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SPG cover  
for Gandhi  
family, Cong  
reacts angrily



SPG cover will be removed  
in ten days. *File*

**DEEPTIMANT TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

FROM SPECIAL Protection Group (SPG) to CRPF Z-plus, the Centre has downgraded the security cover for Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her children, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra, based on the latest threat assessment by security agencies, sources told The Indian Express.

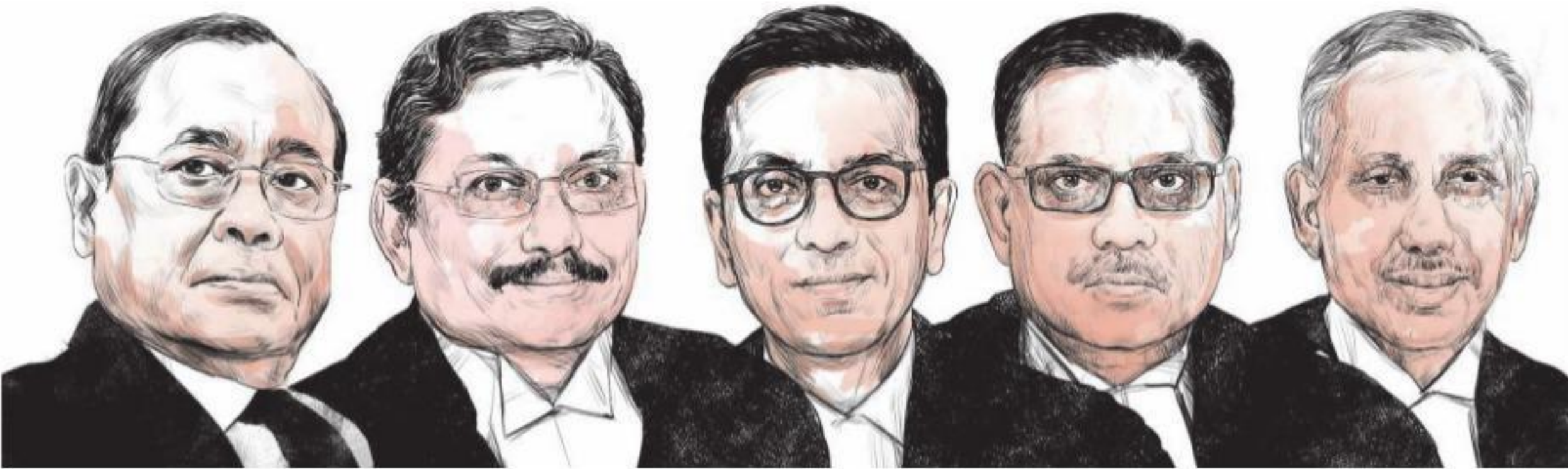
The three were under SPG cover since the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991. Two months ago, the government had similarly downgraded the security cover for Congress leader and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The latest decision was slammed by Congress leaders, with the party's general secretary KC Venugopal accusing the government of "playing with the lives of Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka". Senior leader Ahmed Patel accused the ruling BJP of deploying the "ultimate personal vendetta"

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CONSTITUTION BENCH TO DELIVER AYODHYA VERDICT TODAY

## Their lordships will rule...



**THE BENCH** Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Justice S A Bobde, Justice D Y Chandrachud, Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice S A Nazeer

Ahead of ruling,  
CJI meets UP's  
Chief Secretary,  
DGP in chamber

**ANANTHAKRISHNAN G**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE OUTCOME of one of India's most significant and sensitive litigation will be known Saturday morning when a five-judge Constitution Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, rules on appeals challenging a 2010 order on the title to the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site in Ayodhya.

The Bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, will meet at 10.30 am Saturday to pronounce the judgment it had reserved on October 16 after hearing

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## PM for calm: Whatever the verdict, it will not be anyone's loss or victory

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

AS THE nation braced for the Supreme Court ruling Saturday on the disputed Ayodhya site, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for calm, underlining that the judgment "will not be anyone's loss or victory".

In Twitter posts Friday night, the Prime Minister said: "The Supreme Court will rule on Ayodhya tomorrow. In the last few months, there was continuous hearing on this issue and the whole country was following it with curiosity. While the hearing was on, all sections of the society made efforts to maintain a harmonious atmosphere which



Near the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site in Ayodhya, Friday. *PTI*

is highly appreciated."

"According the highest respect to the judiciary, various sections of society, social and

cultural organisations and all parties have put in efforts in the last few days to maintain amity and positive atmosphere. This is

very welcome. We have to maintain amity even after the verdict is delivered."

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Kartarpur-bound pilgrims on the Indian side of the corridor in Gurdaspur on the eve of its opening, Friday. *ANI*

## Kartarpur corridor opens today amid war of words on pilgrim passage rules

**MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA & SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
LAHORE, NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE DAY before the historic opening of the Kartarpur Corridor, linking Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab to Darbar Sahib in Pakistan, a group of Canadian Sikh pilgrims were welcomed with garlands at the Wagah immigration terminal.

The pilgrims had crossed the Attari-Wagah border to take part in the inauguration of the corri-

dor by Prime Minister Imran Khan Saturday, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi will open the link on the Indian side.

The warmth on the ground, however, failed to find an echo at the government level. As Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi raked up the Kashmir issue Friday, the administration took another U-turn on a commitment by PM Khan to waive the fee of \$20 per pilgrim on the opening day.

On Thursday, the Pakistan Army had overruled another commitment by Khan that Sikh

pilgrims from India would not need to carry their passports.

Speaking to reporters in Lahore, Qureshi referred to Kashmir and criticised the "communication blackout" in the Valley and what he claimed were "ceasefire violations taking place on the LoC". He claimed that even Opposition parties in India are "not buying socio-economic development claims".

Qureshi also criticised the abrogation of Article 370. Asked about talks, he said: "There cannot be a bilateral exchange at this

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## NCRB data on farmers' suicides is out with key omission — reasons

**DEEPTIMANT TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

AFTER WITHHOLDING data on incidents of lynchings, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has released figures on farmers' suicides but with a key element from the previous edition missing this time — reasons for the suicides.

The bureau's latest Accidental Death and Suicide report for 2016 shows that while Maharashtra saw a 20 per cent dip from the previous year, in line with the national trend, the state continued to top the list with 2,550 of the 6,270 farmers'

| MAHARASHTRA TOPS |       |       |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| STATES           | 2015  | 2016  |
| Maharashtra      | 3,030 | 2,550 |
| Karnataka        | 1,197 | 1,212 |
| Telangana        | 1,358 | 632   |
| MP               | 581   | 599   |
| Chhattisgarh     | 854   | 585   |
| All-India        | 8,007 | 6,270 |
| Source: NCRB     |       |       |

suicides recorded nationwide.

Significantly, the NCRB did not release the data on farmers' suicides along with its much-delayed crime data on October 21, the day of voting in the Maharashtra Assembly elec-

tions.

Overall, the data shows that while farmer suicides have dropped by almost 21 per cent, those by farm labourers have gone up by 10 per cent.

In its previous reports, however, the NCRB had included reasons behind farmers' suicides under categories such as farm distress, crop failure, loans, family problems, illness, etc.

Even under loans, there were sub-categories on the source, including banks, money lenders and micro-finance institutions. The reports also included data on the socio-economic status and landholding of each victim.

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## Moody's cites jobs, rural stress to cut ratings outlook to negative from stable

Maintains ratings, but says probability of 'entrenched slowdown' higher

**SUNNY VERMA**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

RATING AGENCY Moody's Investor Service Friday cut its outlook on India's ratings to negative from stable, but affirmed the investment grade Baa2 foreign-currency and local-currency long-term issuer ratings. The agency said prolonged financial stress among rural households, weak job creation, and a credit crunch among non-bank financial institutions (NBFI), have increased the probability of a more "entrenched slowdown".

Lower nominal GDP growth would mean India will face significant constraints in lowering its fiscal deficit and debt burden, Moody's said. The ratings agency also cut its outlook for 21 large companies, including State Bank of India, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Infosys Ltd and NTPC Ltd to "negative" from "stable".

Lowering of the sovereign credit outlook is a potential step towards an investment rating downgrade. India is now just two notches above non-investment grade country ratings on Moody's scale. While Moody's

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**Can result in fund outflow**

THE AGENCY'S action has the potential to result in fund outflows from the Indian markets and an increase in overseas borrowing costs for Indian companies. The negative outlook and the commentary following the action indicates an upgrade is unlikely soon since in its assessment the slowdown is likely to deepen. The government will have to aggressively pursue stake sale in PSUs to raise resources to improve its fiscal health.

has maintained the country ratings and only lowered the outlook, it still poses risks of capital flight unless the government

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Uddhav, Aaditya Thackeray in Mumbai, Friday. *Prashant Nadkar*

## As Fadnavis quits, Uddhav: Form Govt or will look at options

**SHUBHANGI KHAPRE & VISHWAS WAGHMODE**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

UNABLE TO stake claim for government formation jointly with Shiv Sena despite a pre-poll alliance, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis Friday submitted his resignation to Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari. The Governor has asked him to continue as 'caretaker CM' for the time being.

Breaking his silence over the prolonged BJP-Sena stalemate, Fadnavis blamed the Shiv Sena for dishonouring the mandate of the people. He expressed confidence BJP would form the government, but attacked the Sena for its high-handedness which, he said, put a question mark on the allies' co-existence.

"In the very first press conference after poll results (on October 24), Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray said all options were

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open for Sena. This was a big shock especially since we were pre-poll allies. The BJP won 105 seats, Sena 56. The mandate was for the alliance." Fadnavis said at a briefing in Sahyadri, the government guest house.

Together, the two parties had 161 MLAs, a clear majority in the

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**RITIKA CHOPRA**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

LESS THAN a month after NIT-Srinagar reopened, more than half of its final-year students are preparing to leave the campus again.

An indefinite Internet blockade in the Valley has disrupted NIT-Srinagar's placement drive, affecting students preparing for the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) and Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).

So much so, that more than 200 B.Tech students in their fourth year — out of 379 — have

sought the institute's permission to leave and return next year after appearing for GATE in February. These students have also signed an undertaking that they are leaving of their own volition and will take responsibility for completing the seventh-semester syllabus on their own. The undertaking was submitted to Kowsar Majid, Dean of Academic Affairs, this week.

"A few companies have had to postpone their campus recruitment as students cannot appear for their online test. Those preparing for GATE and GRE need the Internet for accessing study material," said a fourth-year student,

who has signed the undertaking.

When contacted Friday, NIT-Srinagar director Rakesh Sehgal confirmed that almost half the students in the fourth year had sought permission to leave. He did not wish to comment further.

A senior official in the institute said the director has agreed to let students leave on the condition that they do not press teachers for special classes later. "We are planning to relax the attendance requirement for these students, and also hold semester-end examinations in February for them," the senior official said.

Sources said NIT-Srinagar has, on several occasions, approached



Over 200 B.Tech students have sought permission to leave. *File*

the HRD Ministry and local administration for restoration of Internet services on campus — but in vain.

The NIT reopened on October 15, more than two months after the abrogation of Article 370 forced it to shut indefinitely on August 3, when close to 1,500 students were asked to vacate the campus overnight.

Since the institute was forced to shut down in the middle of placement season, about 70 out-station students had camped in a hostel in Ghaziabad for a month, at their own expense, to organise their placement drive.

The Indian Express reported on

September 13 that local students from Jammu and Kashmir could not be informed about this placement drive because of the blockade — about 55 students had found jobs through this drive. The fourth-year students plan to continue the drive in Ghaziabad once they are permitted to leave.

About 2,100 students out of 2,892 have reported at the institute after it reopened, but a large number of PhD students haven't joined as yet because of the blockade. "What are research students going to do if they can't access journals online?" the senior official said. There are a total of 358 PhD students at NIT-Srinagar.





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### A RETIRED VILLAGE OFFICER'S QUEST TO KEEP HIS HOME PLASTIC-FREE IN KERALA

It wasn't very long ago that Moosad understood the truly harmful effects of plastic pollution and the all-pervasive presence it has in his daily life. In early 2017, when the Vazhakkad panchayat, a rural outpost where he worked as a senior clerk, picked up a campaign to build a plastic-free village, he endeared himself to the cause

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## Moody's

improves its fiscal health materially through aggressive stake sale in state-owned companies.

The ratings agency also said it does not expect the credit crunch among non-bank financial institutions to be resolved quickly.

The negative outlook also indicates that an upgrade is unlikely in the near term. Stock, currency and bond markets fell sharply reacting to lowering of the India outlook. Sensex at the Bombay Stock Exchange fell 330 points or 0.8% to close at 40,323.6, while the rupee lost 31 paise or 0.45% during the day to 71.28 against the US dollar.

Noting concerns raised by the agency, the finance ministry in a statement said India continues to be among the fastest growing major economies in the world, and its relative standing remains unaffected. The government said it has undertaken a series of financial sector and other reforms to strengthen the economy as a whole, and proactively taken steps in response to the global slowdown.

"These measures would lead to a positive outlook on India and would attract capital flows and stimulate investments. The fundamentals of the economy remain quite robust with inflation under check and bond yields low. India continues to offer strong prospects of growth in near and medium term," the finance ministry said.

The economy grew 5% in April-June quarter, its weakest since 2013, prompting the government to cut corporate tax rate to 22% from 30% (excluding surcharge and cess), and a number of other growth promoting measures, Moody's said while measures announced by the government will provide support to the economy, they are unlikely to restore productivity and real GDP growth to previous rates.

"India's economic growth has slowed materially, with real and nominal GDP growth falling to 5% and 8% year on year in April-June 2019, respectively. Moody's estimates that the growth slowdown is in part long-lasting. Moreover, compared with two years ago when Moody's upgraded India's rating to Baa2 from Baa3, the probability of sustained real GDP growth at or above 8% has significantly diminished," it said, adding that the prospects for economic and institutional growth

promoting reforms have dimmed.

Over the last seven months, the Reserve Bank of India has also downgraded the GDP growth projection for the current financial year from 7.4% (in February 2019 policy statement) to 6.1% in its October policy statement.

Revising the GDP growth expectation for FY'20 downward by 80 basis points from 6.9% in its August policy to 6.1% in October policy, the RBI in its MPC (Monetary Policy Committee) statement said while various high frequency indicators suggested that domestic demand conditions remained weak, there were indications of muted expansion in Q3.

Separately, Nomura Global Market Research said in a report Friday that India's growth will fall to 4.9% in 2019.

"With tight domestic credit conditions persisting amid weak global demand, we now expect India's recovery to be delayed and the pickup to remain below potential. We lower our GDP growth projections to 4.9% y-o-y (from 5.7%) in 2019 and to 6% (from 6.9%) in 2020," it said in the report.

Slowing growth and tax collections would put strain on the exchequer, making it difficult to reduce the country's debt burden. Moody's now expects a fiscal deficit of 3.7% of GDP by March-end 2020, as against a government target of 3.3%.

The rating agency said multiple facets of the slowdown and structural weaknesses in the real economy and financial system point to further downside risks to its expectations that real and nominal GDP growth will rise towards 6.6% and 11%, respectively over the next year.

## Farmer suicides

"Not only were the old categories retained but more sub-categorisation had been done to further diversify the data this time. But it's interesting to note that this data has not been published," said a former NCRB official who was involved in the exercise.

In another departure, farmers' suicides have not been recorded separately but included under the category 'Suicides by Profession'. The report for 2015 had a separate category 'Suicides by Persons Involved in Farming Sector' under which were six categories, including "cause-wise distribution of farmer suicides"

and "land-holding-wise distribution of farmer suicides".

The former official said the suicide data report had been compiled and submitted 18 months ago to the Home Ministry, which sought a number of clarifications. "A key question was also whether NCRB needed to collect data on farmers' suicides at all," he said.

The data shows that Maharashtra accounted for almost 40 per cent of all farmer suicides in the country in 2016. Karnataka (1,212) was second on the list but still recorded 50 per cent less farmers' suicides than Maharashtra.

Compared to overall figures of 6,270 in 2016, 8,007 farmers (including land-holders and cultivators) had committed suicide in 2015 across the country.

The data shows that 5,109 farm labourers committed suicide in 2016, compared to 4,595 in 2015. Even in this category, Maharashtra topped with 1,111, followed by Karnataka (867) and Madhya Pradesh (722).

In 2015, the publication of diverse sets of data on farmers' suicides data showed that they were being exploited by micro-finance institutions.

The data showed that 80 per cent of farmers who killed themselves because of bankruptcy or debts had taken loans from banks and registered microfinance institutions — not from money lenders.

Of over 3,000 farmers who committed suicide due to debt and bankruptcy, 2,474 had taken loans from banks or microfinance institutions.

It was for the first time that the NCRB had categorised farmers' suicides due to debt or bankruptcy based on the source of loans.

"Such data is beneficial for formulating robust policies that alleviate farm distress. By withholding such important data, the government is preventing other stakeholders in the civil society from participating in such efforts," the former official said.

On October 21, the NCRB released its latest report on crime incidents across the country, but without publishing data collected under the new sub-heads of death due to mob lynching, murder by influential people, killing ordered by khap panchayat and murder committed for religious reasons.

## Kartarpur

stage. We do not want dialogue for the sake of a dialogue. I do not see any meaningful dialogue taking place," he said.

Asked about the confusion over the passport requirement, Qureshi said: "I agree that it is not part of the agreement but this was a special gesture on part of the PM (Imran Khan) on the 550th birth anniversary (of Guru Nanak)." He claimed that India had chosen to not "avail" the offer.

The Foreign Minister, however, insisted that the facilitation fee of US\$ 20 "shall be waived off" on November 9 and 12.

Over the last 48 hours, conflicting versions have emerged from Pakistan on the concessions announced by PM Khan for Sikh pilgrims on the inaugural day and the 550th birth anniversary on November 12. After the Army overruled Imran, sources in Delhi said Pakistan has conveyed that it will charge the facilitation fee from each pilgrim on Saturday.

Claiming that the "Kartarpur initiative was taken by Pakistan", Qureshi said that "there are many who are associating sinister designs to it". "Some feel there is a deep-seated design to fan some movement in Indian Punjab. No, that is nonsense," he said.

Sources told The Indian Express that the Pakistan government is expecting around 10,000 Sikh pilgrims from India and across the world on the opening day.

## Their lordships will rule...

arguments over 40 days against the September 30, 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court. The High Court had ordered three-way division of the disputed Ayodhya site spread over 2.77 acres, awarding it to the Nirmohi Akhara sect, the deity Ramlalla Virajman and the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board.

On Friday, hours before the Supreme Court notified the Saturday sitting, CJI Gogoi met Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary

Rajendra Kumar Tiwari and Director General of Police Om Prakash Singh in his court chamber. It is learnt that the state's two top officers, who were called to the court, discussed the security arrangements and other measures in place for maintenance of law and order once the judgment is pronounced.

Once the Bench reserved its order on appeals against the High Court order, the judges

had less than five weeks to write their judgments because CJI Gogoi would retire on November 17. Working overtime, they completed the task in 23 days.

During the arguments, the counsel for Ramlalla Virajman staked claim to the disputed site and the adjacent land acquired by the Centre in 1993 following the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992. The counsel said the adja-

cent land too was important for Hindus since it would be needed for devotees visiting the proposed Ram temple.

The Muslim parties, on the other hand, urged the Bench to keep in mind that its judgment in the case will have far-reaching implications. They said they hope the Bench "in moulding the relief, upholds our multi-religious and multi-cultural values in resolving the issues confronting it".

## PM for calm: Not anyone's loss or victory

"Whatever be the Supreme Court verdict on Ayodhya, it will not be anyone's loss or victory. My appeal to countrymen is that it should be our priority that the verdict strengthens India's great tradition of peace, unity and amity," he said.

As Modi called for calm, states went on alert across the country.

The Uttar Pradesh government said all schools, colleges, educational institutions and training centres will remain shut from November 9 to November 11.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said: "It is the responsibility of everyone to maintain an atmosphere of peace and harmony in the state at any cost. Do not pay attention to rumours... If anyone tries to

break the law, strict action will be taken against them."

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot appealed for peace and reviewed security arrangements through a video-conference with Divisional Commissioners, Police Commissioners, Inspector Generals, District Collectors and Superintendents of Police. "It is the duty of District Collectors and SPs to be on guard against any incident which might vitiate the law and order," he said.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan urged everyone to exercise self-restraint whatever the verdict. He recalled that even during the demolition of the Babri Masjid, Kerala had reacted in an "exemplary manner". People, he said, should ac-

cept the verdict peacefully.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, in a statement, said: "I urge the people of Chhattisgarh to maintain peace and harmony. On this issue, believe only official sources and don't fall prey to rumours and fake news on social media."

In Gujarat, senior police officers have been asked to ensure high vigil and "bandobast", especially in sensitive areas in cities such as Ahmedabad, Baroda, Rajkot and Surat. Activity on social media, police sources said, will also be monitored.

Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh too went on alert. A senior Punjab police officer said anti-riot police (ART) teams were being deployed, especially in Malerkotla, Jalandhar

and Ludhiana.

In Himachal Pradesh, Director General of Police Sita Ram Mardi said: "We have issued guidelines to Superintendents of Police. We will take need-based measures."

Haryana ADGP (Law and Order) Navdeep Singh Virk told The Indian Express: "Necessary instructions have already been issued and additional armed police forces have been allotted to some districts. Sensitive districts, areas, pockets have been identified and peace committees formed. Area domination will be done by district or armed police forces as per ground situation. Maximum police force have been mobilised for duty. Law and order shall be maintained across the state".

Sources said that while security for the event in Kartarpur would be in the hands of the Pakistan Army and Rangers, over 600 police personnel from Punjab province have also been deployed.

Prithpal Singh, a pilgrim from Toronto, said travel agencies have booked special packages for Canadian pilgrims to visit Kartarpur and other gurdwaras in Pakistan. "I am part of a group of 200 from Toronto," he said.

In Delhi, the Prime Minister's Office announced that Modi will inaugurate the Integrated Check Post (ICP) of the Kartarpur Corridor. Before the ceremony, the Prime Minister will pay obeisance at Ber Sahib gurdwara in Sultanpur Lodhi, and later participate in a public programme at Dera Baba Nanak.

The first batch of 550 Indian Sikh pilgrims will include former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his family, and about 150-160 other dignitaries, including Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal and her husband and former Punjab deputy CM Sukhbir Badal.

In Kartarpur, the inaugural is likely to be attended by Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, and Punjab province's Governor Mohammad Sarwar and Chief Minister Usman Buzdar. Imran Khan and other dignitaries will take a round of the new gurdwara complex before taking part in the formal inauguration ceremony.

## Fadnavis quits

288-strong Assembly.

On his part, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said his party topped talks with the BJP after it painted him as liar. "The people of Maharashtra have more faith in Shiv Sena and the Thackeray family than BJP chief Amit Shah and BJP. I have been taught by my father never to go back on my word. I was saddened that for the first time a member of the Thackeray family was portrayed as a liar," he said addressing the media soon after at party headquarters in Dadar.

He was responding to Fadnavis's remarks that sharing of CM post for two-and-a-half

years was not decided between the two parties.

This was the first time Fadnavis and Thackeray elaborated about their differences in public. They did not, however, rule out joining hands in the coming days. But both also put the onus of taking forward negotiations for government formation on each other.

Recounting the discussions around power sharing, Uddhav said, "Fadnavis and Shah had come to me for alliance before Lok Sabha polls. The deputy CM's post was offered initially but we declined and the talks were stalled. Shah called me the next day. I told him I wanted an equitable share in the CM's post. This discussion happened in Balasaheb's room. He (Shah) agreed and it was conveyed to Fadnavis."

According to him, Fadnavis requested him not to make the decision of sharing the CM post public as it would create problems for him within BJP. "That's how we decided on the line 'equal sharing of power and responsibilities,'" he said. But Fadnavis had a different take. "From Day 1, they were speaking to Congress-NCP leaders thrice a day. But Uddhav Thackeray refused to even take my phone call," he said. Questioning Sena's claim that BJP committed to 50:50 power sharing including rotation the CM's post, he said, "During an informal talks with media, I had indicated no such decision was taken in my presence. If at all any decision was taken it would be known to Uddhav Thackeray and BJP President Amit Shah. Moreover, after discussion, it came to light that even central leadership had not given any categorical commitment to Sena on CM post. To the contrary when the issue came up the talks were suspended during the Lok Sabha 2019."

Fadnavis said the state was heading for a care taker government and possibly even President's rule. "I am confident a BJP-led government will be formed in Maharashtra. The people have not given us a mandate to enforce mid-term elections." He also said the BJP would not

poach MLAs from other parties or engineer defections. "The allegations made by the Opposition and the allies are misplaced and aimed at tarnishing the image of BJP," he said.

## SPG cover

mechanism" and "compromising the lives of family members of two former Prime Ministers to acts of terror and violence".

Later, Rahul Gandhi posted on Twitter: "A big thank you to all my brothers & sisters in the SPG who worked tirelessly to protect me & my family over the years. Thank you for your dedication, your constant support & for a journey filled with affection & learning. It has been a privilege. All the best for a great future."

Sources told The Indian Express that the downgrade was based on a recommendation from a committee under the Ministry of Home Affairs about two weeks ago. The committee, with representatives from Intelligence Bureau, Research and Analysis Wing and Delhi Police, held that the threat perception against the members of the Gandhi family did not warrant SPG cover.

Sources said it would take about 10 days for the security detail to be formally handed over to the CRPF as it would involve a review of logistics required. With this decision, the 3,000-strong SPG will now provide cover only to the Prime Minister.

This is the second time that a member of the Gandhi family has lost SPG cover after the VP Singh government downgraded security for Rajiv Gandhi in 1989. Two years later, Gandhi was assassinated at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.

The SPG was set up in 1985 after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi's mother and then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, with Parliament passing the SPG Act three years later to dedicate the group to protecting the Prime minister. After 1991, the Act was amended to offer SPG protection to all former prime ministers and their families for at least 10 years. In 2003, the A B Vajpayee government amended the Act again to bring down the period of protection down from

10 years to "a period of one year from the date on which the former prime minister ceased to hold office" — or beyond according to threat perception.

Sources said the Gandhi family's threat perception is assessed every year. "They will continue to enjoy Z plus security cover of the CRPF which is equally secure. Even Home Minister Amit Shah has the same security," a Home Ministry official said.

A key difference between SPG cover and other security details is the Advance Security Liaison (ASL), which is not carried out for non-SPG protectees. Under ASL, the security entourage reaches the venue of the protectee's visit almost a day in advance to sanitise it, conduct anti-sabotage checks, and set up door-frame metal detectors and a multi-layered cordon.

The government can, however, grant ASL to any protectee irrespective of SPG cover, as it has done in the case of Manmohan Singh. has been given ASL despite being stripped of SPG cover. Incidentally, Narendra Modi had ASL cover before becoming the Prime Minister.

The government's decision comes in the backdrop of complaints that Rahul Gandhi had allegedly been violating SPG protocols during his travels abroad and within the country.

On October 20, The Indian Express reported that from 2015 to May 2019, Gandhi did not travel in the SPG-mandated bullet-resistant (BR) vehicle in Delhi on 1,892 occasions. Sources said that on a number of occasions, Gandhi informed the SPG of his foreign trips allegedly at the last moment preventing officers from accompanying him.

Similarly, sources said, Sonia Gandhi did not allegedly use the BR vehicle on 50 occasions in Delhi from 2015 to May 2019. She also undertook 13 unscheduled visits to various parts of the country in the last five years during which she used non-BR cars, they said. She did not take SPG officers on 24 of her foreign visits since 2015, sources said.

Priyanka Gandhi, on the other hand, did not use BR vehicles on 339 occasions within Delhi and on 64 occasions in other places in

the country between 2015 and May 2019. Of the 99 foreign visits she has undertaken since 1991, she took SPG cover only on 21 occasions, sources said.

## Aatish Taseer

progressively liberalising the passport rules about a single parent.

While there was no explanation on how and why the government suddenly rummaged through his PIO application, a Union Home Ministry spokesperson Thursday said Taseer had "concealed the fact of Pak origin of his late father" in the application. Taseer, a British passport-holder, was given an OCI card on the basis that he is a child of an Indian national. While his father Salmaan Taseer was a Pakistan national, his mother Tavleen Singh, senior journalist and columnist with *The Indian Express*, raised him as a single mother. The two never married, were estranged, and she was Taseer's sole legal guardian. Salmaan Taseer was a prominent politician in Pakistan and was assassinated for speaking out against his country's blasphemy law.

What also is at odds with the argument about his father's nationality is that while the BJP-led government's passport rules relating to a single parent were eased, the rules to grant OCI card have remained stuck in time. In January 2018, the government decided that passports will no longer have information — names of father/ legal guardian, mother, spouse, and address — printed on the last page.

The Ministry of External Affairs had then said, "A three-member Committee comprising the officials of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Women and Child Development was constituted to examine various issues pertaining to passport applications where mother/child had insisted that the name of the father should not be mentioned in the passport and also relating to passport issued to children with single parent and to adopted children. The Report of the Committee had been accepted by the Ministry. One of the recommendations of the Committee was that the Ministry of External Affairs should explore the possibility of doing away with the printing of information contained in the Passport Booklet such as names of father/legal guardian, mother, spouse, and address contained in the last page of the passport."

Aatish holds a British passport and a Green Card in the US. He grew up in India, but was never stamped an Indian visa. Tavleen Singh, his mother, had submitted an affidavit in 1982 that she was the sole guardian. He never met his father till 2002 when he was 21, and after a few years, in 2005-06, he was estranged from his father again.

On Thursday, the MHA spokesperson said, "Taseer was given the opportunity to submit his reply/objections regarding his PIO/OCI cards, but he failed to dispute the notice," the spokesperson said. "Thus, Aatish Ali Taseer becomes ineligible to hold an OCI card as per the Citizenship Act, 1955. He has clearly not complied with very basic requirements and hidden information," the spokesperson said.

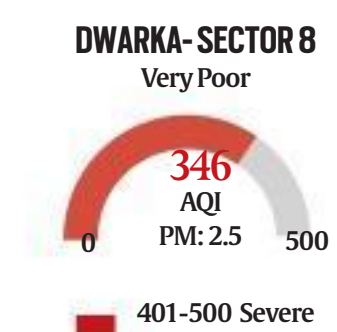
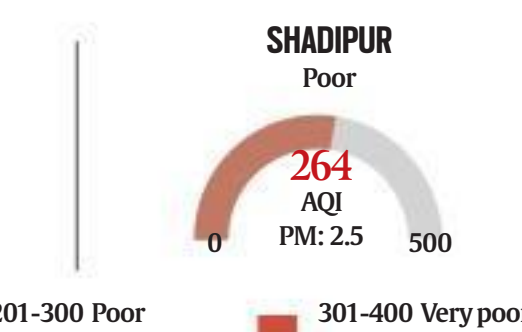
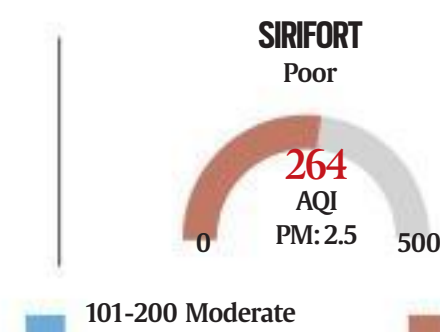
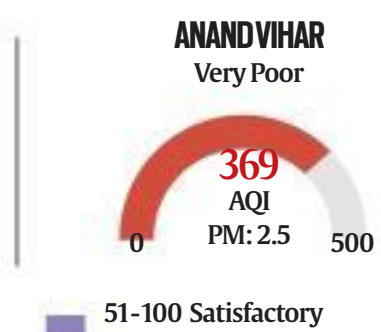
The government invoked Clause 7A of the OCI card rules which states: "Provided further that no person, who or either of whose parents or grandparents or great grandparents is or had been a citizen of Pakistan, Bangladesh or such other country as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify, shall be eligible for registration as an Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder under this sub-section."



# 3 THE CITY



0-50 Good



51-100 Satisfactory

101-200 Moderate

201-300 Poor

301-400 Very poor

401-500 Severe

## AYODHYA VERDICT TODAY

# Security upped, Sisodia asks pvt schools to remain shut

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

AHEAD OF the Supreme Court's verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, Delhi Police has increased security across the national capital and asked its top officers to identify sensitive areas for deployment of additional force. The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce its verdict at 10.30 am Saturday.

In a tweet, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia said: "There are potential security concerns with the SC Ayodhya verdict tomorrow morning. All government schools and many private schools are

closed tomorrow, as it is a second Saturday. We are advising all private schools to also remain closed tomorrow." All educational institutions in Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar will also remain shut till Monday, as per official orders.

"Delhi Police has made elaborate security arrangements and coordinated with the 'aman (peace) committee', requesting them to be present in communally sensitive areas as well as around religious places. All precautionary measures will be taken in light of the situation," said a senior police officer.

The officer said that following Delhi Police Chief Amulya Patnaik's directions, DCPs of all 15 districts had called meetings with

their SHO's Friday and discussed arrangements for sensitive areas.

"All DCPs and SHO's have been directed to increase police visibility and patrolling in such places," the officer said, adding that personnel have been told to coordinate with hospitals and the fire department to prepare for any possible fallout of the judgment.

Police personnel also met the shahi imam and imams of other mosques, requesting them to urge people to exercise restraint and demonstrate faith in the judiciary.

According to a police advisory, sufficient forces are being mobilised and the department will also requisition extra Central Armed Police Forces companies

from the MHA.

Police have also advised social media users to post with discretion, and restrain from spreading unverified content. "Necessary arrangements will be made to ensure safety and security of religious places. Social media platforms will also be monitored," said Additional PRO Anil Mittal.

Meanwhile, the shahi imam of Jama Masjid in Delhi, Syed Ahmed Bukhari, urged people "to exercise restraint and demonstrate faith in the judiciary", even though "passions are running high". "I hope that constitutional superiority shall prevail and the rule of law is not compromised. It is a testing time for the nation," he said in a statement.

## Mercury dips to 14°C

New Delhi: Mercury in Delhi dipped to 14 degrees Celsius Friday due to rain in the past 24 hours, officials said.

The temperature was four notches below the season's average, they said, adding that a shallow fog covered the city in the morning hours. The city received 0.8 mm rainfall till 8.30 am, a Met department official said. PTI



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(₹ in Crore)

| Sl. No. | Particulars   | Quarter ended           |                         |                         | Half Year ended         |                         | Year ended |
|---------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|         |   | 30.09.2019 (Un-audited) | 30.06.2019 (Un-audited) | 30.09.2018 (Un-audited) | 30.09.2019 (Un-audited) | 30.09.2018 (Un-audited) |            |
| 1       | Revenue from operations   | 9,051.29                | 9,179.63                | 8,538.07                | 18,230.92               | 16,788.25               | 35,059.12  |
| 2       | Profit before tax (including Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (net of tax))   | 3,356.48                | 3,402.46                | 3,718.56                | 6,758.94                | 7,454.49                | 9,147.17   |
| 3       | Profit after tax for the period before Regulatory Deferral Account Balances   | 2,219.23                | 2,509.10                | 1,206.37                | 4,728.33                | 2,436.56                | 12,560.39  |
| 4       | Profit after tax for the period   | 2,571.10                | 2,502.80                | 2,348.25                | 5,073.90                | 4,626.12                | 10,033.52  |
| 5       | Total Comprehensive Income comprising net Profit after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income   | 2,551.55                | 2,489.39                | 2,341.39                | 5,040.94                | 4,609.46                | 10,017.18  |
| 6       | Paid up Equity Share Capital (face value of share : ₹10/- each)   | 5,231.59                | 5,231.59                | 5,231.59                | 5,231.59                | 5,231.59                | 5,231.59   |
| 7       | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Balance sheet  |                         |                         |                         | 57,309.63               | 52,030.11               | 53,856.80  |
| 8       | Earnings per equity share including movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹) | 4.92                    | 4.78                    | 4.49                    | 9.70                    | 8.84                    | 19.18      |
| 9       | Earnings per equity share excluding movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹) | 4.24                    | 4.80                    | 2.31                    | 9.04                    | 4.66                    | 24.01      |

**NOTES** (₹ in Crore)

| 1      | Key Standalone Financial information  | Quarter ended           |                         |                         | Half Year ended         |                         | Year ended           |
|--------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| S. No. | Particulars   | 30.09.2019 (Un-audited) | 30.06.2019 (Un-audited) | 30.09.2018 (Un-audited) | 30.09.2019 (Un-audited) | 30.09.2018 (Un-audited) | 31.03.2019 (Audited) |
| a)     | Revenue from operations   | 8,684.98                | 8,804.11                | 8,289.01                | 17,489.09               | 16,419.74               | 34,119.12            |
| b)     | Profit before tax (including Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (net of tax)) | 3,282.68                | 3,296.24                | 3,663.46                | 6,578.92                | 7,347.58                | 8,962.11             |
| c)     | Profit after tax for the period before Regulatory Deferral Account Balances     | 2,175.27                | 2,434.19                | 1,168.71                | 4,609.46                | 2,362.73                | 12,465.42            |
| d)     | Profit for the Period after tax   | 2,527.14                | 2,427.89                | 2,310.59                | 4,955.03                | 4,552.29                | 9,938.55             |

2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Half yearly Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and Half yearly Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results is available on the Investor Relations section of our website <http://powergridindia.com> and under Corporates Section of BSE Limited & National Stock Exchange of India Limited at <http://www.bseindia.com> and <http://www.nseindia.com>.


3 Previous periods figures have been regrouped/rearranged wherever considered necessary

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- Fully air-conditioned **state-of-the-art Passenger Terminal Building** with architecture reflecting cultural heritage of Punjab
- Project spread over 53 acres** with estimated cost of Rs. 400 crore
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- 300 ft. Monumental National Flag** at international border
- Sultanpur Lodhi**, the place where Guru Nanak Dev Ji attained enlightenment, developed as a Heritage Town
- Special Trains** from across the country to facilitate pilgrims to visit Sultanpur Lodhi





SAYS LAW TO REGULARISE COLONIES WILL BE PASSED IN WINTER SESSION

# PM enters Delhi poll mix, meets RWA heads, unauthorised colony residents

ABHINAV RAJPUT  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE BJP top brass made its most significant foray so far into the Delhi Assembly poll battle, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday meeting a delegation of over 200 people at his residence, including RWA heads and people living in unauthorised colonies.

Calling it the 'PM Uday Yojna', Modi told the delegation that a law will be passed in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament to give ownership rights to people living in the capital's illegal colonies. The PM's remark comes after the Union Cabinet last month approved a proposal to grant ownership rights to people living in 1,797 unauthorised colonies — a move that is esti-



PM Narendra Modi during Friday's meeting, Express

mated to benefit 40 lakh people in the city.

Union Minister Hardeep Puri said he has held talks with the DDA vice-chairperson and the L-G, and that the registration process will begin in two weeks. Modi stressed that essence of

the law will be based on principles of 'sabka saath, sabka vikaas', and also compared the uncertainty behind the illegal status of colonies to the uncertainty behind removal of Article 370 and Triple Talaq.

"The soul of the policy will be

based on *sabka saath, sabka vikaas*. It's not that one religion will get benefited, another will not; one colony that supports BJP will get the benefit and other will not. This policy will cover all people; even areas that would not have voted for BJP in the past several years," he said.

He said a similar uncertainty used to exist in the minds of Muslim mothers and sisters over Triple Talaq, as they feared there was a sword hanging over their heads — that they could be evicted from home for something as simple as adding more salt in food.

"Similarly, people living in these colonies feared whether MCD officials will demolish their homes some day; their son feared what will happen if they build an additional floor. Ending all such

uncertainty, the decision has been taken," the PM said.

Delhi BJP's media relations head Neelkant Bakshi said the delegation that called on the PM included Lok Sabha MPs Manoj Tiwari, Ramesh Bidhuri, Hans Raj Hans, Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel and other senior party leaders. He said activists who have been demanding and fighting for regularisation of unauthorised colonies were also part of the team. "They had all gone to thank the PM for the decision," he said.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies has remained a major poll issue in Delhi for decades. The BJP and the AAP have been vying to take credit for giving ownership rights to the people living in these settlements, ahead of Assembly polls next year.

# Start registration, people fear it won't happen: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

GOING BEYOND "announcements", the Union government should roll out the registration process for people in unauthorised colonies, "who are under the impression that it will not happen", Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Friday, taking a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's outreach to people residing in such colonies.

Since the Union Cabinet cleared the proposal to regularise these 1,797 colonies, housing a population of over 40 lakh, the CM has maintained that the Centre's announcement will remain meaningless unless the registration process, the most crucial step in conferring ownership rights, begins.

While stating that the AAP was not in the race to claim credit, the CM reminded people that it is the Delhi government



CM Arvind Kejriwal, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot at Friday's press conference. Prem Nath Pandey

which made the first move by clearing the proposal in its Cabinet way back in November 2015, "which has now been accepted by the Centre".

"It's a good thing that registration is being opened. The Delhi Cabinet had sent the proposal to regularise to the Centre in 2015. The Centre took around five years to clear the proposal. They tried to stop our CCTV project, mohalla clinics, but we got them cleared. "They stopped the regularisa-

tion process and we got this done as well. I wish work begins as soon as possible... I have come to know that people in unauthorised colonies think regularisation won't eventually happen as similar announcements have been made in the past. They should do it, that is more important," the CM told a press conference. Revenue Minister Kailash Gahlot said the Delhi government is prepared to start the registration process.

## BRIEFLY

### Student killed in crash

**Ghaziabad:** A 20-year-old student was killed and two others injured after a bus rammed into an auto in Ghaziabad's Dasna Friday afternoon. The victim, identified as Gaurav Singhal, was travelling in a shared auto when the incident took place. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene after the incident, said police, adding that the bus has been seized.

### 'Meet SOL students on CBCS system'

**New Delhi:** The Delhi HC has directed the DU Vice-Chancellor to meet a delegation of students and petitioners regarding the introduction of semester and CBCS system in the university's School of Open Learning. The counsel for the petitioners argued that the new course material has either not been made available to students or made available late, leaving them un-equipped to take their examinations slated for later this month.

### Gambling racket: 2 cops transferred

**Ghaziabad:** A police booth in charge and a constable have been sent to police lines as punishment for allegedly allowing gambling activities to take place in areas under their jurisdiction. Police said locals complained that Loni border booth in-charge Gajendra Singh and constable Muhamman Iman Khan were complicit in allowing illegal activities in the region. **ENS**

# SC on lawyer-police clash: Nobody claps with one hand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

"NOBODY CLAPS with one hand," the Supreme Court remarked Friday as it made evident its displeasure on the ongoing standoff between police and lawyers following the Tis Hazari court clash.

A bench of Justice Sanjay Kishan K Kaul and Justice K M Joseph was clear that "there were problems from both sides". It was hearing a plea related to the continuing strike by lawyers in Odisha High Court.

Appearing in the matter, Bar Council of India Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra sought to highlight alleged Delhi Police high-handedness but the bench did not seem impressed. The court had sought Mishra's presence to assist it in the matter.

Attorney General K K Venugopal was critical of lawyers going on strike and said it affects people's right to justice.

Mishra and senior advocate Vikas Singh, who appeared for the chairman of the Odisha Bar Council, raised questions on the



Lawyers carry out security checking at Tis Hazari court. They have decided to call off the strike for 10 days. Abhinav Saha

police action and pointed out that firing had taken place. Justice Kaul replied: "It is better if we do not say anything. Sometimes our silence is good enough. There were problems from both sides. Nobody claps with one hand. We won't speak much."

Meanwhile, following a joint meeting with the BCI and Bar Council of Delhi, the Coordination Committee of the District Bar Associations have resolved to suspend their agitation for 10 days.

This comes after the BCI said it would pursue their primary de-

mand, that the officer responsible for shooting an advocate at Tis Hazari be arrested.

Mahavir Sharma, chairman of the coordination committee, said, "The BCI assured us that the policemen would be arrested in 10 days, so we have decided to suspend the strike. Litigants were allowed entry into court-rooms today as well; in the next week, peace and normalcy should return to the courts. However, if the demands are not met, we will call for an all-India strike."

# Rights body recommends Uber compensate disabled man after two drivers refused ride

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

THE DELHI Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has issued an order recommending that cab aggregator Uber compensate a person with 80% locomotor disability after two cab drivers refused to ferry him and board his wheelchair, leading to him missing a flight.

In a first-of-its-kind order against a private cab aggregator, the commission observed that Uber was discriminatory against persons with

disabilities.

On November 5, the commissioner issued a series of recommendations — including one to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways — to "take the initiative to frame a policy to manufacture disabled friendly cars and vehicles...keeping in view the needs of persons with disabilities".

The commissioner also recommended that Uber must have agreements with drivers to compensate for non-compliance.

In the latest case, disability rights activist Arman Ali, also Director of the National Centre

for Promotion of Employment of Persons with Disabilities, had booked an Uber in Chennai to go to the airport in June.

While the first driver cancelled the ride, the second driver reached him and refused to fit his wheelchair in the front or rear seat. The driver eventually cancelled the ride.

"My entire luggage had to be removed and the driver left me there. For a person with disability, it is agonising to be discriminated for basic services," Ali told *The Indian Express*. He missed his flight and subsequent meetings in Bengaluru, and paid Rs 14,000 for a fresh ticket.

The commissioner issued a suo motu notice to Uber on June 24. It observed that Uber paid only Rs 45 compensation, as cancellation charge, to Ali and recommended that it offer compensation for the additional cost he incurred in booking another flight.

After missing two hearings, Joyjyoti Misra from Uber India Systems Pvt Ltd, in her response, submitted that it had issued a warning to the driver and sensitised him against discrimination.

She, however, added, "Uber does not have any actual on-ground control of driver part-

ners, and the decision to accept and fulfil the travel-booking on the Uber app rests solely with the driver partners."

In its order, the commissioner recommended that Uber train its drivers on disability rights policy, apart from drawing agreements of penalty if a driver violates the policy.

An Uber India spokesperson said the commissioner's directions are a recommendation, and that the company has three months to respond to it.

Uber also said it is willing to hold sensitisation campaigns on disability, along with the Social Justice department, in India.



Another video of the clash at Tis Hazari emerged Friday

been ordered and I will give my statement or version before the judiciary. We will present the facts there."

Another video that emerged Friday shows Additional DCP (North) Harinder Singh being thrashed by lawyers. In the video, lawyers are seen assaulting police. After a group of six-seven lawyers start beating an officer with belts, Singh intervenes and tries to push them aside. A police spokesperson said, "We have received the videos and are conducting a scientific investigation to recover more facts. We are also recording statements from both parties."

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AUTHORITIES CLAIM HE JUMPED OFF FIRST FLOOR

# Days after arrest for ‘theft’, ex-Armyman dead in Tihar Jail

ANAND MOHAN J  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

A 64-YEAR-OLD former Indian Army captain, arrested by the Delhi Police over accusations of stealing “secret” Indian Army books, allegedly committed suicide inside Tihar Jail Thursday.

Mukesh Chopra was arrested by a team of Delhi Police officers after being briefly detained at the Manekshaw Centre at Delhi Cantonment on November 2. The administration department of the centre told police that he had allegedly stolen nine books, including an in-house magazine. Police had also claimed to have recovered four mobile phones from his possession. He was booked under sections of theft at the Delhi Cantonment police station.

Amid suspicion by security agencies of a spying angle to the alleged incident, Chopra was sent to three-day police custody and jointly questioned by police, the Intelligence Bureau and other investigating agencies. The court of duty magistrate Priya Aggarwal had then sent him to judicial custody on November 6.

According to Tihar officials,



Mukesh Chopra (64) was arrested from Delhi Cantt

Chopra fell off the first floor of jail number 8-9 where he was lodged. He was taken to two hospitals, where doctors tried to revive him, but he succumbed to his injuries by Thursday evening. Tihar jail officials told *The Indian Express* that Chopra was supposed to be counselled after he arrived in jail, as per the standard operating procedure under Project Samarthan, a mental health programme. However, he allegedly jumped to his death before the session.

“The inmate jumped from the first floor of the control room in his jail. He was supposed to be counselled. We tried our best to revive him, and later shifted him to two hospi-

tals,” said a Tihar jail official.

His family and lawyer, meanwhile, raised questions on his death. His lawyer Deepak Tyagi told *The Indian Express*, “What business did he have going to the control room? If they accused him of spying for the Chinese government, then he should have been kept in a secure ward. We have found that he was also not given proper medical care while being taken to the hospital.”

His brother Rangnesh Chopra alleged: “While in police custody, my brother was subjected to interrogation which lasted for more than 15 hours every day. He would only sleep for five hours before they would wake him again. He was a former Indian Army officer and he was branded a spy by incompetent police officers.”

A magisterial enquiry has been ordered and the family has appealed for a special board of doctors to conduct the post-mortem. Tihar Jail officials said they will take further action as per the findings of the enquiry, and maintained there was no foul play in his death.

Chopra was discharged from the Indian Army in 1983. He had

served as a Captain with the 5th Battalion parachute regiment from 1970 onwards. His family said he was a part of an expedition team cooperating with a team from Spain. “He was made the liaison officer, but the Spanish team accused him of professional misconduct and complained to the Defence Ministry. He was never the same after that. But he still had love for his country,” Rangnesh said.

Chopra shifted to Canada with his wife and daughter in 1983, where they obtained Canadian citizenship. He worked as a business consultant. His daughter, a Harvard University graduate, is placed in a private company in Germany. He recently came to India from Hong Kong, and was supposed to attend a wedding in Noida.

As per court records, police recovered nine books, most of them on India-China relations, strategy and a book on the transformation of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army. His counsel said all the books are available online. His family claimed he was a card-holding member of the Manekshaw Centre, but forgot to carry his card that day.



## BREATHING SPACE

A student of Delhi University’s Department of Social Work takes part in a ‘march for fresh air’ at North Campus, Friday. *Praveen Khanna*

### No end to JNU hostel manual protests

*New Delhi:* Tension between students and the administration at Jawaharlal Nehru University over the new hostel manual continued Friday, with the Vice-Chancellor accusing the former of keeping the Associate Dean of Students (ADoS) in “illegal captivity”.

“Dr Vandana Mishra, Associate Dean of Students, is being kept in illegal captivity by some JNU students since morning. She is still confined in her classroom in SIS (School of International School) building. Her health is deteriorating. This is shameful and unbecoming of students,” V-C M Jagadesh Kumar tweeted Friday night.

An appeal was also issued by 15 of the 20 Deans and Chairpersons of Special Centres Friday, saying the ongoing strike called by the JNU Students’ Union has brought “academic life” under “severe threat”.

However, students and teachers claimed classes were taking place in car parks, under trees and in open spaces. **ENS**

### At event to celebrate teachers, less education and more politics

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

AN EVENT hosted by the official association of Delhi government school teachers Thursday took a political colour as many of those who spoke on stage took aim at the Delhi government.

Among them were the convener of the Delhi BJP’s ‘intellectual cell’; national president of an outfit called the Bharat Mata Parivar; and organising secretary of the Bharat Vikas Parishad.

The event, hosted by the Government School Teachers’ Association, was organised to “honour teachers” and “discuss issues related to education in Delhi”, and saw over 500 Delhi government school teachers in attendance.

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari was supposed to be the chief guest, but he did not turn up.

Targeting the AAP government over its education inter-

ventions, general secretary of the association Ajay Veer Yadav claimed the government has “progressively undermined the respect of teachers by empowering school management committees (SMC)”.

An SMC includes parent representatives, a social worker and a representative of the local MLA.

Murari Sharan Shukla, national president of outfit Bharat Mata Parivar, called Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal “a Maoist”, while Amit Kharkhari, convener of Delhi BJP’s ‘intellectual cell’, claimed that “under this government, teachers can’t meet the minister and senior officials”.

The key speaker, Suresh Jain, organising secretary of Bharat Vikas Parishad, said: “Many problems are plaguing society... Why is that the case? Students should be taught *sanskaar*... they are becoming individualistic, which is causing them to commit crimes in society...”

### Equipment shortage: Lok Nayak Hospital to shut OT

ASTHA SAXENA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

FACING AN acute shortage of equipment required in operation theatres, the Delhi government-run Lok Nayak Hospital has decided to shut OT services in general surgery department from December 1. An order to this effect was issued by the department on November 6.

The order cites shortage of essentials such as laparoscopic sets; OT tables; patient transfer trolleys; post-operative ICU beds; OT ceiling lights; and a C-arm, and has been marked to top administrative officials. The OT caters to around 15-20 patients daily.

The order, issued by head of department Dr P Lal, said they have sent numerous demands to the hospital procurement section but to no avail.

“The undersigned has managed to procure expensive laparoscopic equipment on a loan basis... for 18 months from various companies so that patient care is unaffected... and training of resident doctors remains unaffected. This was done in the hope that the hospital would eventually be able to procure these items. But the same have not been processed or put on the burner/shelved,” wrote the HOD.

Health Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar told *The Indian Express*: “We are aware of the problems and immediate steps are being taken to fill the gap. Services will not be shut and purchases will be made before December 1.”

According to sources, the orthopaedics department also faced a similar problem. Senior doctors said that on November 1, the department’s OT services were delayed due to shortage of nursing orderlies. “Ideally we operate around 15 cases, but on that day, services started at 12 pm and only four cases were operated. Not a single nursing orderly was available for the four OTs,” claimed a senior doctor.

## Construction dust violations attract Rs 2 cr in fines, Pragati Maidan project under scanner

ANANYA TIWARI  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

AUTHORITIES IN Delhi have imposed fines amounting to over Rs 2 crore for construction dust norm violations since October 14, with major projects, including the Pragati Maidan redevelopment plan, coming under the scanner.

The South and East corporations have issued over 1,200 challans during this period, which has seen a major spike in pollution levels, as per official records.



Pragati Maidan project contractor fined Rs 1 crore

Challans were also issued for dumping building waste at undesignated places.

Records show that since

October 15, the South body issued over 350 challans amounting to Rs 1.38 crore against construction activities emitting dust, whereas the East body issued more than 380 challans amounting to Rs 37 lakh for the same.

With C&D waste dumping also a contributor to heightened levels of dust in the air, the two civic bodies together imposed 548 challans amounting to Rs 39 lakh against it since October 15.

The North body issued 1,585 challans amounting to Rs 3.37 crore against construction dust,

and 1,261 challans of Rs 3.39 crore against C&D waste dumping since May.

“Pragati Maidan redevelopment project contractor was fined Rs 1 crore two months ago by the SC-monitoring committee. A fine of Rs 5 lakh was slapped on the contractor of the International Convention & Exhibition Centre project by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee three months ago. The ITPO project is regularly being monitored by the CPCB,” DPCC member secretary Arun Misra told *The Indian Express*.

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# 6 GOVT & POLITICS



Senior BJP leader LK Advani with PM Narendra Modi, V-P Venkaiah Naidu, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP working president JP Nadda, in New Delhi, Friday. *Twitter*

## BUSY BIRTHDAY

ON THE eve of the Ayodhya verdict, BJP's rathiyatri for Ram Temple at Ayodhya L K Advani had a busy day. Friday being the former deputy prime minister's birthday, there was a steady stream of visitors and phone calls for him through the day. While Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on Advani to wish him as he turned 92, President Ram Nath Kovind and former president Pranab Mukherjee were learnt to have wished him over phone. Other prominent leaders who visited the nonagenarian leader included BJP president Amit Shah, working president JP Nadda, general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh, Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. From the Sangh Parivar, joint general secretary Krishna Gopal and RSS leader Ramlal visited Advani while RSS general secretary Bhaiyyaji Joshi was learnt to have wished him over phone.

## COURT CALL

THE CONGRESS has protested, rather forcefully, the central government's decision to withdraw the SPG cover to Gandhi family members Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka. The party is also considering mounting a legal challenge apart from the political attack. Those in the know said that challenging the decision in a court of law cannot be ruled out, and the party is looking at the pros and cons. It is too early but the possibility cannot be ruled out, a senior leader said. To put up a legal challenge, they would have to dissect the decision in an unemotional and merit-based manner, the leader said.

## THE RIGHT BLEND

THE PROJECT to make a university building for the country's first rail university, called National Rail and Transportation Institute, in Vadodara is going on in full swing. Last heard, Railways was likely to bring in architect Hafeez Contractor for the design. The building will be established in the campus of the National Academy of Indian Railways, and care is apparently being taken so that it represents modernity while blending in the heritage of Pratap Vilas Palace, where the academy is situated.

## SC to hear Karnataka MLAs' fresh plea to postpone bypolls on Nov 13

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE SUPREME Court on Friday agreed to hear on November 13 a fresh plea by disqualified Karnataka MLAs, seeking a direction to Election Commission to again postpone the Assembly bypolls for 15 seats, scheduled to be held on December 5.

"Upon oral mentioning made by the senior counsel appearing

for the petitioners seeking urgent listing of the Interlocutory Application for directions, the registry is directed to list the said application on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, subject to curing of defects by the petitioner. We direct the learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner to serve a copy of the interlocutory application to the senior counsels appearing for the respondents immediately," the court said.

## Manjhi walks out of alliance, cites Tejashwi's 'ineffective' leadership

**SANTOSH SINGH**  
PATNA, NOVEMBER 8

FORMER CHIEF minister Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) walked out of the RJD-led Grand Alliance in the state on Friday, citing the "ineffective leadership" of Tejashwi Yadav.

On the other hand, the CPI and CPI (M) agreed to participate in a protest rally of alliance partner Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) later this month, signalling the possible entry of the Left into the opposition alliance.

HAM (S) has not been on good terms with the RJD after its candidate in the recent Assembly bypolls from Nathnagar lost to the JD (U) by a slender margin. The RJD had blamed the loss for HAM (S) fielding its candidate. "We had been under pressure from workers to chart our own course," Manjhi had said.

Confirming the exit, HAM (S) spokesperson Danish Rizwan told *The Indian Express*: "Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav has been invisible as the main Opposition voice. His leadership



Jitan Ram Manjhi

is ineffective. He has not been able to take along his alliance partners."

Rizwan hinted at a fresh tie-up for HAM (S), but ruled out chances of going back to the ruling NDA.

After winning just one seat in the Assembly elections in 2015, the party had tied-up with RJD for the Lok Sabha polls in 2019. The alliance however, failed to make an impact. But Manjhi remains an influential leader in the Magadh belts of Gaya and Jehanabad and areas of Purnia and Khagaria.

However, the RLSP confirmed on Friday that it was in talks with the Left. Asked if the participation of the two Left par-



Security outside Mumbai's Hotel Rang Sharda, from where the Shiv Sena MLAs were shifted on Friday. *Prashant Nadkar*

## AMID MAHARASHTRA CRISIS, MILIND DEORA SUGGESTS

# 'NCP-Cong could form govt with outside support from other parties'

**MANOJ CG**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

AMID THE prolonged BJP-Sena stalemate over government formation in Maharashtra, senior Congress leader Milind Deora on Friday suggested that the NCP and Congress should now stake claim to form the government with outside support from other parties (read Shiv Sena) and independent legislators.

This is the first time a senior Congress leader has openly suggested that the NCP and Congress should try to have a shot at power and think about some sort of indirect association with the Sena. The Congress had so far maintained that the people's mandate for the alliance was to sit in the Opposition and it would respect that.

"It is very unfortunate that in a very important state, the second biggest state in the country, we still don't have a government. A pre-poll alliance was formed by the BJP and Shiv Sena. That alliance received the people's mandate but because of internal politics, both parties are not interested in forming the government. This is absurd and unprecedented. The Congress and NCP were very clearly voted to sit in the Opposition, but now the NCP and Congress must explore options because India's commercial capital cannot be left without a government," Deora told *The Indian Express*.



Milind Deora

Asked whether the options include a tie-up with the Sena, the former Union minister said, "One option could be that the NCP-Congress form the government and other parties and independents are free to support from outside. The Congress should not compromise on its ideology and value system."

Asked if the Congress would be willing to talk to the Sena, Deora said, "The Congress must be careful not to compromise on its ideology. We should also be careful not to repeat the experiments of Delhi and Bihar. I don't know what Shiv Sena's plans are. They will have to come clean on whether they want to stay with BJP at the Centre and in various municipalities. It is for them to decide whether they want to break their alliance."

While the Congress had let AAP form the government with its outside support in 2013, in Bihar Nitish Kumar became the Chief Minister with Congress and RJD support. Deora hinted that it should be the other way around in Maharashtra.

Since the BJP and Sena are not able to form the government, Deora said, the Governor would have to invite the next party or alliance. "In the latter's case, it is Maha Aghadi — NCP and Congress. I personally believe that BJP-Shiv Sena have left Mumbai and Maharashtra hanging by a thread by rejecting the peoples' mandate and not forming the government."

However, he said, "No conversation can happen with parties if they are still part of the NDA."

"You can't be in two different marriages at the same time... So all parties will have to decide what is their ideology and motivation. Then I think one option could be for the NCP and Congress to take the initiative to form the government. We are together as an alliance and we have more numbers than anyone else, including the Sena individually," Deora said.

"Maybe other parties can consider supporting us from outside. We should be able to bring in like-minded parties supporting us from outside and inside in order to provide stable governance for five years. After the Governor invites us, it is for others to decide. When the UPA government was formed, parties that were not part of the pre-poll alliance wanted to support us."

Asked whether the Sena would agree to this formulation, he said, "They will have to choose between a rock and a hard place."

## Rs 25-50 cr being offered to MLAs to switch: Cong

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

AMID NO breakthrough in the stalemate between BJP and Shiv Sena over government formation, Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar on Friday claimed that sums of "Rs 25 crore to Rs 50 crore" were being offered by the BJP to party MLAs to switch sides in Maharashtra.

"Some of our MLAs have been approached by BJP. We have asked our MLAs to record these calls as evidence. I am sure that none of our MLAs will switch over because if anyone does, we will put up a combined Opposition candidate against that person and ensure that he never wins an election," Wadettiwar said.

He went on to name Congress's Igatpuri MLA Hiraman Hoskar as one of those who had received such a call.

When contacted, Khoskar claimed that he had not received a call from any political leader but from intermediaries. "I have not received any call. However, I was approached by certain intermediaries who are known to me... they asked me to come to Mumbai, claiming that they wanted to discuss the political situation in the state. I found it suspicious and declined to do so. I have informed my party leaders about this."

## MLAs complain of poor service, Sena shifts them to 5-star hotel

**VISHWAS WAGHMODE**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

AS SHIV Sena MLAs staying at Hotel Rang Sharda in Mumbai's Bandra (West) complained of poor services, the party on Friday evening shifted them to a five-star resort in Malad (West), where they would stay till November 15.

According to Sena leaders, only 30 rooms were available at the three-star hotel in Bandra and many of the legislators were asked to share rooms. "The hotel didn't have many rooms available, as some rooms were not in a good condition and others were being repaired. So, two legislators were sharing a room," said a leader.

Many legislators, who were from Mumbai or had flats in the city, did not stay at the hotel on Thursday night and came over on Friday morning.

Among the others who did, many complained that the services and facilities at the hotel — where the average cost of one room is around Rs 5,000 per night — were not up to the mark. "They don't have sufficient staff to provide good and luxurious



Uddhav Thackeray

services. The rooms are not clean," said a legislator. Following the complaints, the party decided to shift the MLAs to The Retreat Hotel.

Meanwhile, Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's PA Milind Narvekar on Friday wrote to the Mumbai Police commissioner requesting security for Sena MLAs and also Independent legislators who have extended their support to the party during their stay in Mumbai.

"The legislators are staying together as they might have to meet Uddhav Thackeray several times during their stay," Narvekar wrote in the letter. Sources said a similar letter was sent to the police when the MLAs were staying at Rang Sharda.

## On high-drama day, leaders across parties line up to meet Pawar

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

WITH THE deterioration in the relationship between the BJP and Shiv Sena, NCP chief Sharad Pawar has become the rallying force with leaders from across political lines lining up to meet him.

The entire top brass of the Maharashtra state Congress met Pawar at his residence in south Mumbai on Friday. Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut too met Pawar twice in the day — once early in the morning and later in the evening after Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis submitted his resignation and criticised the Shiv Sena for its reluctance to hold talks with the BJP.

The NCP has finished third in the elections, but it was largely due to Pawar's assertive leadership that the party managed to improve its winning tally from 41 seats in 2014 to 54 this year. Pawar's power moves over the past week has consolidated his position as one of the leaders who could trip the BJP in Maharashtra with his political



Sharad Pawar

acumen.

"This is an unprecedented political situation in Maharashtra and we came to meet Sharad Pawar as we wanted to discuss the political happenings in the state as he has fortitude and immense political experience," state Congress President Balasaheb Thorat said after meeting Pawar.

Pawar and NCP state president Jayant Patil held meetings with three former chief ministers — Sushilkumar Shinde, Ashok Chavan and Prithviraj Chavan — besides meeting the state Congress chief.

Congress leaders, however, claimed that there was no discussion on the two parties forming the government in the state.

## Grand Alliance yet to decide on leader: Kushwaha

**SANTOSH SINGH**  
PATNA, NOVEMBER 8

RLSP CHIEF Upendra Kushwaha said the Grand Alliance in Bihar is yet to decide on its leader, but did not rule out the chances of Leader of Opposition in Assembly Tejashwi Prasad Yadav emerging as the face of the alliance.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, the Kushwaha said the Grand Alliance is in "reboot" mode.

"It is true that the Grand Alliance did not show solidarity in the last Assembly bypolls and its constituents HAM (S) and Vikasshil Insaan Party (VIP) fielded candidates against each other. But we have learnt from the mistakes and are trying to reboot the alliance."

Asked about complaints from the alliance constituents about Tejashwi's "ineffective" leadership, especially during the flood-like situation in Patna, Kushwaha said, "Our presence during waterlogging was not up to the mark. I was down with dengue. Tejashwi's presence could have sent out a good message. But we are learning from our mistakes."

## Oppn seals seat-sharing deal: Cong gets 31 seats, JMM 43, Hemant Soren CM face

**ABHISHEK ANGAD**  
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE CONGRESS and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) on Friday announced their seat-sharing arrangement for the upcoming Assembly polls and also declared that Leader of Opposition in Assembly Hemant Soren will be the chief ministerial candidate of the alliance.

AICC in-charge of Jharkhand, RPN Singh, told reporters, "This Mahagathbandhan was talked about a lot and today we have announced it. *Jiski kam charcha hui use bhi dekh lijiyega* (You will also see the party which was less talked about). The Congress will fight 31, JMM will contest 43 and RJD will contest seven seats. There was a discussion on who will be the chief of this gathbandhan. Hemant Soren will lead it and will be the chief ministerial candidate."

Elections to the 81 Assembly seats in Jharkhand are to be held in five phases, from November 30 to December 20. In the last elections, the BJP won 37 seats, the JMM won 19 seats and the



JRD leader Tejashwi Yadav with JMM leader Hemant Soren on Thursday. *Courtesy: RJD's Twitter account*



JHARKHAND

Congress won six seats.

While the Opposition alliance has not set aside any seat for Left parties yet, the Babul Marand-led Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (P) has decided to go alone in the state polls.

While the absence of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav at the press

meet triggered speculation, JMM leader Hemant Soren said in reply to a question, "We have been discussing with RJD. Tejashwi ji is aware of the nature of alliance. He has some questions which will be dealt on time."

Asked if the Left parties are out of the alliance, he said, "Please wait and watch." Seats may be later given to Left parties at a later stage from the Congress, JMM or RJD share, he said.

It was announced that the RJD will contest Deoghar, Godda, Koderma, Chatra, Barkata,

Chhatrapur and Hussainabad seats. For Congress and JMM, seat distribution for only the first phase was announced.

Thirteen seats are set to go to polls in the first phase. Out of them, Gumla, Bishunpur, Lohardaga and Manika are reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Chatra, Latehar, Chhatrapur are reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC). The remaining six are Panki, Daltonganj, Bishrampur, Hussainabad, Garhwa and Bhawanathpur. Out of these, the Congress will contest Lohardaga, Manika, Panki, Daltonganj, Bishrampur and Bhawanathpur and JMM will be fielding candidates at Gumla, Bishunpur, Latehar and Garhwa. RJD will contest Hussainabad, Chatra and Chhattarpur.

Sources in the Opposition said feedback from the people had indicated that an alliance would put up a better fight against the BJP. But leaders of both Congress and JMM agree that the conversion of votes in favour of alliance candidates would be a challenge.

Some leaders also feel that JVM (P) would eat into the votes of alliance candidates



WITHDRAWAL OF SPG COVER

# Cong slams govt: ‘Playing with lives of Gandhis’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

CONGRESS LEADERS and chief ministers on Friday hit out at the Central government over its decision to withdraw the Special Protection Group (SPG) cover given to Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her children Rahul and Priyanka.

“The BJP has descended to the ultimate personal vendetta mechanism, compromising the lives of family members of two former Prime Ministers to acts of terror and violence,” senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel said. His party colleague Anand Sharma said the decision was “shocking and vindictive”.

The party asked the government to explain the basis of the decision. “It makes the family vulnerable. Don’t forget that two members of the family — Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi — were assassinated. The state has a duty to protect and SPG cover was not a favour. The UPA government never withdrew Atalji’s cover,” Sharma said.

The Congress released a letter that four senior leaders — former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, A K Antony, Ahmed Patel and M Veerappa Moily — had written to the Cabinet Secretary on November 5 asking the government to treat security matters of the three in a non-partisan manner. They had argued that “any change in the status of their security prejudicial to the three protectees... shall be mala fide and... shall be an ill-advised act of commission on the part of which, government which would place their lives in danger and under direct threat.”

Addressing a press conference, Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said the SPG had written to Rahul four times on the threat perception. “On August 6,

2018, November 6, 2018, June 06, 2019 and August 29, 2019, the same SPG, on a review of the security protectee Rahul Gandhi in tandem with Intelligence Bureau, Research and Analysis Wing, wrote to him saying there is a threat perception to his life from Islamic terrorist group, from Khalistani terror group, from ultras and Naxalite groups active from Chhattisgarh up to Wayanad and that he should be taking such precautions... The question is what has changed in 60 days,” he said.

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and his Rajasthan counterpart Ashok Gehlot asked the government to reconsider the “politically motivated” decision, particularly in view of the prevailing security scenario.

“The Central government has showed extreme pettiness and total disregard for the safety of a family that had made huge sacrifices for the country,” Singh said.

“SPG cover was given under Act of Parliament. It is for protecting the lives... The kind of politics they are doing shows their mental bankruptcy. Prime Minister should intervene if the home minister has taken the decision on his own level...” Gehlot said.

At a press conference, Congress general secretary K C Venugopal said it was the A B Vajpayee government that amended the SPG Act to “give the family of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi SPG cover. Modi and Shah have undone it. Former Prime Minister V P Singh made the same mistake for Rajiv Gandhi and the country paid a price for it in the assassination of Rajiv. Blinded by personal revenge and political vendetta, Modi and Shah are doing the same thing.”

He said there is a “threat” to the life of Sonia and Rahul, and “they are playing with the lives of Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka”.

# Govt may invite Brazil President as chief guest for 2020 R-Day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE GOVERNMENT is considering inviting Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro as chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations in 2020, sources have told *The Indian Express*. They said the proposal is being explored and may take final shape.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to meet Bolsonaro next week when he visits Brasilia for the annual BRICS summit on November 13 and 14.

Bolsonaro, widely seen as a far-right firebrand and a political outsider, was sworn in as the 38th president of Latin America’s largest democracy early this year. If he is invited, this will be the third time a Brazilian



PM Narendra Modi is set to meet Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro next week

President will be chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations, after Fernando Henrique Cardoso in 1996 and Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in 2004.

During his visit to Brazil, the Prime Minister will also hold a bilateral meeting with Bolsonaro. This will be the Prime

Minister’s second visit to Brazil. New Delhi has been weaving strategy with hospitality to decide its chief guests for the Republic Day. The choice of chief guest every year is dictated by a number of reasons — strategic and diplomatic, business interests and geopolitics.

This year, after the invitation to US President Donald Trump did not work out, South Africa’s President Cyril Ramaphosa was invited as the chief guest. Ten leaders from ASEAN countries were invited in 2018.

Prior to that, then US president Barack Obama attended it in 2015, French President Francois Hollande in 2016 and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in 2017.

Modi and Bolsonaro have met

a few times this year, including on the sidelines of the G-20 summit and the recently-concluded Future Investment Initiative business forum in Riyadh.

Bolsonaro had congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the latter’s re-election in May 2019. When they met on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Osaka on 29 June 2019, key issues of bilateral importance were discussed during the meetings.

Officials said India and Brazil share a very close and multifaceted relationship at the bilateral level as well as in plurilateral fora such as BRICS, BASIC, G-20, G-4, IBSA, International Solar Alliance, Biofuture Platform and in the larger multilateral bodies such as the UN, WTO, UNESCO and WIPO.

## Man held as Uttarakhand MLA alleges he tried to set him on fire

*Dehradun:* Uttarakhand Police on Friday detained a man after Congress’s Kedamath MLA Manoj Rawat alleged that he tried to set him on fire. The Congress announced a protest against the government over the incident in all district headquarters on Saturday.

No FIR has been filed so far. Rawat’s staff said the incident took place when he was going to attend an event in a college in Augustmuni police station area on Friday. “A man was walking around with a petrol can... When he tried to approach the MLA, I pushed him away...” said Sandeep Kumar, the MLA’s security guard.

“...The accused was identified as Jeetpal Singh and he has been detained. He is unemployed and said that he had gone there to refill the fuel tank of his bike and had an argument with the MLA,” said Ravindra Kaushal of Augustmuni police station. The Congress claimed the accused was part of the liquor mafia and Rawat had opposed his activities. **ENS**

## INX MEDIA MONEY-LAUNDERING CASE

# Delhi HC reserves order on Chidambaram’s bail application

ANAND MOHAN J  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE DELHI High Court on Friday reserved its order on the regular bail application filed by Congress leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram, who is in Tihar jail over his alleged involvement in the INX Media money-laundering case.

Justice Suresh Kait heard the ED’s arguments and suggested that if he reads the sealed documents submitted by the agency, he can put forward their submission to Chidambaram’s counsel without revealing crucial details.

This was opposed by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who told the judge that it would set a bad precedent, following which the judge reserved the order.

When the hearing began, the judge asked Mehta how many witnesses the agency had examined between October 24 and 30,



Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram

when Chidambaram was in their custody. Mehta said three witnesses were summoned and while two did not appear, the third gave a handwritten letter and the witness is “so scared” that he does not want to be confronted with Chidambaram. Mehta said he would place relevant documents to satisfy the court’s conscience.

The HC pointed said Chidambaram’s counsel had argued that up to October 24, there was no allegation of influencing witnesses and on October 30, when they sought extension of his police custody, which was denied by the trial court, the ED argued that he tried to influence wit-



TODAY’S DATE IS 9,  
EVEN NUMBERED CAR OWNERS,  
TAKE THE BUS AND YOU’LL BE FINE

## DELHI’S POLLUTION IS DOWN BY 25%

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

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





# 8 EXPRESS NETWORK

## NSCN-IM urges Naga groups to ‘get on board’ agreement

**ABHISHEK SAHA**  
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 8

A WEEK after the October 31 deadline for hammering out a solution to the Naga issue passed, the NSCN-IM has urged different Naga groups to “get on board the bus of the framework agreement” and “be a part of the final solution” with respect to the peace talks.

The talks between the government and NSCN-IM were said to be at an impasse over the group’s demands for a separate flag and constitution.

In a statement on Thursday, the NSCN-IM said, “Taking account of the commitment and assurance of the (government) on the issues of Naga national flag and Constitution to resolving them at the earliest time, the two parties have mutually agreed upon to go for final touch on the agreed competencies for conclusion.”

“Now therefore, when the Government of India is prepared to make the final agreement with the NSCN on the basis of the Framework Agreement, all Nagas should also be equally prepared,” the statement said. “Now is the time for the Nagas to unite so that together we move forwards to the new era; together we build a land of milk and honey and together we build a people that trust in the Lord.”

The government had signed a framework agreement with the NSCN(I-M) in August 2015, and another agreement with seven Naga armed outfits under the umbrella Naga National Political Groups in November 2017.

## Protect human rights of illegal immigrants in detention: HC to Karnataka govt

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 8

THE HUMAN rights of all illegal immigrants detained by police in Karnataka must not be violated and they should be provided all basic necessities until they are deported to their home country, the Karnataka High Court told the state home department on Friday.

A single judge bench of Justice KNPhaneendra was hearing the bail plea of two alleged illegal Bangladeshi immigrants, Babul Khan and Tania, who were arrested last year.

The directive comes in the wake of the detention of 60 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants, including nearly 40 women and children, by Bengaluru Police in a special drive on October 25 at the prodding of the new BJP government in Karnataka.

Karnataka Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Rajneesh Goel submitted a status report on measures taken by the state government to keep illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in detention ahead of their deportation. In an affidavit, Goel said that a detention centre meant to house illegal immigrants is still in the process of being set up and would be ready only in early 2020. Goel told the court that illegal immigrants in the state would be kept in properties leased by the state until the detention centre is operational.

The court said that once someone is found to be an illegal immigrant, “it is an offence if they are found to be out in the open”. “The court should not be

party to such an offence,” the judge said. At the same time, “their human rights must not be violated”, the judge said while seeking a guarantee that all basic needs of the illegal immigrants will be fulfilled in the locations they are kept in until 2020.

Appearing on behalf of the Union Home Ministry, the additional solicitor general said the new detention centre in Bengaluru will provide facilities to the detained immigrants as per a manual brought out by the ministry.

Karnataka Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Rajneesh Goel told the court that once a detention centre is set up, it would be the responsibility of the MHA’s foreigners registration regional office to look after the welfare and deportation of the illegal immigrants.

The case was adjourned to November 18 to enable the state government to provide all details of facilities that will be provided to illegal immigrants at temporary homes and the rules for such detention.

The alleged presence of a large number of illegal Bangladeshis in Bengaluru has become a political issue and source of confusion since the BJP came to power in July, with Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai saying a National Register of Citizens will be introduced to check illegal residents and police commissioner Bhaskar Rao warning against sheltering suspected immigrants.

In the Karnataka High Court this week, state authorities, however, indicated that official records show the presence of only 373 illegal residents from Bangladesh in the state with 127 released on bail after their detention.

### ANDHRA ORDER TO INITIATE ACTION OVER ‘DEFAMATORY NEWS’

## Prone to misuse, will damage media freedoms: Editors Guild to Andhra govt

Urges state govt to withdraw order, minister says govt only wants media to have proof

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 8

THE EDITORS Guild of India on Friday issued a statement expressing concerns over Andhra Pradesh government’s decision to delegate powers to the secretaries of different departments to initiate action against the media over any news item they consider defamatory.

On October 30, the Andhra Pradesh government had issued GO 2430, granting permission to secretaries of all departments to issue rejoinders or file defamation cases over any news item in print, electronic and social media if “baseless and defamatory news with mala fide interest”

against the government is published.

“The Guild believes that such blanket powers to top civil servants in each of the departments will be prone to misuse and their rampant application will do grievous damage to the freedoms of the media. The Guild has always upheld the principles of free, fair and responsible journalism. But such powers, earlier exercised only by the information commissioner, are now delegated to all secretaries and this will seriously undermine the functioning of the media,” the statement said.

“The Guild urges the Andhra Pradesh government to withdraw this order. Criminal defamation is bad enough by it-

self, in the hands of individuals. If the state were to employ it with its own limitless resources, it will amount to censorship by another name,” read the statement signed by Guild president Shekhar Gupta, general secretary A K Bhattacharya and treasurer Sheela Bhatt.

The Press Council of India had also taken suo motu cognizance of the order on November 2. PCI Chairman Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad had expressed grave concern over the government’s order. “The chairman is of the view that the threat to prosecute media personnel in general shall demoralise the journalists in large which shall have a severe bearing on the freedom of press. Not

only this, the problems which the order in question seeks to redress can very well be remedied by the Council itself,” a PCI statement said.

However, state Minister for Information and Public Relations Perni Venkataramaiah defended the order, stating that if any section of the press makes baseless statements against a department, the department head has to send a factual rejoinder. The newspaper or the TV channel has to disclose the rejoinder to the people, the minister said. “If the newspaper or the TV channel does not disclose the rejoinder, the government would issue a legal notice and go to court... This was the crux matter of the GO. What is wrong in this and

where was the government muzzling the freedom of the press? What the government wants is that the media should have proof when it is making allegations and they should not be baseless,” he said.

“Earlier, the Commissioner of Information and Public Relations had the authority to go to court, on behalf of the respective departments. Now, the GO has been modified and the special powers have been given to the top officials of the respective departments with Cabinet approval. Any person, company, or government can go to court in case of any injustice,” said Andhra Pradesh Public Policy Adviser K Ramachandra Murthy.

## Soldier killed in Pak firing as Army foils infiltration bid

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 8

A SOLDIER was killed on Friday in cross-border firing from Pakistan as the Army tried to stop an infiltration attempt at the Krishna Ghati sector in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, an Army spokesperson said.

Identifying the dead soldier as Sepoy Rahul Bhairu Sulagekar, 21, from Karnataka’s Belagavi district, Defence Ministry spokesperson Lt Colonel Devender Anand said, “On the intervening night of November 7-8, Pakistan Army violated the ceasefire. This was accompanied by suspicious movement of terrorists, abetted by the Pakistan Army, in the Krishna Ghati Sector.”

“Observing suspicious movement, effective engagement of terrorists and Pakistani posts was carried out by own alert troops,” he said, adding that in the following exchange of fire, Sepoy Sulagekar sustained gunshot wounds and was evacuated to the nearest medical aid centre. However, he succumbed to his injuries. He is survived by his mother.

### Srinagar grenade attack toll reaches 2

*Srinagar:* A man has succumbed to injuries he suffered when terrorists lobbed a grenade in a busy market in the heart of the city. This takes the death toll in the attack that took place earlier this week to two, officials said on Friday. The dead has been identified as Fayaz Ahmed Khan, officials said on Friday. The body has been handed over to his family, officials said.

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General Officer Commanding of the White Knight Corps, Lt General Harsha Gupta and other officers offered condolences to his family.

Later in the day, Pakistani troops again resorted to unprovoked mortar shelling and small arms fire at various places along the LoC in Krishna Ghati sector around 11.45 am. The Indian Army retaliated and firing from across the border stopped after nearly an hour.


**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD**

**E-Procurement Tender Notice No.:** 19/P-69/2019-20/TMC/HQ/NCR/ALD
**Dated:** 04.11.2019

**OPEN TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedarganj, Allahabad-211015 invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:

(The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on <http://ireps.gov.in>, upto 15:00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).

| S. No. | Tender No.  | Brief Description   | Quantity                              | Tender Value  | Earnest Money |
|--------|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1      | TMC00791920 | Hex Screw Details of description, make and quantity as per section IV of tender document. [Acceptable Make : TVS, Unbrako, LPS, only]   | 2016 Nos.                             | ₹ 1,78,416/-  | (Exempted)    |
| 2      | TMC00801920 | Radiator. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document [Acceptable Make : Loram, L & M Radiator Mesabi brand Suitable for RGM (RGI-6)]  | 01 Nos.                               | ₹ 49,77,908/- | ₹ 99,600/-    |
| 3      | TMC00811920 | Semi finish P.B. Bush, Pipe Support big & small without roller, Hydraulic cylinder. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document [Acceptable Make : Plasser or Equivalent]  | As per Section IV of tender documents | ₹ 3,53,100/-  | (Exempted)    |
| 4      | TMC00821920 | Various types of Electrical Items. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make : Plasser BCH, Jai Balaji, Spectral, Pricol or VDO, Tracor, Turk, Parasnath, Siemens Excella, Panasonic, Paramount, Schneider, Encoder India, Induscoder, Excella, Telemecanique, SG, SCI, Bosch Rexroth, EPE, Hotline, only] | - Do -                                | ₹ 57,00,301/- | ₹ 1,14,100/-  |
| 5      | TMC00831920 | Various types of Seal Set. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make : Plasser, Bushak & Shambhan, Hallite, Trelleborg, Frudenberg, Parker, Royal composite for Developmental order only]  | - Do -                                | ₹ 3,68,567/-  | (Exempted)    |
| 6      | TMC00841920 | Mechanical cum hydraulic Jack Screw lifting and Traversing capacity -50 Ton. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make : Hy-Tack, Wellworth, Bemco, Vankos only]   | 30 Nos.                               | ₹ 11,74,041/- | ₹ 23,500/-    |

**Date of Opening :** 29.11.2019. **Note:** 1. The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website <https://ireps.gov.in>. Up to 15:00 hrs. On the due date of tender opening. 2. Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide **Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(g)/779/7 Pt I Dated : 29.06.2017** "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected cartel situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved/sources are adjudged unreasonably high despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions". 3. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. 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. 4. This tender notice has also been uploaded on [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in). 5. Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest money is "Deposit Misc stores 00844523". 6. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **1603/19 (A)**

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE NO-03/2019**
**Date:** 04.11.2019

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi invites the E-procurement tender for following item.

| Tender No. | Description   | Qty.      | Approx Value (In Rs.) | Tender closing/opening date |
|------------|---|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 92195659   | Rechargeable Battery Pack DC 7.2 Volt 2300 mAh & NI-MH suitable for 5 watt VHF walkie / talkie sets of Make-Sanchar model no of walkie / Talkie set-STC-700, Acceptable make of Battery-Multi Techno Services, Sanchar Communication Systems, Kommunikation Accessories or similar. | 2500 Nos. | ₹ 38,04,800/-         | 29.11.2019                  |

Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. **1609/19(A)**

**E-Procurement Tender Notice No.19/21**
**Dated:** 05.11.2019

**E- PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Allahabad (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:

| S.N. | Tender No  | Description                                | Qty.        | Tender Opening Date |
|------|------------|--|-------------|---------------------|
| 1.   | 70171937-B | Standard Hexagonal Head Bolt SIZE 24x70 mm | 31,000 Kgs. | 02.12.2019          |
| 2.   | 80191053-B | Belaching powder stable to IS : 1065/89    | 30,000 Kgs. | 02.12.2019          |

**Note:** 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tenders 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 Tenders. 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.

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**Office of the District Officer, New Delhi**

**Department of Women & Child Development**

**Flat No. 11, First Floor, Block No. 02, Shankar Market, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The District Office (New Delhi), Department of Women & Child Development has been shifted from Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla Lane, K.G. Marg, New Delhi- 110001 to **Flat No. 11 First Floor, Block No. 2, Shankar Market, Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110001**. The beneficiaries and applicants of the following Assembly Constituencies may now contact for Delhi Pension Scheme to Women in Distress, Widow Daughter's Marriage Scheme and Ladli Scheme at above said new address on any working days between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM:-

| Name of Assembly Constituency | Name of Hon'ble MLA's | No. of Assembly Constituency |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| NEW DELHI                     | Sh. ARVIND KEJRIWAL   | 40                           |
| JANGPURA                      | Sh. PRAVEEN KUMAR     | 41                           |
| KASTURBA NAGAR                | Sh. MADAN LAL         | 42                           |

Sd/-  
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**Phone No: 08195-253037 email ID:ubpee06@gmail.com**

SL No:EE/VJNL/UBP/D No.6/CHALLAKERE /AE-2/  
TENDER/2019-20/527, DATE:08.11.2019

**Corrigendum-2 Tender Notification**

Ref:- 1) Tender Notification No:462, Date:15.10.2019  
2) Corrigendum-1 Tender Notification Ltr No:518, Date:2.11.2019

With reference to the subject & reference cited above, the Pre-Bid meeting will be conducted in the chamber of Chief Engineer office, VJNL, UBP at Chitradurga at 11:00 AM on 18.11.2019 instead of 11.11.2019 due to e-procurement technical issues.

RO.No.5478: DIPR/CTA/ MCA/2019-20 Sd/- Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No. 6, Challakere.

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**

**E-Tender Notice No.: M\_M\_W\_271, OEA\_348 Coaches dt.05.11.2019**

Divisional Railway Manager / Mechanical Branch/ Chennai Division, Chennai- 600 003, for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following work as per tender notice given in the e-tender Portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) The Tenderer(s) / Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for Mechanical works in Chennai Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and only online tenders will be accepted. The cost of tender form & EMD can be made online gateway payment through multiple bank, net banking, debit card and credit card in favour of "FA&CAO/SR/MAS".

| Sl. No. | Description  | Chennai Egmore / Tambaram |
|---------|--|---------------------------|
| 1.      | <b>Description</b> : Interior cleaning and watering of 348 coaches per day at Chennai Egmore / Tambaram coach maintenance depot for a period of Four years under SBD format - reg. |                           |
| 2.      | <b>Location</b>  | Chennai Egmore / Tambaram |
| 3.      | <b>Advertised tender value in Rs.</b>  | 11,43,37,344/-            |
| 4.      | <b>Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)</b>   | 7,21,700/-                |
| 5.      | <b>Similar nature of work</b>  | Applicable                |
| 6.      | <b>Period of completion in years</b>   | 04 years                  |

Tender closing date and time : **25.11.2019 @ 11.00 hrs.** Details of value of tender, tender form cost, EMD are given in e-portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) For details of bid submission please refer to web portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

**Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical)/ Chennai**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No. C4 / 8468 / 2019 (1)  
**Joint Director of Agriculture, Pudukkottai** invites Sealed tenders in two cover system from the reputed entities for the following item.

Dated: 08.11.2019

| Sl. No. | Name of the item                                | Approximate Value for all items. | Earnest Money Deposit to be paid for all items. |
|---------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 1.      | <b>Purchase of Micro Nutrient Raw Materials</b> | <b>Rs. 10,49,60,000/-</b>        | <b>Rs. 10,49,600/-</b>                          |

**Sealed tenders** (Technical Bid & Price Bid cover) should be submitted for each item mentioned in the tender document along with specified E.M.D.

**Last Date** for submission of filled in tender document is **18.11.2019, 11.00 A.M.** at this office and tender opening will be **18.11.2019, 11.30A.M.**

**Tender document** can be obtained up to **17.11.2019, 5.30 P.M.** in the below address on payment of Rs. 1120/- by via **Demand Draft** for each tender in all working days.

The **Tender** Document may also be obtained at free of cost in Government Website <http://tenders.tn.gov.in>

Further particular to Contact : **Joint Director of Agriculture, Kattupudukulam, Pudukkottai - 622 001.**  
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DIPR/ 4180 /TENDER/2019 Joint Director of Agriculture, Pudukkottai



# CPM softens stand on UAPA against 2 partymen

**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
NOVEMBER 8

THE CPM on Friday softened its stand on the state government charging two party workers under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act last week.

The party state secretariat, which had debated the case through the week, saying that the anti-terror law should not be used against youth, said,

“The government has made it clear that UAPA would not be misused and there would be an impartial probe. The government is trying to address the issue with a democratic perspective within its limitations.”

The two party workers – Allan Shuhaib, 20, and Thaha Fazil, 24, both students of professional courses – were arrested in their hometown Kozhikode on charges of having links with Maoists.

The CPM and its allies, in-

**The two party workers are students of professional courses and were arrested on charges of having links with Maoists**

cluding the CPI, had initially deplored the slapping of UAPA charges against the two and the state secretariat last Sunday had

asked the state government to review the police action.

The party had also arranged legal assistance for the accused.

However, the police stood by its actions. As more evidence indicating that the two allegedly had Maoist links was unearthed, the CPM district leadership in Kozhikode began a probe into the matter.

In Friday’s statement, the party secretariat said the campaign against the CPM on the issue is a bid to weaken the

party and the state government. “There is a bid to bring together anti-Communists and create confusion among Left workers. The party will conduct mass programmes to explain its stand on the Maoist arrests and the encounter in the forests,” it said.

Meanwhile, the accused on Friday approach the High Court for bail. The court sought the government’s stand on the bail application and posted the matter for hearing on November 14.

# Five pilgrims killed in accident

*Mumbai:* At least five pilgrims returning from the temple town of Pandharpur to Belagavi in Karnataka were killed in an accident in Maharashtra’s Solapur district on Friday, police said. Three others were injured in the accident.

The mishap occurred in the early hours of Friday the vehicle the pilgrims were travelling in collided with a speeding tractor at Manjari village, an official said. While five of them died on the spot, the others are in hospital. **PTI**

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Sd/- Registrar

**बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India**

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1st Floor, Chanakya Place, R-Block  
Patna-1 (Tel.: 2220640-643)

**Possession Notice (for Immovable/Moveable Property) Appendix - IV, Rule 8(1)**

Whereas,

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the **BANK OF INDIA Arrah Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 01.06.2019** Calling upon the borrower **Smt Suraj Devi**, W/o Sri Gopal Sonar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **₹11,63,476/-** (Rupees Eleven lacs sixty three thousand four hundred seventy six only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice with future interest and incidental charges.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on this **4th Day of November** of the year **2019**.

The borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the **BANK OF INDIA, Arrah Branch** (name of the institution) for the amount **₹11,63,476/-** (Rupees Eleven lacs sixty three thousand four hundred seventy six only) with interest and cost incidental thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time, available to redeem the secured assets.

**Description of the Immovable Property:-** All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No./Plot No., Survey No., City Plot and Parcel of property:-Mauza-Ibrahim Nagar, Thana No.-165, C.S. Khata No.-70, Old Plot No.-128, New Plot No.3799, **Area-0.72 Kattha** (2.25 decimal) Arrah (Bhojpur), **Bounded:- North:** Lilawati Devi, **South:** Bhuneshwar Mahto after 4 feet rasta, **East:** Indra Deo Singh, **West:** Laxman Mahto after 4 feet rasta. \*With further interest at applicable rate till repayment.

**Date : 04.11.2019** **Authorized Officer**  
**Place : Arrah** **Bank of India**

| FREQUENCY REDUCTION OF TRAIN SERVICES  |   |
|--|---|
| It has been decided to reduce the frequency of trains to deal with upcoming foggy season of 2019-20 w.e.f. 16-12-2019 to 31-01-2020. The details are as under: |   |
| Train No. & Name   | Date of Cancellation  |
| 12505 Kamakhya - Anand Vihar (T) Northeast Express   | Journey Commence from Kamakhya on (Wednesday) 18-12-2019, 25-12-2019, 01-01-2020, 08-01-2020, 15-01-2020, 22-01-2020, 29-01-2020          |
| 12506 Anand Vihar (T) - Kamakhya Northeast Express   | Journey Commence from Anand Vihar Terminal on (Friday) 20-12-2019, 27-12-2019, 03-01-2020, 10-01-2020, 17-01-2020, 24-01-2020, 31-01-2020 |
| 12523 New Jalpaiguri - New Delhi Express   | Journey Commence from New Jalpaiguri on (Tuesday) 17-12-2019, 24-12-2019, 31-12-2019, 07-01-2020, 14-01-2020, 21-01-2020, 28-01-2020      |
| 12524 New Delhi - New Jalpaiguri Express   | Journey Commence from New Delhi on (Wednesday) 18-12-2019, 25-12-2019, 01-01-2020, 08-01-2020, 15-01-2020, 22-01-2020, 29-01-2020         |
| 15705 Katihar - Delhi Champaran Express  | Journey Commence from Katihar on (Thursday) 19-12-2019, 26-12-2019, 02-01-2020, 09-01-2020, 16-01-2020, 23-01-2020, 30-01-2020            |
| 15706 Delhi - Katihar Champaran Express  | Journey Commence from Delhi on (Friday) 20-12-2019, 27-12-2019, 03-01-2020, 10-01-2020, 17-01-2020, 24-01-2020, 31-01-2020                |
| General Manager (Operations)   |   |
| <b>NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY</b>  |   |

**DEFENCE RESEARCH LABORATORY (DRL)**  
**DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (DRDO)**  
**Post Bag 2, Tezpur-784001, Assam**  
**Phone: 03712-258836; FAX: 258534**  
**Email: director@drd.drl.drdo.in**  
**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATES(RA) AND JR RESEARCH FELLOWS(JRF)**

Defence Research Laboratory, DRDO, Tezpur (Assam) invites application from energetic and enthusiastic candidates with zeal to work at high altitude areas for Walk-in-Interview to be held at the Office of Director, DRL (DRDO), Tezpur, Assam located at Solamara Camp, on Airport Road 12 Kms from Tezpur city for the following fellowships.

| Sl. No. | Name of Fellowship        | No. of Vacancy | Essential Qualifications as on the Date of Interview   | Stipend per month | Age Limit |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------|-----------|
| 1.      | Research Associate (RA)   | 01*            | Ph.D. in Horticulture / Agriculture/ Entomology/ Zoology/ Botany   | Rs. 40,000/-      | 35 Yrs    |
| 2.      | Jr. Research Fellow (JRF) | 10*            | MSc in Chemistry/ Molecular Biology/ Micro Biology/ Botany/ Horticulture/ Entomology/ Environmental Science (with Net qualification) I Master Degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences/ M. Tech in Food Tech and Equivalent | Rs. 25,000/-      | 28 Yrs    |

\*Number of vacancy may vary

**Essential Information:**

(i) **Interview:** Date and time for Walk-in-Interview is on 17th December 2019 (Tuesday) at 0930 hrs.

(ii) **Certificates:** Certificates in original are to be produced in support of educational and age proof at the time of interview

(iii) **Cutoff Date:** Age and Education qualification will be counted as on the date of interview. Age Limit is relaxable by 5 years for SC/ST and 3 years for OBC candidates.

(iv) **Place of work & Tenure:** Place of work is DRL Detachments at Salari and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. Tenure of RA is 2 years only and that of Jr. Research Fellow is initially 2 years which is extendable as per Govt rules. Award of Associateship or Fellowship does not confer any right to absorption or employment in DRDO.

(v) Interested candidates MUST register his/her name for the interview by submitting 2-pages (Max) Bio-data on personal data, contact details and brief on educational & professional qualifications latest by 07th December 2019 at email ID: **drteztc@gmail.com**. No application will be entertained after the closing date.

Sd/-  
**(Dr. SK Dwivedi)**  
**DIRECTOR**

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# ‘Bulbul’ becomes very severe cyclonic storm

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
KOLKATA, BHUBANESWAR,  
NOVEMBER 8

WITH CYCLONE ‘Bulbul’ intensifying into a very severe cyclonic storm and triggering heavy rain in parts of Odisha and West Bengal, the two states are bracing for the impact.

The Meteorological department in the two states said the cyclone is likely to make landfall between West Bengal and Bangladesh in the early hours of Sunday, bringing in its wake heavy rain and gusts of up to 135 kmph in the coastal areas.

The weatherman said the severe cyclonic storm, which lay centred 600 km south of Kolkata on Friday morning, was expected to intensify further by Saturday.

**Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi**  
**4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building,**  
**Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001**

Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993

in the matter of O.A. No. 443/2017/DRT-III

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**

Vs Applicant

**Rattan Singh Chouhan & Ors.**

Defendants

To,

**D-1 Sh. Rattan Singh Chouhan S/o Sh. Shyam Sunder Chouhan,** House No. A-30, Citizen Enclave, Rohini, Sector-14, C.R.P.F. Public School, New Delhi-110085

**Also At:** C/o M/s Chauhan Builders & Developers, Shop No. 15, M.P. Mall Pitampura, New Delhi-110034

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **16-12-2019 at 10.30 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **23th day of Oct., 2019.**

By Order of the Tribunal


Assistant Registrar DRT-III, New Delhi

**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE**

**SR. NO.:- 1**  
**LETTER/MEMO NO. & DATE:-** 40618 dated: 07.11.2019  
**NAME OF DEPT/BOARD/COR.:-** PWD (B&R)  
**OLD REFERENCE/TENDER NO.:-** 39672-850 dated. 26.10.2019  
**NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM:-** Construction of Third Floor Over Existing Judicial Block, Rewari in Rewari Distt  
**OPENING DATE/CLOSING DATE (TIME):-** 29.10.2019 (Upto 17.05. hrs) 18.11.2019 (Upto 17.00 hrs.)  
**AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES:-** Rs. 275.57 lacs/ EMD Rs. 5.52 Lacs for Contractor & Rs. 2.76 lacs for Society  
**WEBSITE OF THE DEPT/BOARD CORP/AUTH:-** <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>  
**NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL:-** Executive Engineer/ 01274-253703/ [pwd-eeepd-rewari@hry.nic.in](mailto:pwd-eeepd-rewari@hry.nic.in)

Sd/-  
**Executive Engineer,**  
**Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Br.,**  
**Rewari**

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**TATA POWER**

**The Tata Power Company Limited**

Bombay House, 24 Homi Mody Street, Mumbai 400 001. **Website:** [www.tatapower.com](http://www.tatapower.com) **CIN:** L28920MH1919PLC000567

**EXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH, SEPTEMBER 2019** ₹ crore

| Sr. No. | Consolidated   | Quarter ended 30-Sep-19 (Unaudited) | Quarter ended 30-Jun-19 (Unaudited) | Quarter ended 30-Sep-18 (Unaudited) | Half-Year ended 30-Sep-19 (Unaudited) | Half-Year ended 30-Sep-18 (Unaudited) | Year ended 31-Mar-19 (Audited) |
|---------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a.      | Total income from operations   | 7,677.82                            | 7,766.72                            | 7,353.41                            | 15,444.54                             | 14,668.61                             | 29,881.06                      |
| b.      | Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items and tax                               | 541.98                              | 686.85                              | 578.58                              | 1,228.83                              | 1,090.26                              | 1,968.13                       |
| c.      | Profit / (Loss) before Tax   | 541.98                              | 592.88                              | 578.58                              | 1,134.86                              | 2,987.50                              | 3,713.96                       |
| d.      | Profit / (Loss) for the period/year  | 350.81                              | 230.80                              | 393.36                              | 581.61                                | 2,128.48                              | 2,440.41                       |
| e.      | Total Comprehensive Income   | 506.45                              | 216.36                              | 804.61                              | 722.81                                | 2,701.31                              | 2,604.85                       |
| f.      | Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value: ₹ 1/- per share)                     | 270.50                              | 270.50                              | 270.50                              | 270.50                                | 270.50                                | 270.50                         |
| g.      | Total Reserves   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                       |                                       | 16,450.66                      |
| h.      | Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (not annualised)                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                       |                                       |                                |
|         | Basic and Diluted: (In ₹ )   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                       |                                       |                                |
| (i)     | From Continuing Operations before net movement in regulatory deferral balances | 1.64                                | 1.01                                | 1.44                                | 2.65                                  | 7.91                                  | 7.90                           |
| (ii)    | From Continuing Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances  | 0.80                                | 0.53                                | 1.26                                | 1.33                                  | 7.45                                  | 8.15                           |
| (iii)   | From Discontinued Operations   | (0.02)                              | (0.07)                              | (0.13)                              | (0.09)                                | (0.25)                                | (0.46)                         |
| (iv)    | Total Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances            | 0.78                                | 0.46                                | 1.13                                | 1.24                                  | 7.20                                  | 7.69                           |

**Notes:**

1. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 8th November, 2019.

2. Financial Information of the standalone financial results of the Company is as follows:

| Sr. No. | Standalone   | Quarter ended 30-Sep-19 (Audited) | Quarter ended 30-Jun-19 (Audited) | Quarter ended 30-Sep-18 (Audited) | Half-Year ended 30-Sep-19 (Audited) | Half-Year ended 30-Sep-18 (Audited) | Year ended 31-Mar-19 (Audited) |
|---------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a.      | Total income from operations   | 1,993.21                          | 2,036.54                          | 1,852.90                          | 4,029.75                            | 3,811.01                            | 8,255.25                       |
| b.      | Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items and tax                               | 171.64                            | 432.90                            | 359.05                            | 604.54                              | 682.64                              | 1,179.01                       |
| c.      | Profit / (Loss) before Tax   | 171.64                            | 338.93                            | 359.05                            | 510.57                              | 1,895.63                            | 2,347.00                       |
| d.      | Profit / (Loss) for the period/year  | 154.81                            | 296.51                            | 265.37                            | 451.12                              | 1,708.58                            | 1,708.58                       |
| e.      | Total Comprehensive Income   | 109.40                            | 305.16                            | 266.02                            | 414.56                              | 1,386.62                            | 1,663.94                       |
| f.      | Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value: ₹ 1/- per share)                     | 270.50                            | 270.50                            | 270.50                            | 270.50                              | 270.50                              | 270.50                         |
| g.      | Total Reserves   |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                     |                                     | 13,919.10                      |
| h.      | Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (not annualised)                     |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                     |                                     |                                |
| (i)     | From Continuing Operations before net movement in regulatory deferral balances | 0.81                              | 1.50                              | 0.74                              | 2.31                                | 5.10                                | 6.72                           |
| (ii)    | From Continuing Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances  | 0.38                              | 1.06                              | 1.00                              | 1.44                                | 5.21                                | 6.36                           |
| (iii)   | From Discontinued Operations   | (0.02)                            | (0.07)                            | (0.12)                            | (0.09)                              | (0.25)                              | (0.46)                         |
| (iv)    | Total Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances            | 0.36                              | 0.99                              | 0.88                              | 1.35                                | 4.96                                | 5.90                           |


3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website [www.tatapower.com](http://www.tatapower.com).

For and on behalf of the Board of  
**THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED**

**PRAVEER SINHA**  
**CEO & Managing Director**  
**DIN 01785164**

Date : 8th November, 2019  
Place : Mumbai

**Government of NCT of Delhi**  
**Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/MIN.**  
**B-Block, 2nd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi**  
**e-mail:- [dscstschscheme.delhi@gov.in](mailto:dscstschscheme.delhi@gov.in), Website: [www.scstswelfare.delhiqovt.nic.in](http://www.scstswelfare.delhiqovt.nic.in)**  
**Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-Cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for 2019-20**



Applications are invited from the students belonging to six minority communities notified by the Government of India for availing Scholarships under three Scholarship Schemes, sponsored by Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-Cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for 2019-20.

**Timeline activities as under:-**

| Activities  | Date                            |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Extension of Last date for submission of Online applications for Pre- Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship schemes (Fresh and Renewal) | <b>Upto 15th November, 2019</b> |

**Eligibility**

- The applicant should belong to any one from the notified Minority communities' viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains.
- The applicant should be pursuing studies in India in Government or Private Universities/Institutes/Colleges/ Schools.
- The course being pursued should be of Minimum one year duration.
- The applicant should have secured 50% marks in the last annual Board/Class examination.
- Income certificate issued by competent authorities of GNCT of Delhi, valid at the time of submission of application.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**For Applicants**

- Applicants are advised to apply online against any one of the scholarship schemes on the Website of National Scholarship Portal at- **[www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in)** (a link to the site is also available at **[www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)**) or Mobile App- **National Scholarships (NSP)**.
- Detailed 'Instructions' for filling in online application and 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)' are available on the National Scholarship Portal homepage.
- Applicant is advised to give only that bank account details which remains in active mode or compliant as per bank's instructions so that payment of scholarship does not fail.

**For Universities/Institutes/Colleges/Schools**

- All Universities/Institutes/Colleges/Schools, where a minority students is studying, should get themselves registered on National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

For detailed information, visit the website of Ministry of Minority affairs i.e. **[www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)**  
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**Pr. Secretary**

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PERSONAL

I, Ashwani Kumar Chachra S/o Suraj Parkash R/o-20A/26A, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name from Ashwani Kumar to Ashwani Kumar Chachra for all future purposes. 0040519269-1

I, Muskan D/o Inamtulla R/o-House No.- E-12/66-A, Hauz Rani, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-17 inform that in my 10th certificate my father's name is wrongly mentioned Inamatullah and mother's name is Noor Fatima. Whereas correct name of my father is Inamtulla and mother's name is Noor Fatma. 0040518887-7

I, Krishna Nandan Chauhan S/o/Raj Kishor Chauhan R/o/H.No.222, Band Gali, near Mohan Baba Ram Mandir Mandawali, Fazalpur, Delhi-92, Confirm that in my Son School record my name has been wrongly written as Krishan Chauhan instead of Krishna Nandan Chauhan. Correct name of mine is Krishna Nandan Chauhan. 0040519153-4

I,Abda Khatoon W/o Salim Ahmad R/o C-451, Sector-Alpha-1, Greater Noida,U.P., have changed my name to Abida Khatoon for all future purposes. 0040519350-1

I,hitherto known as Annpurna W/o Vijender Sharma R/o C-55/72B,Keshav Puram,Delhi-35 have changed my name and shall here after be known as Annpurna Sharma. 0040519350-2

I, have changed my name from Surendra Jain to Surendra Buchha S/o Mr. Dal Chand R/o-Flat no 611, Ajnara Pride Sector-4B, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad U.P., forever. 0040519331-2

I, have changed my name from Sheela Jain to Shila Buchha w/o Mr. Surendra Buchha R/o-flat no. 611, Ajnara Pride Sector-4B, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad U.P., forever. 0040519331-1

I, Zarin Khan D/o Abdul Ghaffar R/o H.N.1B, Turkish Embassy, Chanakya Park, New Delhi-110021, have changed my name to Zareen Khan for all purposes. 0040519259-1

I, Yash Chaudhary S/o Sh. Mahesh Chand Chaudhary R/o House No. C-48, Shreeradha CGHS, Plot No-3, Sector-9, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077, have changed my name from Yash Kumar Chaudhary to Yash Chaudhary for all future purposes. 0040519289-1

I, Vidya Nidhi S/o Sh. Ram Swaroop Mandal R/o 1072/6, Ward No.1, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030 have changed my name to Vidya Nidhi Acharya for all purposes. 0040519263-1

I, Tejpratap Singh S/o Tarjeet Singh Nagi R/o-17, Street No.2, Shyam-Nagar, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Tejpartap Singh. 0040519328-9

I, Tejpal Singh S/o Chander Singh R/o,F-23, F-Block, Hastals Vihar, Uttam Nagar, N.D-59 have changed my name to Tejpal. 0040519328-5

I, Tehmeena Junaidd Siddiqui W/O Junaidd Ahmad Siddiqui, H.No-13 (L-21), M.K.Apartments, Street No-9, ZakirNagar, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025,Changed My Name To Tehmeena Siddiqui. 0040519362-5

It is for general information that I Chinki Devi W/o Sanjay Kumar, residing at H.No.49-A, Tranjit Camp Tikri Khurd, Narela, North West Delhi, Delhi-110040,inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as Chinkey Sinha in my minor son Prashant Kumar aged 15 years in his school records. The actual name of mine is Chinki Devi, which may be amended accordingly. 0040518227-4

I,Shagoofi D/O Sabir Khan., R/O B-359, Street No-20, Near Aloor Masjid, Subhash Vihar, North Ghonda, Delhi-110053., Changed My Name To Shagoofi Khan. 0040519362-6

I, Sudhansu Kumar Dubey S/O Ajay Kumar Dubey R/O-099 Mohan-Mandir Gali, Surajpur Greater Noida(U.P.)-201306. Have Changed My Name To Sudhansu Dubey. 0040519328-1

I, Simran D/o-Sanjeew Kumar R/o-Flat No.10, Pocket-6, Sector-A-5, Police Colony, Narela, Delhi-110040, have changed my name to Simran Balyan for all purposes. 0040519343-1

I,Shagoofi D/O Sabir Khan., R/O B-359, Street No-20, Near Aloor Masjid, Subhash Vihar, North Ghonda, Delhi-110053., Changed My Name To Shagoofi Khan. 0040519362-6

I, Umar S/o Rasula R/O Village Dhiraniki, Teh. Hathin, Distt-Palwal have changed my name to Umar Mohd for all purposes. 0040519251-1

I, Savita Kumari D/o Rambilas R/o-H.No.6, Rohtak-Road Charkhi Dadri, Tehsil & Distt.Charkhi, Dadri (Haryana) have changed my name to Kavya Sanwal. 0040519362-9

I, Sanjay Verma, H.No.166/20 basai road tirathram hospital Gurgaon have changed my minor daughter name riddhi Verma to ridhy Verma. 0040519333-1

I, Aagosh S/O Dr. Jai Pal Kapoor, R/O A112 Vivek Vihar Phase 2, Delhi-110095 have changed my name to Aagosh Kapoor. 0070682441-1

I, ASHEESH GOYAL S/o Mr.Gopal Shanker Goyal R/o H-1401, Princess-Park, Sector-86, Faridabad, Haryana-121002, have changed my name to ASHISH GOYAL, for all purposes. 0040519328-6

I, (Service No.10495158W rank nk), Sanjay Kumar Singh S/o Sh. Daryao Singh, R/o Village Ashawari, Tehsil Charkhi Dadri, Distt. Bhiwani, Haryana, in my service record my mother's name is Makhni but correct name is Suraj Mukhi. So, my mother name is Suraj Mukhi for all future purposes. 0040519278-1

I, Lokesh Chhabria S/o Shri Prakash Chand, R/O:H.No.162, Double-Storey Kabool-Nagar, Shahdara, East/Delhi-110032 have Changed my minor son name from Jai Chhabria to Ratn Chhabria, for all future purposes. 0040519328-7

I Yashpal S/O Shiv Nath Saini R/O-585-A,Type-4, Sector-3, R.K.Puram, Delhi-110022 Have Changed my Name to Yashpal Saini. 0040519333-5

I Tanveer Ahmad @ Tanveer @ Tanvir Ahmad@ Tanaveer S/o Sh.Abdul Gaffar R/o H.No.84, Jhandapur-3, Ghaziabad, PS-Link Road, Teh-Ghaziabad, Dist.-Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 have changed my name to Tanveer Ahmad for all purposes. 0040519256-4

I Sunita W/o Bhojrao Deshmukh R/O Khapa Khateda, Khapakhatada, Betul, MP-460551, have changed my name to Sunita Deshmukh. 0070682538-1

I Sunil Man S/O Nafe Singh R/O RZ-25A, Gali No-5, Mohan Block, West Sagarpur New Delhi-110046 Have Changed my Name to Sunil Maan. 0040519333-4

I, Kanika Jain D/o Ramesh Goel R/o-256, Jagriti Enclave, I.P-Extn Delhi-110092, have Changed my Name to Kanika Goel for all purposes. 0040519328-4

I, Jugdish Kumar S/O Taliya Ram R/O 561C, First Floor, Rishi Nagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034 Changed Name To Jagdish Kumar. 0040519333-6

I, Jessy Baby W/o Baby Abraham R/O A7/F2, Block-A, Dilshad Colony, Delhi-110095, have changed my name Jessimole to Jessy Baby for all future purposes. 0040519317-1

I, Jaswinder Singh S/O Jeet Singh R/O F-121, Upper First Floor, Vishnu-Garden, Delhi-110018, Have Changed My Name To Jasvinder Singh. 0040519362-4

I, Jaheer S/o Latif R/O E-49/E-132 Gali No.3 Block-E, Janta Mazdoor Colony Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Jaahir Khan for all purposes. 0040519333-3

I, Hitherto Known as Natarajan Babu S/O K K Natarajan., Residing at-128/1, First-Floor, Mohammadpur Delhi-110066, Have Changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Natarajan Babu Iyer. 0040519328-2

I, Manohar Singh Barti S/O Himmat Singh R/O 1253/3, Patti Pachhan, Harsa Village, Sector-39, Ward 28, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Manohar Singh for all purposes. 0040519253-1

I, Harish Singh S/o Nandan Singh R/o H.No. 705, Chirag Delhi, Malviya Nagar, South Delhi-110017 have changed my name from Harish Singh to Harish Singh Bora for all future purposes. 0040519272-1

I, Farah Naz W/O Shri Suhail Anwar R/O 202 Nimbus, Paramount Symphony, Near ABES Engg. College, NH24, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad (U.P.), have changed my name to Farha Suhail for all purposes. 0040519274-1

I, Devki Devi, D/O Late Sh.Khem Singh, W/O Sh.RAMESH KUMAR SHARMA, R/O 124, Second Floor, Swayam Sewa CGHS, Jhilmil, Shahdara, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to DEVIKA for all purposes. 0040519328-10

I, Amana Begum D/o Mohd. Gayas R/O D-8, Mata Sundari Road, Near Gurdwara, Mirdard Road, Darua Ganj, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Amna, for all purposes. 0040519265-1

I, Hemant Kumar S/o Sh.Vinod Singh R/O RZ-127, Nehru Garden, New Roshan Pura, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Pragya to Pragya Yadav for all purposes. 0040519256-3

I, Sahil Maan S/o Harl Parkash R/O Village Sersa Sersa (54), Sonipat Haryana-131028, have Changed my Name to Sahil Permanently. 0040519257-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is for general information that I BHAWNA PAREKH W/O KRISHAN KANT PAREKH, residing at 3676, Gali Lohey Walli, Charkhewalan, Delhi GPO, North Delhi, Delhi-110006 declare that name of my husband has been wrongly written as KRISHNAKANT in my minor son HARSH PAREKH aged 15 years in his School Records. The actual name of my husband is KRISHAN KANT PAREKH, which may be amended accordingly.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
To be known to all that I, Madan Lal S/o, Shinghauri Mad R/o, Flat No. 94, DDQ/165, 1st Floor, BILK PTK-A, Medpur, New Delhi-110063, Mob: 9214417414, Email: sumit.kumar@rediffmail.com, Adhikari, purchase of DDQ/165, Flat No. 94, 1st Floor, BILK PTK-A, Medpur, New Delhi-110063 has applied for the conversion of leasedhold property from leasehold to free hold in DDA the original DDA Site Possession Slip, NOC, for Water and Electricity Etc and other related papers & documents of the aforesaid property have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in police station date 08.11.2019. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest having any document or found in possession of original document may write, contact with above named person at above address with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and can personally contact Deputy Director (LAB) housing or director (H), D Block 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan (H), New Delhi.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to General public that the client Madhu Jain Wife of Late Yogesh Jain R/O 95-97 Fourth Floor Bazar Lane Bhopal New Delhi-110014 has disowned and debarred her son Akshay Jain from her all movable, immovable properties and also severed all her relations with them due being them disobedient and disloyal towards my client. My client shall not be responsible for any their acts deeds done by them anyone dealing with them shall be on their risk and consequences.

**USHA MAHAJAN (Advocate)**  
**Chamber No. 807, Patiala House, New Delhi-110001**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known that my client ASHOK KUMAR S/O LT. SH. GANESH DASS R/O MU-15C, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 has disowned & severed all their relation with their son PAWAN AHUJA S/O Sh. Ashok Kumar and his wife VAISHAL AHUJA W/o Pawan Ahuja debarred them from their movable and immovable properties/assets and their personal life. Anybody dealing with them in civil and criminal matter shall be doing at his/her/their own risk, cost and responsibility.

**ABHAY RAJ VERMA (Advocate)**  
**Enrl. No. D-366/2011**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to all that my client Smt. Raju W/o. Shri Hans Raj R/o. P-326, Mohan Garden Extension Uttam Nagar New Delhi has disowned & debarred his son Sushant alongwith his wife Smt. Chandni and their children from her all movable and immovable properties and assets as they are not under control of my client. My client is having no concern with them in any manner whatsoever. If anyone dealing with them will do at his/her own risk cost and consequences and my client and her other family members shall not be held liable for their any acts or deeds whatsoever.

**VIPUL SHARMA-ADVOCATE**  
**23, Lawyers Chamber, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi -110001**

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभव की श्रेणी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से विद्युत पारेक्षण मंडल, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत निम्न सामग्री/कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदाये ई-पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों में निविदा खोलने की दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। जिसका प्रथम भाग उसी दिन क्रमशः 02.30/02.45/3.00 बजे (यदि अवकाश/अन्य कारण हो तो अगले कार्य दिवस में) खोला जायेगा। निर्धारित निविदा शुल्क आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.ई.एफ.टी. तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.ई.एफ.टी./बैंक गारन्टी के माध्यम से (निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि पृथक-पृथक हस्तांतरित की जाती है) अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेंद्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के पक्ष में पंजाब नेशनल बैंक का आई.सी.डी., तिलना, वार्ड (गौतम बुद्ध नगर), उ.प्र. शाखा में संचालित चालू बैंक खाता संख्या 0109012100000756 (IFSC Code PUNB0466300) में जमा कराया जायेगा। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.ई.एफ.टी. द्वारा जमा किये गये निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि को ए-इलेक्ट्रॉनिक, यथा योग्य यू.टी.आर. संख्या की प्रति, निविदा प्रपत्र, पैनाकार्ड, जी.एस.टी. संख्या, इन्कम टैक्स रिटर्न की स्वयं प्रमाणित छायाप्रति, तकनीकी अनुभव तथा क श्रेणी अद्यतन (विद्युत सुरक्षा उ.प्र. सरकार द्वारा प्रदत्त), ई.एस.आई., पी.एफ. बीमा समन्वयी प्रपत्र (जोकि अनिवार्य है) इत्यादि ई-पोर्टल पर स्कैनड प्रतियाँ (PDF Format) तथा ई-निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दूरे एवं तालिखण्ड नियम व शर्तें ई-पोर्टल पर अपलोड की जायेगी। निविदा की वैधता खुलने की तिथि से 90 दिन होगी। 1. अल्प कालिन निविदा संख्या टी-149/2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेंद्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत 400 के.वी. डी.सी. ग्रेटर नोएडा (765 के.वी.)-ग्रेटर नोएडा (400 के.वी.) पारेक्षण लाईन पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 11,00,00/- (रु. ग्यारह हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 17700/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 2. निविदा संख्या टी-150/2019-20: विद्युत पारेक्षण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेंद्र, सिम्भावली पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,00,00/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 5900/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 07.12.2019। 3. निविदा संख्या टी-151/2019-20: विद्युत पारेक्षण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेंद्र लखानौली-स्याम लाइन के टावर लोकेशन संख्या 46, 48 एवं 79 पर रिपेरेटेशन का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 13,00,00/- (रु. तेरह हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 17700/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 4. निविदा संख्या टी-150/2019-20: विद्युत पारेक्षण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेंद्र, सिम्भावली पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,00,00/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 5900/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 07.12.2019। 5. निविदा संख्या टी-151/2019-20: विद्युत पारेक्षण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेंद्र लखानौली-स्याम लाइन के टावर लोकेशन संख्या 46, 48 एवं 79 पर रिपेरेटेशन का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 13,00,00/- (रु. तेरह हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 17700/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 6. निविदा संख्या टी-154/2019-20: विद्युत पारेक्षण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेंद्र, जहाँगीराबाद पर कैपेसिटर बैंक की स्थापना का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 1,90,00/- (रु. एक हजार नौ सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 5900/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 07.12.2019। 7. निविदा संख्या टी-155/2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेंद्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेंद्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,00,00/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 5900/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 10.12.2019। 8. निविदा संख्या टी-156/2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेंद्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेंद्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेंद्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,00,00/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 5900/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 10.12.2019। 9. निविदा संख्या टी-157/2019-20: विद्युत पारेक्षण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेंद्र, सासाना पर क्षमतावृद्धि का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 4,80,00/- (रु. चार हजार आठ सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 5900/- (रु. सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 07.12.2019। 6. 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## SC to hear CBI plea against relief to Jaising NGO on November 14

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THE SUPREME Court on Friday said that it will hear on November 14 the CBI's appeal challenging the Bombay HC order restraining the agency from taking coercive steps against senior advocate Indira Jaising's NGO Lawyers Collective in an alleged Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act violations case.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said there was another PIL seeking action in the matter and both will be heard together.

The HC had granted the relief to the NGO while hearing a plea seeking quashing of an FIR registered by the CBI against it. Challenging this, the agency said that the HC order effectively "is an order granting anticipatory bail to the accused/Respondents as contemplated under Section 438 CrPC; that too without sat-

isfying the mandatory conditions mentioned in S 438".

The CBI pointed out that the apex court in a 2017 case "had unequivocally held that it is impermissible in law for the Courts to pass interim orders directing the investigating agency to take 'no coercive steps' against the accused while exercising 482 CrPC or Article 226 jurisdiction as the same amounts to an order granting anticipatory bail under Section 438 CrPC, passed without satisfaction of the conditions of the said provision, and as such, any order of such nature is completely unsustainable and bad in law".

The HC could only have stayed the investigation after coming to a definite finding that the FIR is unsustainable and bad in law, it added.

The HC had passed the interim "order on a completely untenable reason that the FIR is based solely and entirely on the inspection of Report of 2016", the CBI's appeal said.

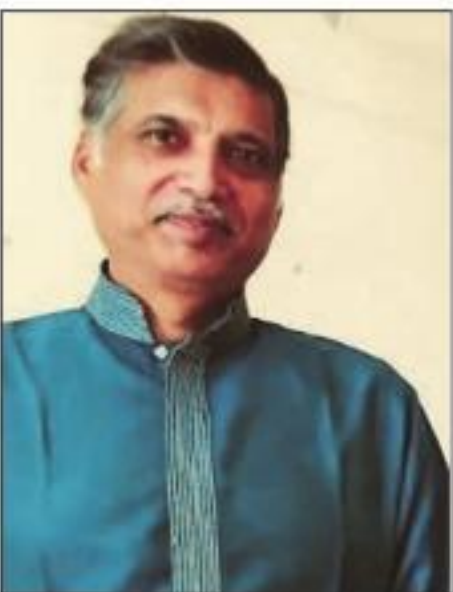
## Younger of Gundecha brothers, he aimed at reviving dhrupad

SUANSHU KHURANA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

IN THE 1980s, when *ghazal* was finding a firm footing in the music world in both film and non-film categories, when Mumbai was the go-to destination for finding success in the world of music, two young men from Ujjain decided to move to Bhopal to learn a complex and relatively rejected art form — *dhrupad*.

Brothers Umakant and Ramakant Gundecha learned under the aegis of Zia Fariduddin Dagar and his brother Zia Mohiuddin Dagar — cousins of the two significant forces in the second half of the 20th century, the senior Dagar Brothers (Nasir Moinuddin and Nasir Aminuddin) and the junior Dagar Brothers (Nasir Zahiruddin and Nasir Faiyazuddin) — and began to perform four years later.

In the years to come, armed with their detailed training and with no gharana backing them,



Ramakant Gundecha

the Gundecha brothers became a force to reckon with in the world of the rare and once extremely valued art form of *dhrupad*.

Ramakant Gundecha died on Friday. The younger of the two brothers was on a train to Pune when he suffered a heart attack.

"It's shocking, and I find it difficult to believe he is no longer with us. We started learning to-

gether in Bhopal. He relentlessly worked for the cause of *dhrupad* in India and worldwide. This is an irreparable loss for the world of *dhrupad* and Hindustani music," said *dhrupad* exponent Uday Bhawalkar, whose association with the Gundecha Bandhu goes back to 1974, to Ujjain, where they first met and understood the basic concepts of music.

*Dhrupad* is a style of rendering a raga under a rigid composition and rhythm structure, and is sung or played on a rudra veena with a pakhawaj and tanpura. *Dhrupad* is a more rigid form than *khayal* or *thumri*, in which the rhythm can vary. It isn't folk and erotic like a *thumri*, and does not have taans and sargams like a *khayal*. The meditative, leisurely pace of the music had in the last few years reduced the takers of the *dhrupad*, but the Gundechas along with the Dagar family have been at the helm of a revival of the genre, which originated in the 12th century and is said to be the old-

est surviving form of classical music in India.

Unfortunately, the most dedicated audience for the art form is not in India but cities in Europe, where *dhrupad* concerts are regular. However, the very vocal Ramakant always aimed at the revival of *dhrupad* and attempted to do it with his brother by making their performances less academic and more lucid and melodic. The two brothers were awarded the Padma Shri in 2012.

"They created the much-needed new compositions in *dhrupad*. It's devastating news. The world of *dhrupad* will never be the same again," said *dhrupad* vocalist and Ramakant's gurbhai Pt Nirmalya Dey.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath expressed his condolences. "Padma Shri Ramakant Gundecha made his mark in *dhrupad* singing across the world. He won many prizes for his talent. The entire art fraternity is in shock by his death," he said.

## 1 in 4 Indian men in 15-54 age group has anaemia: Study

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS  
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POPULATION-BASED studies on anaemia in India have mostly focused on women and children and men with the condition have received much less attention despite its adverse effect on health and economic productivity. A new study aimed at determining the prevalence of anaemia among men in India has found that 23.5 per cent of men had anaemia, ranging from mild to moderate to severe degrees.

In this study of more than 1,00,000 men in the 15-54 years age group, researchers from Public Health Foundation of India, UN World Food Programme, Harvard University in the US and Heidelberg University, University of Giessen and University of Goettingen in Germany found a high prevalence of anaemia among men. About 18 per cent of the men in the study had mild anaemia, 5 per cent had moderate anaemia and 0.5 per cent had severe anaemia.

Prof Ashish Awasthi, co-author of the study, 'Anaemia among men in India: a nationally representative cross-sectional study', that was published in *Lancet Global Health*, told *The Indian Express* that anaemia among pregnant women and in early childhood is linked to poor health outcomes for the mother and child. However, even among men, anaemia is not without consequences: it can decrease productivity by causing fatigue, difficulty concentrating, and lethargy, he said. Although male anaemia does not affect the inter-generational cycle of malnutrition and anaemia, it may reduce overall work performance and quality of life, especially in cases of

moderate and severe anaemia, Prof Awasthi pointed out.

The study found that the prevalence of anaemia in men varied widely between states, ranging from 9 per cent in Manipur to 33 per cent in Bihar. Men with less education, less household wealth and those living in rural areas were more likely to have anaemia, the study found.

"Most cases of anaemia are thought to be due to low iron levels, which can be prevented and treated effectively with iron tablets and food fortification with iron. However, due to poor awareness, compliance to treatment or supplement and other additional nutritional deficiencies, anaemia is still an unsolved puzzle in our country," said Prof Awasthi, an assistant professor at the Public Health Foundation of India.

The finding that anaemia was more common among poorer and less educated individuals, those living in rural areas and those in poorer districts was true for both men and women. "Geographic and sociodemographic patterns of who has anaemia in India appear to be similar between men and women. It could, therefore, be efficient to couple efforts to reduce anaemia among men with existing efforts that target anaemia among women and children," said Oliver Didzun, lead author of the study.

In 2018, India launched Anemia Mukh Bharat, which aimed to reach children, pregnant women, women of reproductive age and male and female adolescents. "Given the inexpensive treatment of many common forms of anaemia and the condition's effect on economic productivity, policy makers in India might want to consider extending some components of the Anemia Mukh Bharat programme to men..." researchers said in the study.

## After tail fire, AI flight makes emergency landing

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RAIPUR, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

AN AIR India flight going from Bhubaneswar to Mumbai made an emergency landing with just one engine running at Raipur airport on Friday evening after the pilot informed the air traffic control (ATC) about a problem in the left engine. Passengers had alerted crew members after they noticed flames and suspected them to be from the aircraft's engine.

However, an Air India spokesperson said that there was "only a tail fire" which could be due to "engine blades damage and incomplete combustion in the engine" of the Airbus A321 aircraft. All 189 people on board the AI 670 flight, including 180 passengers and nine crew members, were declared safe and de-

boarded after the flight landed.

Officials at the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said the flight landed at Raipur airport at 5.57 pm and flight operations remained closed at Raipur between 6 and 8 pm.

RR Sahay, AAI Director, Raipur airport said, "The ATC at Raipur received a message from Kolkata ATC saying that an aircraft that was supposed to overfly Raipur... that the port engine, which means the left engine of the aircraft, is on fire, and they would like to make an emergency landing at Raipur. So we followed the complete emergency drill... the first report from the CPT (crash fire tenders) was that at that moment there was no fire."

Air India spokesperson Dhananjay Kumar said, "There was only a tail fire and no fire warning... A relief flight has been arranged... will then take off to Mumbai with the crew and passengers."

## India's maternal mortality rate declines by 6.2 per cent in a year

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INDIA'S MATERNAL mortality rate declined by 8 points in one year from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 122 per lakh live births in 2015-17, registering a 6.2% decline.

"Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of India has declined by 8 points in one year as per the latest Special Bulletin on MMR released by the Registrar General of India. This decline is important as it translates to nearly 2,000 additional pregnant women saved annually," said Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan. This decline, he added, means that India is on track to achieve the Sustainable

EXPLAINED

### Points to strength of health system

MATERNAL MORTALITY rate is recognised the world over as one of the health parameters that show the robustness of a health system. The commonest causes of maternal mortality are infections, eclampsia and post-partum haemorrhage.

Development Goal (SDG) target for reducing MMR by 2025, five years ahead of the timeline of 2030.

India recently launched the 'Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan' (SUMAN) programme for zero preventable maternal and newborn deaths. Over the last seven-

eight years, certain initiatives have rapidly reduced infant and maternal mortality in the country. These include Mother and Child Tracking System, through which expecting mothers and health workers are tracked and informed about vaccinations and health checks, and Kilkari



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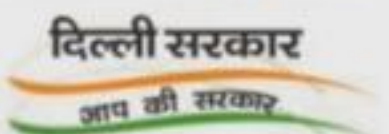
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THE MIGHTY STATE

It needs to hound and victimise a writer to feel strong and decisive

IT SHOULD BE deeply embarrassing to the Ministry of Home Affairs in India to be shown up as a petty-minded witch-hunter like this. (It should be deeply troubling to the rest of the country if the MHA isn't embarrassed). The ministry has put out, officially, that the Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card of British-born journalist and writer Aatish Taseer is being cancelled because he concealed the fact that his late father was of Pakistani origin, and because Taseer had failed to dispute the notice sent to him which asked him to explain this "lapse" in information. To counter the second claim, Taseer has tweeted out a picture of an email exchange between himself and the Consul General where he objected to the ministry's claim — the full 21 days to reply were not given to him, he pointed out, only 24 hours. And on the first charge, surely the mandarins of MHA need to read more, or at least, be better informed about what is being written and read. Aatish Taseer has written about his father, Salmaan Taseer, governor of Pakistan's Punjab who was assassinated in January 2011, extensively, including in his 2007 book, *Stranger to History: A Son's Journey through Islamic Lands*. As he wrote in a later essay: "The line that had gone through Punjab affected me directly. No nostalgia, no bittersweet ironies for me: I had a parent on one side and a parent on the other".

But then, the powers-that-be in the MHA do read. By all accounts, they have read Taseer's profile of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in *Time* magazine earlier this year, in May, during his re-election bid, titled "India's Divider in Chief". They have read it enough to be provoked by it to show Taseer the border. They are provoked by it enough to lose sight of how small and insecure they are making themselves look by drawing a line to keep out a writer who writes about his hybrid identity and about the idea of India in affectionate and generous ways. In doing so, they make India, the country he spent formative years in, look more like the Pakistan he travelled to, and discovered, only later in life — the home of the idea of a utopia "animated far more by the wish to purge than to build". Of course, Taseer also found it in himself, and in Pakistan, to revise that view. To widen his lens in order to see the country through its more complicated realities and its people, beyond the "endless contradictions" that are also "self-wounding" as they seek to kill off a shared past with India.

As it tries to cut Taseer off from a country he calls his own, a country that is therefore his, the Indian government only attracts unflattering attention to itself. The controversy about Taseer's citizenship is not about the obscure and antiquated law, the Citizenship Act of 1955. It is about the mighty Indian state that apparently needs to hound and victimise a writer to feel strong and decisive.

NOT CRICKET

Players involved in fixing are only most visible part of a malaise that spreads far beyond, must be urgently addressed

THE SKELETONS KEEP tumbling out of the Karnataka Premier League with players and coaches being regularly picked up by the police on charges of matchfixing. CM Gautam is the latest player caught in the police net and indications are that it may be just the tip of the iceberg. No one should be surprised, except, of course, the Indian cricket board which has been silent witness to corruption in officially sanctioned state leagues over the years. This is the board that puts several hurdles in the way of Indian cricketers taking part in county cricket for genuine skill-building experience and stops them from playing in overseas leagues, but has continued to be a silent watcher as its own state association sanctioned leagues are infested with corruption. The players and support staff that form the core of these leagues are the ones who end up in the IPL, from where paths lead to the Indian team — and yet, the Indian board continues to push things under the carpet.

Take the KPL, for instance. It was even stopped for three years when Anil Kumble was the president of Karnataka State Cricket Association. When he stopped it in 2009 because he wasn't happy with the private ownership of the franchise model, Kumble had said: "What is the KPL about? What is the point of it? In its current form, it would allow backdoor entry into KSCA for people not passionate about cricket." And here we are, the backdoor smashed by the gate crashers.

It's easy to criticise the players who have been involved in fixing, but the malaise spreads far beyond them. Karnataka cricket is full of stories about how the system is rigged from the top, a fact borne out by the police who have unearthed dubious owners and those who influence them. The situation has been dire for some time now. There have been cases of captains announcing final playing elevens after the team takes to the field, because they have been suspicious of their own team mates. Some have been spooked by the presence of travelling "fans" from across the country to remote places in the state where the games were held. Even as the police continue to investigate the KPL, the Tamil Nadu state association whose TNPL, too, was hit by the fixing controversy, has given a clean chit after an internal investigation. The pattern seems to be clear: Unless and until the police get into the act, the board or the associations won't do any serious spring cleaning on their own.

LET MONA LISA BE

She continues to trigger conversation, and disagreement, five centuries later

THIS TIME IT isn't the enigmatic smile that has got people talking about Mona Lisa, but a claim that the Musee du Louvre in Paris is worse off for being the home of Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece. Millions of visitors troop in to the Louvre, in itself an architectural marvel and heritage structure, just to view the oil-on-wood painting Da Vinci is believed to have completed in 1507. Since the French Revolution, this Renaissance masterpiece has been housed here except for a brief period when it was stolen.

It is being held against Mona Lisa that she overshadows all the other masterpieces in the Louvre, and the magnificent museum itself. True, the glory of Mona Lisa is such that visitors tend to ignore the many great specimens of Renaissance art, Egyptian antiquities and Greek sculptures. The Rembrandts and Raphaels, Rubens and Vermeer, Michelangelo and even the other Da Vinci works fade into the background as the gaze is focussed on Mona Lisa. Yet, many visitors, drawn in by the aura around the painting, leave unimpressed by this relatively small-sized oil-on-wood work. For the informed museum-goer, however, it signifies a moment in art history that can't be ignored. If the great Flemish art in the hall that houses Mona Lisa is largely ignored as a consequence, so be it.

If it is just hype that draws people to her, the crowd will disperse, later if not sooner. There is, however, no reason to force the crowd to exit. Or to take down Mona Lisa from that Louvre wall. Cut out the noise, and the smile will continue to reach out to you. Stay or leave, but let her be on the wall surrounded by many masters.



TAVLEEN SINGH

AS I SIT down to write this, I still find it hard to believe that a prime minister whom I have openly supported for more than five years has allowed his government to exile my son. When the notice arrived from the home ministry, three months ago, asking Aatish to explain why his status as an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) should not be revoked on the grounds that he had not revealed that his father was Pakistani, my first reaction was to call the home minister.

I thought there was some misunderstanding and wanted to clear it up. I wanted to show him a document in my possession that shows that when I brought Aatish to live in India in 1982 as his sole legal guardian, he was given permission till the age of 18. His father's name is on the affidavit I signed. When he turned 18, I tried to apply for another indefinite visa and was advised by the officials to get a PIO card instead. This I did and nobody asked me if his father was Pakistani. In any case, this was irrelevant since neither Aatish nor I were in touch with his father. I thought if I explained all this to the home minister, he would be supportive.

My calls to the home minister were ignored. So I then tried to call Hiren Joshi who, as the prime minister's man in charge of the media, has an obligation to at least return the calls of a journalist. He refused to come on the phone. I wrote him several e-mails. They were also ignored. It was then that I realised that somebody very high up wanted revenge on Aatish. This had been a nagging fear at the back of my mind ever since he wrote that article in *Time* magazine that appeared on the cover with a distorted sketch of Narendra Modi and the words, "Divider in Chief".

I remember telling Aatish, then, that the

What has happened to Aatish, what the state is doing, is not just wrong but evil

I have to say that I am truly horrified that this was done without my even being given a hearing. Of course, as the BJP's Twitter trolls tell me gleefully, I could go to court. But, I am not sure that I can afford to spend the next ten years fighting a legal battle against the mighty Indian state. Even as I write these words, my heart goes out to those people whom the home minister calls "termites" who may actually be Indian "termites" but will probably spend the rest of their lives in detention centres because if I cannot afford a legal battle how can they.

article was inaccurate and ill-timed because this was in the last week of the Lok Sabha campaign and there were clear indications to me that Modi would be winning a second term. The title of the piece was offensive but the content should have offended Rahul Gandhi more than Modi because in it the then Congress President was described as "an unteachable mediocrity". In any case, it was only after this article appeared that the plot to exile my son began to unfold. Modi's troll army on Twitter went ballistic and it was not long before Aatish was being described not just as a Pakistani but as an ISI agent and a jihadist.

The inevitable happened yesterday when Twitter was used to inform Aatish that he was no longer entitled to an OCI card because he had "lied" about his father's nationality. The truth is that neither he nor I have ever lied about it. Salmaan Taseer's mother was English and as far as I know, Salmaan had a British passport since as a Pakistani he is allowed dual nationality. Aatish was born in London in 1980 and British law at the time allowed him to become a full British citizen. We got him a British passport because of the hope that it would make it easier for him to go between India and Pakistan. My relationship with Salmaan ended badly soon after and I brought Aatish back to India. He did not meet his father till he was an adult.

Bringing him home to India as a baby made my family less disapproving of my "mistake". Financially, the only support I had was the job that MJ Akbar gave me in *The Telegraph* as soon as I returned home and told him I needed work. What I earned was not enough to live on. My mother helped by

paying the rent of my *barsati* in Golf Links. And, my sister and my friend, Vasundhara Raje, helped financially whenever I was too broke to get through the month. Luckily, my sister's twins are only two years older than Aatish, so there was a regular supply of clothes. And, as I wrote in my book, *Durbar*, the only really nice clothes Aatish had as a child came from Sonia Gandhi. We were friends then and she helped, as did my other friends, in whatever way they could. But, grateful as I am to all those who helped me through those difficult years, I have to say that I would not advise any woman to become a single mother.

To return, though, to the exile that Aatish now faces, I have to say that I am truly horrified that this was done without my even being given a hearing. Of course, as the BJP's Twitter trolls tell me gleefully, I could go to court. But, I am not sure that I can afford to spend the next 10 years fighting a legal battle against the mighty Indian state. Even as I write these words, my heart goes out to those people whom the home minister calls "termites" who may actually be Indian "termites" but will probably spend the rest of their lives in detention centres because if I cannot afford a legal battle, how can they.

Let me say as clearly as possible that I believe what has happened to Aatish is not just wrong but evil, just as what is happening to the desperately poor people who are running around trying to prove their Indian citizenship is evil and wrong. The damage done to India's image as the world's largest democracy is incalculable.

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KHALED AHMED

THE PLAN TO hold a "long march" to topple Prime Minister Imran Khan from power was called the "azadi march", a name Khan had chosen for his own agitation against then Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in 2014. But, in 2019, a long march has not been easy to organise.

The main opposition parties, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP), were doing badly after the 2018 election, won by Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). PMLN leader Sharif had been convicted of corruption and money-laundering, or not being "sadiq" (truthful) and "ameen" (trustworthy), under the constitution, and sentenced to seven years in jail. The leader of the PPP, Asif Ali Zardari, was picked up for corruption by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) once again and was facing trial. Both mainstream party leaders were severely, if not terminally, ill: Zardari has already spent 11 years in a NAB jail in the past. But it was neither the PMLN nor the PPP who thought of the "long march" against Khan, knowing that the army — called the "idara" or "institution" — stood squarely behind him.

PMLN was divided between the incarcerated Nawaz, who wanted anti-government agitation, and his younger brother — head of the party, Shehbaz Sharif — who preferred to wait for the right winds to blow from the GHQ. A letter from prison from Nawaz to the party, however, forced his hand. On the other hand, Zardari, pragmatic to a fault, thought he could marginally support the "long march" and see where it went in the long run.

But the long march was owned by neither party. It was organised and run by Maulana Fazlur Rehman of Jamiat Ulema-

LONG MARCH THAT WASN'T

Fazlur Rehman's movement seems impressive, but only on the surface

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e-Islam-Fazl (JUIF), a religious party no one thought could ever undertake a protest march with little following among the masses (Fazlur Rehman actually had lost his seat in parliament in the 2018 election). Additionally, the maulana was supposed to be a man of realism, ever staying on the right side of the army which he knew stood behind PM Khan. The kind of mobilisation he finally managed, though, on the outskirts of Islamabad on the first of November, surprised all observers.

The disciplined crowd from the party's religious seminaries or madrasas was estimated at a couple of hundred thousand. Still, even more astounding was the amount of money he could spend — estimated at a billion rupees — on the transport of his votaries. No one, not even expert observers, could have predicted the kind of show in Islamabad where the PMLN's Shehbaz Sharif and PPP's Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari looked like "marginal" politicians seeking the limelight.

Bilawal was upfront with his "selected" accusation — that the 2018 polls were rigged by the army to bring Khan to power, kicking polling agents out of the process while soldiers oversaw the vote-count. Fazlur Rehman was not less emphatic in sarcastically pointing to the support of the army behind Khan who, he said, was totally incompetent as prime minister. He was, no doubt, responding to Khan's own uncivilised language about him in the recent past. And, when he threw at Khan the deadline of "two days" — in which Khan was to bow out of power or face "arrest" at the hands of his madrasa followers — everyone knew that the maulana was taking on the "idara" in extremis, which neither of the two parties

would be able to do.

However, Shehbaz Sharif let off some accumulated steam accusing Khan of relying on magic rather than Islam: Tangentially referring to Khan's ascetically inclined wife, who is rumoured to be in possession of djinns, making Khan win through supernatural means. Predictably, the army spoke through its Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) warning all and sundry that the army would not tolerate the sort of disturbance the "long march" was threatening.

What Pakistan has achieved in its 72 years of existence is the culture of insult. It is a nuclear power where the leaders, and their followers, speak a language unheard of in past civilisations. Some fulmination comes from religion, but not all. And it comes equally from the mouths of men and women. For instance, the prime minister's adviser on information, Firdaus Ahiq Awan (the name means paradise) — a heavily powdered volcano emitting fire and brimstone on television. She easily eclipses the PTI rank-and-file vulgarising democracy in Pakistan daily through their harangues.

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NOVEMBER 9, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

IOC STRIKE OFF  
INDIAN OIL WORKERS suspended their 14-day-old agitation which had seriously disrupted national economy and hampered drought relief and rabi sowing. The decision was taken by representatives of nine unions and leaders of the Petroleum Workers' Federation in response to the Petroleum and Chemical Minister's appeal. General secretary of the Petroleum Workers' Federation, Y D Sharma, announced that the nine concerned unions all over the country had been advised to suspend the protest action. Though workers are expected to resume work by tomorrow, it will take another week or 10 days before normalcy in the IOC operations is restored.

JANATA LOCAL TIES  
JAGJIVAN RAM CONFIRMED that the Janata Party would have local adjustments in the four southern states and Maharashtra and West Bengal, and that it would put up "roughly 400" candidates in the coming elections. Talking to newsmen, he said, "I do not think we will contest all the 542 Lok Sabha seats." He did not think there would be any difficulty in selection of candidates even for the seats not held by the Janata Party in the distorted Lok Sabha. "We have learnt the art of selecting candidates. We have done this for years," he added. Replying to questions, Ram confirmed that the party president, Chandra Shekhar, had left the final selection of candidates for

the seats on which there were sharp differences to him.

US HOSTAGE CRISIS  
THE MUSLIM PROTESTERS holding some 60 American hostages in the US embassy in Teheran rejected a mediation offer from the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Teheran radio reported. The announcement appeared to dash one of the best hopes for a quick end to the embassy siege, AP reports. As if to underline their determination, an Iranian student set himself afire outside the embassy today, Iran's Pars news agency said. He was hospitalised with serious burns and was given little chance of survival.

