jamia-Nagar, Okhla New Delhi-110025, inform that my name has been changed from Mehjabin to Mehjabin Ali. I will be known with this name in the future. 0040521289-1

I, Md Ghulam Rasool S/o Jamil Akhtar R/O Bhasepur, Post Ratwara, Ps. Baijapatti, District Sitamarhi, Bihar Pin-843333, have changed my name to Ghulam Rasool for all purposes. 0040521271-1

I, Manorma/Manorma Puri,W/o Inderjeet Singh R/O H.No-T-332, Street No-9, Gautampuri New-Seelampur Delhi-110053. Have Changed My Name To Manorma Saigal, For All Future Purpose. 0040521274-5

I, Love Kumar Sulochandas Kapoor S/o Sulochan Das Kapoor R/O SRB-45-A Shipra Rivipara Gyan Khand-3, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name to Love Kumar Sulochandas Kapoor permanently. 0040521240-1

I, Km.Baby Farida Iqbal D/O Mutheshtin Ali R/O-G-14 Fround-Floor, 40-Foot Road, Abulfazel Enclave Part-2 Okhla, Shaheen-Bagh, Jamia-Nagar Delhi 110025. Changed My Name To Farida Iqbal. 0040521289-4

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I,Harsh Bala W/o Ramesh Wallia R/O-E-75,Senior Citizen Home Complex,P-4,Greater Noida,U.P.,have changed my name to Harsha Wallia for all future purposes. 0040521330-4

I, Zakiya Nafees W/o Azizul Hasan R/O P-97, IInd Floor, Batla House, Jamia Nagar, N.Delhi-110025, changed my name Sayeeda Zakia Nafisi to Zakia Nafees permanently. 0040521245-1

I, Arshgeet S/o Dalvir Singh R/O E-1001,Elite Mohr, Sector-77, Noida-201301 (UP) have changed my name to Arshgeet Singh for all future purposes. 0040521254-1

I, Ankush Choudhary S/o Girraj Bansal R/O Farm 16 Ashoka Avenue DLF Chattarpur Farms, New Delhi-110074, have changed my name to Ankush Chaudhary vide Affidavit dated 19.11.2019 sworn before Notary Amar Nath, Delhi. 0040521297-1

मैं, अमी नं. 13989998L HAV/NA शशिकान्त पाण्डेय BASH HOSPITAL DELHI CANTT. मेरे सर्विस रिकॉर्ड में गलती से मेरी पत्नी का नाम सुष्मा पाण्डेय दर्ज हो गया है जबकि उसका सही नाम सुष्मा कुमारी है।

I, Anju Goyal W/o Sanjay Goyal R/o-B-4/89-90, First-Floor Block-B, Pocket-4 Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-85 changed my minor son's name Lakshay Goyal to Lakshay Goel. 040521274-1

I,Amrkit Singh Sehgal S/o Mohinder Singh R/o-F-2/21,Sec-16, Rohini,Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Amrkit Singh. 0040521330-3

I,Vimalbhai Babubhai Shah S/o Babul Chandulal Shah R/O B-53 Gujrat-APPT Pitampura Delhi-34 change Vimal Babulal Shah. 0040521307-4

I,Simran D/O-N-144a Gadhwal Mohalla Gali No-11 Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092., Changed My Name To Simran Pathan Khan. 0040521289-6

I,Shakun Jethi S/o Harish Chandra Jethi R/o C-9/59, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Shakkun Jeythi. 70684656-1

I,Sanjeev Kumar@Sanjeev S/o Sh.Ashok Kumar R/O 12, Ganga Vihar Colony, Opposite Police Station, Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201206 have changed my name to Sanjeev Chaudhary for all purposes. 0040521249-2

I,Premwati R/O DTC/24C, D-Block, Janak Puri, New Delhi Have Changed My Name To Prem Dalal As Per Affidavit Dated 4 Sep. 2019. 70684600-1

I,Prahlad Kumar S/o Sh.Chhote Lal R/O 1601, Type-3, Delhi Administration Flats, Near Gulabi Bagh Thana, Gulabi Bagh, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Parhlad Kumar Garg for all purposes. 0040521249-1

I,Nivedita Vivek Chatterjee W/o Abhimanyu Dey R/o 33A, Ville Avista, Prabhu Pradhan City, Block-B, Jagatpura, Jaipur, Rajasthan-320217, have changed my name to Nivedita Chatterjee Dey 0070684657-1

I,Bala W/O Gaurav Singh R/O 327 Sector 15 Part-I Gurugram Have changed my name to Bala Yadav 0050158857-1

(ARMY No.15431599a) Haav/Dh.Selimuddin Saikh S/O Md Khairatullah R/O-VIII-Pakha Po-Sardha, Distt-Birbhum, West Bengal-731242, I,Have Changed My Wife's Name In My Service Record Wrongly Written As Jahanara Saikh The Correct And Actual Name Is Jahanara Begum For All Future Purpose. 40521289-7

I,Shaziya W/O Sharif Rehman R/O H-65, 1st Floor, Muradi Road, Batla House, Okhla N.Delhi-110025, changed my name Shaziya to Shazia Anjum permanently 40521245-2

I,Reema Yadav W/O-Shri Hanuman Yadav R/O C-320/10, Ramesh-Enclave, Kirari-Suleman-Nagar, New-Delhi-86, have changed my name to Rima Yadav for all future purpose. 0040521274-2

I,Sudershana W/O Sunil Kumar R/O-3367/243,Hansa Puri,Tri Nagar,Delhi-110035,have changed my name from Sudarshan to Sudershana for all future purposes. 0040521330-2

I, Rahul S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar R/O A-47, New Seelampur, Delhi, have lost my original property papers of Flat No. 6/443B, Sector-3, Bawana Industrial Complex, Delhi-110039, while visiting Seelampur Market, Delhi, finder may call : 9210695231. 0040521241-1

Best known to all public that my client Mr. Om Kumar Singh S/o Sh. Pyari Lal R/o H. No. C-188, near Chowk, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110052 has discovered and retained in custody the Right of the said property which was immovable and severed all relations due to his disobedience and bad behavior. My client shall not be responsible for his any acts and deeds in any manner whatsoever. Jitender Singh, Advocate Chtr. No. 440, Lawyers Block, Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi-110017, M.886870279

General Public is hereby informed that my client Suresh Chand S/o Sh. Bodan Ram R/o. Smt. Resham Devi W/o Sh. Suresh Chand both resident of B-132, Sewak Park, Block B-1, Uttam Nagar, Mohan Garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110050, has discovered and debarred his son namely Dinesh Baberwal S/o Sh. Suresh Chand & his wife Priyanka W/o Sh. Dinesh Baberwal due to their misconduct and misbehavior, my client also severed them from his all movable and immovable property, my client also debarred all connection with them and in case anybody dealing with them will do that at his own cost and consequence and my client will not be responsible in any manner. Subhash Yadav (Advocate) Chamber No. 536, Dwarika Courts Complex, New Delhi-110075

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My clients Shri. Trinovan Singh S/o Sh. Babu Lal Singh and Smt. Asha Devi W/o Sh. Trinovan Singh both R/O H.No. 1030, Gali No. 29, B-Block, Shiv Kirti Nagar, Baran, Delhi-110084 have severed their all relations from their son and his wife Namely Balam Singh S/o Sh. Trinovan Singh and Smt. Roli W/o Sh. Balam Singh, due to temperamental differences and have no concern with his any disabilities and sever him from her movable/immovable assets. Anyone dealing shall be responsible on his own risk and my clients shall not be responsible in any manner. Sd/- GHANSHYAM DASS SHARMA (Advocate) Seat No. 272, Gajanan Block, Tri Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

This is to bring to your kind notice that my client Mrs. Rama Sivas W/o Late Avidit Kumar R/O H-5, Akash Bharti Apartments, Patparganj, Delhi-110085 has severed relationship with her son Kunal Srivastava and wife Smt. Bhumika Srivastava and their children and disowned and debarred them from all her movable and immovable properties as they have become disobeient, misbehaving, torturing, harassing, and they are out of control of my above contents and my client has nothing to do with them. My clients shall not be responsible for their acts, deeds, if any person dealing with them then he will be doing that at his own risk, cost and consequences. Sd/- SANDEEP VERMA (Advocate) Ch. No. B-127, B-6.S. Block, Tri Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

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This is to bring to your kind notice that I, Umesh Kumar Shukla, Advocate on behalf of my Clients Mr. Anshu Khanna, Chtr. No. 818, Shukla R/o C-13, DDA Flats, Phase-2 Nagar, New Delhi, that the 1. Allotment Letter dated on 14.03.1980 & 2. Possession Letter dated on 20.05.1980 in favour of Sh. O.B. Sarin, in respect of property No. C-13, DDA Flats, Phase-2 Nagar, Delhi, was sent some where in respect Nagar area, New Delhi, it found by anyone, may kindly go return to the above address of my client, Umesh Kumar Shukla (Advocate) Ch. No. 1121, Lawyers Chambers, Chhatra Courts Colony, Delhi-85

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IVRI confirms bird deaths at Rajasthan lake due to botulism

HAMZAKHAN
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 21

THE INDIAN Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly, on Thursday confirmed that the thousands of birds which were found dead at Rajasthan's Sambhar Lake died of avian botulism — a paralytic, frequently fatal disease caused by the ingestion of toxins which are produced by the bacteria Clostridium botulinum.

The investigation was undertaken at IVRI's Centre for Animal Disease Research and Diagnosis (CADRAD).

Rajasthan Animal Husbandry Minister Lalchand Khatiwara has confirmed IVRI's results.

"We carried out laboratory tests on samples, as per internationally prescribed methods, to conclude that it is botulism," IVRI director Dr Raj Kumar Singh said.

J&K Police repatriate Pak national as 'goodwill gesture'

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 21

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Police has repatriated a 32-year-old Pakistani national who had crossed into India through the Line of Control (LoC) along North Kashmir in May.

Police officials said that the Kupwara Police repatriated him as a "goodwill gesture".

A J&K Police spokesperson said that the Pakistani national, identified as Shabir Ahmad, a resident of Pajkote in PoK, was repatriated via Teetwal in Kupwara on Thursday afternoon.

"He was earlier arrested near Dilar checkpoint in Karnah on May 18 when he had crossed over into Indian territory without seeking requisite permission," said a police statement.

Police said a case was registered and the individual was taken to hospital for medical examination. "Doctors reported that the said individual suffers from a mental/psychotic disorder," the statement said.

Police said government was approached to take up the matter with the concerned authorities in Pakistan so as to facilitate his return. "After fulfilling legal formalities, today, as a goodwill gesture, he was handed over to the authorities from Pakistan via Teetwal," the statement said.

A statement by the Indian Army said Shabir Ahmad was "repatriated on humanitarian grounds at 1335 hrs today at the Tithwal crossing point in Tangdhar sector".

Talking to the media, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said, "It is satisfying that we were already acting on the RAJUVAS report. I have also written a letter to Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar, we will request that a secretary, Government of India, should come here, what were the causes of their death, how were these causes created, we want to ascertain all these reasons so that such a situation is not repeated in future."

Meanwhile, the National Green Tribunal Thursday sought a report on bird deaths from National Wetland Authority, State Wetland Authority, Rajasthan State Pollution Control board and Jaipur District Magistrate. A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel directed that a factual and action taken report be given jointly by these agencies before January 22.

Day after Amit Shah's 'normalcy' remark, Valley shops down shutters

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 21

A DAY after Union Home Minister Amit Shah told the Rajya Sabha that normalcy had returned to Kashmir, shopkeepers across the Valley on Thursday downed shutters. While there was little public transport on the roads, private vehicles plied normally.

Shops and businesses across Kashmir had been shut for over 100 days in protest against the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and the bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories on August 5.

Recently, business establishments and shops in parts of the Valley had started to remain open for the entire day. This was despite posters threatening shopkeepers from opening their establishments were sporadically seen in parts of the Valley.

The opening of shops was a hint that the Valley was slowly returning towards the routine.

On Wednesday, Shah informed the Upper House that

Chhattisgarh to develop 8 sites under Ram Vangaman Path plan

DIPANKAR GHOSE
RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 21

THE CONGRESS government in Chhattisgarh has said it will develop eight sites in the state as "tourist centres", as part of the "Lord Shri Ram Vangaman Path". The decision was taken in a meeting of the Chhattisgarh cabinet on Thursday.

A cabinet release said that there is evidence to suggest that of the 14 years that "Lord Shri Ram spent in exile", at least ten of those years were in Chhattisgarh. The release said, "According to books written by discoverers, of the 14 years of his exile in the forests, Lord Shri Ram spent ten years in Chhattisgarh."

The release said there are 75 places that Lord Ram visited in Chhattisgarh, of which he stayed at 51. The eight places to be developed will be promoted as part of the first phase of operations.

"The Chhattisgarh government is developing the Ram Van Gaman path from a tourist point of view. Looking to its development, these places must be made familiar with tourists, devotees and people from within the state. Facilities will be created for tourists that come to these spots. For these places the state government will allocate a budget, and will also ask the Centre for funds for these projects so that they get national and international fame," it said.

The move has brought sharp reactions from both the BJP and civil society activists.

The BJP hit out at the Congress for its "political opportunism" and said that the people would see through this "charade". "It is the history of the Congress to do appeasement politics. They have done this opportunism through their history, whether it is on Lord Shri Ram or the Ayodhya temple. The people

will see through this," said BJP leader O P Choudhary.

Civil society activists said that the governments priorities were skewed, and there was little difference between the Congress and BJP governments.

"There are so many things that were promised by the party in their manifesto. Just by giving Rs 2,500 to farmers (for paddy procurement) doesn't mean work is complete. There needs to be work on irrigation, on the Forest Rights Act, on stopping alleged fake encounters. You want to create spots for Ram Van Gaman Path near Surguja. But you are giving away forest land of the adivasis for mining. The priorities seem skewed in favour of grabbing some national headlines as opposed to work on the ground," said Alok Shukla, convener of the Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan.

The Congress defended the decision, with spokesperson R P

Singh saying, "The BJP uses Lord Ram for politics, for division. For us, Lord Ram is part of our culture and tradition. We are only telling the people that he spent so many years here and bringing out his life. What is the problem with that?"

However, senior Congress leaders, on the condition of anonymity, admitted that they thought there was political dividend in the move.

"We need to remove the idea that the BJP is the only party that respects Lord Ram. We do too, it's only that we are not divisive. But in the future, this can work for us too. If you look at what the cabinet has said, it says it will ask the Centre for funds for this path. If the Centre accedes, they will have to admit that they agree with the idea. If they deny the finances, the Congress will be able to reiterate that it is the BJP that uses Lord Ram for politics and doesn't really care," a senior party leader said.

Gadkari: Probe MPs, MLAs who seek bribes from highway contractors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

UNION ROAD Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has given CBI and Enforcement Directorate (ED) a list of MPs and MLAs along with a cache of their secretly recorded conversations and videos to probe whether these public representatives demanded bribe from road contractors and tried to stall highways works.

"About four months ago I asked contractors, who came to me complaining, to record audio and videos of the conversations. I have given all that to CBI and ED.



Nitin Gadkari

There is zero tolerance on corruption in NHAI," Gadkari said.

In a letter to the agencies on Monday, Gadkari stated that contractors complained of being threatened by local MPs and MLAs, who allegedly stalled

India seeks consular access to two nationals arrested by Pak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

INDIA ON Thursday asked Pakistan to provide consular access to two nationals who have been arrested and sought their repatriation, officials said.

The arrest of Prashant Vaindam and Dhari Lal, as reported by Pakistani media, came as a surprise as India had informed Pakistan that they may have crossed over inadvertently, the Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson said. The MEA hoped that two don't become victims of Pakistani propaganda. It was not clear when the two were arrested.

Prashant's father, V Babu Rao, said his son left home in April 2017 in search of his girlfriend. "One day he did not return home... I lodged a missing complaint," Rao said. He said the family was trying to contact the Centre to get Prashant released as soon as possible.

Dhari Lal hails from Madhya Pradesh.

Arunachal govt panel opposes CAB 'in its current form'

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 21

A CONSULTATIVE committee in Arunachal Pradesh on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill has put forward a two-point recommendation to the Centre after talking with multiple stakeholders, saying that there was an "unequivocal" opposition to the CAB, state officials confirmed on Thursday.

The CAB proposes to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955, by relaxing the eligibility rules for an immigrant belonging to six minority (non-Muslim) religions — Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians — from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan in getting Indian citizenship.

On Wednesday, the Arunachal committee, headed by state Home Minister Bamang Felix, held a final meeting with

representatives of all political parties, community-based organisations, and student and youth bodies and finalised the recommendations, a government statement said.

The first point of the resolution said it "unequivocally" opposes the CAB in its current form, while the second point suggests that provisions of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 (BEFR), and that of the Chin Hills Regulations, 1896 (CHR), should be incorporated into the Bill.

It is pertinent to note that the BEFR is the backbone of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) - a special permit required by "outsiders" from other regions of India to enter the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram.

The CHR similarly puts regulations on the presence of "outsiders".

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VYAPAM CASE 31 convicted in police constable recruitment scam

Bhopal: A special court in Bhopal on Thursday convicted 31 people chargesheeted in connection with the police constable recruitment scam of 2013. The quantum of punishment will be announced on November 25.

One of the major cases as part of the Vyapam scam, the accused included candidates, middlemen and impersonators.

The investigation was done by the CBI which identified 12 impersonators and traced them.

The CBI had taken the case from the Madhya Pradesh Police in December 2015. **ENS**

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DIRECTOR

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
District Health and Family Welfare Society, Palwal
Advertisement No. 3/2019 O/o Civil Surgeon, Palwal

District Health and Family Welfare Society, Palwal invites Candidates for Walk-in-Interview for the following Post under NHM purely on Contract basis and initially upto 31.03.2020 with details as mentioned below. Candidates should appear in Walk-in-Interview along with their Original Documents in the O/o Undersigned on the Respective Date of their Interview as mentioned against their Post.

Post Code	Name of Post	No. of Post	Qualification	Age	Date of Walk-in-Interview
1.	Gynecologist	01 Post — CHC Hathin	MD Gynecologist/DGO	Upto 65 Yrs.	26.11.2019
2.	Medical Officer (SNCU-NRC)	02 Post — GH Palwal	M.B.B.S. From a Recognized Institute, Registered with Haryana Medical Council. DESIRABLE Knowledge of Hindi upto Matric Standard.	Upto 62 Years	26.11.2019

Essential Terms and Conditions:-

1. Applicants have present on the date of Walk-in-Interview along with all the Relevant Original Documents along with One Set of Self Attested Photocopies.
2. Preference will be given to those Candidates who belong to Distt. Palwal.
3. Vacancy can be Increased/Decreased/Cancelled.
4. No TADA for Interview will be admissible.
5. Selection Committee has all rights reserves to Cancel/Postpone Interview process.
6. The Area of Services will be District Palwal.
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S.No.	Events Particulars	Date & Time
1	Start of Sale of Bid	22.11.2019, 1.00 PM
2	Last Date of Sale of Bid	02.12.2019, 1.00 PM
3	Last Date of submission of Bid with Fees	02.12.2019, 2.30 PM
4	Opening of Bid	02.12.2019, 3.00 PM

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NOTICE

Notice under Section 201 of the Companies Act, 2013 is hereby given that an application under Section 196 read with Schedule V and other applicable provisions, if any, is being made to the Central Government seeking its approval for the appointment of Mr. Tadanao Yamamoto (DIN 08291307) as Whole-time Director designated as Director-Quality Assurance w.e.f. 30th November, 2018, approved by Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on 14th November, 2018 and subsequently approved by the shareholders of the Company, through a Special Resolution, at Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 30th September, 2019.

For SML ISUZU LIMITED
(PARVESH MADANI)
Company Secretary
ACS-31266

Place: Chandigarh
Date: 21.11.2019

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स्वैच्छिक संस्थाओं के ध्यानार्थ

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि भारत सरकार की ग्रांट-ईन-ऐड स्क्रीम की नियम व शर्तें वेबसाइट www.socialjustice.nic.in पर उपलब्ध हैं, के अनुसार हरियाणा राज्य की ऐसी स्वैच्छिक संस्थाएं जो अनुसूचित जाति/ अन्य पिछड़े वर्ग के कल्याणार्थ सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली से अनुदान प्राप्त कर रही हैं या करना चाहती हैं, के अनुदान प्रस्ताव राज्य सरकार द्वारा चयनित उच्च स्तरीय समिति की सिफारिशों सहित भारत सरकार को अर्पित किए जाने हैं। अनुदान प्रस्ताव के साथ भारत सरकार के मापदंडों अनुरूप सभी वांछित कागजात एवं जो संस्थाएं पहले से ही भारत सरकार/ राज्य सरकार से अनुदान प्राप्त कर रही हैं उनके वर्ष 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 तथा 2018-19 का उपयोगिता प्रमाण पत्र की प्रतियां संलग्न होनी अनिवार्य हैं। अतः ऐसी सभी इच्छुक स्वैच्छिक संस्थाओं द्वारा दिए जाने वाला प्रतिवेदन भारत सरकार की वेबसाइट <http://ngograntsje.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है। इसलिए संबंधित संस्था द्वारा सर्वप्रथम इस वेबसाइट पर जाकर अपना प्रतिवेदन रजिस्टर्ड करना होगा। सभी इच्छुक संस्थाएं रिहायशी स्कूल, नॉन रिहायशी स्कूल व छात्रावास अनुसूचित जाति के अनुदान आवेदन पत्र online भरकर उसकी हार्ड कॉपी सभी आवश्यक दस्तावेजों सहित दोहरी प्रत में संबंधित जिला कल्याण अधिकारियों के कार्यालय में जमा करवाएं। अतः ऐसी सभी इच्छुक स्वैच्छिक संस्थाओं द्वारा और जिला कल्याण अधिकारियों द्वारा सभी दस्तावेज सत्यापित सहित दोहरी प्रत में निम्न विवरण अनुसार भेजना सुनिश्चित करें :-

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APPENDIX-IV-A - [See proviso to rule 6 (B)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited/ Capital First Limited now IDFC FIRST Bank Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due from borrowers, due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited/ Capital First Limited) from borrowers.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

Sr No.	City	Demand Notice Amount As on Date	Customer Name	Property Address	Reserve Price Amount	EMD Amount	Last Date & Time Of Submission Of Emd And Documents (online) On/before	Date and Time of Auction
1	Delhi	INR 54427480 As on 17.03.2017	Deepak Munjal	Plot No.F-90/1, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-I, New Delhi	INR 104400 000	INR 104400 000	09.12.2019 5.00 PM	10.12.2019 11.00 TO 1.00 PM
2	Delhi	INR 17549915 As on 23.12.2017	Jagdeep Singh Saini	All That Piece And Parcel Of Half Undivided Share In Entire First Floor With Mezzanine Floor, Lefts And Second Floor Of The Property Bearing No. 284, Block-5, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi	INR 5,18,40, 000	INR 51,84,0 00	09.12.2019 5.00 PM	10.12.2019 11.00 TO 1.00 PM
3	Delhi	INR 1276769 44 As On 25/08/2018	Prakash Nandkeshor Singh	Lig Flat No FF-09, First Floor, Plot No. 29, Kharsa No. 1303, Colony P. N. Vihar, village -Ioni (outer Chaikhandi), (B-block Ghaziabad.	INR 775800	INR 77580	09.12.2019 5.00 PM	10.12.2019 11.00 TO 1.00 PM
4	Delhi	INR 2599168 As on 06.05.2019	Mohammed Alim	Prop. Bearing No. X/1825, Ft. Gali Number 11, Rajgarh, Rajgarh Colony, Delhi.	INR 2000000	INR 2,00,000	23.12.2019 5.00 PM	24.12.2019 11.00 TO 1.00 PM
5	Delhi	INR 4968596 57 As on 08.05.2019	Dinesh Kumar	Property Bearing No. E-99, Out Of Kharsa No. 221, Situated At Village babar Pur, Gali No. 1, East Babar Pur, Prem Gali, Haaga- Shahdara, Delhi	INR 4100000	INR 410000	23.12.2019 5.00 PM	24.12.2019 11.00 TO 1.00 PM
6	Delhi	INR 1965404 67 As on 05.03.2019	Seema Chopra	Entire Third Floor, Property Bearing No. G-1339, Out Of Kharsa No. 7725, Situated In The Village hasai, Colony Known As G-1 Block, Ustam Nagar, New Delhi-110059.	INR 1840000	INR 184000	23.12.2019 5.00 PM	24.12.2019 11.00 TO 1.00 PM
7	Delhi	INR 8952431 As on 04.02.2019	Harsh Gupta	Plot No. A-98, Basement Floor, New Friends Colony New Delhi.	INR 10125000	INR 1012500	09.12.2019 5.00 PM	10.12.2019 11.00 TO 1.00 PM

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Earth System Science Organisation (ESSO) inviting applications for filling up of the following Regular Posts at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, an autonomous body under Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India

Advt. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Pay	Age Limit (as on date of closure of application)
ESSO/INCOIS/ RMT/ 02/2019	Scientist - E (on deputation)	One	Pay level 13 (Rs.123100-215900) of pay matrix (Pre-revised pay band: PB-4; Rs.37400-67000 plus GP of Rs.8700)	56 years
ESSO/INCOIS/ RMT/ 03/2019	Scientific Assistant - A (Reserved for SC)	One	Level 6 in the pay matrix (Rs.35400-112400) (Pre-revised; Pay Band: PB-2; Rs.9300-34800 plus GP of Rs.4200)	28 years

Further details about the position, eligibility, academic qualifications, responsibilities, experience, application procedure and other general conditions are available at INCOIS website : www.incois.gov.in under 'Vacancies'.

Closing Date : The last date for receipt of online application is 42 days from the date of publication of this vacancy circular in Employment News. Advertisement is published in Employment News in the edition of November 09-15, 2019 and accordingly closing date is December 20, 2019.

Director, INCOIS



केन्द्रीय माइन प्लानिंग एण्ड डिजाइन इन्स्टीट्यूट लिमिटेड
Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)
Gondwana Place, Karar Road, Ranchi - 834 006, JHARKHAND, INDIA

E-mail: hodnmr.cmpdi@coindia.in Visit us at: <http://www.cmpdi.co.in>
Tender Notice No. CMPDI/MM/DOMESTIC TENDER/19-20/010

Offers are invited through E-Tendering (ON-LINE BIDDING) for the following:- **Tender No. CMPDI/MM/DT/19-20/466/AK/CAQMS.**
Description: Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance Services of "Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations" (CAQMS) at 11 Locations of MCL and 01 Location at CMPDI (HQ) with 2 Years Warranty and 5 Years CAMC after Warranty. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 12,99,73,230/-. **Earnest Money:** Rs.10,00,000/-. No tender fee is payable for above tender(s). Tender Document and Tender Details of the above tender(s) can be downloaded free of cost from www.cmpdi.co.in, eprocure.gov.in and www.coalindiatenders.nic.in in 22.11.2019 onwards. For On-line Bidding, Bidders should possess Class B/III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and should enroll themselves at <http://www.coalindiatenders.nic.in>. Information regarding the procedure for enrolment, bidding, etc. is available on the same website.

GM(MM)



HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Haryana Undertaking)
Bays No. 59-62, Sector-2, Panchkula.
Phone: 0172-2590608

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

HMSCL invites e-Tenders for Two Years Rate Contract for Smart Phone for ASHA Workers, Lithotripsy Unit (ESWL) on the website: www.etenders.hry.nic.in. Please see Corrigendum if any regarding these Tenders on the website: www.etenders.hry.nic.in only.

Managing Director,
HMSCL, Panchkula.



NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-II, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work:

Name of work	Approximate cost of work	Earnest Money to be deposited	Cost of Tender document	Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen
Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of track based way side lubricator (Electric type) with dual Grease application/wiper bar as per RDSO specification under Jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/II/CL in Delhi Division	₹33,00,000.00 (Rs. Thirty Three Lakh Only)	₹65,000.00 (Rs. Sixty Six Thousand only)	₹3,540.00	13.12.2019 @ 15:00 Hrs.	www.nreps.gov.in

* The tenderers must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. * For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. * No manual offers are acceptable. * Cost of tender document and Earnest Money will be acceptable through net banking/payment gateway only.

No. 128-W/280/-Tender Notice/NIT/38/2019-20/W-3 Dated: 19.11.2019

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GREEN GAS LIMITED
(A Joint Venture of GAIL and IOLCL) CIN: U23201UP2005PLC030834

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (OPEN DOMESTIC COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

Green Gas Limited invites bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders:

Sl. No.	Tender Subject	Tender No.	IFB and Bid Document available from	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	Last date & time for submission of Bid
01	Rate Contract (Value Contract) for Procurement of PNG Domestic Regulators	Green Gas/ DC&A/P/019/ 2019-20	22.11.2019	29.11.2019 @ 11:00 hrs.	13.12.2019 @ 15:00 hrs.
02	Construction of CNG Mother Stations at Viskap Khurd and Tilakpur Nagar, Lucknow.	Green Gas/ DC&A/P/020/ 2019-20	26.11.2019	03.12.2019 @ 11:00 hrs.	17.12.2019 @ 15:00 hrs.

For detailed Notice Inviting Tender, please visit our website www.ggonline.net. For any queries, bidders may contact Chief Manager (C&P), Green Gas Limited, Phone: 0522-4088530/51251524, e-mail: rajat.jain@ggonline.net.
Disclaimer: Any revision, clarification, addendum, corrigendum, time extension, etc. to the above tender will be posted on the website www.ggonline.net only and no separate notification shall be issued in the press. Bidders are requested to visit the website regularly to keep themselves updated.



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT, Thani District

TENDER NOTICE No. 2990 / 2019 / D5 Dated : 21.11.2019

SCPAR, SPC District Panchayat & 14th Finance Commission 2019-2020
ROADS & BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS IN ALL BLOCKS @ THENI DISTRICT

FORM OF CONTRACT : ITEM RATE TWO COVER SYSTEM (SHORT TIME TENDER)

The e-bid documents can also be downloaded free of cost from www.etenders.gov.in from 22.11.2019 to 29.11.2019

2. Important dates

1. Last date and time for downloading of bid documents	29.11.2019 - up to 3.00 P.M.
2. Last Date and time for online submission of bid documents	29.11.2019 - up to 4.00 P.M.
3. Date and Time for online opening of bid documents	29.11.2019 - 4.00 PM

3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Project Director, DRDA - Thani



H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE WOOL PROCUREMENT AND MARKETING FEDERATION LTD.
BLOCK NO. 23, SDA COMPLEX, KASUMPTI, SHIMLA-171009 HP
Ph.: 0177-2622837, Fax: 0177-2620981 Email: gmwoolfed-hp@nic.in
Website: himachalnic.in/woolfed

E-TENDER NOTICE

SUPPLY OF BIS CERTIFIED PREGNANCY RATION (TYPE-II) CATTLE FEED FOR CATTLE

E-tenders under two bid systems are invited for the supply of approximately 48000 Qtls. BIS Certified Pregnancy Ration (Type-II) Cattle Feed for cattle on FOR basis anywhere in Himachal Pradesh. The tender document containing the technical specifications, terms & conditions and tender form can be down loaded from the official portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> from 22.11.2019 (effective 3.00 PM) to 13.12.2019 (up till 12.00 noon). The cost of the tender document is ₹5,000/-. The last date of uploading / submission of bids on-line is 13.12.2019 (12.00 Noon). The bids received will be opened at the above address on 16.12.2019 at 12 Noon in the presence of bidders who opt to be present. All the future notifications/corrigendum/s/ memorandums etc. in connection with this tender, if any, will be published only on the official portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> and will not be conveyed individually or published in newspapers etc. In case the date/s fixed for the opening of bids is declared a holiday, the bids shall be opened on next working day at the same time and venue. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the offers and/or cancel this tender without assigning any reason/s.

Managing Director



NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 256-Sig/SPL/TKJ/214/HOV Dated: 19.11.2019
By CSTE/PUMB, Northern Railway, Ambala acting for & on behalf of President of India invites E-Tenders in single packet system from the experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience for the under noted work:

1. **Name of work**
Hiring of 01 Non-AC Multi-Utility Road vehicle (Innova, Tata/Nissan, Ertiga or similar SUV type of vehicle) with full permit for Delhi, NCR, Haryana & Uttar Pradesh with fixed minimum journey of 2400 Kms. per vehicle per month including Cost of fuel, lubricants, major/minor repairs, salary of driver, toll taxes and all other taxes, complete operation and maintenance/running cost, driver insurance and inclusive of all kinds of direct & indirect costs in all over Delhi Division, Northern Railway.

2. **Approx. Cost of the work**
Rs. 17,61,687.00 (Seventeen Lac Sixty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven only)

3. **Earnest Money**
Rs. 35,300.00 (Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred only)(To be submitted online)

4. **Completion period**
36 Months from the date of issue of letter of Acceptance

5. **Website address and Date and Time where tender available**
www.ireps.gov.in

6. **Closing date**
11.00 Hrs. on date : 12.12.2019

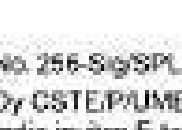
7. **Date of Opening of tender**
11.30 Hrs. on date : 12.12.2019

8. **Validity of offer**
45 days from the date of opening of tender.

(Tenders without earnest money will be summarily rejected).
Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date & time only. Bids are to be submitted online only. Manual bids/offers are not allowed against this tender, and any manual offer received shall be ignored.

The tenderers must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. Necessary changes, Corrigendum/s/corrigendum, if required, would be posted on this website only.

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U05110KA1970SG0001919

No. KPCL/2019-20/PS/WORK. IDENT 8324/CALL-2 Dated: 18.11.2019

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(TWO PART SYSTEM) (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

KPCL invites bids in English through Gok e-procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from the qualified bidders for the work of Design, engineering, manufacture, quality surveillance, testing at works, supply, transportation to site, storage at site, local intra-site transportation, erection, testing and commissioning, performance guarantee tests and handing over of One No. of VIP lift of 680Kgs/10 Passengers capacity of Unit-4 and One No. of Freight lift of 1500Kgs capacity of Unit - 5 & 6 including dismantling and Buyback of existing lifts, civil and electrical works, certification etc. at RTPS. Those who have not registered in e-procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> may do so in order to participate in the bid. The brief bid notification containing the pre-qualifying criteria for the bidders, EMD, Calendar of bid activities and other details can be accessed from e-procurement portal. The details of NIT can be seen on KPCL website: www.karnatakakp.com and Tender documents may be downloaded from Gok e-procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> under login for Contractors. Further details can be had from The Chief Engineer (Thermal Design), KPCL, 22/23, Sudarshan Complex, II Floor, Sheshadri Road, Bengaluru-560 009. Tel: 080-22206223, Fax: 080-22355360, E-mail: cto@karnatakakp.com seo@karnatakakp.com



WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION

CONTRACT WORK FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

E-TENDER NOTICE No. DRM (M) AD/21/2019-20 Dated: 19.11.2019.

E-Tender is invited from eligible contractors for the following work:
Tender No. M-442/Mech/Fire/EX/2019-20. Name of Work: Contract work for Annual Maintenance including inspection, Refilling, Hydraulic Pressure testing, Labeling and replacement of defective items of Fire Extinguishers under Mechanical Department of Ahmedabad Division for a period of five years. **Estimated Cost of work:** ₹41,98,122.00/- of Fourty One Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Two and Paise One only. **EMD:** ₹ 84,000/- (₹ Eighty Four Thousand only). **Date & time of tender closing and opening:** Closing at 15:00 Hrs. on dated 19.12.2019 and opening at 15:30 Hrs on dated 19.12.2019. **Website particulars Notice Board** Location where complete details of tender can be seen & address of the office of tender inviting Authority: <http://www.ireps.gov.in>, Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), (W. Ry.), 2nd Floor, Mechanical Branch, Near Chumunda Bldg, Naroda Road, P.O. Sakinaka Bldg, Ahmedabad-382 342. **285**

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National Aluminium Company Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)

Nalco Port Facilities, Port Area, Visakhapatnam-530 035
CIN: L27203OR1981G0000920
A NAVRATNA COMPANY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

OPEN TENDER NOTICE FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS:-

1. Repair and Maintenance of P.Ways & Allied Civil Works at NALCO, Port Facilities, Visakhapatnam. Last date for bid submission: **DL 26.12.2019 at 15:00 Hrs.**

2. Repairing of Main Road from Main Gate to Causal Soda Winch House in NALCO Port Facilities, Visakhapatnam. Last date for bid submission: **DL 21.12.2019 at 15:00 Hrs.**

Tender Documents available at www.nalcoindia.com, www.eprocure.gov.in Email: vsubbarno.amperayani@nalcoindia.in



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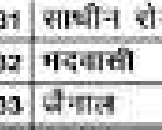
स्टेशन टिकट बुकिंग एजेंट (एआई.बी.ए.) हेतु आमंत्रण सूचना
NIT-121-176/STBAUJ/2019 Dated: 18.11.2019

कार्य का नाम एवं स्थान: जेम्सपुर स्टेशन के निम्न स्टेशन कर कंप्यूटराइज्ड अन्तर्गत टिकट प्रणाली (यूटीपी) से आनलाईन सेट रिक्तों को जारी करने हेतु स्टेशन टिकट बुकिंग एजेंट की सेवा।

NIT क्र. No.	स्टेशन	NIT क्र. No.	स्टेशन
121	हनुवत	151	भीमराजई
122	किलोदा	152	बोगमंडा
123	अलाहाबाद	153	दुधिया
124	उमरेद	154	मारवाड़ा खार
125	विलवाड़ा	155	गोविंदी मारवाड़ा
126	जारी	156	कलसंगा
127	जा कोरी	157	जालीखान
128	मालवाड़ा	158	वागियावा
129	वागियावा	159	असई
130	जोगी मयरा	160	जेडा संजय
131	साथीन रोड	161	धारजू
132	मरवाडी	162	कैरसा
133	जैनाल	163	रोलानथिद नगर
134	गुडा	164	अजीवा
135	सालावा	165	वासावासा
136	सालावा	166	बोरावद
137	सालावा	167	बाकरा रोड
138	मीमपुरा	168	गोल
139	मारवाड़ा	169	खरिया खेवा
140	मेवात हाजीर	170	कवास
141	राखी डोल	171	मारवाड़ा बायरा
142	लेदरखेर	172	बालवाड़ा
143	विलोरी	173	नया खारदिया
144	राखीवावा	174	पलसु
145	खरवावा	175	बनावा
146	समस	176	खजवावा
147	बागसीन		
148	बहिया सावा पीरा		
149	भायवर		
150	भीमकाकोर		

आवेदन पत्र का मूल्य : ₹5.1,000/-, अमानत राशि : ₹5.2,000/-, 1. कार्यालय का पता जहाँ से निविदा फार्म प्राप्त किया जा सकता है : वाणिज्य शाखाया मंडल रेल प्रबंधक कार्यालय, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जेम्सपुर 2. निविदा फार्म खरीदने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 19.12.2019 को 12:00 बजे तक। 3. निविदा फार्म स्वीकार करने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 19.12.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक। 4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 19.12.2019 को 15:00 बजे। 5. बैकसाइट जहाँ से निविदा के संबंध में पूरी जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सकती है : <http://www.nwr.indianrailways.gov.in> 1214-AD/19

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INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(INDIAN RAILWAYS ORGANIZATION FOR ALTERNATE FUELS)
CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
GLOBAL

In order to develop Technical specifications for development and manufacture of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Hybrid Distributed Power Rolling Stock (DPRS) with regenerative braking system, EOI (IROAF/CME/(GY)FUEL CELL POWERED) is invited.

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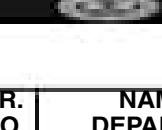
Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuels (IROAF), Government of India, Ministry of Railways, New Delhi invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for development of Technical specifications for development and manufacture of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Hybrid Distributed Power Rolling Stock (DPRS) with regenerative braking system.

The Functional Requirement Specifications No. FRS/ED/2019/89 of October 2019 issued by Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) of the desired product and Format for Letter of Response have been uploaded on the website of IROAF <https://iroaf.indianrailways.gov.in/> → IROAF Tenders → Expression of Interest. Alternatively EOI form can be collected in person from the office of IROAF, New Delhi. Interested Firms/Organizations who have experience and capability to meet with such requirements are requested to submit technical and other details in the prescribed Format attached herewith on or before 10.01.2020 to the address mentioned below.

Firms willing to participate in EOI shall be required to make a presentation in office of IROAF on 11.12.2019 before sending their response.

Chief Mechanical Engineer/BD,
Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuels (IROAF),
Government of India, Ministry of Railways
4th Floor, Railway Office Complex, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002
Telephone no. : 011-23379107, Fax no.:- 011-23379083
Email: cmbebdiroaf@gmail.com

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE CORP/AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, KARNAL	6427 DT. 14.11.2019	REGARDING MAINTENANCE CUM DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD 5 YEARS IN LWM PROJECTS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeng.krl@hry.nic.in
2.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, PANCHKULA	LETTER NO. 2101 DATED 15.11.2019	COST OF RENOVATION OF PANCHAYAT BHAVAN, HARYANA MADHYA MARG, PLOT NO. 3, SECTOR 28A, CHANDIGARH IS CHANGED FROM RS. 409.60 LACS TO RS. 332.34 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2576698

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.S. Nagar, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these website for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

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(1) 13/E-TENDER/SPO/2019-20. Name of Work - Procurement of summer uniform fabric Estimated Rs. 5761765.00.

Which can be uploaded by Date: 05.12.2019 upto 05:00 PM.

Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on Date: 06.12.2019 at 11:00 AM.

Store Purchase Officer,
Noida.

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TAMIL NADU ROAD SECTOR PROJECT II
BID NOTICE No. TNRSF IUPPP03/2019-20/02, Dated. 20.11.2019

1. The Superintending Engineer (H), TNRSF II for and on behalf of Governor of State of Tamil Nadu invites bids for Strengthening and Widening (Four Lanes) of Trunked - Sangotai - Kollam Road of SH-38 (The Project State Highway) from Km 5+000 to Km 50+600 in the State of Tamil Nadu under TNRSF-II to be executed on Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) on Modified Annuity Basis excluding the cost of Construction of Project Highway in the stretch from Km 25+000 to Km 31+000 (which will be paid on BOQ Basis).

2. The bid document will be available from 30.11.2019 at 11.00 hours and should be submitted online in the website www.etenders.gov.in.

3. Kindly refer the Invitation For Bid (IFB) uploaded in www.etenders.gov.in for details from 30.11.2019 at 11.00 hours.

4. A non-refundable fee of Rs.10,000/- (inclusive of tax) or US\$140 is required to be paid (as defined in paragraph 1.2.1 of the RFP document) towards the cost of the RFP process.


5. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 23.12.2019 at 11.00 hours at the office of the PROJECT DIRECTOR, TNRSF-II, CHENNAI.

6. Deadline for online submission of bids: on or before 11.00 hours (IST) on 23.01.2020.

7. Date of online Technical Bid opening: at 11.30 hours (IST) on 23.01.2020.

Superintending Engineer (H),
(For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu)
Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II, Chennai-28.
TNMB Building, 1st Floor, 171, South Kesavaperumal Puram,
Off Greenways Road, R.A.Puram, Chennai- 600 028. Tamil Nadu, India.
Telephone No: +91 44 24951072 Fax :+91 44 24952414
Email: tnrsp1@gmail.com / Website: www.tnrsf.gov.in

DIPR/4507/Tender/2019



NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

S. N.	Name of Work with its location	App. Cost of the work (in ₹) p.a.	Cost of tender Form through E-payment Gateway (in ₹)	Earnest Money to be deposited through E-payment Gateway (in ₹)	Completion Period of work	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening	Website particulars & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
1.	Pay & Use Toilet, Chandok Railway Station	₹23,40,00 P.A. Excluding GST@18%	₹2360 including GST@18%	₹61,100	Three Years	Tender will be received up to 14.00 hrs. of 17.12.2019 and opened thereafter	Tender will only be accepted via e-tendering through www.ireps.gov.in any tender received manually or through any other mode will not be considered
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1	Eproc SH.TN.NO.01/ 2019-20/SE/EE/ECV/ EE/ELEC/ Dt.20.11.2019	1 No	Rs. 103.53 Lakhs	20.11.19 @ 4.00 PM	28.11.19 @ 2.00 PM	28.11.19 @ 3.00 PM	28.11.19 @ 4.00 PM

Date of opening of Financial Bid : 30-11-2019 @ 11 AM

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2	Eproc TN.NO.26/ 2019-20/SE/EE/ECV/ Dt.20.11.2019	6 Nos	Rs. 499.00 Lakhs	21.11.19 @ 2.00 PM	05.12.19 @ 3.00 PM	05.12.19 @ 4.00 PM	05.12.19 @ 4.30 PM	09.12.19 @ 5.00 PM

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(INDIAN RAILWAYS ORGANIZATION FOR ALTERNATE FUELS)
CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
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In order to develop Technical specifications for development and manufacture of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Hybrid Distributed Power Rolling Stock (DPRS) with regenerative braking system, EOI (IROAF/CME/(GY)FUEL CELL POWERED) is invited.

NOVEMBER 2019

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11FOURTH RING LECTURE



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in conversation with C Raja Mohan of *The Indian Express* on November 14. Neeraj Priyadarshi

‘World will be shades of grey... have to look for possibilities in larger global landscape’

After delivering The Fourth Ramnath Goenka Lecture in New Delhi last week, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar sat down with C Raja Mohan, Consulting Editor of *The Indian Express*, to discuss India’s policies, strengths, and challenges in today’s complex, rapidly changing world

C Raja Mohan: India’s position in the international system has changed, its relative weight in the international system has grown, but in the day-to-day conduct of diplomacy, how do you break away from old dogmas and deal with the world as it is?

S Jaishankar: I think there are a number of factors and you can see them at play.

The first is to understand the world, and to understand the world it’s important to understand the key players. If you have a foreign policy, which is inactive in terms of engagements... I just came from Serbia, and I was honestly embarrassed to learn that I was the first foreign minister who had ever visited Serbia after it broke away from Yugoslavia. I hear this story over and over again and it’s just not at the foreign minister’s level, it can go higher, it can go lower. The first is to be visible, to be active, to engage, to be able to hear, smell, touch the world for yourself. If you don’t do that your instincts are not going to be good, they are not going to be sound.

The second is an issue of confidence, grounded obviously on realism. In the earlier phases, we were relatively defensive. Because the whole idea was, “Don’t get run over by the big guy”. And if you’ve got something valuable, make sure he doesn’t take it away from you. I think we have moved beyond that era, we are able to step out, look at opportunities, look at the big negotiations, say “This is in my interest, I get that outcome”. Frankly at the end of the day it is a mindset issue.

There’s a general sense that the foreign policy apparatus tends to be slow, hesitant; it’s not easy to pull this vehicle.

The reality is track one in India has, at least in the recent past, always been ahead of track two. If you look at the big opportunities of change, whatever has come our way, it is actually the officialdom, which has identified it, grasped it, exploited it, and often got criticism from the press for doing all that. As someone who has spent 40 years in bureaucracy and is seeing today the Ministry, I am very, very confident about how the human resources and the mindset of diplomats is shaping up. When presented with any situation, for example, in New York when there was the Security Council consultation on [Article] 370, you had our ambassadors speaking up and contesting what was said very confidently...

You have this ability to take very decisive steps and risktaking that you talked about. But how would you address the criticism that too much risktaking has put you in a more difficult situation vis-à-vis 370 or how you are dealing with the Pakistan question today?

In a lot of regions today, because the over-arching big-power discipline has been diluted, you have many more regional contradictions. Look at the Gulf, for example. If you are not prepared to take risks, you’ll end up actually doing nothing — which is not going to win you friends or improve your influence. Look at the Indian character — I would rarely fault Indians for tak-

ing risks, I would mostly fault them for timidity. A [Virender] Sehwaag is an exception, he’s not the rule. In today’s world, when you are the fifth or sixth-largest economy and you have 32-34 million Indians and people of Indian origin outside, you have to defend your interests in a variety of ways. You can’t sit at home and say, “somebody else will do that”, because that somebody is less and less visible today. So, I think the state of the world itself is going to pull you out of the crease in many ways.

As regards the example you mentioned, Article 370, I would caution you on two points. One, please differentiate between the reaction of governments and the chatter of media, social media, or print media. The second is, to some extent, our debate within the country often gets linked with other people’s debates outside, and what you often see are not policy assessments but frankly, polemics. I would take polemics with more than a grain of salt.

The international narrative about India seems to be changing. Are we losing some of India’s brand [value] both on the economic front as a rising economy and how Indian democracy is perceived?

I would try to be objective about that. I think just because you’ve had two quarters of slower growth..., I mean we’ve been through slower growth periods before. I was in the East Asia Summit, and essentially what I was hearing from people, institutions which had studied our growth was, they seemed to be fairly confident that you are going to see a recovery and improvement fairly soon. We shouldn’t be that faint-hearted that two quarters of slow down, you suddenly start thinking that the world is coming to an end.

Regarding the other issues you mentioned, 370 or NRC, look, again, I think a lot of it is ideological debate within this country. I mean there is a liberal fundamentalism at work. If you look at some of the media coverage, you can see that... I have seen really top-line publications suggesting that the NRC issue started with this government, which actually shows you how strongly prejudice can override diligence. So when people omit facts of history, even with 370, the point I keep making... 370 was temporary, but how many people say that? They don’t say that not because they don’t know that, they don’t say that because it doesn’t suit them to say that...

You are confident that some of the opposition you are hearing from liberal voices internationally, is something you can overcome?

You and I went through the nuclear test, did you get overwhelming approval from the rest of the world? Look, if you do things that change the status quo... You’ve had 70 years of problem in Kashmir; now you’ve started a major policy of change which promises a very different future. While we are looking at it from the point of view of what it means to Kashmir development, integration, etc., from a very cold power politics, a lot of people are looking at the possibility that a vulnerability, which has been exploited by the



world for 70 years may no longer be available for exploitation. Obviously, they are going to keep it alive till the extent they can.

At the operational level, for example with China, is it cooperation, is it competition, how do you deal with the imbalance that has emerged? Because compared to the 90s when we were roughly equal, today Chinese GDP is almost five times ours.

I think a lot of our relationships are going to see both competition and cooperation because that is today the nature of the world. We are going to have competition from powers with whom we have very good relations and we are going to find common ground with powers with whom we may have differences, so the world is going to be shades of grey. You are not going to get clean, neat lines and solutions. I think the issue with China is particularly complex because, as you say, there’s been a shift in the power balance... that’s why I said we need a performance review of ourselves. But the fact is that in international relations, people are not going to do you the favour of coming to your size or capability — you’ll have to deal with countries smaller than you, you’ll have to deal with people much bigger than you. A lot of that is going to call for diplomatic skills. I have to see where international relations, the larger landscape, gives me possibilities.

In the meetings that we’ve had at Chennai and Wuhan, actually we are now engaging China on the state of the world. And you know, the last time we did that was in the 1950s.

Normal trading countries have trade frictions with everybody... that’s the nature of trade. I think in this country there’s almost a sort of desire to exaggerate a problem beyond belief. Yes, we have trade issues with the US, but that has not prevented the rest of our relationship from moving...

Who doesn’t want a good neighbour? But, at the end of the day, the reality is that this neighbour (Pakistan) has built an industry of terror to pressurise you. There is no point living in denial because if you live in denial he will only increase it. He thinks that has then got normalised...

The transformation of the relationship with the US has been one of the significant achievements, but are we beginning to run into problems with the US as well, given what we’ve seen in the last two years with the Trump administration on trade issues, in Afghanistan?

I think if we were to run into more challenges vis-à-vis the US, we wouldn’t be alone. I think most of the world would be in a similar situation, but frankly, in our case, that is vastly overstated. I think in a whole range of areas, we have today much stronger convergence and cooperation. And we have put hesitations of history behind us. But people don’t understand that the Trump administration has also done so. What I have seen with Trump in the last two or three years, you know, was not at all the traditional American system at work. You actually got big, bold, decisive steps in a range of areas.

Normal trading countries have trade frictions with everybody, the Americans have it with the Japanese, the Europeans have it with the Americans, the Americans have it with the Koreans; that’s the nature of trade. I think in this country there’s almost a sort of desire to see a problem and exaggerate it beyond belief, as a way of saying well, you know, things are going badly. My sense is yes, we have trade issues, but that has not prevented the rest of our relationship from moving.

On Afghanistan, we have to understand that the US has been fighting there for 18 years, and that is a long time. For us to expect a continuation of the American posture, I

think that would be unrealistic of our reading of the US or, frankly, of any other power.

During your US visit, you said India needs a new compact with the West. What did you mean?

In many ways we have very strong convergences with the West, we are market economies, we are political democracies, we are pluralistic societies, a lot of our institutions are shaped by our interaction with the West in the past. Now, a lot of our problems also arose from the West, especially our security problems. Having said that, in the last 15-20 years, certainly after the nuclear tests, there have been diplomatic initiatives, which have aimed at creating a new, more positive basis for the relationship. But the West has to accept that today life is not what it was even 20 years ago. That with every decade, the equations, the power balance between India and individual and collective Western countries will change. Frankly, we need each other for sure, but we have to find a way of making it work for both of us.

Also during your US visit, you said India is a southwestern power.

You often get asked whether you are a Western power or an Eastern power because they think of their bipolarity as the only criteria in the world to differentiate between countries. The fact is, there may be an east-west criteria, but there is a north-south criteria as well. When you look today at the big international negotiations, you realise whether it is trade, whether it is climate change, whether sometimes it is just sheer politics, a lot of countries in the south actually look to India. They look to India because we were the first of the de-colonised nations, we were politically active, there is a whole continuous history over 70-odd years. I think today that’s a very powerful constituency we have, and it’s important that we nurture that constituency... If I were to, for example, have a stronger relationship with Africa, I would like to cultivate the southern constituency. I would like to be responsive to their needs. If you look today at our Africa initiative, in the last four years, we have trained 40,000 people, we have a soft loan commitment of \$10 billion, of which we have met about 70 per cent. We have a grant commitment of maybe \$700 million...

On Pakistan, yes, you are trying to confront the problem of terrorism, but we have to live with Pakistan, whatever you say. Is there something beyond the question of terrorism?

The fact is, every government has grappled with the Pakistan problem since the beginning. Everyone has tried to find a way forward. Even today, the conundrum is not fundamentally different. And the fact is, this government, this Prime Minister, has done probably much bolder things even in trying to find a way forward. His visit to Lahore for example, was extraordinarily risky, both politically and physically. Who doesn’t want a good neighbour? But, at the end of the day,

the reality is that this neighbour has built an industry of terror to pressurise you. There is no point living in denial because if you live in denial he will only increase it. He thinks that has then got normalised.

There’s been a strong criticism, that at least in the last two years, India has been friendless in the neighbourhood...

I don’t think that’s true. Look back at the last few years. We’ve just had an election this year in Bangladesh, we were not an issue. In the election in Sri Lanka, we were not an issue. There was an election last year in Maldives... You have a maybe very complicated power arrangement in Myanmar, but all the parties in a sense are okay with us. So I think this idea that somewhere we are failing in the neighbourhood is not true.

The investments we are making has changed, or is changing, the economy of the neighbourhood. We’ve just inaugurated a pipeline in Nepal, we are working on some important railway projects in Nepal, which would be coming onstream very, very quickly. With Sri Lanka, we’ve been probably the largest development assistance partner and we’ve done both infrastructure restoration and post-conflict rehabilitation.

In the neighbourhood or more broadly the Indian Ocean region, is there need for some structural change in the way we deliver on project implementation?

What you do abroad cannot be that different from what you do in the country. Second, this was a new area for us, so we’ve had lessons learnt on it. But today, I can tell you that actually our delivery on projects is phenomenal. Next time we go to Mauritius, ask them how quickly we built their metro. Or, you look today at Afghanistan. Under the most challenging conditions, conditions in which European countries were not willing to work, we built the first dam anybody built in 70 years in that country. We brought power to Kabul, we built the parliament building, we built the Zaranj-Delaram road. In Nepal, in the Amlekhgunj pipeline, we were actually ahead of schedule. I grant that there is scope for improvement, but working abroad and working as per rules, we can’t do things which some competitors can do.

Many countries are looking to India to do more on security. Are we ready to respond or are we still risk averse?

I would be careful in this domain. I speak with the experience of someone who has spent two years with the IPKF, so — and this is me personally, I am not speaking government policy — I learned the hard way the dangers of having boots on the ground abroad, and my personal inclination is to be conservative. Having said that, you know that the Navy has been deployed in the Gulf since there were problems of tankers being attacked. So it’s not that we haven’t responded where we’ve had to.

(Edited excerpts, transcribed by Mehr Gill)



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

No more NRC

Home Minister Shah's ambition of renewing it in Assam, extending it to country, is flawed and divisive

THE UPDATED NATIONAL Register of Citizens, a four-year-long exercise monitored by the Supreme Court, costing Rs 1,600 crore, appears to have been relegated for all practical purposes. Union Home Minister Amit Shah told Parliament on Wednesday that the exercise will be undertaken across the country soon, including — afresh — in Assam. The updated Assam NRC, published on August 31, left 19 lakh people stateless and exposed to the prospect of being lodged in detention camps after exhausting appeals against their exclusion from the Register. The exercise turned the Northeast restive. With reports suggesting that a large part of those excluded are Hindus, the BJP rejected the Register, even after the Supreme Court endorsed it. By all accounts, the NRC in Assam has been a failure: It did not satisfy any section of the society, reopened faultlines of religion, language and ethnicity, and left millions of people on the edge. It is appalling that the government now wants to impose this divisive and tortuous exercise on the rest of the country.

Shah has been infatuated with the idea of the NRC for some time; he has threatened a nation-wide NRC in his election campaigns. Clearly, the BJP top brass seems ignorant of the history of the NRC, which was proposed in 1951 in the specific context of Assam witnessing a major demographic upheaval in the wake of Partition. The 1985 Assam Accord, signed between the Rajiv Gandhi government and the major players of the Assam Movement, gave it a new life. The Supreme Court directed the state government in 2013 to execute it and began monitoring it from December 2015. The point is that the NRC was a demand made by the state's political leadership to address concerns specific to it. It was the product of a political imagination that privileged ethno-linguistic identity over more inclusive ideas of citizenship and rejected the notion that societies are shaped by the movement of people and capital. This resentful politics, centered on the fear of the Outsider, not surprisingly, resulted in violence and gave birth to an armed insurgency. The past few years have seen Assam emerge from this morass of violence and rebuild its economy. But the NRC, and its byproduct, the Citizenship Amendment Bill, have threatened a regression into a past that saw one section of society pitted against the other.

The NRC is a flawed idea and its limitations have been exposed in Assam. The exercise also bared the futility of pursuing a project of establishing identity through legacy in a country that has seen massive migrations, forced and voluntary. Shah and others must abandon their obsession, which, with its communal overtones, can only result in stoking new fears and anxieties.

PUSH FOR THE BETTER

Disinvestment in five PSUs is welcome and overdue. With tax revenues under pressure, government needs to do more

ON WEDNESDAY, THE Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the strategic disinvestment of five public sector enterprises, namely, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), Container Corporation of India Ltd, Shipping Corporation of India, Tehri Hydro Power Development Corporation (THDC) and the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO). The proceeds from these stake sales will help the Centre move closer to achieving its disinvestment target of Rs 1.05 lakh crore for this year. So far this year, the government has been able to garner only Rs 17,364 crore or 16.5 per cent of its budgeted disinvestment target as per data from the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management. Coming at a time when the Centre is facing huge shortfalls in both direct and indirect tax revenues, and its gross tax revenues have grown by a mere 1.5 per cent in the first half (April to September) of the current financial year, the determined push to meet its disinvestment target is welcome.

Of the five companies, the stake sale in BPCL is likely to be the biggest draw. The sale will be of interest not only to domestic firms, but also to major international players as well. According to some estimates, the government could fetch around Rs 63,000 crore from its stake sale in the company, more than half of its total disinvestment target for the year. Add to that proceeds from the stake sale in the Container Corporation and the Shipping Corporation, and the Centre may well end up earning more than Rs 70,000 crore through these three firms alone. But, with only four months to go, it is not clear whether these stake sales can be wrapped up by the end of the financial year. It should also not be another case of public sector firms stepping in to buy these entities in order to bail out the government. As it is, the sale of THDCIL and NEEPCO, the other two entities, to NTPC, is essentially a transfer of assets between various arms of the public sector.

The government would benefit from drawing up a more ambitious, better laid out, medium-term plan for disinvestment, rather than approaching it as merely an arrangement for plugging its revenue gaps. It should draw up a list of potential candidates and release an advance calendar, indicating the period of disinvestment. This would help draw in more buyers. Further, the proceeds from disinvestment should be used only for the creation of new assets, not to meet its revenue expenditure.

CON AIR

When image matters more than substance, why blame a con man for wanting perks of a pilot without putting in the work?

RAJAN MAHBUBANI DECIDED to dress for the job he wanted. For over a year, the 48-year-old consultant from Kolkata passed through airport security, dressed in a pilot's uniform he had stitched in his hometown, and availed all the perks his sartorial deception offered: He was upgraded frequently to business/first class, "talked shop" with pilots to gain access to the cockpit and generally received preferential treatment. And, Mahbubani told the police after he was finally caught and arrested, the uniform helped him impress women on Facebook, TikTok and in person. In addition to a pilot, Mahbubani has also pretended to be an army colonel, uniform and all.

But, the justified criminal charge of cheating against him notwithstanding, let's be honest about what lies beneath the pilfering pilot's high-altitude con. The problem was better articulated by Renee Zellweger's character in *Jerry Maguire*: "First-class used to be a better meal, now it's a better life." Mahbubani presented an image of himself that was aspirational, and falsified a biography. But at the root of his crime is the desire to be "special", a successful person in uniform, a VIP — not just another middle-aged face standing in queue at the boarding gate.

It is not yet known if Mahbubani was inspired by Steven Spielberg's *Catch Me if You Can*. In the film, Leonardo DiCaprio's character impersonates a pilot, like Mahbubani, to make money and travel the world. The character struck a sympathetic chord because most ordinary people wish to cheat the system, to be the ones others look up to and to sit in the better lounge at the airport. Mahbubani didn't want to fly a plane or serve in the Indian armed forces, he just wanted the perks. In times such as these, he may have been the one who was caught, but he is not a lonely figure, he has company.



SATYANANDA MISHRA

ON NOVEMBER 13, a five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court passed its order in the Subhash Agarwal matter, bringing a closure to cases pending resolution for nearly 10 years. Has Subhash Agarwal got the information he had sought from the Supreme Court? Not yet. Will he get it soon? Not very likely, certainly not the entire information he wanted. The five-judge Supreme Court bench recently disposed of the civil appeals its own registry had filed before it. In the process, the bench, in a dissertation length order, has delved deep into the concepts of fiduciary relationship, public interest, privacy, confidentiality and independence of judiciary and, in conclusion, cast an onerous duty on its Central Public Information Officer to decide on disclosure of the information taking into account the observations of the court.

Everyone knows that a lot of information held by public authorities about the appointment, performance, conduct, complaints and inquiries against public servants, is personal in nature and the CPIO has to refer to the principles laid down in this order to decide if the information should be disclosed or not. In case the information relates to courts or judges, his problem is further compounded for he has also to consider the impact of disclosure on the independence of the judiciary. This calls for great judicial acumen, rarely to be expected from the level of officers who become CPIOs. Most CPIOs would choose to steer clear and refuse disclosure by invoking Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act and leave the information seekers to appeal against their orders. In fact, even before this order, information officers have been routinely denying such information on this precise ground.

For decades now, candidates seeking election to legislatures declare their personal details, including their criminal past, if any, through affidavits as per the ruling of the Supreme Court. This invasion into the privacy of candidates has been justified on the ground that voters have a right to know who they are electing since these people would make laws and some of them will hold executive offices. Similar information, however, cannot be sought or obtained about the members of the executive or judiciary under the RTI without first proving that such information would be in the larger public interest or has a relation

Not so fast

Many orders passed by courts have directly or indirectly shrunk citizens' right to information

The relationship of the RTI with the judiciary has been fraught from the beginning. Since the RTI Act conferred powers on the chief justice of the Supreme Court of India and the chief justices of high courts of states for carrying out its provisions, all these courts framed their own rules. While the Supreme Court adopted the RTI-friendly rules of the central government for itself, several high courts framed extremely unfriendly rules, making it almost impossible to get any information. For example, the Allahabad High Court had wanted the citizen to deposit Rs 500 for each piece of information sought as against the Rs 10 fixed by the Supreme Court for seeking any number of them.

with public interest or activity, or would not impinge on the independence of the judges.

The RTI has entered the 15th year of its existence. It met its first major challenge when the central government refused to disclose the file noting. The CIC held that file noting was also information and must be disclosed and the government at the highest level relented. The second challenge came when Subhash Agarwal sought information from the Supreme Court regarding collegium proceedings, personal assets of judges and alleged executive pressure on a high court judge. This information was denied on the ground that it was held by the CJI who was not a public authority and hence outside the RTI. Agarwal approached the CIC which ruled in his favour. The Supreme Court Registry challenged the CIC's order in Delhi High Court which, too, ordered in Agarwal's favour. The registry appealed in the Supreme Court which after 10 long years has finally decided that the CJI is a public authority and comes under the RTI Act.

The third major challenge came when the CIC order bringing political parties under the RTI was summarily disobeyed and it could do nothing. I understand that some citizens had approached the Supreme Court but the court is yet to pass any order. The public authorities have progressively realised the helplessness of the information commissions in enforcing their own orders as the RTI Act has not conferred contempt powers on the commissions. They have also realised that one sure way of blocking the orders of the information commissions is to go to the high courts or the Supreme Court and get a stay; the natural delay in those courts would kill the information.

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against the Rs 10 fixed by the Supreme Court for seeking any number of them. There were many restrictions, some which were not even contemplated in the RTI Act. Over the years, the courts have softened those rules but even now they continue to be restrictive, preventing easy disclosure of information.

The RTI Act makes the information commissions the final appellate authorities in their respective jurisdictions. But that does not stop public authorities, government entities, from going to the high courts and the Supreme Court in writs. Some orders passed by the central information commission did reach the Supreme Court eventually. In most such cases, the interpretation of the exemption provisions by the court reinforced not the right of the citizens to get information from the government but the resolve of the public authorities not to disclose uncomfortable information. In the Girish Deshpande case, the Supreme Court ruled that the relationship between the government and its employees was a personal one and hence no information about a government employee could be disclosed unless the information seeker could prove that it was in public interest. Under this interpretation of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, even information about disciplinary proceedings against a government employee, irrespective of how serious the allegations against him might be, could not be disclosed by the information officer without putting it to the public interest test. This order has become very popular among information officers and many RTI applications are being rejected by citing it.

For citizens seeking information, there are many such orders passed by the high courts and the Supreme Court which have directly or indirectly shrunk their right and strengthened the hands of the government. The present order is likely to be used by information officers to block disclosure of all such information of a personal nature. One wished that the court had spelt out more clearly those items of personal information, of the executive or the judiciary, which the CPIOs could disclose without adjudication of its benefits for the general public.

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ALOK BANSAL

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS in Sri Lanka have ushered in a new administration led by Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The election of a new president — a former lieutenant colonel and the younger brother of former Sri Lankan president Mahinda Rajapaksa — has created lots of ripples in the country's polity, and lead to some apprehensions in India. The Rajapaksa family is perceived as being close to China and, of late, has been seen as harbouring misgivings about India.

An analysis of the voting pattern shows that like the 2015 elections, Tamils and Muslims voted against Gotabaya. All electoral districts in the country's north and east as well as Nuwara Eliya in Central Province, where most of the plantation Tamils live, voted for Sajith Premadasa, Gotabaya's rival. In 2015, the educated Sinhala youth in Western Province, which includes Colombo and a large Catholic population, voted against an autocratic Mahinda. However, the bombings on Easter this year changed their voting behaviour — most of them voted for Gotabaya, who played a big role in defeating the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

The ethnic and religious minorities are alarmed by the return of the Rajapaksas at the helm of affairs. Gotabaya has aggravated their sense of insecurity by deciding to have his swearing in ceremony in Anuradhapura, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka, in front of a Buddhist stupa that was built by a Sinhalese

BONDS BEYOND POLITICS

India-Sri Lanka ties are too strong to be unsettled by Gotabaya Rajapaksa's election

The Rajapaksas have had good relations with India and have visited the country many times, including for pilgrimage. Gotabaya also knows India's immense contribution to Sri Lanka during the civil war, and realises that neither China nor Pakistan can be a substitute for India. India is Sri Lanka's largest trading partner and also one of the largest investors in the country. The largest number of tourists visiting Sri Lanka are from India.

king after defeating a Tamil monarch. At the ceremony, Gotabaya ascribed his success to the blessings of Buddhist monks and said that the Sinhala majority vote was behind his victory. He did ask the Tamils and Muslims to join him in rebuilding Sri Lanka. But winning their hearts and minds will require much more. Devolution of powers to the provincial councils as promised in the 13th amendment has not yet taken place. India has lot of stake in racial harmony in Sri Lanka and has contributed immensely in the past — both in terms of resources and human lives — to ensure Sri Lanka's integrity and racial harmony.

However, the perception that Gotabaya will be against India because he was trained in Pakistan is deeply flawed. Beijing was quick to recognise Mahinda as PM when he was appointed to the post after a constitutional coup by President Maithripala Sirisena in October 2018, while India insisted that constitutional norms be followed in Sri Lanka. In the later years of Mahinda's presidency, China invested heavily in Sri Lanka, which included major projects like the opening of the Hambantota port and the expansion of the Colombo port. Many Chinese projects were cancelled or were under review under the last government; so, a perception has gained ground that the Rajapaksa family is pro-China. However, this view is wrong. As president, Mahinda had said that China is a good friend but India is a relative. In the South Asian context, friends may

come and go, but relatives are for keeps.

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During the last few years, various constitutional amendments have weakened the Sri Lankan president's powers considerably and it would be interesting to watch the relation between the president and the parliament, which cannot be dissolved before February 2020 — unless it votes itself to do so. Despite having a majority in parliament, Ranil Wickremesinghe has resigned as the prime minister and Gotabaya has appointed his brother as the PM. India will do well to wait and watch while diplomatically engaging with the new president.

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NOVEMBER 22, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

KAABA UNDER SIEGE
SAUDI TROOPS WERE in a position to make an all-out assault against religious fanatics holding out in Mecca's Grand Mosque but held back for fear of harming hostages and damaging the sacred edifice, the interior ministry of the country said. The statement, attributed to the interior minister, Prince Naif, said that security forces were in complete control of the situation in the mosque. The ministry statement, broadcast by Riyadh Radio, made no mention of reports from Tunis quoting Saudi sources there as saying troops had assaulted the gunmen and recaptured most of Islam's holiest shrine.

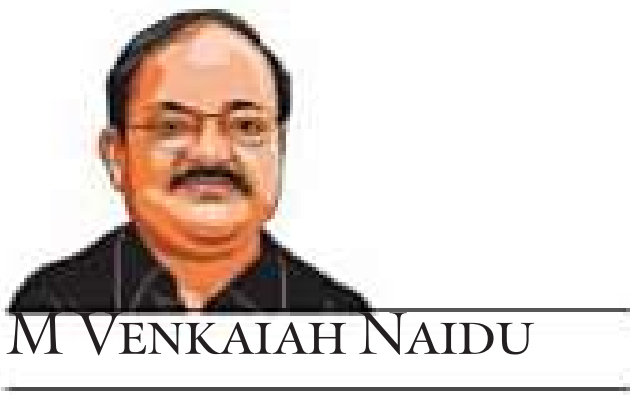
BAHUGUNA DEFECTS
AS EXPECTED, H N BAHUGUNA has joined Indira Gandhi whom he had described in a letter to Charan Singh as "the most discredited person in the country." Apparently, he had his compulsions. The day he left the Charan Singh Cabinet, he said he could not go back to Mrs Gandhi because "nothing has changed in that party and the same people who brought about the Emergency and indulged in excesses rule there". It is well-known that he tried all avenues to extricate himself from the situation he had created. He met Jagjivan Ram at his residence for nearly two hours on the night of 1d. He telephoned Chandra Shekhar a fortnight ago.

IRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS
THE UNITED STATES reserved the right to use force if Iran tries the 49 Americans in the US embassy in Teheran for espionage as Ayatollah Khomeini has threatened to do. Soon after Khomeini's statement on television in Teheran that the Americans would be tried for espionage if Shah Pehalvi was not returned, the White House issued a statement saying that such a trial would be a flagrant violation of international law. The US, the statement added, was seeking a peaceful solution through the UN and other channels. This was far preferable to the "other remedies available", the statement added.



In our own words

Mother tongue is a tool of expression, the carrier of culture. It must be the medium of instruction, at least at the primary level, to preserve India’s cultural diversity and heritage



M VENKAIAH NAIDU

WE ARE PROUD of the fact that India is a linguistic treasure-trove, a nation widely acknowledged for its extraordinary linguistic and cultural diversity. The plurality and co-existence of multiple languages add colour and vitality to our country and make it unique.

However, I am deeply disturbed that we are not doing enough to preserve our rich native languages. Governments need to be doubly careful while adopting policies regarding the medium of instruction, particularly at the primary and secondary school level. The mother tongue lays a strong foundation for the expression of creativity. Every effort must be made to nurture creativity at the formative stage.

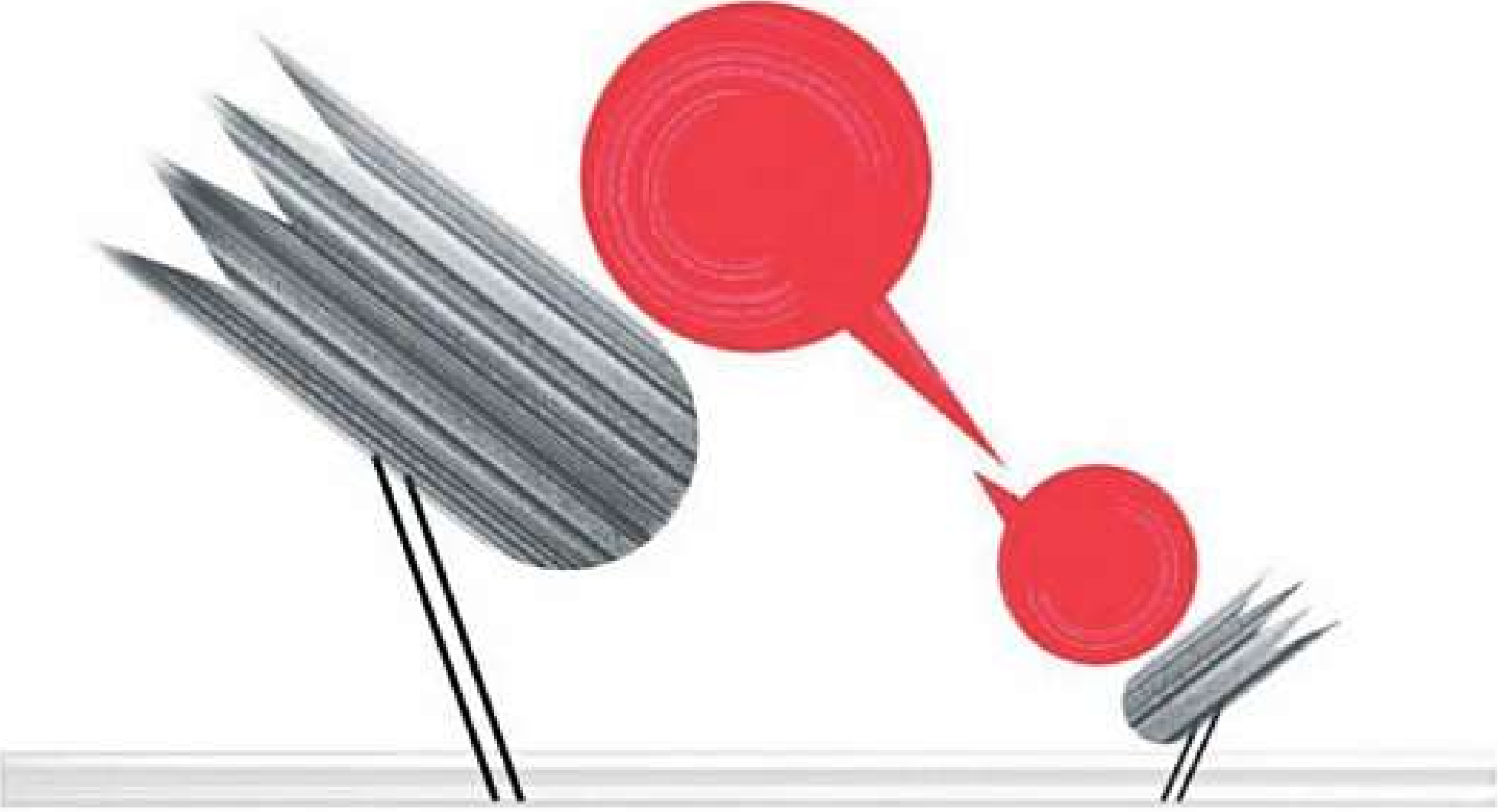
Language is a tool for intellectual and emotional expression. It is a vehicle of inter-generational transmission of culture, scientific knowledge and a worldview. It is the vital, unseen thread that links the past with the present. It evolves with human evolution and is nourished by constant use. In short, our languages permeate every facet of our day-to-day life and form the very basis of our civilisation. In fact, they are the lifeblood of our identity, both individual and collective. They play a significant role in creating and strengthening bonds among people. More than 19,500 languages and dialects are spoken in India as mother tongues, according to the Language Census. There are 121 languages which are spoken by 10,000 or more people in the country.

Languages are never static. They evolve and adapt to the socio-economic milieu. They grow, shrink, transform, merge and, sadly, die. The great Indian poet, Acharya Dandi, had said that if the light of language does not exist, we will be groping in a dark world. It is extremely disheartening that 196 languages in India are classified as endangered. We may have to ensure that this number doesn’t increase. We have to protect and preserve our languages and the best and only way is to constantly use them.

I have always emphasised the importance of protecting and conserving our linguistic heritage. We cannot afford to lose the treasure we have inherited, the repository of our collective knowledge and wisdom which we have amassed over the course of the long journey of our vibrant civilisation. When a language declines, it takes with it an entire knowledge system and a unique perspective of viewing the universe. The traditional livelihood patterns disappear along with our special skills, arts, crafts, cuisine and trade.

Language preservation and development needs a multi-pronged approach. We must start by making the mother tongue the medium of instruction in our schools, and certainly at the primary level. A number of studies conducted all over the world by different expert groups have established that teaching the mother tongue at the initial stages of education gives an impetus to the growth of mind and thought and makes children more creative and logical.

Audrey Azoulay, director-general of UNESCO, in her message on the occasion of International Mother Language Day (February 21) 2019 said: “For UNESCO, every mother tongue deserves to be known, recognised and given greater prominence in all spheres of



CR Sasikumar

public life. This is not always the case. Mother tongues do not necessarily have national-language status, official-language status, or status as the language of instruction. The situation can lead to the devaluation of a mother tongue and to its ultimate disappearance in the long term.” In my view, this is a timely, important reminder.

There is a misconception that only English education offers opportunities to grow in the modern world. It’s not true. There are only a handful of English-speaking countries like Australia, Britain, Canada, the US etc. Countries like China, Germany, France, Japan, South Korea, etc did very well without English education. Knowing English is useful, like knowing other international languages. This can’t be extended to make a case for supplanting the mother tongue with English, as some are advocating. It can be learnt easily at an appropriate stage, after a strong foundation is laid in the mother tongue.

We must take concrete steps to not only have the mother tongue as the medium of instruction at the primary level, but also take all steps to make it the language of administration, banking and judicial proceedings. For me, this is at the heart of an effective democracy. We have to remove the existing linguistic barriers to realise the goal of inclusive governance. Wherever there is a government-public interface, it should be in the language people understand.

I am not advocating that we should not teach our children multiple languages, which are required to widen the horizon of their understanding of both literature and science. In fact, this is essential for India to enrich its vast human resources and become a leader in the knowledge economy of today and as it evolves in the years to come.

In 1999, UNESCO adopted a resolution on multilingual education and suggested the use of at least three languages in education: The mother language(s), a regional or national language and an international language. What is important to note, however, is the crucial role of the mother language, which, as UNESCO notes, “is a source of knowledge and innovation” and that the “command of a mother tongue facilitates general learning and learning of other languages”. It is heartening to note that the new draft National Education Policy puts forth a number of suggestions for supporting education in home languages and mother tongues, tribal as well as sign languages.

Incidentally, the United Nations has proclaimed 2019 as the International Year of

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When the ball turns pink

Day and night Tests could become a different game

IF THE PINK ball to be used for the first time in a Test in India could think, it would have blushed at the attention it has been receiving over the last fortnight. Seldom has the colour of a cricket ball sparked so much curiosity. A bright pink balloon will wander over the Eden Gardens in Kolkata for the entire duration of the Test, the iconic Shahid Minar, will be lit up in pink, a ferry lit with blinking pink lights will ply from Howrah Bridge to Vidyasagar Setu in the evenings, the officials will wear pink blazers, and a bunch of art students have been painting pink-ball themed murals on the walls of the stadium.

Much of this garnishing appears soul-less — like the ornate setting in a Karan Johar movie than the minimalistic backdrop of a Satyajit Ray classic. In some ways, this metaphor from cinema is apt for cricket. Arthouse movies, like Test cricket, have niche audiences, are commercially unviable and are supposedly dying. The more mainstream limited-over formats are raking in the audience, sponsors and money at a time when popularity and success is couched in an economic logic that reduces appreciation to numbers. Besides, there’s also the morbid thought about Test cricket’s impending death. The vacant seats that greet five-day

cricket outside the big-three countries — India, Australia and England — only aggravate the phobia. Test cricket, no doubt, is a hard-sell and needs innovation to survive.

In this context, day-night cricket, some feel, is the magic bullet that will drive hordes into the stadiums. Those who have to work for a living, and schoolchildren, will now be able to switch on their TV sets and see their national team live, outside weekends. They can wander into the stadium. Prime-time space on television is another incentive. It could blur class-borders of the cricket-watching public — as Test cricket has hitherto been content with an affluent middle-class audience largely made up of people who can take time off work or are retired. The pink-ball, thus, could paint a rosy picture, both literally and metaphorically. There have been few idyllic sights in world cricket than the wide-angle shot of Adelaide Oval at twilight during the inaugural day-and-night Test two years ago.

Day-and-night cricket deserves to be encouraged. However, there is a chance that the game itself could be overwhelmed by another format — pink-ball cricket. By shifting the scheduled hours of play and the colour and texture of ball, it seems a new game has been discovered — a similar, yet dissimilar game.

For the change is more than cosmetic, it’s like listening to acoustic and electric guitars — there is nothing subtle in the differences between red-ball Test cricket and pink-ball Test cricket. Everything from the pitch and pre-match talks to strategies and permutations could be starkly different. As the pink-ball tends to scuff up prematurely, the curator ought to leave more grass, which the seamers relish. Frequent change of balls and a thicker grass-covering would compromise reverse swing and, thus, leave one of India’s strengths in the Subcontinent out of the equation. Limited exposure to sunshine means the pitch will not crack up as rapidly, as it does in the Subcontinent, neutralising another of India’s strengths. Even in the Subcontinent, teams would be encouraged to pack themselves with seamers and wrist-spinners.

The thrills and challenges, too, would be different. For instance, rather than the first hour of a day in the conventional format, it would be the twilight hour the batsman would dread the most. Consequently, the quality of a player would be judged on how he negotiates that trickiest phase. It’s during twilight that the pink ball begins showing its true nature when the unusual light effect of the floodlights and twilight begin to play

tricks with a batsman’s vision. The match might not even last till the fifth day — half of the day-and-night Tests have ended in four or fewer days. This takes away the visceral joy of the ball detonating off cracks in the pitch or nimble-footed batsmen negating such tricks with dexterous hands and ice-cool temperament. The new format even requires adjusting the body-clock for both the players and the audience.

The discrepancies are so blatant that in due course, rather than popularising Test cricket, it could morph pink ball cricket into a different form of the game altogether. And cricket clearly doesn’t have space for another format — it could clutter and trivialise the game, as what has happened to cue sports. Eventually, the novelty of the format could wears off, fatigue will set in and Test cricket will be riddled with the same old existential woes. For, many of the problems of the traditional format faces — both real and imagined — can’t be changed by moving the hours or changing the colour of the ball.

Cricket needs its arthouse audience as much as it requires its mainstream formats. To blur the lines would be counterproductive.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Western public opinion is telling a monstrous lie to the world against China. China is leading its people toward modernisation but is portrayed as a dark country frequently violating human rights.” —GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Ironies and barricades

Between students’ protests in two universities, JNU and BHU, we see the brutal distance that separates us as a nation



SAIKAT MAJUMDAR

TWO NEWS ITEMS jostled against each other on the front page of Tuesday’s (November 19) *Indian Express*.

One, the JNU protests: “A visually challenged student said he was trampled on, an ex-student received five stitches on his head, a teacher said he was kicked and hit with lathis despite identifying himself.”

Two, at Banaras Hindu University, the protests over the appointment of Firoze Khan as an assistant professor of Sanskrit. “On Monday, a ‘hawan kund’ was set up and around 20 SVDV students were sitting on a dharna outside the Vice-Chancellor’s residence protesting his appointment. The protests have been on since Khan’s appointment, for the only reason that he’s a Muslim.”

At this moment, the two faces of student protest couldn’t be farther apart from each other. No denying that they are vastly different in scale and intensity, to say nothing of the fact that any activity in JNU is always on-camera nationwide in a way no other university in the country is.

But the fact remains that in both instances students are protesting measures taken by the vice chancellor and the university administration. One against fee hikes that will drive students from weaker sections of society away from the university. The other against the appointment of a qualified Muslim academic to teach Sanskrit.

So much for a “singular” politics of student movements. For those whom student activism conjures up mist in the eyes, the image of Berkeley in the Sixties, Paris, 1968, or, for that matter, Calcutta in the 1970s, welcome to the brave new world, India, 2019. As I write, BHU student groups have come out in support of Firoze Khan’s appointment, and #StandWithFiroze is trending on Twitter, but so is #ISupportBHUStudents, which opposes this appointment.

Differences indicate a robust democracy. Are we to conclude, then, that in its staggering diversity, student politics in India is in rude good health?

Who knows? But diversity is one thing, and hostile polarisation another. The ironic juxtaposition of headline news from JNU and BHU reveals, more than anything else, the brutal distances that severe and separate us today as a nation. To say nothing of the ever-widening gulf between the nation and the university.



While teaching at Stanford, I once served on a Search Committee for a Confucius Chair in Classical Chinese Poetry. While the search was on, I heard a senior Chinese scholar, originally from the mainland, say that the Chinese government would like to see a white person in this position over someone

who is Chinese or even of Chinese origin. Struck by that claim, I had asked why.

“Because it looks good on China when white people do their culture,” he had said. “It sends the message that we’re so big that it’s not only Chinese people who teach and research our culture. The whole world does it.”

Especially white people.

I still have childhood memories of an India where the Gorky Sadans and the American Centres fought a relentless culture war against each other. It was a bipolar world, and since war between nuclear-armed nations was a Beckettian Endgame, the whole vigour of the un-fought battle exploded in the field of culture (and outer space). It’s a phenomenon widely and globally known, with funding from the CIA coming to prestigious periodicals of art, literature and culture, including the *Partisan Review*. And then the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and everything changed.

It is a lesson at least as old as colonialism. If you want to rule, make sure your culture does too. Domination in the economic or military base would never last without domination in the cultural superstructure. Marx would know. Soft power following hard power. Shashi Tharoor knows it too.

A white American teaching Chinese in California. An Indian Muslim man teaching Sanskrit in Benaras. Perhaps the scenes don’t get along with each other well.

Unlike gravity, power likes to climb up. It fulfills China’s mission to see its culture spread to the world.

In the Western world, meanwhile, the hesitation comes entirely from the other direction.

There is reluctance on part of excellent and well-meaning white academics to enter into the domain of African American scholarship. What do you know about this people? What can you say? Can you write black as white, woman as man, queer as straight?

Dominant fields, in the reverse, have willed to welcome minority exponents, while failing to flush out ancient prejudices. “You’re black,” they’ve said. “What can you say about Shakespeare? Shouldn’t you rather talk about rap?”

In the end, progressive will has won. As Jonathan Gil Harris has shown us here in India, Shakespeare studies is a richer field for having Bollywood films in it.

Firoze Khan’s appointment to the Sanskrit Department at BHU can be a dream moment of Indian pluralism. For the language and culture of Sanskrit.

“All my life,” he says, “I learnt Sanskrit and I was never made to realise I am a Muslim, but now when I’m trying to teach, suddenly it has become the only subject.”

Be taught. But don’t try to teach. Be indoctrinated. But to what doctrine will you take us if you dare to teach? Who dare trust you?

Ironically, it was also a dream opportunity for the nationalistic champions of Sanskritised India. *Chinese ishtyle*.

Both opportunities are being cast away. Meanwhile, JNU burns.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUST DEFICIT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Bully on campus’ (IE, November 21). There is no love lost between the BJP government and JNU. The former has always eyed JNU students with suspicion. While it’s wrong on the part of the students to intensify their stir against the university administration since there has been a partial roll back of fee hike, the administration is also guilty of not taking any steps to defuse the situation. The vitiated atmosphere is affecting the university’s prime function, academics.

Vijai Pant, Hampur

JNU WRONGED

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Why we must listen to JNU’ (IE, November 21). What we are seeing today at JNU is the use of muscle power against a soft target — students. Many of JNU’s alumni have contributed to society from various fields. Most of them are from humble backgrounds. So, there is good reason treat JNU as a university with a difference.

R D Singh, Ambala

TIME FOR HARMONY

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Ball is in the majority’s court’ (IE, November 21). After having got the Ayodhya verdict in their favour, even though the court declaring Babri Mosque demolition as illegal, the least that Hindus can do is to

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

To encourage quality reader intervention, The Indian Express offers the Letter of the Week award. The letter adjudged the best for the week is published every Saturday. Letters may be e-mailed to editpage@expressindia.com or sent to The Indian Express, B-1/B, Sector 10, Noida-UP 201301.

give up their demands on Mathura and Kashi mosques. And they should allow the construction of a masjid close to the Ram Janmabhoomi.

Anoop Kumar Srivastava, Delhi

LEADER OF FORCES

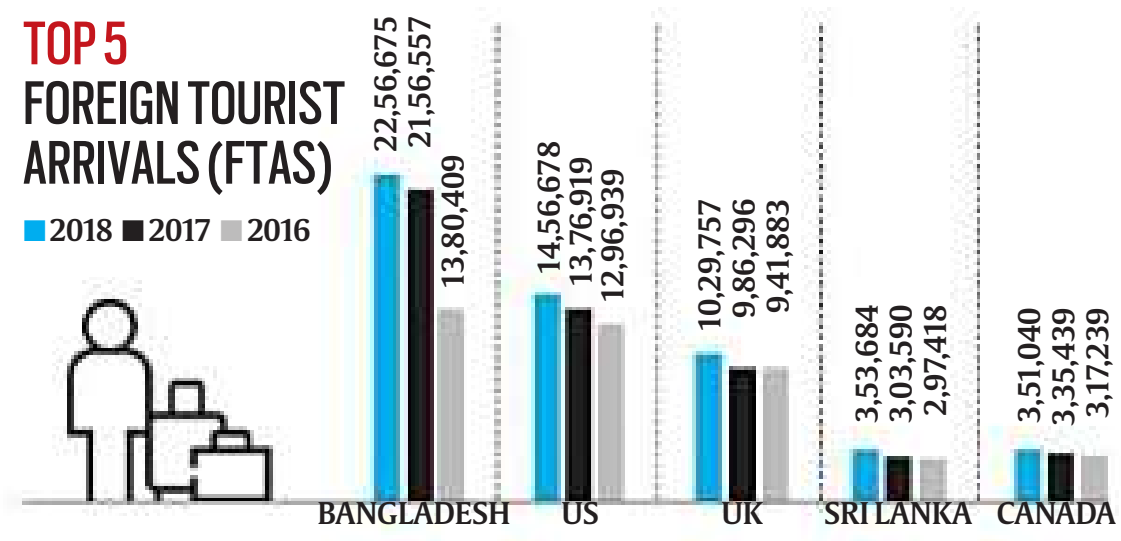
THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘A cut above,’ (IE, November 21). The proposed Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) must be placed above the three service chiefs. To have a CDS as a coequal to the service chiefs would mean the military decision-making process would end up becoming a tedious consensus-building exercise, where individual service biases might surface.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata



TELLING NUMBERS

Countries that dominated tourist arrivals in India in last 3 years



BANGLADESH, THE United States, and the United Kingdom were the top three countries from where foreign tourists arrived in India in 2018, statistics provided by the Ministry of Tourism to Parliament show. The Ministry's data also exhibit a consistent increase in overall foreign tourist arrivals as well as foreign exchange earnings over the years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Among individual states, Tamil Nadu saw the most visits by foreign tourists in 2018 — over 60 lakh in that year. Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh followed, with over 50 lakh and 37 lakh visits respectively.

In 2017, arrivals from Bangladesh increased significantly to 21,56,557 from 12,80,409 in the previous year. In 2018, the number further went up to 22,56,675. The trend from Pakistan showed a sharp contrast, with numbers falling from 1,04,720 in 2016 to 44,266 in 2017, and further dropping to 41,659 in 2018.

YSRCP MP Vanga Geetha Viswanath had asked for the information in an unstarred question in Lok Sabha on Monday.

Overall Foreign Tourist Arrivals and Estimated Foreign Exchange Earnings through tourism

Year	FTAs (Million)	FEE (US\$ billion)
2016	8.80	22.923
2017	10.04	27.310
2018	10.56	28.586

HIGHEST FOREIGN TOURIST VISITS (FTVs) IN STATES IN 2018

State	FTVs 2018 (R)
1 Tamil Nadu	60,74,345
2 Maharashtra *	50,78,514
3 Uttar Pradesh	37,80,752
4 Delhi *	27,40,502
5 Rajasthan	17,54,348

**2017 figures repeated for 2018, R: Revised In chart for countrywise arrivals (top) 2018 figures are for top 5 countries; 2017, 2016 are corresponding figures for these countries*

Source: Parliament Question

TIP FOR READING LIST

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT, A BURMA STORY

THANT MYINT-U has titled his new book *The Hidden History of Burma: Race, Capitalism, and the Crisis of Democracy in the 21st Century*, even though he gently suggests that the country's past wasn't so much obscured as it was hiding in plain sight. For decades, especially after a ruthless crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in 1988, Burma had drawn international ire for the brutal rule of its military junta. Against the depredations of the dictatorship stood the charismatic Aung San Suu Kyi: a tireless civilian advocate for democracy who spoke consistently of hope, enduring years of detention and house arrest with a serene smile.

Her public image weighed heavily in the international community's imagination, which was not very familiar with the longer history of Burma. That history proved to be stubborn and consequential — its effects only aggravated by how much its convolutions were simplified or ignored.

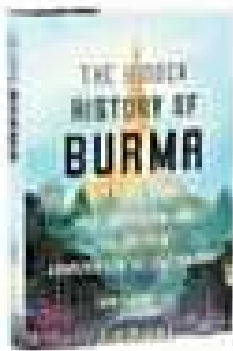
"In the early 2010s", Thant Myint-U

writes, "Burma was the toast of the world." The generals seemed to be ceding power; the country seemed to be ending its long isolation, tourism seemed to be on the rise; a number of rebel groups signed ceasefires, and in 2015 the National League for Democracy, led by Aung San Suu Kyi, won enough seats in the country's first free elections in a generation to form a government.

By 2018, that hopefulness had all but vanished. The year before, the Burmese military had unleashed a scorched-earth campaign against the Rohingya Muslim minority, with more than 700,000 refugees fleeing across the border to Bangladesh. As Burma's *de facto* leader, Aung San Suu Kyi flatly denied reports of army-perpetrated atrocities.

What Thant Myint-U argues is that the conditions for the current situation were already in place — it was less a case of a flipped switch than a lit fuse.

THE NEW YORK TIMES



AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved The Industrial Relations Code Bill, 2019, which proposes to amalgamate The Trade Unions Act, 1926, The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, and The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

Last year, the government had floated a draft Note for the Cabinet along with The Labour Code on Industrial Relations Bill, for inter-ministerial consultations. This is the third Code in the government's proposed codification of central labour laws into four Codes.

Parliament has already approved The Code on Wages, 2019. The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code was introduced in Lok Sabha in July, and is now with the Standing Committee on Labour, which has invited public comments on it. The draft of the Social Security Code has been circulated for public comments.

Importance of the Bill

Apart from offering some degree of flexibility on government permissions for retrenchment, the most important aspect of the Bill is that it presents the legal framework for ushering in the concept of 'fixed-term employment' through contract workers on a pan-India basis.

Currently, companies hire contract workers through contractors. With the introduction of fixed-term employment, they will be able to hire workers directly under a fixed-term contract, with the flexibility to tweak the length of the contract based on the seasonality of industry. These workers will be treated on a par with regular workers during the tenure of the contract.

The move to include it in a central law will help in wider reach, and states are expected to follow similar applicability. The government had tried a move last year to apply fixed-term employment across "central sphere establishments" (which are establish-



The Bill represents the legal framework for ushering in the concept of 'fixed-term employment' through contract workers on a pan-India basis. *Express Archive*

ments under the authority of the central government, Railways, mines, oilfields, major ports, or any other central public sector undertaking) in all sectors, but it failed to elicit the desired results as states did not notify similar provisions for it. The Bill now ensures a pan-India impact of this move.

Changes in the Bill

The threshold required for government permission for retrenchment has been kept unchanged at 100 employees, as against the proposal for 300 employees in an earlier draft of the Bill, which was opposed by trade unions.

Instead, the government has now provided flexibility for changing the threshold through notification. The rigidity of labour laws about laying off labour has often been cited by industry as the main reason limiting scalability and employment generation. At present, any company having 100 workers or more has to seek government approval for retrenchment.

The provision of fixed-term employment, which helps in the flow of social security benefits to all workers along with making it easier for companies to hire and fire, in The

Industrial Relations Code Bill.

Last year, the government had included the category of 'Fixed Term Employment Workman' for all sectors in the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946. This was only applicable to 'central sphere' establishments, and the states did not follow suit. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Wednesday that workers under a fixed-term contract would be taken up depending upon the seasonality of the industry, but would be treated on a par with regular workers.

Opposition to the Bill

While industry has welcomed the changes, others have said that the unclear provision regarding retrenchment would lead to uncertainty, and discretionary behaviour during implementation by the central or state government.

K R Shyam Sundar, labour economist and professor of Human Resources Management at XLRI, said this change tries to please both parties — the employers and the trade unions.

"The moment you provide flexibility for the applicability, then it leaves the matter to

THIS WORD MEANS: QUID PRO QUO

The Latin phrase driving the Trump inquiry

YASHEE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

AS THE dramatic proceedings to impeach President Donald Trump unfold in the United States Congress, one expression that has been heard over and over again is "*quid pro quo*" — something that the President and his supporters have insisted cannot be established in his dealings with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, thus absolving him of blame.

So what is *quid pro quo*, the Latin expression that describes the issue at the heart of the Trump impeachment inquiry?

The Latin expression

Quid pro quo, according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, means "something given or received for something else".

In the 1500s in England, it was often used in the sense of apothecaries substituting one medicine for the other, by accident or design. It has also been part of trade lexicon as a term for the barter system.

Quid pro quo, like many Latin phrases, made its way into legal terminology, where it is now used to imply a mutually beneficial deal between two parties. In political contexts, like the one involving Trump currently,



In US Congress, transcript of the call between Trump and Zelensky. *AP*

it is often seen as an essential requirement to suggest or establish corruption, wrongdoing, or impropriety.

The expression is frequently used in India as well. Most recently, Rahul Gandhi, then the president of the Congress, repeatedly alleged ahead of the Lok Sabha elections that rules were bent to get the offset contract of the Rafale jet deal for Anil Ambani — the BJP's defence then was that the government had no say in the choice of offset partner, and no *quid pro quo* could thus be made out.

Impeachment inquiry

The impeachment inquiry against Donald Trump has been initiated on the al-

legation that he made a White House visit for President Zelensky, and/or nearly \$400 million in US military aid to the country, conditional upon Kyiv opening a corruption inquiry against former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter, who at one time was on the board of directors of Burisma Holdings, a Ukrainian natural gas company.

Under the scanner specifically is a telephone conversation between Trump and Zelensky on July 25, during which Trump asked the then newly elected Ukrainian President "for a favour". The inquiry is focussed on establishing the propriety or otherwise of Trump's request, and how the President stood to gain from it.

Biden is one of the likely Democratic candidates against Trump in the presidential elections of 2020. Trump is alleged to have tried to enlist a foreign country, Ukraine, on his side in a personal political battle with Biden in order to discredit him.

President's defence

On Wednesday, after the US ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland testified, Trump posted on Twitter: "...Ambassador Sondland asks U.S. President (me): 'What do you want from Ukraine? I keep hearing all these different ideas & theories. What do you want? It was a very

the discretion to the appropriate government (states or Centre). Then the clause can be misused. Any discretion in law leads to uncertainty, lack of clarity, discriminatory implementation, and provides scope for unnecessary usage. The government should be clear whether to increase the threshold or retain the threshold and face the consequences. This is a kind of appeasement to both sides, which will not actually provide relief to either of them," Prof Sundar said.

Also, fixed term employment needs to be introduced with adequate safeguards, otherwise it runs the risk of encouraging conversion of permanent employment into fixed-term employment, he said.

Welcoming the Bill

Industry has welcomed the Bill since it has met their demand of providing flexibility in retrenchment. MS Unnikrishnan, Chairman, CII National Committee on Industrial Relations, and MD & CEO, Thermax Ltd, said that for more employment in the organised sector, industry would demand flexibility.

"The original laws were made at a time when one would join and retire from the same company. Earlier, there were so many interpretations, and simplifying so many laws into four Codes is a good thing. There is no intention of industry to exploit labour, but one cannot run the company to create employment — it has to be commercially viable.

"Today we are competing with global players so there should be a level playing field. We want to protect employment as much as possible, when there is commercial viability. There is no unending amount of money available with anyone of us to continue to employ labour when business is not viable," Unnikrishnan said.

Fixed-term employment will help in keeping salaries and facilities to workers such as PF, gratuity, and medical benefits, the same as those for permanent labour, he said, adding that inclusion in the central law will help in applicability of fixed-term employment uniformly across the country.

abrupt conversation. He was not in a good mood. He (the President) just said, "I WANT NOTHING! I WANT NOTHING! I WANT NO QUID PRO QUO! TELL PRESIDENT ZELENSKY TO DO THE RIGHT THING!" Later, Ambassador Sondland said that I told him, "Good, go tell the truth!"...

The President's camp has resolutely stuck to this one phrase in its defence, that there was no *quid pro quo* — and that he did not want anything in return for Ukraine "doing the right thing", i.e. order a corruption investigation. While taking the help of foreign powers in an election is illegal in the US, asking another country to launch a corruption probe is not wrong *per se* — unless it can be established that Trump stood to gain from it.

On Wednesday, the President spoke to reporters outside the White House holding handwritten notes in large block letters that read "I want no *quid pro quo*". According to Trump — whose version Sondland appeared to confirm — he had used the same words in a phone conversation he had with the ambassador on September 9. As evidence for the "no *quid pro quo*", the Trump camp has said that the US did release the military aid to Ukraine, although only on September 11, after the House of Representatives had already started taking interest in the President's July 25 phone conversation with Zelensky.

Why the govt has stripped a Telangana MLA of his Indian citizenship

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & SREENIVAS JANYALA NEW DELHI, HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 21

THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs (MHA) on Wednesday cancelled the citizenship of TRS MLA from Vemulawada in north Telangana Chennamaneni Ramesh. A son of freedom fighter parents, Ramesh has been a citizen of Germany in the past, and had acquired Indian citizenship in 2009. Since then, he has been politically active and won all elections he has contested. He started his political career with the TDP in 2009, but moved to the TRS in 2010 at the height of Telangana agitation.

The MHA has cancelled his citizenship on the ground of misrepresentation of facts at the time of applying for citizenship in 2008.

Why Ministry acted

Ramesh, who had been living in Germany since 1993, applied for Indian citizenship on March 31, 2008 and was granted the same on February 4, 2009. On June 15, 2009, Congress leader from Karimnagar Adi Srinivas filed a revision ap-

plication, raising objection to the grant of citizenship to Ramesh. Srinivas pointed out that Ramesh had retained his German citizenship, and had travelled to Germany in the year preceding the date of his application for Indian citizenship, which was in violation of The Citizenship Act, 1955.

Based on this, the MHA formed a committee, which investigated the matter for nine years before submitting in its report in March 2017 that Ramesh had indeed, obtained citizenship fraudulently. The MHA cancelled Ramesh's citizenship in August that year.

Ramesh filed a review plea, which was rejected that December, following which the MLA went to the High Court. The court granted him relief in July 2019, and asked the Home Ministry to reconsider its decision.

In an order served to Ramesh on November 20, the MHA has said that in his application for citizenship filed on March 31, 2008, he did not disclose that he had not lived in India for 12 months before the date of the application, even though he had made multiple trips to Germany during this period. This, the MHA has said, was in violation of The Citizenship Act, 1955, and the

Rules under it.

The MHA has said that when a clarification was sought from Ramesh in November 2008 about his foreign visits, he had maintained that he had not made any visits abroad.

"Thus he obtained registration of citizenship under section 5(1)(f) by means of fraud, false representation and concealment of facts and his action attracts provisions of section 10(2) of the Act. This makes him liable to be deprived of his Indian citizenship," the MHA order said.

Sections 5(1)(f) and 10(2)

These sections deal with grant of citizenship and the authority of the government to cancel the same. According to Section 5(1)(f), "...the Central Government may, on an application made in this behalf, register as a citizen of India any person...if a person of full age and capacity who, or either of his parents, was earlier citizen of independent India, and has been residing in India for one year immediately before making an application for registration."

Section 10(2) says: "Subject to the provisions of this section, the Central

Government may, by order, deprive any such citizen of Indian citizenship, if it is satisfied that the registration or certificate of naturalisation was obtained by means of fraud, false representation or the concealment of any material fact."

The law, however, also provides for checks to ensure that citizenship is not cancelled arbitrarily. Section 10(3) of the Act says, "The Central Government shall not deprive a person of citizenship under this section unless it is satisfied that it is not conducive to the public good that person should continue to be a citizen of India."

Ramesh's defence

Ramesh has maintained innocence on the ground that at the time of application, the law did not specifically require him to "continuously" stay in India for 12 months prior to the date of application. He has also said that since he was a German citizen prior to getting Indian citizenship, he did not consider going to Germany a trip "abroad", and therefore maintained that he had not made any trips abroad.

He has also argued that Srinivas's revi-

sion petition was time barred — the law requires the objection to be raised within 30 days and, in case the government allows it beyond that period, it must be satisfied that the petitioner was prevented for making the application in time.

He said: "Dr Ramesh Chennamaneni is a sitting MLA and does not have any criminal background. Hence section 10(3) of the Act is not satisfied. ...He was elected 4 times by the people of his constituency, being satisfied by his performance and development activity being carried out by him. He has not involved in terrorism, espionage, serious organized crime, war crime or unacceptable behavior. On the contrary, he has been doing lot of public good."

Ministry's response

The Ministry has noted that even the High Court had agreed that Ramesh had withheld information about his travel to Germany and, if at all he felt it was not a foreign country for him, he should have mentioned it to the Ministry and let the authorities decide.

"As a public representative, greater responsibility is thrust on Dr Ramesh

Chennamaneni to be fair in making his submissions. His conduct shall stand as an example to the people whom he represents. ...It is a well-known canon of law that 'Caesar's wife should be above suspicion.'"

According to the MHA, "The absence of criminal charge doesn't mean that person having inclination to misrepresent would be doing good. In fact, there is a very large area of activity open to public representatives, where such economy of truth can seriously endanger public good."

It has also said that it has taken the decision so as to not set a precedent.

Ramesh's options

Ramesh can go back to the High Court and challenge the decision. Thereafter, he can go to the Supreme Court. However, unless a stay order is granted on the MHA's decision, he is sure to lose his membership of the Telangana Assembly. In case he does not get relief from the court, he will have the option of going through the whole process again, following which it would be the government's discretion to grant him citizenship, if he satisfies all conditions.

TOPOF THE WORLD



Canada's Minister of Diversity, Bardish Chagger, with PM Justin Trudeau. *Reuters*

CANADA
4 Indian-origin ministers in new Trudeau Cabinet

Ottawa: For the first time, a Hindu woman lawmaker has been inducted into a Canadian Cabinet as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau unveiled his “strong and skilled” team of 37 ministers which also includes three Sikh MPs. Trudeau unveiled his Cabinet with the induction of seven new faces, including Anita Anand, a former law professor at the University of Toronto. The three other Indian-origin MPs, all Sikhs, inducted into the Cabinet are Navdeep Bains (42), Bardish Chagger (39) and Harjit Sajjan (49).

USA
Court-martialed Navy SEAL faces expulsion after Trump clears him

A US Navy SEAL acquitted of murder in a war crimes trial but convicted of posing for pictures with the corpse of an Iraqi detainee now faces proceedings to expel him from special forces, days after President Donald Trump reversed his demotion in rank. Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher, 40, received formal notice on Wednesday that a “trident review board” has been convened to weigh his fitness to remain in the SEALs, said Captain Tamara Lawrence, spokeswoman for the US naval special warfare command.

AUSTRALIA
PM denies climate link as smoke chokes Sydney

Sydney: Australia's Prime Minister on Thursday denied his climate policies had caused unprecedented bushfires ravaging the country and insisted his government was doing enough to tackle global warming. As blazes that have scorched swathes of countryside continued to spread and the country's largest city was cloaked in hazardous smoke, conservative leader Scott Morrison defended his climate record, saying Australia was “doing our bit”. His comments came after weeks spent refusing to speak about the link between climate change and deadly fires.

RAJAPKSA FAMILY STAGES COMEBACK

Gotabaya swears in brother Mahinda as Sri Lanka's PM



Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa (right) greets his brother Mahinda after appointing him as Prime Minister at the presidential secretariat in Colombo on Thursday. *AP*

SHIHAR ANEEZ
COLOMBO, NOVEMBER 21

SRI LANKA'S NEWLY elected president Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Thursday swore in his elder brother, former president Mahinda Rajapaksa, as prime minister, cementing the powerful family's political comeback. The appointment of Mahinda Rajapaksa, 74, came hours after the former premier Ranil Wickremesinghe tendered his resignation following the defeat of his party's candidate in a presidential election to Gotabaya Rajapaksa over the weekend. It is the first time in Sri Lankan history that two siblings have held the two top political positions, although Mahinda is

COURT DROPS CORRUPTION CHARGES AGAINST GOTABAYA, ORDERS TRAVEL BAN TO BE LIFTED

Colombo: Sri Lanka's newly-elected President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was on Thursday absolved of all corruption charges linked to the embezzlement of nearly \$185,000 by a high court which also lifted the overseas travel ban on him and released his impounded passport. Gotabaya will embark on his first foreign tour with a visit

to India on November 29. The Special High Court in September last year imposed a travel ban on Rajapaksa and six others in a corruption case. The corruption charges that were dropped were related to the alleged misappropriation of public funds for the construction of the D A Rajapaksa Memorial and Museum. **PTI**

only in charge of a caretaker government until parliamentary elections next year. In a ceremony in the capital Colombo on Thursday, Gotabaya

swore in his brother as their respective wives, sons and daughters-in-law looked on. “I wish to congratulate and extend my warmest wishes to

Hon Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister of the Democratic, Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,” Gotabaya tweeted afterwards.

Gotabaya, 70, had earlier served as defence chief under his brother Mahinda, who himself served as president from 2005-2015. Mahinda, who had been Sri Lanka's opposition leader since January, has held the prime minister's post twice before. He is set to be his party's PM candidate in a parliamentary election expected around April. “The Rajapaksa brand, as evidenced by the election, remains extremely strong,” said Akhil Bery, Eurasia's South Asia analyst, adding that Mahinda is perceived to be even more popular than his younger brother. **REUTERS**

Boy, 12, youngest to be convicted in HK protests

KJM VARMA
BEIJING, NOVEMBER 21

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy became the youngest protester to be convicted in the six-month-long pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong as a court in the former British colony reserved orders to place him under counselling and supervision for up to three years. The probation order, if clamped, would also leave the minor with a criminal record, Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post* reported on Thursday.

Since the pro-democracy protests began about six months ago over the Hong Kong government's attempts to bring an Extradition Bill, this round of protests have caught the attention of China and the world for their mass public participation, specially the youth and students. The protests are continuing even though the government has withdrawn the Extradition Bill. Over 4,500 people mostly students have been arrested so far in the protests. The protesters are demanding Chief Executive Carrie Lam's resignation, inquiry into police brutalities and universal franchise with freedom for all locals to contest elections. **PTI**

IRAN ENVIRONMENTALISTS GIVEN PRISON TERMS

Six environmental conservationists accused of “spying” on Iranian military sites have received sentences of up to 10 years in prison, according to state news agency IRNA and Shargh daily. Sentences “from four to 10 years” have been issued for some of the case's suspects, IRNA quoted judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Esmaili as saying.

Israel's Netanyahu charged in series of corruption cases

Not required by law to resign, but he will find it much more difficult to hold on to power amid struggle to form new govt

DAVID M HALBFINGER
JERUSALEM, NOVEMBER 21

PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu was indicted Thursday on bribery, fraud and breach of trust charges in a set of long-running corruption cases, immediately throwing his political future into doubt and heightening the uncertainty and chaos surrounding Israel's fitful, yearlong struggle to choose its next leader.

Netanyahu, 70, who in July became the longest-serving prime minister in Israel's history, now also has the distinction of being the first to be indicted while in office. The cases against Netanyahu involve allegations of giving or offering lucrative official favours to several media tycoons in exchange for either favourable coverage in news outlets or gifts worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. He has rejected the charges as false and politically motivated. Netanyahu is not legally required to step down. But with Israel's political system already in uncharted territory, having failed to settle upon a new prime minister despite two elections



Benjamin Netanyahu has become the first sitting PM of Israel to be indicted

and three attempts at forming a government since April, the criminal case against him could make it far more difficult for him to retain power. After his chief rival, Benny Gantz, said Wednesday that he was unable to form a government, that task shifted to Parliament. If no lawmaker is successful in assembling a 61-seat majority over the next three weeks, a third round of elections will be called. While Netanyahu has maintained strong support from his political base so far, while criminal charges against him were still uncertain, polls have shown that a formal indictment would change many minds. **NYT**

Indian couple accused of spying in Germany goes on trial: report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BERLIN, NOVEMBER 21

AN INDIAN couple accused of spying on Kashmiri and Sikh groups in Germany and sharing information with Indian intelligence agents went on trial on Thursday in Frankfurt on charges that carry a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, a media report said on Thursday. Manmohan S and his wife Kanwal Jit K were charged with

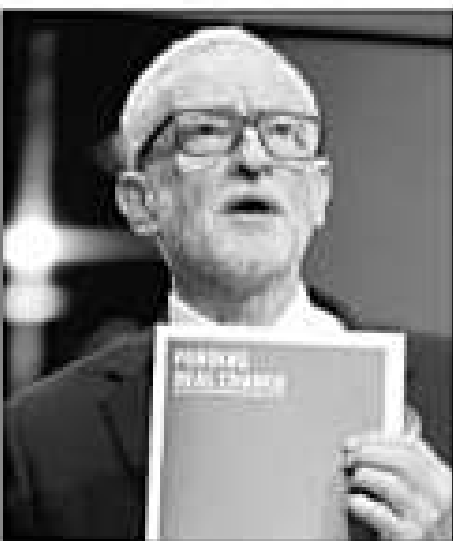
foreign secret service agent activity in Germany in April this year. The trial of the two Indians accused of spying on Kashmiri and Sikh groups in Germany began at the Higher Regional Court in Frankfurt, Germany's public international broadcaster Deutsche Welle reported. Starting from January 2015, Manmohan, 50, had allegedly obtained information on Kashmiri separatist and Sikh groups operating in Germany and passed it on to officials of

India's intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), posted at the Indian Consulate in Frankfurt, the report said. From July 2017, his wife Kanwaljit, 51, is also suspected of taking part in the intelligence gathering, the report said, adding that in return for their service, the couple allegedly received a total of \$7,974 from RAW. Further hearings are scheduled until Dec 12. If convicted, they may be jailed for up to 10 years.

UK's Labour pledges Jallianwala Bagh apology in manifesto

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, NOVEMBER 21

BRITAIN'S OPPOSITION Labour Party on Thursday launched its manifesto for the December 12 general election with a pledge to institute an audit into the country's colonial past, which would include an apology to India for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar 100 years ago. Former British prime minister Theresa May had stopped short of a formal apology earlier this year when she expressed “deep regret” for the colonial era attack on Vaisakhi to coincide with its 100th anniversary this year. In the 107-page manifesto titled ‘It's Time for Real Change’ launched by Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, the party has pledged to go further on the issue and apologise. The document also commits Labour to constitute a judge-led inquiry into Britain's “injustices of the past”, including a public review of the country's role in Operation Blue Star — referred to as the “Amritsar massacre”. “We will issue a formal apology for the Jallianwala Bagh



Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn with his party's election manifesto. *Reuters*

massacre, and hold a public review into Britain's role in the Amritsar massacre,” notes the manifesto under the sub-head “Effective Diplomacy”. In 2014, declassified UK government documents had revealed that British military advice was given to Indian forces prior to Indian Army intervention at the Golden Temple. There have been calls for a public inquiry into the exact nature of that advice from some British Sikh groups over the years. **PTI**

Five Indians held for trying to enter US illegally

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NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 21

FIVE INDIAN nationals have been taken into custody by the US patrol agents in New York for trying to enter America illegally, authorities said. The US Border Patrol agents assigned to the Ogdensburg Border Patrol Station in New York apprehended the five persons from India and a suspected smuggler on November 15 after the smuggler attempted to evade a temporary immigration checkpoint. The agency said a vehicle driven by a US citizen evaded an immigration checkpoint near Morristown, New York. Agents were able to locate the vehicle as it turned into a parking lot of a local business in Ogdensburg. It added that the occupants exited the vehicle and ran inside the business. Border patrol agents pursued and were able to apprehend the driver and five persons from India who do not have immigration documentation allowing them to remain in the US legally. All persons were taken into custody and transported to the Ogdensburg Border Patrol Station for further processing. **PTI**

A SOVIET CLUSTER BOMB KILLED 3 BOYS ON A NOW-PEACEFUL MOUNTAIN

Afghanistan's curse: A bomb from two wars ago crushes a family today

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DAHANA-E-AHANGARAN, NOVEMBER 21

THE THREE boys were buried on the southern face of the mountain in May. The side-by-side graves of the brothers Amir Khan and Liaqat are marked with a green flag. Mujtaba's grave is covered in a rocky mound and light from the morning sun. It was a Soviet bomb, dropped from an aircraft decades before in

1986, that killed them this spring in Bamiyan Province. The crudely welded silver cylinder, just bigger than a soda can, was one of many others ejected from a cluster bomb as it fell through the sky before resting in a shaded rocky ravine for 33 years. Accounts of children finding old bombs and accidentally setting them off have become a central part of Afghanistan's story, horrifying in how frequently it is repeated. The deaths of the boys in Bamiyan, a relative haven from the fighting all

around the country, are a particularly cruel example of the hidden dangers in Afghanistan. War after war, piling on each other for decades, has left Afghanistan covered in more than 1,000 square miles of mines, unexploded munitions, roadside bombs and shattered firing ranges, according to Afghan government data. Many hazards have been marked, cordoned off, cleared or avoided. But many also remain undiscovered. In 2018 alone, around 118 civilians were wounded or



Afghan officials search for unexploded landmines. *Reuters file*

killed each month from buried explosives in Afghanistan, accord-

ing to Afghan government data, a threefold increase since 2013.

Each one, the result of an often-forgotten battle or error, has the power to permanently devastate families and their communities. That was the case on the mountain that looms over the boys' village: Dahana-e-Ahangaran, a small collection of compounds forming a peninsula of green trees and potato fields along a single dirt road into the surrounding hills. Before May 17, when the bomb exploded, the sandstone mountain was a playground, a place for families to hike or gather,

the American-supported insurgents who were fighting Soviet invaders. The mountain's elevation, boulders and view of the surrounding valleys made for ample protection against the military convoys navigating the single road below. Bakhsh says he does not recall much of the fighting other than that the insurgents had the high ground and the Soviets did not. He does not remember the plane that dropped the bomb that would one day kill his sons and their friend. **NYT**

BULLION AND BOMBS

The resource curse

How west Africa’s gold rush is funding jihadists



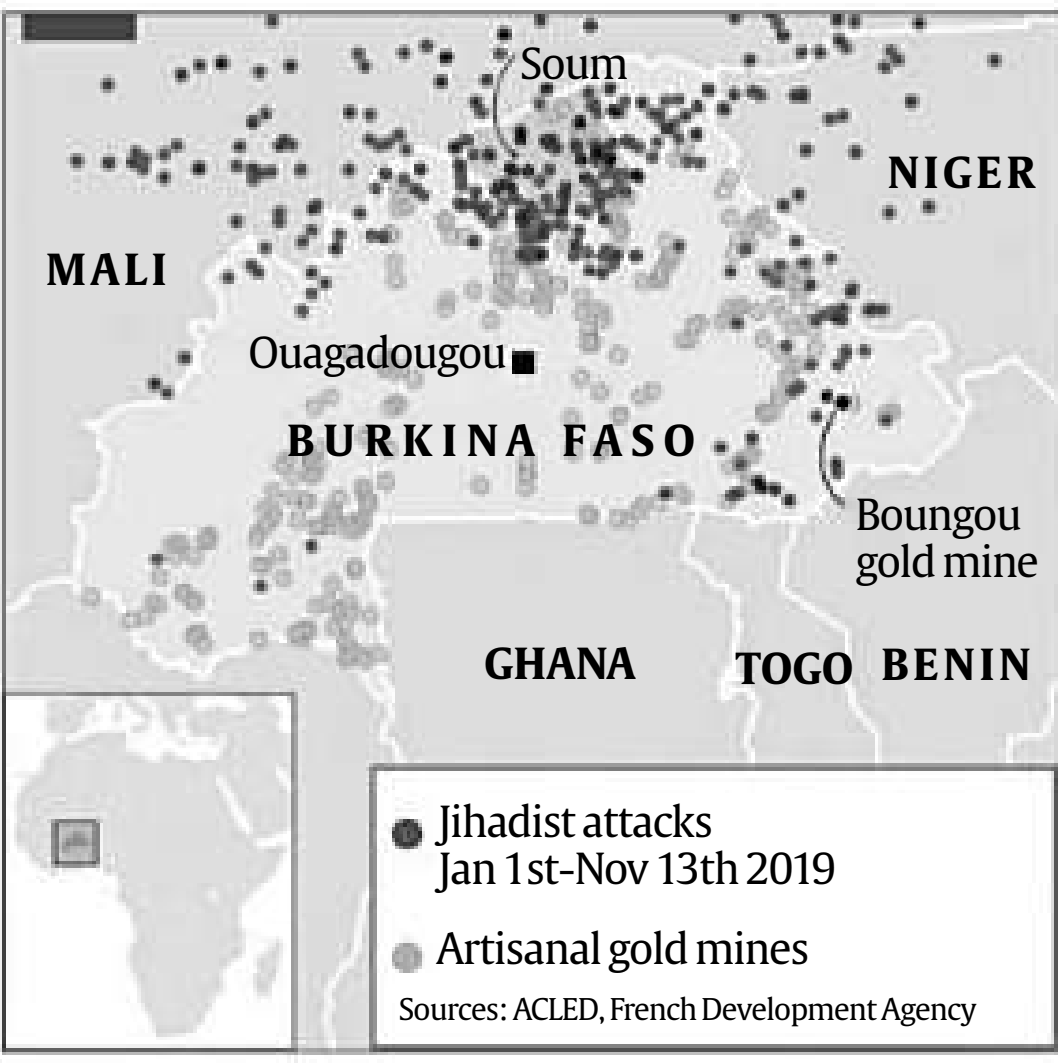
Although gold has long been mined in the region, it has boomed in recent years with the discovery of shallow deposits that stretch from Sudan to Mauritania. Reuters

FOREIGN STAFF working in Burkina Faso for a Canadian gold-mining company, Semafo, have the option of flying in helicopters over roads infested with bandits and jihadist. Local employees at its Boungou mine are less fortunate. On November 6th five buses carrying 241 workers drove straight into a massacre. A survivor told news agencies that men shouting “Allahu akbar” (Arabic for “God is great”) overwhelmed their small security escort. The gunmen sprayed the vehicles with bullets before boarding and murdering those on them. At least 39 people were killed and another 60 were wounded.

The attack was but the latest outrage in Burkina Faso, which is struggling to contain a fast-growing jihadist insurgency. Along with Mali and Niger, it has become the main front line against terrorists in the Sahel, a dry strip of land that runs along the edge of the Sahara. This year alone the conflict has killed more than 1,600 people and forced half a million from their homes in Burkina Faso. But the latest incident hints at a worrying new trend: a battle by jihadists and

other armed groups to take control of the region’s gold rush.

Although gold has long been mined in the region—Mali is thought to have been the world’s biggest producer of the precious metal in the 13th century—it has boomed in recent years with the discovery of shallow deposits that stretch from Sudan to Mauritania. International mining companies have invested as much as \$5bn in west African production over the past decade, but the rush has also lured hundreds of thousands of unsophisticated “artisanal” miners. The International Crisis Group (ICG), an NGO, reckons that more than 2m people are involved in small-scale mining in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. In total they dig up 40-



95 tonnes of gold a year, worth some \$1.9bn-4.5bn.

This rush—in a region where states are already weak and unable to provide security—has sucked in a variety of armed groups and jihadists, including the likes of Ansar Dine and Islamic State in the Greater Sahara, which killed four American soldiers in an ambush in Niger in 2017.

The jihadists probably have direct control of fewer than ten mines, reckons Mathieu Pellerin of the ICG. But they have influence over many more. In some areas artisanal miners are forced to pay “taxes” to the jihadists. In others, such as Burkina Faso’s Soum province, the miners hire jihadists to

provide security, says the ICG. Other armed groups such as ethnic militias are also in on the bonanza and collect cash to guard mines. International mining firms may also be funding the jihadists by paying ransoms for abducted employees or “protection” money to keep mining, according to a study published by the OECD, a club of mostly rich countries.

Informal mines also provide a recruitment pool for extremists, since they are full of fit young men who know how to use explosives. Researchers say they have heard about several instances of radical preachers going to artisanal miners to recruit fighters. They also provide a ready source of explosives for bombs.

Just as panning for gold takes time and patience, so too will be the process of extracting jihadist groups from the mining boom. This should be done at both ends of the supply chain. States could start by providing tax incentives to miners who agree to sell through official channels, which would reduce the amount that jihadists and criminals earn from smuggling. For the moment

much of Burkina Faso’s artisanal production is sneaked into Togo, which barely taxes the shiny stuff. Togo does not produce much gold domestically but it sent more than 12 tonnes of gold to Dubai in 2016. Gold is also taken out of the Sahel through major airports in hand luggage.

Another step would be for the region’s police and army chiefs to prioritise guarding mines and their environs. With security could come services such as schools and clinics as well as the governance needed to formalise the industry and prise it away from extremists.

France, which already has some 4,500 troops across the region, said earlier this month that it would expand its mission by deploying significant ground forces to Burkina Faso for the first time. It is also trying to form a new contingent of European commandos to reinforce its fight against jihadists. Neither move suggests that the end is in sight.

TEAR-GAS

A crying shame

Banned in warfare, tear-gas is the default response to controlling protests

AS THE protests in Hong Kong drag on, rituals are coalescing. One oft-repeated rite might be dubbed “the unfurling of the banner”. As confrontation looms, from the masked ranks of police two step forward bearing a sign reading “Warning: Tear Smoke”, in Chinese and English. Then the firing starts, and clouds swirl, stinging and choking. Aside from a few wearing masks, the crowd scatters, with the police in pursuit.

Many demonstrators have experienced something like it. Indeed, Hong Kong is a relatively modest user. In the first five months of protests, its police fired nearly 6,000 rounds of tear-gas—far fewer than were used in Paris in a single day last December against *gilets jaunes* (yellow-jacket) protesters.

The term “tear-gas” covers a range of chemicals, of which the most widely used include o-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile (CS), oleoresin capsicum (OC, or pepper spray) and 1-chloroacetophenone (CN). The gases are in fact powders. New variants are designed to disperse slowly.

Defenders claim that it saves lives. Tired, twitchy, scared cops armed with tear-gas will kill fewer people than those carrying only lethal weapons. After months of growing violence, only on November 8th did the protests in Hong Kong lead to a death. Alex Chow, a student, perished after falling from a ledge in a car park while fleeing tear-gas. By contrast, in Iraq more than 300 people have died since October, largely because the authorities are more willing to

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use live ammunition.

Even so, tear-gas is controversial. Anna Feigenbaum of the University of Bourmemouth, author of a history of the stuff, argues that it is “bad for democracy”. She says it “allows the threshold of acceptable violence to be lowered and so avoids a deliberative process.”

Bizarrely, chemicals that are so often used on civilians are banned for military use. Tear-gas was first used in battle during the first world war. The use of such gases in that conflict led to their outlawing under the Geneva Protocol of 1925. Armies skirted the ban at times—America used CS gas in Vietnam. But the ban on military use was also part of the Chemical Weapons Convention of 1993.

After the first world war, tear-gas became a popular “riot-control agent” in America and



Tear-gas was first used in battle during the first world war. The use of such gases in that conflict led to their outlawing under the Geneva Protocol of 1925. Reuters

the British empire. Hong Kong police are following procedures devised by British colonial administrators. The War Office required a “declared intention to use tear-gas and adequate warnings” be given to opponents. The obfuscatory term “smoke” was promoted. In the words of Henry Duffield Craik, a governor of Punjab under the British Raj from 1938 to 1941, “Gas is a much more alarming term, as

it suggests something resembling the poison gas used by the Germans in the last war.”

The short-term effects of tear-gas are unpleasant, but diminish quickly. Little is known about the long-term impact (clinical trials are impossible). But the dangers come more from its misuse than from the gas itself. Brian Castner, a weapons investigator for Amnesty International, a human-rights

watchdog, says certain conditions must be met: that there is a way for a crowd to disperse; that the area is well ventilated; and that the gas is fired into the ground in front of protesters, not in the air or at their heads—especially when the canisters are large and may be lethal, as in Iraq.

Even if these guidelines are followed, and they often are not, tear-gas is indiscriminate.

In Hong Kong it is estimated that 88% of the population have been exposed to gas in recent weeks. Many of them presumably have asthma, lung disease and other ailments, and thus suffer more than others from the effects of tear-gas. The use of tear-gas is, to say the least, riskier than it first appears.

CASE WATCH COAL IMPORT

DRI challenges quashing of letter rogatories by HC

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MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 21

THE DIRECTORATE of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), on November 19, filed a special leave petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court challenging a Bombay High Court order that has quashed all letter rogatories (LRs) sent by the agency to foreign countries in connection with the alleged overvaluation of Indonesian coal imports from 2011 to 2015 by two Adani Group companies.

An LR is a formal request between two nations party to a mutual legal assistance treaty (MLAT), seeking judicial assistance in accessing information on an offshore entity in connection with an ongoing probe. The DRI has contended that the Customs Act, 1962 is a self-contained law to deal with smuggling of goods and even the legislature has made it evident that magisterial intervention is not required for initiating a probe under the customs rules.

According to the DRI, an investigation by officers of the Customs, Enforcement Directorate, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Narcotics Control Bureau and Serious Fraud Investigation Office under the Customs Act, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Wildlife (Protection) Act, NDPS Act and the Companies Act, respectively, does not start by registering FIRs or by seeking an order from a Magistrate unlike police officers. Therefore, the DRI feels that under the Customs Act, an FIR under the Code of Criminal Procedure or magisterial intervention is not required for initiation of Customs investigation.

On October 17, the Bombay HC had allowed the writ petition filed by Adani Enterprises Ltd, claiming that LRs were issued “without any notice and hearing the companies” and “no cognizance of any offence” under the Customs Act, 1962 has been registered till now by the DRI against the Adani firms in the coal imports case. The agency said that the HC order has not only halted its investigations into the coal case against 40 companies, including the

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Adani firms, but also has the potential to impact the LRs sent by other enforcement agencies in different cases.

So far, the DRI had issued 14 LRs to multiple foreign jurisdictions, such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland, UAE among others, seeking information in the alleged over-valuation in Indonesian coal imports. It has specifically sought import documents negotiated by the Singapore and Dubai branch of Indian banks with Indonesian coal suppliers.

These documents contain the actual price of coal before it was allegedly inflated. While private banks have submitted the data to DRI, public sector banks have declined to submit the information citing confidentiality clauses of the foreign country.

The DRI probe against these 40 companies began after it issued a general alert to its field formations across India in March 2016, outlining the modus operandi of over-invoicing of coal imports from Indonesia. The DRI alleged that money was being “siphoned” outside India and electricity-generating firms were availing of “higher tariff compensation based on artificially inflated cost of the imported coal”.

It also alleged that Indonesian coal was directly imported from ports in Indonesia to India while import invoices were routed through one or more intermediaries based in Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai and British Virgin Islands to artificially inflate its value.

The agency, as per sources, found that inflated invoices received in India were issued by intermediaries, allegedly subsidiary firms of Indian importers or their fronts.

HOPE IBC TIMELINES ARE ADHERED TO, SAYS SBI CHAIRMAN

Bankers expect many suitors for DHFL; stock climbs 5%

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 21

A DAY after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) superseded the board of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) and initiated bankruptcy proceedings, bankers said the firm is likely to attract many suitors for the takeover of the debt-ridden firm.

DHFL shares, which had plunged 92 per cent over the last year, rose 5 per cent to Rs 21.15 on Thursday, with markets speculating on the interest of some big corporate houses to take control of the company through the bankruptcy process.

State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Rajnish Kumar told reporters that many suitors are expected for DHFL as “it’s a good franchise”. However, he did not name any particular corporate house. “There is a 330-day timeline that is also extended timeline. Otherwise, normally it should happen in 180 days that is the intent of the (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code) process. So, let us hope that those timelines are adhered to and let us hope for the best,” he said. SBI has an exposure of Rs 7,000 crore in DHFL.

However, bankers said a clear picture will emerge only when the financial position of the housing finance firm emerges through the IBC process in the coming days.

EXPLAINED

Lenders hope for ‘white knight’ to recover dues

WITH CLOSE to Rs 38,000 crore stuck in DHFL, bankers are hoping that a ‘white knight’ will appear to salvage their money. Besides, funds of mutual funds and retail investors are stuck in the company.

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. It also owes Rs 2,747 crore as ECBs, Rs 2,350 crore to NHB, 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.

“The liabilities of DHFL are huge. It is to be seen whether suitors will come forward with a proposal which is suitable to the lenders. How much haircut the lenders will accept is also to be seen,” said a banking source. “There was speculation in the market that the Adanis, Piramals and Apollo would be interested in DHFL,” said a dealer with a brokerage house.

Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi had said mutual funds would also join the resolution process of DHFL, which would be done under the framework of the insolvency law. DHFL owes more than Rs 38,000 crore to banks towards long-term, short-term loans and NCDs. What is worrying bankers are reports

about fund diversion by DHFL. Audit firm KPMG, which carried out the forensic audit of DHFL, has reportedly found instances of fund diversion of over Rs 19,000 crore of bank loans to DHFL’s related entities. While DHFL promoters, the Wadhawans, hold 39.21 per cent stake in the company, foreign investors hold 9.48 per cent stake.

RBI on Wednesday said it would take the company to the National Company Law Tribunal 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 central bank said.

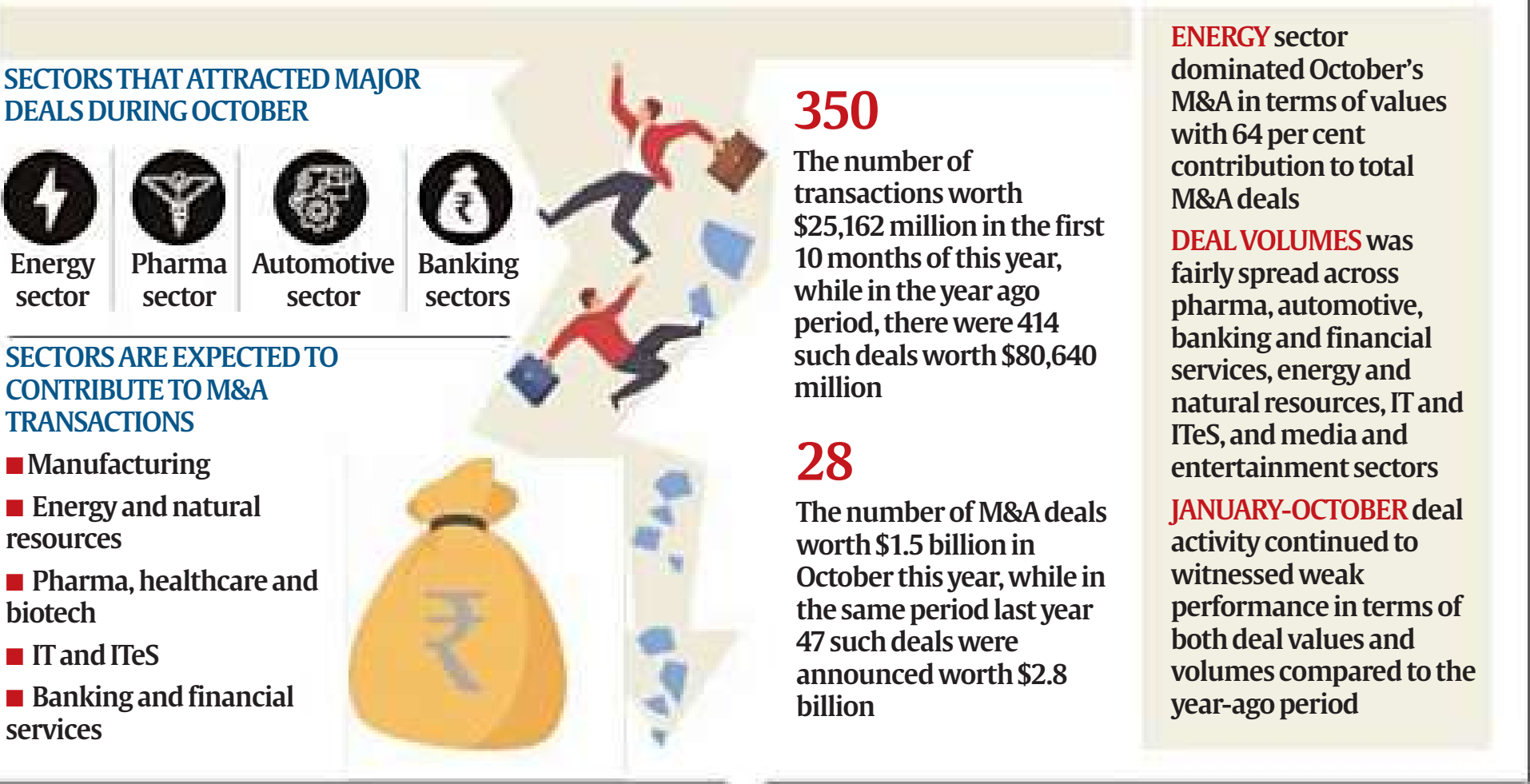
The RBI, which stepped in after the lenders and the company failed to work out a resolution plan to bring the firm back on the rails, appointed R Subramaniakumar, former MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank, as the administrator to run DHFL’s affairs.

“The statutory inspection of DHFL conducted by the National Housing Bank (NHB) under Section 34 of the National Housing Bank Act, 1987 with reference to its position as on March 31, 2018 revealed serious deterioration in its financial position,” the RBI said in its order. “DHFL has defaulted in its payment obligations in respect of bank borrowings and market borrowings, which reveals serious concerns about the conduct of the affairs of the company,” it added.

DHFL had a loan portfolio of Rs 91,930 crore as on March 31, 2018. Incorporated in 1984, DHFL is among the large size housing finance companies in India with total asset size of Rs 1,07,436 crore as on March 31, 2018.

‘India Inc’s M&A deal value slips 45% in Oct’

Corporate India saw merger and acquisition (M&A) deals worth \$1.5 billion through 28 transactions in October, registering a 45 per cent decline over the same month last year, according to Grant Thornton’s M&A Dealtracker



FinMin: ₹2.5 lakh-cr of loans disbursed by PSBs in October

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

PUBLIC SECTOR banks (PSBs) disbursed a record Rs 2.52 lakh crore of loans during the festive month of October, as the Centre had asked PSBs to conduct special credit deployment programmes in 400 districts in two phases. State-owned lenders disbursed Rs 2,52,589 crore of loans during the month through special camps in 374 districts and through all other branches, the Finance Ministry said Thursday.

As much as Rs 1,05,599 crore was given towards new term loans, while Rs 46,800 crore was disbursed as new working capital loans. So, fresh lending, including new term loans, was 60 per cent of the total disbursement, it said.

In order to boost credit availability in the economy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had in September asked banks to reach out to customers and hold special credit disbursal camps while keeping in mind prudential norms. Under her direction, outreach camps or loan melas were conducted across 374 districts across the country during October.

Credit to NBFCs during the month was Rs 19,627.26 crore, the statement said. Credit deployment programmes were conducted by banks in participation with private banks and NBFCs in 226 districts from October 1-9 in Phase-I and 148 districts from October 21-25 in Phase-II.

“PSBs actively reached out to their customers in these camps and made concerted efforts towards activities such as sanctioning of loans as per prudential norms, opening of accounts along with Aadhaar and mobile seeding of accounts, and popularising BHIM app. The drive also simultaneously galvanised similar outreach efforts in individual branches of PSBs i.e. outside the camps,” the Ministry said.

As per the data released, corporates availed the maximum of Rs 1.22 lakh crore of loans during October 2019, followed by agriculture loans (Rs 40,504 crore) and MSMEs (Rs 37,210 crore). Home loans worth Rs 12,166 crore were given by banks while vehicle loans stood at Rs 7,058 crore. Out of the total credit, Rs 19,627.26 crore was given to NBFCs, the co-origination alone was to the tune of Rs 15,297.18 crore and pool buyout was Rs 1,453.13 crore.

While corporates took the most loans in October from PSU banks, separate data by the Reserve Bank shows that growth in bank credit to industries slowed to 2.7 per cent in September – the lowest in the last 12 months. This is after having recovered earlier this year to hit a four-and-a-half year high of 6.9 per cent in April. The RBI data showed that gross bank credit, too, grew by just 8.2 per cent in September – the lowest in 22 months. Gross bank credit saw double digit year-on-year growth in each of the months between April 2018 and July 2019.

Proactive monitoring, traceability of original sender to be in IT rules

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

THE IT Ministry, in Rajya Sabha on Thursday, said it will amend the Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines) Rules, 2011 notified under Section 79 of the IT Act, including mandates for intermediaries to trace the original sender of messages and proactive monitoring. The Ministry received 171 comments and 80 counter comments on the draft of the amendments, according to the Ministry’s response to a question by Congress MP P Bhattacharya.

“Key features of proposed amendments in the due diligence to be followed by intermediaries are: (i) periodically informing the users for compliance of rules & regulations, users agreement & privacy policy, (ii) traceability of the originator of the information, (iii) significant intermediaries having more than 50 lakh users to have an office in India and to appoint a nodal officer for liaisoning with law enforcement agencies, (iv) removal of malicious content in 24 hours upon receiving a court order or when notified by appropriate government, (v) deployment of technology based automated tools or appropriate mechanisms for proactively identifying and removing or disabling public access to unlawful information or content, etc.” the IT Ministry response stated.

Responding to a calling attention notice in Rajya Sabha last year on the “misuse of social media

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platforms and spreading of fake news”, the Ministry, in December last, released a draft of its intermediary guidelines amendments.

The draft stated that the intermediary must provide information requested by the government within 72 hours, and “enable tracing out of such originator of information on its platform as may be required by government agencies who are legally authorised”.

“The Intermediary shall deploy technology based automated tools or appropriate mechanisms, with appropriate controls, for proactively identifying and removing or disabling public access to unlawful information or content,” it further stated.

In an ongoing Supreme Court case involving WhatsApp and Facebook, the IT Ministry has submitted that they will update these laws by January 15.

When the draft law was released, WhatsApp said publicly that, if notified, they would require a complete re-design of the platform, threatening their highly-coveted encrypted features.

Day after BPCL privatisation plan, Pradhan: Govt has no business to be in business

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

OIL MINISTER Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday hinted that public sector firms such as Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) may not be allowed to bid for buying government stake in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), for which a buyer may have to shell out as much as Rs 90,000 crore.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had on Wednesday decided to sell the government’s entire stake in the country’s second-largest state re-

finer BPCL and Shipping Corporation of India (SCIL). It also approved privatisation of Container Corporation of India while also giving nod to paring stake below 51 per cent in select PSUs but without losing control.

“Since 2014, we have a clear vision that the government has no business to be in business,” Pradhan told reporters here.

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UNION PETROLEUM MINISTER

Wednesday), several reformist decisions were taken.”

BPCL will give buyers ready access to 14 per cent of India’s oil

refining capacity and about one-fourth of the fuel marketing infrastructure in the world’s fastest-growing energy market.

It, however, will be sold after carving out Numaligarh Refinery from its portfolio and given to a public sector unit. “Numaligarh refinery was set up as per Assam Accord and it will remain a public sector unit. Assam Chief Minister had requested Prime Minister to retain public sector character of Numaligarh Refinery and that has been accepted,” he said.

Pradhan, however, did not say if IOC or Oil India Ltd, which already has a stake in the refinery

and also supplies crude oil to it, will take over the unit.

“The details have to be worked out,” he said. “Finance Minister (Nirmala Sitharaman) has stated that the privatisation of BPCL will happen this fiscal and we hope to adhere to the timeline.”

Asked if public sector units will be allowed to bid for the government’s 53.29 per cent stake, he said: “Nitty gritty and details of the disinvestment process will have to be worked out but when I say the government has no business to be in business, it is indicative of possible future course of action.”

PSU stake sale to strengthen firms, says Ficci

New Delhi: Industry body Ficci on Thursday hailed the government’s go-ahead to the sale of its stake in PSU’s BPCL, SCIL and Concor stating that the move would strengthen the performance of these firms and bring in fresh investments for both modernisation and expansion. **PTI**

Would be foolish to state that in last ten years we haven’t made mistakes: SBI MD

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 21

STATE BANK of India (SBI) does not “mind” its lower stock valuation compared to a leaner private sector players due to state ownership and social sector focus, but admitted that it needs to improve on commercial decisions.

Speaking at an event organised by former Sebi chief M Damodaran here on Thursday, Arijit Basu, a managing director at SBI, also conceded that the bank has erred on some business decisions and cannot attribute those to social compulsions.

SBI’s market capitalisation on Friday stood at a low Rs 2.95 lakh crore, which is just about 42 per cent of private sector HDFC Bank’s Rs 70.2 lakh crore, while SBI’s loan-

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

book is Rs 22.48 lakh crore, and the same for HDFC Bank is under Rs 9 lakh crore.

“If our market cap is slightly lower ... we do not mind that. We are absolutely fine with that,” Basu said and partly blamed it on government ownership, which plays an important part in the market’s calls on valuations and asserted that the bank is proud of its work on the social uplift front and infrastructure building because of the state ownership.

But he was quick to add that SBI is a “commercial organisation with a difference ... we have to start with the premise that certain objectives of the government of the day and for the society at large, cannot be done away with,” he said, adding organisations like SBI exist due to societal challenges.

He, however, conceded that some commercial decisions taken by the bank in the past decade have been wrong and it cannot blame the social sector mandates for such decisions. “On the commercial part, as a bank we feel that there is scope to improve. While there have been ecosystem problems, we would be foolish to state that in the last 10 years, we have not made mistakes in our business itself as those were taken with no social compulsion at all,” he added.

OPTS TO STAY OUT OF EUROPE-LED BUDAPEST CONVENTION

On global cybercrime, India votes in favour of Russia-led resolution

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

AS INDIA'S domestic data laws continue to hang in the balance, the country has remained non-committal in the international arena, watching a clear cleavage with Russia and China on one side and the US and EU on the other.

This week, India maintained its status as a non-member of the Europe-led Budapest Convention, even as it voted in favour of a Russian-led UN resolution to set up a separate convention, sources told *The Indian Express*.

The Russian proposal entitled "Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes" passed in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Third Committee 88-58, with 34 absences, on Monday. The proposal, which India voted in favour of, creates a committee to convene in August 2020 in New York to establish a new treaty through which nation-states can coordinate and share data to prevent cybercrime.

For years, the Russian-led campaign for a cybercrime convention in the UN has been framed in direct opposition to a separate treaty: the Council of

Europe's (CoE) Cybercrime Convention — also known as the Budapest Convention — which has eagerly called for Indian participation since its formation in 2001 to no avail.

This year's 56-member Budapest Convention, with strong support from the US and its allies, is underway in Strasbourg from November 20-22. The convention is the sole legally binding multi-lateral treaty that coordinates cybercrime investigations between nation-states and criminalises certain cybercrime conduct. India was represented by a senior official of the National Cyber Security Coordinator in the Prime Minister's Office and an IT Ministry-nominated police officer, but has again, decided not to sign onto the convention.

The conference is to discuss the formation of a Protocol to the Budapest Convention by the end of 2020. Almost all stakeholders agree that the current form of cross-border data sharing for law enforcement through the mutual legal assistance treaty (MLAT) is insufficient for the digital age. However, various sides are debating whether to revamp MLAT or form an entirely new system for cybercrimes. In 2018, then-Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh

proposed joining the Convention, but was opposed by the Intelligence Bureau (IB), which argued that data sharing with foreign law enforcement agencies infringes on national sovereignty. India has also previously argued that it will not sign onto the treaty since it was drafted without its participation.

Russia and China have also questioned national sovereignty issues at the Budapest Convention, opting to push channels at the UN instead. This recent UN proposal follows previous Russian initiatives, including the "Draft United Nations Convention on Cooperation in Combating Cybercrime" in 2017 to develop a UN convention on cybercrime.

Several human rights groups and American entities have criticised the UN proposal as a way to extend a Chinese and Russian form of internet governance, or so-called "closed internet" or "state-controlled internet."

"Of particular concern is that the Draft Convention proposes going far beyond what the Budapest Convention allows for regarding cross-border access to data, including by limiting the ability of a signatory to refuse to provide access to requested data," said a letter from 36 human rights groups.

'NOTE BAN, ILL-TIMED GST ARE STRUCTURAL HITS TO ECONOMY'

Centre must devise mechanism for GST compensation: West Bengal FM

"If there is no money in the fund, call a GST Council meeting and tell the states the way forward,"

AMIT MITRA
FINANCE MINISTER, WEST BENGAL

dues for all states together till October could well be around Rs 40,000 crore," he added. On Wednesday, these states had claimed that the Centre had delayed compensation payment to them, which should have been paid by October-end.

According to government data, the amount collected under compensation cess fund for

the April-October period is at Rs 56,000 crore. The government has so far disbursed about Rs 45,000 crore for the first four months (April-July) of the fiscal.

"If there is no money in the fund, call a GST Council meeting and tell the states the way forward," Mitra said. Responding to a query on whether the payment deferment was restricted to non-BJP ruled states, Mitra said that he had spoken to finance minister of three BJP-ruled states and they confirmed that no payment had been made to them either.

Under the GST regime, the central government has provided states with a constitu-

tional guarantee that their GST revenue growth of 14 per cent year-on-year would be protected for a period of five years. This would be achieved by bridging the revenue shortfall from the fund which consists of collection from cess levied on luxury and sin items.

This guarantee "was a necessary enabler in states agreeing to subsume their fiscal sovereignty into GST," the state finance ministers had said.

Mitra also called demonetisation and an ill-timed GST implementation as structural hits to the economy, which could see a yearly GDP growth fall below 5 per cent for the current fiscal. **FE**

BRIEFLY

'\$5-tn target out of question'

Ahmedabad: Stating that the economy is in bad shape, former Reserve Bank governor C Rangarajan Thursday said at the current growth rate, reaching the \$5-trillion GDP target by 2025 is "simply out of question".

India, US trade:

'Discussions on'

New Delhi: India and the US are in talks to resolve trade issues and both New Delhi and Washington hope to find an early solution, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said Thursday. "Discussions have been going on between the two sides," he told reporters.

'Global growth to be 10-yr low'

Paris: The world economy is projected to grow by a decade-low 2.9 per cent this year and next, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Economic Outlook said. **REUTERS**

L&T CEO-MD wins award

Mumbai: Larsen & Toubro (L&T) CEO and managing director SN Subrahmanyam has been conferred with the IIM-JRD Tata Award for Excellence in Corporate Leadership in Metallurgical Industries. Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan presented the award at the 57th National Metallurgists' Day held at Kovalam in Kerala recently.

Experion to launch township

New Delhi: Real estate group Experion announced the launch of Experion Virsa, a 93.5-acre integrated township. To be located on G1 Road, NH-44, the project will have access to domestic and international airports, railway station and Harmandir Sahib. **ENS**

FASTags to be given away for free till December 1 across toll plazas

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THE GOVERNMENT will hand out FASTags — the RFID-based stickers for vehicles for payment of toll automatically — for free from November 22 to December 1, all toll lanes on national highways will accept toll only electronically.

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that the

Centre will bear the Rs 150 security deposit for each FASTag while people will have to recharge the tags for "top up" with their own money. The free tags can be obtained from NHAI toll booths.

"We will bear the security deposit amount after which people will have to top up. Of course it will not be given free of cost forever," he told reporters. Of the around 536 toll plazas, only 17 new ones are yet to be fitted with the system to collect toll only via FASTags.

In the 17 plazas, operators will be equipped with handheld devices to read FASTags. The Ministry had earlier issued instructions to send out its own officials to toll plazas across India to oversee smooth implementation of the new system on the ground.

Around 27,000 km of the total around 1.4 lakh km of national highways are under tolling. Last fiscal, the National Highways Authority of India collected almost Rs 25,000 crore in toll.

PM to auditors: Find innovative methods to check frauds

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Thursday exhorted auditors to develop technical tools to check frauds and improve efficiency in government departments as well as play a role in making India a \$5-trillion economy.

Modi also emphasised that the government wants to move to evidence-backed policy making by 2022 and the Comptroller of Auditor General (CAG) can contribute as a think tank by focusing on big data analysis.

"We must challenge the frauds. Both internal and external auditors need to find innovative methods to catch frauds. We must need to encourage the core values of auditors for the same," Modi said while addressing a conclave of the CAG on transforming audit and assurance in a digital world.

Modi said India is moving towards a \$5-trillion economy target and "you (auditors) have a big role in the same. Whatever you will do directly affect our policy making, efficiency, decision-making, business, investment, ease of doing business and more".

'Sony in talks to buy Network18 Media stake'

REUTERS
BENGALURU/MUMBAI, NOV 21

JAPAN'S SONY Corp is in talks to buy a stake in India's Network18 Media & Investments Ltd, *Bloomberg* reported on Thursday. Shares of TV18 Broadcast Ltd, the broadcast arm of the Network 18 group, jumped 10 per cent.

Network18's portfolio includes *VH1*, *Nickelodeon*, *MTV*, *CNBC TV18* and a range of other lo-

cal language channels, as well as news portals such as *Firstpost* and *Moneycontrol* and news channels *CNN-News18* and *CNBC TV18*.

The media company and its affiliates have a 13.4 per cent share of India's TV viewership, the company's latest annual report showed. Network18 is controlled through various subsidiaries of oil-to-telecoms conglomerate Reliance Industries Ltd. The media house has a market value of 27 billion rupees (\$376 million),

Refinitiv data showed.

Sony is conducting due diligence and considering several potential deal options, *Bloomberg* reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

A Reliance Industries spokesman declined to comment on the *Bloomberg* report, saying that the company "evaluates various opportunities on an ongoing basis." Sony did not immediately respond to *Reuters* request for comment.

Over 200 economists, academicians urge govt to release NSSO data, reports

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

OVER 200 economists and academicians have asked the Centre to release data of all surveys and reports, including results of the Consumer Expenditure Survey 2017-18, completed by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).

According to some reports, the 2017-18 Consumer Expenditure Survey shows a sharp decline in average consumption and the survey results are not being released because they support other evidence that the economy is experiencing a downturn, they said in a statement.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, all data must be released without delay, they said

The economists and academicians who issued the statement, include A Vaidyanathan and Abhijit Sen (former members of erstwhile Planning Commission), Biswajit Dhar (JNU), Dilip Mookherjee (Boston University), Maitreesh Ghatak (LSE), Prabhat Patnaik (Emeritus Professor, JNU), and Thomas Piketty (Paris School of Economics).

"It should be noted that consumption surveys are known to give results that diverge from macroeconomic estimates of the National Accounts," they said.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, all data must be released without delay and irrespective of what the results are. The government may wish to defend itself against interpretations of the statistics that it disagrees with," the statement said. But this is best-done through technical papers and seminars. To prevent release of data that are adverse, and diverge from its own understanding, is "neither transparent nor technically sound", it added.

ICRA forecasts GDP growth to fall to 4.7% in Q2 of FY20

Kolkata: Icrs Monday said it expects further deterioration in India's GDP growth to 4.7 per cent in Q2 of FY20, due to weakening momentum in industry.

The agency also forecast India's gross value added (GVA) at basic prices in year-on-year basis to 4.5 per cent respectively in the quarter ending September of FY2020. The GDP and GVA were 5.0 per cent and 4.9 per cent respectively in Q1 and agriculture and services may maintain the growth rate recorded in the first

quarter, an Icrs statement said Thursday. Aditi Nayar, principal economist, Icrs said, "Icrs expects the GVA growth to decelerate to 4.5 per cent in Q2 of FY2020 from 4.9 per cent in Q1 of FY2020, primarily led by industry." With subdued domestic demand, investment activity, and non-oil merchandise exports weighing upon volume expansion, manufacturing growth is expected to decelerate further from the marginal 0.6 per cent in Q1 of FY20, the statement said. **PTI**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE,
MADURAI

TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.19/2019-20/HDO/Dated 21.11.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu Schedule Tender, tender through online only by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Madurai Circle for the work of "Initial Rectification including Widening, Strengthening, Improvements and Performance Based Maintenance for 60 Months in 198.315 Kms. of State Highways and 360.272 Kms. of Majore District Roads in Sivagangai (Construction and Maintenance) Division, Sivagangai District" under **CRIDP** head at his office up to **2.00 p.m. (as per office clock) on 13.01.2020** in respect of **Sivagangai (H), C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **29.11.2019 onwards** in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
C&M, MADURAI CIRCLE

DIPR/4493/TENDER/2019

Container Corporation of India Ltd.
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
ICC, Tughlakabad, New Delhi-110001

OPEN TENDER NOTICE
(E-Tendering Mode Only)

Online Open E-bids are invited through Single Packet Open Tendering system from the RDSO approved Developmental sources for supply of 280 Boxes. Bolester Spring Inner as per RDSO Dwg No. 20WTR-9404-S/7 (Item 2) Specification WD-31-MS-1894 Rev.3 Amendment no. 2 of Aug. 2018 or Latest, for modification of 180 nos of B.C. to 22 Ton Axle Load (BCLAM/BLCRM). The complete bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs. 1000/- through online from the website www.tenderwinzard.com/CCIL.

Bid Reference	Tender No. CONT/BLC/SPRING-2200/2019
Estimated Cost	Rs. 63.97.488/- (including GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1,27,950/- through e-payment gateway to CCOR.
Cost of Document	Rs. 1,000/- through e-payment gateway to CCOR.
Tender processing fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 3,774/- (including GST @ 18%) through e-payment gateway to CCOR.
Period of Tender Sale (online)	From 22.11.2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 05.12.2019 (18:00 Hrs.)
Date & Time of Submission	05.12.2019 (upto 17:00 Hrs.)
Date & Time of Opening of Bid	05.12.2019 at 15:30 Hrs.

* Through Payment
CCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons therefor.
For complete details logon to www.tenderwinzard.com/CCIL.

Executive Director, NR

MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.
(A PSU of Govt. of India, Ministry of Railways)

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Bid Notice No. MRVC/WEL/167/GS/
HB-JNU/2019/2 Date: 20.11.2019

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Limited (MRVC), invites E-bids under single packet system for the work of "Electrification of General Service work at Jalgaon station siding for 12 coach EMU rake on HB line on C.Rly." (MUTP-4). Approx. Estimated Cost: 72.33.416. Bid Security: 1,53,000. Period of Completion: 12 months. Cost of Bidding Document: 10,000. Date of Receipt and opening of Bids: The completed Bids shall be submitted electronically on line on web site www.mrvco.gov.in not later than 15:00 hrs on 27.12.2019 and the same shall be opened at 15:30 hrs. Address for Communication: Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation, 2nd Floor, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Building, Chhatrapati Mumbai-400001. Fax: (022)-22096972. Web Site: www.mrvco.indianrailways.gov.in

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CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Tender Enquiry No: H01(Contracts)/NSP/ House Keeping/Plant Offices & Township, Dated: 22/11/2019

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The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and /or downloaded from NMDC website <http://www.nmdc.co.in>, Central Public Procurement portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.in> or publish/app and MSTC portal <http://www.mstccommerce.co.in> from 22/11/2019 to 15/12/2019.

For Accessing the Bid document from NMDC website, the bidder has to register as "New User" in Bid section of NMDC's website link <http://www.nmdc.co.in/nmctenders/default.aspx>

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The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website / CPP Portal/MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

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Zonal Office (Mangalore Zone)

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For complete details logon Banks Website: **www.bankofbaroda.com/tenders.asp**
Last date for submission: 13.12.2019 by 05:00 PM.

Place : Mangaluru Sd/- General Manager
Date : 22.11.2019 Zonal Office, Mangaluru

TAMIL NADU ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
E.V.K. Sampath Moolgali, 5th Floor, No. 68, College Road, Chennai - 600 006. Phone : 044 - 2824 2800.
Email: tender@teda.in, projects@teda.in. Website: www.teda.in

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Reference : TEDA/1072/2019 Dated: 22.11.2019

Rate Contract tender for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and 5 years Comprehensive Maintenance of Grid Tied Rooftop Solar Power plants for a cumulative capacity of 1.5 MWp in various Government buildings, Tamil Nadu under CAPEX model.

DIPR/4509/Tender/2019 General Manager

DELHI JAL BOARD GOVERNMENT OF N.C.T. OF DELHI.
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW)-IV
S.T.P. KONDLI, DELHI-110096
PRESS NIT No. 07 (2019-20)

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost/EMD	Date of release of tender in E-Procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-Procurement Solution
1	Hiring of Vehicles for Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Septage from Un-Authorized/ Un-Sewered Colonies to designated SPSS. 2019_DJB_184172_1	Item Rate	20.11.2019	20.12.2019 3.10 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <http://delhi.govtprocurement.gov.in>

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Sd/-
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Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.
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CIN: L35111WB1834GOI007381

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING
NIT NO. NCM (IMP)GT/RKSI/Aluminium Panel/ET-0920
Subj: Procurement of Aluminium Alloy Extruded Panel (Spec: A8061 T6, 4MM Thick)
Due Date for Tender Submission: 13.12.19 (at 12:00 Hrs (IST))
E Publication Date: 22.11.2019

1. Details will be available in e-procurement portal <https://eprocuregrse.co.in> and Websites <http://www.grse.in> & <https://eprocure.gov.in/cpp/>
2. Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry will be published in above websites only.

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e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
No: MDIACCTS/AWK-R-9/2019/1654,
Dated, the 19th November 2019

Name of the work : 05th Dry Docking / Repairs of MV PUSHPAGIRI of Paradip Port Trust at Paradip. Estimated cost put to tender : ₹1,20,37,320/- excluding GST. Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is 1500 hours on 01.12.2019. For details, please log on to the website : <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

Deputy Conservator
PPT/PR/47/19-20 Dt. 21.11.2019

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (SOUTH) III
A BLOCK GREATER KAILASH I NEW DELHI-48
N.I.T. No. 53/S-III/(2019-2020)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost/ Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Improvement of sewerage system by replacing the old 300mm dia sewer line by 400mm dia pipes by pipe bursting method opposite Jamroodpur village under EE(South)III (AC-50).	4671906/- 93500/-	2019_DJB_184170_1 20.11.2019	05.12.2019 upto 3:00 PM
2.	Improvement of sewerage system by replacing the old 300mm dia sewer line by 450mm dia sewer pipe by pipe bursting method opposite Central School Andrews Gunj under EE(South)III (AC-50).	4669179/- 93400/-	2019_DJB_184170_2 20.11.2019	05.12.2019 upto 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH)III

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
SATISH DHAWAN SPACE CENTRE SHAR
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP SRINARIKOTA-524124.

Corrigendum-I Dt: 20.11.2019

NO:CMG/TCG 1987905

Subj: Second Launch Pad Augmentation Project for Semi Cryo Stage at SDSC SHAR (Construction of 4 Buildings - Civil & Electrical Works) - Reg. Ref: e-NIT No: CMG/C/C. 1987905, Dt: 28/10/2019

Please note the following change in the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for the subject work.

Value: ₹ 2046 Lakhs, Period: 12 Months.

Sl.No.	Description	Read for	Read As
1	Period during which the tender documents can be requested	From: 01/11/2019, 10:00 Hrs To: 14/11/2019, 14:00 Hrs	Extended upto: 28/11/2019
2	Last date and time for uploading of tenders	20/11/2019, 14:30 Hrs	Extended upto: 02/12/2019

All other terms & conditions of tender remain unaltered. This corrigendum also forms a part of the tender document.

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from website: www.isro.gov.in / www.tenderwinzard.com/ISRO. For further details and purchase of tender documents visit www.tenderwinzard.com/ISRO. Ph: 08623 225447, 225420.

Group Director, CMG, SDSC SHAR

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

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Tender No.	CCOR/NR/TCGT-PE-19/PR/KKX/2019
Estimated Cost	Rs. 1,25,37,780/- per annum
Period of the contract	4+1 years
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 2,50,800/- through e-payment.
Cost of Document	Rs.1000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment
Tender Processing fee	Rs.5310/- inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable) through e-payment
Date of Sale (On Line)	From 22.11.2019 at 15:00 hrs. to 19.12.2019 upto 18:00 hrs.
Date & Time of submission of tender	20.12.2019 upto 15:00 hrs
Date & Time of Opening of tender	On 23.12.2019 at 15:30 hrs

For eligibility criteria and other details please log onto www.containerindia.com or eprocure.gov.in or www.tenderwinzard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. CCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason therefor.

Group General Manager /C&G/Northern Region

19 TALK

ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD



GOING GREEN

British band Coldplay (*pictured*) have delayed all tours for their latest album, *Everyday Life*, until “they can develop carbon-neutral concerts”. American singer-songwriter Billie Eilish, too, had earlier announced that she wishes to make her concerts as green as possible.



A still from Goran Paskaljevic's *Despite The Fog*

Home Truths

Serbian filmmaker Goran Paskaljevic on the refugee crisis in Europe that shaped his latest film, *Despite The Fog*, which opened the festival

ALAKA SAHANI

IF THEY were jet-lagged or sleep-deprived, the cast and crew of Goran Paskaljevic's *Despite The Fog*, the opening movie of the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa, didn't show it when they turned up on Wednesday morning to talk about their movie. While Paskaljevic, a renowned Serbian filmmaker, is an IFFI veteran who headed its jury in 2013, the rest of his team was excited to be in India for the first time. “We reached a few hours ago and haven't got the time to get some sleep,” says Paskaljevic, whose film set in Italy deals with the refugee crisis that Europe has been grappling with.

For the 72-year-old director, the making of the movie was triggered by a what-if scenario. “As Europe witnesses debates and discussions regarding refugees, I wondered what would I do if I once found a child abandoned on the streets at night while driving home. The answer was: I would bring the child home,” recalls Paskaljevic. He added that they raised money for the movie “little by little” as producers from Italy, Macedonia and Serbia came on board. “The film community is like one family. We understand each other,” he said, referring to his co-producers.

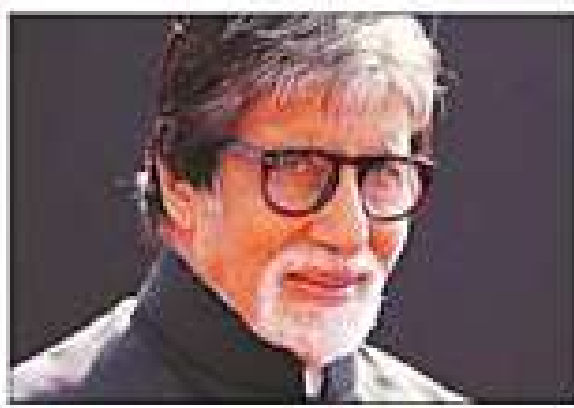
The film traces the drama that unfolds when a manager of a restaurant in a small Italian town finds an eight-year-old boy huddled near a bus stop on a rainy evening. The child had lost his parents on their way to Italy

on a rubber boat. Though hesitant initially, his wife after a while wants to keep the child in spite of opposition.

“This is an intimate story. It explores how middle-class Europeans look at refugees. There's a wave of xenophobia in Europe. At present, there is no solidarity in Europe to end this problem. Many have forgotten that they themselves were once refugees in Spain, France and the US. People generally don't want to leave their homes, friends and culture unless they are pushed to that point. Many of them migrate to escape the horrors of war, and wars are created by Western powers. This problem might not end unless we start thinking about our future and not just our immediate present,” says the filmmaker, who has made 30 documentaries and 18 feature films.

In 2013, Paskaljevic had forged a friendship with actor Victor Banerjee, his co-juror at IFFI. Later on, the Serbian director made a feature film *Dev Bhoomi* (2017) with Banerjee in the lead. The movie is set in Uttarakhand where the actor has a home. “*Dev Bhoomi* was my love letter to India,” the director adds.

Paskaljevic, however, wonders if many would watch *Despite The Fog* as it makes “a political statement”. “Through the movie, I'm criticising growing fascism in the society,” he says. The director is accompanied by co-producer Mariella Li Sacchi, editor Uros Timotijevic, actor Ali Mousa Sarhan and others.



‘Cinema is a universal medium’

APPLAUDING THE power of a “darkened hall” that brings people of all castes, colour and creed together, actor Amitabh Bachchan on Thursday pitched cinema as the strongest integrator against systems which divide people on the lines of colour, caste and religion. “I hope we continue to make films that can bring people together and disinte-

grate this rather odd system of keeping sides due to colour, caste and religion, bringing us all into one community, making us hold hands together to appreciate our creativity and take a step forward in making this world a peaceful place,” Bachchan said at the inaugural session of the Indian Panorama section during the ongoing 50th edition of IFFI, which will have 26 feature films and 15 non-feature films.

“I have always felt that cinema is a universal medium, one that is beyond language and all kinds of factors that keep coming in our social and moral lives. When we sit inside the darkened hall, we never ask for the caste, creed and colour or religion of the person sitting next to us,” Bachchan added. “Yet we enjoy the same films, we sing the same songs, laugh at the same jokes, cry at the same emotions. There are very few mediums left in this fast-disintegrating world that can claim such integration.” **ENS**

‘Huge deterioration in the quality of realistic filmmakers’

FILMMAKER PRIYADARSHAN complained of a deterioration in the quality of realistic filmmakers as he spoke on films being made in India. He chaired the jury for the feature-length films in the flagship Indian Panorama section at IFFI. “We found a huge deterioration in the quality of realistic filmmakers now in India. It is the opinion of the jury,” he spoke at the press meet. He added that of the 314 films, “at least 50 per cent were of bad quality”.

He was though quick to assure that those chosen were deserving. “We, 12 people (in the jury), have different aesthetics, sense of appreciation, and social and economic environment. We all grew up in a different environment, but somewhere,

we were all experts in our own films and we could come to a conclusion about all 20 films and I believe that those 20 films are really deserving of selection,” he said, adding that movies which couldn't make the cut had good content were bad in quality. The jury watched 314 movies and the entire process took 30 days, before shortlisting 20 films.

“During our days, it was very difficult to get behind a camera, because you needed to struggle a lot — get trained, be an assistant, (and work as) a writer or maybe an editor to become what you do... to really handle a film of your own. Today everyone carries a camera in their pocket. So, they are all shooting and making what they have in mind,” he said. **ENS**



SNAP SHOTS

Cast Away

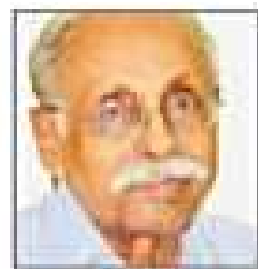


anexpress.com, “After numerous social media outbursts and negative trends, Anu Malik decided to step out of the show. He also shared

MUSIC DIRECTOR Anu Malik, in the face of several #MeToo allegations made against him has stepped down as a judge from the musical reality show, *Indian Idol*. A source shared with *anexpress.com*, “After numerous social media outbursts and negative trends, Anu Malik decided to step out of the show. He also shared

how he is mentally disturbed at the moment. Anu recently met the makers and shared his decision with them, and they agreed to him quitting his post as a judge. The channel is now on the lookout for a replacement.” Earlier in the week, Malik issued a denial of the allegations on social media. He wrote: “It has been over a year that I have been accused of something that I haven't done. I have been silent all this while as I was waiting for the truth to surface on its own. But I realise that my silence on the matter has been misconstrued as my weakness.”

In Memoriam



A MEMORIAL meeting is being held for PS Krishnan, former secretary to the Government of India. Krishnan is remembered for his work to empower the Scheduled Castes and Tribes in India. on November 23, 4 pm, at Chinmaya Mission Auditorium. RSVP at *shajinebe@gmail.com*

Many Shades

THE NATIONAL Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) presents a showcase of Outdoor Sketching Sessions 2019, an initiative of the Delhi Collage of Art. The session will be mentored by Ashwani Kumar Prithviwasi. The sessions include sketching, freehand drawing, perspective and important keypoints, watercolours and crayons. At NGMA, near India Gate, from November 24 to December 1. Entry is free.

Counter Point

A film on power and identity presents contradictions that exist in all of us

SHINY VARGHESE

AT THE Kozhikode, Kerala, campus of CREST (Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation), post-graduate students from Dalit and Adivasi communities are trained in mastering soft skills, honing the English language, and given avenues to express themselves. Filmmaker Lalit Vachani's latest documentary *Recasting Selves* captures the position these students like to present of themselves and the world around them, despite the social inequalities that seem to ride alongside them. It premiered at the Urban Lens Film Festival recently, which was hosted by Indian Institute of Human Settlements and Goethe-Institut, New Delhi.

The 80-minute film opens with shots of the city and advertisement flyers about spoken English tutorials and training for civil service exams. *Recasting Selves* was initially filmed in 2016, a few months after the suicide of PhD student Rohith Vemula in Hyderabad. It's against this backdrop that we see the responses of the students at CREST, who do not



A still from the film

want to carry the label of being a Dalit or a scheduled tribe. While the students initially struggle to make presentations in English towards the end of the film, their assertion of who they are and what they want to be, is not only telling of a certain denial of caste discrimination that exists in Kerala but also the contradictions that confront them.

Sanjay Srivastava, who conceptualised the film, says, “I was trying to see how caste is un-

derstood. How do young people from such backgrounds imagine caste? While Ambedkar and Dalit politics is one part, what happens to young people who are exposed to various media and television?”

The film is made in an observational style, and does not offer any explicit commentary on the kind of lessons the students are exposed to — be it learning to formally shake hands or sing Harry Belafonte's *Banana Boat*. The film pans between classroom sessions and their homes in scenic backdrops of the Nilambur Valley. These students who belong to the Aranadan tribal community have parents who have been daily-wage labourers or food gatherers, and their struggle to find meaning in their lives and dreams are annotated by this need to go beyond their own reality. While much of the film is a linear narration, the arc in the storytelling happens in a theatre workshop where the students make a choice between presenting a play on Vemula or on the issue of migrant workers and their impact on Kerala's socio-economic fabric. The disdain they have for these migrants emerge in their final performance.

“The way they react to another marginalised group makes for a counter view. This contradiction is something all of us occupy. There's no attempt to pass judgement because we ourselves are full of contradictions. How is it fair for us and not for them,” says Srivastava, a professor of Sociology at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi.

Article of Faith

What a withdrawal of a new picture book, *The Art of Tying a Pug*, which has run into trouble with a section of the Sikh community, means for India's children's writers



PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI

THIS BOOK is about the thing it says on the cover — announces the opening page of Natasha Sharma and Priya Kuriyan's just-published picture book *The Art of Tying a Pug*. What follows is a delightful account of just that — a young boy in a *patka* trying out his father's instructions on how to tie a perfect pagdi — on his pug. The book, published by Chennai-based Karadi Tales, and Sharma's tribute to her turbaned grandfathers and father, has run into trouble with a section of the Sikh community for its apparent intent to hurt religious sentiments, leading the publisher to withdraw the book from its catalogue and de-list it from online commercial platforms.

In a Facebook post, Karadi Tales announced: “...Yesterday, we made the difficult decision to withdraw this new book *The Art of Tying a Pug*... The book was ...intended to foster open-mindedness and respect for the Sikh community and their traditions. While it received glowing endorsements from many readers including other Sikhs, Karadi Tales simultaneously received several abuses and threats from those who objected to the wordplay and the cover image. After careful consideration and concern for the creators, we decided to withdraw this book across all channels...”

The trouble, says Shobha Vishwanath, co-founder and publishing director of Karadi Tales, began when they were invited to the second edition of the Vizag Junior Literary Fest last week, where they were planning to formally launch the book. A member of the local gurdwara, who was invited to launch the book, took exception to Sharma's use of the abbreviation “pug” for pagdi. “He said that he would not allow the launch, nor allow the organisers to sell the book at the venue and called for banning the book,” says Vishwanath. Sharma and Vishwanath withdrew from the festival, hoping to settle matters through dialogue. But soon, it snowballed into a bigger protest, with calls for legal action and individuals threatening them with bodily harm on social media.

“Even as we were seeking legal counsel and discussing the way forward, we were hit by legal notices and call for bans from several organisations and individuals,” says Viswanath. Some of the complainants, she says, included Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee,



Amritsar, and presidents of Gurudwara Sahib, T Nagar, and Gurudwara Sahib, Tambaram, Chennai.

“So, I took the call to withdraw the book because, as a publisher, I consider the well-being of my writers and illustrators to be my responsibility,” she says. In a career spanning nearly 25 years, Viswanath says this is the first time that she has faced something like this.

While Mumbai-based Sharma, 42, author of some very popular children's books such as *Icky*, *Yucky*, *Mucky* and *Princess Easy Pleasey* was not available for comment, Bengaluru-based Kuriyan, 38, its illustrator, said that the decision to withdraw the book was taken consensually. “The problem is that if we continued to publish the book, there is no assurance of our safety. Both Natasha and I had been working on the book for the last two years. Natasha belongs to the Sikh community, she modelled the character on

her father. A lot of love and labour went into creating this book. It's unfortunate that a children's book would run into such a barrier without people even having read it. Perhaps, what we really need now is a humour rights lawyer,” she says.

For those who have read the slim primer on how to tie a pagdi, the controversy seems superfluous. “It's a wonderful introduction to the culture. The after-

word speaks of the tenets of Guru Gobind Singh that mark the identity of the community. There is little scope to misunderstand its intent,” says writer Bijal Vachharajani, who has pitched her support behind the writers and the publisher.

Who gets to act as cultural gatekeeper for books for children is a question that has long plagued the global publishing industry, particularly because a lot of children's books on diversity are penned for their content. It also raises the question whether giving in to demands of rescinding a book is also an acquiescence to cultural bullying. “In a much safer world, where social media did not wield the power it does, if such a thing were to happen, it would have been easier to handle it through dialogue. But we don't live in an ideal world. As a publisher, I completely understand their decision, but there are other ways of standing up to the bullies. One of them is to stand by the book as a reader and that is what I intend to do,” says Richa Jha, writer and publisher, Pickle Yolk Books, who has started a social media hashtag, #bringbackthepug in solidarity with the team behind the book.

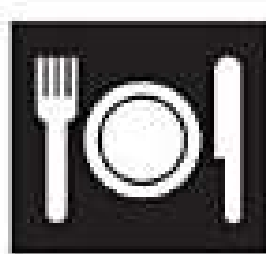


(Top left) Natasha Sharma; (right) Priya Kuriyan; an illustration from the book

Of Kappa and Curry

The home-style food at Kerala Cafe Restaurant will appeal to both Malayalis and non-Malayalis

POOJA PILLAI



FOOD REVIEW

Over time, this small East Delhi joint has gained quite a following, as even non-Malayalis discovered the joys of its delicious, well-priced food. Now, this once hole-in-the-wall eatery has opened as a restaurant with enough seating for 15 people. It's not a lot, but those who have enjoyed Kerala Cafe's food mostly via takeaway and delivery will be relieved to know that now, at least, there's enough space to sit down at this modest eatery and enjoy a Kerala-style meal, hot and fresh from the kitchen.



Offerings at the restaurant Abhinav Saha

We had lunch here one Saturday afternoon; it wasn't crowded, because it was past 3pm, a Malayalam movie was playing on the small TV perched on the wall and we were invited to sit and laze over our lunch for as long as we wanted. In many other places of this size, the impatience of the serving and kitchen staff is understandable when customers stroll in af-

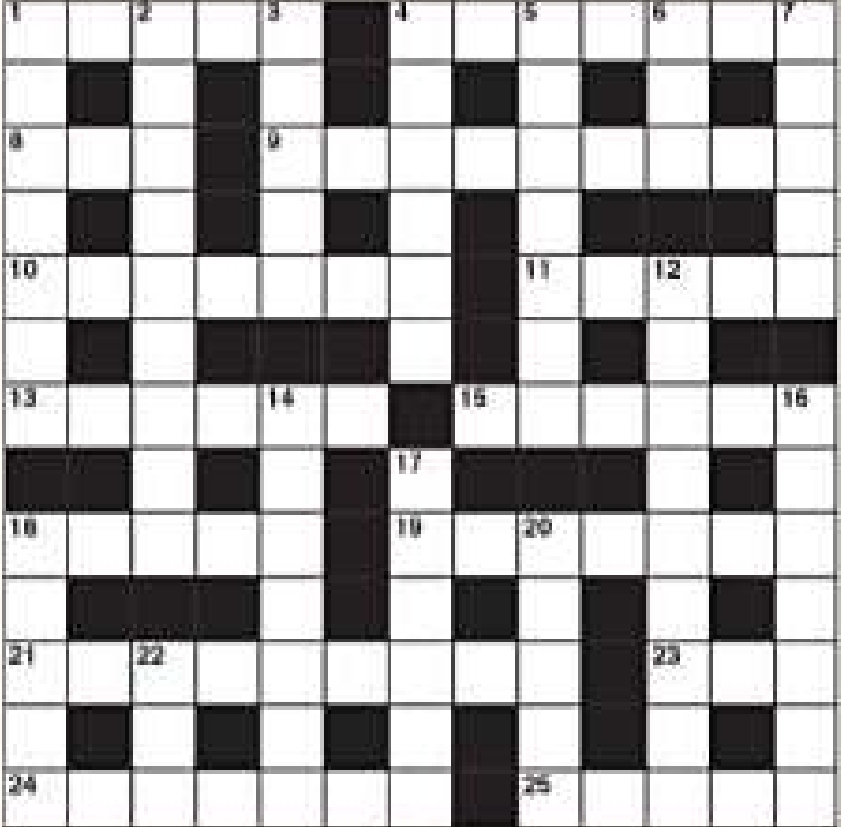
ter lunchtime as it cuts into their downtime. Still, the staff at Kerala Cafe didn't hurry us through.

The food itself, of course, is the main reason we will return. Our kappa (steamed and mashed tapioca) was served with a meen (fish) curry that looked dangerously spicy but was, in fact, well-balanced in heat. The rich, oily flavour of the surmai (king mackerel) cut through the sourness of the tamarind-based curry and paired very well with the mildness of tapioca. We also had a set of three fluffy dosas with one of the best chicken roasts we've had in a long while: the meat was soft and well-cooked, and masala it was coated in was well-fried and aromatic.

This is a restaurant which offers more options for meat and fish eaters than it does to vegetarians, but you can't go wrong with the set vegetarian meal they offer at lunch. Our generous heap of rice was accompanied by sambar, avial (mixed vegetables with coconut), cherupayar thoran (mung bean stir-fry) and pineapple pachadi (pineapple lightly cooked with coconut and yogurt). Except the sambar — which could have used a little more tamarind and asafoetida — everything was pitch-perfect, and, together with crisp papadams, made for a very satisfying meal.

ADDRESS: D-29A, Acharya Niketan, Mayur Vihar Phase 1
MEAL FOR TWO: Rs 800

CROSSWORD 3969



- ACROSS
- 1 Good man held in ridicule comes to blows, perhaps (5)
- 4 It may be smoked and eaten with butter (4,3)
- 8 Girl returns a greeting (3)
- 9 Stiff - but relaxing (9)
- 10 Not allowed when sick, having broken a leg (7)
- 11 Look back with study of the past (5)
- 13 One who picked the winning ticket goes back for the prize (6)
- 15 Attempt to get round tea-blending agreement (6)
- 18 and 21 Across: Time to settle final accounts (3,2,9)
- 19 Make-up helps mother hide a blemish (7)
- 21 See 18 Across
- 23 Man in a mix-up (3)
- 24 It may appear to frighten people (7)
- 25 Conveyed to Edward shortly (5)
- Down
- 1 He's used to handling see-through materials (7)
- 2 Go off quietly, as a thief will do? (5,4)
- 3 Mormon's founder was even in old age (5)
- 4 Repair at last (6)
- 5 Deep hatred for a soldier, we hear (7)
- 6 Letter used in teaching Greek (3)
- 7 Start being awkward (5)
- 12 Stagestruck scriptwriter distraught at dim star (9)
- 14 Once more buoy up a company with a cash injection? (7)
- 16 Longed for 1998 to end in style (7)
- 17 A rule the British had (6)
- 18 It's played up or down (5)
- 20 With which and what one sees (5)
- 22 One may take a rest with this shooting stick (3)

Solutions Crossword 3968: Across: 1 Descendant, 8 Grain, 9 Placebo, 10 Origami, 11 Ethic, 12 Banish, 14 Crimea, 17 Tight, 19 Pyramid, 21 Example, 22 Tango, 23 Single room. Down: 2 Evasion, 3 Conga, 4 Napkin, 5 Amateur, 6 Teeth, 7 Touch and go, 8 Grow better, 13 Set upon, 15 Memento, 16 Appeal, 18 Gears, 20 Rotor.

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BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Charitable giving is the order of the day. Somehow, in some way, you must put yourself out on behalf of your fellow man. Expect welcome family news, partly thanks to the Moon's alignment with Jupiter, even if your hopes are raised too high for a time.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Although current planetary aspects are rather exciting, you are probably past your period of peak activity. Briefly you'll return to a more measured and sedate lifestyle, which could come as something of a relief. The real reason is that you've changed. Quite simply, you're more in control.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Family relationships are possibly the most important part of your life, and now that you are in the final approach to a set of extremely helpful planetary alignments, you must see to it that you are happy with the general situation. The details you can sort out when the time is right.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

At the best of times you tend to get carried away by your emotions, yet this only works when you are surrounded by people who love you. If you have sceptical colleagues to convince, please be more rational. They'll listen carefully if you stick to the facts.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You are naturally broad-minded, but you do have an obstinacy which is sometimes unrivalled by any other sign of the Zodiac. My advice to you now is to take other people into your confidence and make compassion, rather than self-interest, your guiding principle.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Partners and business associates appear to be at their most belligerent. They may use every trick in the book to get you to commit yourself to a spending or saving policy that frankly doesn't suit your needs. But there may be some sense in what they say.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Most of the storm clouds should now have dispersed, allowing you to deal effectively with personal and financial matters. However, certain vague fears and worries are likely to persist until next week. Realise that these may be groundless - and get whatever support and reassurance you need.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

For all your preoccupation with rights and principles you seem to be strangely reluctant to allow other people the same degree of freedom that you demand for yourself. In these circumstances it is hardly surprising that they should complain. They'll be happy to know that you're listening.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Everyone around you seems to have some complaint or other, and you may feel weighed down by others' moans and groans. Unfortunately, it is part of the Sagittarian's burden to have to cheer up such miserable and pessimistic people. Put a brave face on it.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

If your work doesn't give you the boost you crave, you must find a new personal outlet. Venus, planet of prosperity is still creating additional prospects for financial gain, especially through joint investments. But remember, the most important consideration is emotional riches, not financial.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

The time has come to make monetary reward the main priority at work. There is no reason why you should be so idealistic as to give up the chance of the pleasure and prosperity that are yours by right. After all, you can't survive on goodwill and you can't eat kind words.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

This is an emotionally supportive time and you have little to complain about. Discreet romantic encounters are on the agenda over the next few weeks, much to your immense pleasure and enjoyment. You just have to make sure that nobody feels as if you have let them down.

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Answer: Do not throw the arrow which will return against you - Kurdish proverb

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Assignment Title: Consulting services for Improving Efficiency and Enhancing Effectiveness of Directorate of Local Fund Audit in the Government of Chhattisgarh.

The Government of Chhattisgarh has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Chhattisgarh State Public financial Management and Accountability Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds for CONSULTING SERVICES FOR IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND ENHANCING EFFECTIVENESS OF DIRECTORATE OF LOCAL FUND AUDIT INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF AUDIT MANUALS AND TRAINING ETC.

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Not in the pink of health

The colour of the ball & conditions may bring the teams closer, but Bangladesh’s decline doesn’t promise an equal contest

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 21

BANGLADESH HAVE been playing Test cricket for nearly two decades now. But rather than improving, they have been on a slippery slope of late. Yes, they are without two of their most experienced players for this tour — Tamim Iqbal and Shakib Al Hasan. Then again, Shakib played the one-off home Test against Afghanistan in September, a match Bangladesh lost by 224 runs. They are regressing as a Test side because they seemingly don't put the long form on a pedestal.

If anyone tries his hand at a combined India-Bangladesh XI, even the die-hard Bangladesh fans will not react angrily to an all Indian line-up. Even if an extra batsman is added, Hanuma Vihari, who is not getting a game after scoring a couple of half-centuries and a hundred in the West Indies, will get in. Mushfiquir Rahim will get an honourable mention at best.

A pink-ball Test, however, poses a different challenge. Its unpredictability and the relative inexperience of the players from both sides with regards to playing a day-night Test could bridge the gap a bit, although it hardly puts the teams at par. Player by player, India are far superior.

Here are a couple of examples: Even without Jasprit Bumrah, the Indian pace attack comprising Mohammed Shami, Ishant Sharma and Umesh Yadav is rated as arguably the world's finest in any conditions. None of the Bangladesh seamers — Abu Jayed, Ebadat Hossain and Mustafizur Rahman (if he plays) — has bagged a Test five-for yet. The 11 players who turned up for the visitors in the first Test at Indore have 21 Test hundreds between them. Virat Kohli alone has 26.

Still, conditions for a day-night Test and the pink ball might leave the door ajar for Bangladesh. Even Kohli admitted that handling the pink ball at times could be pretty difficult.

“In general, if you haven't played with the pink ball it will be challenging throughout the game. It would require more concentration, solid technique and more compact game compared to the red ball purely because in the longer format, the ball does a lot more than the white ball. And not having a great visibility and the ability to pick that colour make it even more difficult,” the India captain said on match eve.

When a player of Kohli's pedigree says the pink ball could leave batsmen confused in terms of judging the off-stump, while the pace of the ball through the air is a bit disconcerting, lesser mortals would struggle even more.

“The decision-making has to be very precise, like the idea of off-stump... Even when we practised yesterday, we felt as if the ball is far but it hits you very quickly. The extra glaze of the ball is making it travel faster. It hits the hand hard. I was surprised with the fielding sessions; how in the slips the ball hit your hand so hard... It almost felt like a heavy hockey ball, those synthetic balls we would play with when we were younger... the throws took a lot more effort than the red ball do to reach the 'keeper. And again, dip perception was very difficult when the ball was in the air so during the day, high catches will be very difficult. I think we have to be very precise and our skills will be tested in this Test,” Kohli said.

The majority of the Bangladesh batsmen don't have techniques that a pink-ball, day-night Test demands. Maybe, a strong-arm approach would serve them better. A few agricultural boundaries, a couple of top-edged sixes, and there would be runs on the



LANDMARK TEST

Kolkata’s tallest building — The 42 — radiates in pink light on Thursday, a day before India’s first day-night Test match. *Partha Paul*

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board. But to start with, their bowlers must raise their game. At Indore, they bowled boundary balls for fun. Here, conditions will make their job easier if they show discipline and try to keep the Indian batsmen in check. Dot balls build pressure. Bangladesh must stick to basics if they want to put the hosts under pressure.

And they must believe in their abilities. Bangladesh captain Mominul Haque's body language at the pre-match press conference didn't inspire confidence. He was asked if his team could cause an upset at Eden Gardens. “No, no, no,” he replied with a sheepish smile.

White ball priority

One of the reasons why Bangladesh have failed to grow as a Test team is that their structure and itinerary give precedence to

limited-overs cricket. The pink-ball Test starting Friday would only be their seventh long-form fixture in the last one year. Going ahead, they will play a few more, thanks to the ongoing World Test Championship. But Bangladesh must make the game's purest format their top priority if they want to become a serious Test nation.

“I can't speak for another team, another board; how they look at Test cricket. But from our point of view, from the BCCI's point of view, the only discussion we have had over the last two-three years is how we can have Test cricket right up there. And that takes the commitment of the board, firstly, and the total commitment of the players. If you look at how exciting as a team we have been over the past two-three years, it tells you why people come and watch us play as well. It's a partnership of the board and the players,” Kohli said.

“If you look at our contract system as well, a lot of importance has been given to Test cricketers. So, all things have to coincide and every Test nation that has done that have teams that are playing strong Test cricket and their hearts and their minds are totally in sync with keeping Test cricket on top. You can't just tell the players you have to be committed to playing Test cricket but contractually we are not going to do anything for you.”

Bangladesh, and a few other Test-playing countries, would do well to take a leaf out of India's book.

Day-night Tests can’t be the only way: Kohli

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 21

VIRAT KOHLI doesn't want day-night Test cricket to become the long-form's staple diet. He feels any move in that direction will dilute the sanctity of the game's purest format.

“This shouldn't become the only way Test cricket is played. Because, then you are losing out on that nervousness of the first session in the morning. You can bring excitement to Test cricket, but you can't purely make Test cricket based on entertaining people. The entertainment of Test cricket lies in the fact that the batsman is trying to survive the first session, the bowlers trying to set up a batsman; if people don't respond to that, too bad,” Kohli said on Thursday.

The hype around India's first-ever day-night Test is going through the roof. Kolkata's centre square has turned pink. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will jointly ring the Eden bell to start the second Test.

Kohli compared the build-up with the India versus Pakistan World T20 fixture at this venue in 2016. “We are excited about the pink-ball Test anyway. The last time Eden had such a buzz, such excitement, was before the India-Pakistan T20 game (in 2016). There too

you had VIPs and they were felicitated and the stadium was packed. I think the atmosphere will be similar. It can be daunting, intimidating, but very exciting as well.

“As it is, playing with the pink ball is not that easy and bowlers will get a boost. I think the first hour will be very exciting because energy levels will be very high and the public will get what they paid for. Obviously, this is a landmark occasion in Indian cricket, and we are lucky that we are part of this start.”

Test cricket is not in the pink of health. Save England and Australia, matches are usually played before empty stands. The ICC has introduced the World Test Championship, but the global body so hasn't done any hard-selling to promote the event. The very idea of the pink-ball, day-night Test cricket is to draw crowds to the long-form. Even BCCI president Sourav Ganguly is of the view that day-night Test cricket is the “way forward”. Kohli, however, put things in perspective.

“If I don't like Test cricket, you can't push me into liking it. If someone gets excitement or boost from watching the battle between bat and ball and a great session of Test cricket, in my opinion those are the people that should come and watch Test cricket.”

Kohli called for bringing “more system” into the scheduling of Test matches to make the format spectator-friendly. He was cate-

Bhuvi, Kuldeep back in squad for WI series

Kolkata: A fit-again Bhuvneshwar Kumar on Thursday returned to the Indian teams for next month's T20 and ODI series against West Indies, while all-rounder Shivam Dube was rewarded with a maiden call-up in the 50-over format. India is scheduled to play three Twenty 20 Internationals against the West Indies with the series-opener in Mumbai on December 6 followed by matches in Thiruvananthapuram (December 8) and Hyderabad (December 11).

The three ODIs will be played in Chennai (December 15), Visakhapatnam (December 18) and Cuttack (December 22). A side strain and a hamstring injury forced seamer Bhuvneshwar to come back midway from the tour of West Indies in August.

The Indian squad bears a full-strength look with skipper Virat Kohli back at the helm and his deputy Rohit Sharma also not opting for a break. Kohli coming back meant that Sanju Samson, who was included in the last series as specialist batsman had to go out without getting a match. It is learnt that Samson wasn't seen as a back-up keeper.

Senior opener Shikhar Dhawan, despite his poor run of form, gets another go at the top while in-form speedster Mohammed Shami and left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav were back in the shortest format after some time. Krunal Pandya, who had been a regular feature in the T20 setup for a year has been dropped, with Ravindra Jadeja back after a break.

The pace bowling departments in both squads bear a familiar look with Bhuvneshwar and Shami leading the way. It is expected that Jasprit Bumrah will join the duo soon and, along with Deepak, could be the main four pacers in white ball format.

SQUAD (ODIS): Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, KL Rahul, Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey, Rishabh Pant, Shivam Dube, Kedar Jadhav, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Deepak Chahar, Mohd Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar

SQUAD (T20IS): Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, KL Rahul, Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey, Rishabh Pant, Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Deepak Chahar, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

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gorical that day-night Test could be a happy detour, not the actual journey.

“I think this (day-night Test) can be a one-off thing (in a series), it should not be a regular scenario.”

Open to playing D-N Tests abroad

Eden has set the ball rolling, and Kohli's team are now open to playing day-night Tests away from home as well. But adequate preparation time is a pre-requisite.

“One before the Test could be a pink-ball practice game. If it's second or third Test, I would ideally like to have a longer break between the two Tests and have a practice game before the pink-ball Test whenever that is, obviously under lights. It can't be a pink-ball practice tour game before the series and the Test is actually the third game. That wouldn't make any sense,” Kohli said.

Last year, India had refused to play a day-night Test at Adelaide. But as Ganguly said he received a positive feedback from the captain “in three seconds”, when he proposed that the Eden Test be a pink-ball affair. So what changed? “The thing was to experience the pink-ball Test in our own condition first... Then eventually going on to playing pink-ball Tests anywhere in the world. It can't be a sudden thing. This one, we had been talking about for a while,” the skipper explained.

Naseem, 16, makes debut, Pak all out for 240

REUTERS
NOVEMBER 21

MITCHELL STARC took four for 52 as a middle-session blitz and some late new-ball fire-works helped Australia dismiss Pakistan for 240 to bring a close to the opening day of the first Test in Brisbane on Thursday. Pat Cummins took three wickets (3-60) and the third quick, Josh Hazlewood, grabbed two as the Australian bowlers took the honours on a sunny day at the Gabba.

Pakistan's Asad Shafiq offered most resistance to the barrage from the Australian pace battalion with a fine knock of 76 before he was ousted by a Cummins delivery that removed his middle stump. Left-armer Starc took the second new ball in the final hour of the day and made good use of it, dismissing Yasir Shah (26) with a trademark yorker and Shaheen Shah (0) in successive deliveries to put himself on a hat-trick.

Naseem Shah, the 16-year-old fast bowler who was playing his first Test, faced the next delivery and, without appearing to know much about it, managed to keep the ball from hitting his stumps with a thick inside edge. The teenager was the last batsman to depart, caught and bowled by Starc for seven to bring an end to a day that ebbed and flowed with long periods of Pakistani resistance punctuated by bursts of wickets.

“In the end, not a bad result,” said Australia captain Tim Paine. “We weren't quite at our best in that first session, we thought we bowled a bit short ... But apart



Australia's Mitchell Starc (not in the picture) gets rid of Pakistan's Yasir Shah on Day One of the first Test between the two teams in Brisbane on Thursday. *AP*

from that we stuck to the task and got better as the day went on.”

After losing the toss, Australia had been frustrated by an opening stand of 75 from Azhar Ali (39) and Shan Masood (27) in a partnership that lasted throughout the first session and into the second. The Australian quicks finally found their length, however,

and removed both in three deliveries before swiftly adding the wickets of Haris Sohail and Babar Azam for one run apiece.

That spell of four wickets at the cost of three runs had the tourists rocking and a rout looked in order when Iftikhar Ahmed departed for seven to leave Pakistan on 95-5. Cummins was fortunate to make the next

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WAQAR YOUNIS
PAKISTAN'S BOWLING COACH

breakthrough when he dismissed Mohammad Rizwan for 37 as the replays, when reviewed, showed what looked to be a no ball.

“I look at the scoreboard, it says a wicket,” Cummins added. “I'll take it but I was really nervous until they put the finger up.”

Asad clearly enjoys playing Down Under, however, and backed up centuries in Pakistan's two tour matches at a ground where he scored 137 when the tourists came close to chasing down an unlikely victory in 2016. Reflecting the discipline that the openers had earlier employed, he brought up his 24th test half century in a partnership of 84 with Yasir before Australia took the new ball and seized the day.

“We are not too unhappy but it could have been a lot better,” said Pakistan bowling coach Waqar Younis. “The first session we thought would be difficult we got through pretty well, but then we gave it away. We need a really good session tomorrow to be in the game.”

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan first innings 240 in 86.2 overs (Asad Shafiq 76, Azhar Ali 39, Mohammad Rizwan 37; Mitchell Starc 4/52, Pat Cummins 3/60, Josh Hazlewood 2/46) v Australia at the Gabba.

‘Freak’ Stokes torments New Zealand once again

Mount Maunganui: New Zealand targeted the wicket of “freak” Ben Stokes on Thursday as they battle to get back into the first Test against England at Mount Maunganui. The honours were even when the New Zealand-born Stokes went to the middle just before tea on day one with England 120 for three. But by stumps, with Stokes in imperious form, the score had doubled and England will resume on Friday on 241 for four, with the 28-year-old all-rounder unbeaten on 67.

“He's a special talent. He's a bit of a freak at times,” New Zealand short-ball specialist Neil Wagner said after Stokes clubbed his bouncers four times to the boundary. Stokes has tormented New Zealand this year after he played a key role in England's nail-biting victory on boundary countback in the 50-over World Cup final in July.

As well as dispatching Wagner's short stuff, he also showed a liking for the fuller delivery when he took four boundaries off successive balls from Trent Boult, including one that burst through the hands of the usually reliable Ross Taylor at first slip. It was a drop that frustrated the New Zealanders who had earlier seen opener Rory Burns survive three chances including a waist-high edge that went between Taylor and Tom Latham in the slip cordon. However, Wagner believed that despite England going into day two with six wickets in hand, the game was not out of New Zealand's control.

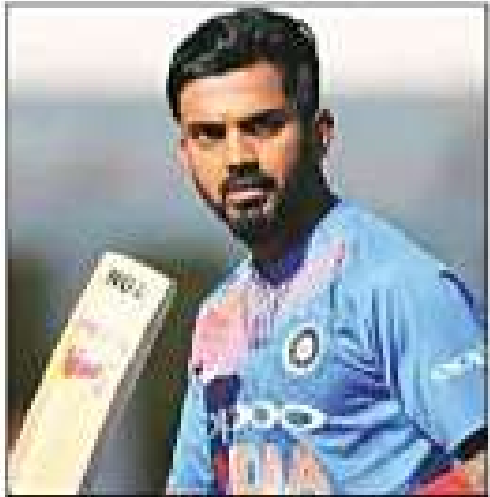
Stokes and Joe Denly (74) put on 83 for the fourth wicket to lift England after they had

slowly accumulated runs through the first two sessions against a New Zealand bowling tight lines. England's top three played their part in getting a safe start with Surrey pair Rory Burns (52) and Dom Sibley (22) putting on 52 for the first wicket before Burns and Denly added 61 for the second. Captain Root, however, took 21 balls to get off the mark with a two and then wafted at a wide next delivery from Wagner and was caught behind.

BRIEF SCORES: England first innings 241 for 4 in 90 overs (Joe Denly 74, Ben Stokes 67 not out, Rory Burns 52; Colin de Grandhomme 2/28) v New Zealand at Bay Oval.

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ROUND-UP



KL Rahul continued his purple patch in the tournament.

Rahul, Pandey star
in Karnataka's
9-wicket victory

Surat: Riding on blazing fifties by KL Rahul and skipper Manish Pandey, defending champions Karnataka thrashed Tamil Nadu by nine wickets to begin their Super League campaign in the T20 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2019 on a winning note here on Thursday.

Karnataka chased a stiff 159-run target in just 16.2 overs as Rahul (69 not out off 46 balls) and Pandey (52 not out off 33 balls) hammered a pedestrian Tamil Nadu attack in the premier domestic T20 tournament. Rahul, who struck six boundaries and two sixes, stitched a 70-run stand with Devdutt Padikkal (36 off 20 balls) for the opening wicket to lay the foundation of the win.

Pandey, too, was seen in his usual aggressive manner, hammering five fours and three sixes, as they toyed with the opposition bowling attack at the Lalbhai Contractor Stadium here. Earlier, put into bat, Tamil Nadu posted a decent 158/7 on the board with their skipper Dinesh Karthik leading from the front with a brisk 43 off 29 balls. After the two openers Hari Chezhian (15) and Baba Aparajith (10) fell cheaply, Karthik steadied the ship with Washington Sundar (39 off 25 balls) with a 76-run stand.

BRIEF SCORES: Tamil Nadu 158/7 (Dinesh Karthik 43, Washington Sundar 39; Koushik Vasuki 2-23) lost to Karnataka 161/1 (KL Rahul 69 not out; Manish Pandey 52 not out) by nine wickets.

Delhi hammer
Maharashtra, but
Dhawan fails

Surat: Opener Shikhar Dhawan's lean patch continued but Delhi still managed to register a comfortable 77-run win over Maharashtra in their opening Super League match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament here on Thursday. Delhi made 167 for five after being invited to bat and then produced a disciplined bowling effort to bundle out Maharashtra for 90 in 17.2 overs. Part-time off-spinner Nitish Rana stole the show with the ball with figures of four for 17.

BRIEF SCORES: Delhi 167/5 (Dhruv Shorey 48 not out, Himmat Singh 32) beat Maharashtra 90 all out (Ruturaj Gaikwad 42, Digvijay Deshmukh 9; Nitish Rana 4-17) by 77 runs.

At C B Patel Ground: Punjab 199/4 (Mandeep Singh 81 not out; Abhishek Sharma 72; Shahbaz Nadeem 2-27) beat Jharkhand 90 all out (Utkarsh Singh 24; Mayank Markande 3-13) by 109 runs.

At Lalbhai Contractor Stadium: Baroda 201/5 (Aditya Waghmode 88, Kedar Devdhar 64) beat Rajasthan 186/8 (Ankit Lamba 54, Arjit Gupta 41; Atit Sheth 3-34) by 15 runs.

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From Minimum to gold standard

Panwar, only 17, had been competing in MQS category for three months before underlining his class at World Cup final

NITIN SHARMA

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 21

DIVYANSH SINGH Panwar, all of 17, defied age when he clinched the gold medal in the 10m air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup final in Putian (China) on Thursday.

Panwar, who shot a score of 627.1 in qualification, edged out defending World Cup final champion Peni Istvan of Hungary by 0.1 point. But it was not the first time the teenager had excelled at the top level.

He had secured India's first Olympic quota in 10m Air rifle with a silver medal at the ISSF Beijing World Cup in April, and had been competing in the Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) category for the last three months as the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) sent other shooters for the year's last World Cup in Brazil and the Asian Championships in Doha.

Deepak Kumar secured the second quota for India in the event at the latter event. Thursday was the first time in three months that Panwar returned to top competition.

"Being so young and able to shoot in world-class competition shows Divyansh's strength. But on the other hand, the same enthusiasm and the abundance of talent can hamper such a shooter's confidence while competing in MQS," Panwar's coach Deepak Kumar Dubey, who has mentored him since 2015, said.

At first, he was a bit dismayed at the setbacks. But he didn't lose his belief. "Initially, he was bit disappointed as it took out the feel of competition but once he realised that it was done to improve chances of other Indian shooters to secure the quota, he understood. During training and MQS, his scores would be better than the qualification and finals. Today's gold medal is a proof to his ability and desire to face the world's best shooters and win."

In Beijing, Panwar had a qualification score of 629.2 to qualify in third spot for the eight-man final, where he tallied 249 to claim the silver medal behind home shooter Zicheng Hui of China. A month later, Panwar shot 627.6 to be placed 31st in qualification at the Munich World Cup.

On Thursday, Panwar made the final in third spot with his first series of 105.1 being the highest out of the five series. It was the ninth time in 31 World Cup Finals since 1988 that an Indian shooter had reached the final of the 10m Air Rifle event.

"He was shooting in a competitive qualification after a while but the fact that he only shot two scores below 10 in six series meant he was in good rhythm. During the last three months, we got time to change his rifle and also replaced its barrel to suit his style. Apart from that, we got an electronic trigger in the rifle with 10 gm of weight which made it easier to shoot with his long fingers," Dubey informed.

Tough fight

In a pedigreed final, Panwar was placed second after the first two series trailing Istvan by 0.4 points. The elimination series saw both exchanging the top two positions before Panwar had a lead of 0.7 before the gold medal shoot-off. The Jaipur shooter shot 9.8 compared to Istvan's 10.0. Panwar's last shot of 10.1 was bettered by Istvan's 10.5, but the Indian came out on top by the barest of margins.

"My focus was to shoot according to my strength and once I got into the rhythm in the first two series, I knew what to do. I took time before the final shot and did not see the score. It was only after the announcement that I got to know that I won the gold," said Panwar.

The last two years have seen Panwar spending time in meditation and Dubey is ready with new copies of the Bhagvad Geeta. "He now knows how to control himself and sees shooting as a video game, which he plays games once a week. We have taught him breathing control techniques and he carries a small pocketbook of the Geeta. His dream is to win an Olympic gold," the coach said.



Divyansh Singh Panwar won the country's first Olympic quota in 10m rifle in only his second senior World Cup. NRAI

Bhaker proves doubters wrong; Elavenil underlines her potential

NITIN SHARMA

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 21

ON THURSDAY morning, national shooting coach Jaspal Rana was sitting in the coaches' area watching Manu Bhaker in the 10m Air Pistol qualification of the ISSF World Cup final at Putian, China. The former junior world champion made a nervous start with a score of 94 in the first series - the lowest among the top 12 shooters in the qualification.

Bhaker, who had sealed India's first 2020 Olympics quota with a fourth-place finish in the Munich World Cup earlier this year, recovered to make her third final at the international level in the 10m Air Pistol this year with a qualification score of 578.

The final saw the Haryana shooter setting a new world junior record score of 244.7 to claim the gold medal ahead of Zorana Arunovic of Serbia. The gold at the World Cup Final was a huge achievement and helped her silence her critics after a middling year. Post her twin junior world titles in 2018, Bhaker had only made two finals out of six World Cup appearances. She had a gold medal in Mexico, where she shot 572 in the qualification and 237.5 in the final to win the gold.

Post Mexico, Bhaker had finished 47th in Munich and 30th in Changwon last year before finishing 14th and 17th in New Delhi and Beijing World Cups. A month after Beijing, she suffered a pistol malfunction in the 25m event in Munich World Cup but finished fourth in the 10m Air Pistol two days later to earn the 2020 Olympics quota for India.

On Thursday, Bhaker started on a confident note in the final as she finished the second se-



Manu Bhaker shrugged off an indifferent start to her season.

ries on the second spot trailing Arunovic by 1 point. The next four shots in the elimination round saw Bhaker emerging as the leader having build a lead of 0.2 points over the Serbian after the end of second elimination series. In the gold medal shoot-off with Arunovic, Bhaker maintained her composure and won the gold medal by a margin of 2.8 points.

Rana was pleased. "The fourth place in Munich, where she earned the quota made her believe again that she belongs to this level and we worked on her mental strength in recent months. There is nothing more to change in her technique. She has learnt to manage the ups and downs in her career," Rana said

Elavenil shines

The smog in the capital had forced 20-year-old Elavenil Valarivan to shift her training base

from Delhi to one in Chennai. It was her mentor Gagan Narang, the 2012 Olympic bronze medalist, who advised her to shift to his Gun for Glory centre in the southern state. Apart from getting relief from the poor air quality, the move to Chennai also allowed the young shooter to work on attaining consistency in terms of qualification scores.

The change of training venue took place just after she finished fifth in the 10 metre air rifle at the Asian Championships in Doha - where her qualification score was 629. She had been thereabouts for a while and Narang felt the qualifications score needed to be upped. As a motivation tool, he pasted a print out with the world record qualification score of 636 on it at the shooting range.

On Thursday Elavenil's score of 631.1 in qualification at Putian was a much better effort than what she has been producing recently. "When she landed from Doha, we did not want her to train in Delhi due to the smog issue. That's why we sent her to train in Chennai even though it was for just 3-4 days. Her qualifying scores have been seeing some fluctuations in recent months and I spent some time on making some minor adjustments to her weapon. To see her put such hard work and to become the champion in World Cup final, where world's top 15-16 shooters compete, is a special feeling for all of us," Narang said.

Elavenil's qualification score of 631.1 was her second best of the year in ISSF World Cups this year. In the final, Elavenil was up against Asian Games champion Zhao Ruozhu of China and two-time World Cup champion Coman Laura of Romania. But admirably, she didn't flinch. Cool head, steady fingers.

THREE PEATS

It was a 'Triple Triumph Thursday' at the ISSF World Cup Finals. In a first for India, three youngsters stepped up and conquered gold in Putian, China. Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Singh Panwar proved their mettle to become the best of the best in a year that also had a dangling carrot - the Tokyo Olympic quotas. But ahead of the 2020 extravaganza, The Indian Express takes a look at how the trio fared this season.

MANU BHAKER

Event: women's 10m air pistol
Highlights: Finished fourth at the Munich World Cup to secure a spot at Tokyo
Average qualification score: 576.8
Average qualification cut-offs: 577.6

The 17-year-old struggled to hit big scores in qualification in the first two events of the season - the World Cups in New Delhi and Beijing. But once heavyweights of the shooting descended upon Munich in May, Bhaker crossed the 580-mark for the first time in international events, scoring 582. It was here that she captured India's first Olympic quota in her event. Post that she scored 580 in the MQS section at the Rio World Cup - which would have taken her to the final - before just about making the final in Putian with a 578 (the cut-off was also 578).

ELAVENIL VALARIVAN

Event: women's 10 m air rifle
Highlights: Won gold at the Rio World Cup
Average qualification score: 629.12
Average qualification cut-offs: 628.52



The world no 3's qualification scores improved as the season went by. In New Delhi she scored 625.3, followed by a 626.9 in Beijing. She qualified for the final for the first time in the year at Munich, scoring a strong 632.7 (finishing fourth overall), and then won gold after scoring 629.4 in the qualifiers and a 251.7 in the final. She kept up the momentum again in Putian where she scored 631.3, well ahead of the 627.9 cut-off, and won a close-fought race to gold with a score of 250.8 (second placed Ying Shin Lin scored 250.7).

DIVYANSH SINGH PANWAR

Event: men's 10m air rifle
Highlights: Won silver at the Beijing World Cup
Average qualification score: 627.8
Average qualification cut-offs: 627.78

The talented 17-year-old from Rajasthan has been one of the finds of Indian shooting this year. In his first ever season where he's competed in the senior level, Panwar won the country's first Olympic quota in his event in only his second senior World Cup. His qualification scores have been largely consistent and around the 627-mark - the only time he went beyond, scoring a 629.2 in Beijing, he won silver. His average qualification time among the four World Cups and the Finals though is barely 0.02 points better than the average cut-offs in these events. Improving his qualification will be crucial next year.

SHAHID JUDGE

Fourth in the group, but Stimac stays buoyant

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE

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INDIA MAY be fourth in a five-team group, with half-a-dozen walking wounded in the squad and strikers struggling to manage even a shot on target, let alone scoring goals. Coach Igor Stimac, however, prefers to look at India's stumbling 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup qualifying campaign in a different way.

"In the last qualifiers, there were 5 consecutive defeats. Now we have 3 draws 2 defeats. Last time we had 0 points. Now we have three points. We are on our way to achieve what we promised... competing in Asian Cup," Stimac said, defending his team that is yet to win a match so far.

The Croatian's analysis did not end there. "You take numbers from Asian Cup under (Stephen) Constantine and the last 5 games: average number of passes at Asian Cup - 242; now 400. Passing accuracy was 67 percent. Now 82 percent. We reduced long passes from 25 percent to 15. We developed match tempo which is meant for running quality in game," Stimac said.

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India football coach Igor Stimac with I-League players and the trophy in New Delhi. The 13th edition of the league will start on November 30.

Afghanistan were a disappointment for the team, India's inability to launch even one meaningful attack against Oman once again exposed the weakness up front.

India have scored just three goals in the five matches so far and apart from Sunil Chhetri, no other player has looked like converting the chances that come the team's way. Stimac seemed helpless to solve the problem. "Can you mention one Indian player who plays a striker in the league? Why do you expect we are going to score a goal in international level

if we do not have a striker in the league. I don't work with players on a daily basis. I work with them five days before the game," he said.

Stimac was speaking on the sidelines of the launch of the new I-League season, which gets underway on November 30 with Aizawl hosting Mohun Bagan. For the first time since it was launched 12 years ago, the league will be the second division after the Indian Super League was granted the top-tier status by the Asian Football Confederation last month. Stimac, however, said he hopes to unearth a few play-

ers for the national team from the I-League. "All players in India team came through I league. It's up to them how they are going to perform," he said.

Perhaps it will be out of compulsion as several first-choice players are out injured. Against Oman, defenders Adil Khan and Rahul Bheke, along with midfielder Pronay Halder, joined the growing injury list which includes the likes of Sandesh Jhingan, Rowlin Borges and Amarjit Kiyam. These players form the proverbial 'spine' of the national team and Stimac admitted injuries to them is the 'most difficult' problem he is facing at the moment.

But lack of playing time for some of the key players also seemed to be on the back of his mind. Indian players - forwards especially - have found it difficult to break into the playing 11 of their respective club teams. Stimac hopes that would change going forward so he gets more options to choose from. "Once (Joby) Justin starts playing games, he will start scoring goals so I can have him in the national team. I hope few other players like Len (Dounel) from Goa start playing central forward position in few games and Manvir Singh starts scoring goals," he said.

India will play their next match in March at home against Qatar, before wrapping up the qualifying campaign with games against Bangladesh (away) and Afghanistan (home) in June.

'Retirement talks caught me offguard, but didn't bother me'

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

WORRYING ABOUT the venue is never an option when it comes to playing for India, asserted Leander Paes, days after several of his colleagues expressed reservations about travelling to Islamabad for their Davis Cup tie. A number of top players and captain Mahesh Bhupathi had refused to play in the Pakistan capital due to security concerns but Paes, along with Saketh Myneni and Jeevan Nedundchezhiyan, were available.

All three are now part of India's Davis Cup squad which will travel to Nur-Sultan for the November 29-30 tie, the winner of which will compete in the 2020 World Group Qualifiers. "I am very pleased to be playing for the country again. My job is not to worry about the location or the opponent, my job is to put my best foot forward. Given the circumstance, part of my job was to motivate the youngsters," Paes said.

"We did not want India to either default or forfeit this tie. When it comes to playing for India, I don't ask where and who my opponent is," he added firmly. Does it mean that Paes was not worried about his safety in Pakistan? "Regardless of where we play, we do due dili-

It has been a bit of roller-coaster but I am pleased we have brought the best team forward, going into this tie. As athletes, as patriots, our job is to play for. All things happening around tennis is not our focus. Out focus is to make ourselves ready to play for country and win."

LEANDER PAES

gence to make sure safety of the team is there. That being said, I knew that once venue was decided, players were picked, homework was being done and right measures were taken for us to play."

It was widely believed that Paes had played his last Davis Cup tie for India when he got the record-shattering 43rd doubles win while playing against China in April 2018. He was not considered for selection after that.

"There were a lot of rumblings going on behind the scene in the Indian tennis fraternity that Leander has played his last davis Cup tie but for me playing for my country has been greatest honour. It (the call) caught me off guard but I had enough time to prepare and I have done so."



‘Humble’ Mourinho not planning on big changes at Tottenham

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
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JOSE MOURINHO is not planning on wholesale changes as he tries to turn Tottenham’s season around and believes he is humble enough to have learned lessons from his failed spell in charge of Manchester United.

Mourinho replaced Mauricio Pochettino as Spurs boss on Wednesday after the Argentine’s five-and-a-year spell ended in the sack with Tottenham 14th in the Premier League.

The Portuguese has won 25 trophies in a storied managerial career at Porto, Chelsea, Inter Milan, Real Madrid and United.

However, his time in charge at Old Trafford ended in the sack 11 months ago having failed to win the league at a club for the first time since he left Portuguese minnows Leiria to

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TOTTENHAM MANAGER

join Porto in 2002.

"I am humble enough to try to analyse my career. Not just the last year, my career, the evolution, the problems, the solutions," said Mourinho in his first press conference as Tottenham boss on Thursday.

"I was humble enough to do that. The principle of the analysis was not to blame anyone else."

Pochettino was let go less than six months after reaching

the club's first ever Champions League final, but results domestically have been on the slide for nearly a year.

The Argentine had been keen for a bigger turnover of his squad in recent seasons to prevent his time in charge from growing stale.

However, Mourinho insisted he will not demand millions to spend in the transfer market.

"The potential of the club is huge, the potential of the players is great," added Mourinho.

"I don't need players, I am so happy with the players I have, I just need time to understand them better, to know everything about them."

"My gift is this squad, the squad is very, very good."

"One of the reasons I decided to come was them. I tried to buy some of them for different clubs, I couldn't. Some of them I didn't even try because you know how

impossible it is."

A return of just three wins from their opening 12 Premier League games leaves Tottenham already playing catch up to qualify for the Champions League next season, 11 points adrift of the top four, and already 20 behind league leaders Liverpool.

Under Pochettino, Tottenham made huge progress to become Champions League regulars and compete at the upper echelons of the league, but failed to win a trophy.

Mourinho, though, believes they are capable of challenging for the Premier League title next season.

"We cannot win the Premier League this season. I'm not saying we will do, but we can win it next season," he added.

"If we win titles it will be not the consequence of me, but of the club's work, this is a package."

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4.	PANIPAT M/s Maharaja Dairy Farm Partner 1 : Smt. Satiyawati W/o Sh. Ishwar Singh Partner 2 : Sh. Pankaj Kumar s/o Sh. Dinesh Kumar Location of Property : Link Road, VPO Kawi, Tehsil Madauda, Panipat.	One Dairy Building or cattle shed measuring area 2.224 acre constructed over a part of a. Land measuring 66 Kanal 14 Marla being 1/3 share out of 200 Kanal 4 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 17/17, Khatoni No. 23, Rect No. 212, Killa No. 1/2(5-18), 2(8-16), 3(4-2), 9(12-11), 10(8-2), 11(13-11), Rect No. 231, Killa No. 211(2-10), Rect No. 240, Killa No. 17(6-4), 18(8-0), 19(21(0-9), 19(22(2-4), 20(8-0), 21(2(3-16), 22(7-0), 23(7-7), 24(8-9), Rect No. 241, Killa No. 6(7-7), 7(10(0-18), 25(8-0), Rect No. 270, Killa No. 19(8-0), 22(8-0), 23(8-0), Rect No. 280, Killa No. 1(8-0), 2(8-0), 3(8-0), 10(8-0), Rect No. 281, Killa No. 5(15-11), b. Land measuring 0 Kanal 18 Marla being 1/5 share out of 1 Kanal 16 marla comprised in Khewat No. 44/41, Khatoni No. 52, Rect No. 280, Killa No. 12(1/2(0-10), Rect No. 281, Killa No. 15(2(2(0-6), 16(2(1(0-1), 24(2(2(0(0-3), 24(2(3(0-16), c. Land measuring 10 Kanal 15 Marla being 1/3 share out of 32 Kanal 5 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 46/42 min, Khatoni No. 54, Rect No. 280, Killa No. 20(2(7-11), Rect No. 281, Killa No. 15(2(1(0-10), 16(2(7(7-10), 17(1(1-13), 24(1(2-18), 24(2(1(1-1), 25(8-0), d. Land measuring 2 Kanal 5 Marla being 1/5 share out of 4 Kanal 11 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 104/100, Khatoni No. 130, Rect No. 240, Killa No. 2(19(2-8), 8(2(2-3) e. Land measuring 9 Kanal 2 Marla being 1/5 share out of 18 Kanal 4 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 99/2914, Khatoni No. 1186, rect No. 269, Killa No. 25(3(2-4), Rect No. 270, Killa No. 20(8-0), 21(8-0), Total Land area 89 Kanal 14 Marla situated in village Kawi, Tehsil Madauda, Distt Panipat in the name of Smt. Satiyawati W/o Sh. Ishwar Singh.	05/06/2017/Physical	28.05.2015 Rs. 2708725/- and with interest upto 31/03/2015	Rs. 80,00,000 Rs. 8,00,000 Rs. 50,000	Akshay Kumar 9410034903 0180-2639789 panipa@ucobank.co.in	07.12.2019 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM
5.	KUNDLI Borrower: M/s Hari Om Automobiles. Prop. Sh. Sunny Gupta (Guarantor) Smt. Vimla Devi W/o Sh. Rajbir Singh H. No. 408, Old Housing Board Colony, Near Murthal Adda, Sonapat and Smt. Kamlesh W/o Sh. Randhir Singh H.No. 940/31, Malik Colony, Near Lovely Tent House, Sonapat and Smt. Jyoti Gupta W/o Sh. Sunny Gupta H.No. 10/802, Gali Sunaro Wali, Near Thakur Dass Banarasi Mandir Harwal Hatia Bazar, Sonapat.	All that part and parcel of the measuring 76.8 Sq. Yds. H.No. 747/5, in the name of Smt. Jyoti Gupta W/o Sh. Sunny Gupta Bada Jain Mandir, Near Harwal Hatia Sonapat. Bounded as under: South : Street Light, North : Mandir area, East : Mandir, West : House of Samsher Singh.	15/01/2014	15.01.2014 Rs. 2924976.68/- with interest upto 30.04.2016	Rs. 11,00,000 Rs. 1,10,000 Rs. 20,000	Mr. Pawan Kumar Mob. 9466527002 Ph. 0130-2219656 kundli@ucobank.co.in	07.12.2019 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM

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