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## RCEP TO BE SIGNED IN 2020; AUSTRALIAN PM SAYS DOOR OPEN TO INDIA

# India drops out of regional trade pact, says not balanced, other 15 go ahead

Neither talisman of Gandhiji nor my conscience permit me: PM



**EXPRESS IN BANGKOK**

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NOVEMBER 4

CLOSING THE door for now on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), India Monday said it will not join



With New Zealand's Jacinda Ardern, China's Li Keqiang and Thailand's Prayut Chan-ocha at the RCEP summit. AP

the 16-nation trade agreement since it "does not reflect its

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## Behind Govt's reluctance: Opposition from dairy to India Inc, Cong to Parivar

**RAVISH TIWARI**  
NEW DELHI,  
NOVEMBER 4

TRADE-RELATED concerns apart, the government's decision to suddenly back out of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Cooperation (RCEP) at

the last minute comes in the backdrop of an Opposition onslaught, subdued results in the Maharashtra and Haryana elections, and the government's own inability to hard-sell the trade deal to key stakeholders including the RSS, small

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## One dead, over 40 injured as terror strikes Srinagar

**ADIL AKHZER**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 4

ONE PERSON was killed and over 40 others, including nine women, injured in a grenade attack in the Lalchowk area, in the heart of Srinagar city, Monday afternoon.

Police identified the man who was killed as Rinku Singh, a resident of Uttar Pradesh. "He was selling balloons and toys in the area," J&K Police DIG (Central Kashmir Range) V K Birdi told The Indian Express.

Two of the injured are "critical", according to officials at Srinagar's Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) hospital. This is the second grenade attack in the Valley over the last



An injured at a hospital in Srinagar. Shuaib Masoodi

eight days. On October 28, 19 persons were injured after suspected militants lobbed a grenade in North Kashmir's Sopore.

Describing Monday's incident, officials and eyewitnesses said the grenade was lobbed in

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## GOVT & POLITICS

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## Finance Minister Sitharaman is guest at Express Adda today

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

STEERING THE economy out of a deepening slowdown and putting it back on a high growth trajectory has been the single most important task for Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman since she took charge of the key portfolio in May.

On Tuesday, Sitharaman will be the guest at the Express Adda in Mumbai. The Express Adda is a series of informal interactions organised by The Indian Express Group and features those at the centre of change.

Amid a series of growth measures announced by the



Took charge of Finance in May



government over the last three months, Sitharaman unveiled the biggest corporate tax reform in India's recent history by cutting the tax rate for domestic companies to 22 per cent, excluding surcharge and cess, and new domestic manufacturing companies to 15 per cent. The move has made India one of the most competitive countries in the region from a taxation standpoint.

Born in Madurai in a middle-class family, Sitharaman completed her Masters in Economics from JNU. Her mother-in-law was a Congress MLA and her father-in-law a minister in the Congress government in Andhra Pradesh in the 1970s.

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## Check if EC Lavasa used influence during Power stint: Govt to PSUs

**RITUSARIN**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

THE GOVERNMENT has written to 11 PSUs to verify their records for any exercise of "undue influence" by Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa during his tenure in the Power Ministry from 2009 to 2013.

The confidential communication dated August 29 was issued "with the approval" of the Power Secretary to the chief vigilance officers (CVOs) of the PSUs. It states, "it has been alleged that Shri Ashok Lavasa, IAS during his tenure in the Ministry of Power from September 2009 to December 2013 as



Lavasa was in Power Ministry for 4 yrs until Dec 2013

JS/Additional Secretary/Special Secretary used his official position to exercise undue influence to benefit few companies/associate companies".

With the letter, the Power Ministry has annexed a list of 14 companies — all engaged in power and renewable energy sectors — where the Election Commissioner's wife Novel Lavasa served as Director.

Also attached is a list of 135

projects awarded by various PSUs and state governments to companies of the A2Z Group, with details of payments to the tune of Rs 45.8 lakh received by Novel Lavasa. There is another list of 13 large projects given by various state governments to A2Z Waste Management Limited between 2009-2011 when Ashok Lavasa was posted in the Power Ministry.

The CVOs have been asked to "verify your records for any evidence regarding involvement in any decision making concerning or exercise of influence, in any form exercised by Shri Ashok Lavasa in securing any benefits to these companies/associated

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## Punjab water law change, delayed burning, wind pattern behind NCR smog

**ANJU AGNIHOTRICHABA & AMITABH SINHA**  
JALANDHAR, PUNE,  
NOVEMBER 4

THE PROBLEM of air pollution from paddy stubble burning is ultimately about a simple trade-off: between more smoke and less water.

Farmers in Punjab and Haryana have been setting fire to their fields after harvesting of paddy since the 1980s. That was since the time combine machines, instead of manual labourers, started being used for harvesting and threshing their grain. What has changed — and is

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causing the current environmental crisis that was described by the Supreme Court Monday as "worse than the Emergency" — is the timing of the burning. And that has significantly to do with a law passed in 2009: Punjab

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AFTER CLASH AT TIS HAZARI COURT

# Lawless at Saket court: Advocates beat cop, litigants

ANAND MOHAN J  
& JIGNASA SINHA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

A DAY after the Delhi High Court ordered a judicial enquiry into Saturday's violence at Tis Hazari court, where police and lawyers had clashed, a group of lawyers Monday took the law into their own hands, assaulting a policeman, and two litigants outside Saket district court.

Monday was the first day of a strike called by the Delhi High Court Bar Association and the bar associations of all district courts in the capital following violence at Tis Hazari, where a parking dispute between an advocate and a sentry of the 3rd Battalion snowballed into a violent clash.

An advocate suffered a gunshot injury, eight advocates were injured in lathicharge and at least 20 policemen were beaten up, apart from over 20 vehicles being damaged and set ablaze by lawyers. Both sides have blamed the other — police claim lawyers started the violence and attacked 3rd Battalion personnel, while

lawyers maintain police used excessive force and said firing inside court premises was unacceptable.

On Sunday, a division bench of the High Court ordered a judicial enquiry into the incident, suspension of two ASIs and transfer of two senior police officers.

The protest at Saket district court began at 9.30 am Monday, when litigants and even court staff were not allowed to enter. Lawyers gathered at the entrance of the Lawyers Chamber building and took out a march at the court, shouting slogans against the Delhi Police.

One video shot on a mobile phone, which local police are looking into, shows a policeman being cornered by a group of lawyers. One of them attacks the policeman with his elbow, slaps him and hurls his helmet towards him as he flees. Inside the court, several lawyers also tried to damage a locked up police post.

Later, a group of lawyers gathered outside gate 3 of the premises and tore down a Delhi Police signpost and cornered a litigant. He was assaulted by lawyers, who tore his clothes and kicked him.



Looking for a phone to call police and clutching his torn shirt, the litigant said: "I was speaking to my lawyer outside the court and they suddenly assaulted me. They also broke my phone."

DCP (South) Atul Thakur said, "Both videos are from today. The assaults took place on the road outside the court premises. The policeman has been identified as a constable from the South district. An inquiry is on. Policemen



Video grabs of Monday's incidents. Express

will report for court duty and this incident will not deter us." Police said they have received complaints from two civilians.

Inside Saket court, advocates gathered around staircases, while some entered courtrooms seeking adjournments citing indefinite protest. Even though there is an order directing metropolitan magistrates to sit on remand proceedings for undertrials at the city's three jails, advocates said

they won't allow the court to function unless the officers involved in Saturday's incident are arrested.

Advocate Yash Thakur said, "We did not even allow court staff to enter. Policemen have not dared to come to Saket court." Advocate Gaurav Tokas said, "We want the government to implement the Advocate Protection Act, which has been pending for a long time."

On the other hand, several ad-

vocates came out of Saket court's gate 2 and sat with their clients on the pavement. A woman lawyer said, "I am in solidarity with lawyers, but assaulting litigants is not done. For their safety, we are coming out and advising them on the roadside."

Meanwhile, at Tis Hazari court, retired Justice SP Garg reached the premises in the morning and inspected the lock-up area where the incident took place. Over a 100 lawyers had gathered in the area to burn an effigy of the Delhi Police.

Even though court premises were not barred for staff and litigants, the strike continued. Advocate Gurmeet Nehra said, "It was a peaceful protest..." DCP (North) Monika Bhardwaj said no violence was reported at Tis Hazari court Monday.

Meanwhile, the Bar Council of India urged all lawyers to resume work from November 5 and "not resort to any action that would tarnish our image..."

The Delhi High Court Monday postponed elections to bar associations at Tis Hazari and Karkardooma courts, which were scheduled for November 5 and 7.

## At court for work, constable stopped and slapped several times

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

ON MONDAY morning, constable Karan Yadav, posted with Mehrauli police station of South district, had come to execute a court order and was returning when he was stopped by a group of lawyers. In a video that has spread like wildfire since, a lawyer can be seen hitting Yadav with his elbow and repeatedly slapping him even as the policeman doesn't retaliate. As Yadav starts to drive away, the man picks up a helmet off the ground and hurls it at his bike.

The constable has now lodged a complaint at Saket police station, and his is one of the four complaints received by police against lawyers. While two

have been filed by policemen, including one alleging vandalism, two are from litigants.

Police sources also said lawyers gheraoed several naib courts — policemen who work as a link between the local police station and the court. "The group that assaulted Yadav spoke about the violence at Tis Hazari and abused him," an officer said.

One of the litigants who was allegedly assaulted, Ravi Parkash, told police in his complaint that he came to attend a hearing for his court challan when he was attacked.

"He alleged in his complaint that he was coming from the court when he saw a number of advocates, who suddenly attacked him with a steel rod. He was taken to a nearby hospital by a passerby," an officer said.



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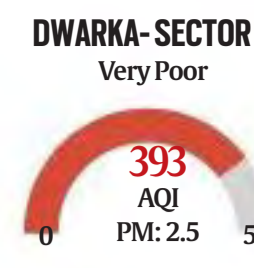
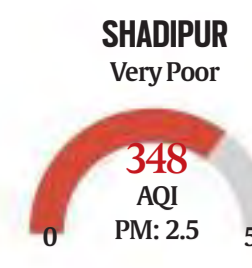
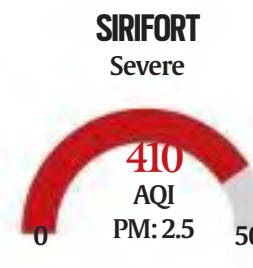
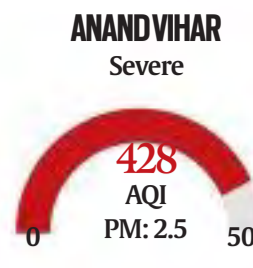
**DELHI'S POLLUTION IS DOWN BY 25%**

**BUT SMOKE FROM STUBBLE BURNING IS COMING TO DELHI SO, ODD EVEN IS BEING INTRODUCED ONCE AGAIN**

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

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**दिल्ली सरकार**  
Transport Department, Government of NCT of Delhi



0-50 Good

51-100 Satisfactory

101-200 Moderate

201-300 Poor

301-400 Very poor

401-500 Severe

## Some prefer waiting at Gurgaon, Delhi border till 8 pm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 4

AS IT approached 8 pm, a handful of vehicles with 'odd' number plates began lining up near the Delhi-Gurgaon border, waiting for the odd-even rule to be lifted so they could enter the capital.

Among them was Anand Mathur, a Dwarka resident who works at a private firm in Gurgaon, and had ensured he reached work early. "I usually get to work around 10 am. As my vehicle has an 'odd number', I ensured I crossed the border before 8 am today," said Mathur, who left work at 7 pm, his usual time, and then waited at the border.

The odd-even rule applies from 8 am to 8 pm in Delhi.

For Anantika Agarwal, who had gone to her hometown near Jaipur for a wedding and was returning to Delhi, the wait proved to be a needed break. "I planned my return in such a way that I reached the border around 8 pm. I have been driving for several hours, I'm using this time to check emails and texts," she said, her car parked by the side of the road.

Gurgaon and Noida residents who couldn't work around the rule either carpooled or used public transport. Anil Kumar, who works in a garment factory in Gurgaon and lives in Noida, said, "I still have to pass through Delhi... I'll probably travel with friends or colleagues as the Metro requires changing stations."

In Gurgaon, several commuters who usually travel by car took the Metro, parking at Guru Dronacharya station and heading to work. A parking attendant at the station said, "We've seen a 15-20% increase in the number of vehicles parked here today."



At the Gurgaon border, Monday. Amit Mehra

## MEANWHILE

### 'Share timings of scheduled power cuts'

New Delhi: The Delhi government directed power discoms to share with it timings of scheduled power cuts in advance, so that teams can be deployed to prevent use of DG sets. The direction was issued at a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Vijay Dev, where action taken reports by various agencies in controlling pollution were reviewed.

### Meeting on dust mitigation measures

New Delhi: CPCB held a meeting with urban local bodies — the New Delhi Municipal Council; Delhi Cantonment Board; the three MCDs — to discuss dust mitigation measures. "Dust mitigation strategies such as use of sprinklers, mechanical road sweepers and tankers were discussed," said Rashmi Singh, North body secretary.

### Construction ban extended

New Delhi: EPCA Monday extended the ban on construction activities in Delhi-NCR till November 8. Coal and fuel-based industries in NCR that have not shifted to natural gas or agro-residue will also remain shut. Non-PNG industries are to remain shut in Delhi till November 8. **ENS**



A vehicle with an 'odd' numberplate is stopped on NH 24. Police said 233 challans were issued during the day. Abhinav Saha

## CARPOOL EMERGES AS PREFERRED CHOICE FOR MANY

# Delhi begins to even odds against pollution: Day 1 goes off smoothly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

ENFORCEMENT OF the odd-even road rationing scheme Monday did not deter movement of people in the national capital as several turned to public transport, car-pooling and cab aggregator services.

Only private four-wheeler vehicles with even-ending registration numbers were allowed on the roads Monday from 8 am to 8 pm. Vehicles with odd-ending registration numbers will be allowed on dates 5, 7, 9 and so forth until the scheme is in place till November 15.

While most people appreciated the government's efforts to control pollution and congestion on the roads through odd-even, some said it might contribute marginally to improving air quality, which has been particularly toxic over the last few days.

Amit Sethi and Sanjay Saini, 43-year-olds from South Extension, said they travelled together to work in South Delhi's R K Puram. Sethi said, "This might have a minimal impact on air quality as the government has given many exemptions... on days when even-number vehicles are allowed, I will use his (Saini's) car and on odd-vehicle days he can use mine."

Under the scheme, implemented twice in 2016, exemptions have been given to women drivers, commercial vehicles, two-wheelers and e-vehicles. Private CNG vehicles were also exempted previously but have been included this time due to possibility of misuse of the exemption stickers given to vehicle owners.

### ON BOARD BUSES

**DTC BUSES**  
Ridership saw a jump on odd-even day 1

**8.27 lakh ridership till 4 pm**

**40.8% were women. Before the free rides scheme, share of women commuters in buses was 33%**

**6.97 lakh took buses till 4 pm on Oct 31**

**CLUSTER BUSES**

**2.66 lakh ridership till 4 pm on Nov 4**

**3.47 lakh ridership till 4 pm on Oct 31**

Some questioned the move to bring CNG vehicles under the scheme this time. Anshul Sharma (41), who travels by car from Greater Noida to South Delhi's Bhikaji Cama Place for work, said: "Instead of including CNG vehicles in the scheme, the government could have carried out random inspections and imposed heavy fines on those found violating rules... I will use public transport on days I cannot drive."

Swapping of cars and carpooling were the preferred travel options of many commuters. Hem Upreti (34), who has a business in cosmetics, said, "I usually travel to Akshardham in my car... My friend and I will coordinate as he has a vehicle with an 'odd' numberplate."

Public transport also proved to be a plausible alternative for some. For the duration of the scheme, an additional 61 Metro trips per day

would be made to sustain the anticipated footfall increase.

However, regular Metro commuters said they did not see a significant increase in the volume of co-passengers Monday. K S Bisht, who travelled from Ghaziabad's Vaishali to Connaught Place, said his co-workers, who usually travel to work by car, did not turn to the Metro on Monday. "Some of them have odd-numbered cars and some have even, so they have decided to car-pool. They were aware of which days the exercise would be in effect so they were able to plan accordingly."

Anumita Roy Chowdhury of the Centre for Science and Environment said options like buses and Metro are often the last resort for car users: "People work out a wide variety of alternatives... among which bus and Metro come last in the order. This is actually an argument against waiting for adequate public transport before implementing vehicle-restraint measures. We must push for better public transport facilities but there are a number of intermediate options that people pick and choose from."

Traffic police officers observed that citizens had largely been co-operating with the move and there were less hiccups this time.

Sarjeet, a traffic constable outside NDLS's Paharganj entrance, said, "Its almost 12 pm and I have not issued a single challan. Usually, there would be a huge traffic jam at this point, since it is the railway station, but it has been very smooth. The air also seems a little better today."

Another traffic constable near GTB Nagar Metro station said around four-five violators were let off with a warning.

## Few challans issued, many violators let off with a warning

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

DAY ONE of the odd-even scheme was marked by "high-compliance" levels, with only 192 four-wheelers being issued challans for violations till evening, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Monday. Delhi Police later said that till 8 pm, 233 challans were issued.

At a press conference at the Delhi Secretariat, Sisodia said 170 challans were issued by traffic police personnel, 15 by officials of the enforcement wing of the Transport Department, and the rest by officials under the SDMs.

"I observed high levels of compliance while going to an event, barring two cars which may have had women drivers. We had, in any case, directed authorities to be lenient against violators on the first day. In a city where over 30 lakh vehicles ply daily, of which around 15 lakh were on the roads Monday, 192 challans is not a big thing," he said.

Environment Minister Kailash Gahlot also spent some time at the ITO intersection, carrying a placard urging people to follow the rules. Around 5,000 civil defence volunteers were deployed to create awareness.

While leaving his residence for work, in a car he shared with PWD Minister Satyendar Jain,

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the odd-even scheme was part of the Delhi government's efforts to mitigate local sources of pollution as "we cannot do anything to prevent pollution caused by external factors".

"I'm happy to announce that I've received reports from various locations in Delhi since 8 am, and there has been 100% obedience to the rules across the national capital," the CM told reporters.

On deploying additional buses, Kejriwal said he will take a call on pressing more into service based on reports from various routes. Against the target of hiring 2,000 private buses, the government has roped in around 850 so far, which will operate alongside the 5,500-odd DTC and cluster buses till November 15.

"I want to appeal to the traffic unit to ensure personnel are deployed at every junction. They should help with proper implementation of the scheme. I will speak to the L-G in this regard if necessary," Kejriwal said.

On the capital's pollution crisis, he said: "How can Delhi alone fight the battle against pollution in entire North India? The Centre and governments of other states have to deliberate together on the issue. Only the Centre can find a solution to the real reasons of pollution, which is stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana. Why are they blaming Delhi alone?"

## Goel's idea of protest: Gas-guzzling SUV with 'odd' number

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal car-pooled, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia cycled, and BJP Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel chose to drive his 'odd-numbered' diesel SUV on the first day of the odd-even road rationing scheme in the capital, when only cars ending with 'even' numbers were allowed to ply.

Goel's idea of a protest, which comes at a time when emergency measures have been imposed because of pollution in the capital, schools are shut and construction is banned, invited criticism from both the AAP as well as the Congress.

Fined Rs 4,000 by the traffic police, Goel said: "I am doing this as a symbolic protest against the Kejriwal government's failure to do anything in five years to curb pollution in Delhi. It is now enacting a drama and election stunt through the odd-even scheme."

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh hit back: "While the AAP government is trying its best to combat pollution, Goel violated the odd-even scheme in support of pollution... BJP has exposed their pro-pollution mindset."

Congress leader Ajay Maken tweeted: "As a lawmaker, how can Goel deliberately break the law? I've been the most vocal critic of Kejriwal, but I will never 'contribute to air pollution' as a way of protest. Grow up, Vijay Goel."

In response, Goel tweeted: "Dear Ajay bhai, You would remember that Gandhi ji, a lawyer, did satyagrah by making salt. Just like that, my protest against odd-even is symbolic too. Happy that you are most vocal about my actions and want me to grow up. Please concentrate on grow-



(Top) BJP MP Vijay Goel was fined Rs 4,000; (above) Deputy CM Sisodia cycled to work while CM Kejriwal (below) carpooled

ing your party also. Thanks for advice."

Goel had also violated the second edition of the odd-even scheme in April 2016.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal car-pooled with Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain and Labour Minister Gopal Rai to reach the Secretariat. And while Deputy CM Manish Sisodia rode a bicycle to work from his residence, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot travelled in his OSD's car.

Later in the day, Gahlot met Goel with a bouquet of flowers, urging him not to violate the odd-even rule as it was aimed at bringing down pollution.

The odd-even scheme will continue from 8 am to 8 pm until November 15.



## Spike in emergency visits as air worsens, suggests AIIMS study

ASTHA SAXENA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

A MULTI-CENTRE study funded by the Indian Council for Medical Research and conducted by AIIMS on around 1.25 lakh patients over two years found that there was an increase by 20-40% in proportion of patients visiting the emergency ward with acute respiratory symptoms as the air quality worsened.

The study, 'Effect of outdoor air pollution on acute respiratory symptoms in Delhi: A multisite study', was conducted at four centres in the city — AIIMS, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital.

While the other institutes are yet to complete the research, the country's top medical institute has got the initial findings, indicating a correlation between pollutant levels and daily percentage of patients with acute respiratory symptoms visiting the emergency ward.

At AIIMS, the research was conducted from June 2017 to May 2019. More than 56,000 children were screened in the paediatric emergency room and around 70,000 adults in the main emergency room. Approximately 20-30% had respiratory symptoms.

"We observed that there was a rise of 20-40% in patients visiting the emergency ward as air quality worsened. We also observed an increase in the number of admissions even when pollutants were lower than per-



Delhi's air quality worsened last week. Amit Mehra

missible limits. There is definite data to suggest that when air quality is bad, it leads to increase in admissions both in the paediatric and adult age group. The concern we have is that many of these patients become sick and require ICU care. Indirectly, it also leads to higher morbidity and mortality. We have patients whose condition worsened during this time," said Dr Randeep Guleria, AIIMS director and principal investigator of the study.

Daily pollution levels were obtained from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. Based on the data, researchers divided the days into worst, moderate and low pollution levels. Experts said the values of pollutants were mostly above permissible levels throughout the year. Data also showed that patients visited the hospital even six days after pollution levels had subsided.

Most common problems for which patients came to the emergency ward included an increase in cough, cold, breathlessness, wheezing and respiratory difficulty. Among adults, the increased rate of admissions were more common in the elderly and those with underlying illnesses such as asthma and COPD.

# SC questions odd-even logic, seeks data

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

QUESTIONING THE logic of the odd-even scheme introduced by the Delhi government to deal with the issue of pollution, the Supreme Court Monday wondered if it would make any difference as people who have to travel will resort to other means like taxis or two- and three-wheelers.

A bench of Justice Arun Mishra and Justice Deepak Gupta asked the Delhi government to furnish "detailed data based on the previous experience" of the odd-even scheme, and what difference it had made to pollution levels, by November 8.

Hearing the Delhi air pollution matter Monday, Justice Mishra told the state government counsel, "People have to travel and will use other means like autos, taxis and two-wheelers. It will add to pollution."

The bench also asked, "What do you plan to achieve by stopping these cars which create less pollution than autos and two-wheelers?"

The counsel replied that autos run on CNG and are less polluting: "What we are achieving is lesser number of vehicles on roads." On another question on "third-grade vehicles" on the roads, the counsel said the move will also encourage people to share vehicles.



The scheme is in place till November 15. Abhinav Saha

Justice Mishra, however, pointed out: "The issue is, even if you are stopping one vehicle, another is playing in its place." Another counsel added that not

all taxis plying in the national capital are CNG equipped.

Justice Gupta remarked that "we would have understood if the comparison was between

## As wind speed picks up, air improves but still 'severe'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

AN IMPROVEMENT in the city's air quality was noted Monday, with the measure of pollutants dipping a day after it hit emergency levels. However, the 24-hour average air quality index (AQI), recorded by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), continued to remain in the 'se-

vere' category at 407. On Sunday, the average AQI reached 494.

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at the India Meteorological Department (IMD), said, "Wind speed picked up Sunday evening and was recorded at 20 km/hour today, which helped in faster dispersion of pollutants. In addition to this, the sky above Delhi was clear and temperature increased as sunlight started breaking through,

which helped in the release of pollutants that were concentrated in the air."

Delhi's real time AQI improved rapidly by Monday evening, with the CPCB recording it at 376 in the 'very poor' category as of 8 pm.

Concentration of PM 2.5 and PM 10 also started falling rapidly in Delhi-NCR throughout Monday after reaching an unprecedented peak Sunday, well

above emergency levels.

As of 7 pm Monday, CPCB recorded PM 2.5 at 290, below the 'severe' category of 300, and PM 10 at 398 as against emergency level of 500. On Sunday, PM 2.5 had touched a peak of 560 and PM 10 665.9.

Meanwhile, the IMD predicted that a "shallow fog" could be seen Tuesday till 10 am due to an increase in moisture. During this time, visibility

would be around 500 to 1,000 metres but wind speed, of west-northwesterly direction, is likely to pick up again as the day progresses, improving air quality further.

On November 7, a light shower due to westerly disturbances can be expected as rain clouds are being seen around Delhi. This, coupled with high wind speed, would improve the AQI further, the IMD said.

# Man found buried in former landlord’s home was killed over relationship with daughter: Cops

AMIL BHATNAGAR  
NOIDA, NOVEMBER 4

TWO WEEKS after a final-year law student was found buried in the basement of a house in Ghaziabad, police have arrested the victim’s former landlord, his wife and their daughter for the murder. Police said the victim’s relationship with the landlord’s daughter drove them to commit the crime.

According to police, the accused — the landlord Munna, his wife Sulekha and their 19-year-old daughter — were returning to Ghaziabad thinking that they had thrown cops off their trail, when they were arrested at Sahibabad railway station.

The victim, Pankaj (27), had gone missing after Dussehra. His body was found a week later in the basement of the landlord’s house, buried in a freshly plastered six-foot-deep pit. Initially, an FIR had been filed against Munna and his family in which



The victim, Pankaj

it was alleged that they murdered him to take over his internet cafe business.

“After Pankaj’s body was found, several teams were making efforts to trace Munna’s family as they had left immediately after a missing persons complaint was filed. Munna travelled to Bihar and Jharkhand as he waited for things to cool down. When caught, he confessed that the relationship between Pankaj and his daughter led him to hatch the conspiracy,” said Manish Mishra, SP City Ghaziabad.

A law student from IME Ghaziabad, Pankaj was Munna’s

tenant for a brief period in September before he shifted to another house in the same colony. Pankaj ran an internet cafe and also taught Munna’s children.

“Initially, the daughter resisted Munna’s plan. But with time, Munna convinced her that she had been tricked. A week prior to the crime, Munna began planning and she became a co-conspirator,” said Manish Mishra.

Pankaj last spoke to his brother on October 8. The next morning, Munna’s daughter called Pankaj to her house and he reached at 10 am. Police said Munna chose this time as his other two children had gone to school. As he entered, Pankaj was allegedly ambushed by Munna and Sulekha, while their daughter helped tie him up. He was allegedly choked to death by Munna and his body buried in the basement.

A few days later, police, during their probe, noticed the fresh patch of cement in Munna’s basement and dug it up to find Pankaj’s body.

## WAS DRIVING IN SOUTH DELHI

# Architect says molested by group of men on way home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

A 39-YEAR-OLD woman architect has alleged she was molested and assaulted by six men at an upscale colony in South Delhi Sunday. The woman has told police that she was on her way home when the men stopped her car and attacked her. Police said they have registered a case and are investigating the matter to identify the men.

“I was returning home from my office around 7 pm when five-six men stood in front of the

car when I was five minutes away. I rolled down the window and asked them to move aside. All of a sudden, one of them rushed towards me and groped me. I was shocked and couldn’t understand what had happened. Another man joined him and molested me. When I tried to resist, they punched me on my face and pulled my hair. One of them tried to take my phone but luckily the phone fell inside the car. I started the car and sped... When I reached my house, I saw one of them outside, but he ran away on seeing me,” she told *The Indian Express*.

The woman said she is usually accompanied by a driver but it was his day off.

Police said they have received the description of the accused from the woman and are verifying details.

The woman further alleged that after the incident, she tried calling 100 and 112 but couldn’t get through. “After I couldn’t get through to the police, my neighbour helped me and we filed a complaint later at night at the police station,” the woman, a mother of two, said.

Police said there were no witnesses and they are trying to re-

cover CCTV footage from the street.

Atul Kumar Thakur, DCP (South), said, “We have registered a case against the accused on charges of voluntarily causing hurt, theft, wrongful restraint and using criminal force on a woman with intent to outrage her modesty. Officers are probing the matter and the accused will be arrested.”

The woman also claimed that 15 days before the incident, she had complained to a beat constable about a group of men who were allegedly “drunk and roaming around in the colony”.

## Retd armyman sent to 3-day police custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has sent a retired Army captain, accused of allegedly stealing several Army books from a library in Delhi Cantonment, to three-day police custody, after police told the court they wanted to investigate his suspicious activities in the military area. Mukesh Chopra (64) was arrested after he was briefly detained at the Manekshaw Centre from where he allegedly stole five books. Police said they seized four mobile phones from him and booked him for theft.

Police told the court that the books he had stolen were not available outside, and that the accused had also attended a defence expo where details of weapons were discussed. Police also said they found a suspicious email from Chopra to another man.

Chopra’s counsel Deepak Tyagi, however, said the books were available online and that the expo was an open summit.

Metropolitan Magistrate Vasundhara Chonkar gave the order for the three-day police custody. **ENS**

## JNU on boil as students claim ‘CRPF’ has entered campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

TENSION PREVAILED at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) campus as hundreds of students, who were protesting against hostel fee hike, marched to the administrative block after they claimed the administration deployed CRPF on the campus.

The students later marched to the Vasant Kunj North police station to file a mock complaint stating that the JNU Vice-Chancellor was “missing”, and also stuck “missing person” posters at the police station. Police did not comment on the incident.

In the morning, current and former JNU Students’ Union (JNUSU) leaders started sharing photos of CRPF personnel allegedly inside campus. Former JNUSU president N Sai Balaji claimed, “I saw scores of them entering from the gate that opens to the mall. It’s a shame that the JNU V-C wants to jail 8,500 students.”

Word spread and students mobilised at Sabarmati Dhaba from where the march to “find



The students marched to the administrative block. *Express*

our V-C” began. JNUSU has alleged that ever since the hike in hostel fee and other changes to the hostel manual were passed on October 28, Kumar has gone incommunicado and doesn’t even visit his office.

Addressing students on loudspeaker at the administrative block, JNUSU vice-president Saket Moon said, “You (administration) cannot just pass these changes without us or hostel presidents. You have to take our permission.”

Despite several attempts,

JNU officials were unavailable for comment.

Registrar Pramod Kumar put out an “appeal” on the JNU website, saying he would talk to various hostel presidents on the issues. “This is for the information of all concerned that the provosts of all the khands (blocks) will be meeting the hostel presidents on November 6 to have a detailed discussion on the students’ concerns. The hostel presidents are requested to come up with ideas and suggestions from students...” he said.

## Nitish Katara murder: SC rejects Vikas Yadav’s plea

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Monday turned down Nitish Katara murder accused Vikas Yadav’s plea for parole.

Vikas and his cousin Vishal Yadav were sentenced to 25 years in jail for kidnapping and murdering Katara, a business executive whom they suspected was having an affair with the former’s sister, in 2002. “No. You complete your 25 years,” a bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Surya Kant said. The court also refused to allow him to withdraw the petition and raise the prayer again later.

Vikas’s counsel said he had been incarcerated for 17.5 years without parole and that it was his “fundamental right”. **ENS**

## Firing outside Hans Raj Hans office, man held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

AT LEAST two shots were fired outside BJP MP Hans Raj Hans’s office in Rohini Monday evening, allegedly by a 51-year-old man over what police suspect is “personal enmity”. The incident took place around 5.40 pm when nobody was present at Hans’s locked office in Rohini Sector 7. A glass door of the office shattered.


Police said the accused, Rameshwar Peahalwan — a resident of Bawana and a wrestling coach at Swami Shraddhanand College — was arrested soon after.

DCP (Rohini) S D Mishra said, “A person wearing a kesari kurta and white pajama fired

two shots outside the MP’s office. As per eyewitness accounts, the assailant was drunk. He came in a blackish grey or black Alto and left after firing.”


Vaibhav Mishra, PA to Hans, said the MP was scheduled to sit at the Rohini office at 5 pm but couldn’t make it on time. “Hans asked me to come to Western Court instead and I left from the office at 4.45 pm... later I heard gunshots were fired there,” said Mishra.

“The vehicle and the weapon — a licensed pistol — have been recovered. A personal grouse appears to be the motive behind the incident,” said Mishra. Police said they have been unable to question the accused as he was allegedly in an inebriated state.



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# 6 GOVT & POLITICS



## DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



Ghulab Nabi Azad and other leaders during the meeting in New Delhi. Prem Nath Pandey

## UNUSUAL STANCE

While the SP, BSP, NCP and AAP stayed away from a meeting of like-minded Opposition parties convened by the Congress, Left parties took an interesting stance. CPI general secretary D Raja, his party colleague Binoy Viswam and CPM's T K Rangarajan attended the meeting but skipped the joint press conference addressed by Ghulam Nabi Azad and other Opposition leaders including the TMC representative. It is not known whether all three Left leaders had any pressing engagement that prompted them to skip the press conference.

## STRONG REACTION

WHILE THERE is palpable anger against the authorities over the poor air quality in the national capital, politicians have been blaming each other for the situation. An official who was at the receiving end was Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog. Kant tweeted photos from his holiday destination in Kerala with the hashtag pollutionKills. "Away from the hustle, bustle of Delhi in God's Own Country where I have lived, worked and served the people of the State. This is where I will settle down in life," he tweeted. Having taken an initiative in promoting Kerala tourism during his tenure there, Kant may have tried to send a message through the tweet. But the social media did not take it kindly. They asked what he had done, as an influential bureaucrat in policy-making, and why he had run away. Some accused him of being insensitive.

## IN THE BALANCE

RIGHTSIZING IS the buzz in the Railway Board as Minister Piyush Goyal has once again desired that more officers need to be posted in the fields in operational roles. A list of 15 Additional Member posts newly created for the ministry from various services, as part of normal cadre restructuring exercise, hangs in the balance as these posts may also now be operated from other offices outside the ministry under different designations.

### WHATSAPP SURVEILLANCE ROW

## Oppn parties set to urge Kovind for SC-monitored probe

**MANOJ CGG**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

KEENTO keep the WhatsApp surveillance row alive until the winter session of Parliament starts on November 18, a group of opposition parties led by the Congress are preparing to approach President Ram Nath Kovind soon and seek his intervention for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the cases of alleged hacking. Opposition leaders said the issue would be raised in Parliament when it reopens.

Leaders of opposition parties who attended a meeting convened by the Congress on Monday signed on a memorandum drafted by the party, to be submitted to the President seeking his intervention. Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad is learnt to have told the leaders during the meeting that an appointment with the President is being sought. If the Opposition leaders fail to get an audience with the President, the memorandum will be sent to him, it is learnt. "Opposition leaders had been on the hit-list since day one. We discussed the issue. We will take a decision (on what the parties will do) soon," Azad said.

## Chhattisgarh govt to protest against Centre over paddy procurement

**DIPANKAR GHOSE**  
RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 4

THE CONGRESS government in Chhattisgarh is looking to up the ante against the Centre on the issue of paddy procurement, with plans to hold a protest in Delhi on November 15. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had reiterated in October the demand to let them acquire paddy at Rs 2,500 per quintal from the Centre and for it to buy excess paddy into

the central pool. Baghel said on Sunday that the central government had turned down this request. He added that the Congress would continue to urge the Centre to relax its stance. The issue of buying paddy at Rs 2,500 per quintal has been a contentious matter in Chhattisgarh's politics for long. It was this promise that was often repeated by leaders and then Congress president Rahul Gandhi during the 2018 election campaign.

# Maharashtra tussle plays out in Delhi

## Fadnavis gets Shah nod for Sena talks

**LIZ MATHEW**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

ON A day Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut met Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh in Mumbai amid the ongoing tussle between the pre-election partners over government formation in the state, BJP national president Amit Shah is learnt to have given green signal to the party to begin backroom negotiations with Sena, although BJP is unlikely to give in to many of the latter's "lofty" demands.

In a meeting with Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in New Delhi, Shah is learnt to have indicated that BJP will deal with Sena in equal terms to form government but should not agree to give up the post of chief minister, or even the Home portfolio, sources said.

Fadnavis, who returned to Mumbai by Monday evening, may meet Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray. "He may even go to Matoshree (the Thackeray family residence) to seal the deal once discussions are done," a party source familiar with the developments said.

A BJP leader said: "There is no ambiguity in the leadership that there will be a BJP-Shiv Sena government in Maharashtra. So far we have not felt concerned about the situation. Every political party bargains; we don't read too much into the (Sena's) rhetoric."

This leader added that BJP would also explore all possibilities to bring in as many MLAs as possible to make itself stronger in the Assembly.



Amit Shah with Devendra Fadnavis in New Delhi. PTI

After his meeting with Shah, which lasted about 40 minutes, Fadnavis met BJP general secretary Bhupendra Yadav, the party's election in-charge for Maharashtra.

Although BJP could initiate backroom negotiations soon, any formal meeting will come only after reaching an understanding over the final power-sharing formula, sources said. BJP's national leadership is of the view that the party does not need to "bend backwards", as there are not many options before the Shiv Sena.

Sources said the Congress leadership's apparent unwillingness to back the Sena — either by being part of a Sena-NCP-Congress government or supporting it from outside — has also emboldened the BJP. While the BJP is unlikely to agree for giving away even the Home portfolio, a party leader said the post of deputy CM for the Sena could be discussed only after two sides come to the table for talks. BJP leaders claimed that the Sena has stalled all possible opportunities for discussions.

## Pawar meets Sonia: Can't say what happens in future

**MANOJ CGG & MANOJ MORE**  
NEW DELHI, PUNE, NOV 4

AS THE tussle between the BJP and Shiv Sena over government formation in Maharashtra showed no signs of easing, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Monday met Congress president Sonia Gandhi. After the meeting, he signalled that the two parties are keeping all their options open. He said the NCP and Congress don't have the numbers to form an alternative government "as on today" but added he "can't say what will happen" in the future.

The Sena, which has been demanding rotational chief ministership, had signalled that it was in touch with both the NCP and Congress. A section of the Congress leadership in Maharashtra is in favour of exploiting the rift in the Sena-BJP and top leaders had last week briefed Sonia about the evolving situation in the state. Pawar said he will meet Sonia again in the next couple of days after discussing the situation with his colleagues in Mumbai.

Asked if it was a bargaining game going on between the BJP and Sena, Pawar said, "It doesn't seem to be a bargaining game...I think the game between the two is serious."

On a question of whether the NCP and Congress are willing to explore the options for formation of an alternative government, he said, "At least as on today that number is not with us. The mandate which the public has given



Sharad Pawar at Sonia Gandhi's residence. Prem Nath Pandey

(to us) is to sit in opposition. But can't say what will happen."

He said he had discussions with Congress and NCP leaders in Mumbai where it was decided that the Congress leadership in Delhi should be briefed about the situation. "So I met Mrs Gandhi. A K Antony was also present and I briefed them the ground level situation of Maharashtra," he said.

"In the last few days we are observing that the Sena has taken a very strong line against the BJP. They are consistently writing in their mouthpiece against the BJP and they are also consistently demanding that the government which they would like to form (should be) under their leadership and of course with the support of the BJP. But this is an internal issue. So I have briefed all this to Mrs Gandhi and we have decided to meet again," he said.

Pawar said the mood of the people is against the BJP but said he has not discussed anything related to government formation

with the Sena. Rajya Sabha MP and Sena leader Sanjay Raut had met Pawar last week. Pawar downplayed his meeting with Raut and argued such discussions will have to be with Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray. "The BJP and their allies have the numbers. It is their responsibility to form the government. We are watching what they are doing," he said.

"Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray has not spoken to me...neither have they given us any proposal nor have we given them..." he said. Asked if one could see Sharad Pawar coming back as Maharashtra CM, he said a categorical "no".

Sena indicated that it would seek support of the NCP and Congress if the situation arises. "I saw Pawar saheb's press conference in New Delhi where he said the Sena has not sought any support from the NCP. I just want to say that back-channel discussions are underway with the NCP and Congress..." Raut said.

# Cong moves SC with audio clip, BSY says fabricated

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 4

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday attempted to distance himself from 17 disqualified Congress and JD(S) MLAs and an audio recording in which he is purportedly heard admitting that defections of the MLAs was an operation carried out by the BJP with approval of party leaders at the highest level.

Yediyurappa, who earlier did not deny that he made the speech at a BJP core committee meeting in Hubballi last week, said: "It is all false. They have fabricated the tape; it is a lie. There is no connection between us and them (rebel MLAs)."

The development comes on a day the state Congress placed the audio before the Supreme Court, which is hearing on disqualification of the MLAs under anti-defection law.

An SC bench headed by Justice N V Ramana said it will consult CJI Ranjan Gogoi for constituting the bench on Tuesday to consider the fresh material given by Karnataka Congress, PTI reported from Delhi.

The audio clip surfaced on social media late last week.

Asked about the audio, Yediyurappa had earlier not directly denied making the speech. "Everyone knows what I said in Hubballi," he had stated.

With the Congress trying to use the contents of the audio in



BS Yediyurappa

an effort to prove that the 17 MLAs did not quit on their own, but had defected to BJP, Yediyurappa on Monday accused Congress leader Siddaramaiah of having triggered their exit. He said: "The reason for their exit is the Congress leader (Siddaramaiah). Now he is making allegations against us. If you have guts, face the elections (in those constituencies). Where they (rebels) contest from is their decision. How does it concern me?"

On Karnataka Congress's move to request the top court to take on record the audio clip, the Karnataka CM said, "This is an attempt to create problems in Supreme Court."

In response, Siddaramaiah charged the Chief Minister with double-speak. "He has changed the story after being pulled up by his party high command," the former CM said. "It is his own party's people who have done it (leaked the audio). It was an internal meeting of BJP. Beware, Mr Yediyurappa, there

### HARYANA ASSEMBLY

## Members take oath, Gian Chand Gupta elected Speaker

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4

BJP MLA from Panchkula, Gian Chand Gupta, was Monday unanimously elected the Speaker of the Haryana Assembly while Congress Legislative Party leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda was given recognition as the Leader of Opposition.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar proposed the name of Gupta, a two-time MLA and former mayor of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, for the Speaker's post. The proposal was seconded by Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala. The Opposition members backed Gupta.

In the Assembly election, Gupta defeated Congress's Chander Mohan Bishnoi, the son of former chief minister Bhajan Lal.

Earlier, pro-tem Speaker Raghuraj Singh Kadian administered oath to Khattar, Dushyant followed by nine women members that included three from the BJP, five from Congress and the lone woman MLA and Dushyant's mother Naina Chautala of the Jannayak Janata Party.

In the 90-member House, the strength of BJP is 40, its ally Jannayak Janta Party (JJJP) 10, Independents seven, Congress 31, and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) and Haryana Lokhit Party (HLP) one each.

Addressing the members Khattar congratulated Gupta for being elected unanimously. Khattar also appealed to the members to maintain decorum of the House and have healthy debates in the interest of the state.

are thieves in your own house."

In the audio clip, a voice similar to that of Yediyurappa is heard questioning BJP leaders for failing to back candidature of the 17 Congress and JD(S) rebels for the by-elections in December in the event of the Supreme Court allowing them to contest the polls. The voice in the clip is heard saying: "You know that the decision to obtain support of these 17 MLAs was not a decision taken by Yediyurappa alone. The national president of the party (Amit Shah) himself supported the move, and the rebels were kept in Mumbai for two-and-a-half months."

He also purportedly said, "No one has appreciated the fact that it is the sacrifice of the rebels that has brought us to power. It is like we have made them look foolish and crazy by trusting us. What was the necessity for them to topple the government by resigning? It was trust (in the BJP) that made them do it. They stayed in Mumbai... Why did we not discuss this issue until now? Because we were waiting for the Supreme Court's decision on the issue."

The SC had on October 25 reserved its order on petitions challenging disqualification of the 17 MLAs.

The Congress-JD(S) alliance government collapsed on July 22 after the confidence motion moved by then Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy was defeated in the state Assembly.

## All security arrangements in place: UP DGP

**Lucknow:** With the verdict in Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case expected soon, UP Director General Police Om Prakash Singh Monday said all security arrangements were in place and all district police chiefs, DIG ranges and ADG zones have been directed to identify people who were earlier booked for posting objectionable or communal content on social media. "The National Security Act would be invoked on all those who try to disrupt law and order through objectionable posts online..." said the DGP. **ENS**





## NORTH

## South African national held with satellite phones

**Dehradun:** A South African was arrested at Jolly Grant airport in Dehradun on Sunday with two sets of satellite phones. He was produced before the judicial magistrate who imposed a penalty on him and ordered his release. According to Dehradun police, Gascoigne Quentin Edward (64), who hails from Johanne-

sburg in South Africa, was caught with two satellite phones during security check at the airport when he was about to board a flight to Delhi. CISF personnel handed him over to Dehradun police. He was taken to Doiwala police station where he was booked under Sections 3/6(1-A) of the Indian Telegraph Act. **ENS**



**Supporters of All Assam Students' Union protest against the proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill, in Dibrugarh, on Monday. PTI**

## EAST

## Chhattisgarh policeman commits suicide

**Dhamtari:** A constable allegedly committed suicide by consuming pesticide in Chhattisgarh's Dhamtari, police said on Monday. Constable Ravindra Sahu (25) consumed pesticide at his quarters on Magarlod police station premises on Sunday evening and was shifted to a local hospital after colleagues saw him vomiting and in se-

vere distress, an official said. "Sahu was shifted to a bigger hospital in Dhamtari town but he succumbed en route. No suicide note has been found and probe is on to find out why he took his life," he said. Sahu hailed from Mongra village in the district's Kurud area and was posted at Magarlod police station since 2016. **PTI**

## WEST

## 5 killed, 40 injured in accident on Mumbai-Pune highway

**Pune:** Five people including a toddler, died and over 40 others were injured after a private bus fell into a 30-feet roadside trench on the Pune-Mumbai Old Highway on Monday. The bus was speeding and the driver lost control at the turn and the vehicle fell into the trench, about 30-feet deep. Five persons were killed and more than 40 have been injured in the mishap. **ENS**

Inspector Dhanaji Kshirsagar of Khopoli police station said, "The accident took place on a turn on the Pune-Mumbai Old Highway near Khopoli. The bus was speeding and the driver lost control at the turn and the vehicle fell into the trench, about 30-feet deep. Five persons were killed and more than 40 have been injured in the mishap." **ENS**

## SOUTH

## NCSC summons Kerala Chief Secy, DGP in Walayar case

**New Delhi:** The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) on Monday issued summons to the Kerala Chief Secretary and DGP. They have been asked to appear on November 11 for a hearing in connection with the acquittal of four people in a case of alleged rape and suspicious deaths of two Dalit girls at Walayar in Palakkad district.

The four were acquitted due to "lack of evidence," NCSC Vice-Chairman L Murugan told PTI. The commission wanted to know about the lapses and reasons for the acquittal of the accused, those responsible for this and the measures to be taken for their conviction in a higher court through a water-tight prosecution case, he said. **PTI**

## Govt looking at long-term solution to curb air pollution

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

AFTER TAKING stock of short-term measures taken by states to curb air pollution in Delhi, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister P K Mishra on Monday said a system will be put in place for a permanent long-term solution.

Reviewing steps taken by Punjab, Haryana and Delhi to tackle the air pollution, Mishra sought to know details of additional measures taken to check fresh cases of stubble burning in the last 24 hours.

"He appreciated the efforts being taken by all concerned and mentioned that after taking short-term measures, a system will be put in place for a permanent long-term solution," said an official statement after the meeting.

According to the statement, the Punjab chief secretary informed that he is personally monitoring the situation with deputy commissioners of various districts where stubble burning hotspots have been identified. He said FIRs are also being registered for violation of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. State government is taking action by enforcing necessary fines for violations of the Act, he said.

## 'Farm fires in Punjab seven times more than in Haryana'

**SUKHBIR SIWACH**  
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4

THE SATELLITE images by Haryana Space Applications Centre (HARSAC) have spotted as many 32,119 "active fire locations" in Punjab in comparison to 4,673 in Haryana between September 25 to November 4 (Monday). Harvesting of paddy crop started in both states this season around September 25.

State government officials said that the "active fire locations" are mainly indicative of stubble burning adding that Punjab is still facing severe problem of stubble burning, while Haryana only has isolated cases.

Also, Haryana has witnessed a decline in such incidents by more than 20 per cent this year in comparison to 2018.

Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar, Monday tweeted satellite images from HARSAC showing much higher intensity of fire locations in Punjab coloured with red spots than of neighbouring Haryana. HARSAC is the nodal agency for remote sensing under the state government's Department of Science & Technology.

"The Government of Haryana and farmers have together done their job," the state BJP tweeted. Khattar shared this tweet



**Satellite image of fire locations tweeted by Manohar Lal Khattar.**

Monday. "The states should refrain from playing the blame game on the issue of air pollution as the problem is not confined to a particular state," Khattar said while talking to reporters.

He added that apart from the burning of crop residue, several other factors like construction activities, vehicular traffic and burning of waste also significantly contribute in increasing the air pollution. Khattar also urged his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal to keep a check on such activities in Delhi.

"In the last 24 hours, only 70 cases of burning of agriculture residue has been reported in Haryana which is much lower than the cases reported in the

neighboring state of Punjab," he said.

Meanwhile, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Managing Director Kahan Singh Pannu said that the area under paddy in Punjab is more than three times than of Haryana. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Punjab Pollution Control Board Chairman Satwinder Singh Marwaha admitted that the situation had worsened in the state on Monday. "Only today some 4,800 active fire locations have been spotted in Punjab. We are making all efforts to keep it lesser this year in comparison to 2018. Till now, number of such spots is higher by 4000-5,000 this year in comparison to 2018," said Marwaha.

The government has also decided to set up 700 new Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs) at panchayat levels in most affected districts which are Karnal, Kaithal, Kurukshetra, Fatehabad and Sirsa. The farmers can hire machines from the centres to process the crop residue.

Haryana government has also proposed not to give benefits of government schemes to the farmers found guilty of stubble burning. Haryana Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture) Sanjeev Kaulhal said that they have sent a proposal to the central government in this regard.

(WITHPTIINPUTS)

## Punjab defends its Water Act: 7-day delay has helped state save 1,000 billion litres of water

**KANCHAN VASDEV**  
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4

WITH SUPREME Court on Monday underlining the issue of Punjab farmers being forced to change paddy cultivation pattern after enactment of Punjab Preservation of Subsoil Water Act, 2009, state government functionaries and agriculture experts said that saving underground water is need of the hour while there are several options for paddy stubble management.

Under the Act, the government has delayed the date for paddy transplantation from June 1 to June 20 in previous years. This year, it advanced the date to

## E Law delayed paddy sowing to save water

THE IDEA behind Punjab Preservation of Subsoil Water Act, enacted at the insistence of agriculture scientist Dr G S Kalkat, who was chairman of Punjab State Farmers Commission, was to delay paddy transplantation and not allow it during hot and dry days. This meant cutting down on consumption of underground water.

June 13.

The delay in transplantation is being blamed for stubble burning, as farmers say their window to prepare fields for the next wheat crop shrinks.

Defending the decision,

Punjab's Agriculture Secretary Kahan Singh Pannu said: "By delaying paddy transplantation by seven days, we save 1,000 billion litres of water. This is the total water consumption of Ludhiana, an industrial town, for two years.

## Cinemas shut, Kashmir admin starts screening movies in state auditoriums

**ADIL AKHZER**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 4

WITH THE cinemas in the Valley shut, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has started screening Bollywood and educational movies for the people in state-owned auditoriums.

To begin with, the administration has asked authorities in Srinagar, Baramulla and Kupwara to screen movies. It has directed Deputy Commissioners to ensure "deployment of police personnel around the location to check any law and order issue".

"We have started screening movies. Last week, we screened a local documentary. The first

screening was held for local officials. We will soon screen movies for the public," Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, G N Itoo told *The Indian Express*.

Srinagar Deputy Commissioner Shahid Iqbal said, "Two Bollywood movies have been screened in Srinagar so far. We are also planning to hold a film festival for children. I have asked for 50 documentaries from Delhi. They will be screened for children after their exams are over."

Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Anshul Garg said they have held four screenings since last Monday. "For now, we have restricted it to government employees only and are screening

films on government schemes. We are waiting for entertainment content from Doordarshan and the Information department," he said, adding that once the entertainment content arrives, screenings will be held for the public.

At a meeting chaired by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Baseer Ahmed Khan on October 22, it was decided to start the screenings in the three districts.

"At the outset, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir sensitised the participants about the need of using auditoriums for screening films, documentaries, which have educational, recreational value for general public. It

was decided that to begin with, this activity shall be started in Srinagar/ Baramulla/ Kupwara districts and subsequently in other districts as well," read the minutes of the meeting.

Till the 1980s, there were over a dozen cinema halls in different parts of the Valley. These were shut due to militant threats. In 1999, Neelam, Regal and Broadway halls in Srinagar reopened, but hours after the inaugural show, Regal Cinema was attacked by militants and one person was killed in the grenade attack. Neelam Cinema continued to screen films till 2010, but eventually downed shutters owing to dwindling audience numbers.



**Labourers after arriving in Kolkata on Monday. Partha Paul**

Among the 138 labourers, who returned on Jammu-Kolkata Express, five are from Assam. Of the 133 labourers from Bengal, 112 are from South Dinajpur, followed by Birbhum (8), North Dinajpur (6), two each from North 24 Parganas, Jalpaiguri and Coochbehar and one from Malda. Most of them worked in Srinagar and in

adjoining areas where they made wooden boxes for packing apples. "I went to Kashmir for the first time in 2004. Kashmir's environment was then much more work-friendly. Even last year, the environment was good. But after the government scrapped the special status, the situation changed," said Dipankar Biswas (39), a resident

Bangaon in North 24 Parganas. Ibrahim Sheikh (28), who hails from Nayagram in Birbhum, said the Kulgam killings scared him. "My relatives were very scared. They repeatedly told to come back. So, I came. Now I don't know what I will do. I used to earn around Rs 20,000 a month working in a paddy field in Baramulla. Here we can earn very less. We don't know, what to do now," he said.

Mohammed Mustafur (36), Nurshed Ali (32) and Rabiul Hossain (22) from South Dinajpur went to Kashmir just before the killings. They said they had worked there for 2-3 days but didn't earn anything. They added that they had spent a lot of money to go to the Valley and have no money left now.

Farooq Hussain (19) from Kushmandi in South Dinajpur had the same experience. "We are now basically penniless," he said.

## SC on pollution: Worse than Emergency

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

OBSERVING THAT what was happening "cannot occur in a civilised country" and that "we are making a mockery of everything", the Supreme Court Monday issued a number of directives to curb pollution in Delhi, including strict curbs with stringent fines on stubble-burning in neighbouring states and construction activity in the National Capital Region.

"This is worse than Emergency. That Emergency was better than this Emergency," the court said in an apparent reference to the state of Emergency that was imposed in 1975.

Lashing out at state governments for failing to stop stubble burning, and ordering urgent steps, the court directed the Chief Secretaries of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to appear before it on November 6.

The court also ordered a stop to construction and development activity in Delhi and the National Capital Region, and ordered a fine of Rs 1 lakh each for violators.

Justice Arun Mishra, who was heading a two-judge bench also comprising Justice Deepak Gupta, said: "Who is responsible? The state governments are responsible. They are only interested in electioneering. They are allowing people in neighbouring places to die. They have to be actionable in tort (a civil misdeed that requires compensation)."

Describing the situation as a "shocking state of affairs" and "blatant violation of Article 21 (right to life)", the bench directed the Chief Secretaries as well as District Collectors, Tehsildars and police stations concerned "to ensure that not even a single incident of stubble burning take place henceforth".

The bench asked various task forces set up by state governments to meet on Monday itself and communicate the steps taken to the court. "No farmer can be said to have the right to burn stubble because they don't have the time before sowing the next crop to

wait and turn it into manure... Maybe, it's their compulsion. But they can't create tort. It's violation of Article 21 rights. They are telling others that they can die... So we have no sympathy for them," said Justice Mishra.

The court warned that if there was any violation of the ban, the violator and officials from Chief Secretary to Gram Pradhan will be held responsible. It also asked the states to explain why they should not be asked to pay compensation for having "totally failed" to curb stubble burning.

It asked the central and Delhi governments to "work in tandem" on a "war footing" to ensure that there is no burning of garbage, which was also contributing to air pollution — and ordered a fine of Rs 5,000 each on violators.

The court directed that water be sprinkled on dusty roads and said the pressure at which this should be done will be prescribed by experts of the Indian Institute of Technology so that the dust is suppressed.

The bench also sought to explore the possibility of cloud seeding but dropped the idea after an IIT expert, who had been summoned, said it would not be feasible as the area involved was "vast". The court asked the state task forces and officials of the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) to meet and decide Monday whether to temporarily disallow diesel trucks in Delhi. It asked the states to ensure that power cuts were not rampant so that people are not forced to use diesel generators.

The bench said the situation repeats every year as the state governments, the corporations of Delhi and various civic bodies "are not performing the duties enjoined on them" despite various orders.

Justice Mishra said the Air Quality Index was 500 even inside bedrooms in Delhi and there were reports that people were being advised not to return to Delhi. "There cannot be large scale evacuation from Delhi. People have to work in Delhi," the court said.

## Bihar bans commercial vehicles older than 15 yrs

**SANTOSH SINGH**  
PATNA, NOVEMBER 4

ALARMED BY rising air pollution levels, the Nitish Kumar government on Monday decided to ban operation of commercial and government vehicles older than 15 years in Bihar. Private vehicles older than 15 years would have to produce fresh fitness certificates. The state government has also decided not to give subsidy to farmers found burning stubble.

The decision came during a review meeting and after the state government assessed pollution levels of Patna, Gaya and Muzaffarpur, which are among the 102 Non-Attainment cities of the country for poor air quality index.

The state government has also decided to set up a state-level committee chaired by the principal secretary, environment, forest and climate change department. The Chief secretary will monitor pollution control measures and their implementation.

The Chief Minister said at the meeting, "Rising pollution level is a matter of serious concern for the country. Bihar has also started facing it. Commercial and government vehicles older than 15 years would not be allowed to ply and private vehicles older than 15 years would have to produce fresh fitness certificates."

In 2016, National Green Tribunal had ordered deregistration of 10 to 15-year-old diesel vehicles in the national capital in a phased manner, citing the toxic emissions.

## Guard of honour for J&amp;K L-G on civil secretariat reopening in Jammu

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 4

GIRISH CHANDRA Murmu, Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour here on Monday on the reopening of the civil secretariat and other durbar move offices after six months.

After having functioned for the summer, the offices in Srinagar had closed on October 25.

At the civil secretariat, Murmu was received by Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, administrative secretaries and officers and employees. He held a meeting with administrative secretaries and discussed administrative issues.



**J&K L-G G C Murmu inspects the guard of honour. AP**

In another meeting, the L-G interacted with officers of the civil secretariat in an open house and sought suggestions to improve the quality of work. He reiterated the government's resolve to work towards ensuring good governance.

## Woman tehsildar burnt alive in office in Telangana over suspected land row

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 4

A tehsildar in Telangana's Abdullapurmet was allegedly burnt alive by a man in her office in broad daylight on Monday over a land dispute, police and revenue officials said.

Tehsildar Vijaya Reddy, in her mid 30s, died on the spot and two other staff, an attendant and a driver, were injured while trying to rescue her, Rachakonda Police Commissioner Mahesh M Bhagwat said, adding that the as-sailant suffered burns in the attack.

The man tried to escape but collapsed after running some distance from the office and was taken into custody and hospitalised in a serious condition.

The incident triggered protests by revenue department employees across Telangana, while political leaders condemned it.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao expressed deep sorrow over the tehsildar's death.

He spoke to police officials concerned after being informed of the incident, instructed them to book the culprit and take stringent action against him, an official release quoted Rao as having said.

The incident happened around 1.30 pm when K Suresh, a local resident who came to the



Abdullapurmet tehsildar Vijaya Reddy. PTI

office on a bike, poured petrol on her and set her afire using a lighter.

According to preliminary information, he was involved in a land dispute and approached the tehsildar over the matter, the commissioner said without elaborating.

Some time after he entered the tehsildar's chamber, there were cries following which Vijaya's attendant and driver rushed there.

"...but she came and collapsed outside her chamber engulfed in flames. The driver and attendant tried to extinguish the fire in vain and she died on the spot," Bhagwat said.

Both suffered serious burns in the process and were admitted to a hospital.

"The man is in our custody. He has suffered 50-60 per cent burns," he added.

Vijaya Reddy, a 2009 group-II officer, is survived by her husband and two children.

## STATE POLICE'S CASES AGAINST IPS OFFICER

# SC slams Chhattisgarh govt over phone-tapping: No privacy left

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

TAKING SERIOUS note of charges that Chhattisgarh government had tapped phones of a senior IPS officer, who had unearthed certain high-profile scams in the state, and his family members, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the state administration to file an affidavit explaining who had ordered this, and why.

"What is the need to do like this? No privacy is left for anybody. What is happening in this country.... Can privacy of somebody be violated like this? Who ordered this?" remarked a bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Indira Banerjee, hearing the plea by IPS officer Mukesh Gupta.

The court also stayed an FIR registered on charges of intimidation against advocate Ravi Sharma, who is representing Gupta.

Appearing for Gupta, senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani and advocate Pulkit Tare told the bench that the FIR was lodged against Sharma for sending a WhatsApp message to an official conveying the court's earlier interim order, restraining the state police from taking any coercive steps against Gupta.

**The court also stayed an FIR registered on charges of intimidation against advocate Ravi Sharma, who is representing IPS officer Mukesh Gupta**

The bench stated: "A lawyer has a right to represent a client.... Even if lawyer has sent a message, is that reason to register an FIR against a lawyer?"

The bench ordered that Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's name be struck off from the memo of parties, stating that the matter should not be politicised.

Gupta had named Baghel as a party in his petition, accusing the administration under the CM of hounding him and his family.

Gupta had approached the court seeking transfer of the probe into three FIRs, filed by the state police against him, to the CBI.

In an interim order on September 2, the court had stayed the FIRs and issued notice to the state and Baghel.

Gupta's plea to the court stated that as director-general of the state's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) and Anti-

Corruption Bureau (ACB), he had unearthed two major economic crimes — the "Nagrik Aapurti Nigam ("NAN") scam" and the "Alok Agrawal case".

The NAN scam concerned alleged large-scale corruption by various officers and employees of the State Civil Supplies Corporation, while the Agarwal case relates to alleged corruption by an executive engineer of the state Irrigation Department, which led to the recovery of more than Rs 9 crore cash from him.

Jethmalani pointed out that call intercepts had played a major role in busting both cases, and that charge-sheets had been filed and trial is going on in both cases.

After the change of government in the state following the Assembly polls in December 2018, Gupta was shifted as D-G, Police Headquarters, "without any work charge", the petition mentioned.

Subsequently, a Special Investigation Team was constituted to re-investigate the NAN scam and two FIRs were lodged against him and other officers in this case and the Alok Agarwal case for allegedly conducting illegal phone intercepts.

In the interim, Gupta was

suspended from service and a third FIR was lodged, accusing him or committing criminal breach of trust, fraud and dishonestly fabricating documents to get the property registered illegally, the petition stated.

Subsequently, Gupta moved another application in the case, stating that after the September 2 order, he and family members were being harassed by the state administration. In his application, the IPS officer claimed that Chhattisgarh Police had also "attempted to abduct" his driver from his Delhi residence, but this did not succeed due to Delhi Police's intervention.

The application stated that a complaint against him in connection with the 2001 case had already been dismissed by the Raipur Chief Judicial Magistrate court, which had called for a police report and found the charges "unsubstantiated".

As part of the "hounding", Gupta stated, the state government also withdrew his promotion, and that of two other IPS officers, from D-G rank on September 24.

Hearing the application on September 25, the apex court had restrained Chhattisgarh Police from arresting or "unduly harassing" Gupta.

## INS: Andhra order to have 'chilling effect' on media

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

THE INDIAN Newspaper Society (INS) has stated that Andhra Pradesh government's order empowering departmental secretaries to institute defamation cases against the media for publication of "false, baseless and defamatory" news items will have a "chilling effect on the media" and urged the state government to revisit it.

In an order on October 30, the Andhra government gave secretaries of government departments permission to initiate legal action on publication of false, baseless and defamatory news items against the print media through the public prosecutor.

In a statement on Monday, the INS said, "While it is the

right of the government to seek redress for wrong or defamatory reportage, giving the bureaucracy such sweeping powers will have a chilling effect on the media and vitiate the atmosphere in which the Press should function in a vibrant democracy."

The INS asked the government to take a relook at the order "so that the rights of the Press are not circumscribed, and the media is able to perform its tasks fearlessly".

Last week, the Press Council too expressed concern on the issue. The move has also drawn criticism from the Opposition in the state. TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu said in a series of tweets on the day the order was passed that "the right to question, criticise and showcase the failures of a govt is fundamental to democracy".

## Court summons Fadnavis

VIVEK DESHPANDE  
NAGPUR, NOVEMBER 4

A LOCAL JPMC court has issued summons to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, asking him to remain present in the court on December 4 for hearing in the case pertaining to his 2014 poll affidavit, which has been

re-registered following a Supreme Court directive on October 1.

The SC had ordered a fresh trial in the case on a petition by Nagpur-based lawyer Satish Uke, who had argued that Fadnavis had failed to mention two criminal cases in his 2014 affidavit and hence his election be declared invalid.

## SC to consider issue of denial of bail due to pending appeals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

SHOULD ACCUSED persons be denied bail because High Courts, being overburdened, are not able to speedily dispose of their appeals? A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Surya Kant decided to consider this while hearing the plea of one Khursheed Ahmad, who has been in jail for three years, and contended that his matter was not likely to be taken up by the Allahabad HC anywhere in the near future.

The bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist it "in evolving, if possible, solutions to the problem".

Ahmad, who was convicted in a murder case, had approached the Supreme Court against a HC order denying him bail on the ground that his appeal against conviction was pending before it.

Appearing for him, senior advocate Devadatt Kamat said the HC was not likely to take up the matter anytime soon unless an order for expeditious hearing was passed.

The SC, however, said "no order of expeditious hearing ought to be passed by any court without good and cogent grounds as the same may affect other litigants whose appeals are similarly pending".

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL  
BENCH AT NEW DELHI  
COMPANY APPLICATION (CAA) NO. 150/ND OF 2019  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2013  
AND

IN THE MATTER OF:  
SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION BETWEEN SANDARBH FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED AND DHARAMPAL SATYAPAL LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS  
AND

IN THE MATTER OF:  
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ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF MEETING  
NOTICE CONVENING MEETING OF THE UNSECURED CREDITORS OF DHARAMPAL SATYAPAL LIMITED  
NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Order dated 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019 of the National Company Law Tribunal, Bench at New Delhi ("Order"), a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the Applicant/Amalgamated Company shall be held at Hotel Holiday Inn, 13A, Mayur Vihar, District Centre, Delhi-110091, India on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019 at 2.00 PM, to consider, and if thought fit, approve with or without modification, the Scheme of Amalgamation proposed between Sandarbh Foods Private Limited and Dharampal Satyapal Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme").  
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Place: New Delhi (Chairperson appointed for the meeting)

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Complete application/Nomination should be submitted to the concerned District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) by **15.11.2019 by 5.00 pm**. List of addresses of concerned District Social Welfare Officers (DSWO) can be seen in the department website. Applications/Nominations would not be received after last date or incomplete application/nominations are liable to be summarily rejected.  
Dy. Director (PwD)  
Department of Social Welfare  
DIP/Shabdarth/0926/19-20

# Dalit youth ‘stripped, assaulted’ after altercation with eatery owner in Ahmedabad

VAIBHAV JHA  
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 4

A 30-YEAR-OLD Dalit youth was allegedly stripped and flogged, while two of his colleagues were also assaulted by a group of people at a roadside eatery in Sabarmati Toll Naka area of Ahmedabad on Sunday night. The owner of the eatery, Mahesh Thakore, has been arrested, police said.

A purported video of the incident emerged on Monday.

In the video, Pragnesh Parmar, a resident of Ahmedabad, is seen being stripped and then beaten with sticks and iron rods, by a group of persons, including Thakore.

The accused have been booked for attempted murder and under sections of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

According to the police, the incident occurred around 730 pm Sunday when Pragnesh, and his colleagues, Jayesh and Grinesh, arrived at the restaurant to have dinner.

Jayesh and Grinesh, who were also assaulted by the group, fled from the spot. Parmar was admitted to the Civil Hospital late Sunday night in a critical condition by 108 helpline team. His condition on Monday was reported as stable.

“The victim, along with his colleagues, had come to the eatery to have dinner. An argument ensued between the owner and Pragnesh after which, the former along with a few others, started beating them with sticks. The victim claimed that the accused also hurled casteist

abuses at him. An FIR has been filed under the Indian Penal Code section 307 for attempt to murder and SC/ST Act against Mahesh Thakore and Shankar Thakore. We have arrested Mahesh, who is the owner of the eatery, while the other accused will be arrested soon,” said R H Vala, in charge, Sabarmati police station.

Doctors at the Civil Hospital said the victim had multiple fractures in both legs and needed 20 stitches on his head and four stitches on his left hand.

“The patient is in stable condition right now. He will be undergoing surgery tomorrow (Tuesday),” said a doctor.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Parmar said a scuffle broke out when he accidentally kicked a few used dishes. “I was resting my legs on another chair when a few dishes kept on another chair fell on the ground after I accidentally kicked them. Mahesh hurled abuses at me upon seeing that. When I protested, he, along with his accomplices, started beating me with sticks and iron rods. They ripped off my shirt and also hurled casteist abuses at me,” said Parmar.

Parmar’s told *The Indian Express* his brother was targeted due to his caste. “...Even in the video, one can see that the perpetrators are beating him, while hurling casteist abuses,” he said.

Taking cognisance of the incident, Vadgam MLA Jignesh Mevani said that if all the perpetrators of the attack are not arrested within 24 hours, Dalit activists will call for a bandh in Ahmedabad. “We cannot let the culture of mob lynching take over Gujarat. In the past six months, there have been 12-13 murders of Dalits in the state and neither the state Home Minister nor the DGP is seen condemning these incidents,” said Mevani.

## DEMOLITION OF HOUSES

# Section 144 in Daman after residents protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
SURAT, NOVEMBER 4

A BANDH-LIKE situation prevailed in Daman on Monday, a day after people came out on the streets to protest the demolition of their homes on November 1 by the administration of the Union territory of Daman and Collector Rakesh Minhas imposed prohibitory orders.

Government schools that were closed for Diwali vacations were turned into temporary detention centres by two successive notifications by the Collector. The collector refused to meet a group of people, including six BJP councillors of the Daman Municipal Corporation, who had come to make representations on the issue.

On November 1, the Daman district administration razed around 90 houses that were illegally constructed on government land on the stretch between Lighthouse road and Jampore beach in Daman. A majority of the residents are fishermen.

BJP MP of Daman-Diu, Lalu Patel, wrote to Minhas requesting that the people “be restored their homes at the very sites they were razed, on humanitarian grounds”.



Residents protest at Ram Setu area of Daman. Express

Minhas said the affected families should approach the Collector’s office and apply for a house under Pradhan Mantri Jan Awas Yojana (PMJAY). The protests continued through November 2 and 3.

Minhas issued a notification on Sunday, enforcing section 144 of the CrPC. He also issued another notification on Sunday declaring the Government High School at Bhimpore in Nani Daman and Government High School at Zari, in Moti Daman as “temporary jails with immediate effect till further orders”.

“We removed 90 houses that were built illegally... Those who lost their houses can apply for houses at the Collector’s office under PMJAY. We will also arrange for the cheapest loans to the beneficiaries... There are some houses under PMJAY ready for which the affected families would be considered on priority,” said Minhas at a press conference on Monday.

Pointing out that on Monday the situation was normal, Minhas said, “We request the shopkeepers and traders of Daman to keep their business establishments open. We want the residents engage in their daily routine activities and maintain a peaceful atmosphere. If normally continues for a few more days, we will withdraw CrPC 144.”

However, protests continued on Monday. Around 40 people, including women, were detained in the two temporary detention centres but were let off in the evening.

## CM DEFENDS ARRESTS UNDER UAPA

# Pinarayi: Maoists are not innocent lambs

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 4

EVEN AS pressure mounts from the Opposition, and within sections of his own party, the CPI(M), Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday defended the recent police actions against suspected Maoists, and said that Maoists should not be portrayed as innocent “lambs”.

Killing of four suspected Maoists at Attappadi forest, and subsequent arrest of two CPI(M) workers under UAPA, the stringent anti-terror law, has evoked widespread protest against the police department, which comes under the Home ministry, handled by Vijayan.

Justifying the arrest of the two youths from Kozhikode, Vijayan told the Assembly on Monday that the police have evidence against them. “The police had recovered pro-Maoist leaflets and books from houses of the arrested. When the police were examining the house of one of the arrested persons, Thaha Fazil, he had raised pro-Maoist slogans. So the police charged them under UAPA sections,” Vijayan said, adding that his government will not allow misuse of the stringent anti-terror law.



Pinarayi Vijayan

Soon after Vijayan’s address to the Assembly, the police released a video, shot during the raid at Thaha’s house, which purportedly shows him shouting pro-Maoist slogans and protesting killings of Maoists in Palakkad last week.

Referring to protests by Opposition Congress-led UDF, Vijayan said, “They (suspects) did not come to surrender; instead, they fired at the police. It is shocking that Congress leaders are justifying the (acts of) Maoists. Maoists have killed hundreds of CRPF men across the country... don’t make them holy souls.”

Vijayan said the CPI(M)-led LDF government under him had quashed UAPA charges in six cases — all of them registered under the previous Congress-led government. In nine other cases registered during the same period, the present government has not given

sanction for prosecution and instead directed for further investigation, he said.

On Monday, the arrested duo moved bail applications at a magistrate court in Kozhikode, where the prosecution pointed out that they had been booked under UAPA. The court will take up the bail pleas on Wednesday.

Asked about the case, B G Harindranath, who was Kerala’s Law Secretary until three months ago, said religious fundamentalists in the state often operate under the guise of Maoists. “From my experience, I can say there is a link between religious fundamentalists and Maoists in Kerala. Due to the strong Left orientation, Maoism has got a certain amount of respectability in the state. (Religious) extremists make use of this aspect and operate under the cover of Maoism,” Harindranath said.

Harindranath, who was also chairman of the authority to review UAPA case, said the law can be invoked against a person only if he is a member or is found actively participating in propaganda of any banned organisation under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. “There are several serious cases, but the police (sometimes) charge UAPA on flimsy grounds also,” he said.

## Pehlu lynching: Action initiated against 4 cops

HAMZA KHAN  
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 4

THERAJASTHAN government has initiated action against four police officers involved in the investigation into the Pehlu Khan lynching case, police said Monday.

“Based on the report of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the Pehlu case, the Vigilance Branch has initiated action against four police officers who were associated with the investigation into the case,” B L Soni, Additional Director General, CID CB, told *The Indian Express*.

The investigation was initially conducted by Behror police station SHO Ramesh Chand Sinsinwar. Subsequently, it was transferred to Behror Circle Officer Parmal Singh and then to Ramswaroop Sharma, Additional SP of Kotputli, which is under Jaipur Rural limits and adjacent to Behror.

Later, Additional SP, CB CID, Govind Detha also investigated the case.

The four officers now face action by the SIT, which was constituted by the Ashok Gehlot government after six accused in the lynching case were acquitted by an Alwar court.

According to officials, there were lapses on the part of Sinsinwar — now retired — and Singh in the investigation into the lynching case. Sharma and Detha “did not rectify the errors” made by Sinsinwar and Singh, the officers said.

## Stuck in borewell for 18 hours, 5-yr-old girl dies

Chandigarh: Rescuers Monday pulled out the body of a five-year-old girl more than 18 hours after she fell into a 50-feet-deep borewell at village Harsinghpura village in Haryana’s Kamal district.

After being pulled out of the borewell by the NDRF teams, the girl, Shivani, was rushed to the hospital, where she was declared her dead on arrival.

The girl reportedly fell in the borewell, belonging to her family, while playing in the fields on Sunday in Gharunda area, SHO of Gharunda police station, Inspector Sachin said. Shivani lived with her family in a house built in their fields. The borewell was adjacent to the house.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar took to Twitter to express his condolences on the child’s death.

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 4

WHILE UAPA charges against two Maoist suspects is emerging as a major debate in the state, Kerala HC had recently quashed UAPA charges against R Roopesh, a prominent Maoist, in three cases following a delay in decision on prosecution sanctions.

Arrested in 2015, Roopesh faces 23 cases under UAPA in Kerala. His wife, Shyna, faces seven such cases.

Quashing UAPA charges in three cases against Roopesh, Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan had stated that sanction accorded to prosecute the petitioner was vitiated for non-compliance with

mandatory provisions in UAP Act that deal with a certain time-limit while considering the proposal for prosecution sanction.

Once the police give the proposal to the sanctioning authority, a final decision from the authority should come within 14 working days.

The three UAPA cases against Roopesh and others had been registered in 2013 and 2014, but the proposal for sanction in these cases reached the authority for reviewing UAPA cases after years — in September-October 2017. The committee looked into the proposal and granted sanction to prosecute Roopesh under UAPA in February 2018.

A source at the Director-General of Prosecutions said: “The delay happened at both the

Home department and at the sanctioning authority. Once the proposal reaches the Home department, it should be moved to the authority within seven days, and the authority should accord sanction (or decide otherwise) in another seven days.”

Even a day’s delay is “against stipulations under the UAPA, and can vitiate the proceedings”, the source said.

Shyna, who is on bail, said her husband is facing 43 cases in Kerala and Karnataka. “Fifteen such cases are related to getting SIM card using fabricated documents. Police slapped UAPA sections in such cases. I am facing 17 cases, seven of them in Kerala. These are all frivolous cases... police charged us under UAPA...” she said.

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway, Danapur is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor with experience, financial capability including those registered/working with Railway/Imigation/CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following work: Tender Notice No. N-7/E-Tender/16/Open/DNR/2019-20.

1. Name of the work with its location: Development of Railway Colony pond, colony park, children park and playground at CRW HRT under ADEN/GRD. Approx. Cost of work : ₹1,20,00,855.80, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹2,10,100/-
2. Name of the work with its location: Hiring of truck for transporting of P-Way materials for SSE/P-Way/DNR, ARA, BXR & DLN under Sr.DEN/3/Danapur. Approx. Cost of work : ₹57,22,848/-, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹1,14,500/-
3. Name of the work with its location: Hiring of Utility Vehicle for transporting P-Way materials for SSE/P-Way/DNR, ARA, BXR & DLN under Sr.DEN/3/ Danapur. Approx. Cost of work : ₹38,72,117.78, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹77,500/-
4. Name of the work with its location: Improvement of Divul. Training School for Mechanical (C&W) staff at RNC Depot of Danapur Division under ADEN/WPNBE. Approx. Cost of work : ₹1,29,58,765.19, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹2,14,900/-
5. Name of the work with its location: Patria-Jhans Provision of boundary wall at Patna, Patna Sahdeo (02 Kms.) & between RJPB-GZH (UP & DN) at Km. 536.0 to 538.04 Kms. Approx. Cost of work : ₹3,90,67,269.20, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹3,45,400/-
6. Name of the work with its location: Provision of Lifts 08 nos. (02 DNR, 02PPTA, 02 RJPB & 02 MKA) in Danapur Division. Approx. Cost of work : ₹2,92,74,451.24, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹2,96,400/-
7. Name of the work with its location: Provision of medical facilities like water supply arrangement and renovation of Hospital at Danapur Division. Approx. Cost of work : ₹35,85,568.21, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹71,800/-
8. Name of the work with its location: Replacement of Channel sleeper fittings over bridge No.219, 377 and 371 under Sr.DEN/3/DNR Section. Approx. Cost of work : ₹25,87,909.10, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹51,800/-
9. Name of the work with its location: Provision of PF surfacing and improvement of approach road of BKR-RGD & FUT-IPR section of Danapur Division. Approx. Cost of work : ₹1,84,14,413.37, Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹2,42,100/-
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Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender : The tender have to be submitted online on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 25.11.2019 and will be opened on the same day after 12.00 hrs. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender can be purchased etc. : 1. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS Website : <http://www.ireps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) ECR/Danapur PR/1576/DNR/Engg./7/19-20/112

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**Purvanchal Vidyut Bhavan, Vidyut Nagar, P.O. - D.L.W., Varanasi -221004 Website: <http://www.etender.up.nic.in>**  
**Tender Date Extension** The date of submission & opening of e-tender no. EAV-29, 33 & 36/19-20 is here extended up to 19.11.19 (15:00 PM) & 20.11.19 (15:00 PM) respectively. Further details can be seen at website [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in). Other terms and conditions shall remain same. Sd/- (Rajesh Kumar) **Superintending Engineer (MM-I) “SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION”** पत्रांक: 3113/पू.वि.वि.नि.लि. (वा.)/सा.प्र./अअ-1/ विज्ञापन दिनांक: 04.11.2019

**Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited Vidyut Nagar, P.O.-DLW Varanasi- 221004 E-Tender Notice** E-tender are invited for the following material. The tender will be accepted up to at 15.00 hrs. Please visit our website [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in) for details/download and for any other corrections/amendments/modifications/extensions till the date of submission of bids. **Sl. No. 1., Tender Specification No. EAV-56/19-20, Name of Material Processing / Conversion of DPC Copper wire & Copper strip, Qty. 105000 Kg., Earnest Money (Rs.) 90,000.00, Tender Fee (Rs.) 5,000.00 + GST @ 5%, Last date & Time for online submission of tender document 06.12.2019 15.00 Hrs., Last date & Time for opening of tender part-I 07.12.2019 15.00 Hrs. Sd/- SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-I) “Save Electricity in the interest of the Nation”** पत्रांक 3108/पू.वि.वि.नि.लि. (वा.)/सा.प्र./अअ-1/विज्ञापन दिनांक 04.11.2019

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संस्थान विकास एवं निर्माण गिगम, नई दिल्ली**  
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पत्रांक 3711/208/112 अलकालीन-निविदा सूचना दिनांक 01.11.2019

1. कार्य का नाम :- निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम नई दिल्ली की सेवानामित जलपुरि डिप्टी एवं उत्तरकाशी में नाथ्य सहायकित कार्यक्रम (EAP) के अन्तर्गत सभा नगर (पूर्व) कोषागार, घोषितनगर कोषागार, लम्बागार कोषागार, धनसाली कोषागार, यमिनाला कोषागार, नई दिल्ली पुनर्कोषागार, बरकोट कोषागार, नौगाव कोषागार, बुरेला कोषागार एवं चिम्यालीसाल कोषागार को क्षेत्रीय/अन्तर्गत का गठन करना एवं बाह्य संस्कार से संयोजित प्राप्त करना।

2. परीक्षण धनसहि / कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि :- ऋ 1,07,000 /- 02 माह

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MANISH SAHU  
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 4

FORMER BJP MLA Udaybhan Karwariya, his two brothers Surajbhan and Kapilmuni, and their uncle Ram Chandra alias Kallu were sentenced to life imprisonment by a sessions court in Prayagraj on Monday for the murder of then Samajwadi Party MLA

Jawahar Yadav alias Jawahar Pandit in 1996.

While Surajbhan is a former BSP MLC, Kapilmuni is a former BSP MP. Udaybhan’s wife, Neelam is the BJP MLA from Meja Assembly seat in Prayagraj. The four were convicted last Thursday.

Jawahar Pandit was shot in Civil Lines area of Allahabad. “On Monday, all the convicts were brought to the court. Additional District and Sessions Judge Badri Vishal Pandey sentenced

them to life imprisonment. A fine of total Rs 72 lakh has also been imposed on them,” said government counsel Gulab Chand Agharhi.

The court had held the four guilty on Thursday of charges including rioting, murder and attempt to murder, and had slated pronouncement of sentence for November 4.

When contacted, Jawahar Yadav’s wife, former MLA Vijma Yadav, said, “I am not fully satisfied with the judgment as I had wanted capital punishment for all the accused. If needed, I will move a higher court.”

Defence counsel Sheela Prasad Mishra said, “We will file an appeal against Monday’s judgment.” According to the chargesheet, Jawahar Yadav was travelling in a car along with his associates when a group of assailants waylaid his vehicle and fired indiscriminately using A-K 47 in Civil Lines area. Yadav was then MLA from Jhansi assembly constituency in Allahabad. Two others, were also killed.

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
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**Request for Proposal for "Selection of agencies for Development of Smart Parking in Lucknow Smart City Area"**

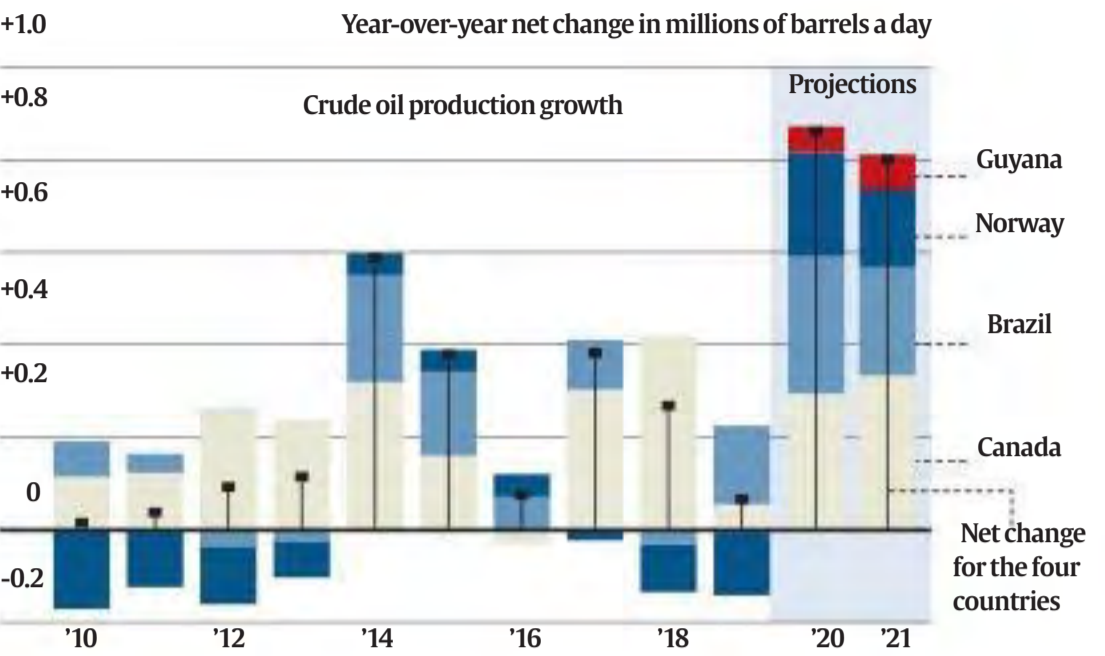
Lucknow Smart City Limited invites online Request for Proposals from reputed firms having experience in similar nature of jobs for "Selection of agencies for Development of Smart Parking in Lucknow Smart City Area" Tender document with all other details can be downloaded from [www.tenderwizard.com/LMC](http://www.tenderwizard.com/LMC) from 12.11.2019. Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 22.11.2019 at 03.00 PM in LSCL office, Bhopal House, Lalbagh Lucknow. The last date for submission of bids is 03.12.2019 till 3.00 PM. Technical Bids will be opened on 03.12.2019 at 4.00 PM. For all further corrigendum/addendums in this regard, please regularly visit [www.tenderwizard.com/LMC](http://www.tenderwizard.com/LMC)

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### From four unlikely sources, a gush of crude may be on way

#### DRIVING NEW PRODUCTION



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AMONG THE reasons why Saudi Aramco has pushed ahead with what could be the world's largest initial stock offering ever, is an impending flood that is likely to hit global oil markets over the next couple of years.

The looming boom in production, which will likely push down prices and bring relief to oil importers like India, will come from unexpected quarters — Brazil, Canada, Norway, and Guyana, *The New York Times* reported.

Together, these countries could add nearly a million barrels per day (bpd) to the market in 2020, and nearly a million more in 2021. The current world crude output is about 80 million bpd.

**NORWAY:** Norway's rebound from 19 years of decline began a few weeks ago as Equinor ASA began production at its Johan Sverdrup deep-water field in the North Sea. The oil field, which is estimated to hold between 1.9 billion barrels and 3 billion barrels, will eventually produce 440,000 bpd, lifting Norway's output from 1.3 million bpd to 1.6 million bpd

next year, and 1.8 million bpd in 2021.

**BRAZIL:** In Brazil, after years of scandal and delays, new offshore production platforms are coming online. Production has climbed over the last year by 300,000 bpd, and the country is expected to add another 460,000 bpd by the end of 2021. Brazil's government will soon hold a major auction for offshore drilling rights.

**CANADA:** Work on the 1,000-mile Line 3 pipeline that will carry oil from Canada's Alberta fields to the American city of Superior in the border state of Wisconsin, is nearing completion. The pipeline could increase Canada's oil production by about 10%, or half a million bpd.

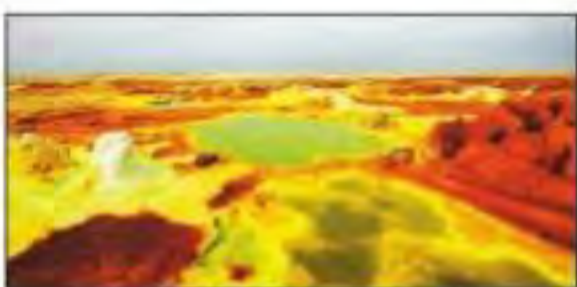
**GUYANA:** The most striking change is likely to be in Guyana, a small country on the northern tip of South America. Exxon Mobil has made a string of major discoveries over the last four years here. Production will reach 120,000 bpd early next year, and is likely rise to at least 750,000 bpd by 2025.

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## THIS WORD MEANS

### DANAKIL DEPRESSION

Microbes are known to survive almost anywhere. Scientists now believe that this place is an exception



In northeastern Ethiopia. Wikipedia

living here will be extremophilic microbes of a major interest to astrobiologists."

Now, a new study published in *Nature Ecology & Evolution* on October 28, says that active and naturally occurring life cannot be sustained at Danakil. It identifies two barriers: magnesium-dominated brines that cause cells to break down; and an environment having simultaneously very low pH and high salt, a combination that makes adaptation highly difficult.

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# Stack and blueprint: Building digital infra for national health database

#### ABANTIKA GHOSH

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WITH THE launch last year of Ayushman Bharat, the world's largest state-funded health insurance programme, and the slow but certain progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC), the challenge of making quality and affordable healthcare accessible to every one of India's 135 crore citizens has acquired an altogether new dimension.

Effective use of technology is critical to this project — this is where the National Health Stack and its rulebook of sorts, the National Digital Health Blueprint, drawn up by a committee led by the former UIDAI chairman and Communications and I-T secretary J Satyanarayana, comes in. The Committee submitted its final report to Health Minister Harsh Vardhan last week.

**So, what is the National Health Stack (NHS)?**

Unveiled by the NITI Aayog last year, NHS is digital infrastructure built with the aim of making the health insurance system more transparent and robust, while factoring in the uniqueness of India's health sector, and the political realities of federalism. There are five components of NHS:

■ An electronic national health registry that would serve as a single source of health data for the nation;

■ a coverage and claims platform that would serve as the building blocks for large health protection schemes, allow for the horizontal and vertical expansion of schemes like Ayushman Bharat by states, and enable a robust system of fraud detection;

■ a federated personal health records (PHR) framework that would serve the twin purposes of access to their own health data by patients, and the availability of health data for medical research, which is critical for advancing the understanding of human health;

■ a national health analytics platform that would provide a holistic view combin-

ing information on multiple health initiatives, and feed into smart policymaking, for instance, through improved predictive analytics; and

■ other horizontal components including a unique digital health ID, health data dictionaries and supply chain management for drugs, payment gateways, etc., shared across all health programmes.

**And what is the National Digital Health Blueprint (NDHB)?**

The NDHB is the architectural document for the implementation of the NHS. Its vision is "to create a national digital health ecosystem that supports universal health coverage in an efficient, accessible, inclusive, affordable, timely and safe manner, through provision of a wide range of data, information, and infrastructure services, duly leveraging open, interoperable, standards-based digital systems, and ensuring the security, confidentiality and privacy of health-related personal information".

The key features of the blueprint include a federated architecture, a set of architectural principles, a five-layered system of architectural building blocks, a unique health ID (UHD), privacy and consent management, national portability, electronic health records, applicable standards and regulations, health analytics and, above all, multiple access channels like call centres, Digital Health India portal, and the MyHealth app. A total of 23 such building blocks have been identified in the blueprint for the NHS to become a viable reality.

NDHB recognises the need to establish a specialised organisation, called the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) that can drive the implementation of the blueprint, and promote and facilitate the evolution of a national digital health ecosystem.

**But why is the NHS necessary?**

Currently, apart from Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, there are many secondary and tertiary care

schemes running in the states — such as Swasthya Sathi in West Bengal, Aarogya Sri in Telangana, Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme in Tamil Nadu, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana in Maharashtra, etc.

West Bengal has opted out of Ayushman Bharat, and Telangana and Odisha have never been a part of the scheme.

Also, there is an urgent need for integration of the two arms of Ayushman Bharat — health and wellness centres which constitute the primary care arm, and PMJAY, which is the secondary and tertiary care arm under which the target is to provide 10.74 crore families with an annual health cover of Rs 5 lakh each. Without integration, the goal of continuum of care cannot be met — and that would mean PMJAY might end up becoming a perpetual drain on resources.

Hence, the need for a common digital language for the operationalisation and interoperability of various health schemes, which the NHS seeks to provide.

**Is all the data going to be safe/secure?**

One of the biggest concerns following the high-profile rollout of Ayushman Bharat has been regarding data security and privacy of patients. The concerns were aggravated after an Assam minister and a senior official of the National Health Authority posted patient details on Twitter.

More than a year after the Justice Srikrishna Committee prepared a draft data privacy law, there has been little meaningful movement on it. Critics have argued that in the backdrop of the Supreme Court's privacy judgment, the data privacy law should ideally have preceded the implementation of Ayushman Bharat.

The NDHB says: "The consent of the citizen plays a major role in ensuring that collection of data is done in a manner consistent with legal rights... It is also important to ensure that... the data captured is used and disclosed (in an identifiable or anonymised shape) in a manner appropriate in law and preserving the citizen-directed constraints."

India believes that the trade deal doesn't provide adequate protection against possible surges of imported goods. In particular, India is concerned about cheap Chinese goods flooding the domestic market



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with other leaders at the 3rd RCEP Summit in Bangkok on Monday. PTI

#### PRABHA RAGHAVAN

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

ON MONDAY, India decided to hold off on signing the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) until "significant outstanding issues" were resolved, even as all other 15 countries involved in the negotiations stated that they were ready to sign the mega trade deal in 2020.

Unsatisfactory negotiations pertaining to India's trade with China — India has an over \$50 billion trade deficit — is one of the major reasons for New Delhi not joining in at this stage.

#### What is the RCEP?

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a trade deal that was being negotiated between 16 countries. They include the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) and the six countries with which the bloc has free trade agreements (FTAs) — India, Australia, China, Korea, Japan, and New Zealand.

The purpose of the deal is to create an "integrated market" spanning all 16 countries. This means that it would be easier for the products and services of each of these countries to be available across the entire region.

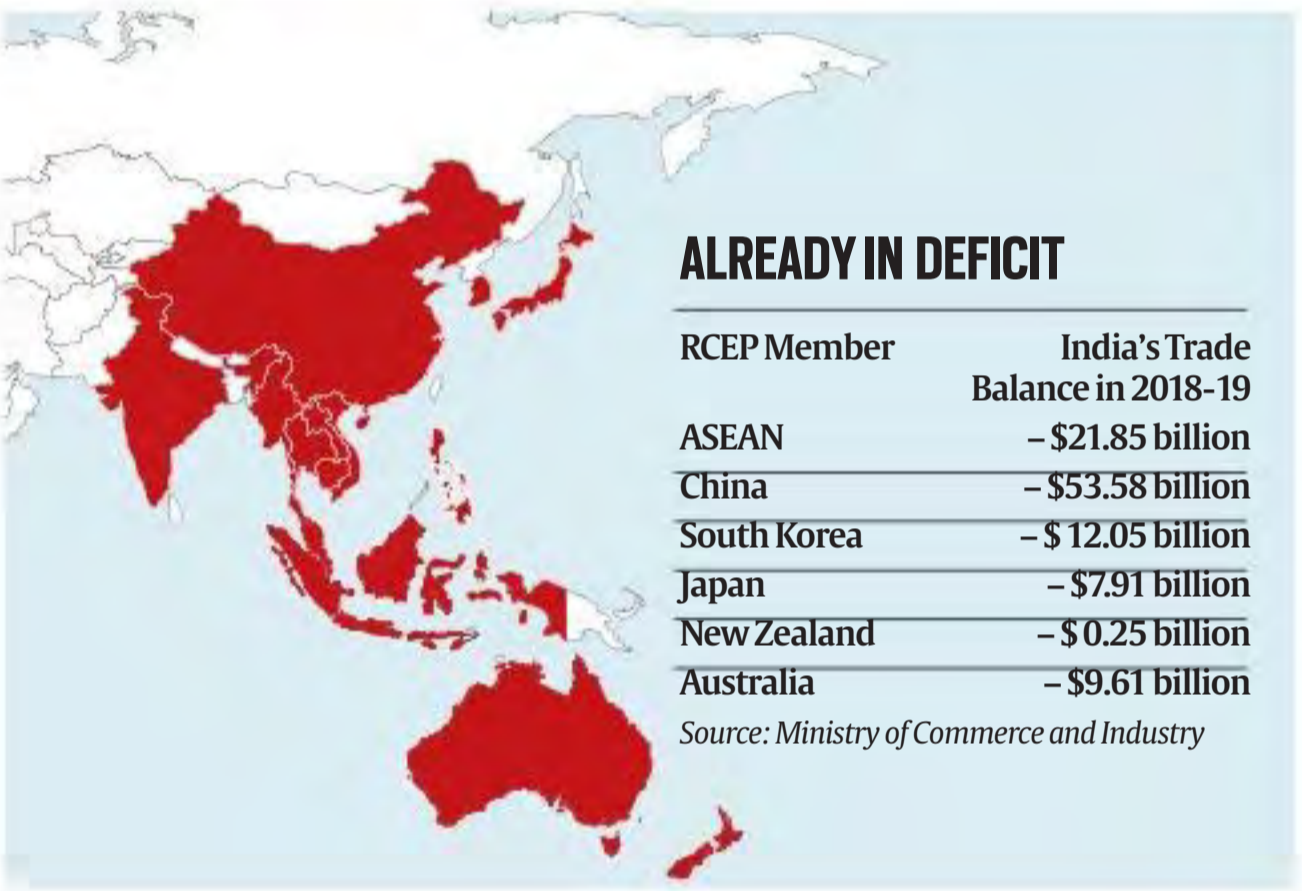
The RCEP is billed to be the "largest" regional trading agreement yet — the countries involved account for almost half of the world's population, contribute over a quarter of world exports, and make up around 30% of the global Gross Domestic Product (the value of all goods and services produced in a year).

Negotiations to chart out the details of this deal have been on since 2013, and all participating countries had earlier aimed to finalise it by November 2019.

#### So what is the problem?

All the RCEP participating countries, except for India, have "concluded" text-based negotiations for all 20 chapters of the proposed deal, as well as their market access issues — and they are expected to be ready to ink the pact in 2020.

But India has held back because of "significant outstanding issues, which remain unresolved".



#### ALREADY IN DEFICIT

RCEP Member	India's Trade Balance in 2018-19
ASEAN	-\$21.85 billion
China	-\$53.58 billion
South Korea	-\$12.05 billion
Japan	-\$7.91 billion
New Zealand	-\$0.25 billion
Australia	-\$9.61 billion

Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry



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# No pact for India

In RCEP negotiations, Delhi has been consistent. It is right to put its own interests first



Soumya Kanti Ghosh

## EVERYONE’S PROBLEM

Only a broad coalition can beat Delhi’s smog, and a conversation between city and village is essential for it

DESPITE A LIGHT shower, Delhi is having its breath taken away with air pollution levels at a three-year high. The government’s odd-even traffic-reduction scheme has kicked in again, and Opposition leader Vijay Goel has defined it yet again in symbolic protest, at the trifling political cost of a Rs 4,000 traffic fine. It is precisely the sort of adversarial response that leads nowhere, in an annual crisis that cannot be defeated without a broad coalition. Elsewhere, a cumulative tragedy on such a scale, which could be blighting the lives of generations of citizens, would have seen the birth of a green political party. In Delhi, which goes to the polls in a few months, politics remains the game of blaming everyone else. The Delhi government blames neighbouring states for not curbing post-harvest stubble burning, which contributes to the problem, and the Opposition dismisses the government’s odd-even scheme as a “gimmick”. The pollution crisis results from the convergence of numerous factors — changing demographics and automobile usage patterns, changing agricultural practices in the neighbourhood, the rapid growth of concrete jungles, possibly even changing weather patterns, since the peaks coincide with a spell of windless days. But politically, posturing has trumped rigorous analysis and modelling, and therefore interventions remain contentious.

In the run-up to Delhi polls, can a coalition develop between politics, policy and technology, underpinned by the public will? Can a conversation develop between the states involved, and more importantly, between town and country? The issue of stubble burning is presented as a conflict between runaway urbanisation and stressed agriculture, between the farmer’s right to make a living and the city-dweller’s right to breathe. The town could pay for the disposal of the countryside’s stubble, but the deal must be intelligently brokered. Placing legal curbs on stubble-burning in farms and automobile use in the cities may be parts of a solution, but such standalone interventions are insufficient. For a united front to develop, the blame game and moralistic point-scoring that we see every year has to stop.

By all accounts, besides, the public will has not been adequately mobilised. While concerned citizens and public interest institutions founded the clean air movement, despite the opposition or indifference of industry and government, the crisis at hand must be faced with a deepening of public involvement. Individual choices contribute to its making, and habits change only by conviction, not coercion by law and the apparatus of the state. The scope of the annual crisis must be rethought. This is no longer just Delhi’s problem. A problem of such magnitude should qualify as a national disaster. It is everyone’s problem.

## DIMAPUR DEADLOCK

Naga talks process needs to be nurtured at all costs. Both Centre and rebels must respect popular aspirations for peace

THE CEASEFIRE IN Nagaland continues to hold, though the Centre had set October 31 as the deadline to conclude the peace deal with the NSCN-IM. The deadline has passed and there is no clarity yet on an accord. However, it is a welcome sign that all parties involved in the talks seem willing to wait and iron out the differences that appear to be holding them back from concluding a peace agreement. The talks between the Centre and Naga rebels, primarily the NSCN-IM, have been held for 22 years and the parties have covered much ground over these years. The Naga civil society, too, has invested heavily in the peace process and prepared the ground for a negotiated settlement to what has often been described as India’s longest running insurgency. The rebels need to respect this sentiment for peace and the Centre must provide the negotiating space for the former to satisfy its constituency.

Reports suggest that the deadlock is over the rebels’ demand for a separate flag and constitution for Nagaland. They hint at the concept of “shared sovereignty” that the NSCN-IM leadership had talked about soon after it signed the Indo-Naga Framework Agreement in August 2015. The details of that agreement have not been revealed, but the leeway for such conceptual innovations may arguably have reduced following the Centre’s actions in J&K. In August, the Narendra Modi government ended the special status accorded to J&K, which had allowed the state to have its own flag. While the Naga rebels have climbed down from their demand for full independence, they have persisted with the demand for Nagalim, a territorial entity much larger than the present state of Nagaland and which includes Naga inhabited areas that fall in Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. This is a fraught demand that can trigger unrest in Nagaland’s neighbourhood. In fact, non-Naga populations in the region have warned of action if any attempt is made to redraw the existing state boundaries.

Both the Centre and the NSCN-IM will have to nuance their positions if a peace agreement is to become a reality. The rebels will have to re-imagine the idea of a Naga nation and de-link it from territory. The Centre may have to respect the sentiments of political groups founded on notions of ethnic exclusivity and desist from imposing unitarian notions of nationhood. Peace is precious, it must be protected at all costs.

## PICTURE THIS

Climate activists in France are stealing President Macron’s portraits. He might well overlook such benign protest

THE COURT IN Bourg-en-Bresse, a small township in eastern France, couldn’t quite figure out how removing portraits of French President Emmanuel Macron from public offices would “save humanity from ecological disaster”. The court is not alone. Across France, the judiciary has to decide whether stealing official portraits of the head of state is a crime worthy of prison time, or merely a creative act of civil disobedience. For once, there may be an easy answer. After all, the country practically invented the idea of revolution: What is some petty larceny compared to the guillotine or even May ‘68?

Through 2019, over 130 portraits of Macron have been stolen from town halls. The portrait-removers are mostly climate activists, who claim that the president’s likeness is being removed to draw attention to his hypocrisy: Despite his rhetoric and promises about moving away from fossil fuels and the dangers of global warming, France is lagging behind in its international commitments in reducing emissions. To win the election, Macron — a relative novice in French politics — promised a contradiction in terms. A centrist revolution. He wanted to be friendly to business and please workers, fight for climate change while ensuring no real disruptions to the economy. And now, no one is pleased. When he tried to introduce a tax on fossil fuels last year, the country erupted with the Yellow Jacket protests, sometimes violent, in solidarity with the transport industry.

The portrait-thieves seem to have a simple aim. To call their country’s leader to account, publicly. The trials, which have kept the issue of emissions in the limelight, seem to have achieved that. Like most public figures, especially politicians, Macron is unlikely to be happy about the manner of this protest. But considering the severity of the Yellow Jacket protests, the damage they caused to his image and the amount of political capital he has already lost, Macron might well overlook this benign form of civil disobedience.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations, started by leaders from the ASEAN countries and their free trade agreement (FTA) partners in November 2012, have concluded in Bangkok. The good thing is that India still has some unresolved issues, and this has resulted in it holding back its decision to join the RCEP. In fact, India has decided to maintain a consistent stand throughout the negotiations, and it is not reneging on any of the demands of its trading partners. It has decided to keep its self-interest at the forefront.

With many mature economies struggling to regain ground lost because of the global financial crisis in 2008, emerging economies are in focus for growth opportunities. The international trade focus has clearly shifted from the West towards developing economies in Asia and other regions. The developing markets’ share of global trade has doubled from 16 per cent in 1991 to 32 per cent in 2011, an average increase of 0.8 percentage points a year. This was accelerated by the global recession. Since 2008, the rise has been almost twice as fast, at 1.5 percentage points a year. This significant increase in South-South trade is turning established trade patterns and practices on their head, and thus, the importance of India being a part of RCEP, but on its own terms, has never been so crucial. Interestingly, India has been vigorously pushing for such South-South trade through policies like “Look East” unveiled in recent times.

Coming back to the specifics of RCEP, when we look at the goods trade dynamic, India ran a merchandise trade deficit with 11 out of the 15 other members of RCEP in 2018-19, totaling \$107.28 billion. India’s overall merchandise trade deficit was \$184.00 billion in 2018-19. In 2018-19, 34 per cent of India’s imports were from this region, while only 21 per cent of India’s exports went to this region. China is the biggest trade partner amongst these coun-

tries and the major concerns that India had throughout the negotiations were with regard to China. China is a trade behemoth whose growth is built on the way it captured the world’s manufacturing space. There is a fear that the imports of cheaper electronic and engineering goods from China could increase further post the signing of RCEP which in turn could have a negative impact on the manufacturing sector. Therefore, Indian negotiators have taken steps to ensure that domestic manufacturing is effectively protected from unfair competition.

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For example, certain issues such as the move towards 2014 as the base year for tariff reduction, an automatic trigger mechanism to curb sudden surges in imports and the decision on which products it doesn’t want to offer the same tariff concessions to all countries, need to be sorted out. India’s electronics and mobile industry, for instance, is moving towards self-sufficiency, and a move towards 2014 rates could mean a huge step backwards.

Another area of hard bargaining for India is our unfulfilled want for exemptions from the Ratchet obligations. As per the Ratchet mechanism, if a country signs a trade agreement with another country where it relaxes tariffs and quotas on merchandise exports and imports, it cannot go back on them and bring in measures that are more restrictive. India wants a clear exemption from the Ratchet obligations, so that in the future, to protect the interests of exporters and importers, it can bring restrictive measures, if required.

This apart, across the country, many farmers and milk cooperatives have raised their concern on RCEP. In India, several small and marginal farmers are dependent on milk for their daily expenses as income from crops is seasonal. If India signs the RCEP, without exemptions for dairy and its products, it would allow the dairy industry of Australia and New Zealand to unfairly target its huge market. It is notable that New

Zealand exports 93.4 per cent of its milk powder, 94.5 per cent of its butter and 83.6 per cent of its cheese produce. However, the government has given its assurance that it would protect the interests of homegrown milk cooperatives through adequate safeguards.

So far, India has proceeded with extreme caution as just entering into agreements and focusing on tariff reduction has not helped the country, as it has seen in the mixed experience of its FTAs. The merchandise trade data shows that over the years, the merchandise trade deficit has widened with the ASEAN countries.

India’s main requirement is that of a balanced outlook which is a win-win for all. India is running a services trade surplus with the world. Therefore, it is trying to push for a strong agreement on the services trade, including a deal on easier movement of skilled manpower. Even the IMF has said that services trade could be a substantial engine of growth for India and other south Asian economies. As per ILO data, around 58 per cent of India’s workforce is medium-skilled and 16 per cent is high skilled, and to protect their interest is of paramount importance.

All these factors need to be kept in mind before India enters the RCEP. India commands around 1.7 per cent share of the world’s total goods exports ranking 20th as per the WTO 2018 data. For achieving a 5 per cent share in world exports (the government targets \$1 trillion exports out of total global exports of \$20 trillion), India must build its manufacturing capabilities, and the recent steps by the government are in that direction. How India manoeuvres the geo-political space will determine how successful it is in becoming an export behemoth (in its quest towards a \$5 trillion economy). To this end India’s current tough posturing is perfectly justified.

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## LEAD ON, GABON

As Delhi chokes on its air, the lessons a West African country offers

IT’S A FRIDAY evening and I am watching captivating television. No, it isn’t Netflix. Not even KBC, but a programme on the successful preservation of wildlife, forests and environment in a country whose location many may have to google: Gabon, on the West African coast, just over a hundred thousand square miles large. I do a quick sum: twelve Gabons would fit into India.

You might well ask if I have nothing better to do on a Friday evening. Am I so out of it that I don’t have a dinner to go to, or a club that will have me, or even a walk in the park behind the market? But you wouldn’t ask if you took a look at the AQI, at which people now glance more often than they used to at the scoreboard in the final over of an India-Pakistan cricket match. The AQI is 419 at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, the nearest to my hideout in front of the TV, and known to be artificially green and hence not truly representative.

Gabon has 13 national parks and they cover 11 per cent of its total land. It has 20 protected marine zones, and hold your breath, it has 88 per cent forest cover. Precious. And what’s more, they clearly intend to keep it that way. While these forests form only 12 per cent of the Congo Basin forests, 60 per cent of Africa’s forest elephants, wisdom dripping from their sober

eyes, live here. Africa’s forests and peatlands store up to 70 billion tons of carbon; if they remain healthy, we have hope. As a reward for past performance, which promises success in the future, Norway has put a price on this effort and given Gabon 150 million dollars to carry on the good work. Meanwhile, on my screen, talking heads wearing kurtas with colour-coordinated pocket squares, unwisely stand in the smog on Vijay Chowk trading insults and blaming each other for Delhi’s pollution, glancing frequently at their phones for tips from their backroom boys (by the way, talking of KBC, how many lifelines do these ones get?).

And let’s not reach for the high horse, or intone patronisingly that that we have huge problems on a scale that Gabon cannot imagine. Gabon is rich in oil, to say nothing of gold and uranium, with the attendant pressures of exploitation. It is also not entirely populated by angels: A corruption scandal over illegal logging fueled by Chinese demand brought down a former forests minister. Nearly 400 containers of keazingo logs, a tree that takes 500 years to grow to its 40 feet, went missing. While the oil wealth has boosted GDP, one third of the country’s population lives below the poverty line. It faces the challenges of water scarcity, deforestation and poaching. It has

greed too: The valuable mangrove trees that prevent coastal erosion with their extensive root systems are being ripped up to allow the rich to build bigger houses in the capital, Libreville.

But, Gabon is still doing something right: It is showing true grit in fighting the odds. It is fast becoming a unique eco-tourism destination, attracting people to come and see the gorillas, elephants, chimpanzees, hump-backed whales and leatherback turtles in their protected, clean natural habitat. While we, every year around Diwali, take out our face masks, like we used to take out pullovers in our childhood, and crib about some farmers burning stubble and glance at our number plates to see if they are odd or even and what day of the week it is, and choke on our own breath and wait for somebody else to do something. Or hunker down in karmic resignation till February. And, meanwhile, our roads become wider, the trees rarer, the buildings higher, reaching for the skies.

The next time I see a man from Gabon, I am going to shake his hand. That is if the air is clear enough for us to see each other, or he is brave enough to come to Delhi.

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## NOVEMBER 5, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

SEIZING THE EMBASSY US MARINE GUARDS hurled teargas containers in a three-hour skirmish today but were unable to hold back Iranian students who occupied the US embassy in Teheran and held about 100 staff members hostage, Teheran radio said. The students demanded that the US hand over the exiled and ailing Shah of Iran for trial, the broadcasts, monitored in London, said. No one on either side was seriously injured, said one broadcast, although the student invaders “bore great pain with fortitude and in an Islamic manner.” The radio said the US Marines resisted for three hours with teargas. No mention was made of any other weapon. It said the Marines and other “mercenaries,” totaling about 100 were safe in a room and, “no violent action has been taken against them.”

ANTI-FARMER INDIRA PRIME MINISTER CHARAN Singh in a statement said there had been a large increase in the number of big farms as also in the average size of these farms during the 10 years of Indira Gandhi’s regime. Against this, the number of farmers had come down and that of agricultural labourers had gone up. This showed that Mrs Gandhi had cared little for the peasantry and the rural people. “It is not an accident that she receives the support of big landlords and industrial houses as was evidenced during the Emergency,” he added. Singh’s rejoinder to Mrs Gandhi was issued by the Lok Dal party headquarters, though the PM is out of town. Singh noted that the number of big farms had gone up from 23 lakhs to 28 lakhs and their average size had increased from 17 to 18 hectares.

### RIGHT TO PROTEST

LOK DAL — A Gandhian party — should allow its members the right of individual satyagraha, party’s working president, Raj Narain, said today. He told newsmen that individual satyagraha indicated self-discipline and this individual freedom should not be curtailed by the party. The party should not place any fetters on any member’s right to agitate on a good public cause. He, however, said that the party could take action against the member if said agitation damaged the image of the party. Narain, who put forward certain suggestions for inclusion in the Lok Dal manifesto, also said that no one should be allowed to become prime minister, chief minister and minister for more than two terms.



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## Let's pay the price of clean air

We should stop expecting the farmer to single-handedly bear the burden. And accept that the right economic incentives are the only sustainable solution to this intractable problem



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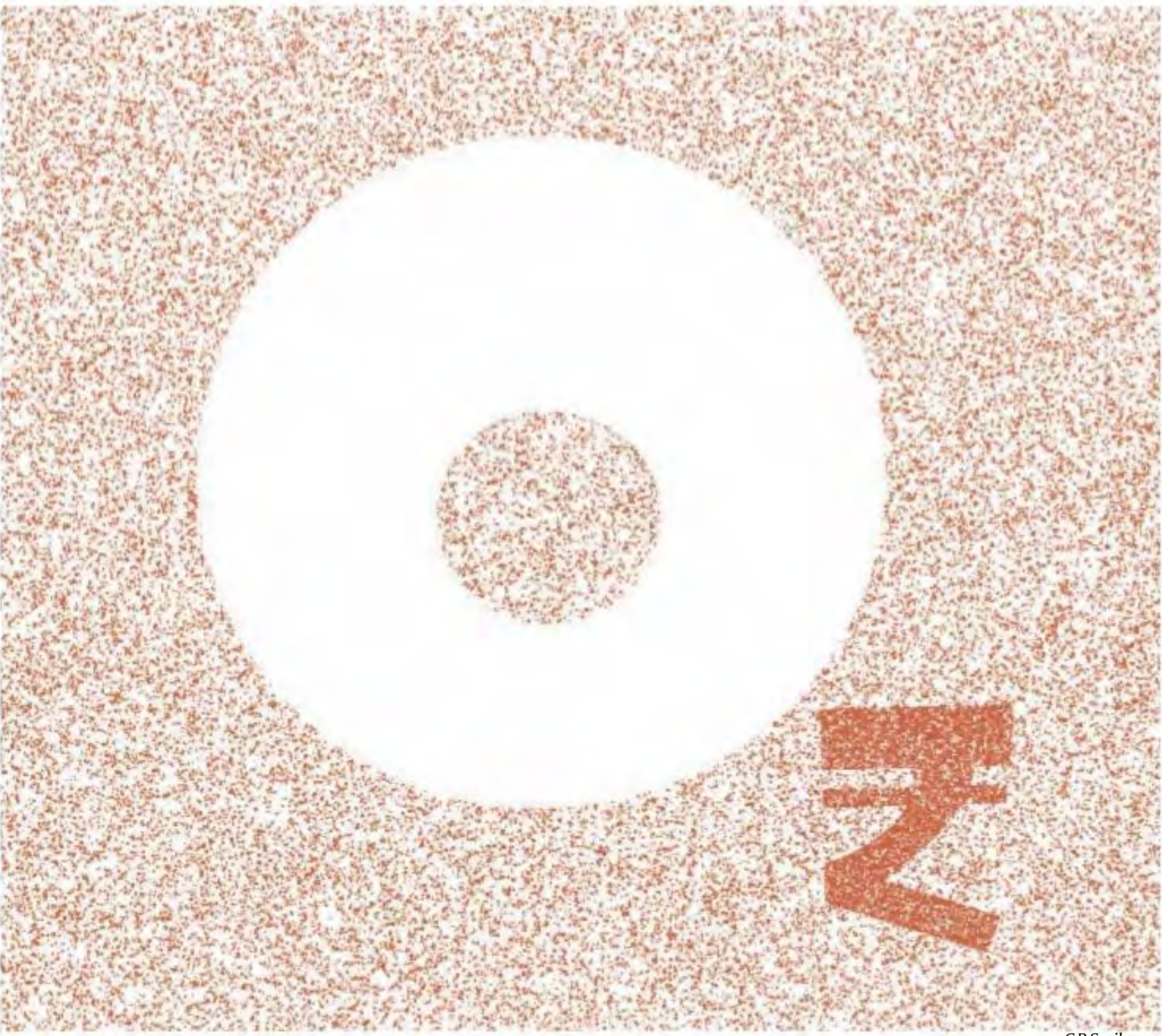
IN THE HOLLYWOOD classic *Groundhog Day*, the character played by Bill Murray finds himself waking up every morning to the exact same day as yesterday. Delhi and North India has its *Groundhog Day* moment every October, when stubble burning from paddy starts and blankets the already toxic air with a fresh inflow of aerial sewage. Like Murray, the residents of Delhi wring their hands while coughing their lungs out in total frustration. However, unlike the movie character, we do control our destiny and can break out of this vicious circle. The solutions are within our grasp provided there is political will and a willingness to use our purse to fund our way out of this problem.

Let us first understand the problem. Every year, when farmers harvest their paddy crop in north India, they are left with an annoying stubble that is hard, expensive to pull out of the ground and has no commercial use after extraction. The problem has progressively gotten worse over the years as the stubble has gotten even harder with increased use of fertilisers and pesticides, resulting in cattle instinctively avoiding rice straw and increasing farmer costs by dulling implements when cutting this straw. In order for Delhi to breathe better, this farmer needs to personally incur the cost of pulling this stubble, collecting it, and then transporting it to a place where it can be disposed properly. The collected stubble is tricky to handle because it is high volume but low weight, occupies land to store and requires high transportation cost to move around. In short, we expect the farmer to pay and be a good citizen so that we breathe better. Are we really expecting that the farmer “will do the right thing” when his economics incentivises him to clear his field cost-effectively by simply setting it on fire and fertilising his fields in the process as well?

Policy-makers and residents need to abandon the hope that enforcement of stubble-burning bans is a solution. On a trip to Punjab last week, I understood how disintegrated this problem is when I saw that the fields being burnt were both very small and quite large making enforcement by arresting and fining violators en masse completely out of the question. In general, enforcement of laws is not our strength in India and such enforcement against the powerful farming lobby is simply not going to happen.

The only solution to this annual stubble burning nightmare lies in changing the economics of the farmer by making collection and disposal of stubble more rewarding than burning. The stubble is actually valuable biomass fuel that can generate renewable electricity. The supply of such stubble by farmers to power plants can be a source of additional income instead of becoming a cost. North India can certainly use and pay for more renewable energy to feed its economic growth. The farmer will happily collect the stubble if there was a profit to be had. What would unlock such a win-win solution?

The solution lies in either individual state governments like Delhi or preferably the Central government, through one of



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their power procurement agencies like Power Trading Corporation or NTPC offering an attractive power price to private power producers for electricity generated from this stubble. The power price offered needs to both justify making an investment in a new power plant and also enabling the power producer to pay a price to the farmer for the stubble that justifies its collection and transportation. Since speed is of the essence, the government should offer an early completion bonus for projects that come online within 36 months with the bonus reducing every year, thereby rewarding companies that deliver a quicker solution to our lungs.

The reason I know this will work is because I have seen it work in Thailand. When I started investing in biomass generation in Thailand in 2004, rice husk (a completely different product than stubble) was viewed as a nuisance product by rice mills and there were limited uses of this husk. The government of Thailand introduced the “Very Small Power Plant” scheme for biomass projects below 10 MW that offered very attractive tariffs. Within the space of five years, this waste rice husk had gone from fetching the rice mills a price that barely recovered transportation cost to becoming a significant source of revenue and an essential source of profits for rice mill operations.

If Prime Minister Narendra Modi is serious about doubling farmer incomes and improving public health, finding a way to turn this agricultural waste into electricity in an environment-friendly manner is surely a starting point.

As an investor in renewable energy and

The solution lies in either the individual state governments like Delhi or preferably the Central government through one of their power procurement agencies like Power Trading Corporation or NTPC offering an attractive power price to private power producers for electricity generated from this stubble. The power price offered needs to both justify making an investment in a new power plant and also enabling the power producer to pay a price to the farmer for the stubble that justifies its collection and transportation.

climate finance in India for nearly two decades, I have seen how quickly capital has been mobilised in India and projects implemented when economics justifies the investment. India has seen more than \$42 billion invested in renewable energy since 2014, mainly in new solar and wind power plants, simply because the power price was considered sufficiently lucrative to justify the risks. A fraction of this capital can permanently solve the stubble burning crisis and the same players in renewable energy that are now larger and much better financed can be the executors of this strategy.

Like all environmental problems, no one person or state government can solve this problem on their own. The Centre has to take the lead and take along the state governments of not only the states that are the source of stubble burning but the states whose residents are breathing these toxic fumes. We should stop expecting the farmer to single-handedly pay for our clean air and accept that the right economic incentives are the only sustainable solution to this intractable problem. We need to finally put a price on our health and our lungs and open up our wallets to buy our way out of this annual crisis. Perhaps then, like Bill Murray in *Groundhog Day*, we will unexpectedly wake up one year and find that it really is a new year.

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### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“There are some simple things that could be done: forcing Facebook to reveal where parties are spending campaign cash and enforcing constituency spending limits would be a start.” — THE GUARDIAN

## The Afghanistan shadow

Kashmir stalemate will continue to simmer. But, it is the strategic fluidity in Afghanistan that threatens to upend the regional order once again



RAJA MANDALA

BY C RAJA MOHAN

AS HE threatens to lock down Islamabad if Imran Khan does not resign, the leader of the Jamiat-ulema-e-Islam, Maulana Fazlur Rehman responded to two major charges from the Pakistani establishment. One was the accusation that he was promoting an Indian agenda. The Maulana responded by reminding his audience that it was Imran Khan who said that the re-election of Narendra Modi will help resolve the Kashmir dispute. Imran Khan's incompetence, Rehman said, led to Modi's “annexation” of Kashmir. In Islamabad, India is a whipping boy for all sides.

The establishment also pointed to the flags of Afghanistan and the Taliban being waved by many of the protestors. The Maulana dismissed these concerns as frivolous. While appealing to his followers not to wave the Taliban flags, he reminded the public that the governments of Pakistan and many others were embracing the Taliban. In any case, both the Maulana and Imran have long been supporters of the Taliban.

The broad agreement in Islamabad that India is the threat and the Taliban is an ally, hides an important reality — the greatest threat to Pakistan comes from Afghanistan rather than the unfinished agenda of Kashmir. Amidst the super-charged rhetoric in Pakistan about Kashmir, after the Indian decision to change the state's constitutional status, and the growing anxieties in Delhi about losing the argument in the global arena, it might be unfashionable to argue that the latest developments in Kashmir are a lot less significant than the unfolding prospects of a renewed civil war in Afghanistan.

Part of the problem is the prolonged political myth-making on Kashmir. Pakistan and India have propagated the myth that their nation-building is incomplete without full control over Kashmir. A second myth, about the territorial coherence of J&K, masks the fact that the region is a mere collection of diverse cantons that came together through a quirk of history.

A third myth is about the geopolitical significance of Kashmir as the “world's most dangerous nuclear flashpoint”. This was invented by the non-proliferation ayatollahs in Washington, ever eager to roll-back the nuclear programmes of India and Pakistan. It fed nicely into Rawalpindi's strategy to blackmail the world with the threat of nuclear escalation and get the international system to compel Delhi to cede territory.

The fourth myth suggests that Kashmir is the sole source of the conflict between India and Pakistan. But, it is by no means clear that if India settles the Kashmir dispute with Pakistan, Islamabad will become friends with India overnight. The conflict between India and Pakistan is more deeply rooted in the legacy of partition.

The fifth myth is that the world will ride in to liberate the Kashmiris from India. If Rawalpindi has been rather optimistic about

mobilising the international community to sever Kashmir from India, Delhi has been far too fearful about external intervention in its disputes with Pakistan. After seventy-odd years of conflict, the only concessions that Pakistan “wrested” from India were those “gifted” by Delhi, which voluntarily took the issue to the UN in 1947-48.

Despite the many wars and military crises, the enduring feature of Kashmir has been the military stalemate there. Consider the following: Despite throwing everything it had at India, Rawalpindi has not been able to materially alter the territorial distribution in Kashmir.

Finally, there is the myth that Kashmir has been central to the Subcontinent's evolution. Kashmir is certainly a very emotional issue for Pakistan. It is also an ideological legacy of the partition of the Subcontinent. To the GHQ in Rawalpindi, at least, it is about avenging India's vivisection of Pakistan in 1971. But, from a realist perspective, Kashmir has been essentially marginal to the heartland politics in Indo-Gangetic plains across the Indo-Pak divide.

Compare the stalemate in Kashmir to the impact of Afghanistan on the Subcontinent. Through the millennia, all great invasions of the Subcontinent have come through Afghanistan. Cut to modern times and see what Afghanistan has given to the Subcontinent and the world in the last four decades: The communist coup in 1978 followed by Soviet occupation, a Pakistan-backed jihad against the Red Army that brought Islamic radicals from all corners of the world, Zia's injection of Islam into Pakistan's polity, the end of Pakistan's brief experiment with constitutional democracy, the rise of the Taliban and al Qaeda, the 9/11 attacks, the American occupation, and its retreat, paving way for a possible return of the Taliban.

While Delhi is once removed from Afghanistan, Pakistan's problems on its western borders are unlikely to end any time soon. The open border with Afghanistan and the refusal of Afghans, including the Taliban, to recognise the Durand Line as the formal boundary between the two nations are one set of problems that Pakistan continues to cope with.

The Durand Line running was a matter of convenience for the British Raj. But the large Pashtun population that straddles the line is a huge challenge for Islamabad. The fear of an ethnic “Pashtunistan” that could undermine the Islamist basis of the nation has always worried Pakistan. Although the jihad against Russia and its role as the front-line state gave Pakistan many benefits, the prolonged war in Afghanistan has left Islamabad deeply vulnerable on its western frontiers.

The Kashmir stalemate will continue to simmer. But, it is the strategic fluidity in Afghanistan that threatens to upend the regional order once again. Pakistan will most likely bear the worst of the fallout. The Kashmir issue may not vanish from the regional and global agenda, but it is the Pashtun question which will continue to haunt the future of Pakistan and the Subcontinent. The Taliban flags blowing in the Islamabad wind are probably the sign of things to come.

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## Saving the peace

In Nagaland, Centre must be patient and generous, keep NSCN (IM) on board

SANDEEP PANDEY, BABLOO LOITONGBAM AND MEERA SANGHAMITRA

THUINGALENG MUIVAH, leader of the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak Muivah) told a group of civil society representatives, including two of the authors of this article, who met him at Camp Hebron on September 27, that Nagaland may be weaker in a material sense but it is strong politically. The NSCN-IM, which started as an insurgent group, could engage the government of India in dialogue for 22 years after a ceasefire agreement in 1997; Muivah headed the parallel government established by the NSCN as the Ato Kilonser or prime minister. Even though the Narendra Modi government has removed the limited autonomy enjoyed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Muivah continues to keep alive his vision of a shared sovereignty and peaceful co-existence that guided the agreement signed on August 3, 2015 in the presence of PM Modi. Muivah has good reasons to be hopeful.

Unlike J&K, no instrument of accession was signed by the then popular Naga rebel leader, Angami Zapu Phizo, with the GoI when the British left the subcontinent in 1947. Nagaland was first made a part of Assam by the British and then by independent India. The Nagas resisted both times, never surrendered and still believe that the ongoing dialogue will result in a political solution. Muivah asserts that Nagaland has never been under foreign rule, either by consent or conquest. The Nagas had told the

British that their fate should not be tied to the fate of independent India.

However, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru sent an army into Nagaland, though Mahatma Gandhi had promised the Nagas that they will not be integrated into India by force. According to Muivah, Nehru never respected the Nagas. It was only much later when P V Narasimha Rao met with Isak and Muivah in Paris, that he agreed on a dialogue to be held without pre-conditions at the highest levels, outside India. Subsequently, then Indian PM Deve Gowda met Isak Chisi Swu and Muivah in Bangkok. He wanted the Nagas to accept the Indian Constitution, which was not agreeable to them, and Muivah suggested that the two parties should go their separate ways. Two years later, the government of India admitted that Nagas were never formally under Indian rule and a unique solution to their problem was required. It was only after this that the concept of shared sovereignty was floated. After talks with PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Amsterdam, the NSCN (IM) leadership decided to move back to India and continue the process of dialogue with the Manmohan Singh government.

The Modi government declared that an agreement had been reached with the NSCN (IM) leadership only to encounter the roadblock of a demand for a separate constitution and flag for Nagaland. Having taken

away the constitution of J&K — which mentioned that J&K was an integral part of India — and its flag as part of its One Nation, One Constitution narrative, the BJP-led government is in a bind with respect to the Naga demand for a separate constitution and flag.

The response of the interlocutor in the dialogue process, now the Nagaland governor, R N Ravi, has been to bring on board another stakeholder since 2017 — Naga National Political Groups, a conglomerate of seven organisations, in an attempt to counterbalance the NSCN (IM). But he should know that if the NSCN (IM) is cold-shouldered, the chances are that it will slip back into insurgency. The NSCN (Khaplang), presently dormant in Myanmar, may also get reactivated.

The government should not rush into a solution by declaring deadlines to ensnare itself. It should patiently involve all stakeholders from within and outside the state of Nagaland without marginalising the NSCN (IM), and work towards a solution through a peaceful dialogue process that satisfies all. The NSCN (IM) must acknowledge that even though it may have been the only force to reckon with in the beginning, now there are others whose sensitivities will have to be kept in mind. For example, Kukis, another tribe engaged in fierce tussle with the Nagas in the Manipur hills, are unlikely to accept Naga dominance over their areas. I Kipgen, president of an organisation of Thodous, a

Kuki community, has expressed his apprehension to the interlocutor for Indo-Kuki talks.

While it is likely that groups within and outside Nagaland are being projected at this time by the government to blunt the edge of the demands made by the NSCN (IM), it is also a fact that societies like Manipur are ethnically plural. These have withstood the test of time for millennia. They are unlikely to acquiesce to any arrangement that requires them to part with their resources and polity. The government and the NSCN (IM) must be completely transparent in their approach and must take into confidence all genuine political formations, civil society and ethnic groups.

There was a time when Naga leaders were impatient and wanted to go back to Europe leaving the dialogue process open-ended. Now, the government seems to be in some kind of urgency. The Modi government would do well to resist the temptation of self-congratulatory grandiosity in deciding the fate of Nagaland without proper consultations. If the fragile ethnic balance of the region — which has a history of violence — is not handled sensitively, it can potentially lead to an ethnic implosion.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### CLOSE ENGAGEMENT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Engaging Germany’, (IE, November 4). India and the European Union (EU) had elevated their relationship to a strategic partnership back in 2004. It is expected that our European partners convey their priorities and apprehensions in an appropriate platform keeping in view of our sensitivities. India and Europe complement each other in various ways, a far closer engagement between the two will have a profound impact within their respective political borders and beyond.

**Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata**

#### NOT A NOVICE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Because the name is Shakib’ (IE, November 4). Shakib Al Hasan is not a top notch all-rounder in all three formats of the game for nothing. He is an immensely talented player who has contributed a lot to Bangladesh cricketers. Since Bangladeshi cricket fans are a passionate lot, their overreaction or lack of logic was not unexpected. What raises an alarm is the lenient approach of the ICC in this grave matter. What Shakib did was unpardonable, considering his stature in world cricket. He is not a novice in international cricket who does not know the rules.

**Bal Govind, Noida**

#### LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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#### BLIND TO POLLUTION

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Let's clear the air’ (IE, November 4). The writer's suggestion that amending the Air Act of 1981 is a solution to the pollution crisis does not cut much ice. Interestingly, the government is compromising on the environment by its inaction — as if those in power and their families can breathe unpolluted air due to the VIP status and privileges they enjoy. This false belief is so deeply internalised that it makes them indifferent to the health hazard taking toll on so many Indians.

**Deepak Singhal, Chennai**

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## TOP OF THE WORLD



### PAKISTAN

#### Maryam Nawaz gets bail in money laundering case

**Lahore:** A Pakistani court on Monday granted bail to Maryam Nawaz, the daughter of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, in a money laundering case. A two-member bench of the Lahore High Court headed by Justice Ali Baqar Najafi granted Maryam bail in the Chaudhry Sugar Mills case of money laundering. The court had reserved the verdict in the case on October 31. Maryam had filed her bail application in the case on "merits and humanitarian grounds". She had pleaded that she wanted to look after her father whose condition is "critical". "The court has granted Maryam bail on merit and not on humanitarian grounds," an LHC official told PTI.

### GREECE

#### 41 migrants found alive in refrigerated truck

**Thessaloniki:** Forty-one migrants were found alive in a refrigerated truck in northern Greece on Monday, said police, who arrested the driver. The migrants, of apparent Afghan origin, were mostly in good condition but seven received first aid in hospital, the police said. "The truck contained men and boys. Identifying their nationality will require a couple of days," a police source said. The truck was stopped by police on the Egnatia motorway between the towns of Xanthi and Komotini. The driver, a man from Georgia, was arrested. Local media reported that police were also seeking a second man from Turkey.

### TURKEY

#### 'IS prisoners to be sent home even if citizenship junked'

**Ankara:** Turkey will send captured Islamic State members back to their countries even if their citizenships have been revoked, Interior Minister Suleyman Soyly said on Monday, criticising the approach of European countries on the issue. Turkey launched an offensive into northeastern Syria against the Kurdish YPG militia last month following a decision by US President Donald Trump to withdraw troops from the region. The move prompted widespread concern over the fate of Islamic State prisoners in the region. "We will send back those in our hands, but the world has come up with a new method now: revoking their citizenships," Soyly said.

## ON ANNIVERSARY OF US EMBASSY CRISIS

# Iran doubles number of centrifuges, moving further away from 2015 deal

Tehran says new prototype centrifuge works 50 times faster; anti-US demonstrations across country

NASSER KARIMI & JON GAMBRELL  
TEHRAN, NOVEMBER 4

IRAN ON Monday broke further away from its collapsing 2015 nuclear deal with world powers by doubling the number of advanced centrifuges it operates, linking the decision to US President Donald Trump's withdrawal from the agreement over a year ago.

The announcement — which also included Iran saying it now has a prototype centrifuge that works 50 times faster than those allowed under the deal — came as demonstrators across the country marked the 40th anniversary of the 1979 US Embassy takeover that started a 444-day hostage crisis.

By starting up these advanced centrifuges, Iran further cut into the one year that experts estimate Tehran would need to have enough material for building a nuclear weapon — if it chose to pursue one. Iran has long insisted its programme is for peaceful purposes, though Western fears about its work led to the 2015 agreement that saw Tehran limit its enrichment of



Protesters attend an anti US-demonstration in Tehran on Monday. *Reuters*

uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

Tehran has gone from producing some 450 grams of low-enriched uranium a day to 5 kg, said Ali Akbar Salehi, the head of the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran. Iran now holds over 500 kg of low-enriched uranium, Salehi said. The deal had limited Iran to 300 kg.

Visiting Iran's underground Natanz enrichment facility, Salehi dramatically pushed a

button on a keyboard to start a chain of 30 IR-6 centrifuges as state television cameras filmed, increasing the number of working centrifuges to 60.

Salehi also announced that scientists were working on a prototype which worked 50-times faster than than the centrifuges they currently have.

Meanwhile Monday, demonstrators gathered in front of the former US embassy in downtown

Tehran to mark the takeover. The resulting hostage crisis saw Islamist students seize the post in response to US President Jimmy Carter allowing Iran's autocratic leader, Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, to receive medical care in the US. While some hostages found freedom amid the crisis, 52 Americans were held for 444 days until US President Ronald Reagan's inauguration in January 1981. **AP**

### 40-YR-OLD CRISIS THAT STILL HOLDS IRAN, US CAPTIVE

■ Iranian students stormed the US embassy soon after the fall of the US-backed shah in 1979, and 52 Americans were held hostage for 444 days. The two countries have been enemies ever since.

■ The students' anger stemmed from the 1953 coup that overthrew Iran's elected PM, a putsch organised by the CIA.

■ The hostage crisis ultimately ended on the day President Ronald Reagan was inaugurated in 1981. But it has resulted in the two sides being perpetually distrustful of each other.

■ Now, their relationship is bad as it ever was, with both sides recently coming dangerously close to war.

## UNREST IN IRAQ



Demonstrators block Al-Sanak Bridge during anti-government protests in Baghdad. *Reuters*

# At least 5 dead as security forces open fire on Baghdad protesters

AHMED ABOULENEIN  
BAGHDAD, NOVEMBER 4

IRAQI SECURITY forces killed at least five people when they opened fire on protesters in Baghdad on Monday, a *Reuters* witness said, as thousands took part in the largest wave of anti-government protests for decades.

A *Reuters* cameraman saw one man shot dead, his body carried away by fellow protesters, when security forces opened fire with live rounds on demonstrators near Baghdad's Ahrar Bridge. He also saw at least four others killed.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister said a group of protesters had crossed the bridge and set fire to a restaurant, and that law enforcement "dealt" with them. He did not elaborate.

More than 250 Iraqis have been killed in demonstrations since the start of October against

## EXPLAINED With consulate attack, protesters vent anger on Iran

IRAQI PROTESTERS attacked the Iranian consulate in the Shia holy city of Karbala on Sunday night, underscoring their anger on the neighbouring country that they accuse of meddling in affairs of their government. Iran wields considerable influence in Iraq and backs the current government, which has overseen rising prices and widespread corruption. A number of powerful militias in Iraq are also backed by Tehran. With the protesters seeking a complete overhaul of Iraq's political system, Iran's Supreme Leader has called for a solution within the present legal framework. This has only added to the feeling among protesters that Iran wields too much influence over Iraq's politicians and that the change they want will not be possible with Iran's continuing interference.

a government they see as corrupt and beholden to foreign interests.

Monday's deaths were in addition to three protesters killed late on Sunday when security

forces who opened fire on a crowd trying to storm the Iranian consulate in the Shia holy city of Karbala, security and medical sources said. **REUTERS**



Supporters of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam party at an anti-government demonstration in Islamabad on Monday. *AP*

# Pak protest leader calls all-party meet as his deadline for Imran resignation expires

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 4

PAKISTAN'S FIREBRAND cleric-politician Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Monday convened an all-party conference to discuss the future course of action as the 48-hour deadline set by him for Prime Minister Imran Khan's resignation has expired.

The Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) leader, who is leading a huge protest dubbed the 'Azadi March' comprising tens of thousands of his supporters in the national capital, said the movement to oust the Prime Minister "will continue to move ahead and will never be on the back foot".

Rehman on Friday gave Khan a two-day ultimatum to resign, saying the "Gorbachev of Pakistan" must step down without testing the patience of peaceful protesters.

The 66-year-old cleric said that the protest would continue until the Prime Minister steps down.

The JUI-F has convened an all-party conference to discuss the future course of action in consultation with the leaders of other opposition parties, the *Express Tribune* reported.

## TRUMP IMPEACHMENT PROBE

# White House witnesses don't turn up to testify

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 4

A WHITE House lawyer suspected of involvement in the Ukraine scandal refused to testify Monday in the congressional impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump, as three other witnesses were also expected no-shows.

John Eisenberg, Trump's deputy counsel for National Security Affairs, defied a summons to appear before the three House panels conducting the investigation, a sign of renewed stonewalling by the White House as Democrats press to take the inquiry into a new public phase.

Trump said early Monday he felt there was "no reason" for witnesses to answer questions by investigators, in particular about his call with his Ukrainian counterpart that is at the heart of the probe.

"What I said on the phone call with the Ukrainian President is 'perfectly' stated," Trump said on Twitter. "There is no reason to call witnesses to analyse my words and meaning. This is just another Democrat hoax that I have had to live with

Rehman's call for the protest has been supported by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party, Qaumi Watan Party, National Party and Awami National Party.

However, *Dawn* reported that PPP chief Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari and PML-N head Shehbaz Sharif may not be able to attend the all-party meeting.

"It was highly unlikely for party chiefs Bilawal and Shehbaz to make it to Islamabad on such a short notice," the report quoted respective party leaders as saying.

Shehbaz was unable to attend due to back pain and other prior engagements, *Dawn* quoted PML-N sources as saying.

Bilawal, who is in Bahawalpur city, about 620 km from here, will not be able to attend the meeting in which final consultations of the Azadi March's future strategy would be held, according to the PPP sources.

Meanwhile, the Lahore High Court has accepted for hearing a petition demanding action against JUI-F chief Rehman for "challenging the writ of government, delivering hate, provocative and seditious speeches against the state", the report said.



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from the day I got elected." Eisenberg, who by mid-morning had yet to appear for a scheduled 9 am closed-door deposition, is reported to have been on the July 25 call.

At least four national security officials raised concerns with Eisenberg about Trump's dealing with Ukraine before his call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky and immediately after it, the *Washington Post* had reported.

Investigators are seeking greater access to officials with knowledge of Trump's efforts to pressure Ukraine into investigating one of his chief political opponents, Democrat Joe Biden, who is running for president in 2020.

## WORLD'S FIRST MULTI-TARGETING, CARBOHYDRATE-BASED DRUG FOR ALZHEIMER'S, CHINA SAYS

# China approves drug to cure Alzheimer's; to go on sale from next month

KJM VARMA  
BEIJING, NOVEMBER 4

IN A major breakthrough, China has approved a home-grown seaweed-based drug to potentially cure Alzheimer's and it will be available to Chinese patients from next month, state media reported on Monday.

China's National Medical Products Administration has approved the market launch of the drug, GV-971, last Saturday, *China Daily* reported.

The drug can treat mild to moderate forms of the disease and improve cognition, it said.

Patients will be able to buy the drug around China from December 29, and more production lines will gradually be put into operation to satisfy the market demand, according to Shanghai Green Valley Pharmaceutical, one of the drug's developers.

The drug is the only Alzheimer's medicine out of more than 320 developed by pharmaceutical companies around the globe to survive clinical trials, despite the investment of hundreds of billions of US dollars over the past two decades, the report said.

Extracted from brown algae,

the orally taken drug is the world's first multi-targeting and carbohydrate-based drug for Alzheimer's, the administration said.

The first production line for the drug, which will meet the needs of two million patients, will begin running this week.

Alzheimer's disease, an irreversible and progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory, thinking ability and the capability to carry out simple tasks, affects at least 50 million people worldwide, and the number is expected to increase as populations age.

China has roughly 10 mil-



Preparations are being made for the Alzheimer's drug's clinical trials in the US, its developers said. *Reuters file*

lion people with Alzheimer's, the highest in the world.

The Chinese Academy of Sciences' Shanghai Institute of

Materia Medica, which jointly developed the GV-971 with Green Valley and Ocean University of China after 22 years of research, said there were previously five medicines with limited efficacy used to treat the disease, which was discovered a century ago.

A phase III clinical trial of the drug involving 818 patients completed in July last year had "proven to continuously and effectively improve cognition among mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease sufferers over a period of nine months," said Geng Meiyu, lead researcher on the drug and a re-

searcher with SIMM. "Addiction and serious toxicity of the therapy haven't been identified in research so far," she said.


Scientists said the drug functions mainly by rebalancing gut microbiota, reducing neuro-inflammation and reducing cognitive impairment. Some doctors from China and abroad, including David Holtzman, chairman of the American Neurological Association, said they believe GV-971 will provide a new medical solution for patients.

Preparations are being made for the drug's clinical tri-

als in the US and international multi-centre research, its developers said, with initial communication with the US Food and Drug Administration already completed.

"Green Valley has established a professional team and hired world-renowned experts in this field as consultants in preparation for initiating clinical trials in the US," said Lyu Songtao, the company's chairman.

"We don't exclude the possibility of collaborating with international research institutions to perform clinical trials in the US," the *Daily* report quoted Lyu as saying. **PTI**



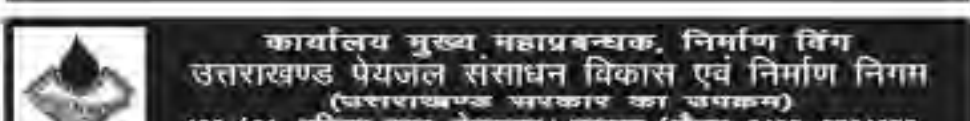
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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. DPO / North Central Railway, Agra Acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through online only (E-Tendering) for the following:-

**1. Name of work with it's location:-** Hiring of one Motor non AC vehicle TAVERA/TOYOTA QUALIS/ SCORPIO/ TATASUMO/ BOLERO or similar make no earlier than 2016 and in good working condition, including driver, fuel, crew and maintenance etc. for 24 months for official use of Sr.DPO/Agra for running 2000 Kms per month. (nature of work: 12 hrs per day without any holiday / rest),

**2. Approx. Cost of the work:- Rs. 8,59,728/-** (Rupees Eight lakh fifty nine thousand seven hundred twenty eight only). For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Bidder will be able to submit their original/revised bids through web portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 16.00 hrs on 29.11.2019. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and such manual offer received shall be ignored. 1593/19(A)




**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Material Manager, North Central Railway, Allahabad invites the E-procurement tenders.

S.N.	Tender No	Description	Qty.	EMD (Rs)	Tender Opening Date
1.	19196555	2.0 Ton Split type AC unit with rotary/scroll compressor (R-22 Refrigerant), nominal cooling cap. K.cal/hrs in KW 6000 (7.0), minimum air flow 800 cfm/hr, EER-3.5, min BEE star rating 3 and above, suitable for working voltage 230V+/- 10% single phase 50 Hz, operating temp 52 degree centigrade, Confirming to IS:1391 (Pt-1)/1992 with latest amdt. Make: Hitachi/Mitsubishi/LG.	38 Nos	₹ 26,980.00	25.11.2019
2.	19196163	220 KV Triple pole, Out door, SF-6 gas type, Circuit Breaker, as per Specification No. T1/SPC/PSI/HVCB/0120 Rev. 0 with A&C Slip No. 11.2 or latest make-CGL/AB.	02 Nos	₹ 49,200.00	25.11.2019

**Note:** 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in>, 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III. digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000., 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vender shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered., 4. Documents being attached should be signed on their body., 5. Allocation for "Cost of Drawing" is ₹-650 and for "Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)" is Deposit Misc. stores-00844517. The above tender notice have been uploaded on "<http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in>" In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached. 1578/19 (A)



**Tender Notice No.M/RSK/Garbage Cleaning contract/ 2019-22**  
Date:- 26.10.2019

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Chief Workshop Manager Rail Spring Karkahana Sithouli Gwalior for and on behalf of President of India e-Tendering for the following works.

Tender No.	Description or work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Tender Document Cost. (In Rs.)
19-22 Garbage Cleaning	Grabage Cleaning & Industrial waste disposal at RSK for three years.	₹ 49,70,650.48 (Rs. Forty nine lakh seventy thousand six hundred fifty & forty eight paise only)	₹ 99,400/-	3000+5% GST=3150/-

**Completion Period:-** 3 years from the date of commencement of work, 1. Tender will be closed at 15.00 Hrs on 26.11.2019. E-Tender Notice is also available on Indian Railway e-Tendering website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in), 2. for detailed information please visit Indian Railway e-Tendering website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in), 3. Eligibility criteria:- The experience of similar work etc as define and shown regarding the condition of tender for minimum eligibility criteria and other conditions shall be made available in tender document and on Indian Railway e-Tendering website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in), 4. Tenderers should watch the website for downloading the tender document and submission of bid. If any corrigendum/addendum to the NIT/e- Tender document, (if any) as there will not be any separate communication for the same. Corrigendum can be issued on IREPS website only., **Note:-** Tenderer shall submit documentary proof in regard to fulfilling all the above eligibility criteria along with their offer which has been completed by it before the publication date of NIT The offers of tenderer who do not meet the eligibility criteria as mentioned above shall not be considered. 1581/19(A)



**E-tender Notice Number:- CM-I/Deluxe Pay & Use Toilet/BOT/FZD/2019**  
Date:- 29.10.2019

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Following e-tender on prescribed tender forms are invited by the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, North Central Railway, Allahabad on behalf of President of India.

e-tender No.	Name of work and Station	Minimum Reserved L/Fee of Contract for 15 Years	Minimum Reserved L/Fee of Contract for 1 Years	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form
184/2019	Contract of Deluxe Pay & Use toilets on "Built, Operate and Transfer" (BOT) basis at Firozabad Railway Station for a concession period of 15 years.	₹ 12,84,947.00	₹ 51,134.00	₹ 5,200.00	₹ 2,360.00

**Period of Contract:-** 15 Years, **Time & date for the opening of tender:-** At 15.00 hrs. on 26.11.2019, Website & Notice where the full detail of tender can be seen, E-tender forms shall be available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) upto 13.00 hrs on 26.11.2019 from the date of opening of the e-tender. The E-Tender Notice can also be viewed on Railway's web site [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in). 1582/19(A)



**L/no. C/370/Parking stand/Jhansi/Ms-II**  
Date:- 29.10.2019

**OPEN TENDER**

On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial) North Central Railway / Jhansi invites open tenders for allotment of license of Parking Stands for the period of five years for NSG-2 only under Two packet system as per following details-

Tender No.	Station	Nature of license	Area of Stand to be allotted (In sq.meter)	Minumum reserved L/Fee of contract for first Year (In Rs.) without GST	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form (In Rs.)
99-JHS-E-W-P-2019	JHANSI (EAST & WEST)	Parking contract scooter/motor cycle/cycle/car (east & west)	Circulating area 2192.38 Sq meter.+Infront GRP Thana 861.58 Sq meter-1599.66 Sq meter Near Pay office+Station west side 559.24 Sq meter.	₹ 65,60,630/-	₹ 3,24,200/-	₹ 11,800/- with GST
100-JHS-E-PP-P-2019	JHANSI (EAST)	Parking contract Four wheeler (premium car parking)	Circulating area excluding VIP lane and portico	₹ 14,88,211/-	₹ 1,58,100/-	₹ 5,900/- with GST

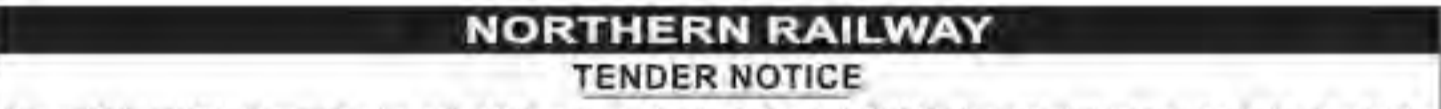
Period of Contract:- 05 Years, On line tenders will only be accepted. Manual/Postal/e-mail, FAX by hand tenders will not be accepted. Bidders are advised to obtain class II digital signature certificate with company name & register the same with [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Tender document Cost & Earnest money can be paid only through online e-payment gateway as provided in [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) For further details please visit the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Date & time for submission of tender 26.11.2019 at 15.00 hrs., **Note-** Tender no. 99-JHS-E-W-P-2019 & 100-JHS-E-PP-P-2019, Date & Time for submission of tender 26.11.2019 at 15.00 hrs

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उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदाएँ दो भागों में (जी.एस.टी.) में पंजीकृत प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से आमंत्रित की जाती है, निविदा के प्रथम भाग (ऑन-लाइन) में निविदा मूल्य तथा धरोहर राशि, आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.एफ.आई.टी./ बैंक गारन्टी के माध्यम से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, मुरादाबाद के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, मुख्य शाखा मुरादाबाद में संचालित चालू खाता सं.-10896364702, IFSC Code- SBIN 0000682 (MICR No. 110024101) में निविदा खुलने की तिथि से 01 दिवस पूर्व सायं 17:00 बजे तक जमा कर, यूटीआर सं. खाता के नाम/सं. निविदा सं., जारी करने वाले बैंक अधिकारी तथा निविदादाता द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित प्रति, इन्कम टैक्स, पैन नं. जी.एस.टी. पंजीकरण प्रपत्र की छायाप्रति, अनुभव संबंधी प्रपत्र तथा पात्रता की अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें अवश्य होने चाहिए अन्यथा की स्थिति में निविदा का भाग-2 विचारणीय नहीं होगा। द्वितीय भाग में दरें होनी चाहिए। निविदा सभी प्रपत्रों सहित खुलने की तिथि निर्धारित दिनांक को 13.00 बजे तक ई-माध्यम से प्राप्त की जायेगी और उसी दिन ई-माध्यम से प्रथम भाग 15.00 बजे तथा प्रथम भाग के परीक्षणपराप्त द्वितीय भाग खोला जायेगा। उक्त तिथि को अवकाश होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेंगी। आमंत्रित निविदायें केवल ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट 'http://etender.up.nic.in' पर ही खुलने के दिनांक को समय 13:00 बजे तक ही **Download/submit** कर का संकेती, निविदा प्रपत्र उपरोक्त पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर निविदा **submi** करने की स्थिति व समय तक उपलब्ध रहेंगे। दरों की वैधता निविदा खुलने की तिथि से कम से कम 90 दिन होनी चाहिए। अन्य नियम व शर्तें विभाग के निर्धारित नियम व शर्तें उ.प्र. पावर कार्पोरेशन लि. के फार्म एबी के अनुसार होगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। किसी भी या समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकार/ निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कोई कारण बताए सुरक्षित रहेगा। निविदा संबंधी निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि जमा करने संबंधी उक्त पे-इन-स्लिप निविदा खुलने से एक दिवस पूर्व इस कार्यालय को ऑनलाइन (seetdmbd@gmail.com) उपलब्ध कराना

आवश्यक है, अन्यथा की स्थिति में निविदा नहीं खोली जाएगी। निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि के जमा होने के संबंध में बैंक स्टेटमेंट की उपलब्धता एवं जमा धनराशि की जांचोपरांत ही निविदा का भाग-2 खोला जायेगा। ई-निविदा खुलने की दिनांक- 26.11.2019: 1. ई-निविदा संख्या-163/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-प्रथम, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी मुरादाबाद-बिलारी लाइन के टावर लाकेशन सं. 37-ए के रिवेमेंट का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 12000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.1770/- 2. ई-निविदा संख्या-164/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 220 केवी एवं 132 केवी उपकेन्द्रों की 132 केवी मेन बस पर सेक्शन आईसोलेटर लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.590/- 3. ई-निविदा संख्या-165/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, सम्मल पर फायर एक्सटिंगुशर की रीफिलिंग, रिचार्जिंग एवं पेंटिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का वैट सहित मूल्य रु.590/- 4. ई-निविदा संख्या-166/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, मुरादाबाद पर विभिन्न मेक के 145 केवी आईसोलेटर ऑपरेटिंग मैकेनिज्म एवं क्यूबीकल की ओवरहॉलिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.590/- 5. ई-निविदा संख्या-167/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अंतर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, चन्दीसी पर घास आदि की कटाई का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/- 6. ई-निविदा संख्या-168/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अंतर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, सम्मल पर घास आदि की कटाई का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.590/- 7. ई-निविदा संख्या-169/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, मुरादाबाद पर सिंगिल जैक बस को बदलने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.590/- ई-निविदा खुलने की दिनांक-28.11.2019 :

1. ई-निविदा संख्या-170/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र सम्मल पर विभिन्न प्रकार के पैनल/क्यूबीकल्स की हाई क्वालिटी फ्लेम प्रूफ गैसकेट लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.590/- 2. ई-निविदा संख्या-171/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, चन्दीसी पर उपकरणों एवं स्ट्रक्चर की पेंटिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 7000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.1180/- 3. ई-निविदा संख्या-172/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, चन्दीसी पर सॉलरला सिस्टम की आपूर्ति एवं स्थापना का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 5000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.590/- 4. ई-निविदा संख्या-173/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-प्रथम, मुरादाबाद अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, आवास-विकास पर लॉन एवं प्लान्ट आदि के अनुरक्षण का वार्षिक कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु.590/- 5. ई-निविदा संख्या-174/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-प्रथम, मुरादाबाद अन्तर्गत 132 केवी उपकेन्द्र, कांठ रोड पर सी.सी.टी.वी. कैमरा की आपूर्ति एवं लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 4500/- निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/- 6- ई-निविदा संख्या-175/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, मुरादाबाद पर 02 नं. 40 एमवीए परिवर्तकों हेतु की WTI & OTI आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/- 7- ई-निविदा संख्या-176/ई.टी.सी.एम./2019-20 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, सम्मल के अंतर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों पर विभिन्न मेक की 36 केवी वीसीबी हेतु स्पिंग चार्जिंग मोटर एवं गियर बॉक्स धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का वैट सहित मूल्य रु. 590/- "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें" हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रॉ.का.लि. मुरादाबाद प्रांक: 2599 वि.पा.सं.(मु.)/ई-निविदा/19-20 दि. 02-11-2019



**NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE**

Senior/Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W) Firozabad Acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tender. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Bidding System	Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Closing Date/Time	Date and Time of opening E-Tender
Open	Single Packet System	05.11.2019 Time 17:00 hours	27.11.2019 Time 15:00 hours	27.11.2019 After Time 15:05 hrs.

S.No./Tender Number	Details of Tender				
1 55-2019	Quick watering arrangement facilities at Ludhiana station.				
	Advertised Value	Tender Document Cost	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
	1,97,49,384.79	10,000.00	2,48,800	45 Days	6 Months

For more details please log on to [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). 3539/2019

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**UTTARAKHAND SUGARS**  
Near Railway Crossing, Badripur Road, Jogiwala (Dehradun)  
Email: [uksugars@gmail.com](mailto:uksugars@gmail.com)


Ref. No. 808 /CPC/ 2019-20 Dated 04-11-2019

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF E.N.A.**

Sealed single stage two envelope unconditional Short Term Tenders are invited from the reputed manufacturers only for supply of E.N.A. at Bazpur distillery under the purchase rules admissible under Uttarakhand Procurement Rules 2017 by the Managing Director, Uttarakhand Sugars, Dehradun.

Sl. No.	NAME OF ARTICLE	QUANTITY (In Bulk Litre)	EARNEST MONEY	Date and Time of Opening Technical Bid
1	A grade Extra Neutral Alcohol (Molasses/Grain based) Strength 95 % to 96.1% v/v as per table IS 2302-1962 and above IS specifications duly passed by the Alcohol Technologist of State Excise Department	3.00 Lakh (1.50 Lakh per month)	₹5,00,000.00	13.11.2019 at 11.00 a.m.

The tender form can be obtained from the office of the Uttarakhand Sugars up to 05.00 P.M. of the day immediately preceding the last date of submission or downloaded from the Website [www.uttarakhandsugars.com](http://www.uttarakhandsugars.com). Uttarakhand Sugars reserves the right to cancel/reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof, in such a case the tenderers shall not be eligible for any compensation. Detailed terms & conditions are described in the tender document, which shall form part of this notice. Sd/- Contact No. : 8077744804 General Manager



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY ATOMIC MINERALS DIRECTORATE FOR EXPLORATION AND RESEARCH No. 1-10-153-156, AMD COMPLEX, BEGUMPET, HYDERABAD - 500016 BRIEF TENDER NOTICE**

**NIT No. AMD/CD/WR-RMRE/CORE/2019-20-T-168** DATE : 23.10.2019

The Director, (AMD), Begumpet, Hyderabad invites for and on behalf of the President of India, sealed tenders in two parts (TECHNICAL and COMMERCIAL) from eligible Core Drilling contractors, for the following Drilling work in Rajasthan.

Item No.	TENDER NO. & SCOPE OF WORK	Estimated job Value (In Lakhs INR)	Earnest Money (In INR)	Last Date of Submission	Date and Time of Opening of Part I	Period of completion in Months
1	AMD/CD/RMRE/ SIWANA-II/ CORE/2019-20-T-168 10000 metre core drilling in Muhlane, Bhatkhera and Mawri-Magreshwar, Nal, Ramania and Buriwara areas within Siwana Ring Complex in Barmer District, Rajasthan with borehole depth varying from 350 to 500 metre.	335	6,70,000/-	27.11.2019 Up to 13.00 hrs	27.11.2019 at 15.00 hrs	15 (FIFTEEN)

1. Sale of Tenders : 05.11.2019 to 19.11.2019 on working days only up to 1600 hrs. 2. Dates for site visit : 05.11.2019 to 19.11.2019 (Please note that site visit is mandatory)

**Cost of Tender documents :** Rs. 15000/- for work-1 i.e. Tender No. T-168), (Postal charges Rs. 100/- extra for each item of work separately). Cost of tender document is non-refundable. For further details and eligibility criteria, please refer to the Notice Inviting Tender and "Important specifications, information and eligibility conditions" and " General guidelines for the tenderers" available in AMD's website <https://www.amd.gov.in>. Tender Documents will also be available for downloading from the website <https://www.amd.gov.in> to 19.11.2019. For any clarification please contact on 040-27776342/27776387.



**Chhattisgarh Tourism Board**  
2nd Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Telibandha, Ring Road No. 1, Raipur, Chhattisgarh 492006  
Ph. No: 0771-4224600/11,22, Fax: 4066425, e-mail: [planning@visitcg.in](mailto:planning@visitcg.in), [visitcg@gmail.com](mailto:visitcg@gmail.com),  
NIT No. .3080 Date:.....31.10.2019

**Chhattisgarh Tourism Board** intends to invite Expression of Interests from interested investors for developing following projects:

Sl. No.	Name of project	Location	Proposed land for development
1.	Development of World Class Commercial Tourism Product	Telibandha, Raipur	4.61 acre
2.	Development of Amusement/ Theme Park of International Standards	Mana, Raipur	100 acre
3.	Development of World Class Wellness Tourism Centre	Mainpat, Ambikapur	13.68 acre

**Note:**

- The EOI's documents can be downloaded from the official website of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board: [www.tourism.cg.gov.in](http://www.tourism.cg.gov.in) from 10.00 am on 05/11/2019 to 3.00 pm 18/12/2019.
- The deadline for submission of the EOI is 3.00 PM, 20/12/2019.
- Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on 09/12/2019 at 11.00 am at the Office of Managing Director, Chhattisgarh Tourism Board at the above mentioned address.
- Proposal will be opened on 20-12-2019 at 3.30 PM.
- Interested Investors shall contact the office of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board for further details of the EOI or write through email: [planning@visitcg.in](mailto:planning@visitcg.in)
- Any amendment or information relating to this EOI will be published in the website only.

Sd/-  
Managing Director  
Chhattisgarh Tourism board

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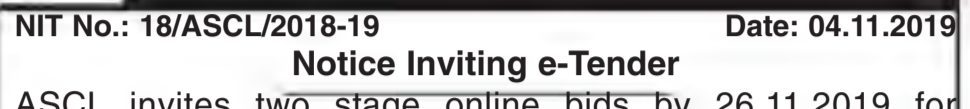
**NORTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)**

Name of Work with its Location	Replacement of Analogy Axle counter in loop line in SSB-JHI section of Delhi Division
App. Cost of the work	₹46,20,000.24 only
Tender Document Fee	₹3,540 only
Earnest Money Deposit	₹32,400 only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-I, Northern Railway, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Annexure-I, DRM office, New Delhi-110055
Date & Time for upload the tender/closing of tender	Tender uploading/closing date & time 27.11.2019 upto 15:00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> & Notice board at S&T branch, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055
Tender No.:- 558-Sig-16-M-Tender-1311 Dated : 04.11.2019	3545/19

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**ALIGARH SMART CITY LIMITED**




**NIT No.: 18/ASCL/2018-19**  
Date: 04.11.2019

**Notice Inviting e-Tender**

ASCL invites two stage online bids by 26.11.2019 for "DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION OF FOLLOWING PACKAGES INCLUDING 5 YEARS OF O&M AND 2 YEARS OF DLP (UNDER SMART CITY MISSION)"

- Rehabilitation of Storm water Drainage system of ABD Area
- Junction Improvement
- Development of Smart Road from Ghanthagar to University Circle

Estimated cost of Rs. 213.00 crore (Rupees two hundred and thirteen crore only). For details please visit <https://etender.up.nic.in>, [www.smartcityaligarh.com](http://www.smartcityaligarh.com) (Chief Executive Officer)



**ALIGARH SMART CITY LIMITED**

Ref. No. ASCL/NIT/2019-20/384 Date: 02.11.2019

**Notice for Cancellation of NITs Published**

Following "Notice Inviting Tenders (NITs)" published through September 2019 are hereby cancelled/ withdrawn due to technical reasons:

NIT No.	Work brief description	Estimated Amount
18/ASCL/2019-20	Rain Water Harvesting Phase-II	Rs. 0.88 crore
19/ASCL/2019-20	Smart Road - Civil Works	Rs. 15.87 crore
20/ASCL/2019-20	Junction Improvement	Rs. 41.10 crore
21/ASCL/2019-20	Storm Water Drainage system	Rs. 152.34 crore
22/ASCL/2019-20	Smart Road - Electrical Works	Rs. 6.69 crore
23/ASCL/2019-20	LED Display Screens	Rs. 6.00 crore
24/ASCL/2019-20	Smart Pole under PPP	Rs. 50.00 crore
25/ASCL/2019-20	10 TPD MSW Composting Machine	Rs. 2.00 crore
26/ASCL/2019-20	LP/GCNG based cremation system	Rs. 0.25 crore

Any inconvenience is highly regretted and further clarification, if required, may be sought from the office of undersigned. Sd/- (Chief Executive Officer)



**MODERN COACH FACTORY, RAEBARELI**

Tender No.:-C&MC-VSM-2019-20-14 Due on 21.11.2019

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/M&P, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli, for and on behalf of president of India, invites ONLINE open tender based on single packet system from reputed firms through

## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**Surender Singh S/o Balbir Singh R/O-Flat No-25 Akash-Ganga Apartment Pocket-4 Sector-24 Rohini N.Delhi-110085** have changed my name to **Surender Lochab.** 0040518481-3

**In some of my documents,my name is wrongly written Jitander Kumar but my actual,name is Jatinder Kumar Sharma.** Jatinder Kumar Sharma S/o-Mohan Lal R/o-A-3-901, Purvanchal Heights, Sector-Zeta-1, Greater Noida, Sakipur, G.B.Nagar-201308. 0040518454-2

**Komal Batra R/o 25/7881, Arakashan Rd, Paharganj, New Delhi-55** have changed my name to **Komal Khattar** 0070681657-1

**I, Vishvesh S/O Suresh Kumar R/O-D260 Karampura New Delhi-110015,** have Changed My Name To Vishvesh Kumar. 0040518481-7

**I, Vijendra Gahlot S/o Ram Singh R/o-C-368,Paramount Golf forest, Sector-Zeta-1, Greater Noida,U.P.,** have changed my name from **Vijendra & Vijendra Kumar to Vijendra Gahlot** for all future purposes. 0040518454-3

**I, Sushma Magoo W/o Rakesh Kumar Maggo R/o J-221, LIC Colony, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087,** have changed my name to **Sushma Maggo.** 0040518445-3

**I, Surendra Kumar S/O Purshotam Lal Singhal R/O-Plotno-B-23, Block-B1, III-Floor Mainwall Nagar, Delhi-110087.** Changed my Name to **Surender Kumar Singhal.** 0040518466-9

**I, Sunil Choudhary S/o Shri Natthi Singh, R/o C-4/415, SIDCO Shivalik Apartment, Sector-1, IMT Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana,** have changed my name from **Sunil Pal Singh Choudhary** to **Sunil Choudhary** for all future purposes. 0040518414-1

**I, Srirupa Mukherjee D/o Late Ram Chandra Mukharji R/o 166 2nd Floor, Khushi Ram Park, Shukkar Bazar Road, Uttam Nagar West, have changed my name to Srirupa Mukharji** for all purposes. 0040518482-1

**I, Sitrder S/o Jaya Narayan R/O RZ-106, Gali no-5, Krishna Vihar West, Khaira Road, Najafgarh Delhi-110043** have changed my name to **Sitrder Singh.** 0070681648-1

**I, Shavil S/o Shahid Hussain R/O D-301, Fourth Floor, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092** have changd my name **Shavil Hussain** to **Shavil** for all Future purposes. 0040518416-1

**I, Shaminder Kaur W/o Sudh Sarup R/O H-16/749, Gali No.10, Military Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005** inform that my husband's correct name is **Sudh Sarup.** 0040518381-1

**I, Shadab Ahmed/Shadab Ahmed S/o Anis Ahmed R/O S-72/1A, Street No-23, Brahmपुरi, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053.,** changed My Name To **Shadab Ahmad.** 0040518514-4

**I, Seema Sharma W/O Rohit Talwar R/O-JG-3/144 A, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018.** HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AFTER MARRIAGE To **Seema Talwar.** 0040518481-5

**I, Amit S/O Krishan R/O Majra (135), Jhajjar, Haryana-12402,** have changed my name to **Amit Panghal.** 0070681647-1

**I, Sayyed Tasneef Haider Zeeshan S/o Fasih Akmal R/O-F-11/46, Jogabai-Extn, Jami Nagar, Delhi,** have changed my name to **Sayyed Tasneef Haider.** 0040518514-7

**I, Renu Panesar W/O Gurmeet Singh R/O-F-161, Upper III-Floor Right Side, Vishnu-Garden, Delhi-110018.** Changed my Name to **Ranjeet Kaur.** 0040518481-10

**I, Ravinder Kaur W/o Kuldip Singh Bhatia R/o-1015, Vikaskunj, Vikaspuri, N. Delhi-110018.** have changed my name to **Ravinder Kaur Bhatia.** 0040518514-5

**I, Rakesh Kumar Magoo S/o Madan Lal Magoo R/O J-221, LIC Colony, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087,** have changed my name to **Rakesh Kumar Maggo.** 0040518445-1

**I, Rahul S/o Ahmed R/O-121 Village- Gujar Nagal Mewat Nuh Haryana-122107,** have changed my name to **Rahil.** 0040518481-4

**I, Radha Rani W/o Vinod Kumar R/O-87,SMIE, Phase-2,Opposite YMCA,Faridabad-121001,** have changed my name to **Radha Rani Goyal.** 0040518454-1

**I, Qaisar Qayoom Beigh S/o Abdul Qayoom Beigh R/O F-73 First Floor, Lajpat Nagar-1, New Delhi-110024,** have changed my name to **Qasir Qayoom Beigh** for all purposes. 0040518387-1

**I, Prashottam Lal S/O Hari Kishan Lal R/O-Wardno.11, Sanjay-Nagar, Bazzpur, Udhm Singh-Colony, Uttarakhand-262401.** Changed my Name to **Purshotam Lal Singhal.** 0040518466-10

**I, Pradeep Kumar Datta S/O Sita Ram Dutta R/O BC-63 East Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088,** changed my name to **Pradeep Datta.** 0040518466-4

**I, Pooja D/o Late Sh.Balmukand R/O-6-1/77, F/R, Near Dal Mill Road, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059** have changed my name to **Pooja Paul** for all purposes. 0040518383-1

**I, Poonam Tanwar W/o Sh. Birbal Singh Tanwar R/O Flat No.904, Aigburth-Tower, (BT-12), OMAXE Height-Society, Sector-86, Faridabad, Haryana,** informs that my name is mentioned as **Poonam Bala** in educational documents, **Poonam Singh & Poonam Tanwar** in other documents, **Poonam Tanwar,** **Poonam Bala** and **Poonam Singh** are same person and hereby informs my name as **Poonam Tanwar,** for all future purposes. 0040518512-6

**I, Nitu Singh W/o Suresh Kumar, H.No-106-107 Third Floor Pocket-11 Sector-22 Rohini New Delhi-110086** have changed my name to **Neetu.** 0040518481-2

**I, Nawab Ali S/o Manguw Khan L-1-1183/24, Gali No. 24, Asthal Mandir, Sangam Vihar, Delhi-110062** have changed my name from **Nawab Ali** to **Nawab Ali Saifi** for all future purposes. 0040518381-2

**I, Navinder Kaur D/o Palwinder Singh and W/o Rohit Kumar R/O HNo-21, Bhai Mani Road, Kot Mit Singh, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar, Punjab-143022,** that name of my mother has been wrongly written as **Kanwaljit Kaur** in Matriculation Certificate. The actual name of my mother is **Karamjit Kaur.** 0070681658-1

**I, Mohd Islam Khan S/O Mehdi Hasan R/O D-643rd Floor Thokar No. 8 Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025** have changed my name **Mohd Islam** to **Mohd Islam Khan** for all future purposes. 0040518418-1

**I, Mohammad Ahmad/Ahmad Raza D/o-Mohammad Usman Rain R/O-2344, Second Floor, Gali.Mir Madari Road Garden, Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110006,** have changed my name **Ahmad Raza.** 0040518514-8

**I, Manisha, D/o-Ram Kumar Upadhyay, R/O-RC-31, Maha-Lakshmi-Garden, Khora-Colony, Ghaziabad-201001,** have changed my Name, from **Manisha** to **Manisha Upadhyay,** for all future purpose. 0040518481-8

**I, Manish Magoo S/o Rakesh Kumar Maggo R/O J-221, LIC Colony, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087,** have changed my name to **Manish Magoo.** 0040518445-2

**I, Kusum Lata Sundriyal W/o-Rajkumar Bhaduria R/O-E-261, DDA-Flats, Pocket-3, Bindapur, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059.,** have changed my name to **Kusum Lata Bhadula.** 0040518466-7

**I, Kaushal Jain S/o Sh.Rajinder Kumar Jain R/O 5E/25, B.P. NIT Faridabad-121001,** Haryana have changed my name to **Kaushal Kumar Jain** for all purposes. 0040518383-2

**I, Jasnit Singh alias Jasneet Singh, S/o Jaswant Singh R/O-39-G, Pocket-K, Sheikh-Sarai, Phase-2, New Delhi-110017,** have changed my name to **Jasneet Singh Dhanoa.** 0040518466-5

**I, Hitanshu Narang S/O Sh. Surender Kumar, R/O-T-1073, Bhagat Singh-Nagar, Filmistan KarolBagh New-Delhi-110005.** Have Changed My Name **Hitanshu** To **Hitanshu Narang.** 0040518512-5

**I, Gurmeet Singh Panesar S/O Hari Singh R/O-F-161, Upper III-Floor Right Side, Vishnu-Garden, Delhi-110018.** Changed My Name To **Gurmeet Singh.** 0040518481-9

**I, Guneet Bhatia W/o Taransal Singh Bhatia R/O-1015, Vikaskunj, Vikaspuri, N. Delhi-110018** have changed my name to **Guneet Kaur Bhatia.** 0040518514-6

**I, Diksha Dahiya W/o Deepak, R/o E-12, Type-II, New Police Line, Kingsway Camp, Model Town-1, Dr. Mukharji Nagar, Delhi-110009** have changed my name from **Diksha Dahiya** to **Diksha** for all future purpose. 0040518394-1

**I, Davender Prasad S/o-Gopeshwar Prasad Suyal R/o-RZ: G-240, Raj Nagar, Part-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110077,** changed my name to **DEVENDER PRASAD SUYAL** for all future purpose. 0040518422-1

**I, Ashutosh S/o Shiv Kumar R/O-Village- Vikas Nagar, Balrai, Jaswantnagar Etawah-206245 (U.P.)** Have Changed My Name To **Ashutosh Sharma.** 0040518481-6

**I, Anil Kumar S/o Ram Kishan Verma R/O-E-165, Prashant Vihar Delhi-110085** changed my name to **Anil Verma** for all purposes. 0040518466-3

**I, Alok Sobti S/o Ashok Kumar Sobti R/o 61/4, Mankeshwar Marg, Delhi Cantt.-110010,** have changed my son's name from **Mmanan Sobti** to **Mmanen Sobti** for all future purposes. 0040518439-2

**I, Alok Sobti S/o Ashok Kumar Sobti R/o 61/4, Mankeshwar Marg, Delhi Cantt.-110010,** have changed my daughter's name from **Purvani Sobti** to **Purvani Sobti** for all future purposes. 0040518512-1

**I, Aashma W/O Mohd Shehzad Add-E-15-C-1/53 T.Hits New Seelampur North East Delhi-110053.,** Changed My Name To **Aasma.** 0040518466-8

**I, Aachal Arora D/o Chanchal Arora R/O-DR-11, Double-Room-Flats, Krishna-Market, Lajpat-Nagar-1, New Delhi-110024,** have changed my name **Aanchal Arora.** 0040518512-1

**I, Savita Basoya D/o Kartar Singh Basoya R/O 35, Block-C, Alliance School, Sector-56, Noida, GB Nagar, UP-201301,** have changed my name to **Savi Basoya** 0070681646-1

**I, Sarabjeet kaur Gandhi W/O Harpreet Singh Gandhi R/O-10/30, Second Floor Subhash-Nagar Delhi-110027** changed my name to **Sarabjit Kaur Gandhi.** 0040518466-2

**I, Ramesh Kumar S/O Dhian Chand R/O-1-103, Palam Apartment, Bijwasan Delhi-110061** have changed my name to **Ramesh Sangral.** 0070681650-1

**I, Santosh S/O, Sitaram Yadav R/o-42, Deep-enclave, Vikas-Nagar, Uttam-Nagar Delhi-110059,** have changed my name to **Santosh Yadav** for all purposes. 0040518466-6

**I, Rohtash Kumar Kain S/O-Baldev Singh R/O-2086, Galizere Fasil, Turkman Gate Daryaganj Delhi-110002,** have changed my name to **Rohtash Kumar.** 0040518514-2

**I, Parveen Bhaskar Alias Parveen D/o Suresh Chander Bhaskar and W/o Mukesh Kumar R/o Q-26A, Gali No-6, Vikas Vihar, Manas Kunj Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059,** have changed my name to **Parveen** 0070681659-1

**I, Pardhuman Puri R/O-D-51, Gujranwala Apartments, J-Block, Vikaspuri, N.Delhi-110018.** Changed my Minor Daughter's Name **Ratan Prabha** to **Ratanprabha Puri.** 0040518466-1

**I, Laxmi Bhatia W/o Rajkumar Adlakhkha R/o 1507 Jawahar Colony, Gurudwara Road, NIT Faridabad have been changed my name to SIMRAN for all future purposes.** 040518514-1

**I, Gunjan Khetarpal S/o Hardaman Siingh R/O-P-57B Vijay Vihar Uttam Nagar New Delhi-110059,** have changed my name to **Gunjan Khetarpal.** 0040518481-1

**I, Geeta Makhija@Preeti Bala@Preeti Chawla@Preeti Makhija W/o Sanjay Makhija R/O-O-20 GaliNo-21 Block-O New Mahavir Nagar Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018** have changed my name to **Bhavya Makhija.** 0040518514-3

**I, Deepak Kumar Chavrasia S/o Krishan Murari Chaurasia R/O RZ-685, Indra Park, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045,** have changed my name to **Deepak Kumar Chaurasia** for all future purposes. 0070681652-1

**I, Aman Kumar R/O D598/D 2nd floor Chittranjan Park New Delhi 110019** have changed my name to **Aman Kumar Singh.** 0070681654-1

**I, Ahmed Maqbool S/o Maqbool Ahmad R/o 8, Bisati Khana, Jhansi, UP-284002,** have changed my name to **Ahmed Jilash Maqbool.** 0070681651-1

**I, Shreya Khurana D/O Suresh Khurana R/O-B-245, Surajmal Vihar, Delhi-110092** have changed my name to **Shreya.** 0040518097-2

**CHANGE OF NAME**

सर्वविधित हो कि मैं रूचि गुप्ता शादी के बाद अपना नाम परिवर्तित करते हुए रूचि पहारिया रख लिया है। परिवर्ण में मुझे इसी नाम से जाना व पहचाना जा। रूचि पहारिया पत्नी सुनील कुमार पहारिया निवासीन बाजपुरिया मकरानीपुर जनपद झांसी।

**50157810**

### LOST & FOUND

**I, Rakesh Kaul S/o Mohan Lal Kaul H. NO 910, Subhash Nagar, have lost Conveyance Deed of Flat: 394B, First Floor, Pocket 11, Janta Flat, Jasola Vihar, New Delhi-110025.** Finder Please call: 9622396422. 040518415-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

To be known to all that my client Smt. Shantia Trehan W/o Sh. Madan Lal Trehan Owner/Mutatee of Plot No.127-B, FF, Block A5/ASCC, Janakpuri, New Delhi has applied in her name with the address of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold vide File No. F-32(429)1941H in DDA. The Original documents i.e. Allotment cum Demand Letter, Possession Letter, NOC to Water and Electric and Site Possession of the above said Flat has been lost. An NOC/R No. 1624778/2019 dated 1-11-2019 in this effect has been in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi.

Any Person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write / contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 9312400470 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAB/H) or Director (LAB/H, D Block, 3rd Floor, Vasant Noida, New Delhi. Sd/-S.B.NAG, ADVOCATE Email No.03878@9

**IN THE GAUHAITI HIGH COURT**  
(THE HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM, ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

**ARBITRAL JURISDICTION**

**Arbitration Appeal No. 6/2019**

**M/s. Banraj Bhatia** .....Appellant

**Prasad** .....Respondent

**By**  
**Kinetix Technology India Pvt. Ltd.**  
**Corporate Offices, Ansal Tower, 33 Nehru Place New Delhi-110019**

Whereas the applicant named above has preferred the above noted Arbitration Appeal No. 6/2019 under Section 37 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 against the Judgment and order dated 16.08.2019 passed by the learned District Judge, Kamrup (M. Assam) in Misc. Arbitration Case No. 4/2025 with reference the arbitral award dated 3.4.2025 was set aside and the said award has been set aside appearance before this Hon'ble Court on 09.12.2019.

You are hereby called to appear before this Court on 09.12.2019 at 10:00 A.M. personally either personally or through Advocate and show cause if any.

Taken notice that if you fail to appear before this Court on the date and time as stated, the matter shall be heard and decided on basis of your absence.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of this Court on this 11th Day of October 2019 at Gauhati.

**By Order**  
**Deputy Registrar (J&A) of Gauhati High Court, Gauhati-1**

### SITUATION VACANT

**Requires:** Instructors Electrician, Refd & AC Mech., Motor Mech., W/S Cal & Sc and Cook on contract basis, Qualifications: NTC/Diploma/Degree in appropriate trade/experience in appropriate branch. Application with Bio-Data should reach Principal CRPF ITC, RAF 103 Bn. Campus, Biharipur, Delhi-110090 within 10 days. 0040518392-1

**St. John's College**

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# RBI NORMS FOR NBFC-NDs WITH ₹10K CR ASSET SIZE, DEPOSIT TAKING NBFCs NBFCs asked to maintain liquidity buffer; minimum stock of HQLAs to be held fixed

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

AT A time when the financial sector is roiled by liquidity management issues, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked all non-deposit taking non-banking financial companies (NBFC-NDs) with asset size of Rs 10,000 crore and above and all deposit-taking non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) irrespective of their asset size to maintain a liquidity buffer in terms of liquidity coverage ratio (LCR). LCR refers to the proportion of highly liquid assets held by companies to ensure their ongoing ability to meet short-term obligations.

LCR will promote resilience of NBFCs to potential liquidity disruptions by ensuring that they have sufficient high quality liquid asset (HQLA) to survive any acute liquidity stress scenario lasting for 30 days, the central bank said.

In its guidelines for the asset liability management (ALM) framework of NBFCs, the RBI said the stock of HQLA to be maintained by the NBFCs should be a minimum of 100 per cent of total net cash outflows over the next 30 calendar days. "The LCR requirement shall be binding on NBFCs from December 1, 2020 with the minimum HQLAs to be held being 50 per cent of the LCR, progressively reaching up to the required level of 100 per cent by December 1, 2024," the RBI said.

Further, all non-deposit taking NBFCs with asset size of Rs 5,000 crore and above but less than Rs 10,000 crore should also maintain the required level of LCR starting

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## Eye on preventing potential systemic risk

THE RBI has brought NBFCs under the LCR to prevent any potential systemic risk in the future as the IL&FS collapse and the crisis-hit DHFL had put the financial sector into a turmoil.

Now NBFCs will have to keep high quality assets like cash, government securities and marketable securities issued or guaranteed by foreign sovereigns as a buffer to tackle any risk or shock. These assets can be readily sold or used as collateral to obtain funds in a range of stress scenarios and bring the situation control in the future. However, the RBI seems to have shut the stable door after the horses have bolted.

December 1, 2020, and up to 100 per cent by December 1, 2024.

The RBI move follows liquidity crunch among some NBFCs in meeting their recent repayment obligations after the collapse of the Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS) group.

According to the RBI, assets to be included as HQLA without any haircut include cash, government securities and marketable securities issued or guaranteed by foreign sovereigns.

Liquid assets comprise of high quality assets that can be readily sold or used as collateral to obtain funds in a range of stress scenarios.

"They shall be unencumbered. Assets are considered to be high quality liquid assets if they can be easily and immediately converted into cash at little or no loss of value.

"The liquidity of an asset depends on the underlying stress scenario, the volume to be monetized and the timeframe consid-

ered," the RBI said.

All non-deposit taking NBFCs with asset size of Rs 100 crore and above, systemically important core investment companies and all deposit taking NBFCs irrespective of their asset size, should adhere to the set of liquidity risk management guidelines, the RBI said. However, these guidelines will not apply to Type 1 NBFC-NDs, non-operating financial holding companies and stand-alone primary dealers, it added.

"It will be the responsibility of the board of each NBFC to ensure that the guidelines are adhered to. The internal controls required to be put in place by NBFCs as per these guidelines should be subject to supervisory review," it said.

Further, as a matter of prudence, all other NBFCs are also encouraged to adopt these guidelines on liquidity risk management on a voluntary basis, the RBI added.

## Regulatory Sandbox: Retail payments set as theme for first cohort

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

THE RESERVE Bank of India on Monday announced the opening of the first cohort (end-to-end process) under the Regulatory Sandbox (RS) with retail payments as its theme.

The products and services which, among others, will be considered for inclusion under RS include mobile payments including feature phone based payment services, offline payment solutions and contactless payments, the RBI said.

The adoption of 'retail payments' as the theme is expected to spur innovation in digital payments space and help in offering payment services to the unserved and underserved segment of the population, the RBI said on Monday.

A Regulatory Sandbox usually refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled or test regulatory environment for which regulators may or may not permit certain relaxations for the limited purpose of the testing.

"Migration to digital modes of making a payment can obviate some of the costs associated with a cash economy and can give customers a friction-free experience," it said.

"There is a need to innovate payment services for feature phones to provide the necessary thrust towards enhanced adoption of digital payments by various strata of society," the RBI said in a statement.

Though mobile internet speed has risen, connectivity issues remain unresolved in large areas, it said. "Therefore, providing an option of off-line payments through mobile devices for furthering the adoption of digital payments is required," it said.

Contactless payments, while decreasing the time taken for payment checkout, also ease payments for small ticket payment transactions. Tokenisation technologies often form the basis of facilitating seamless e-commerce experiences fuelled by mobile and other connected devices, the RBI said.

The RBI said the live testing of new products or services in a controlled environment may require a bank or NBFC or any other partner for the testing to commence. In such cases, a suitable partner may be secured in advance to be eligible for admission to the RS, it said.

The window for submission of application for the first cohort shall be open from November 15 to December 15, 2019, it said.

# To tackle NPA under-reporting and misconduct, RBI asks private banks to set clawback mechanism

Sets norms on compensation of whole-time directors, CEOs

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has tightened the guidelines for compensation packages of whole-time directors (WTDs) and chief executive officers (CEOs) of private and foreign banks, and asked them to put in place a clawback mechanism to address the misconduct risk and under-reporting of bad loans.

In its guidelines on compensation of WTDs and CEOs of banks, the RBI said, "Wherever the assessed divergence in bank's provisioning for non-performing assets (NPAs) or asset classification exceeds the prescribed threshold for public disclosure, the bank should not pay the unvested portion of the variable compensation for the assessment year under 'malus' clause." Several private banks had reported governance issues and suppressed non-performing assets (NPAs) to artificially show better performance, even as their CEOs got higher pay packages year after year.

"Further, in such situations, no proposal for increase in variable pay (for the assessment year) should be entertained. In case the bank's post-assessment gross NPAs are less than 2.0 per cent, these restrictions will apply only if criteria for public disclosure are triggered either on account of divergence in provisioning or both provisioning and asset classification," the central bank said.

The banks should identify a representative set of situations in their compensation policies, which require them to invoke the

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malus and clawback clauses that may be applicable on entire variable pay, it added.

The RBI also said guaranteed bonus is not consistent with sound risk management or the 'pay for performance' principles and should not be part of the compensation plan. "Therefore, guaranteed bonus should only occur in the context of hiring new staff as joining/sign-on bonus and be limited to the first year," it added.

The banking regulator said a substantial proportion of compensation — at least 50 per cent — should be variable and paid on the basis of individual, business-unit and firm-wide measures that adequately measure performance. At higher levels of responsibility, the proportion of variable pay should be higher, it said.

"The total variable pay should be limited to a maximum of 300 per cent of the fixed pay (for the relative performance measurement period). In case variable pay is up to 200 per cent of the fixed pay, a minimum of 50 per cent of the variable pay; and in case variable pay is above 200 per cent, a minimum of 67 per cent of the variable pay should be via non-cash instruments," the RBI said.

In the event that an executive is barred by statute or regulation from grant of sharelinked instruments, his/her variable pay will be capped at 150 per cent of the fixed pay, but should not be less than 50 per cent of the fixed pay, it added.

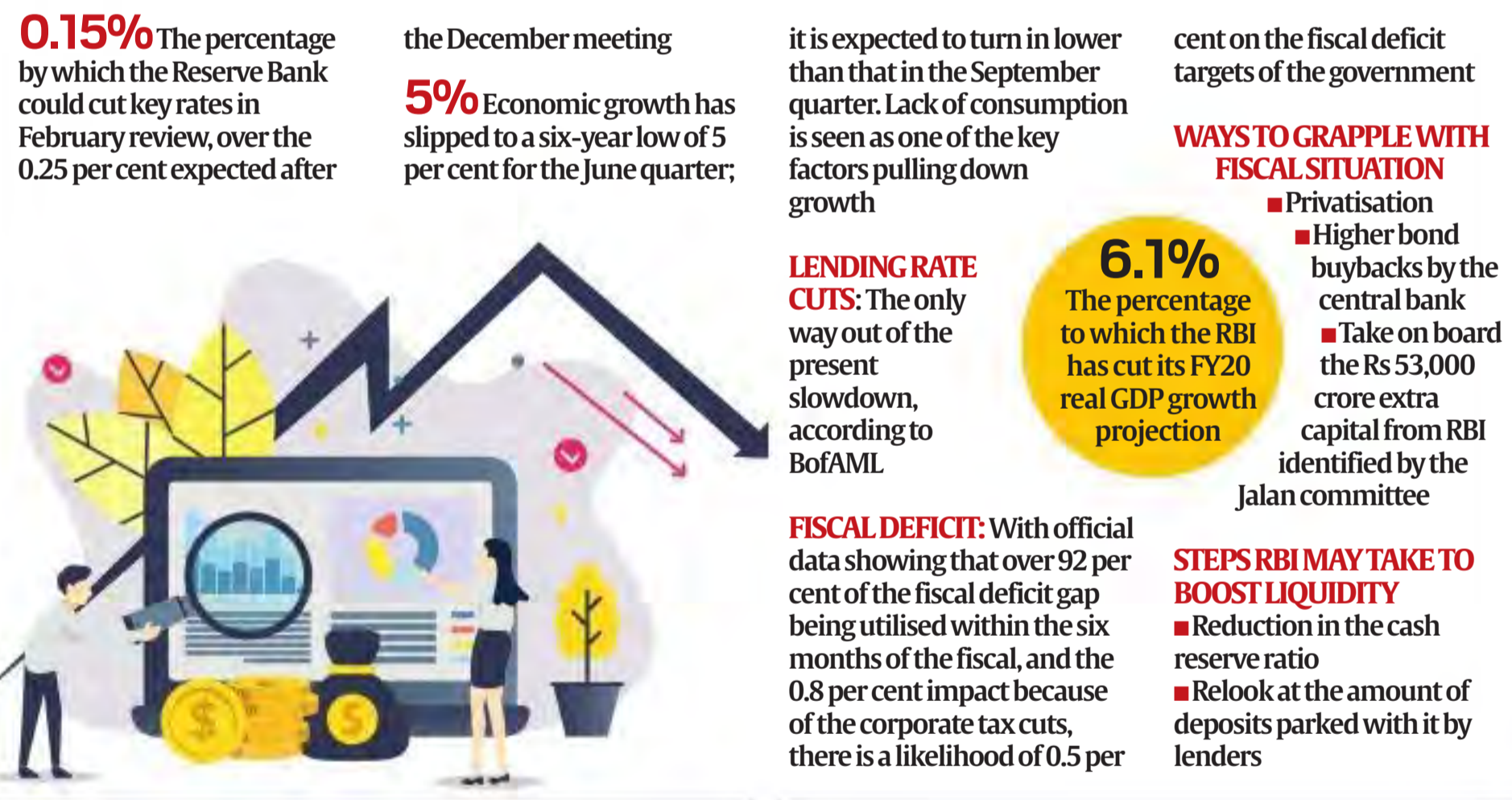
The deterioration in the financial performance of the bank should generally lead to a contraction in the total amount of variable compensation, which can even be reduced to zero, the RBI said.

For senior executives, including WTDs and other employees who are MRTs (material risk takers), deferral arrangements must invariably exist for the variable pay, regardless of the quantum of pay. For such executives of a bank, a minimum of 60 per cent of the total variable pay must invariably be under deferral arrangements. Further, if cash component is part of variable pay, at least 50 per cent of the cash bonus should also be deferred, the RBI said. However, in cases where the cash component of variable pay is under Rs 25 lakh, deferral requirements would not be necessary, it said.

A malus arrangement permits the bank to prevent vesting of all or part of the amount of a deferred remuneration. A clawback, on the other hand, is a contractual agreement between the employee and the bank in which the employee agrees to return previously paid or vested remuneration to the bank under certain circumstances. "When setting criteria for the application of malus and clawback, banks should also specify a period during which malus and/or clawback can be applied, covering at least deferral and retention periods," the RBI said.

## ‘Muted Diwali demand, GDP growth may fall to 5.8%’

Despite efforts mounted by the Centre, demand has been “muted” during festive time, and this leads to a 0.30 per cent cut in FY20 GDP growth forecast to 5.8 per cent, brokerage Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BoFAML) said



# Infosys on whistleblower complaints: No evidence received to corroborate allegations

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

INFOSYS, WHICH is facing allegations of “disturbing unethical practices”, on Monday said it has not received any supporting evidence to corroborate the allegations in the anonymous complaints filed by whistleblowers.

“With respect to the anonymous complaints, there is no prima facie evidence that the company has received until date to corroborate any of the allegations made,” Infosys said. “In any event, the Audit Committee retained the services of the law firm, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. to investigate the matter,” it said in a stock exchange filing.

Moreover, even before the appointment of the independent investigator, the Audit Committee

## Shares of Infosys, which had plunged 16 per cent when details about the complaints surfaced on October 21, gained 3 per cent to ₹709 on Monday after the company’s clarification

began consultations with independent internal auditors Ernst & Young, it said. “The independent internal auditors were given a mandate to review certain processes on the basis of the allegation in the anonymous complaints,” the filing said.

Infosys shares, which had plunged 16 per cent when details about the complaints surfaced on October 21, gained 3 per cent to Rs 709 on the BSE on Monday after the company’s clarification.

According to Infosys Chairman Nandan Nilekani’s statement last

month, one board member received two anonymous complaints on September 30. One complaint was dated September 20, titled ‘Disturbing unethical practices’, and the second undated, ‘Whistleblower Complaint’.

Nilekani said these complaints were placed before the Audit Committee on October 10 and before the non-executive members of the board on October 11.

However, stock exchanges were not informed about these complaints and the company informed the bourses only on

October 21 — almost three weeks after the board members received the complaints.

On October 16, the company was made aware of a letter that refers to the September 30, 2019 complaint purportedly written to the Office of Whistleblower Protection Program, Washington, DC, it said. US market regulator Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has initiated an investigation into the anonymous whistleblowers’ allegations of unethical practices to fudge numbers and governance lapses at Infosys. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is also looking into the issue.

Defending its decision to not report the issue to bourses, Infosys said, “the anonymous complaints do not fall within the purview of deemed material events under the LODR Regulations.”

# China says no ‘promise fatigue’ on opening its economy

REUTERS  
BEIJING, NOVEMBER 4

THERE IS NO “promise fatigue” about China’s efforts to open its economy to foreign businesses, the government said on Monday on the eve of week-long import fair, after the European Union said China needed to make rapid and substantial improvements.

The EU, China’s largest trading partner, said last week ahead of the Shanghai fair that there was a risk of “promise fatigue”, urging China to show “more ambition and genuine effort towards rebalancing and a level playing field”. China has long been dogged by accusations of unfair trade practices, from forced tech transfers to protectionist market entry policies. It has been criticised for making promises to open its market and not delivering on them.

Speaking at a daily news briefing, foreign ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang, said China was pleased to note the EU’s statement mentioned how European companies’ sales had benefited from the fair last year, the first of its kind in the country.

## PM SAYS TALKS FAILED TO ADDRESS INDIA’S ‘OUTSTANDING ISSUES’

# Industry bodies ‘support’ not joining RCEP, dairy representatives call it ‘daring’ move

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

INDUSTRY, TRADERS and farmers on Monday appreciated the Modi government’s decision not to join China-backed mega Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The country’s leading milk supplier Amul described the move as “landmark”.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bangkok said India will not join China-backed RCEP deal as negotiations failed to satisfactorily address New Delhi’s “outstanding issues and concerns”. He made the announcement during his speech at the RCEP Summit here, which was attended by several world leaders, including Chinese Premier Li Keqiang. “CII appreciates Government of India’s stance on addressing all outstanding issues before joining RCEP,” said Vikram Kirloskar, President, Confederation of Indian Industry.

He said the CII will continue to support and work with government in its endeavour to integrate with the global economy

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VIKRAM KIRLOSKAR  
PRESIDENT, CII

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The long term interest of industry in India is to get well integrated in global value chains and beneficial trade agreements could play important roles in realising this interest, said Kirloskar.

FICCI President Sandip Somany said the chamber fully supports the Prime Minister’s decision against joining RCEP, as India’s several concerns remain unaddressed and various issues are unresolved so far in the proposed deal under negotiation.

In recent months serious apprehensions and reservations on RCEP have been expressed by a

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PRESIDENT, FICCI

large number of sectors including steel, plastics, copper, aluminium, machine tools, paper, automobiles, chemicals, petrochemicals and others, he said.

Further, there were not enough positive developments in the area of trade in services including easier mobility for our professionals and service providers, Somany said.

Traders’ body CAIT said Chinese products, which are very low priced and of standard quality, are creating a disequilibrium in Indian markets.

CAIT Secretary-General Praveen Khandelwal appealed to the prime minister that after “this landmark move”, the gov-

ernment should now work diligently towards creating a more conducive environment for retail trade in India and also erase all anomalies and imbalances created by the Law violating e-commerce companies.

The dairy industry had expressed apprehension that the 16-nation trade pact would severely impact dairy farmers because of cheaper imports from Australia and New Zealand.

Amul managing director R S Sodhi described the move as “daring” and “landmark” which will protect the interest of 10 crore farmers engaged in production of milk and related products. Sodhi said the PM has assured the industry that the government would protect their interest.

If finalised, the RCEP would have become the world’s largest free trade area, comprising half of the world population and will account for nearly 40 per cent of the global commerce and 35 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP).

The sources said except India, all 15 RCEP member countries were on board in finalising the deal at Monday’s summit.

# Oil rises over 1% on hopes of US-China deal, improved crude outlook

COLLIN EATON  
HOUSTON, NOVEMBER 4

OIL PRICES rose more than 1 per cent on Monday, buoyed by an improved outlook for crude demand as better-than-expected US jobs growth added to market hopes a preliminary US-China trade deal would be reached this month. Brent crude futures for January rose 76 cents, or 1.2 per cent to \$62.45 a barrel by 11:31 a.m. CST (1731 GMT). December US crude futures were up 83 cents, or 1.5 per cent, at \$57.03 a barrel.

Brent traded near its highest in more than a month as market optimism about progress in US-China trade negotiations propelled US stock indexes to record highs, helping to elevate oil.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump have been in continuous touch through “various means,” China said on Monday, when asked when and where the two leaders might meet to sign a trade deal.

On Friday, prices jumped by about \$2 a barrel after US officials said a deal could be signed this month. **REUTERS**

# New tax regime, Gruh Finance stake sale drive HDFC Q2 net up 61%

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

MORTGAGE MAJOR Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Monday posted a standalone net profit of Rs 3,962 crore, a 61 per cent rise year-on-year (y-o-y), led by Gruh Finance stake sale and lower tax expenses. Dividend from HDFC Bank and Gruh Finance totalling Rs 1,073.8 crore was received in the second quarter of FY20, leading to a large y-o-y spike in its dividend income from Rs 5.77 crore. The reported net profit beat analysts’ estimate of Rs 3,264.8 crore compiled by Bloomberg.

Speaking to reporters post-earnings announcement, HDFC vice chairman and CEO Keki Mistry said, “The numbers were aided by new tax regime and Gruh Finance stake sale. The demand for individual housing loans continues to be strong and average loan amount came down to Rs 26,60,000 from Rs 27,00,000 in the last quarter.”

Profit on sale of investments came in at Rs 1,627.09 crore, an 82.5 per cent rise compared to the previous year, led by sale of stake in Gruh Finance. The lower tax expense at Rs 568.85 crore, against

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KEKI MISTRY  
VICE CHAIRMAN AND CEO, HDFC

Rs 1,022 crore a year ago, also boosted profit.

The company earned a net interest income — the difference between interest earned and interest expended — of Rs 3,021 crore in the quarter, a growth of 17 per cent compared to the year-ago period. Net interest margin remained unchanged at 3.3 per cent for the half year ended September. The total income came in at Rs 13,494.12 crore and registered a 19.87 per cent y-o-y rise. HDFC’s asset quality marginally deteriorated as gross NPAs as a percentage of loans outstanding stood at 1.33 per cent, as against 1.29 per cent in the previous quarter.

The gross non-performing loans were at Rs 5,655 crore this quarter, compared with Rs 5,315 crore in the last quarter. **FE**

## Govt unveils IT initiatives for faster customs clearance

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

THE GOVERNMENT on Monday unveiled two new IT initiatives, ICEDASH and AITTHI, for improved monitoring and increasing the pace of customs clearance of goods. These initiatives will also facilitate arriving international passengers with e-filing of baggage and currency declarations. While launching the initiatives, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman lauded the measures taken by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to “leverage technology for providing better taxpayer services”, according to an official release. She also mentioned that the significant improvement in India’s global ranking in the trading across border is in no small measure on account of the information technology (IT) and other reforms carried out by CBIC.

The minister expressed optimism that both ICEDASH and AITTHI would be key drivers for further improvement especially as they reduce interface and increase transparency of customs functioning.

AITTHI, she added, would in particular create a tech-savvy image of India’s customs and would encourage tourism and business travel to India.

ICEDASH is an ‘ease of doing business (EoDB) monitoring dashboard’ of the Indian Customs helping public see the daily customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports.

With ICEDASH, Indian customs has taken a lead globally to provide an effective tool that helps the businesses compare clearance times across ports and plan their logistics accordingly. This dashboard has been developed by CBIC in collaboration with NIC, the release said. ICEDASH can be accessed through the CBIC website. With AITTHI is a mobile app for international travelers to file the Customs declaration in advance.

Passengers can use this app to file declaration of dutiable items and currency with the Indian Customs even before boarding the flight to India.

## IOB net loss widens to ₹2,254 cr in Sept quarter

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 4

REELING UNDER the impact of the ageing sticky assets and consequent higher provisioning, the net loss of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) widened to Rs 2,253.64 crore for the second quarter of FY20, compared to a net loss of Rs 487.26 crore in the corresponding quarter last fiscal.

Total income declined 6 per cent to Rs 5,024 crore, against Rs 5,348.35 crore. Provisions rose to Rs 2,996.04 crore during the quarter from Rs 2,016.60 crore in the same quarter last year. Karam Sekar, managing director and chief executive officer, said increased provisioning resulted in widening of the loss though the bank was able to contain fresh slippages in the second quarter.

The bank is focusing its efforts to come out of PCA by March 2020 by making prudential provisions. Accordingly, the bank provided proactively for the likely shortfall

## Bombay HC asks RBI to file affidavit in PMC Bank case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

THE BOMBAY High Court on Monday asked the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) what steps it had taken to protect the interests of the depositors of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank.

The court was hearing a clutch of writ petitions and a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by the aggrieved depositors of the bank, challenging restrictions imposed on withdrawals by the RBI. The court directed the RBI to file its affidavit and adjourned the case until further hearing on November 19. On September 23, the RBI imposed regulatory restrictions on the PMC Bank for six months over alleged financial irregularities. The withdrawal limit for account holders was initially limited to Rs 10,000 and then raised to Rs 40,000.

A division Bench of Justice SC Dharmadhikari and Justice R I Chagla said the court only

wanted to know what the RBI was doing in the case and that the RBI would be the judge in a financial issue of this nature.

“The RBI knows all the affairs of the bank in question. RBI is the bankers’ bank and an expert body on such issues. We do not want to interfere and dilute your (RBI’s) authority,” the court said.

Refusing to grant any interim relief in the case, the High Court also said that it cannot prevent the RBI from taking action in the case and that it cannot grant access to lockers in the bank, as sought by one of the petitioners.

The bench added that by filing multiple petitions lawyers should not get the petitioners hopes up. “Courts are not magicians. Let us not give false hopes to the depositors,” Justice Dharmadhikari said.

Several account holders in PMC had taken to the streets protesting against the restrictions imposed by the RBI on withdrawals which had rendered many of them without access to the money in their accounts. **WITH PTI**

## REPORTS OF US, CHINA REACHING A TRADE DEAL BOOST SENTIMENT

# Rupee closes at five-week high on strong Asian cues

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

THE RUPEE closed at a five-week high on Monday, led by positive cues from the Asian currencies after reports indicated the US and China may soon reach an interim trade deal. The rupee rose to as high as 70.55 against the dollar on Monday before closing the session at 70.77 against the greenback.

The Chinese yuan rose after US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said on Sunday that he is optimistic the US would reach a phase one trade deal with China this month and that the countries’ leaders are planning to meet soon.

On top of this, the equity markets continued to receive strong inflows from foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). In the last two sessions, foreign investors poured over \$500 million on a net basis while FPIs

## Sensex hits record closing peak

*Mumbai:* The Sensex on Monday rose 137 points to hit a new closing high of 40,302, led by gains in IT, metal and financial stocks amid positive global cues.

Extending its gains for the seventh consecutive session, the 30-share Sensex settled 136.93 points, or 0.34 per cent, higher at 40,301.96. The index also hit its lifetime intra-day high of 40,483.21.

The NSE Nifty advanced 50.70 points, or 0.43 per cent, to close at 11,941.30. Top gainers in the Sensex pack included Infosys, Vedanta, Tata

Steel, ONGC, and ICICI Bank, rising up to 3.05 per cent.

On the other hand, Maruti, Hero MotoCorp, IndusInd Bank, Tata Motor and PowerGrid lost up to 2.54 per cent. As per experts, better liquidity from foreign funds, de-escalation in geopolitical risks and focus on upcoming reforms to revive growth buoyed domestic investor sentiment.

Globally, bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Seoul settled higher on optimism over the US-China trade deal. **PTI**

bought \$2.3 billion worth of shares since the beginning of October. At the same time, FPIs bought Indian debt worth \$947 million in the same period.

M V Srinivasan, vice-president at Mecklai Financial

Services, confirmed that the yuan opened quite strongly on Monday morning following comments from Ross, that in turn impacted the rupee also.

“Dollar weakness in the overseas market has also con-

## Moody’s downgrades Motherson Sumi’s outlook from stable to negative

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

MOODY’S INVESTORS Service on Monday changed the outlook on the issuer rating of Motherson Sumi Systems Ltd to negative from stable and at the same time it has affirmed the “Baa3” rating. Data from Bloomberg showed that total debt of Macrotech Developers Ltd stood at ₹11,534.2 crore as on March 2019.

“The negative outlook principally reflects the weak performance of Motherson’s greenfield operations as well as slowing global auto sales, and our concerns around timely recovery, in turn weighing on the company’s consolidated earnings and cash flow generation,” said Kaustubh

Chaubal, vice-president and senior credit officer, Moody’s Investors Service.

In its rating rationale, the rating agency said that Motherson’s European operations accounted for more than 40 per cent of the company’s consolidated revenue in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019. Weak auto demand, particularly in the company’s European operations and a delay in the ramp-up of its greenfield expansions have hurt the company’s credit profile.

Moody’s expects a 3.8 per cent decline in global light vehicle sales in 2019 and another 0.9 per cent decline in 2020. Moody’s negative sector outlook for auto part producers incorporates the expectation of a 100-150 basis points decline in profitability in 2019, with no significant recovery in 2020. **FE**

## ‘Bank credit growth to moderate to 8.5% in FY20’

Growth in bank credit may decelerate sharply to 8-8.5 per cent in FY20 from 13.3 per cent last fiscal, mainly due to decline in incremental credit in first half of the current fiscal, rating agency Icrs said

**THREE PRIMARY DOMESTIC SOURCES OF FUNDING:**  
■ Bank credit  
■ Corporate bonds  
■ Commercial paper outstanding

**4%**  
Expected growth in volume of bonds outstanding in FY20, from 12 per cent in FY2019

**6.2-6.8%**  
Expected range of credit growth in FY20, falling from 13.5 per cent in FY19

**₹ 0.19 trillion**



**Decline in incremental bank credit during first half of FY20**

**FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR DECLINE IN INCREMENTAL CREDIT IN**

**FY20:**  
■ Muted economic growth  
■ Lower working capital requirements of borrowers  
■ Risk aversion among lenders

**LIKELY FALL IN CP OUTSTANDING VOLUME:** The recent changes in mutual funds regulations are likely to result in a decline in the volume of commercial paper (CP) outstanding by March 2020

**FALL IN CREDIT TO SERVICES SECTOR:** As per RBI data, shrink in incremental credit outstanding to services and industrial segments offset the growth in credit to the retail segment during H1FY20

## ‘Myntra logs ₹539 cr loss in 2018-19’

*New Delhi:* Flipkart-owned Myntra has seen a manifold rise in net loss to Rs 539.20 crore in FY2018-19, according to regulatory documents.

The fashion e-tailer had registered losses to the tune of Rs 151.22 crore in the previous year, documents sourced by business intelligence platform Tofler said.

However, the company’s revenue from operations more than doubled to Rs 1,041.10 crore in FY’19 from Rs 398.33 crore in the previous fiscal, it added. **PTI**

## Bajaj Fin opens QIP, sets floor price at ₹4,020/share

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

BAJAJ FINANCE on Monday informed the exchanges that its board of directors had approved the opening of the qualified institutional placement (QIP) of its shares, through which the firm is aiming to raise up to Rs 8,500 crore. It said it has set the floor

price of the QIP at Rs 4,019.78 per equity share. Bajaj Finance said it may offer a discount on the floor price as may be approved by its special committee.

The announcement came after market hours. The scrip closed Monday’s session up 1.14 per cent at Rs 4,115.95 on the BSE. It posted a 63 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,506 crore for the September quarter. **FE**

## Trai said fresh date will be notified in due course and that the porting of mobile numbers will not being affected during November 4-10

without being affected during November 4-10.

The regulator said it is imperative that robust testing should be completed successfully before migration to the new process so that the subscribers are not inconvenienced due to

any system-related issues.

The revamped mobile number portability (MNP) or port-out rules aim to make the entire process faster and simpler, and Trai has prescribed two days’ timeline for port-out requests within a service area, cutting the migration process from seven days. The regulator had issued latest changes in mobile number portability’s regulations in December 2018.

As per these regulations and subsequent notifications, the revised MNP process was scheduled to come into force from November 11.

“However, it was observed that earlier-indicated timelines

## EU argues case against US metal tariffs at WTO

REUTERS  
GENEVA, NOVEMBER 4

THE EUROPEAN Union argued on Monday for the withdrawal of tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump on metal imports in one of the most high-profile and potentially explosive cases to come to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Trump set duties in 2018 of 25 per cent on incoming

steel and 10 per cent on aluminium under a 1962 US law that allows the president to restrict imports on grounds of national security.

The measures spurred nine complaints to the WTO from steel-exporting countries including China, India, Russia and Turkey. Canada and Mexico have since terminated their cases after agreeing an updated free trade pact with the United States. EU and US officials pre-

cannot be adhered to due to some technical issues at the end of telecom operators and MNP service providers,” the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) said.

Accordingly, it said the date of implementation of the Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability (Seventh Amendment) Regulations, 2018, “needs to be postponed”.

“The exact date will be notified in due course of time. The porting of mobile numbers will, therefore, continue in accordance with the existing MNP process and will not be affected during 4th to 10th November 2019,” Trai said in a statement.

## BRIEFLY

### Atal Pension Yojana has 1.9 cr subscribers now

*New Delhi:* The Atal Pension Yojana (APY), a flagship pension scheme of the government to cover the workers in the unorganised sector, has crossed 1.9 crore subscriber mark, pension sector regulator PFRDA said.

### DRL makes provisions for Ranitidine recall

*Hyderabad:* Dr Reddy’s Laboratories (DRL), which initiated a voluntary recall of its Ranitidine from the US market following the ongoing investigation by the FDA into the reported carcinogenic impurity in the drug at low levels, said it made Rs 40 crore towards provisioning, anticipating market impact.

### ‘Govt mulling mega parks near ports’

*New Delhi:* The government is mulling setting up around ten integrated mega parks with state-of-the-art infrastructure near ports to attract foreign direct investment. Textile Secretary Ravi Capoor said on Monday.

### Jhunjhunwala buys 0.5% in Yes Bank

*New Delhi:* Rakesh Jhunjhunwala on Monday bought nearly 1.3 crore shares of Yes Bank for around Rs 87 crore through open market transactions.

### ‘Uber India allots shares to Dutch group entity’

*New Delhi:* Uber India Systems (UIS), which runs the US-based firm’s rides business in India, has allotted about 1.59 crore of its shares worth about Rs 2,540 crore to Uber BV, according to regulatory documents.

### Airtel users to get ₹4 lakh life cover under plan

*New Delhi:* Pre-paid mobile customers of Bharti Airtel subscribing to Rs 599 plan will now get life insurance cover from Bharti Axa under a partnership deal between the two companies. Bharti Airtel announced a new pre-paid plan priced at Rs 599 bundled with 2GB data per day, unlimited calls to any network and 100 SMS per day, and Rs 4 lakh life insurance cover from AXA.

### M&M recalls batch of XUV300 units

*New Delhi:* Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) on Monday said it is recalling a limited batch of XUV300 vehicles to fix a faulty suspension component. The proactive inspection and replacement of the component would be carried on a limited batch of compact SUV that were manufactured till May 19, 2019. **PTI**

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## AFTER IPO ANNOUNCEMENT ON SUNDAY

# Investors still in the dark on Saudi Aramco value

REUTERS  
DUBAI/HONG KONG/LONDON, NOVEMBER 4

SAUDI ARAMCO'S blockbuster listing remained shrouded in mystery on Monday, a day after the company finally announced its plans, with scant details disclosed and expert valuations varying wildly from around \$1.2 to \$2.3 trillion.

The state oil giant, the world's most profitable company, fired the starting gun on a domestic initial public offering (IPO) on Sunday after a series of false starts that had kept the investment world guessing.

However potential investors, already rattled by a



**An employee at Saudi Aramco oil facility in Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia.** Reuters File

crippling attack on Aramco's facilities in September, were not given key details usually included in such “intention to float notices” - such as how

much of the company will be sold, and when the sale will happen.

Now fund managers are poring over bank research about the famously secretive company, but little certainty has been provided by even analysts from the Wall Street giants with roles in the Riyadh bourse listing, five sources told Reuters.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has said he wants a \$2 trillion valuation, seeking to raise billions of dollars in the IPO to diversify the Saudi economy away from oil by investing in non-energy industries.

That figure is almost twice that of Microsoft, currently the world's most valuable listed company and seven times that

of Exxon Mobil Corp, the most valuable listed oil major by market cap.

Analysts from banks working on the deal have met with Aramco's management in Dhahran over the past month to get more information on the company, but their valuations of Aramco still vary by around \$1 trillion.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch has a range of \$1.2 trillion to \$2.3 trillion while EFG Hermes says \$1.55 trillion to \$2.1 trillion, two fund managers who have seen the research reports said.

Goldman Sachs — one of the IPO coordinators — has put the company's valuation between \$1.6 trillion and \$2.3 trillion, two separate sources said.

ISLAMIC STATE AFTER THE DEATH OF ABU BAKR AL-BAGHDADI

# Decapitated, not defeated

The ‘caliph’ is dead, but his ultra-violent jihadist group lives on

AS ITS so-called caliphate expanded across Syria and Iraq, Islamic State (IS) promised its followers an apocalyptic battle to come. Eager jihadist propagandists predicted that a final victory over the “crusader armies” would usher in the day of judgment and give birth to a new world. The man who was to lead that battle, the self-proclaimed caliph, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, instead blew himself up in a tunnel in Syria on October 26th, murdering two of his own children as he died.

His suicide, to avoid capture by American forces, marks the end of an era for IS. The group once held sway over millions of Syrians and Iraqis in an area the size of Britain. It had already lost its territory, clawed back at staggering cost by a mix of American air power, Syrian militiamen and Iraqi troops. Now it has lost its leader as well.

Yet this does not mark the end of IS. The group endures as a low-level insurgency in parts of Syria and Iraq, carrying out attacks and preying on civilians to fund its operations. It has also diversified, with a string of wilayats (provinces) around the world. Though it may never again hold so much territory, it will remain a threat. And the conditions that allowed it to rise—a region of corrupt, sectarian and ineffective governments that lord over poor, alienated populations—have, if anything, grown worse.

Mr Baghdadi kept a low profile. After he ascended the pulpit of a Mosul mosque in 2014 to declare a caliphate, he would not be seen in public for five years. Charisma mattered less than ambition. Even Osama bin Laden, the former leader of al-Qaeda, thought it premature to establish a caliphate. By taking advantage of the chaos of Syria’s civil war to seize territory, Mr Baghdadi made his movement influential enough to draw tens of thousands of followers from around the world (some of whom, allegedly, are pictured above in a Syrian prison).

His death will disrupt IS, but perhaps not for long. In a forthcoming book Jenna Jordan of the Georgia Institute of Technology examines over 1,000 cases involving the killing or capture of leaders of terrorist or insurgent groups. She says three factors contribute to a group’s resilience afterwards: its degree of bureaucracy, ability to draw on local resources and ideological zeal. These qualities ensure that its mission does not depend on a single leader.

IS ranks highly on all three. It has kept meticulous records and exported its procedures to international franchises that can apply them independently. Though it no longer pulls in \$1m a day, as it once did, it still has deep pockets, and is likely to benefit from local Sunni disaffection in Syria, as Bashar al-Assad’s reviled forces fill the vacuum left by President Donald Trump’s retreat. Its ideological purity resonates independently of Mr Baghdadi. As a result, IS “should ultimately choose a successor easily and recover quickly,” says Ms Jordan. Indeed, it has proved its resilience before. Mr Baghdadi rose to the top because two



People flee clashes between Iraqi security forces and the Islamic State in Mosul. The IS already has a presence far beyond Syria and Iraq. *NYT*

predecessors were killed in American strikes in 2006 and 2010.

It is unclear who might succeed him. The group has yet to acknowledge his death on social-media channels used by followers. Most of his lieutenants are shrouded in secrecy. One of them, Abu al-Hassan al-Muhajir, the group’s spokesman, can be ruled out as a candidate: he was killed in a separate raid the following day.

Regardless of who leads it, IS is keen to rebuild, which might explain why Mr Baghdadi died in Idlib, far from his former redoubt in north-east Syria and western Iraq. In theory this was inhospitable ground. The province is a frequent target of Syrian and Russian air strikes and is dominated by Hayat

Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), a former affiliate of al-Qaeda which is opposed to IS.

But Idlib is also home to Hurras al-Din, a more radical splinter of HTS still loyal to al-Qaeda. Mr Baghdadi was found in an area controlled by the group, in the house of one

of its leaders. Some reports suggest that his host was an IS agent, but several experts raise another intriguing possibility: that Mr Baghdadi was exploring a rapprochement with al-Qaeda, from which IS acrimoniously split in 2013. A detente between the two ti-

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tans of global terrorism would cause a serious headache for counter-terrorism officials around the world.

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CHAGUAN

# Facing a contradiction

Communists are fascinated by contradictions. China faces a big one

ON PAST form, boasts of China’s openness to the world will come thick and fast when President Xi Jinping addresses the Second China International Import Expo in Shanghai on November 5th. Speaking at the inaugural edition of that trade fair last year, Mr Xi cast China as a champion of free trade and mutually beneficial co-operation. Openness brings progress while seclusion leads to backwardness, he declared. Slipping into fluent Globalese, the blandly uplifting argot used at gatherings of world leaders, billionaires and CEOs, Mr Xi beamed that it was natural to share the fruits of innovation “in our interconnected global village”.

China’s leader has every reason to offer warm words at the upcoming event. Even as his country grows richer and more powerful, it is dependent on the world in ways that it cannot control. China has ambitions to become a standard-setting technology superpower. For all its talk of self-reliance, it needs foreign know-how to get there. In the short term, China is anxious for a truce in its trade war with America. It wants to show other countries that it is a team player, unlike that rule-breaking bully in Washington. Further ahead its economy will need growing room. China is running out of useful places to build shiny airports and high-speed railway lines at home, and wants its own global brands to vie with Boeing or Apple. That will require new markets overseas.

Yet before he steps to his lectern in Shanghai, Mr Xi must preside over a different meeting, a four-day session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party ending on October 31st. Such conclaves of nearly 400 top officials are typically held every year or so at a high-security hotel run by the People’s Liberation Army in western

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Beijing. The working language is not Globalese. Communiqués that emerge from these secret meetings are written in unlovely party jargon. State media announced that the plenum would consider “important issues concerning how to uphold and improve the socialist system with Chinese characteristics and make progress in modernising the country’s governance system and capacity”. That sounds dull, but the meaning is serious. Even tighter controls are coming. Clues were dropped this month by an influential party journal, Qiushi, in extracts it published of a previously secret speech in which Mr Xi pondered lessons from history. “Whenever great powers have collapsed or decayed, a common cause has been the loss of central authority,” he concluded.

Propaganda organs pretend there is no contradiction between these two personas—a smiling President Xi talking to foreigners about global villages, and Xi the general secretary grimly demanding party discipline and vigilance in the face of hostile external forces and internal threats. On

the plenum’s opening day, Xinhua, a state news agency, asserted that the world had never seen a governing system with such advantages, combining an “economic development miracle” with a “miracle of political stability”.

At home, it is fair to concede, many Chinese accept the social contract implicit in that Xinhua commentary, that personal freedoms should be traded for prosperity and order. To outsiders, however, China’s two self-declared miracles are increasingly in tension. For a long time, many foreign admirers of China treated party rule as a bit of a joke. This place has only one ideology, they chuckled: making money. Unfortunately for such people, even as China loosens some rules on market access or foreign investment, the party not only refuses to fade away but is becoming ever more visible and intrusive. Very possibly the guiding ideology is a desire for absolute power, rather than Marxist idealism. In a secretive autocracy, it is impossible to know Mr Xi’s real beliefs. Similarly, outsiders can only guess at the meaning of fawning adulation heaped on him before the plenum, such as by a regional party committee which said officials should, deep in their hearts, “strengthen their trust and love in General Secretary Xi Jinping as the core of the party, the people’s leader and commander-in-chief of the army”. This may reflect Mr Xi’s mightiness, or his weakness and insecurity. But to judge by his actions, Mr Xi has asserted the party’s total authority over China’s system of state capitalism, from law courts to private firms and lumbering state enterprises. And one power-grab often prompts another. When modestly paid bureaucrats have sway over billion-dollar assets at the same time that feistier newspapers are silenced and inde-



Chinese President Xi Jinping at a trade expo in Shanghai in 2018. *Reuters*

pendent lawyers locked up, it is no surprise that the party has to launch anti-corruption campaigns so fierce that some officials fear taking decisions at all.

**Running a 21st-century economy with ideas from the 1950s**

The very complexity of modern Chinese society, with its growing mobility and personal freedoms for those who stay within party-defined boundaries, seems to convince China’s leaders that they must tighten and retighten their grip. Increasingly that involves high-technology

systems of control, from algorithms that censor social media, to facial-recognition systems that stop errant citizens from catching high-speed trains. To officials at home, techno-authoritarianism is a saviour. With big data to crunch and nowhere for miscreants to hide, perhaps top-down rule can at last be made to work. Abroad, the trade-offs look different. Not long ago, Silicon Valley investors might have swooned over a mobile-payment system built around Chinese facial-recognition technology, for instance. Now, shrewd fund managers—and young potential consumers in the West—might ask whether the same cameras are used to repress

Muslims in the western region of Xinjiang.


The authoritarian turn that China is taking, in the name of saving one-party rule from itself, is hard to square with a quest for globally driven growth. Already foreign bosses privately admit to wondering, as never before, what it means when a Chinese business partner is a party member. Mr Xi seems to want a China that is open to foreign investors and inventions but closed to dangerously foreign (meaning liberal, Western) ideas. Communists are fascinated by contradictions. This one may prove hard to resolve.

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## BY PETER VIDAL



**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
That dynamic planet Mars is without a doubt encouraging you to become more adventurous, even if you still feel that someone close is holding you back. The first step may be to work out your finances, and you can do so just as soon as you have taken partners into your confidence.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
 One of your crucial planetary cycles concerns the passage of Mercury around your solar chart. This indicates that any current secretive tendencies will definitely be reinforced over the coming few weeks. Perhaps you have good reasons for keeping certain thoughts to yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  

 The true interpretation of current planetary influences is that thought, communication and study are vital. These principles underlie everything else in your life for another three months, and the message is that you'd better know what you're talking about.


**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
 This undoubtedly is going to be an extremely complex period, but you have a perfectly free choice as to how far you get involved. Nobody can force you to do anything against your will. My advice would be to enjoy all mysterious developments, but to know where to draw the line.


**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**

 Other people's determination not to co-operate should by now have been replaced by an eagerness to join in. In point of fact, this may be no easier to deal with! Whatever the rights or wrongs of any particular situation, you should give partners the benefit of the doubt.


**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**

The combined presence of old influences and new offers are certainly giving you pause for thought. There's an air of mystery, which may well mean that you are the cause of suspicion in other people's minds, so be tolerant and understanding. If someone appears to cause offence, then go easy on them: they might not mean it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
 It can be confusing when the same facts point to different conclusions. If you are now told something in a rather curious manner, it may take you some time to discover what this particular person is actually trying to say. The conclusion is: don't jump to conclusions.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
 You should lose no time if you have more adventurous or travel plans to finalise, or overseas contacts to cultivate. Family members far away would appreciate it if you got in touch, so take the initiative and make contact. You might even be pleasantly surprised.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**

 If meetings, interviews or negotiations are planned, you should be in a strong position, although if exactly the same situation should be repeated in, say, one or two months' time, you may not be so lucky. That's why it's important to do the best job you can now.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**

TO KEEP MY BIG BROTHER FROM EATING IT, I'M GOING TO HIDE MY LEFTOVER CANDY AND MAKE A MAP TO WHERE TO FIND IT

I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WHY WOULD YOU HAVE LEFTOVER CANDY?

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## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4019

**Difficulty Level 2s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;  
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;  
5s = Very Hard; 6s =  
Genius

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**RAMPUR HYDRO POWER STATION**  
**E- Tender No. PCD-O&M-RHPS-409**

Online bids (e-tender) on Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB) are invited on behalf of SJVN Ltd. for 'Annual maintenance contract to carry out the routine repair & maintenance of Power House equipments in Rampur HPS for the period of two years (PCD-O&M-RHPS-409)'. For details, please visit websites [www.sjvn.nic.in](http://www.sjvn.nic.in), <https://sjvn.abcpurchase.com> and [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). Last date and time for bid submission is 29/11/2019 (13:00 hrs.). Amendment(s), if any, shall be issued on above websites only.

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General public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Rambeti W/o Jagdish Kumar R/o C-59, Tyagi Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi**, has been missing from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi since 21.09.2019. In this regard, a case **DD No. 34 A dated 23.09.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Nangloi, Delhi**. The description of the missing lady is as under.

**Age:** 65 Years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'1", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Violet colour sari-yellow colour blouse and red chapple in feet.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing lady then please inform P.S. Nangloi, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**  
**Fax No. 011-24368639**

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**NOTICE FOR REMOVAL FROM SERVICE**  
It is to inform everyone that Shri Sunil Kumar S/o Shri Sube Ram  
R/o Village-Astoli, Tehsil-Chata, District-Sherganj, Mathura (O  
31/08, Railway Colony, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi) Ex-Trackman  
working under Senior Section Engineer/P-Way/Hazra  
Nizamuddin (Northern Railway) has been removed from service  
w.e.f. 25.10.2019 vide ADEN HNZM Office Letter No. E  
15/HNZM/2019, dated: 25.10.2019. 3535/19  
**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited from General Insurance Companies for the Insurance of 3600 (Approx.) Ordinary Buses of Haryana Roadways (Directly or through Representative) as per terms & conditions with latest amendments laid down under Motor Vehicles Act and further as per detail given below:-
  - a) Approximately 800 New Buses which are likely to be added to the fleet during the period 01.12.2019 to 30.11.2020 and Buses which have been added during the period of 01.02.2018 to 30.11.2019 will be put for Insurance on comprehensive basis. Remaining Buses are to be got Insured on 3rd party basis.
  - b) The Initial Cost of the Ordinary Bus is approximately Rs. 27.00 Crores.
  - c) The 3rd Party Rate of Insurance for non-commercial Vehicles of Department, such as Truck, Tankers, Crane and Driver's Training School Vehicles are also to be given separately in the same tender.
  - d) Separate Rates for 3rd Party and Comprehensive Insurance shall be given including Basic Rates, Premium per Seat and Rate of premium for CNG/ HSD Operational Buses for Cities like Delhi, Gurugram, Chandigarh and other Districts in Haryana along with Rate of Discount offered in OD premium.
2. Tender shall be sent in a Sealed Cover superscribed with the words "**Tender for the Insurance of Buses of Haryana Roadways**" and the Envelope and shall reach in the Office of Director General State Transport, Haryana, 30-Bays Building, 2nd Floor, Sector-17, Chandigarh latest by 21.11.2019 upto 02.00 P.M. and the same will be Opened on the same day at 03.00 P.M. in the presence of the Tender Representatives who may wish to attend. No Tendered received after 02.00 P.M. on 21.11.2019 by Post/Person shall be accepted under any circumstances.
3. The Rates shall also be quoted through Broker or Representative and such Rates shall be accompanied by the approval granted by the Headquarter of the concerned Insurance Companies otherwise the same shall not be considered.
4. Telegraphically/ Conditional/Incomplete Tender will not be considered.
5. The Director State Transport, Haryana will have the right to reject all or any Tender without assigning any reason.

**Director State Transport,  
Haryana, Chandigarh**

## NORTHERN RAILWAY

### E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DME/C&W/NR/LKO acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender No. 146-MechCW-LWAMCLM-BSB-19 Closing Date/Time 25.11.2019 up to 15:00 hrs and to be opened at 15:30 hrs. on same day. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on web site [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in) on Internet & can be seen/downloaded. The tenders/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document and Earnest Money against the tender through online payment modes like Net Banking, debit/Credit cards etc. available on IRPS portal. Manual/offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit/receipts etc. are not permitted.

<b>Name of work</b>	Contract for operation and CAMC of laundry machines of department mechanized laundry/NR/BSB having capacity 02 Ton/sift of 08 hrs. including handling of linen & blankets for sanitization, loading/uploading and transportation of linen and blankets for sanitization, from station/washing line to laundry and laundry to station/washing line at BSB Railway Station of LKO Division NR for a period of two years*.		
<b>Tender Type</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Bidding System</b>	<b>Double Bid System</b>
<b>Tender closing Date &amp; Time</b>	25.11.2019 15:00 hrs.	Date & time of Uploading Tender	Upto 05.11.2019
<b>Pre-Bid (Yes/No)</b>	No	Pre-Bid Query Date/Time	Not Applicable
<b>Valued Val (in Rs.)</b>	4,11,14,879.72 (Including @ 18% GST)	Tendering Section	Tender CW
<b>Bidding Style</b>	Single Rate for each schedule item	Bidding Unit	%Above/Below/At par
<b>Earnest Money (in Rs.)</b>	3,55,60,000	Validity of Offer (Days)	60
<b>Tender Doc. Cost (in Rs.)</b>	10,000.00	Period of Completion	24 Months
<b>Bidding start date</b>	11.11.2019		

No.: 146-MechCW-LWAMCLM-BSB-19 Dated: 02.11.2019 3540/19

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<b>(SHORT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER)</b>		
Through e-procurement mode only over <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a>		
<b>Short Term Tender Notice No. PR 429/2019</b>		
Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced & technologically sound Firms/ Companies/ Agencies/ Societies having adequate infrastructure and experience of conducting Online Examination i.e. “ <b>Computer Based Test (CBT) using LAN/ Internet</b> ”.		
<b>Scope of work: Computer Based Test (CBT) for Data Entry Operators, Stenographer-cum-Data entry operator and Stenographer using LAN/Internet.</b>		
Cost of tender document (Online Mode) Non Refundable (In Rupees)	<b>Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable)</b> (Inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/ Credit Card/Debit card) (in Rupees)	<b>Earned Money (Online Offline Mode) (In Rupees)</b>
1,000.00 (One Thousand Rupees only)	1,180.00 (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees only)	50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Rupees only)
<b>Tender Schedule/ Programme:</b>		
<b>Date and Time for Activity</b>	<b>Date/Time: Duration</b>	
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From : 04/11/2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 19/11/2019 (11:00 Hrs.) ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> )	
Pre-Bid meeting	09/11/2019 at 12:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)	
Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	19/11/2019 upto 13:00 Hrs. ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> )	
Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/Original	19/11/2019 upto 13:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)	
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	19/11/2019 at 15:30 Hrs ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> ) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)	
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by competent authority.	
<p>■ Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website (<a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a>)</p> <p>■ For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact a “e- Procurement HELP DESK First Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001 and Ph. No: 0612 2523006, Mob- 7542028164” or may visit the link “Vendor Info” at (<a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a>).</p> <p>■ Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on e- procurement portal, Bihar <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in</a> itself.</p> <p>■ <b>Contact Details:</b> Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal Officer. Contact No +91 6299923095, e-Mail ID - <a href="mailto:eproc.bseb@gmail.com">eproc.bseb@gmail.com</a></p> <p>■ <b>Note:-</b> Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ reject/ reschedule any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.</p>		
		<b>Secretary</b>

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Age:** Approx 35-40 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Shallow, **ID Mark:** Old injury mark on forehead, **Wearing:** Pink coloured shirt and high neck green vest, was found on 14.10.2019 at 17:22 P.M. on Divider of West Enclave Road to Pitam Pura Police Line Road, Outer Ring Road, Mangolpuri, Delhi. In this regard a **FIR/DD No. 45-A** dated **14.10.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

**SHO**  
**P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi**  
Ph.: 011-27922186,  
7065036121

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**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**Supply of IBR Steam Pipes & Fittings - TNPL Unit II**

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**Due date for submission: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.**

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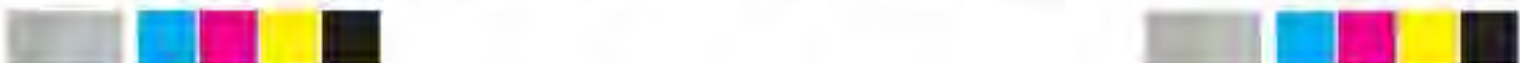
## TENDER NOTICE

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<b>Tender No.</b>	<b>164-DRM-MB-19-20, dt. 23.10.19</b>
<b>Name of Work</b>	New crossing station between PKW-DS on MB-GZB section under ADEN/HPU (Phase-1)
<b>Tender Closing Date</b>	03.12.2019
<b>Tender Closing Time</b>	16:00 hrs.
<b>Advertised Value (Rs.)</b>	42,46,879.45
<b>Earnest Money (Rs.)</b>	84,900.00
<b>Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)</b>	3,000.00
<b>Period of Completion</b>	04 Months
<b>Bidding Start Date</b>	19.11.19

**No.: 75/WT/23/WA/DEN/HPU/ Notice Dt.: 31.10.19.** **3536/2019**

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# 21 TALK

ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD

## SNAP SHOTS



### Kicking it Off

THE EPONYMOUS documentary on Real Kashmir FC has bagged a prize at the British Academy of Film and Television Awards (BAFTA) Scotland Awards in Glasgow, in the 'Single Documentary' category. The hour-long documentary, aired by BBC Scotland, narrates the journey of former Rangers ace David Robertson as the coach of Real Kashmir FC, which in its first season finished third in the I-League, India's second tier football league. The team had a noteworthy journey in their debut I-League season in 2017-18.



### In the Race

THE AMERICAN Library Association has announced finalists for the 2020 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Non-Fiction. Ta-Nehisi Coates' first novel, *The Water Dancer*, which revolves around an enslaved person's journey to freedom is a fiction finalist, along with Valeria Luiselli's *Lost Children Archive* and Myla Goldberg's *Feast Your Eyes*. The non-fiction nominees are Maria Popova's *Figuring* and David Treuer's *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee*. To be announced January 26, winners in each category will receive \$5,000.



### Calling it Quits

DESIGNER ZAC POSEN, who has been a red-carpet favourite for almost two decades, is shutting down his eponymous label, launched in 2001. Known for glamorous, body-hugging gowns, often with long trains or flamboyant ruffles, his prominent designs include a mermaid-like gown for actor Gwyneth Paltrow at the 2007 Oscars, an off-the-shoulder gown with brightly sequined skirt for Oprah Winfrey at the 2011 Oscars, and a fitted pink satin gown for Rihanna at the 2014 Diamond Ball. He also serves as creative director for the Brooks Brothers women's collection.

# 'There is nothing absolute in fiction'

Madhuri Vijay on winning the 2019 JCB Prize for Literature for her debut novel, *The Far Field*



Manvi Rao

SURBHI GUPTA

MADHURI VIJAY could not make it to Jaipur last weekend to attend the award night of the second JCB Prize for Literature. The Hawaii-based writer, who was shortlisted for her debut novel, *The Far Field* (HarperCollins India, 2019), was nine-months pregnant, and anticipating the birth of her child. But after she was announced as the winner, Vijay — who was still at home — took out some time to talk over the phone. "I am in utter shock and it feels so surreal. I am still at a point where I am amazed that the book was published at all. So I still have a lot of catching up to do," she says.

The writer, who hails from Bengaluru, succeeds Malayalam writer Benyamin, who won the inaugural JCB Prize for Literature last year for his critically acclaimed novel *Jasmine Days* (Juggernaut, 2018), translated by Shahnaz Habib. His story described the lives of foreign workers caught up in the turmoil of the Arab Spring through the life of Sameera Parvin, a Pakistani radio jockey.

*The Far Field*, Vijay's debut novel, revolves around Shalini, a young woman from Bengaluru, who sets out for a remote Himalayan village in the troubled northern region of Kashmir, for she is certain that the loss of her mother is somehow connected to the decade-old disappearance of Bashir Ahmed, a charming Kashmiri salesman who frequented her childhood home. But upon her arrival, Shalini comes face to face with Kashmir's politics, and has to also deal with the tangled history of the local family that takes her in.

"I decided to engage with Kashmir partly because I had never engaged with it before," says the 27-year-old, adding, "I grew up in Bengaluru and had a very ordinary and comfortable childhood. At some point, I had this realisation that all the while when I was grow-

ing up, the Kashmir conflict was going on, and in Bengaluru, it didn't touch me at all."

Vijay says she did not know much about it and when she spoke to people around her, even they did not know much. "The sheer distance between one end of the country and another started to seem a little bit grotesque and that is where my interest in writing about the place came from. So, I decided to write from the perspective of someone who grew up not knowing about it," says the writer, who worked for four years in Kashmir's Doda district as a volunteer-teacher at Haji Public School.

She was shortlisted for the award along with four others writers — Perumal Murugan, Manoranjan Byapari, Roshan Ali and Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar — and was announced the winner by veteran journalist Mark Tully at a ceremony that took place at Jaipur's Rambagh Palace on Saturday. The winner was adjudged by a five-member jury chaired by filmmaker and environmentalist Pradip Krishen, along with author-critic Anjum Hasan, writers KR Meera and Parvati Sharma, and economist Arvind Subramanian.

Talking about the genesis of the story, Vijay says, "When I was thinking about becoming a writer, back in 2010, I wrote a short story. It revolved around a mother, daughter and a Kashmiri man who comes



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MADHURI VIJAY, AUTHOR

to sell clothes in Bengaluru. It was then that these characters appeared in my head and stayed, and I wanted to write more about them. While writing about them, I started to think about Kashmir and why no one is talking about any of it when it was happening with such intensity for over two decades."

Vijay says she always wanted to write. "I have grown up reading a lot of books and would secretly write stories as a child and make up little poems. But I did not think it could be a profession until I went to college. I took a creative writing class and my professor told me about graduate programmes in writing, which I got into eventually. It was 10 years ago, so it's been a long time," says the writer, a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and recipient of the Pushcart Prize.

Fiction is powerful because it is so fluid and changeable, she believes. "One doesn't know its breadth of possibility and that's what makes it so exciting. There is nothing absolute in fiction because there is more depth to be uncovered, and that is useful in the times we live in, as everybody seems so certain of everything. Fiction makes you unsure about the exact nature of the world; that's one of the things it is supposed to do," she says.

*The writer was in Jaipur on the invitation of the JCB Prize for Literature*



# Memories of a Home

Kerala-based artist PR Satheesh focusses on his bond with nature through 'abstract landscapes'

DIPTI NAGPAUL

GROWING UP on a plantation in Munnar, located at the edge of a forest, PR Satheesh forged a strong bond with nature in his early years. He would spend hours amid trees or playing with animals. Spotting a wild creature that had strayed into their property or around it, wasn't uncommon either. But when he left for Government College of Fine Arts in Trivandrum, his first real exposure to city life, it overwhelmed him. "It was a stark contrast to the life I had led growing up, and this is what my art is about," explains Satheesh, looking at his multi-panel untitled artwork that hangs at Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke in Colaba, Mumbai.

Defined by infinite loops in bold colours such as acid yellows and greens, the large-scale paintings do not feature defined figures or clean lines. However, there is a strong sense of nature — trees, animals, even people. The 49-year-old calls it "my style of landscape art", adding that he is aware it is unlike the usual landscapes one sees. Perhaps this is also what fascinated curator Anita Dube, who invited Satheesh to participate in Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2018-19.

Satheesh's Mumbai debut, titled "Frenetic" — also his first solo showing — is an extension of the works on display at the Biennale. Walking around the gallery, looking at his works, Satheesh feels it took a long while for his work to find its voice. The initial inspiration to pursue art came from his father, who would carve on wood. But it took him several attempts before he could get into the arts college. "I lacked the communication skills to make the cut until my brother set me up to live with some art students for some time. Not only did it give me exposure to art, but also to life," he says. Sure enough, this time when he applied, Satheesh enrolled in the art institution.

After college, his art practice continued through scholarships and he spent the next three years living in cities outside of Kerala. But



PR Satheesh; (top) one of his untitled works from 2018 on display in Mumbai

eventually, his roots beckoned him and he returned to Munnar. The following 15 years, he chose to live his life as a farmer. While he remained prolific with art, he confined it to small showings at exhibitions and galleries. However, his college friends continued to encourage him and one of them set up a studio space in Kochi for Satheesh. He has since been living between the city and his plantation, spending two to three days a week in Kochi.

Looking at his works in pen and ink on paper, Satheesh says that drawings are at the core of his art. Some of these are akin to doodles. But the artist stresses that this is only one kind of drawing he does. Pulling up a photograph on his phone, he shows an artwork with endless human heads that can be seen through wire mesh, as if indicating a sense of being trapped. "I do not hate the city but the two distinct environments are always at loggerheads in my mind, and perhaps also in my art... Whatever we do, we commit to nature and I would say my work is like abstract landscape. But landscapes also have a lot going on, mythical creatures or climate change, for instance. Somewhere my art hopes to reflect all that."

*The exhibition is on till December 31*

# A Recipe for Hope

UK-based authors on how they collected recipes from the women in Delhi's slums for their new cookbook, and what it can offer to the Indian readers



Amanda Clegg (left) and Victoria Byrne; the book cover

Photo courtesy: The authors and Asha

the women make for special occasions. But that is a showstopper of a dish and we made sure to say so in the introduction. It's the kind of dish you want to make if you want to have friends and family over on a Saturday and spend the day cooking together. It's not a recipe for Tuesday night after work, when you're tired and you have only 30 minutes to put dinner on the table. But otherwise, we made sure the recipes are doable, because people also believe that there's going to be a complicated ingredient list and a very complicated method, but that isn't the case.

**What do you hope Indian readers will take from it?**

BYRNE: The stories about the food. The recipes have been shared by women who

cook this food in the slums, with very limited resources and perhaps use a less complex version of the recipe than someone who has a bigger budget. But it's all such tasty food. Indian readers probably don't need these recipes, but they are not going to get the access to these women's stories.

CLEGG: Cooking is an outlet of creativity for them. That really comes through. The scope of their lives is really restricted. They live in tiny homes and it's not easy for them to find creative outlets.

**What are your personal favourite recipes from the book?**

CLEGG: I cook the mutton kofta — we call it lamb kofta in the book — because it's amazing how something with such few ingredients tastes so delicious. And I can put it on the table in 30 minutes.

BYRNE: I've several favourites. Today's favourite is matar paneer. It's colourful, with really simple ingredients, but super tasty.

CLEGG: I should also mention the desserts, because for me, the whole area of Indian desserts is a new thing. Back home, we're not familiar with these. The carrot halwa is so simple, but the milk and sugar and carrots transform into something luscious.

*All sale proceeds from Hope and Spice will go to Asha*

## LAMB KOFTA (SERVES 4)

(Mutton can be substituted for lamb)  
Recipe courtesy: The women of Asha's slum communities

### INGREDIENTS

500 gm lamb mince  
1 medium red onion, very finely chopped  
2-3 thin green chillies, very finely chopped  
Handful of coriander leaves and stems, finely chopped  
1/4 tsp of garam masala  
Salt to taste  
4 tbsp vegetable oil  
4 tbsp ginger-garlic paste  
4 tsp ground coriander  
1 tsp chilli powder  
Coriander leaves to garnish (optional)

### METHOD

First make the kofta or meatballs. Put the lamb mince in a mixing bowl with the finely chopped onion, green chilli and fresh chopped coriander. Add the garam masala and salt to taste. Mix well and make egg-shaped balls.

Take a large frying pan and heat the vegetable oil until hot. Add the meatballs, and fry them until they are lightly brown all over, turning them gently so they don't disintegrate. Remove them with a slotted spoon and set aside. Turn the heat off.

In a small bowl, mix together the ginger-garlic paste, ground coriander and chilli powder, adding salt to taste. Using



the same pan, put it back on a low heat and add the paste mixture. Fry it until the spices are fragrant and the paste is cooked, maybe for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently to avoid burning it.

Add a glass of water to the pan to create a sauce, bring it to the boil, then carefully lower the meatballs back into the pan. Simmer gently for 10 minutes until the meatballs are cooked through.

Sprinkle with fresh coriander and serve hot with rice or chapatis.

POOJA PILLAI

AMANDA CLEGG and Victoria Byrne were driven by one question, as they worked on their book, *Hope and Spice: Authentic recipes and stories of transformation from the slums of Delhi* — what do these women cook to feed themselves and their families, while making the best of the resources they have? The UK-based authors met the subjects of their book through the volunteer work they do with Asha, an NGO working with an aim to empower and uplift the Capital's slum communities. Clegg and Byrne visited Delhi last week for the India launch of the book. Excerpts from an interview:

**Could you talk about how the two of you wrote this book and selected the recipes?**

CLEGG: We came over in November 2017 and visited 12 different Asha communities. Over 100 women cooked for us, and we just filled our notebooks — every step, every ingredient — and, obviously, then tasted the finished dishes. We had to find a balance between making sure every community we visited is represented in the book, and that the recipes make sense to readers back home in the UK.

BYRNE: And also, the ingredients had to be easy to buy. You can find Indian ingredients quite easily in city centres, but it's harder for people who live far away.

**The recipes in the book are familiar to most Indians. Is the book meant primarily for your readers in the UK, then?**

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Lewis Hamilton clinches sixth F1 world title; goes past ‘Godfather’ of racing Fangio; only ‘God’ of racing — Schumacher — remains in his windscreen

# Rate the driver



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AUSTIN, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 4

ONE BY one, Lewis Hamilton has passed the great drivers of Formula One. Except one. And now Hamilton is quickly approaching the legacy of the great Michael Schumacher. His chances of catching him, once thought to be impossible, now look very, very good. Hamilton won his sixth career F1 championship Sunday with a second-place finish at the U.S. Grand Prix, leaving him one shy of the seven won by Schumacher in the German’s run of dominance between 1994 and 2004. Hamilton’s sixth title — his fifth since 2014 — moved the British driver past Argentina’s Juan Manuel Fangio, the “Godfather” of Formula One, who won five titles in the 1950s. Hamilton now stands alone behind Schumacher. Hamilton may be in a hurry to catch him. Although Hamilton has said he’ll most likely stay with Mercedes after his current contract expires in 2020, he’s 34 years old and one of the oldest drivers on the grid. Formula One will usher in some rules changes in 2021 that it hopes will bring big racing changes with technical tweaks to cars and a budget cap to constrain big teams like Mercedes, Ferrari and Red Bull. And while Mercedes has won six consecutive constructors’ championships behind Hamilton, Ferrari and Red Bull have made enough strides that many see a wide open championship on the table next year.

## F1’s one and only

Many thought the same for 2019 until Hamilton and Mercedes lapped the field again. Hamilton has 10 wins this season, a figure that put him so far ahead of teammate Valtteri Bottas he only needed to finish eighth or better in Texas to secure the title. Hamilton has arguably made easy work of the F1 grid the last three years. In 2017 and 2018 he clinched titles in Mexico City in races he didn’t even finish on the podium. He won the title on Sunday despite falling short of a win that would have put an exclamation point on the championship. Hamilton could have settled into an easy drive, but instead chased after a victory when he bolted from fifth to third on the opening lap. He later grabbed the lead and held it until Bottas passed him in the final laps.

“You can see how motivated Lewis still is, he wants to win every race and get the best result possible,” Mercedes Team Principal Toto Wolff said. Hamilton won his first championship at age 23 with McLaren in 2008, winning by a single point with a pass on the last corner of the last lap in the last race in Brazil. He didn’t win another until hooking up with Mercedes. Mercedes’ early dominance in the hybrid engine era caused some to question whether it was the car or driver winning the titles. But Hamilton has been the pilot guiding those silver missiles around the race-tracks and his driving has silenced much of that. He fought off challenges from former teammate Nico Rosberg in 2014 and 2015, then battled Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel in 2017 and 2018.

Winning title and respect Serious talk of catching Schumacher began in 2017 when Hamilton matched Vettel’s four titles. After the race on Sunday, Vettel gave Hamilton a handshake and a hug. Hamilton was cooling down when, unexpectedly, Vettel dropped in to whisper in his ear. The German, for several years Hamilton’s fiercest on-track rival, had retired early in the race after his car’s suspension had failed on the bumpy Circuit of the Americas.

“I think now is the time for you to write as many good things as you can,” Vettel informed reporters, referring to what he said to Hamilton. “If somebody wins the title six times, he deserves all of it. That’s what I told him as well. Obviously I’m happy for him,” he added. “I’m not happy that we are not in contention this year and we were so far back, but you need to respect what he achieved these last years and, also, this year, together with his team how strong they have been. I’m happy for him but less happy for us.” David Coulthard, championship runner-up to Schumacher in 2001 and replacement for Ayrton Senna at Williams in 1994 after the great Brazilian’s fatal crash, suggested that would not be what really sets Hamilton apart, however. “Can he win seven (titles) or surpass Michael? Yes, is the answer, of course he can,” the Scot said. “But I don’t think he has to, or needs to. I think he’s already cemented his place in absolute top notch history in Formula One and the thing I think that really sets him apart from the greatness of Senna or Schumacher is his sporting ethics. I think that Lewis is an absolute



Mercedes’s Lewis Hamilton celebrates after sealing his sixth F1 driver’s title in Austin on Sunday. Hamilton finished second at the US GP. *Jerome Miron-USA TODAY Sports*

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through-and-through sportsman.” While both Schumacher and the late triple champion Senna drew widespread adulation, with their racing brilliance often on another level to rivals, their actions courted controversy on numerous occasions. Hamilton far less so, with the main blot on his copybook coming in 2009 when he was caught up in a scandal over lying to race stewards that cost McLaren sporting director Dave Ryan his job. The champion has created many other headlines, inevitable for a driver who broke the mould by emerging from a non-racing and under-privileged background to become the sport’s first black champion, and remains a polarising figure. The real respect and friendship of track rivals, however, speaks volumes. “I’ve always had this really strong feeling about what is a sports person and that is sporting integrity and following the rules,” said Coulthard of Hamilton. “I think we are lucky to be witnessing greatness.”

Results  
US GRAND PRIX: 1. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes), 2. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes), 3. Max Verstappen (Red Bull), 4. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari), 5. Alexander Albon (Red Bull), 6. Daniel Ricciardo (Renault), 7. Lando Norris (McLaren), 8. Carlos Sainz Jr. (McLaren), 9. Nico Hulkenberg (Renault), 10. Daniil Kvyat (Toro Rosso).

DRIVER’S STANDINGS: 1. Lewis Hamilton (381), 2. Valtteri Bottas (314), 3. Charles Leclerc (249), 4. Max Verstappen (235), 5. Sebastian Vettel (230), 6. Alexander Albon (84), 7. Carlos Sainz (80), 8. Pierre Gasly (77), 9. Daniel Ricciardo (46), 10. Sergio Perez (44)

## Better than the best?

HAMILTON’S 83 race wins have come at a better win rate than Schumacher’s. In each of the last six campaigns, Hamilton has won on average 10 GPs. If he is to continue that trend next year, he will overtake Schumacher as the driver with the most race victories and will have done so in fewer races.

HAMILTON HAS won one in every three races (33.5%) started (83 wins from 248 GPs started). Of all drivers who have taken part in at least 50 GPs, only Juan Manuel Fangio (with almost one in two — 47%) and Jim Clark (35%) have a better win rate. However, Hamilton has been involved in at least three times as many races as both Clark and Fangio, sustaining his win rate over a much longer period of time. Hamilton has a marginally better win percentage than Schumacher, whose 91 victories came in 306 races (30%).

HAMILTON IS in joint-second place in the list of drivers to have completed the most ‘grand-slams’. He has achieved the rare feat of taking pole position, winning the race having led every single lap as well as claiming the fastest lap in five GPs, the same number as Schumacher. British driver Jim Clark, who won two titles in the 1960s, has the most grand slams with eight.

### HAMILTON VS SCHUMACHER

Titles	6	7
Race wins	83	91
Starts	248	307
Poles	87	68
Fastest laps	46	77
Races until 1st pole	5	41
Races until 1st win	6	18
Most wins in season	11	13
Successive wins	5	7
Successive podiums	16	19
Age at first title	23	25
Age at sixth title	34	34



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F1 PUNDIT AND FORMER DRIVER

Reaching Michael was never a target for me. I definitely thought that getting anywhere near Michael was just so far-fetched. Now it seems so close and yet is so far away... And I don’t want to build up the idea of trying to get to Michael’s seven, because at the moment, I’ve got to enjoy right now.”

LEWIS HAMILTON  
ON TARGETTING SCHUMACHER’S HAUL

# Like the club, Real Kashmir documentary defies odds, wins BAFTA

MIHIR VASAVDA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

THE ONLY time Greg Clark had been to India before was a leisure trip to Goa. But he knew life won’t be a beach on his second trip, in mid-2018, when his employers made him undertake, among other things, a ‘hostile environment’ training. Clark’s destination was Srinagar, where he was in pursuit of a former Scottish footballer who was the coach of a nondescript Indian club that had just won the second division of the I-League. The idea of a Glasgow Rangers legend leaving behind his ‘millionaire lifestyle earned from football’, to coach a group of footballers from India, Europe and Africa in a ‘danger zone’ fascinated Clark. Thus, David Robertson and Real Kashmir became the subject of his movie, which, on Sunday, won the best ‘Single Documentary’ award at BAFTA Scotland. “I was just looking for ideas. I wanted to do something with Scottish people in it but also show a different culture to the audience in the UK,” Clark, the director, tells The Indian Express.

The documentary, ‘Real Kashmir FC’, was in contention along with ‘In sight of home: The Iolaire’ – a story about one of the worst maritime disasters in the UK in the 20th century – and ‘The bank that almost broke Britain’, the story of the rise and fall of Royal Bank of Scotland. “We were up against a lot of very good, expensive documentaries. But just like how the football team defied the odds, we did too as we were the underdogs. So it’s like the story of the team itself,” Clark, 49, says. The rise of Real Kashmir, a club formed in the aftermath of the devastating Srinagar floods in 2014, has been the most heartwarming story of Indian football in the recent years. From playing in the lowest tier of domestic football to challenging for the I-League title last season, the club’s journey has been a scarcely-believable one. And Robertson has masterminded it. Clark, two years younger to Robertson, had watched the defender at his prime at Rangers, for whom he made 250 appearances and helped win multiple titles. “It wasn’t just a football story. It was about hopes and dreams,” he says.



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Clark approached the club’s co-owners, Shamim Mehraj and Sandeep Chatoo, soon after Real Kashmir won the second division I-League in May 2018. Convincing the own-

ers was the easiest bit. “I had to undergo training from the BBC to behave in a certain way. I had to do a hostile environment training for a week, some of the things in it are

common sense when you are going into an area which is high risk. They train you for hostage scenarios and what to do if you are kidnapped. So you have to go through some extensive training which makes you fearful of going to the place,” Clark says. At that point, it seemed like a punt: A crazy idea that he ‘should never have done.’ However, a couple of months later, after securing necessary permissions from the government, he landed in Srinagar. An ‘advisor’ he never physically saw made sure they never ventured into ‘dangerous areas.’ The minder, Clark says, would call his cameraman every morning. “The person never stopped us from going anywhere. But he would just get an update to ensure our safety,” he says. It stayed the pattern during the whole six weeks of shooting the 58-minute documentary. With Robertson as the central figure, Clark explores the day-to-day challenges the club faces – from matches getting cancelled due to terrorist attacks, training during curfews and living without any connectivity to the outside world. It’s intense, with Robertson inadvertently providing some comic relief. He has reported

dropped the f-word 80 times in the documentary, prompting a presenter to joke about Robertson being ‘world’s most swearing football manager.’ “There was this incident where, everything is ready to roll before their first I-League match in Srinagar but they had forgotten to get the playing kits,” Clark, who was also nominated in Best Director – Factual – category, chuckles. “And David just went ‘what on earth..!’ He lost his temper so much that the armed security guards ran away.” In another sequence, he is filmed telling a young player, who got a bit chatty during a training session, “If you played as you f\*\*\*ing spoke, you’d be some f\*\*\*ing player.” His style, however, has worked in extracting the maximum from the players, who punched above their weight last term and remained unbeaten in the pre-season matches in the last few months. As the I-League gets underway later this month, Clark hopes to be back to shoot a sequel. “It would be great if that happens. But even otherwise, I will be there just to watch a match in Srinagar and experience the hospitality and warmth of the Kashmiri people.”



# ITF agrees to Indian demand, Davis Cup moved out of Pakistan

**NITIN SHARMA**  
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4

THE INTERNATIONAL Tennis Federation (ITF) has made a decision and announced that India's upcoming Group 1 Asia/Oceania Davis Cup tie against Pakistan, originally scheduled to be held in Islamabad, will now be organised at a neutral venue. "Following a review of the latest advice given by the ITF's independent security advisors, the Davis Cup Committee has taken the decision that the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Group I tie between Pakistan and India on 29-30 November 2019, must be played at a neutral venue," the ITF said in a statement.

"The ITF and Davis Cup Committee's first priority has always been the safety of athletes, officials and spectators and the decision was made on this basis. As per the Davis Cup Regulations, the Pakistan Tennis Federation now has the choice to nominate a neutral venue and has five working days to confirm their proposed venue. The venue will be announced once the choice has been submitted and approved."

Earlier last week, the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju, at *The Indian Express Idea Exchange*, had asserted that a decision to play a tie against Pakistan must be taken based on national sentiment.

"We are taking decisions in such a way that the sentiment of our country is maintained. At the same time we will also take into account (the rules) of international bodies so that it does not lead to an ugly situation... We will take a balanced stand on such issues," he had said.

The ITF though has made clear that the tie will no longer happen in Pakistan.

The draw for the zonal clash was made back in February this year, and the tie was originally scheduled to take place in September. India had named a strong team at the time, however, the downgrading of relations between the two countries following the Kashmir issue in August prompted the Indian players to write to the AITA asking for the tie to be shifted out of Pakistan.

The national body in turn wrote to the ITF asking for a shift to a neutral venue or delaying the tie by two months. The ITF, despite initially rejecting both pleas, decided to shift the tie to November 29-30, but the venue decision was to take place following the world body's inspection on November 4.

In October, the AITA, at the behest of the players again wrote to the ITF this time asking for a neutral venue. Late on Monday the ITF declared that the tie will be shifted out of Pakistan. "The decision is a positive thing for Indian tennis," said AITA secretary general Hironmoy Chatterjee to *The Indian Express*.

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## ITF STATEMENT

"Since Pakistan is the host, they will decide in five days about where to hold the tie. The dates of the tie will be the same and the Indian team will be finalised in a day or two and preparations will start."

Hours before the ITF's decision came through, the AITA announced that the chairman of the selection committee and former Davis Cupper Rohit Rajpal will serve as non-playing captain for the Indian team for this tie in place of regular captain Mahesh Bhupathi.

The 12-time Grand Slam champion, who was appointed non-playing captain in 2017, along with players Rohan Bopanna, Sumit Nagal and Ramkumar Ramanathan had made themselves unavailable for the tie should it take place in Pakistan, due to security concerns,

while Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Divij Sharan were unavailable due to family reasons. As a result, the AITA made a new list of players who made themselves available for the tie, which included veteran Leander Paes.

But with the tie now not being held in Pakistan, the AITA asserts it will check with all the players about their willingness to play at the neutral venue and then select a team.

"Prajnesh and Divij had opted out of the tie due to family reasons, and regarding the other three players namely Sumit, Ramkumar, and Rohan, the committee will meet and take the decision. We will discuss with the players too and their concerns. Regarding Mahesh, the captain has been already been decided for this tie and there will be no change in that," Chatterjee added.

The hosts are expected to submit their request for potential venue in the coming week. In the past, Pakistan has hosted Davis Cup matches in the likes of Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Turkey, due to a 12-year ban the ITF had imposed on them due to security reasons. The ban was lifted in 2017 and Pakistan had been hosting matches in Islamabad, where they were expected to organise the upcoming tie as well.

But the ITF has made the decision that what was to be India's first trip to Pakistan in 55 years for Davis Cup will not happen this time.



Davis Cup captain Rohit Rajpal (left) with AITA life president Anil Khanna at the CLTA premises in Chandigarh. Kamleshwar Singh

## Yuvraj bats for players' association of active cricketers

**SHAHID JUDGE**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

YUVRAJ SINGH believes that Sourav Ganguly's appointment as BCCI president with usher in "great things for Indian cricket" and hopes his former captain will create a players' association comprising active cricketers.

"Cricket from the administration point of view and cricketer's point of view are two different things. Someone who has been a successful captain will run the game from a players' point of view where cricketer's concerns can be heard. I see great things happening to Indian cricket with Sourav as the president," he says. "We deserve it. Because there are a lot of times we have been asked to play cricket that we don't want to. We have to play with the pressure that if we don't play we will be thrown out," Yuvraj explains. "That pressure has to go off the players that even if they are tired or fatigued or carrying injuries, they have to play," he notes.

Yuvraj cites the example of Glenn Maxwell, who has taken a break from international cricket to deal with mental health issues and has got the backing of his board. "That support should be given to the players. We see outside India, if players are fatigued and tired mentally, like is the case with (Glenn) Maxwell, he has taken a break because he is feeling it. "Our players can't do that because they fear they may lose their place. So a players' association is important," the 2011 World Cup winner explains.

Player fatigue remains an ailment that has remained unchecked in Indian cricket and young cricketers have begun to speak on this issue. "Body is tired, I am fatigued mentally. But no one is going to say take rest, *Kisi ko kuch farak hi nahi pada*," 24-year-old Shreyas Iyer, a top-order batsman had told *The Indian Express*. "We are not machines. There is no one to tell that players don't get adequate rest. We are playing non-stop for two years. I am out of home for 300 days. Even if am in India, I am not home."

It's an issue that Yuvraj may have faced during a glittering career that saw him help India win the 2007 T20 World Cup and the 2011 World Cup. Since retiring from international cricket back in June, he's been taking sojourns abroad to play in franchise-based leagues. His latest endeavour is the Abu Dhabi T10 League, but he remains concerned about players vying for their position in the national team — just as he once did. Who would be batting at No.4 has been problem troubling the national team for months. It's an issue that the team has come nowhere close to solving. On September 29, Yuvraj replied in a tweet to Harbhajan Singh's post that the team doesn't "need a no.4." It was a comment made in jest, but one that he feels strongly about.

"It was a joke, but actually we need to find a number four and respect the number four batsman and give him a longer run," he says. "Every day someone is batting at that spot and we have some loose statements about him. After me it was (Ambati) Rayudu, who played for a whole year, then got dropped at the last minute, now Rishabh (Pant) played well at number four in one game and there are remarks about him that now he is not doing well. You are not going to get a No.4 batsman by criticizing or dropping him... you have to support these young guys whether it is Rishabh, Shreyas or others. In between, there was Vijay Shankar '360 degree player', now he has vanished. You play him and then remove him. How can you groom players this way? You cannot produce players by giving them just three of four innings, you have to give somebody a longer run."

The problem, in Yuvraj's views, stems from the way the selectors have been handling the team, and the only way to change it is to appoint a new selection panel with an updated look on the game. "We do need better selectors, for sure. It's a difficult job but their thinking in terms of modern-day cricket is not up to the mark," he adds. "It's my opinion. I am always in favour of protecting the players and being positive about them. By talking negative about your players and team doesn't show you in true light. We definitely need better selectors."

**SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY & VISHAL MENON**  
KOLKATA, NEW DELHI NOVEMBER 4

ROHIT SHARMA facepalmed after another DRS howler during Bangladesh's run-chase and the fans at Feroz Shah Kotla started to jeer Rishabh Pant with 'Dhoni, Dhoni' chants. Never mind that it was Pant's home ground, but every time he fails, the clamour to bring back MS Dhoni grows in the stands and on social media. *The Indian Express*, however, understands that if the former India captain wants to return to the international fold, he will have to play domestic cricket first.

"Yes, if he (Dhoni) wants to make himself available for the Indian team, he must play domestic cricket. Until and unless he is playing domestic cricket, he won't be considered," sources told this paper.

Dhoni hasn't played any cricket after the World Cup and as chief selector MSK Prasad told the other day, they were "moving on", picking Pant as his successor and Sanju Samson as Pant's back-up. Then again, Dhoni hasn't called time on his career yet. According to Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) secretary Sanjay Sahay, the 38-year-old is coming to the JSCA Stadium regularly but he hasn't approached the state body about playing domestic cricket.

"He is coming (here) daily. He goes to the gym, plays tennis, but I don't know if he wants to play domestic cricket this season," Sahay told *The Indian Express*. The Jharkhand U-19 squad will have a camp from Thursday. Asked if Dhoni might turn up for a few hits at the nets, Sahay said: "I don't have any information."

Dhoni carried a back niggle to the World Cup that got aggravated during the tournament. He also picked up a wrist injury. It's not known whether he has returned to full fitness. He isn't a part of the Jharkhand squad for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, commencing on November 8. And since his Test retirement in December 2014, Dhoni hasn't played the Ranji Trophy. "It's his call. If he wants to play, he can join the squad whenever he likes," the JSCA secretary said.

India's next white-ball assignment is in December, when West Indies would be here for three T20 internationals and as many ODIs. And according to sources, Dhoni won't be considered for that series as well, irrespective of Pant's performance in the ongoing matches against Bangladesh.

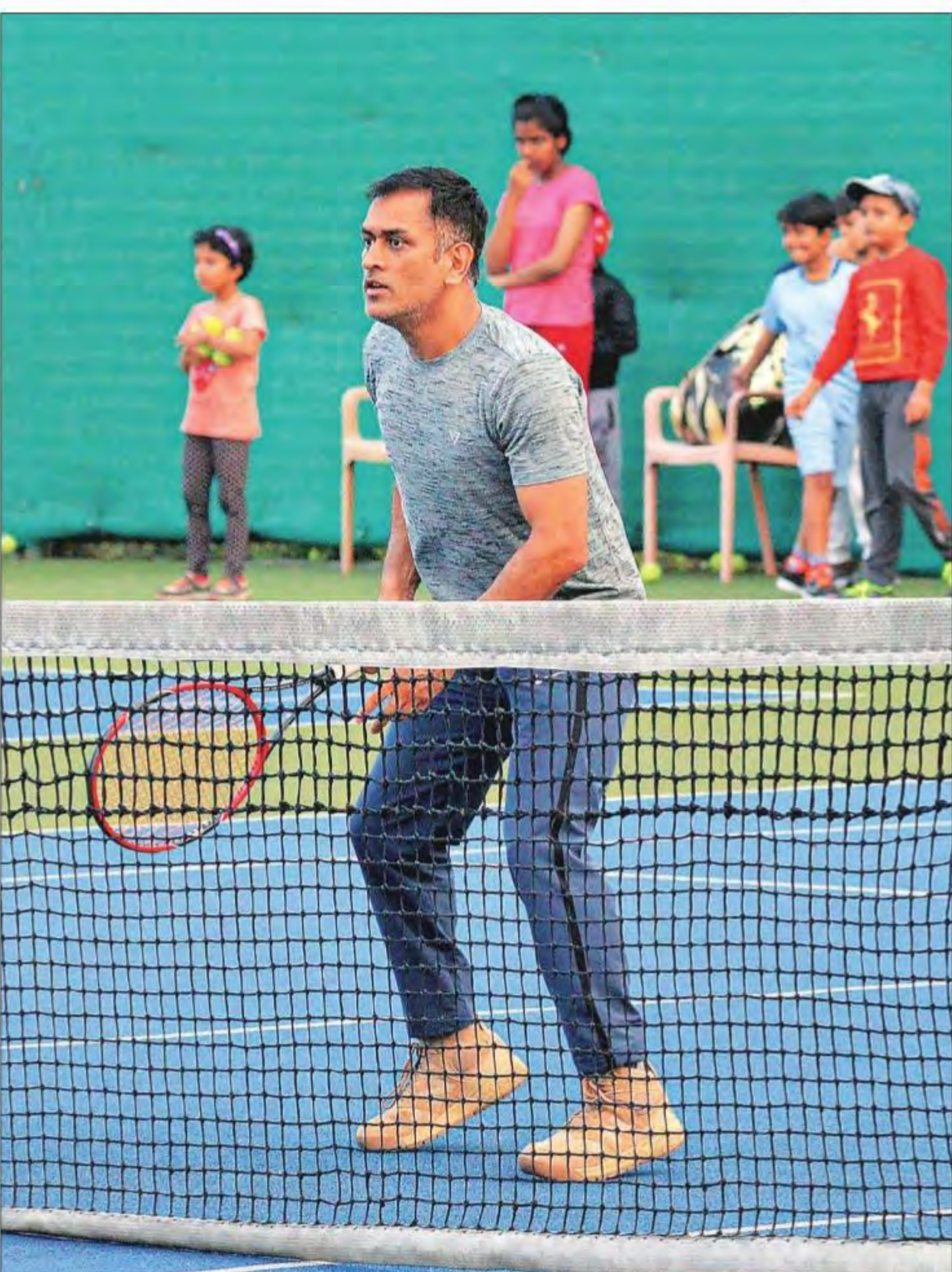
"Retirement is his decision. But as long as a player is active, he has a chance to play for India. But he will have to take the domestic route to make an international comeback," the source said. Meanwhile, Pant didn't have a good game at Kotla on Sunday. He was involved in a mix-up that resulted in Shikhar Dhawan's run-out. The 'keeper-batsman had called for the second run, but changed his mind after realising that he misjudged it.

Then, in the third ball of the 10th over during Bangladesh's run-chase, India didn't review, when Yuzvendra Chahal's leg-before appeal against Mushfiqur Rahim was turned down by on-field umpire Nitin Menon. Rahim would have been out had India reviewed and Pant, as the 'keeper, probably should have made the call. Rahim was on six then. He went on to score 60 not out off 43 balls to help secure Bangladesh's first-ever T20I victory against India.

In the final ball of the same over, Pant apparently asked Rohit to go upstairs after a caught behind appeal against Soumya Sarkar was negated. Replays didn't pick any spike and India lost their review. The Kotla crowd made their displeasure known. Pant was brutally trolled on social media as well.

## Support for Pant

Part of the diatribe was also because of Dhoni success with DRS calls. Since its official launch in 2009, the DRS has undergone numerous modifications. But one thing remained constant — Dhoni's mastery over it. With time, it has even acquired a parallel acronym — Dhoni Review System. "It's priceless. I saw a stat that 95 per cent of the appeals that he (Dhoni) has made in his career have been successful. As a captain, I have no sort of extra think-



## GAME, SET, MATCH?

Mahendra Singh Dhoni plays tennis at Jharkhand State Cricket Association Cricket Stadium, in Ranchi. PTI

ing as far as DRS is concerned. He is one voice, if he tells me it's outside the line or it is missing, the decision stands there. It's not left up to doubt or any further debate from there on," Virat Kohli had said of Dhoni. It would be unfair to expect Pant, who is 22 years of age and has just one full international season under his belt, to get a near-perfect record in DRS straight away. Not surprisingly, India's stand-in captain came to his young 'keeper's defence after the Bangladesh loss.

"Of course, Rishabh is young and he will need time to understand. It's too soon to judge whether he can make those decisions. Plus, the bowlers as well. It's a combination when the captain is not in the right position to make that decision," Rohit said at the post-match conference.

Former India wicketkeeper Kiran More attributed Dhoni's success to his maturity and his ability to judge the line of the ball better than most keepers. "Dhoni is smart, and a great judge of line and length. So, he can make those decisions correctly, whether the ball was going down the leg, or was it too high...things like that. By the time DRS was introduced in international cricket, Dhoni was already the Indian captain. So, he also

had the advantage of experience behind him," More told *The Indian Express*.

Even as he heaped praise on the ex-India captain, More was more guarded in his criticism against Pant. "This guy is so inexperienced. Give him time. You can't hold these things against him. He is working hard to cement his place in this team. I really think it's unfair to suggest that India lost the match because of those two faulty DRS calls made by Pant. On the contrary, I think it's our batting that has let us down. For the time being, leave that kid alone," More added.

As Prasad had said after the team selection meeting on October 24, Pant would be given a long rope. He also spoke about having a back-up in Samson. Prasad's comments had come on the heels of his meeting with BCCI president Sourav Ganguly. Incidentally, Ganguly, too, had to return to domestic cricket after he was dropped from the Test squad in 2006. The former India captain made a roaring comeback.

As for Dhoni, he has a mind of his own and it would be interesting to see his future course of action. Also, a new selection committee might come post the BCCI AGM later this month.

## IPL GC Meet: Idea of players' substitution in IPL floated, final call rests with Ganguly

*New Delhi:* The concept of players' substitutions during an IPL match could be floated during Wednesday's governing council meeting in Mumbai but the final call rests with BCCI president Sourav Ganguly. It has been learnt that a senior executive of the IPL operations team prepared a note few months ago with an intention to do away with traditional playing XI. According to the note, a 'Power Player' concept could be used, allowing a player, who is not a part of playing XI, to come in at the fall of a wicket or replace a bowler at any given point of time.

"The final call will rest with the BCCI president. He will certainly discuss with the IPL GC including chairman Brijesh Patel and other office bearers but a lot of factors needs to be taken into account," a senior BCCI functionary told PTI on conditions of anonymity. While Ganguly was unavailable for a comment, a source close to the

president said that there is a lot of scepticism to introduce this concept which could basically change the grammar of cricket. "Nothing has been decided yet. Also with four days left for Mushtaq Ali to begin, can this concept see light of the day as yet? We don't know yet," the source said.

A section among IPL operations team wants to push the envelope and introduce the concept during Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (National T20 Tournament) starting November 9 but there is a section in the BCCI that believes it could specifically favour one particular high-profile franchise comprising veteran players."

There is one particular team which needs a bit of cushion during 2020 IPL with the average age of its core players being 35 plus. Has the IPL operations guy, who prepared the concept note, kept that particular franchise in mind?" questioned another official. **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

# Rival hurt, Son weeps

South Korean star distraught after his tackle breaks Everton midfielder Gomes's ankle

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CENK TOSUN'S header eight minutes into stoppage time salvaged a 1-1 draw for Everton against Tottenham in a match overshadowed by a broken ankle suffered by Everton midfielder Andre Gomes.

Spurs' Son Heung-min was shown a straight red card for his foul on the Portuguese international, but the injury occurred as Gomes's momentum saw him crash into Serge Aurier. "It is a bad moment for us as a group and as a team. It's more than a football game, this is the most important thing right now," said Everton manager Marco Silva.

Tottenham led 1-0 at that stage thanks to Dele Alli's strike just after the hour mark.

The injury to Gomes proved a turning point with Son visibly upset even before he was shown a red card. "He (Son) is devastated and in tears," said Alli. "It's not his fault. Son is one of the nicest people you've ever met. He can't even lift his head up, he's crying so much." Later Sunday, Everton confirmed the 26-year-old former Barcelona star Gomes had broken his right ankle and will undergo surgery on Monday. "Everton Football Club can confirm Andre Gomes will undergo surgery after sustaining an ankle injury in today's game with Tottenham Hotspur," the Merseysiders said in a statement.

"After undergoing hospital tests, it was confirmed he had suffered a fracture dislocation to his right ankle. The club will provide further updates in due course." Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino said his club had the utmost sympathy for Gomes. "We feel very sorry," he said. "Was a really bad situation, very bad luck how he landed in the action.



"We can only send our best wishes and (we are) devastated for the situation." However, Pochettino believed the red card shown to Son was harsh, particularly as referee Martin Atkinson had first produced a yellow card prior to seeing Gomes's injury.

"I cannot agree with the red card of Sonny," added Pochettino.

"VAR must help the referee, I don't know what is going on and what happens with this tool. Rather than help the referee it is creating more confusion." Both managers were left frustrated at the use of VAR as both sides saw a strong penalty claim turned down in the second half despite a lengthy delay to review the incidents.

First Tottenham were denied

as Son was upended by Yerry Mina with the score at 0-0 and then, after Alli opened the scoring, the England midfielder escaped unpunished from a hand-ball inside his own box.

"I think the referee needs to go to the screen and check like in other leagues. It's the referee that needs to take the decision not the VAR from I don't know where," said Pochettino. A point does little to improve a poor start to the season for either side with Everton still hovering just one place above the relegation zone, while Spurs remain in the bottom half in 11th with 13 points from their first 11 games.

Tottenham hit the Toffees for six on their last visit to Goodison Park last December, but their fall off in form over the past year was



TV replays suggested Gomes landed awkwardly after Son's challenge. Referee Martin Atkinson initially showed Son a yellow card, then changed it to red. *Reuters*

in evidence in a dismal first 45 minutes in which neither side threatened to open the scoring. Spurs badly missed the absent Harry Kane through illness, but were gifted the opener when Alex Iwobi handed possession to Son and the South Korean fed Alli to fire past England international teammate Jordan Pickford.

Son's joy soon turned to anguish when he slid on Gomes 12 minutes from time as he had to be consoled by players from both sides when he saw the extent of Gomes's injury.

Everton still struggled to make their man advantage count in what proved to be the final 24 minutes with 12 minutes added due to the VAR reviews and medical attention for Gomes.

## Barca's fragility casts doubts on Europe dominance

They may be one of Europe's most devastating teams at their best but another collapse in La Liga last weekend has shown mighty Barcelona can be a soft touch.

Their 3-1 defeat by Levante on Saturday reopened old wounds from Anfield and Rome and suggests they have not learned from either of those collapses. Levante scored three times in seven minutes after half-time exposing

Barcelona's inability to regroup during a spell of intense pressure -- a familiar weakness since coach Ernesto Valverde came to the helm in 2017.

Most clubs in Europe would gladly take winning two league titles and a Copa del Rey in that time but Barcelona are a team concerned with details, the small margins that could define a good season or a great one.

Barca play Slavia Prague on

Tuesday in the Champions League, when victory at Camp Nou against Group F's weakest team will ensure the frustration and failings from Levante swiftly fade. But fragility persists that can be exposed by elite opponents when it matters most, as Roma and then Liverpool so emphatically proved in the last two Champions League campaigns, when three-goal first-leg leads were squandered by the

Catalan giants. Barcelona have shown they lack steel when they are uncomfortable, not least away from home, where their record under Valverde has been disappointing.

In Valverde's three seasons, they have won only 25 out of 44 league matches on the road. By comparison, Manchester City have won 35 out of 44.

In the Champions League Barca have only won five out of 13 away games. **AFP**



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**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

S. No.	Name of the Account and Bank Branch	Details of property	Outstanding Amount	Date of Notice under section 13(2) Surface Act	Reserve price (Rs. in Lakh)	EMD AMOUNT (in Lakh)	Bid Increase Amount (IN LAKH)	Sale Date & TIME OF AUCTION
1.	M/S Govind Agro Foods through its partners Sh. Subhash Singh, and Sh. Parveen Chand, R/O House No.667, Sector-7, Urban Estate, Karnal- 132001.	Property No. 1: Shop having an area of 20' X 30' situated at Janta Anaj Mandi, Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal bounded as under: North : Shop of Lala Ram Ram Kishan; South : Gali/Rasta; East : Area of plot & Kumar S/o Sh.Subhash Phar/Rasta of Mandi; West : Plot of Parveen Kumar son of Subhash Chand With all rights appurtenant thereto vide Sale Deed No. 1425/1 Dated 03.12.2004 in the name of Sh. Neeraj Kumar (Physical Possession)	The amount due to the Bank as on 30.06.2019 is Rs. 27,77,78,622.95 (Twenty seven crore seventy seven lakhs seventy eight thousand six hundred twenty two and ninety five paise only) + further interest and other expenses w.e.f. 01.06.2019 plus charges if any minus recovery if any	09.07.19	18.40	1.84	0.25	07.12.2019 11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
Property No. 2:	Residential house having an area of 20ft X 92ft situated at Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal bounded as under: North : Plot of Sanlosh Rani wife of Rattan Lal; South : House of Sanjay Kumar son of Ram Lal; East : Gali/Rasta; West : Plot of Parveen Kumar son of Ram Sarup With all rights appurtenant thereto vide Sale Deed No. 1023/1 Dated 05.10.2010 in the name of Sh. Parveen Kumar. (Physical Possession)	09.07.19	26.50	2.65	0.25	07.12.2019 11:00 PM TO 12:00 PM		
Property No. 3:	Land measuring 0K-8M being 8/124 share out of land measuring 6K-4M comprising of Khewat No. 710/662, Khatoni No. 1055, Rectangle No. 148, Khasra Nos. 8(6-4). Total Kittas-1 situated at village Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal vide Jamabandi for the year 2012-13 and Sale Deed No. 1513/1 Dated 05.02.2008 read with Mutation No. 9224 in the name of Smt. Rekha Rani. (Physical Possession)	09.07.19	10.20	1.02	0.25	07.12.2019 03:00 PM TO 04:00 PM		
Property No. 4:	Land measuring 0K-8M being 8/124 share out of land measuring 6K-4M comprising of Khewat No. 710/662, Khatoni No. 1055, Rectangle No. 148, Khasra Nos. 8(6-4). Total Kittas-1 situated at village Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal vide Jamabandi for the year 2012-13 and Sale Deed No. 1514/1 Dated 05.02.2008 read with Mutation No. 9223 in the name of Smt. Rani Devi. (Physical Possession)	09.07.19	10.20	1.02	0.25	07.12.2019 03:00 PM TO 04:00 PM		
Property No. 5:	Plot Godown at ward no 4, Buta Singh Colony, Janta Mandi Nissing) having an area of 108.88 square yards (24.5ft X 40ft) situated at Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal bounded as under: North : Property of Jitender etc & Anju Rani; South : Gali; East : Gali/Rasta; West : Gali & Smt. Shakuntla Devi. With all rights appurtenant thereto vide Sale Deed No. 1024/1 Dated 05.10.2010 in the name of Smt. Shakuntala Devi. (Physical Possession)	09.07.19	11.50	1.15	0.25	07.12.2019 12:00 PM TO 01:00 PM		
Property No. 6:	House No. 668 situated at Sector-7, Urban Estate, Karnal having an area of 299 square meters (358.8 square yards) bounded as under: North : Road; South : Property No. 571; East : Property No. 669; West : Property No. 667 With all rights appurtenant thereto vide Sale Deed No. 5811/1 Dated 15.10.2013 in the names of Subhash Chand, Smt. Shakuntla Devi, Krishan Lal & Rekha Rani. (Physical Possession)	09.07.19	168.08	16.81	1.00	07.12.2019 12:00 PM TO 01:00 PM		
Property No. 7:	Land measuring 0K-7.5M being 15/236 share out of land measuring 5K-18M comprising of Khewat No. 431/406min, Khatoni No. 568, Rectangle No. 197, Khasra No. 21/1/1(2-4), Rectangle No. 198, Khasra No. 25/1(1-0), 25/2/2(2-14), Total Kittas-3 situated at village Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal vide Jamabandi for the year 2012-13 read with Mutation No. 12275 and Sale Deed No. 1626/1 dated 14.12.2012 in the name of Smt. Rekha Rani bounded as under: North : Plot of Surender Pal Singh; South : Plot of Seema Rani; East : Property of Banta Singh; West : Gali/Rasta (Physical Possession)	09.07.19	14.00	1.40	0.25	07.12.2019 03:00 PM TO 04:00 PM		
Property No. 8:	Land measuring 0K-7.5M being 15/236 share out of land measuring 5K-18M comprising of Khewat No. 431/406min, Khatoni No. 568, Rectangle No. 197, Khasra No. 21/1/1(2-4), Rectangle No. 198, Khasra No. 25/1(1-0), 25/2/2(2-14), Total Kittas-3 situated at village Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal vide Jamabandi for the year 2012-13 read with Mutation No. 12275 and Sale Deed No. 1627/1 dated 14.12.2012 in the name of Smt. Seema Devi bounded as under: North : Plot of Surender Pal Singh; South : Plot of Seema Rani; East : Property of Banta Singh; West : Gali/Rasta (Physical Possession)	09.07.19	14.00	1.40	0.25	07.12.2019 03:00 PM TO 04:00 PM		
Property No. 9:	(1) EM of factory land and Building 19K2M in Khewat No. 968/891, Khatoni No. 1500 Total Kittas-4 situated at Nissing, sub tehsil Nissing, District Karnal vide Jamabandi for the year 2007-08 read with Mutation no. 9910 and sale deed 624/1 dated 11.08.2009 (2) EM of land measuring 7K 11M, RTD no 805/1 dated 09.07.13 & Khewat No 968 total kitte 35 And Plant and machinery (Physical Possession)	09.07.19	487.00	4.87	5.00	07.12.2019 11:00 PM TO 12:00 PM		
Property No. 10:	House No. 667 situated at Sector-7, Urban Estate, Karnal having an area of 299 square meters (358.8 square yards) bounded as under: North : Road; South : Property No. 572; East : Property No. 668; West : Property No. 666 With all rights appurtenant thereto vide Sale Deed No. 5651/1 Dated 09.10.2013 in the names of Sh. Parveen Kumar, Sh. Neeraj Kumar, Smt. Rani Devi & Smt. Seema Rani. (Symbolic Possession) "as per order of DRT-II, Chandigarh IP at Sr. No. 10 & 11 which are under symbolic possession, if sold, shall be handed over to the bank within 15 days from date of issue of sale certificate. The bank in their advertisement for sale are free to mention that property at sr. No. 10 & 11 shall be handover to the auction purchaser within 15 days of issuance of sale certificate."	09.07.19	225.82	22.59	2.00	07.12.2019 12:00 PM TO 01:00 PM		
Property No. 11:	Shop having an area of 14 X 35 feet situated at opposite Anaj Mandi, Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal bounded as under: North : Shop of Hari Dass son of Ram Gopal; South : Rasta; East : Shop of Amarnath & Rajesh Kumar; West : Shop of Sona Devi wife of Chaman Lal With all rights appurtenant thereto vide Sale Deed No. 397/1 Dated 18.06.2002 in the name of Smt. Shakuntala Devi. (Symbolic Possession) "as per order of DRT-II, Chandigarh IP at Sr. No. 10 & 11 which are under symbolic possession, if sold, shall be handed over to the bank within 15 days from date of issue of sale certificate. The bank in their advertisement for sale are free to mention that property at sr. No. 10 & 11 shall be handover to the auction purchaser within 15 days of issuance of sale certificate."	09.07.19	83.57	8.36	1.00	07.12.2019 01:00 PM TO 02:00 PM		
2.	M/s Mahesh Mercandise Pvt. Ltd. Registered Office: Plot No. 72/24, Swaran Park, Mundaka, New Delhi - 110041. Branch Office : GT Road, Karnal	Property No. 1: Equitable Mortgage of compound no B 111/773 (part) situated at Immam Bada Sadar Bazar Karnal RTD No. 8040 dated 11.01.2002 registered with sub registrar Karnal (Symbolic Possession) Property No. 2: Equitable Mortgage of commercial Plot No B-170 (part) situated at Jawahar Market Sadar Bazar, Karnal RTD Nos. 8036/1 dated 11.01.2002 registered with sub registrar Karnal. (Symbolic Possession)	The amount due to the Bank as on 04.06.2019 is Rs. 22,51,05,273.37 (Rupees Twenty two crore fifty one lakhs five thousand two hundred seventy and thirty seven paise with further interest & other expenses w.e.f. 01.05.2019 until payment in full (hereinafter referred to as "secured debt")	10.06.19	160.00	16.00	0.50	07.12.2019 03:00 PM TO 04:00 PM
Property No. 3:	Equitable mortgage of Commercial land and building at Swaran Park (Main Bahadurgarh-Rohtak Road) Mundka, Nangloi, Delhi (Khasra No 72/25/1 (0-6) & 72/24/2 min (1-6) & 77/4/3 min (0-1)) vide Sale deed no. 203/1 dt 06.01.03 and 204/1 dt 06.01.03 registered with sub registrar, sub division II, Delhi (Symbolic Possession)	10.06.19	600.00	60.00	1.00	07.12.2019 01:00 PM TO 02:00 PM		
Property No. 4:	Equitable Mortgage of Residential House no 2042, Sector 13, Karnal Vide conveyance deed No. 2143/1 dt 17/07/1997 registered with sub registrar Karnal (Symbolic Possession)	10.06.19	130.00	13.00	0.50	07.12.2019 01:00 PM TO 02:00 PM		
3.	M/S Vardhman Rice Mills Pvt. Ltd Branch Office: GT Road Panipat	Land and building measuring 73 kanal - 15 Marla comprised in Khewat no. 280, Khatoni no 310, Khasra no. 10/11/2 (7-17), 19 (4-10), 20 (8-0), 9/24/2 (1-0), 25 (8-0), 9/16 (8-0), 19/4/2 (2-4), 5/2 (7-8) 9/14/2 (2-4), 17/1 (3-12), 10/21 (8-0), 22 (3-2), 18/1/1 (5-6), 1/2 (3-18), 10/1/1 (0-14) registered via Lease Deed no 304 Dt 11.04.2017, S.R. Panipat & Supplementary Lease Deed Vasika no 991 Dt. 12.05.2017 S.R. Panipat in favour of Shri Vardhman Rice Mills Pvt Ltd. (Symbolic Possession)	The amount due to the Bank as on 30.06.2018 is 17,56,46,787.54 (Seventeen Crore fifty eight lakh forty six thousand seven hundred eighty seven and fifty four paise only), interest charged upto 30.06.2018 plus further interest at contracted rate wef 01.07.2018 plus charges if any minus recovery if any until payment in full (hereinafter referred to as "secured debt")	04.07.18	1340.00	13.40	1.00	07.12.2019 03:00 PM TO 04:00 PM

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