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Mody is a
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MANOJ CGG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

THE APPOINTMENT of ex-IRS officer P C Mody, the former chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes, as Secretary General of Rajya Sabha triggered a political controversy Friday with the Opposition seeking to know the reasons for the removal of incumbent P P K Ramacharyulu barely two months after he was appointed.

Ramacharyulu took over as Secretary General of Rajya Sabha on September 1. He was the first Rajya Sabha Secretariat official to have risen to that post, a point that was flagged when he was named. Now he has been moved

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Civil society is new frontier of war... can be manipulated to hurt nation: Doval

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 12

CLAIMING THAT the "new frontier of war or fourth generation warfare is civil society" since "wars have ceased to become an effective instrument for achieving political or military objectives", National Security Advisor Ajit Doval said Friday "it is the civil society that can be subverted, suborned, that can be divided, that can be manipulated to hurt the interest of a nation".

Addressing 132 IPS probationers of the 73rd batch after the Dikshant Parade at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), Doval said the "interest of India should be supreme". The "quintessence of democracy does not lie in the ballot box. It lies in the laws made by the people who are elected through those ballot boxes. You are the ones who are the enforcers of those laws," he said.

"Laws are not as good as they are made. Laws are as good as



NSA Doval at the parade in Hyderabad. ANI

they are implemented and executed and the service that people are able to get out of it. If you fail to enforce them in the letter and spirit in which they were made, they are as bad or as good as they were made. So, the success of democracy, and enforcement of the laws given by the people through their elected representatives, lies in your efficiency, commitment, values, attitude and your performances on the ground. Their implementation is more important than their legislation."

"No nation can be built

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TESTING TIME

Students appear for National Achievement Survey in Delhi Friday. The survey to assess comprehension, numerical skills after Covid disruption was supposed to cover 38 lakh students. 96% of sampled schools, 92% students took part, government said. Abhinav Saha [REPORT, PAGE 7](#)

Allow booster, vaccinate kids and cut dosage gap: Kerala to Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

KERALA HAS requested the Centre to expedite key issues related to Covid-19 vaccination, including immunisation of children, providing booster doses to the co-morbid population and reducing the gap of the second dose of Covishield.

Speaking at *The Indian*



Kerala Health Minister Veena George

Express's Idea Exchange session, Kerala Health Minister Veena George said, "Regarding vaccination of children, I myself have written to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviyaji to take a quick decision on vaccinating our children. And also about reducing the period between the first and second dose (of Covishield)."

On May 13, the Centre

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PAK PM'S STATEMENT

Will favourably consider: Pak on wheat from India to Kabul

On exceptional basis for humanitarian purpose: Imran to Taliban delegation

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

MORE THAN a month after India reached out to Pakistan for sending food grains to Afghanistan through the land route, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan Friday told a Taliban delegation in Islamabad that his country would "favourably consider" a request by "Afghan brothers" for transportation of wheat from India via Pakistan "on exceptional basis".

Sources told *The Indian Express* that conversations are

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EXPLAINED
E Important signal, but logistics key

FOR INDIA, Imran Khan's statement is a signal that Pakistan is willing to let it help Afghans during their crisis. But the Indian side is also aware that much will depend on the logistics — and the Pakistan military establishment's response.

No clarity on crypto, House panel calls meet

SUNNY VERMA, GEORGE MATHEW & SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 12

AMID RENEWED parleys within policy and regulatory circles on the need to define and regulate cryptocurrencies, the Parliamen-

tary Standing Committee on Finance has called cryptocurrency associations and industry experts on Monday for a meeting on 'CryptoFinance: Opportunities and Challenges'.

The Finance Ministry has already held multiple meetings with financial sector regulators and industry stakeholders over the last few weeks to deliberate

on the need for a legislative framework on cryptocurrencies. Though the Reserve Bank of India and the Securities and Exchange Board of India have voiced their concerns over the unregulated growth of the sector, a consensus seems to be emerging among a section of policymakers in favour of defining cryptos as an asset class, but

not as legal tender.

"On crypto... we have serious concerns from the point of view of macroeconomic and financial stability. How the issue has to be dealt with — we have given our detailed suggestions to the government; as far as I know the matter is under the active consideration of the government

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Minorities panel to UP: Submit probe report on custody death

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

TAKING NOTE of *The Indian Express* report on the custodial death of a 22-year-old man who was detained at a police station in UP's Kasganj over a minor girl gone missing, the National Commission for Minorities has asked the state to submit a probe report within 15 days.

In a notice dated November 11, the panel said it "has taken cognizance of the report published in *The Indian Express* on the death of the youth in police custody", and sought the probe report "so that it can be placed before the Commission".

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The challenges security forces are facing in Poonch, and why e-commerce companies are looking to deliver groceries in under 30 minutes.

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Will favourably consider: Pak on wheat from India to Kabul

being held on the modalities, given the "urgent situation" in Afghanistan due to the approaching winter.

A statement by Khan's office said: "The Prime Minister conveyed that in the current context, Pakistan would favourably consider the request by Afghan brothers for transportation of wheat offered by India through Pakistan on exceptional basis for humanitarian purposes and as per modalities to be worked out."

The statement was released after Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi met Khan along with the group's Finance and Commerce & Industry ministers and senior members of the delegation. Khan "reaffirmed Pakistan's support to Afghanistan and the Afghan people in overcoming the dire challenges being faced by their country," the Pakistan PMO statement said.

India had reached out to Pakistan in the first week of October by sending a *note verbale* for allowing movement of trucks carrying 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan. With winter almost here, and a financial crisis crippling Afghanistan, food shortages are believed to be imminent in that country.

Some countries like China and Turkey have already started distributing food to Afghans. And India, which has a lot of goodwill among the Afghan people, also wants to do its bit, sources said.

Officials said the task of moving 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan would require sending 5,000 trucks via

Pakistan. Islamabad is looking at the proposal but is said to have pointed out that the scale — in terms of trucks and roads — needs to be worked out.

According to sources, the logistics suggest that Indian trucks may have to be allowed since it would otherwise require the wheat to be unloaded and loaded again at Zero Point on the Wagah-Attari border.

Pakistan's statement came even as Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid spoke favourably about the meeting on Afghanistan of National Security Advisors of key countries in the region, except China and Pakistan, that was held in Delhi Wednesday.

According to a transcript of his comments, obtained by *The Indian Express*, Mujahid said: "Regarding the conference being held in India, the region must have taken notice of the security of Afghanistan and considers the economic stability of Afghanistan is in greater benefit of the region. India is also a very important country in the region and we want good diplomatic ties with them. The policy of Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan is that its land will not be used against any country. We want mutual cooperation."

He said: "Though we are not present in this conference but we firmly believe that this conference is in the better interest of Afghanistan as the entire region is considerate of the current Afghan situation, and the participating countries also must be thoughtful of improving and safeguarding the security situation in Afghanistan and helping the current government to ensure security in the country on its own."

Responding to questions, the spokesperson said: "Moreover, cooperation in business and economy is also a need of the hour for the regional countries

for establishing security in Afghanistan. We do not have any objection or anxiety with the conference being held in India and we are hopeful that positive outcomes of this conference will be utilised and implemented."

No clarity on crypto, House panel calls meet

and the government will decide," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Wednesday at a *Business Standard* event.

While the RBI has repeatedly voiced concerns about cryptocurrencies being accepted as legal tender or at par with cash, capital market regulator SEBI has reservations on regulating them as a financial asset, sources said. The latter has flagged that it has no control over the "clearing and settlement" of cryptos, and that it cannot offer counter-party guarantee as is being done for stocks, a senior official told *The Indian Express*.

The RBI has argued that it is in the process of introducing a central bank digital currency (CBDC), which should be allowed to run instead of the private tokens, the official said. The RBI has warned the public against other virtual currencies several times in the past.

It has also argued that if crypto is treated as currency, then interest bearing deposits on cryptos need to be introduced to protect the effectiveness of the RBI policy, another senior government official said.

In its comments submitted to the Department of Economic Affairs on the draft Crypto Token and Crypto Asset (Banning, Control and Regulation) Bill, 2018, SEBI had said it was not best suited to be the regulator of

crypto assets and tokens. Three years down the line, the regulator's position has not changed, the official said.

On their part, the regulators seem to be waiting for greater clarity from the government.

"The government needs to first decide whether it is a currency, commodity, or security... It will then have to be seen who will regulate it. They can even set up a new regulatory body for this," a senior official in the regulatory set-up said.

In such a regulatory vacuum, the crypto market has been growing — even though RBI believes it's not growing as much as market players are claiming.

In the absence of a law, the Department of Revenue in the Finance Ministry is of the view that cryptocurrency investors and traders should pay tax on gains and income on transactions. "Since income is being generated from this activity (trading in cryptos), the department has the right to tax, irrespective of whether this activity itself is legit yet," the official said.

Experts and even industry stakeholders are increasingly willing to subject themselves to regulation. Nitesh Shah, MD, Kotak Mahindra AMC and part-time member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council said the market was too big to ignore now. "I believe regulators are working on it. There will be some regulation. Crypto is becoming more of a semi-urban and rural phenomenon. In Tier-II towns, it's spreading like wildfire," he told *The Indian Express* in a recent interaction.

"I am not qualified to say if crypto is a fraud or not... Who knows, it may be the future and we are early entrants, so why not regulate and make people aware that this is high-risk, high return... so that tomorrow if it goes out of hand, it does not

jeopardise many investors," Shah said.

The government held off on plans to introduce The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021, in the budget session as it continued discussions with stakeholders. The draft law proposed to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies and laid down the regulatory framework for the launch of an "official digital currency". However, the view on outright prohibition seems to have evolved since then.

Shocking, says Opp, after RS Secy Gen is shunted out in two months

out and appointed as "Advisor."

"It is surprising and shocking. When the Session had been called already, why this sudden decision has been taken, what are the reasons? What is the purpose and intention behind this, we have to find out," Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge told *The Indian Express*.

He said the usual practice is to appoint law experts as Secretary General.

"Whether they have consulted the Vice President of India who is also the Chairman of the House, we don't know. That also we will have to find out. Why have they appointed a new Secretary General in such a great hurry? Why have they replaced Ramacharyulu who was appointed just two months ago when the session had been called under his signature?" Kharge said.

Congress Chief Whip in Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh responded on Twitter: "Not surprised at all. Dr P P Ramacharyulu is a thorough professional, non-partisan and perfectly qualified for the post — three deadly sins in the Modi regime."

The Trinamool Congress and the RJD, too, expressed surprise. "It is not known why a person who was appointed hardly 73 days ago has been replaced all of a sudden by an IRS officer," Trinamool Congress chief whip Sukhendu Shekhar Roy told *The Indian Express*.

"I find it very bizarre and inexplicable. He could not attend a single session because his appointment was done after the last session was over. And on the eve of a new session you bring in somebody new; that raises questions," said RJD's leader in Rajya Sabha Manoj Jha.

Mody, a 1982 batch Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax cadre) officer, retired as CBDT chairman in May this year. He was appointed chairman in February 2019.

In June 2019, a Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (Mumbai) had lodged a complaint with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman against Mody in which the officer detailed what she described as his "shocking" directive to bury a "sensitive case".

The complaint, reported by *The Indian Express*, was sent by the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Secretariat. It also alleged that the CBDT Chairman had informed the Chief Commissioner he had "secured" his position because of a "successful search" action against an Opposition leader. When contacted then, Mody was unavailable for comment.

Two months after the complaint, he was given a one-year extension by the Government and was subsequently given two more extensions as head of the premier tax body.

Announcing Ramacharyulu's appointment as Secretary General on August 31, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat had said he was "the first insider to have risen from the ranks of the Secretariat" and that "he had about 40 years of experience of handling various aspects of the functioning of the Parliament".

He had joined the Secretariat in 1983 after serving in the Lok Sabha Secretariat for a year.

Ramacharyulu is the first Secretary General of Rajya Sabha with such a short stint in office. His predecessor Desh Deepak Verma served as Secretary General for four years from 2017. A 1978 batch IAS officer, Verma retired as Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in 2013. After his retirement, he held the post of Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission.

The Secretary General is the third most important functionary of the Rajya Sabha after the Chairman and Deputy Chairman. In the Warrant of Precedence, he holds the rank corresponding to the Cabinet Secretary.

According to the official profile of the job, the "Secretary General is appointed by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha from amongst those who have made their mark by long years of service in the Parliament or State Legislatures or the Civil Service."

It defines the role as "advisor to the Chairman in the matters concerning Rajya Sabha or its Secretariat... expected to be the repository of the accumulated wisdom of the House; the custodian of its culture, traditions and precedents."

Mody holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law degrees and has a Diploma in journalism.

Civil society is new frontier of war... can be manipulated to hurt nation: Doval

where the rule of law has failed. People cannot feel safe and secure if law enforcers are weak, corrupt and partisan... many of these values were enshrined in the oath you just took. Enforce the law with that spirit," he said.

"People are of utmost importance. The new frontier of war or fourth generation warfare is civil society. Wars have ceased to become an effective instrument for achieving political or military objectives. They are too expensive and unaffordable and at the same time, there is uncertainty about their outcome. But it is the civil society that can be subverted, suborned, that can be divided, that can be manipulated to hurt the interest of a nation. And you are there to see that they stand fully protected," he told the probationers.

"So, the service of the people is the greatest service, not only from the point of view of nation-building, but also from the point of view of national security. And police have to work closely with other organisations for which they require a mental attitude that we are going to work together and serve this nation."

He said police forces also have a key role in border management. "You are also supposed to protect and maintain law and order in 32 lakh sq km of this country, there is not even an inch which is not part of a police station. Our sovereignty goes as far as the jurisdiction of our last police station... You will be responsible for maintaining peace and order and managing

15,000 km of border which has its own peculiar problems. Whether it's the border with Pakistan, China, Myanmar or Bangladesh, we have got different types of security-related issues, which are taken care of by police and Central police organisations. You are also expected to take up highly specialised investigations, maybe with CBI or NIA," he said.

Allow booster, vaccinate kids and cut dosage gap: Kerala to Centre

accepted the Covid Working Group's recommendation and extended the gap between the first and second doses of Covishield to 12-16 weeks, or after 84 days, from the earlier 6-8 weeks.

George cited the state's significant NRI population to argue why Kerala wants the existing gap of 84 days between the two doses to be reduced.

"Now it is 84 days. But we have asked the Central government to reduce the period because, as you know, Kerala is a state where we have many NRIs. Many of our people work abroad and if they come here and take the first dose of vaccine, it will be difficult for them to stay for 84 days to take the second dose. So we have asked for the gap to be reduced. I have received a letter from the Union Health Minister that the Central government will consider it," George said.

On June 7, the Centre had made an exception in the 84-day rule for persons undertaking international travel for education or employment opportunities with the onus on states to check the genuineness of the purpose of travel.

On the need for a booster dose of the Covid vaccine, especially considering the prevalence of non-communicable diseases in close to 30 per cent of the state's population, George said, "I have already written a letter to the Union (Health) Minister to have a quick decision on the booster dose also. I think the Central government will be considering it. My principal secretary has taken up the issue with the secretary, Union Health Ministry. And I have written to the minister. We are awaiting their decision."

George, however, underlined that a decision on the booster dose will be based on expert opinion. "We have a number of people with lifestyle diseases — diabetes, hypertension, etc. We have analysed Covid-19 deaths and it was more in people with these comorbidities. It is good if they get a booster dose. This is why we have decided to request the Central government to take a decision on giving booster doses. Again, it is not our decision, the experts have to decide... And the Centre will have to take an opinion from experts and I hope a good decision will be taken soon," George said.

At 70,251, Kerala currently has the highest number of active Covid-19 cases in the country. It is also reporting the highest number of Covid-19 deaths in the country. However, George said, the state's case fatality rate — the share of deaths among those diagnosed with the infection — still continues to be lower than the national average, and that the health systems were not overwhelmed even during the peak of the second wave.

Kerala's case fatality rate stands at 0.6% against the national average of 1.3%.

"The state's geography and population can be compared to that of some European coun-

tries. It is like a large city. If you look at the state and its population density — it is double the national average. We also have a high proportion of senior citizens. We also have a very high percentage of people with lifestyle diseases. These are our challenges. But when you analyse our work and strategy, there was not a single case where a person died because of not getting oxygen or without hospital support," George said.

"Our strategy has been to keep the number of patients below the hospital capacity. At this stage, where every day we are reporting 6,000-7,000 cases, if we look at hospital occupancy or ICU occupancy, it is very less. Our hospitals have never operated in pressure mode. The progression of the second wave in the state was not like a tsunami," she said.

Minorities panel to UP: Submit probe report on custody death

"We have asked for a report from both the Chief Secretary as well as the DGP and have told them to respond within 15 days on the custody death," the Commission's chairperson Iqbal Singh Lalpura told *The Indian Express*.

On Thursday, *The Indian Express* reported that five police personnel at the Kotwali Police Station in Kasganj were suspended over the incident. Police have claimed that the youth, Altaf, had hanged himself on Tuesday with a drawing from the hood of his jacket, using a water pipe in a toilet that is just a couple of feet from the ground.

Altaf, a labourer, was picked up for questioning on a complaint by a Hindu family, who accused him of kidnapping their 16-year-old daughter. Police said they rushed Altaf to the Community Health Centre on discovering him in the toilet, but he died during treatment.

Police said that while an autopsy confirmed death by hanging, they had a written statement from Altaf's family that he was suffering from depression.

The girl, a student of Class 10, remains missing. "Teams have been formed to find her and we are gathering evidence. The minor will be found soon," Kasganj SP Rohan Bortre Pramod said.

Till Friday evening, no complaint had been received by Kasganj Police from Altaf's family in connection with the incident. Officials said a departmental inquiry and a magisterial probe into the death were being conducted simultaneously. They said the investigating officers would record the statements of those present in the station at the time of incident, including another man who was in the lock-up.

The custodial death was strongly condemned by opposition parties, with Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra questioning the human rights record of the BJP-ruled state and saying that law and order was "in complete disarray".

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav demanded a judicial probe into the matter.

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind president Maulana Mahmood Madani sought a high-level inquiry and criticised the UP government for its "failure to protect human rights".

He demanded immediate action against the police personnel involved and Rs 50 lakh in compensation for Altaf's family. He also demanded that "the series of police encounters and custodial deaths" in UP be investigated by a high-level committee under the supervision of the Supreme Court.



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NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS FOR 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited will be held on **Wednesday, 08th December, 2021 at 11:30 AM (IST)** through Video Conferencing (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the business as set out in the Notice of AGM, being circulated separately. In view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Ministry of Corporate Affairs vide its Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8th April, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and also Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide circular dated January 15, 2021 read with circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 have permitted the holding of AGM through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) without requiring the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. Accordingly, in compliance with these circulars, relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the 18th AGM of the Members of the Company will be held through Video Conferencing (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM).

In Compliance with the aforesaid circulars, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2020-21, will be sent only by electronic mode to those Members of the Company whose email addresses are registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s). The aforesaid documents will also be available on the Company's website at www.rvnl.org, the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, the website of NSDL (agency for providing e-voting/remote e-voting facility) i.e. www.evoting.nsdl.com and on the website of Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents (RTA) i.e. **M/s Alankit Assignments Limited at www.alankit.com**.

Manner of Registering / Updating Email Addresses

a) Members holding shares in physical mode, who have not registered / updated their email addresses with the Company are requested to register / update the same with the Registrar of the Company viz, M/s Alankit Assignments Limited or by writing to the Company with details of Folio number and attaching a self attested copy of PAN card at investors@rvnl.org or to Alankit Assignments at virenders@alankit.com. Detailed instructions have been uploaded on Company's website at <https://www.rvnl.org>

b) Members holding shares in Dematerialized mode, who have not registered / updated their email addresses with the Depository Participants are requested to register / update their email addresses with the Depository Participants with whom they maintain their demat account.

Manner of casting vote(s) through Remote e-voting / e-voting at AGM

(a) Members will have the opportunity to cast their vote (s) on the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM through electronic voting system ("e-voting").

(b) The manner of voting remotely ("remote e-voting") by members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email addresses has been provided in the Notice of AGM. The details will also be available on the website of Company at www.rvnl.org and on the website of NSDL www.evoting.nsdl.com

(c) The facility of voting through electronic voting system will also be made available at the AGM ("Insta-Poll") and Members attending AGM who have not cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote at the AGM through Insta-Poll.

(d) The login credentials for casting votes through e-voting shall be made available to all members through email. Members who do not receive email or whose email addresses are not registered with the Company/Alankit Assignments / Depository Participants may generate login credentials by following instructions given in the Notes to Notice of AGM.

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(iii) Detailed instructions have been uploaded on Company's website at <https://www.rvnl.org>

Members are requested to carefully read all the Notes set out in the Notice of the AGM and in particular instructions to register / update e-mail id, joining AGM, manner of casting votes through remote e-voting or voting at AGM and Dividend related information.

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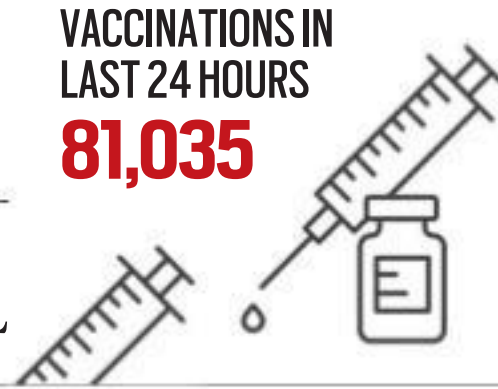
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	40	61	0	49,912
Nov 12	62	56	2	49,874
Total	371*	14,14,868	25,093	2,99,72,235

*Total active cases

IIT-D hopes to have all 1st-yr students back by mid-Dec

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

INDIAN INSTITUTE of Technology (IIT) Delhi Director V Ramgopal Rao Friday said the institute will start onboarding first-year students from November 29, and their classes may shift to the offline mode by mid-December. Speaking on the eve of IIT-D's 52nd convocation, Rao also said the institution had been promised USD 10 million by alumnus Anant Yardi, founder and president of Yardi Systems.

"From November 29, we hope to start onboarding students and hopefully by the mid-



On the eve of IIT-D's 52nd convocation

dle of December, we will have all students back on campus. So hopefully by mid-December, first-year classes may go back to regular offline mode. For all other students, we want to hold

physical classes beginning from the first week of January," Rao said in a press conference.

Dean Academics Shantanu Roy said classes will be online. "Onboarding will be a 'slow, graded process'. Once we see that everything is stable and government orders also enable certain things... that's when we'll start moving back to (offline) classes. Not all classes will move offline, the more important core courses will go offline first and the elective courses for which the registration of students is less will continue online. The examination will be offline. But at any given point, we will make sure that no classroom has more than 50% ca-

capacity. On January 3, the semester reopens for everyone else. There also the same model is going to be followed," he said.

Speaking about Yardi's donation, Rao said Yardi's gift would "enable IIT-Delhi to create state-of-the-art laboratories and attract talented students and researchers to its newly established School of Artificial Intelligence (ScAI)".

"The future progress of a nation will depend on its AI capability. This generous gift will catalyse cutting-edge research in AI and related areas and propel ScAI and IIT-Delhi in their quest for building better solutions for the benefit of our society, environment, industry and nation," he said.

Court: Staff crunch no excuse for pending cases at forensic lab

New Delhi: A Delhi court has said it is a matter of concern that over 300 cases are pending examination at the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) and pointed out that staff shortage is no justification for delay in sub-

mitting forensic reports.

Special Judge Santosh Snehi Mann made these observations in an order passed on November 8 while hearing a Prevention of Corruption Act case investigated by the CBI. ENS

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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA

Notification No. 4346/1 –RG Dated, Calcutta, the 2nd November, 2021.

Advertisement, bearing Notification No. 4346 – RG dated, the 2nd day of November, 2021, inviting applications from eligible members from Bar for filling up 04 (four) [but likely to vary subject to result of Civil Appeal No. 1867 of 2006 (Malik Mazhar Sultan's case now pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India)] in the post of **District Judge (Entry Level)** has been uploaded on the website of High Court at Calcutta. Application for such posts must reach office of the undersigned before **4:30 PM on 29.11.2021**. For details visit this Court's website www.calcuttahighcourt.gov.in. Dated : 02.11.2021

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Wrestler, brother death: Coach, associate arrested from Dwarka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

TWO DAYS after a 20-year-old trainee wrestler and her 18-year-old brother were shot dead at a wrestling academy in Sonapat, the Special Cell of the Delhi Police arrested two men from outside the Dwarka Sector-14 Metro station Friday in connection with the murders. The Sonapat Police have been informed of the arrests and have been asked to take the accused into custody, police said.

Police said they have arrested Pawan Brak and his associate, Sachin Dahiya (23). Sachin has a criminal background and two Arms Act cases against him in Haryana. A revolver has been seized from Brak's possession.

"We received information that two men involved in the double murder were coming to Delhi to meet their associate. A trap was laid and both were arrested on Friday morning," a senior police officer said. A reward of Rs 1 lakh was announced for information leading to the arrest.

Brak's wife Sujata and his brother-in-law, Amit were earlier arrested from Rohtak, according to a spokesperson of the



The men were arrested from outside Dwarka Sector-14 Metro station

Sonapat Police.

The wrestler and her brother were killed and their mother sustained injuries as the coach and his associates allegedly opened fire at them at the academy. The mother was admitted to the PGIMS hospital in Rohtak.

Mayank Gupta, the assistant superintendent of police (ASP), Kharkhoda, said, "The FIR mentions that Brak, who is the owner of the wrestling academy, harassed the woman and misbehaved with her."

During questioning, Brak has claimed he was agitated by allegations of harassment against him, and was upset with the brother calling his friends to the academy to address the issue.

Police are verifying his claims.

'What is offence?': HC to cops on those who sheltered Tablighis

SOFIAHSAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

THE DELHI High Court Friday questioned the Delhi Police for registering FIRs against Indian nationals who had provided accommodation in their homes or mosques to attendees of the Tablighi Jamaat congregation at Markaz Nizamuddin during the lockdown last year, asking whether there was any notification to throw people out instead.

"Suddenly a lockdown is imposed, where does one go? On the street? He will remain where he is. What is the offence committed? Is there any bar on residents of Madhya Pradesh to come and stay in Delhi or stay in any temple, masjid, gurdwara," said Justice Mukta Gupta, while hearing the petitions seeking quashing of FIRs against Delhi residents who are accused of allowing the attendees — mostly foreign nationals — to live in mosques or their houses.

The court said that when the lockdown was imposed, the people were in the mosque and nobody could go anywhere.

"There was no means available. Then what is the offence? What is the violation? Or was there any notification that everybody will throw out whosoever is staying somewhere," it added.

The counsel representing the Delhi Police told the court that the investigating officer of the cases has recently changed and sought time to file a detailed status report. The court, while listing the case for hearing on December 6, said one more opportunity is granted to file the status report within one week. It also asked the police to verify

whether there are residential places or rooms within the mosques.

"Wherever anybody was residing, person need(ed) to continue. A person could not even shift if they were with their grandparents, parents... nobody could go out of the house. Wherever you were, you were just suddenly static. So, there was no question of changing the place at that time," said Justice Gupta further. "When the lockdown was imposed, there was no bar on anybody residing over there," continued the court.

Ashima Mandla, representing the accused, told the court that the police in the chargesheet have placed two prohibitory orders of March 24 and March 30 but in status report they are referring to a prohibitory order of March 11.

"A bare perusal of those prohibitory orders... It only bars religious congregation and in FIRs itself, the allegation is that I am simply residing. At no point in FIR, they say that a religious congregation is being held despite lockdown," she submitted.

Mandla further submitted that police shoved and packed people like sardines in quarantine centres. "Out of these FIRs, there are three FIRs which are peculiar because those are the FIRs where private persons have been made accused over here for just giving refuge in their own houses. It is not even the case of a Masjid," she contended, adding that women are not allowed to stay inside the Markaz and they stay in private houses.

At least 48 people are accused in at least a dozen FIRs, which are under challenge before the HC.

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EXTRACT FROM THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS (STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED) FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021 (₹ in Lakhs)

S. N.	Particulars	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED					
		Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended			Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended		
		30/09/2021 (Unaudited)	30/06/2021 (Unaudited)	30/09/2020 (Unaudited)	30/09/2021 (Unaudited)	30/09/2020 (Unaudited)	31/03/2021 (Audited)	30/09/2021 (Unaudited)	30/06/2021 (Unaudited)	30/09/2020 (Unaudited)	30/09/2021 (Unaudited)	30/09/2020 (Unaudited)	31/03/2021 (Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	370119	264038	318364	634157	602162	1193900	370119	264038	318364	634157	602162	1193900
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) from operations before exceptional items and tax	7465	(503)	11752	6962	26902	34346	3522	(9498)	11562	(5976)	26520	33091
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) before tax after exceptional items	7465	(503)	11752	6962	26902	34346	3522	(9498)	11562	(5976)	26520	33091
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax	5577	(438)	8731	5139	19754	24963	1634	(9433)	8541	(7799)	19372	23708
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income for the period)	5579	(437)	8661	5142	19615	25050	1636	(9432)	8471	(7796)	19233	23795
6	Equity Share Capital	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year						168086						164961
8	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each)*												
	(a) Basic	1.14	(0.09)	1.78	1.05	4.03	5.09	0.33	(1.92)	1.74	(1.59)	3.95	4.83
	(b) Diluted	1.14	(0.09)	1.78	1.05	4.03	5.09	0.33	(1.92)	1.74	(1.59)	3.95	4.83

*Not annualised in case of quarterly / half-yearly figures.

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Yearly 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/Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges websites, www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and website of the Company www.nationalfertilizers.com

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
Sd/-
(Nirlep Singh Rai)
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DIN : 08725698

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Q1 FY22 - ₹ 114 Crore
Growth - 51.48% (Q-o-Q)

PAT
Q2 FY22 - ₹ 133 Crore
Q1 FY22 - ₹ 85 Crore
Growth - 56.59% (Q-o-Q)

EXTRACT OF STANDALONE / CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
	Quarter ended 30 Sept., 2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 June, 2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 Sept., 2020 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 Sept., 2021 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 Sept., 2020 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March, 2021 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30 Sept., 2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 June, 2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 Sept., 2020 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 Sept., 2021 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 Sept., 2020 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March, 2021 (Audited)
Total income from Operations	1,421.06	1,053.10	967.88	2,474.16	1,447.26	4,955.93	1,523.19	1,142.04	1,042.65	2,665.23	1,571.48	5,349.83
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & exceptional items)	172.91	114.15	103.54	287.06	163.67	574.02	169.22	119.09	111.94	288.31	166.91	577.52
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & after exceptional items)	172.91	114.15	103.54	287.06	163.67	574.02	169.22	119.09	111.94	288.31	166.91	577.52
Net profit after tax	132.63	84.70	76.21	217.33	116.09	404.56	125.94	88.99	84.07	214.93	118.53	391.06
Total comprehensive income	129.85	85.86	76.91	215.71	115.14	403.35	123.16	90.15	84.77	213.31	117.58	389.85
Equity share capital	188.10	188.10	94.05	188.10	94.05	94.05	188.10	188.10	94.05	188.10	94.05	94.05
Other Equity (Excluding Revaluation Reserve)						4,312.43						4,309.08
Earnings Per Share (not annualized) (Note 4)												
(Face Value of ₹2/- each)												
(a) Basic (in ₹)	1.41	0.90	0.81	2.31	1.23	4.30	1.34	0.95	0.89	2.29	1.26	4.16
(b) Diluted (in ₹)	1.41	0.90	0.81	2.31	1.23	4.30	1.34	0.95	0.89	2.29	1.26	4.16

NOTES :

- The above standalone and consolidated financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 12th November 2021. The Statutory Auditors of the company have conducted limited review of the financial results for the Quarter and half year ended 30th Sept. 2021.
- The Standalone and Consolidated financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules thereunder and in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as Amended) and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended. The full format of the aforesaid financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges website of BSE (www.bseindia.com/corporates), NSE (www.nseindia.com/corporates) and Company's website at www.ircon.org.
- The Board of Directors of IRCON in its 268th meeting held on 5th April, 2021 had approved the proposal for issuance of 47,02,57,870 fully paid-up Bonus Shares of Rs.2/- each in the ratio of 1:1 (i.e. issue of 1 (one) equity share for every existing 1 (one) equity share with 21st May, 2021 as the Record Date for the purpose of ascertaining the eligibility of Shareholders. The Final Listing and Trading Approvals from NSE and BSE have been received on 31st May, 2021. Post Bonus, the Paid-up Share Capital of the Company is Rs.188,10,31,480 divided into 94,05,15,740 equity shares of Rs.2/- each. Accordingly for compliance of accounting standards on Earning per share

(IND AS 33), the per share calculation of all previous year/periods presented above are based on new number of Equity shares.

5. Interim Dividend of Re. 0.70 per equity share on face value of Rs. 2/- per share for the year 2021-22 was approved in BoD held on 12th November, 2021. This is in addition to Interim Dividend of Re. 0.45 per equity share on face value of Rs. 2/- per share for the year 2021-22 approved in BoD held on 12th August, 2021 and subsequently paid.

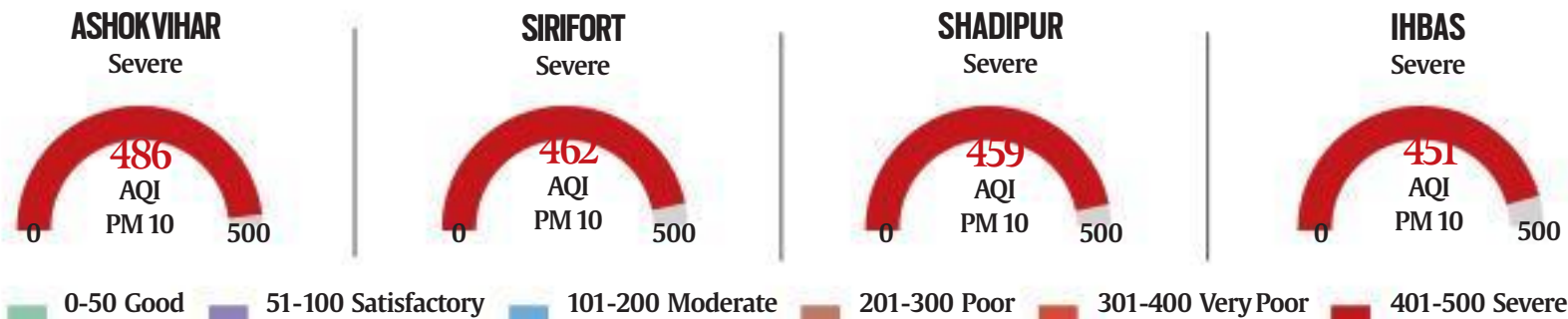
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Yogesh Kumar Misra
Chairman & Managing Director
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Place: New Delhi
Date: 12th November, 2021

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Moderate fog in the morning.

MAX: 26
2.5° C below normal

MIN: 12
1.6° C below normal

DELHI AQI SEASON'S WORST

Warning: Hold your breath

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

WITH THE air quality index in Delhi hitting this season's highest figure of 471 on Friday, authorities have advised that government and private offices and other establishments reduce vehicle usage by at least 30% and outdoor activities be limited.

The AQI has reached the upper end of the 'severe' category, going by the Central Pollution Control Board's 4 pm bulletin — worse than the AQI of 462 on November 5, the day after Diwali.

As per an order issued by Prashant Gargava, chairperson of the sub-committee on the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), people are advised to limit outdoor activities and minimise exposure while government and private offices and other establishments have been advised to "reduce vehicle usage by at least 30%".

The sub-committee, which met Friday, also said in its order, "Concerned states and implementing agencies must be in complete readiness for implementation of measures under 'emergency' category as per GRAP."

Measures under the emer-



At 471, the AQI reached the upper end of the 'severe' category on Friday. Praveen Khanna

gency category — stopping construction, introducing odd-even scheme for private vehicles, stopping the entry of trucks into Delhi, except for essentials — are implemented when the PM 2.5 level is 300 µg/m3 or more, and PM 10 concentration is 500 µg/m3 or more, for 48 hours or above.

According to the minutes of the meeting, PM 10 and 2.5 levels crossed this threshold at 3 am and 1 am respectively on Friday.

Going by the minutes of the meeting, IMD scientist V K Soni told the sub-committee that meteorological conditions would be highly unfavourable for dispersion of pollutants till November 18 due to low wind speed and calm conditions at night. Increased instances of stubble burning and northwesterly winds mean that contribution to pollution is likely to remain high.

Average PM 2.5 concentration at 6 pm Friday was 354 µg/m3, while the PM 10 level at the same time was 559 µg/m3, according to figures provided by Gufran Beig, founder project director, SA-

FAR. These figures are well above the threshold for the 'emergency' category under GRAP.

According to the SAFAR forecasting system, contribution of crop residue burning to PM 2.5 levels was 35% on Friday, lower than the peak of 48% recorded on November 7. But the magnitude of this contribution remains high since the PM 2.5 levels are high, Beig said.

While PM 2.5 is usually seen as the main pollutant from crop residue burning, PM 10 is also becoming the lead pollutant

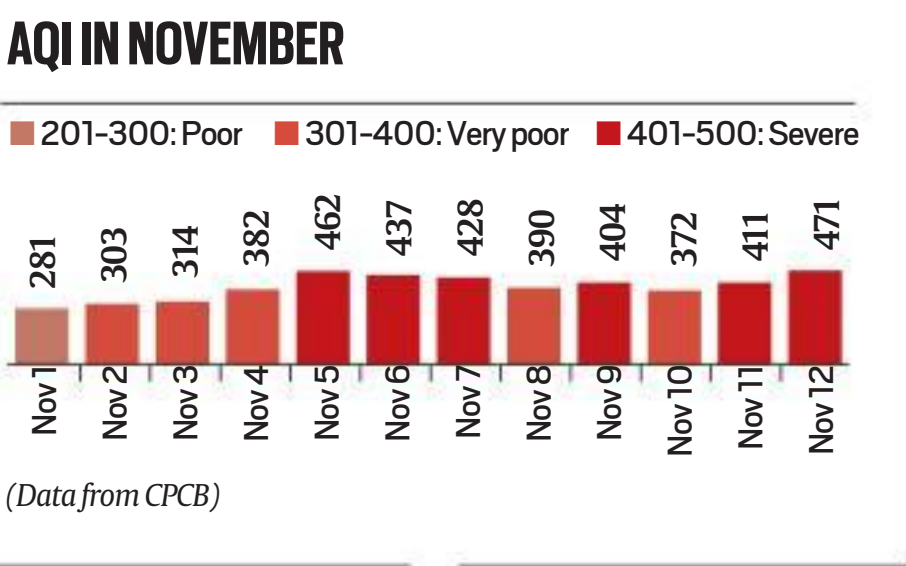
now, Beig noted.

"This could be because PM 2.5 particles are growing in size. Since there is a continuous flow of particles, humidity levels are high at night, and water sprinkling also increases the holding capacity of the air, PM 2.5 particles are growing towards PM 10. High fire counts over the past seven days and favourable conditions for transport of pollutants translate to a continuous flow of particulate matter. If there was no continuous flow, PM 2.5 particles would have died down in two or

three days before it can convert to bigger particles," he said.

Data from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee indicates that PM 10 levels at Anand Vihar spiked at 10 am Friday to hit 1,153 µg/m3, against a standard of 100 µg/m3. Similarly, at Okhla Phase 2, PM 10 levels hit 1,081 µg/m3 at 10 am.

Beig attributed the pollution levels to calm conditions combined with high fire counts: "Usually, by this time of the year, when temperature goes down further, the fire count starts go-



ing down. As the temperature cools, calm conditions start prevailing. If there is stubble burning at this point, it is more dangerous than it can be in warmer temperatures."

The cumulative fire count for Punjab till November 12 was 63,118, lower than the count from 2020 (70,152), but higher than 2019 (40,422), 2018 (46,965), and 2017 (45,607), according to satellite data provided by Pawan Gupta, senior scientist, Earth Sciences at the Universities Space Research Association, NASA Marshall Space Flight Centre.

Cumulative fire count in Haryana till November 12 (7,799) surpassed the counts from the past three years — 4,962 last year, 5,643 in 2019, and 6,824 in 2018.

No respite

Minimum temperature on Friday also hit this season's lowest so far at 12.6 degrees Celsius and is likely to fall further to around 10 degrees Celsius by November 17, according to the IMD.

Drop in minimum temperature, increase in fire counts, and favourable wind speed and direction could keep the AQI in the 'severe' or upper end of the 'very poor' category for the next two days, according to the SAFAR system on Friday.

According to the WHO, PM 10 can penetrate and lodge deep inside the lungs, while PM 2.5 can penetrate the lung barrier and enter the blood system.

BRIEFLY

'I'm like your son', Kejriwal tells family of accident victim

New Delhi: CM Arvind Kejriwal visited the family of a 24-year-old truck accident victim at East Kidwai Nagar Friday, assuring them of his support. On November 7, the family were on their way home from a visit to a temple when the incident took place. Viplak died the next day. Kejriwal said, "When I got information about the death of Viplak, I was deeply pained... I urge the family that if there is any problem they face in the future, then please tell me without hesitation." He added, "I am like your son, like your brother, I will try my best to help..."

Educational institutes labs of knowledge: Anupam Kher at JNU event

New Delhi: Bollywood actor Anupam Kher Friday said educational institutes are laboratories of knowledge and should be stopped from becoming laboratories for personal interests. He was speaking at the foundation day of the Swami Vivekananda statue at Jawaharlal Nehru University, which was unveiled last year by the PM. Addressing the event virtually, Kher said for the development of a new world, the western school of thought and eastern thoughts will have to come together. **ENS**

Namaz row simmers in Gurgaon: Another group objects to Friday prayers in Sarhaul

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 11

PROTESTS BY right-wing groups against namaz in public places continued in Gurgaon on Friday, with over 80 people objecting to prayers being offered at a park in Sarhaul, one of sites currently designated for prayers. Following this, police said, namaz was offered at a different location.

At Sector 12A, a group of over 20 people, including some who were arrested for attempting to disrupt namaz a fortnight ago, occupied the site and claimed they will build a volleyball court there. Cow dung cakes, spread on the ground last Friday after a Govardhan puja at the site, were yet to be cleared.

The puja was organised by the Sanyukt Hindu Sangharsh Samiti, which comprises 22 local right-wing outfits and has been spearheading the protests, at the same location on November 5.

According to police sources,



At the Sector 12 namaz site, Friday. Express

around 12.30 pm, a group of men — some from Sarhaul village and some affiliated with a group called 'Manavta Sangathan' — occupied the park, which is in a list of places previously agreed upon for namaz in 2018.

Sudhir Kumar, SHO of the Sector 17/18 police station, said: "Most protesters were from Sarhaul village and they said religious prayers should not be offered in the park. They said they had submitted an application to

the deputy commissioner and requested people who had come to offer prayers to go elsewhere. The Muslim community members left after a discussion... The situation was peaceful and there was no law-and-order issue. We have directed the protesters to keep their demands in front of the committee that has been formed on this issue."

Police sources said last Friday, the same group had disrupted prayers at another site near a di-

agnostic lab in the same area.

Parveen Yadav, who claimed to be the chairman of the Manavta Sangathan, said, "If they have a right to pray in a park, we also have a right to protest there. It is our view that prayers should only be offered in places of worship or at home... or on properties of Waqf board. The matter was discussed for over an hour, following which they left." He added that Friday namaz was being offered in the park for over a year. He claimed they were not linked to any political party or other outfit.

Sachin Yadav, vice-chairman of the group, said they formed the "social organisation" three weeks ago. "Local residents and some private company workers who work in the area were hassled by this issue, so we have raised it."

At the Sector 12 A site, Vir Yadav, who was among the people arrested on October 29, said, "We will make a volleyball court here. We have come here to plan, set up a net and arrange lights. A tournament will be held here soon. We will not al-

low namaz to happen in public places — here or anywhere in the city."

Pramila Chahar, who was also detained, said: "Residents of this area are opposed to namaz being offered in Sector 12. It creates traffic and security issues."

Muslim groups said they discussed the issue with the deputy commissioner and decided not to offer namaz at Sector 12A Chowk. Muslim Ekta Manch chairman Shehzad Khan said, "Over the next week, we will discuss the issue with officials and Hindu groups. Till a solution is found, we decided to not offer namaz at Sector 12A. People from the area prayed at a mosque near Sheetla Mata temple today."

Altaf Ahmad, co-founder of the Gurgaon Muslim Council, added, "The jumma namaz disruptions will not end unless the government allocates land for building mosques."

Despite repeated attempts, Gurgaon Deputy Commissioner Yash Garg could not be reached for a comment.

Two Covid deaths in city after nearly 3 weeks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

DELHI RECORDED two Covid deaths and 62 cases on Friday. This is the first time since October 22 that someone had died of Covid in the city. The positivity rate on Friday was 0.12%. The number of cases in a day is also the highest since August 8.

Delhi's death toll now stands at 25,093 at a case fatality ratio of 1.7%, as per the Covid health bulletin. In the whole of October, only four deaths were reported.

Over the past week, the city's positivity rate has been increasing marginally — from an average of around 0.6% to 0.1% on several days last week. Delhi's cumulative case stood at 14,40,332. Active cases stood at 371.

The Delhi Cabinet recently had approved a budget of Rs 1,544 crore to combat the pandemic. Health Minister Satyendar Jain had recently said medical infrastructure was being ramped up and 37,000 beds dedicated for Covid patients were being set up to tackle the anticipated third wave.

Jewar airport: Site for foundation stone finalised, one lakh expected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, NOVEMBER 12

A SITE in Rohi village has been finalised for Jewar International Airport's foundation stone ceremony. According to authorities, more than 1 lakh people are expected to attend the ceremony in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UP CM Yogi Adityanath will be the chief guests.

The airport is set to be functional by September 2024, officials say. "A site in Rohi village has been finalised, where the foundation

stone for the Airport will be laid. We had earlier shortlisted four sites. Several factors had been taken into account while deciding the location. We are expecting between 1 lakh and 1.25 lakh people to attend the ceremony. Further preparations are underway to make the event a success," said Arun Vir Singh, CEO, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Authority.

Over the last few weeks, officials have been carrying out site visits to prepare a plan for the ceremony. Factors such as distance of the helipad from the site, route path, space for visitors and secu-

rity protocol have been considered while deciding the location.

"The Jewar project is a dream come true for all residents. We are carrying out surveys and visits to ensure the event goes well. Meetings are being carried out with locals and there will be participation in huge numbers. In the coming days, more visits will take place to the selected site," said Jewar MLA Dharendra Singh.

The airport is spread across an area of 5,000 hectares and is being developed by the Zurich International Airport AG at an estimated cost of Rs 29,560 crore.



The NBCC is working on the East Delhi Hub project at Karkardooma. Abhinav Saha

ONE OF INDIA'S OLDEST ART GALLERIES

Oldworld charm with hint of new as Connaught Place gallery is revamped

VANDANA KALRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

AMONG THE numerous narrow stores at Chawri Bazaar in the 1930s was a small shop that would provide artists in Delhi with stationery and printing material. The owner, Ram Babu Jain, was more a friend than a shopkeeper. When he decided to shift his store Dhoomimal Dharamdas to Connaught Place in 1935, his clients too shifted with him. An art connoisseur, he often imported paints, paper and brushes to sup-

ply them at a minimal price.

Soon, artists began to trade supplies with their artwork resulting in a substantive collection that Jain began to showcase on the floor above the store in 1936, leading to the establishment of one of India's oldest art galleries. Over the years, it has worked with some of the most renowned artists of the country, including Francis Newton Souza, Jamini Roy, Sailoz Mukherjee and Ram Kumar.

While several renovations have taken place since, the gallery has now been completely refurbished by Ram Babu Jain's grand-

son, Uday Jain. "We wanted to retain the charm of the past but also make changes that are contemporary. The open courtyard has been kept," says Uday, who took over more than 15 years ago.

Attempting to retain a semblance of the past, Uday has kept the old structure, including the British fireplace. There are also photographs of artists and luminaries, including former PM Indira Gandhi, who visited the gallery. "We want people to know the history of the place," says Uday.

In keeping with Ram Babu's policy of promoting young



At Dhoomimal Gallery in Connaught Place. Abhinav Saha

artists, currently showing on the walls are the works of young artists who are part of the Ravi Jain Memorial Exhibition.

"During the initial years, every afternoon, around 8-10 people would come here for lunch. My grandfather did all he could to support artists. A R Chughtai, for instance, worked on a specific paper which was not available in India, so my grandfather imported that. He also published monographs on artists like Chughtai, Jamini Roy and Sailoz Mukherjee. In the 1940s, the gallery supported a group called

Kalakar that brought together like-minded people interested in art, poetry and music," says Uday.

In the late '50s and '60s, while Vijay Jain handled the Delhi gallery, siblings Mahender Jain and Ravi Jain established a gallery in New York and travelled across US, showcasing works of artists like MF Husain, KS Kulkarni, Ram Kumar, Sunil Das, Shanti Dave, Biren De and Krishen Khanna.

In the '60s, several expats in India would purchase artwork from Dhoomimal. "Internationally, foreign art had already reached a certain level and they

found the price of Indian art more reasonable. Even in the early '90s, you could get a Souza canvas for Rs 10,000," says Uday.

While its collection of modernists remains its primary asset, sharing his vision for the coming years, Uday says, "We would be looking at promoting more young artists, have interactive sessions, seminars and contribute towards art education."

Over the years the gallery has hosted several important exhibitions, including Krishen Khanna's truck series and Jeram Patel's Blow torch works.



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Pilot meets Sonia: ‘Will take up any role party gives’ PM to lead first Tribal Day celebrations

MANOJCG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

AS THE Congress leadership gives final touches to the reshuffle of the Ashok Gehlot Cabinet and reorganisation of the party organisation in Rajasthan, senior party leader Sachin Pilot on Friday met Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Pilot, sources said, is no more averse to taking up a role in the AICC.

Pilot's meeting with Sonia came a day after Chief Minister Gehlot met her. The Congress leadership is said to be keen to bring Pilot to Delhi as an AICC general secretary but he was re-



Sonia Gandhi; Sachin Pilot

portedly reluctant to move out of Rajasthan as taking up a post without ensuring that his loyalists have been suitably accommodated would have sent out a wrong signal.

Sources said the reshuffle, being worked out in Delhi, could be to his satisfaction.

BAGHEL MEETS SONIA OVER UP ELECTIONS

New Delhi: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel met Congress president Sonia Gandhi and AICC general secretary in charge of Uttar Pradesh Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday. The meeting lasted about 30 minutes. Sources said the discussion was about the party's preparations for the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. Baghel is the Congress's observer for the UP elections. **ENS**

"I had a very good meeting with the Congress president. I gave her my feedback about the political situation in Rajasthan, the functioning of the government and the organisation and what all we should do... we should work even more harder to win the mandate of the people again in the elections, which are just about 22 months away," Pilot said after the meeting.

On taking up a national role, Pilot said, "Whatever the Congress party wants me to do, I am more than happy to do. For the past 20 years, whatever job I have been assigned, I have done it diligently, with all my dedication

and effort, and now also whatever the party decides, what role I have to do... I am happy to do that."

"I am happy Mrs Gandhi took feedback from all of us. I think at the right time, AICC general secretary Mr [Ajay] Maken will take the appropriate decision viz-a-viz Rajasthan," he said.

On the Cabinet reshuffle, Pilot said the party will take a decision taking into consideration factors like "experience, credibility, performance, regional balance and caste combination".

He expressed confidence that the party high command will address the issues that he had raised a year ago.

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will lead the celebrations of the first-ever Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15, Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda said on Friday.

According to Munda, Modi will take part in a mega event in Bhopal, wherein more than two lakh tribals will also join in. Before participating in the celebrations,

Modi will virtually launch the Birsra Munda Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi, the minister said, adding that Modi will pay tribute to the statue of Birsra Munda in Parliament complex.

He said Birsra Munda is a prominent name among unsung tribal freedom fighters that the Centre wants to highlight. The programmes are part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a government initiative to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of Independent India. Munda said

this is the first time that programmes will be organised on a large scale to pay tribute to tribal freedom fighters. The Birsra Munda museum has been built at a cost Rs 36 crore at Ranchi Jail, where the tribal leader died in 1900 during his incarceration, aged 25.

Over 85 tribal movements of pre-Independence have been identified and are being compiled, and over 200 tribal freedom fighters have been identified by different states, the minister said.

Lakhimpur probe: SC gives UP govt time till Monday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

THE SUPREME Court on Friday granted time till November 15 to the Uttar Pradesh government for apprising its stand on the suggestion that a former judge of a "different high court" should monitor the state SIT probe in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence in which eight persons, including four farmers, were killed on October 3.

"I have almost got it worked out. Please give me time till Monday or Tuesday," senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the UP government, told the bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana.

"List on Monday," said the bench which included Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli.

On November 8, the court had expressed dissatisfaction over the probe, saying it was "not confident" and did not want the judicial commission appointed by the state government to continue. It had proposed the appointment of a retired judge from "a different High Court" to monitor the investigation till the chargesheets are filed.

"What appears to us is that this SIT (Special Investigation Team), somehow or the other, is unable to maintain an investigative distance between the cases. If this kind of process continues, it will be a case of weighing the oral evidence in one case against the other. To ensure that evidence... are recorded independently and there is no overlapping and no intermixing of the evidence, we are trying to appoint a retired judge from a different High Court to monitor the investigation on a day-to-day basis... We are not confident... We don't want the judicial commission appointed by your state to continue," the bench had said.

It had suggested the names of Justice Ranjit Singh and Justice Rakesh Kumar Jain, retired judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, and asked the state government to get back to it by Friday (November 12).

The police have so far arrested 13 accused, including Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra, in the case. Mishra's bail plea is to come up for hearing at a Lakhimpur Kheri court on November 15.

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Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2021						
(Rupees in lakhs, except for the share data and if otherwise stated)						
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Half year ended	
		30 September 2021	30 June 2021	30 September 2020	30 September 2021	30 September 2020
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1.	Total income from Operations	12,819	7,512	10,680	20,331	15,815
2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax	321	38	546	359	269
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax	239	28	321	267	151
4.	Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period / year (comprising profit for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	235	25	320	260	149
5.	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 2 each, fully paid)	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074
6.	Reserves excluding revaluation reserve as per balance sheet					6,148
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 2 each) (not annualised)					
	a. Basic (Rs.)	0.45	0.05	0.60	0.50	0.28
	b. Diluted (Rs.)	0.45	0.05	0.60	0.50	0.28

Notes:

- The Company doesn't have any exceptional and extraordinary item to report during the above periods.
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(Rajeev Bajaj)
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E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016 came into force w.e.f 1st October 2016. These Rules mandates various responsibilities on manufacturers, producers, collection centres, dealers, refurbishers, consumers, bulk consumers, dismantlers, and recyclers. Major responsibilities of each of these stakeholders are listed as under. For more details, these stakeholders may visit <https://www.dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in/uploads/pdf/E-Waste-guidelines-2016pdf-8c88009919a1a1148a66ff83a2257061.pdf> and <https://www.dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in/uploads/pdf/EWMRulespdf-fdab6f4b3b8088efb1c981b6ba97705f.pdf>, for compliance.

MANUFACTURERS

- Apply for authorisation in **Form 1** (a) to Delhi Pollution Control Committee (**DPCC**).
- Maintain record of e-waste generated, handled and disposed in **Form-2** and make such records available for scrutiny by **DPCC**.
- File annual returns in **Form-3**, to **DPCC** on or before 30th June following the financial year to which that return relates.

PRODUCERS

- Every producer of electrical and electronic equipment listed in Schedule I, shall apply application for Extended Producer Responsibility Authorisation to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in **Form 1**.
- Maintain records in **Form-2** of the e-waste handled and make such records available for scrutiny by the CPCB and **DPCC**.
- File annual returns in **Form-3**, to CPCB on or before 30th June following the financial year to which that return relates.
- Create awareness through media, publications, advertisements, posters, or by any other means of communication and product user documentation accompanying the equipment.

COLLECTION CENTRES

- Ensure that the facilities are in accordance with the standards or guidelines issued by CPCB time to time and store the e-waste collected by them in a secured manner till it is sent to authorised dismantler or recycler as the case may be.

- Maintain records in **Form-2** of the e-waste handled as per the guidelines of the CPCB and make such records available for scrutiny by the CPCB and **DPCC**.

DEALERS

- Shall collect the e-waste by providing the consumer a box, bin or a demarcated area to deposit e-waste, or through take back system and send the e-waste so collected to collection centre or dismantler or recycler as designated by producer.
- Shall ensure that no damage is

online application in **Form-4** to **DPCC**.

- Maintain record of e-waste collected, dismantled, recycled and sent to authorised recyclers in **Form-2** and make such records available for scrutiny by the CPCB and **DPCC**.
- File annual returns in **Form-3** to **DPCC** on or before 30th June following the financial year to which that return relates.

CONSUMERS/BULK CONSUMERS

- Shall ensure that e-waste generated by them is channelised through collection centre or dealer of authorised producer or



caused to the environment during storage and transportation of e-waste to authorised dismantlers or recyclers.

REFURBISHERS

- Apply for authorization by submitting an online application in **Form-1** (a) to **DPCC**.
- Shall ensure compliance with the guidelines issued by CPCB available as shown above.
- Maintain records of e-waste handled in **Form-2** and make such records available for scrutiny by the **DPCC**.
- File annual returns in **Form-3**, to **DPCC** on or before 30th June following the financial year to which that return relates.

DISMANTLER AND RECYCLERS

- Obtain authorization by submitting

dismantler or recycler or through the designated take back service provider of the producer to authorised dismantler or recycler.

- Maintain records of e-waste generated by them in **Form-2** and make such records available for scrutiny by **DPCC**.
- File annual returns in **Form-3**, to **DPCC** on or before 30th June following the financial year to which that return relates.

Any violation of the provisions of the Rules and notified guidelines will attract penal action as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Please visit website of Delhi Pollution Control Committee (<http://dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in>) for more details.

Member Secretary



IN A FLOW

WHILE JAL Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has said that the Centre is committed to the uninterrupted flow of Ganga, his party colleague and former Union water resource minister Uma Bharti on Friday highlighted issues that she claimed were affecting the environmental flow of the river. In a series of tweets, Bharti alleged that a power project in Srinagar was violating the rule of environmental flow, which was notified by the Centre in 2018. She also tweeted a video showing a dry stretch of the river and tagged Shekhawat along with the Prime Minister and Uttarakhand Chief Minister, asking them to take strictest action against the violator.

PICTURE IMPERFECT

BJP MAHILA Morcha national president Vanathi Srinivasan had to face some embarrassment after she posted on Twitter a group photograph of all the national office-bearers, including her, outside the party headquarters. The photograph she posted was apparently digitally altered to include her. Srinivasan's Twitter page was flooded with advice on technology that would make it look original. Incidentally, the photograph was also altered to include BJP treasurer Rajesh Agarwal, MLA from Bareilly. Staff at the BJP headquarters said both Srinivasan and Agarwal were present in office but missed the photograph session. Therefore, they were added to the group photo, they said.

STANDING OUT

THE NATIONAL Commission for Minorities receives approximately 1,500 complaints annually, many of them related to land disputes and discrimination. Recently, it was stumped when a man belonging to a minority community lodged a complaint, saying he had been attacked by a cow and thrown to the ground. He demanded that action be taken. Commission officials said they were not sure what to do with the complaint.

CRYPTOCURRENCY ROW

Cong questions Bommai's PM claim, seeks answers on Bitcoin 'disappearance'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 12

THE CONGRESS Friday questioned Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's claim that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked him to not worry about a Bitcoin-linked corruption issue in the state. The party also demanded answers from the BJP government on the alleged disappearance of 31 Bitcoins worth Rs 9 crore, claimed to have been seized by Bengaluru police in January from a hacker.

The opposition party released court documents to show that 31 Bitcoins which the Bengaluru police had claimed to have seized from an international hacker had gone missing.

Bommai, following a visit to New Delhi on Thursday, has said Modi asked him "not to bother too much about the Bitcoin issue".

"The chief minister has said that he has spoken to the PM on the bitcoin issue and that the PM has said it is not an important issue. Will there be smoke without fire? The CCB (Bengaluru Central Crime Branch) claims to have seized 31 Bitcoins so where are those now? The government has to answer these questions," said Karnataka Congress chief

RTI ON ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE BY GOVT

Delhi HC asks CIC about pendency of 2nd appeal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

THE DELHI High Court on Friday asked the Central Information Commission (CIC) to inform it about the timeframe within which the second appeal regarding an RTI application seeking information about the scope of electronic surveillance in India would be decided.

Apar Gupta, the co-founder and executive director of the NGO Internet Freedom Foundation, in December 2018 filed six RTI applications seeking data related to the interception, monitoring and decryption orders passed by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the IT Act. In January 2019, the authorities refused to share the information on grounds of national security. In May this year, the CIC asked the authorities to re-examine the issues, but in August, au-

PRE-POLL MEET: 'STRONG PRO-INCUMBENCY MOOD'

Cong, SP, BSP together can't defeat BJP: Shah in Varanasi

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 12

KICKING OFF his party's preparations for the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls scheduled for next year, senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed organisational functionaries from across the state — including those in charge of the 403 Assembly constituencies, leaders of district and regional units — in Varanasi on Friday.

A party leader who attended the meeting said Shah told the gathering that even if the Congress, SP and BSP come together, they will not be able to defeat the BJP.

According to sources, Shah praised the Yogi Adityanath government on law and order, action against mafia and management of health services during the pandemic. Shah is learnt to have said that while every government faces anti-incumbency, the pro-incumbency mood in favour of the Adityanath government was far stronger.

Sources said Shah told the gathering that the results of the 2022 UP elections would be crucial for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He said all eyes were on UP, as the route to victory in Delhi passes through this state. In 2017, the BJP and its allies had won 325 Assembly seats. On Friday, Shah asked the state party unit to work towards a bigger victory.

"The focus of the meeting was on organisational strengthening — especially at the booth level — in view of the Assembly elections. We have been asked to register 100 new members at each booth, and connect with first-time vot-



Home Minister Amit Shah and UP CM Yogi Adityanath pay tribute to Madan Mohan Malaviya on his death anniversary, at Banaras Hindu University. PTI

ers as well," said a party leader.

Sources said Shah interacted with some constituency in-charges and sought their opinions on organisational work. He also asked state leaders to assign responsibilities to all party workers. While the elections are yet to be announced, sources said the in-charges have been asked to start work in their assigned constituencies.

A party leader who attended the meeting said Shah targeted SP president Akhilesh Yadav over

EXPLAINED

Setting stage for 2024

SIGNALLING THAT he will be supervising BJP's preparations for the UP Assembly polls, Amit Shah is focusing on strengthening the party organisation and coordination — from the state unit to booth-level committees. Earlier, Shah had said that Yogi Adityanath would be the party's chief ministerial face in the elections. "The 2024 Lok Sabha elections that we have to win under Modi's leadership, its foundation will be laid by the UP 2022 Assembly polls. I want to tell UP's public that if you want Modi to return as PM in 2022, you have to make Yogi CM again in 2022. Only then can the country progress," he had said.

the strategy to win 300+ seats and talked about the importance of the constituency in-charge. He said BJP will win the elections on the strength of its workers and the blessings of the public," Singh said.

Adityanath also addressed the meeting. On Saturday, Shah and Adityanath will lay the foundation stone of a state university in Azamgarh and address a public meeting there. Shah will later visit Basti to inaugurate a sports event and travel to Adityanath's stronghold of Gorakhpur before leaving for Delhi.

After defections, AAP presses panic button, names 10 MLAs in first Punjab poll list

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 12

AMID FEARS that more of its MLAs will switch over to Congress, the AAP on Friday named its 10 MLAs as candidates from their respective constituencies for the 2022 Punjab Assembly elections.

Apart from the four who had earlier joined Congress, AAP has lost two more of its MLAs to the ruling party in two days. Bathinda Rural MLA Rupinder Kaur Ruby joined Congress on Wednesday while Jagtar Singh Hissawal, the MLA from Raikot, crossed over to the Congress benches amid a dramatic turn of event in the Vidhan Sabha Thursday.

Among the 10 MLAs whose seats were announced are Leader of the Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema from Dirba, Deputy



Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema found a place on the list, while suspended MLA Kanwar Sandhu (right) did not.

Leader of Opposition Sarvjit Kaur Manuke from Jagraon and Aman Arora from Sunam. Ropar MLA Amarjit Singh Sandoo, who had joined Congress and then came back to AAP fold, did not find a place in the list. Also missing is the name of suspended Kharar MLA Kanwar Sandhu.

As reported earlier by *The Indian Express*, at least four more AAP MLAs are in talks with



Congress to switch camps. Of these, one — Hissawal — Friday told *The Indian Express* that he will formally join Congress in two or three days.

AAP sources said hectic parleys took place between party leaders after the defections over last two days. "The party leadership also came to know that many more MLAs were headed towards Congress because of the

Cong writes to Facebook, asks it to probe functioning of India unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

THE CONGRESS Friday wrote to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, demanding an internal inquiry into the functioning of Facebook India. It alleged that the platform in India is biased towards the "ruling dispensation" despite its "proclivity" for sharing hate speech, misinformation, fake news and inflammatory content.

The party had written twice to Zuckerberg last year as well.

The fresh letter by the Congress comes amid reports that the Facebook management, between 2018 and 2020, ignored

multiple internal red flags on its India operations.

The Indian Express Friday reported that Facebook's global team, responsible for reviewing hate speech, had faced cost cuts amid a spike in inflammatory and divisive content.

In his letter to Zuckerberg, Congress social media department head Rohan Gupta drew his attention to what he called "apparent and evident bias that your company has shown in our country towards the ruling dispensation despite their proclivity for sharing hate speech, misinformation, fake news and inflammatory content on your platform".

Gupta said Facebook's "cost

cutting approach towards hate review led to a drastic and rapid increase in such content over the last two years".

Addressing a press conference with Gupta, Congress technology and data cell chairman Praveen Chakravarty reiterated the party's demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into Facebook India's conduct.

"The world's largest democracy is being manipulated by an American technology company. This is not anymore about the Congress or the BJP or even politics; this is about the sanctity of our democracy.... AJPC must be set up to probe into this issue, as we have previously asked for," he said.

MOVE AFTER IMPOSTORS SENT BOGUS NOTICES

ED sets up system for verifying genuine summons

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

WITH MULTIPLE instances of fake summons being issued in the name of Enforcement Directorate coming to light, the agency has instituted a mechanism where each summons can not only be verified through a QR code but will also bear the number of the issuing officer with whom it can be verified.

The fake summons, according to the agency, are often similar to the genuine summons issued by

ED and those receiving them often get fooled into believing they are being probed by the agency. The ED has recently also gotten four people arrested through the Delhi Police for extorting money using this modus operandi.

"This racket has been going on for almost a decade and for some reason, a system could not be put in place to stop it. It unnecessarily gives a bad name to the agency. The system we have put in place now is foolproof and people should verify every ED summons when they get it," a senior ED official said.

During the course of investigations, ED issues summons to witnesses and suspects to appear before it for questioning. "However, multiple instances have come to the notice of the Directorate of Enforcement where certain 'unscrupulous' persons (conman) have sent summons to individuals.... Investigations were conducted in these cases of fraud by ED and recently four persons have been arrested by Delhi Police (on the basis of complaint filed by ED) who were involved in issuing fake notice for appearance, impersonating as ED officers," an ED

statement said.

"In order to allow the individuals to verify the authenticity of the summons received by them, the Directorate of Enforcement has implemented a mechanism of generating summons through the system. Accordingly, officials of ED have been instructed to issue summons only through the system except in certain exceptional circumstances. It may also be noted that the summons generated from the system shall be duly signed and stamped by the official issuing the summons and shall also contain his/her official

Rahul: Hinduism not about killing but Hindutva is

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

JOINING THE debate on Hindutva, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday drew a distinction between Hinduism and Hindutva. He argued that Hinduism is not about killing individuals but Hindutva is.

Incidentally, he also admitted that the Congress ideology has been "overshadowed" by the ideology of the BJP and RSS and the party has to accept it.

Rahul's remarks come at a time when senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid's observations in his latest book, equating political Hindutva with "jihadist" Islam of groups like the Islamic State and Boko Haram of Nigeria, have triggered a political controversy and debate within the Congress.

Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad has called Khurshid's comparison "factually wrong" and an "exaggeration".

Addressing via video conference a training programme organised by the party in Sevagram in Maharashtra's Wardha, Rahul spoke about the difference between Hinduism and Hindutva.

"What is the difference between Hinduism as we know it and Hindutva? Are they the same thing? Can they be the same thing? If they are the same thing, why don't they have the same name. Why do they have a different name? ...why not just use Hindutva if they are the same thing? They are obviously different things," he said.

"Is Hinduism about beating a Sikh or a Muslim? Hindutva of course is. But is Hinduism about killing Akhlaq? In which book is this written? I have not seen it. I have read the Upanishads. I have not seen it. Where is it written that you should kill an innocent man? I am unable to find this. In Hindu scripture, in Islamic scripture, in Sikh scripture, I can see it in Hindutva," he said.



'Ideology of RSS and BJP has overshadowed the Cong's nationalistic ideology'

The Congress leader said the party should start exploring and discussing such things. "So, these are the types of things which we have to discuss. So, these are the types of things which we have to spread amongst ourselves. And once we begin to spread it effectively amongst ourselves, we will find it will automatically start to spread among others," he said.

Admitting that Congress ideology has been "overshadowed" by the RSS and BJP, he said, "It is important to understand why we find ourselves in the situation we find ourselves in. Today, whether we like it or not, the divisive ideology, the hateful ideology of the RSS and BJP, has overshadowed the loving, affectionate and nationalistic ideology of the Congress party. We have to accept this. We can no longer not accept this."

"Our ideology is alive, it is vibrant, but it has been overshadowed. It has been overshadowed partly because of a complete capture of the media, a complete capture of the Indian nation, but, it has also been overshadowed because we have not propagated our ideology among our own people aggressively," he said.

"And the central way we have to propagate our ideology is by training our own people and by involving our own people in a conversation about what it means to be a Congress person and how is that different from being an RSS person."

BJP: Habit of Gandhi family, Cong to defame Hindu religion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

THE BJP on Friday claimed that the Gandhi family and the Congress have made it a habit to defame Hindu religion.

"It is at the behest of the Gandhi family, particularly Rahul Gandhi, that the other leaders of the Congress — be it Salman Khurshid, be it Mani Shankar Aiyar or Rashid Alvi — often speak against Hinduism. This pathological hatred for Hinduism amongst the Congress leaders gets its energy from Rahul Gandhi and the Gandhi family," BJP spokesperson

Sambit Patra said. He was reacting to Rahul's remarks on Hindutva.

He cited WikiLeaks, in which Rahul was quoted as saying that India faced a bigger threat from Hindu extremist groups than from Islamic terror groups, and also quoted former Union minister P Chidambaram's "saffron terrorism" phrase.

"Salman Khurshid compared the Hindu religion with Boko Haram and IS, Shashi Tharoor used words like Hindu Taliban or saffron terrorism and Mani Shankar Aiyar and Digvijaya Singh also slam Hindu religion. So it's not a stand alone statement from a leader," Patra said.

Channi makes Punjabi language mandatory at all schools

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 12

PUNJAB CHIEF Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Friday said Punjabi has been made a compulsory subject in all schools in the state and they may be fined upto Rs 2 lakh for not following it.

"To promote mother tongue, Punjabi has been made a compulsory subject for all students from class I to X in Punjab. Schools to be fined up to 2 lakh for violation," Channi tweeted.

"Now, #Punjabi is mandatory in offices. Also, Punjabi will be written on top of all the boards in the state," he added.

Channi made this announcement a day after the Punjab Assembly passed the Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages (Amendment) Bill, 2021, aimed at strictly enforcing the implementation of Punjabi as a compulsory subject for classes 1 to 10 in the state.

The penalty for violating the provisions of the law has been increased from Rs 25,000, Rs 50,000 and Rs 1 lakh to Rs 50,000, Rs 1 lakh and Rs 2 lakh respectively.

The Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages Act, 2008 was enacted by the state government with the objective to provide for learning of Punjabi as a compulsory subject by students studying in classes 1 to 10.

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT SURVEY

96% sampled schools, 92% students in, children undergo test of their skill

SOURAV ROY BARMAN, SUKRITA BARUAH, ALIFIYA KHAN & RITU SHARMA
NEW DELHI, PUNE, AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 12

THE CENTRE'S National Achievement Survey (NAS) was held in schools across the country on Friday to assess comprehension and numerical skills of children in classes 3, 5, 8 and 10 – a mammoth exercise replete with signs of learning loss caused by coronavirus-induced disruptions, especially among children in lower grades.

As per initial estimates from 24 states and Union Territories, the survey, expected to cover 38 lakh students, saw participation of nearly 96% of sampled schools, and 92% of the targeted sample students, the Ministry of Education said in a statement.

Sources said attendance was relatively low among students of primary grades (classes 3 and 5) in some states. In Delhi, for instance, about 77% and 78% of the sample in classes 3 and 5, respectively, took the test, while it was 86% and 90% for classes 8 and 10, respectively.

In Tamil Nadu, which has been hit by heavy rain, schools in 16 of 38 districts were unable to participate in the survey, an official at CBSE's regional office told *The Indian Express*. In Andhra Pradesh, three districts could not participate due to the rain, the official said.

During proceedings of the survey, teachers across states noticed children, particularly those of grades 3 and 5, struggling to



(Clockwise) Students at Scottish Church Collegiate School in Kolkata; LIMRA School in Pune; and Govt Model School in Ludhiana.

make sense of the questions, and filling the OMR sheets. Field investigators (FIs), numbering around 1.82 lakh and selected by CBSE, helped them fill the sheets in such cases, especially keeping in mind that for many class 3 students it was their first day in school in nearly two years.

"We had online classes during the pandemic but not even 50% of the class would join in. Today we are getting the outcome," said Asiya Mushrif, principal-in-charge of a school in Pune. "Many children cannot read the questions; we are reading it out to them. They can answer the questions after we read, maybe they have got used to

that since we had oral exams only so far." Also, Mushrif said, the pace of writing is "gone (and) many are struggling to write".

At Delhi's Hari Vidya Bhavan, a testing centre for all four grades, the test for grades 3 and 5 had to be extended by 30 minutes. Although FIs and Department of Education representatives had briefed students on the test, and the use of the sheets, before the exam started, teachers had to handhold the younger children.

Teachers of the school were also present in the classroom. "Ma'am had to show me how to fill circles at the start. I also got confused because I couldn't un-

derstand some questions - ma'am explained them, but I couldn't understand what I had to do in one," said Disha Arya, 8, a class 3 student. Primary grade teachers said comprehending the questions was a challenge for the children, which is why teachers had to explain what they had to do.

In West Bengal, students were welcomed with flowers and crayons at a few schools. Scottish Church Collegiate School principal Bivash Saniel told *The Indian Express*, "Almost all students came to school, but since it was a sample survey only 30 from each class were selected through a lottery system for the



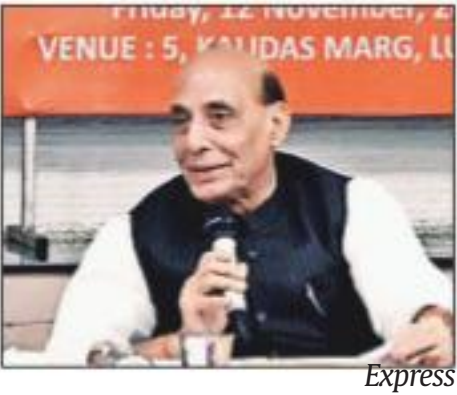
test. The rest had to be sent back. It was difficult for us because students were so eager to appear." In Gujarat, although schools are on Diwali break till November 21, government teachers were made responsible to ensure 100% attendance for schools selected in sampling. "With everyone on vacation, I have personally fetched children from as far as 50 km from Ahmedabad, assuring parents of their safety. We have been asked to get 100% students, no matter what," a municipal school teacher in Ahmedabad said.

In Bihar, students and parents said Chhath Puja celebrations affected the participation

rate. However, CBSE's regional officer (Patna) Jagadish Barman said attendance was healthy, even among students of classes 3 and 5. Nodal officer Odisha Sanat Mohanty said attendance was over 80% across 5,563 schools selected for NAS.

The last NAS was held on November 13, 2017. The results will be prepared in the form of district report cards, state/UT reports, while one will be prepared at the national level, the Centre said.

-INPUTS FROM AISHWARYA MOHANTY IN ODISHA, SANTOSH SINGH IN BIHAR AND SWEETY MISHRA IN WEST BENGAL



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Lucknow on Friday

Rajnath: Soon, scheme to boost investment in defence corridors

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LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 12

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh Friday said the Centre will soon come up with a scheme for the defence sector under which firms will be given incentives to invest in defence corridors.

Responding to a question during the investors' meet on the Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor at Chief Minister Yoga Adityanath's official residence in Lucknow, Singh said: "A centrally sponsored scheme with the provision to incentivise the defence industry in investing in defence corridors will soon be brought."

He said defence corridors have been established in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to develop an ecosystem for industries that can fulfill all their small and big needs easily from one place and in an economical way.

Promising investors to consider their requests like "corridor specific allocations", Rajnath said that the government is committed to fulfill the needs of the defence industry and expressed confidence that a strong defence manufacturing ecosystem will be developed in Uttar Pradesh.

MUMBAI MAN IMMOLATES SELF AT POLICE STATION

Mumbai: A 32-year-old man allegedly set himself ablaze at Tardeo police station in Mumbai on Thursday. The police said Sarvajet More died at a hospital on Friday. They said More, a constable's brother, had a strained relationship with his wife. After the woman left him, More had filed a missing persons complaint at the station. The man is said to have set himself on fire after his wife arrived at the station. **ENS**

2017 rape case: UP ex-minister Prajapati, 2 others get life term

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 12

A SPECIAL court on Friday sentenced former Uttar Pradesh minister Gayatri Prajapati and two others to life imprisonment in a 2017 rape case.

Additional District and Session Judge Pawan Kumar Rai also imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh on each of the three convicts, according to Lucknow district government counsel Manoj Kumar Tripathi.

Defence counsel Sunil Singh said they would file an appeal against the judgment in the High Court. He said they are yet to get a copy of the judgment.

The case against Prajapati, a minister in the previous Samajwadi Party government, and six others was lodged in February 2017 on the directions of Supreme Court after a woman alleged that they raped her and tried to molest her minor daughter.

On Wednesday, the court convicted Prajapati, Ashish Shukla and Ashok Tiwari and acquitted four other accused due to lack of evidence. Shukla is a former revenue clerk in Amethi.



Former UP minister Gayatri Prajapati speaks to reporters in Lucknow on Friday after getting a life sentence. PTT

Tiwari was a contractor.

The case against Prajapati and six others was lodged under IPC provisions relating to rape, attempt to rape, criminal intimidation, intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace among others. Police also invoked charges under POCSO.

The victim had alleged that she knew Prajapati, who then held the mining portfolio, and used to visit his two official resi-

dences in Lucknow for allotment of a mining lease in her name in Hamirpur district. It was during these visits that she was raped, the woman had said. She also alleged that on one occasion, Prajapati tried to outrage the modesty of her minor daughter. Prajapati, who was the mining minister from 2013 to 2016 and later held the transport portfolio, was arrested on March 15, 2017, and has since been in jail.

India, France to hold 6th edition of Army exercise

New Delhi: Continuing its series of joint training exercises with friendly nations, the Indian Army will conduct the sixth edition of its exercise with the French Army starting next week.

India has already conducted joint Air Force and Naval exercises with France earlier in the year.

The Army in a statement on Friday said Shakti 2021, the sixth edition of the biennial training exercise, will be conducted from November 15 to November 26 in Frejus, France. A platoon strength of a Gorkha Rifles Infantry Battalion will participate in the exercise, while the French side is being represented by troops of 21st Marine Infantry Regiment of the 6th Light Armoured Brigade.

The Army said the exercise "will focus on Counter Terrorism operations in backdrop of semi-urban terrain under United Nations Mandate with an aim to enhance military cooperation and inter-operability..." **ENS**

Two 'Bangladeshi cattle smugglers', an Indian killed in BSF firing in Bengal: cops

BSF mentions only two Bangladeshis

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KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 12

THREE PEOPLE, including two suspected Bangladeshi cattle smugglers, died in firing by Border Security Force personnel near the Bangladesh border in Cooch Behar district early on Friday.

While BSF said two Bangladeshis died in the firing at Sitai, the police said an Indian, too, lost his life in the incident.

The border protection force said people from the Bangladesh side crossed over into Indian territory at around 2:30 am and tried to smuggle cattle by setting up improvised bamboo cantilevers. Though the troopers warned them to go back, they did not pay heed, the BSF said.

"BSF troops utilised non-lethal munition to deter the miscreants, but they attacked with iron *dah* and sticks causing injuries to the troops," read a BSF statement.

The force said the troopers fired in the air in the direction of

the suspected smugglers. "During a search later on, the bodies of two unknown miscreants were found between the border fence and the international boundary. One BSF jawan also received injuries in the incident," the BSF statement added.

The local police said the suspected smugglers clashed with BSF personnel at Satbhandari village in Sitai at around 2 am. "Three bodies were found and have been shifted from the spot. As per our preliminary probe, all three persons died in the course of the same incident," said Cooch Behar SP Sumit Kumar.

The police claimed that BSF personnel opened fire from their service weapons resulting in the death of two persons at the spot. The two dead bodies were found lying on the Bangladesh side of the border fence, the sleuths said, adding that the body of an Indian national, identified as Prakash Barman (35) of Cooch Behar, was found at West Chamta village on the Indian side of the border.

CBI seeks govt nod to prosecute HC ex-judge in corruption case

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

THE CBI has sought the Centre's sanction to prosecute retired Allahabad High Court Judge Shri Narayan Shukla in a corruption case. Shukla is accused of accepting bribes for giving a favourable order to a private medical college barred by the government from giving admissions.

Sources said the agency's request was sent about two months ago and a reply from the competent authority is expected soon.

Shukla, then a sitting judge, was arraigned as an accused along with six others in an FIR registered on December 4, 2019. The matter is related to a 2017 case where the agency had also arrested former Chhattisgarh High Court chief justice IM Qudusi.

The other accused include Qudusi, his associate Bhawana

Pandey, Lucknow-based medical college Prasad Education Trust (PET), its owners BP Yadav and Prasad Yadav, and one Sudhir Giri.

According to the CBI FIR, the PET-run Prasad Institute of Medical Sciences was among 46 colleges barred by the government in 2017 from admitting students for two years owing to lack of facilities.

The college challenged the order in the Supreme Court which directed the government to consider the material on record afresh, the FIR said. The government then barred the college from giving admissions for 2017-18 and 2018-19. It also authorised the Medical Council of India to encash the college's bank guarantee of Rs 2 crore.

While the college promoters approached the SC with a petition, they also allegedly got in touch with Justice Qudusi and Bhawana Pandey who promised to get the matter "settled".

SC ISSUES CONTEMPT WARNING

Army agrees to give women permanent commission

ENS & PTI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

THE ARMY on Friday agreed to grant permanent commission to 11 women Short Service Commission (SSC) officers, after the court warned that it would initiate contempt proceedings.

"The Army may be supreme in its authority, but this constitutional court is also supreme in its jurisdiction. We gave you a very long rope," Justice D Y Chandrachud, heading a two-judge bench, said.

The bench, which included Justice AS Bopanna, was hearing a plea filed by some women officers, seeking contempt action against the Army for not granting them permanent commission even after the court's ruling on March 25 this year. In March, the court had directed the Army to grant permanent commission to women SSC officers, subject to their obtaining 60 per cent marks in the assessment subjects, being found medical fit, and having received disciplinary and vigilance clearances.

The Army had initially said that of the 36 women SSC officers who had filed the contempt petition, it had granted permanent commission to 22 officers, while the remaining 14 were not considered fit, including three on medical grounds.

The bench asked Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain and senior advocate R Balasubramanian, appearing for the Army, whether those who were left out (barring the three on medical grounds) had met the rest of the criteria. Jain said the 11 officers had obtained over 60 per cent marks and had all the disciplinary

and vigilance clearances, but they had adverse remarks and their statutory and non-statutory complaints were pending.

"If they have met all the criteria set out in our judgment, then why have you not granted them permanent commission," the bench said.

Jain sought time to confer with the authorities. When the hearing resumed, Jain said: "We accept the judgment to be complied as per para 120 (of the judgment) and all women officers covered under 120 and who have not been granted permanent commission so far, subject to the limitations in 120, will be granted permanent commission. All women SSC officers who are not before the court but are meeting criteria of para 120 will be granted permanent commission subject to their willingness." Para 120 of the judgment pertains to the criteria for permanent commission.

The bench recorded the ASG's submission in its order. "After discussion with the Army authorities, the ASG has apprised the court that the judgment... will be implemented duly observing the directions in para 120 in respect of those officers left out so far from the grant of permanent commission," it said.

In a landmark ruling in February 2020, the court had directed the government to ensure that women SSC officers are granted permanent commission in the Army, including command postings. Those who were not granted this in the selection process that ensued had approached the apex court, pointing out flaws in the criteria adopted by the Army, following which the court announced its verdict on March 25 this year.

State to move resolution on BSF jurisdiction move

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 12

The Trinamool Congress, on November 17, will introduce a motion in the Assembly opposing the Union government's decision to extend the jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF)

The announcement came a day after the Punjab Assembly passed a unanimous resolution condemning the Centre for notifying the increase in the BSF's area of operation, and termed it an insult to the people of the border state.

Assembly sources said Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee may be present in the House for the discussion on Wednesday afternoon. An hour-and-a-half has been set aside for the debate.

"The BSF's jurisdiction has been extended till 50 km from the international border (from 15 km). In protest, we have



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee

tabled a discussion under Rule 185 of the Legislative Assembly. That has been accepted. It will be discussed on November 17. Discussion of one-and-a-half hours will be held that day," said state Parliamentary Affairs Minister Partha Chatterjee.

Referring to the BSF firing and subsequent deaths in Cooch Bihar, he said: "Law and order are in the hands of the state, and the state police is handling it efficiently. The BSF is responsible for border management. If something like this happens again, there will definitely be a lack of coordination. As a result, we will discuss the issue of withdrawing the notification and letter of the Home Ministry."

Gosavi booked in another job fraud case

Pune: The police in Maharashtra's Pimpri-Chinchwad city have filed another case of job fraud against Kiran Gosavi, the self-styled detective cited as an 'independent witness' by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in the drugs-on-cruise case that had led to the arrest of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan.

Vijaykumar Kanade (36) lodged the fresh first information report against Gosavi at Bhosari police station on Thursday evening.

According to Kanade's complaint, he paid a total of Rs 2.25 lakh to Gosavi through cash and online transactions, but never got the job assured by the accused. Police have booked Gosavi in this case under sections 420 and 406, pertaining to cheating, of the IPC. Gosavi was arrested last month by the Pune police in connection with a job racket case lodged at Lashkar police station. **ENS**

Commission takes up portrayal of minorities in films with CBFC

New Delhi: The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) and the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) will look at putting in place by December a protocol for the

portrayal of minorities in movies, Commission Chairperson Iqbal Singh Lalpura said on Friday.

The Commission has acted upon the rising number of com-

plaints over the issue and taken it up with the CBFC, he said.

"We have received a number of complaints. One complaint from Tamil Nadu said there has been a poor portrayal of

Christians in Rudratandav. Jathedar Sikhs have also complained about the 'poor portrayal' of Sikhs in movies. We are looking into the matter," said a Commission official. **ENS**

ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE

Maoist leader linked to 'plot to kill PM Modi' arrested in Jharkhand

CHANDAN HAYGUNDE
PUNE, NOVEMBER 12

TOP CPI (Maoist) leader Prashant Bose alias Kishan Da, who was recently arrested by Jharkhand Police, is one of the many accused named in the Elgaar Parishad case. Bose was named in connection with a "Maoist communication" that allegedly mentioned a plot to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Bose was arrested in Jharkhand along with wife Sheela Marandi, also an extremist, said a senior police officer on Friday.

In the Elgaar Parishad case, Bose was named as accused number 15 on the basis of a "Maoist communication" recovered from arrested accused Rona Wilson, which allegedly mentioned a plot to kill the Prime Minister.

The letter allegedly stated, "Com Kisan and few other senior comrades have proposed concrete steps to end Modi Raj. We are thinking along the lines of another Rajiv Gandhi-type incident."

Pune Police had claimed that "Com Kisan" mentioned in the letter was Prashant Bose, secretary of the Eastern Regional Bureau (ERB) of the banned CPI-Maoist.

The chargesheet filed by Pune City Police before a special court in

Pune in 2018 stated "...Kishan alias Prashant Bose, secretary of ERB of CPI-Maoist, and other underground operatives hatched a conspiracy to kill the Prime Minister of India and also participated in the process of procurement of huge arms and ammunition as part of the larger conspiracy of waging a war against the democratic system and Indian citizens."

Pune City Police have claimed that Elgaar Parishad, a conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, was organised as per the strategy of the banned CPI-Maoist. They have alleged that speeches delivered at the conclave and previous campaigns for the event were among the factors that led to widespread violence in Koregaon Bhima area in Pune on January 1, 2018, in which one person was killed and several others were injured.

Pune Police had booked as many as 23 persons in connection with the case, of whom nine were arrested and others, including top Maoist leaders Ganapathy, Milind Teltumbde and Kishan alias Prashant Bose, were named as wanted accused. The case was later transferred to the National Investigation Agency, which further arrested seven more persons from different parts of the country over their alleged links to CPI-Maoist.

— WITH INPUTS FROM PTI

Protesters, police clash amid rallies in Maharashtra against Tripura violence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NAGPUR, NOV 12

THREE PROTEST rallies taken out in Maharashtra on Friday to condemn the reported violence on Muslims in Tripura turned violent in Amravati city. Nanded city and Malegaon in Nashik rural, where protesters allegedly pelted stones on the police and damaged several shops and vehicles. The police said they had to resort to lathicharge and fire teargas shells to disperse the protesters.

Police said the rallies were organised by Muslim organisations. Hours after the incident, Maharashtra Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil, in a video address said the situation had been brought under control and appealed to people to maintain peace. He added that those responsible for the violence would not be spared.

"Violence took place in a few places like Itwara, Shivaji Nagar and Vazirabad. The organisers did not have permission and they were moving when the police tried to stop them. There were several thousand people in the rally and some protesters got violent when the police tried to stop them. In the process, seven to eight policemen suffered injuries. Due to helmets, no one suffered



A bandh was called in Mumbai, Maharashtra, on Friday. Deepak Joshi

serious injuries," said a senior officer from Nanded police.

"The police had to resort to lathicharge and fire teargas shells to disperse the crowd. We are in the process of registering FIRs," the officer added.

In Malegaon city, some protesters allegedly started pelting stones on shops and parked vehicles, demanding that shops be shut down. The local police rushed to the spot to stop the protesters and had to resort to lathicharge to disperse them.

Nashik city Collector Suraj Mandhare said, "The situation in Malegaon is completely under control. Senior police officers are on the ground. People should not believe in rumours and must keep patience."

In Amravati city, violence broke out at four places between 3 pm to 5 pm.

Three militants killed in J&K, police say total count 133 this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12

THREE MILITANTS, including one who was assigned to carry out a suicide attack in Srinagar, were killed in two separate overnight operations in Kashmir, police said on Friday.

With this, the police said, 133 militants have been killed so far this year, including "many top commanders".

In Kulgam's Chawalgam area, two Hizbul Mujahideen militants, including a district commander, were killed in an encounter with security forces that began Thursday evening.

After one militant was killed "in the initial exchange of fire", the police said, the operation to flush out others was suspended for the night. "In the early hours of Friday, repeated announcements were again made to the hiding terrorist to surrender, but the terrorist again fired on the joint search party which was retaliated, leading to the elimination of the hiding terrorist," the police said in a statement.

The bodies of both militants were retrieved from the site of encounter. Arms and ammunition, including an assault rifle and a pistol, were found from the spot.

The police identified the two as Hizbul Mujahideen district commander Shiraz Ahmad and Yawar Ahmad Bhat, both from Kulgam. They said Shiraz was "an A++ category terrorist, active since year 2016 figuring among the list of most wanted terrorists".

"He was also involved in recruiting innocent youth into terror ranks and in spreading a reign of terror by killing civilians as well as political workers in Devsar and Brazloo areas of Kulgam. There are 15 FIRs registered against him for several terror crimes," the police statement said.

MP GOVT SEEKS TO RENAME HABIBGANJ RLY STATION AFTER RANI KAMLAPATI

New Delhi: The Madhya Pradesh government has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs about re-naming the recently redeveloped Habibganj station after Rani Kamlapati, the 18th Century Gond queen of the region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the station, which has been redeveloped at a cost of Rs 100 crore, on November 15. **PTI**

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(Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 242/SS(D)-324/Spares

Dated: 10.11.2021

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NOTE: Corrigendum & amendments, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



General public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Jannat Imran (Ritu Verma), **D/o** Shri Raj Verma, **R/o** H. No. 266, F Block, 1st Floor, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi. **Age:** 38 years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black Colour Gown & Sandal in feet has been missing since 16.10.2021. from H. No. C-22/A, Guru Ram Das Nagar, in the area of PS. Laxmi Nagar, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 26A, dated 17.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. Laxmi Nagar, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph. 011-22542441, 8750870622**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **DP/756/ED/2021**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namely:** Raju **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age:** about 70 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Face:** : Long, **Complexion:** : Shallow, **Built:** : Thin, **Wearing:** : Brown colour shirt and Brown colour pant & bare footed has been found dead at Gauri Shankar Mandir, Chandni Chowk, Delhi on 06.11.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 33A dated 06.11.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Kotwali, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi

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

SHO :
P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
North Distt., Delhi
DP/1703/N/2021 **Tel. No. 011-23971700, 23953442**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** 60 years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'7", **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, was wearing Blue colour T-Shirt and Blue colour Lower and without slipper in his feet, was found admitted at DDU Hospital, Hari Nagar, New Delhi on MLC No. 9353/21 dt 08.11.2021 for treatment.

During the treatment he got expired on 08.11.2021 at about 06.20 PM. In this regard a **DD No. 37A U/S 174 CrPC, dated 08.11.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Mayapuri, Delhi.** His dead body has been preserved in DDU Hospital Mortuary for identification. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone no.

SHO
P.S. Mayapuri, Delhi
DP/623/WD/21 **Ph.: 011-28116097, 8750871121**

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Naresh Kumar Sharma, **S/o:** Ram Niwas Sharma **R/o:** 7378, Prem Nagar, Gali No. 1, Shakti Nagar, Delhi. **Aged:** 53 years, has been missing from his residence since on 03-04-2019. In this regard a case **DD No. 54A Dated 04.04.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Roop Nagar, Delhi.** His physical description is as



Naresh Kumar Sharma

under: **Height:** 5'8" feet. **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Clothing:** Yellow Shirt and Brown Coffee Colour Pant and Brown Shoes.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Roop Nagar, Delhi at **E-mail:** cic@cbi.gov.in or **website :** <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tele No. : 011-23014046 (Direct), 23015229 & 23015218.**

S.H.O.
P.S. Roop Nagar, Delhi
Ph. 011-23844632, 9650496476

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
No. 5067/Date. 08.11.2021
"e" Procurement Notice for Road Works for the year 2021-22

1. Name of the Work	: Road Works
2. Total No. of Packages	: 2 Nos. of Road works
3. Estimated Cost of the Package	: Varies Rs.105.68 lakhs to Rs.230.37 lakhs
4. Class of Contractor	: B Class & A class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5. Period of completion	: As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6. Offered rates by bidder	: The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7. Other details	:

Procurement Officer

Bid Identification No.

Availability of Tender Online for bidding

Date & Time of opening of tender

Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar

tender-On line-C.C.25 of 2021

16.11.2021 at 11:00 AM

30.11.2021 Up to 5:00 PM

01.12.2021 at 11:00 AM

To be intimated later on

Chief Construction Engineer

Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar,

OIPR-25082/11/0031/2122

Further details can be seen from the web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING TIME (DATE)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HAFED	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPLETE FIRE DETECTION, PROTECTION CARBON-DIOXIDE AND WET-RISER SYSTEM INSTALLED AT HAFED CORPORATE OFFICE, SECTOR-5, PANCHKULA.	12.11.2021 23.11.2021	12113/-	www.hafed.gov.in	0172250520 hafed@hry.nic.in
2.	HSIIDC	WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD (BOMH THICK PAVEMENT BLOCKS) ON BACK SIDE OF PLOT H-1 & H-2 AT HSIIDC, TECHNOLOGY PARK, SECTOR-22, PANCHKULA.	15.11.2021 29.11.2021	39.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	91-9466120016 ia.hry@haryanaeprc.org.in
3.	HSIIDC	HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES OF COMMON AREA AT HSIIDC UDYOG MINAR BUILDING, UDYOG VIHAR, PHASE-V, GURUGRAM	15.11.2021 29.11.2021	20.54 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2398418 ia.gurugram@hsiidc.org.in
4.	INDIRA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEERPUR, REWARI	SUPPLY OF SERVER, DESKTOP COMPUTER, LAN SWITCH MANAGEABLE, LAN SWITCH, LAN CABLE, PROJECTOR, PRINTER, COLOUR PRINTER, ONLINE UPS, SERVER RACK, RJ45 CONNECTOR, IN INDIRA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEERPUR, REWARI	13.11.2021 04.12.2021	82.66 LACS	www.igu.ac.in	9873069610 director_ucc@igu.ac.in

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

For and on behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Western Railway, Engineering Department, Jaipur (Rajasthan)-302017, invites e-tenders on www.irops.gov.in website for supply of material as follows: **Tender No. : NWRT S 2021 22 08. (1) Item :- Manufacture and supply of Composite Grooved Rubber Sole Plates to Drg. No. RDSOT-8747, (2) Quantity : 83,493 Nos., (3) Tender Value: Rs. 60,03,981.63, (4) Earnest Money : NIL, (5) Date of Closing : 03.12.2021. Note :- Item of above tender is reserved for procurement from RDSO approved vendors only.** **568-SP/21**

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Lucknow Municipal Corporation
T.N. Marg, Lalbagh, Luckow, Phone-Fax-0522-2612639
E-mail-nnlko@up.nic.in Website:- <https://lmc.up.nic.in>

Ref. NO. **डी/190/703AO/21**

Date **11.11.2021**

Short Term Tender Notice (4th Call)

Request for Proposal for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) to establish Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAQMS) and other related work.

Lucknow Municipal Corporation invites online request for the proposals from the reputed firms having experience in similar nature of jobs for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) to establish Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAQMS) and other related work. The Last date for submission of bids is 20-11-2021 till 15:00PM. Technical bids will be opened on same day at 16:00PM.

For further corrigendum/addendums in this regard, please regularly visit www.etender.up.nic.in.

DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD
GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, C-12
RAJNA PRATAP BAGH, DELHI-110007

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Executive Engineer, C-12, DUSIB, R. P. Bagh Delhi-110007 invites on behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (On Line) on two bid system for the following work.

NIT No: 05/EEC-12/DUSIB/2021-22

Name of Work: EIUS

SUB-HEAD:- Providing and laying CC Pavement and construction of drains in deteriorated lanes and repair/restoration by providing RMC at JJ Cluster A-Block Shahbad Daulatpur (In Situ Upgradation Scheme) (PID 13773)

Esstt. Cost :- Rs. 67,92,703.00 **Earnest Money -** Rs.1,35,900.00
Tender Cost Rs. 1,000.00 **Period of completion :** 180 Days

Last Time & Date of Submission of Bid : 22.11.2021 upto 15:00 Hours
Date of Opening Technical Bid : 22.11.2021 after 15:30 Hours

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/> All the corrigendum (if required) will be uploaded on portal and will not be published in News Paper.

Sd/- **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
C-12(DUSIB)

DIP/SHABDARTH/0411/21-22

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

DME/O&F/incharge/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. M-1-OT-QMC-FSD-MB-21. Closing Date & Time 06.12.2021 up to 15:00 hrs and will be opened on the same day at 15:30 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.irops.gov.in on internet & can be seen/downloaded. The tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment mode like Net Banking, Debit/Credit Cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual/ offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of work	QMC (Quarterly Maintenance Contract) of 650 nos. GPS based Fog Safe Devices of MB division.
Tender Type	Open Bidding System Single Packet System
Tender closing Date & Time	06.12.2021 15:00 hrs. Date & Time of Uploading Tender 12.11.2021
Pre-Bid (Yes/No)	No Pre-Bid Query Time Not Applicable
Advertised Value	₹21.14,397.80 (Inclusive of all taxes and charges excluding GST)
Tendering Section	Q & F
Bidding Style	Single Rate For Each Scheduled Item Bidding Unit AT PAR/BELOW/ABOVE
Earnest Money	Nil Validity of Offer 45 Days
Tender Doc. Cost	Nil Period of Completion 03 Months
Bidding Start Date	22.11.2021 Contract Type Service
No.: M-1-OT-QMC-FSD-MB-21	Dated: 12.11.2021 2620/21

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Four booked in UP for sedition over hoisting ‘Pakistan flag’

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 12

FOUR PEOPLE from two families in Gorakhpur’s Chauri Chaura town have been booked for sedition following a complaint that they hoisted the Pakistan flag on the rooftop of their houses, police said on Friday.

The two families have told the police that they had put up religious flags, which were mistaken for the Pakistan flag, said Gorakhpur Additional Superintendent of Police Manoj Kumar Awasthi. They removed the religious flags once social media posts claiming that they were Pakistan flags started doing the rounds.

No Pakistan flag was found during a search of the two houses, the police said. The families handed over to the police four flags, which they said had been mistaken for the Pakistan flag.

Gorakhpur SSP Vipin Tada said the police were investigating the matter. Also, they were verifying the writing in Urdu found on one of the flags handed over to them.

Police said businessmen Talim, Pappu, Ashiq and his brother Asif were booked after an FIR was lodged under IPC Section 124-A at Chauri Chaura police station. No arrest has been made so far.

Complainant Kalyan Pandey, president of Brahmin Jan Kalyan Samiti outfit, said, “People came to know about the matter when photographs showing Pakistan flags on the rooftop of houses went viral [on Wednesday] on social media. We informed the police and went to the area.” SSP Tada said, “We will see if the houses in the photographs are of the persons named in the FIR.” Police said they were also looking for those who posted the images on social media websites.

SHO of Chauri Chaura police station Shyam Bahadur Singh said a police team reached Nirala Lane area after they were informed that a group was protesting outside two houses and pelting them with stones. A four-wheeler belonging to one of the families was damaged in stone pelting, said Singh. The matter was resolved after police lodged the FIR. Heavy police deployment has been made in the area.

WOMAN DIES AFTER ‘WRONG BLOOD GROUP’ TRANSFUSION

Rourkela: A 25-year-old woman died after she allegedly received transfusion of a blood group that was different to hers at a hospital in Odisha’s Sundargarh district, her family members have said. Sarojini Kaku suffered from sickle cell anemia and was admitted to the Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH) on Thursday. “Her blood group is O positive, but she was given B positive,” a relative said. The hospital denied negligence, but said it has constituted an inquiry panel. Police too said a case was registered.

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RAIN WRECK AT VACCINE CENTRE

A primary health centre in Vellore stocked with Covid-19 vaccines is flooded on Friday following incessant rainfall across Tamil Nadu. After weeklong rain there, the Met department has issued an orange alert for six districts of Kerala. PTI

KHAMBHALIA DRUG HAUL

Accused brothers bought trawler to receive narcotics from Pak boat, say police

GOPAL KATESHIYA
RAJKOT, NOVEMBER 12

SALIM KARA and his brother Ali Kara — two accused arrested in connection with the Khambhalia drug haul case — had purchased a fishing trawler and sent it across the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) between India and Pakistan to receive nearly 63kg of contraband worth Rs 315 crore from a Pakistani boat, police have said.

According to police, the two brothers purchased the trawler 10 days before Shehzad Ghoshi, the vegetable vendor from Thane who was held with 17 kg of drugs worth Rs 88.25 crore from Devbhumi Dwarka, took delivery of 19 packets of heroin and methamphetamine from Salim Kara and Ali Kara.

Police investigation has also revealed that the packets of drugs seized Ghoshi bears reference to ‘Aziz Bank’ of Kandahar and some other writings in Iranian language. The 47 packets seized from the residence of the Kara brothers in Salaya also have some writing in Iranian language and symbols of three camels and a car.

On Friday, the Devbhumi Dwarka police arrested two fishermen of Salaya claiming the duo had taken the delivery of the heroin and mephedrone worth Rs 315 crore from the

Pakistani boat on sea.

Sunil Joshi, Superintendent of Police, Devbhumi Dwarka, said that Salim Jasraya and his brother Irfan Jasraya, who were arrested on Friday, had “gone to the IMBL to take delivery of the drug consignment and brought them to Salaya on board their fishing boat”. With this, the number of arrests in the drug haul case has gone up to five, including Ghoshi and the Kara brothers.

Police said that the Jasraya brothers had brought the drug consignment to Salaya on board fishing trawler Faruki on November 6. According to documents of the case, the consignment had landed at Salaya harbour in Devbhumi Dwarka and was taken to the residence of Kara brothers in Salaya in a car.

During questioning, police said, 48-year-old Ali said that just days after he purchased a fishing trawler, his brother Faruki asked him to send the boat to IMBL for getting “goods” saying they will get a lot of money for that.

Police also found that Ali sent his boat at sea on November 6 and received the consignment the same day. The papers quote 57-year-old Salim as saying that he had ordered the consignment from one Fida Haji Hussain of Konrak village in Pakistan via WhatsApp. “We are verifying if the ownership of the boat was transferred in the name of Ali,” Joshi said.

Odisha: Senior IT official’s WhatsApp account ‘hacked’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 12

THE ADDITIONAL Secretary official of Odisha’s Electronics and Information Technology department fell victim to a cyber crime after a hacker allegedly gained access to his WhatsApp account and duped some of his contacts of Rs 7 lakh by impersonating him.

Manoj Kumar Pattnaik, also the the Chief Executive Officer of Odisha computer application centre that powers e-governance initiatives, alleged that the hacker sent distress messages to his contacts, seeking money. At least five of his friends transferred the money to the UPI address shared by the imposter, assuming the messages were genuine, Pattnaik said. “I had first received a call on WhatsApp from an unknown number. When I answered there was no response. The caller hung up 30 seconds later,” Pattnaik said.

“A few hours later one of my friends called to ask about my health. That’s when we realised that someone had hacked into my account. On learning that this was a case of fraud, a few friends of mine also registered a case in the police station,” Pattnaik added.

The state Crime Branch has taken suo motu cognisance and taken over the investigations into cases filed by Pattnaik’s friends. “We are tracing the WhatsApp call and the UPI address. Initial investigations suggest links from Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu,” a senior Crime Branch official said.

Time running out, issues unresolved, no agreement yet

EXPRESS AT
COP26

AMITABH SINHA
GLASGOW, NOVEMBER 12

THE COP26 meeting in Glasgow had an unusually productive start, with several countries, including India, promising new climate actions to strengthen the global fight against climate change. The ending, however, was likely to happen in a familiar fashion.

As has happened with most of the climate change conferences, the 26th session of Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, or COP26 for short, was unable to deliver an agreement, and negotiations were set to spill over to Saturday.

Several issues that were supposed to be wrapped up, including those related to finance and rules for the establishment of a new carbon market, remain unresolved, and the excitement generated by the big-ticket announcements of the first week are likely to get dampened by the weak agreement that is set to come out now. There isn’t enough time to wrap up discussions on all the pending issues, and it is possible that some of them may be kicked to the next year’s meeting.

COP26 was billed as the meeting that would give the world a meaningful chance to hold the rise in global temperatures within 1.5 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times, against the 2 degree Celsius that is the main goal of the Paris Agreement. Assessments suggest that the world, in fact, was headed towards a 2.7 degree Celsius temperature rise by the end of the century. COP26 was supposed to deliver an agreement that would have spurred stronger action from countries in a bid to put the world towards a 1.5 degree pathway.

That seems like a tall ask now, as familiar issues like availability of climate finance, continuing to remain intractable.

“We need to deliver a strong message regarding our collective resolve for accelerated mitigation and adaptation actions to combat climate change in this decade. This message will have credibility only if accompanied by an equally strong resolve of developed country parties to mobilise and provide enhanced climate finance to developing country parties,” India’s lead negotiator Richa Sharma, an Additional Secretary in the Environment Ministry, said a meeting on Friday. “We express our disappointment at the lack of significant progress in climate finance related agenda

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Stumbling block

A LOT was expected from COP26, but the nature of the negotiations, which only allows for consensual decision-making, makes it extremely difficult to deliver anything but incremental progress. The biggest drag has been lack of enough financial resources to enable all the transitions that are required to put the world on a low-carbon pathway. Developed countries have been less than forthcoming in matching the scale of finance that is required, estimated to be in trillions of dollars every year. In fact, they failed to deliver even the relatively meagre US\$ 100 billion that they had promised to mobilise every year from 2020.

items,” she said.

On the last day of the conference on Friday, negotiators were able to produce a new draft agreement, the second so far, which was considered an improvement but not good enough. In fact, unhappy with the weak outcomes, civil society groups held a parallel ‘people’s plenary’ at the venue, and organised a march outside.

The new drafts were not drastically different, but many of the seemingly small changes in language, or emphasis, have consequences. For example, while the first text noted “with regret” the failure of the developed countries to deliver on the promised US\$ 100 billion by 2020, the latest one has noted it “with deep regret”.

A group of developing countries, including India and China, had expressed dissatisfaction with the first draft, especially the section relating to mitigation of emissions, and had demanded that it be overhauled. The new draft, however, is not very different, though the principle of common and differentiated responsibility (CBDR), which recognises that developing countries have a relatively minor burden in the fight against climate change, has been accorded greater emphasis.

Crucially, a mention on phase-out of fossil fuels has survived, though an important qualification has been added, apparently on the insistence of countries that still depend on coal power plants for electricity.

SIXTH EDITION: HOW CAN WE IMPROVE HOUSING FOR MIGRANTS?

AMITA BHIDE

PROFESSOR, TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
We’ve equated housing to permanent housing, ownership housing... We’ve not talked about migration. There is policy amnesia when it comes to thinking about (housing for) migrants

GAUTAM BHAN

ASSOCIATE DEAN, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

You can’t answer a housing question in a structurally unequal economy where wages are stagnant. There is no market and no supply solution that will do enough

MANIKANDAN KP

INSTITUTION BUILDER, INDIAN HOUSING FEDERATION

What we should realise is that we are also part of the problem and we have created this problem. It is our responsibility to find a solution

SHRAYANA BHATTACHARYA

SENIOR SOCIAL PROTECTION ECONOMIST, WORLD BANK

The focus in India is supply-side driven. Obviously, there are serious regulatory challenges. But if you look at Latin America, they’ve used a lot of demand-side incentives

‘Boosting housing supply is necessary, not sufficient’

At the sixth edition of the eight-part IE Thinc Migration series, presented by *The Indian Express* with Omidyar Network India and moderated by Deputy Associate Editor Udit Misra, panelists discussed solutions around complexities in regulation, migrant identity, credit worthiness and their role in providing housing for migrants



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

IQBAL SINGH CHAHAL,
COMMISSIONER, BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (BMC)

MIGRANT LABOUR is the backbone of the economy. They have a major role in developing the country. The government of Maharashtra had passed a very ambitious new housing policy way back in 2008, where the concept of rental housing was launched for the first time. The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) was made a nodal agency for the entire

MMR — these are eight-nine municipal corporations in and around Mumbai, including MCGM (Municipal Corporation for Greater Mumbai), which houses almost 2.5 crore population and more than a million migrant population. And this rental housing would be provided to migrant labourers by charging some nominal monthly rent. Many developers came forward. So, right now, 42,000 tenements are under construction, which can house more than a lakh people. The 42,000 tenements, which have sanctions, include major real estate players like Tata, Dosti Group, Symphony and Adhiraj. Anyone who comes to Mumbai, instead of staying in an unauthorised manner in slums, can be given this rented accommodation till he gets a proper place. Then we came up with this very ambitious policy of accommodation reservation under which we will build a sizeable amount of rental housing in the next five years. This is something which can help migrant labourers. I’m sure this idea can be replicated in many bigger cities of India, where the local municipal authority doesn’t shell out anything at all except the construction cost of that building.

On understanding migrant behaviour

GAUTAM BHAN: Migrants are not unmarked bodies that come only into housing markets marked by demand and supply. They are a part of deep identity-linked movements that are shaped in certain ways. So why do we not learn from migrants on how they have produced that housing and what can we do to make this process easier, shorter and better. I think it’s important that we don’t start seeing migrants as helpless, invisible, unseen. They are hyper visible and deliberately invisibilised.

We can’t build our way out of India’s housing shortage. We will never, no matter how well-intentioned the government is, have the capacity to build at the scale we want. The largest stock of affordable housing in Indian cities has been built by people themselves, always in tension with law and planning. But the major work has to say: protect, regulate, recognise all the informal, inadequate rental housing that is all over our cities today. Begin to protect and improve that housing.

On jurisdiction and government responsibility

SHRAYANA BHATTACHARYA: The solution always seems to be a scheme and it’s the same housing scheme. One of the key principles of the housing policy has to be decentralisation. It has to allow and empower local governments, not just at the state level, I would contend, par-



ticularly if you look at the Mexican, Brazilian, or even Chinese examples, the way a lot of these problems are addressed is not by having a one-size-fits-all programme. It in fact, creates regulation, which allows for a lot more dynamism.

On what’s holding back the state government

MANIKANDAN: The simple answer to this is the greater level of difficulty in getting this solved. In rental housing, the user who’s going to pay the rent is not going to participate in the process of getting the housing supplied directly or is not going to financially contribute to the process of getting the supply done.



SHILPA KUMAR

PARTNER, OMIDYAR NETWORK INDIA

Safe and secure housing is large and complex, but if addressed, it can truly build cities, which are more fundamental drivers of growth

On understanding if housing is only an urban problem

SHRAYANA: The first principle is extremely empowered municipal governments, not this same scheme, PMAY, which runs exactly the same way with the same benefit levels. The second is that the focus in India tends to be very supply-side driven. It’s around land housing construction. Obviously, there are very serious and grave regulatory challenges around this.

What the government perhaps needs to do along with the employer is provide a basket of cash as well as insurance benefits. And the third would be just the capacity of the delivery system, not just an audit. If you’re moving, then you should have a system of social protection that moves with you.

On solutions for a complex issue

BHIDE: We need to think of a continuum. I hope we will be able to create a few amenities for women migrants — a very vulnerable contingent, often not recognised at all.

There is a tripartite partnership, which can be created between the state, agencies and the employers. The employer’s role in this is immense. On the other end of the continuum, we need to focus on how one can reduce the precarity of housing, because there are several housing conditions, which shouldn’t be accepted. We need to look at informal settlements and begin earlier. There is no issue of acquisition — the more you’re able to upgrade the living conditions in the informal settlements, the conditions of rental housing would improve. I hope this will also contribute to creating a basic floor below which a quality of housing will not go. But if there are these kind of precarious housing conditions, one needs a velvet-glove approach, where the state comes in with regulatory policies but also comes in with facilitative policies. Our systems have macro details, but they don’t have the micro knowledge of how things operate, of what things exist.



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SHASHI & KANGANA

Happy Birthday Advani and 1947 being bheekh aren’t the same thing. But the reactions to both underline a terrible shrinking

AS DIFFERENT AS they and their statements are, Shashi Tharoor and Kangana Ranaut now have something in common. The furious reaction sparked by their recent comments, in different forums, points in the same direction — to the several complicities that underlie the current hardening of public discourse. On Monday, Tharoor wished BJP veteran LK Advani, who turned 94, a happy birthday and described him on Twitter as a “gentleman in politics” and “a fine human being”; on Wednesday evening, Ranaut, at a media event, said that India’s real freedom came in 2014, and that the independence of 1947 was mere alms or “bheekh”. In the aftermath, Tharoor has been brutally trolled and labelled a closet “Sanghi”, while the chorus of indignation against Ranaut is still rising, with demands to arrest her for sedition and/or take back her Padma Shri. The comments of both certainly do not fall in the same category. Tharoor is a scholar, writer and politician who was graciously reaching across the aisle — on the other side is a politician who led the mobilisation that ended in the Babri Masjid demolition, one of the most shameful days in the life of India’s constitutional democracy, but who has also drawn a long political arc since, to the defunct-at-birth Margdarshak Mandal of the party whose rise he scripted. Ranaut, on the other hand, was just being Ranaut, no nuances or layers here, real or imagined — the fine actor who excels in a cringe-making act as an establishment megaphone and acolyte. But the backlash to both Tharoor and Ranaut has the same political-ideological provenance — it comes from those who call themselves liberal, define themselves in opposition to the BJP.

The trolling of Tharoor and the targeting of Ranaut underline a terrible shrinking. If those who accuse the ruling establishment, very often rightly so, of punishing dissent and weaponising laws to curb freedoms, themselves strike war-like postures because they disagree with Tharoor, or bay for the use of a harsh law against Ranaut, the message is dispiriting: They are borrowing from the political vocabulary they object to. They are unable to find the language to criticise an outreach (Tharoor’s) or even an outrage (Ranaut’s) that doesn’t make them look like that which they vehemently oppose. This inability, this failure of those who define themselves as liberal to stake out a genuinely liberal position has grave consequences. It has led to a situation today where the ruling party can use its mandate to constrict spaces and demand subservience from everything that lies between the ruler and the ruled, with the opposition looking on, having either lost its voice, or surrendered it.

Let Tharoor soften, even for a moment, the bitter dividing line between the BJP and non-BJP with words and wishes that only the most prejudiced will not see the truth of. Advani, for all the hurt he caused to the edifice of constitutional democracy, has dealt with large and transformational ideas in his career and is indeed a man of great personal courtesy. His re-reading of Jinnah scripted his political obituary. Let Ranaut speak, on freedom or anything else, till she reaches the bottom of her very shallow depths. There should be a place for both — and even for the distasteful applause that greeted Ranaut’s comments — in a public sphere that is vast and varied.

THE KABUL QUESTION

Delhi Declaration acknowledges and articulates the region's challenges and concerns, even if answers remain elusive

THE DELHI DECLARATION, issued by National Security Advisers of eight regional countries, reflects the shared interest of the participants in not letting Afghanistan relapse into the terrorist hub that it had become when the Taliban ruled from 1996 to 2001. With jihadists of all hues, including ISIS, present in Afghanistan, and Pakistan a safe haven for many of them, this is a real concern for the neighbours of both countries and beyond. The nations represented at the table have expressed these concerns at other regional meets over the last two months. Not an invitee at most of these except the deliberations in Moscow, Delhi used this meeting, the third since 2018 of the Regional Security Dialogue format, to convey the message that it could not be wished away from any regional brainstorming on Afghanistan. The Delhi Declaration has strong bullet points on terrorism and radicalisation and the need for an inclusive government and women’s rights. Of the countries represented at the security dialogue in Delhi, Iran and Russia are engaged with the Taliban bilaterally and in other multilateral formats, and the five “stans” who attended are fast moving towards acceptance. The day after the Delhi dialogue, Pakistan, which stayed away from the meet hosted the US, Russia and China, which too had turned down India’s invite, to discuss the way forward in Kabul.

As a regional power that has preferred to keep out of sustained engagement with the Taliban regime, bar two meetings, India is the outlier in the region. But the reality that Delhi faces is a world under immense pressure to make an urgent humanitarian intervention in Afghanistan. The onset of a harsh winter is adding to the multiple crises that have beset the Afghans. Starvation is stalking more than 90 per cent of the population because of food shortages, and both people and government are out of money for even essential needs. The Delhi Declaration has demanded free and unimpeded access for the distribution of aid, which is as much a jab at Pakistan’s brazenly self-serving refusal to allow India overland access for its consignments of wheat and medicine, as the concern of all that aid should not be commandeered by the Taliban.

In the international community, there is already talk of a carve-out for Afghanistan from the UN-imposed sanctions by Security Council resolutions on terrorism. As the chair of the Taliban Sanctions Committee, India will soon be called upon to take tough decisions that will impact its own position vis a vis Taliban ruled Afghanistan. That is the real challenge, one that India may not be able to put off much longer.

WORK & PLAY

Portugal’s law on bosses contacting employees after office hours ignores the blurred lines between work and life post Covid

SPARE A THOUGHT for your good ole boss. After all, no less a rebel than Bob Dylan said, “everybody’s gotta serve somebody”. It’s not like supervisors don’t have people to report to, and targets of their own to meet. When they call, text, mail after hours, it is likely not for the pleasure of conversing. And, given the blurring of lines between office and home, the work-day and personal time, after the pandemic struck, it is that much more difficult to know when “office hours” end. It is the complexity of this “new normal” that the well-meaning law passed by Portugal’s socialist government seems not to comprehend.

The new law is meant to ensure a healthier work-life balance by disallowing supervisors from contacting employees after “work hours”. It aims to make Portugal an attractive destination for “digital nomads”: If you have to work-from-home, why not do it from Portugal, where labour laws favour you?

The problem with trying to provide such benefits to “digital nomads” is that they do not really function in a traditional 9-5 setup. A coder for an Indian company living in Lisbon may well want working hours that are very different from “office hours” in both countries. In fact, one of the few advantages for many people working from home during the pandemic has been the flexibility it affords: Make a meal, spend time with the kids, and work around a schedule you set for yourself. Digital nomads move temporally, not just spatially. With all this flexibility and freedom, the notion of “work hours” all but disappears. And, if you can work any time, so can your boss.



TABEREZH AHMED NEYAZI

FACEBOOK’S INTERNAL MEMOS, leaked by whistleblower Frances Haugen — a former Facebook employee — brought out several controversial issues such as rampant misinformation and hate speech in addition to the company prioritising profits instead of investing in understanding local markets. However, what needs the most serious deliberation is the impunity with which Facebook is allowed to treat developing country markets differently than their developed counterparts. This has been illustrated by the relatively minuscule investment by Facebook on screening for fake, inauthentic, polarising and hate-filled content in Indian languages on its platforms. This, when there has been a mushrooming of online content as well as internet users in the Indian languages since the early 2010s.

Between 2018 and 2020, several people within Facebook highlighted how hate speech and Islamophobic content have been flourishing in vernacular languages and the inability of artificial intelligence (AI)-based systems, deployed for content moderation, to detect problematic content. These concerns were brushed aside by the company. While this issue comes across as a classic case of prioritising profits over values, it has a political dimension to it as well. Most of the digital platforms have been operating in India without being required by the regulators to invest in the safety of their users from illegal, obscene and harmful materials.

What was more baffling is the admission by Facebook that it has hate speech classifiers in only four — Hindi, Bengali, Urdu and Tamil — out of India’s 22 scheduled languages. While the company has human moderators to deal with languages other than these four, it only checks content flagged by users. Facebook started focusing on the Indian languages market in 2012 when it launched in eight Indian languages including Hindi and Bengali. By 2017, it was available in 12 Indian languages. However, more than the availability in different languages, it’s important to understand that users are free to share the content in various Indian languages even when they are accessing its platforms in English. Political parties often use vernacular content to reach out to supporters. It’s in this context that Facebook’s approach — to not invest in content moder-

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ation in Indian languages — should be taken seriously and further scrutinised.

While Facebook’s revenues from the Indian market have been soaring over the past few years, they are still much lower than the combined revenues from European markets. Social media companies are often driven by profit considerations when they enter a market. They should simultaneously be guided by social values and invest in understanding the societies in which they operate. In fact, they should not be allowed to operate in a market unless they have a comprehensive system in place to factor in culture and context, which, in developing-country markets, are very different from Western and European markets. English language content, which dominated the internet for a long time in India, kept a large number of non-English speaking Indians from accessing the web. With increasing numbers of people accessing social media in their own languages — what I term “internet vernacularisation” — Facebook and other social media companies must invest in building an infrastructure to ensure users are not exposed to harmful and fake content.

Internet vernacularisation revolves around the twin aspects of linguistic diversification as well as the massification of the medium. These two trends have transformed the daily lives of ordinary Indians and have produced unexpected outcomes. This is because the transformations that are occurring in India’s digital space echo what has been occurring in many other countries, in terms of the rise of digital consumption and interactions, digital nationalism and populism and the emergence of multi-lingual, non-English, and vernacular internet spheres. The trend of internet vernacularisation in India is in line with the global trend of the decentralisation and de-Americanisation of the world wide web along with the rise of the global south in terms of the number of web users. The most important contribution of internet vernacularisation is the vast amount of user-generated online content available in various Indian languages. This not only offers new opportunities to understand emerging digital cultures but also provides a window to understand the regional public sphere.

Yet, we cannot ignore the potential



RITA KOTHARI

I CAN’T REMEMBER how and when I got introduced to the writer Shoukat Hussain Shoro (1947-2021), who died this week in Jamshoro, Sindh, Pakistan. It must have been around 2003 or 2004. I was beginning to form my links with Sindh. The ancestral connections of my family needed to be revised and revisited. Shoukat and I met at a Sindhi literature conference in Ahmedabad. A gentle, quiet and observant man, Shoukat Shoro was Sindh’s most eminent short story writer and essayist. He, along with a few others, ushered in the modern story in Sindhi with its themes of alienation and existential ruptures. Why he should have warmed up to me enough to subsequently come and stay with me, I don’t know. He was duly impressed that I had been living with three generations in my house, although I appear to be fiercely independent and individualistic. I remember asking him, “*Kiyan Bha, shaabas aahe na mukhe?*” (Shouldn’t I be congratulated?)” He threw his head back and laughed, “*Haa haa, vadi shabaas aahe.* (Kudos to you.)” We had established a comradeship and kinship as between a brother and sister across borders. We exchanged literary news; articles; and updates on home and family.

The conditions of my visa did not permit me to visit him in Sindh, when I visited Pakistan in 2000. So, my desire to eat pallo fish cooked in the traditional style remained

WRITER OF UNBELONGING

Shoukat Shoro bridged borders, shaped the modern story in Sindhi literature

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unfulfilled. When he tried inviting me as a speaker or adviser, I was invariably denied the visa. The name of his daughter Sorath stayed with me, although I did not meet her. Sorath is the name of one of the dastans in Sufi mystic Shah Abdul Latif’s poetry; and Sorath is also Saurashtra for us in Gujarat. It was as if by naming his daughter, he had consolidated my Sindh and Gujarat histories, I told him.

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The story, “*Khauf jo Maut*”, is written with economy and control, and brings out a host of anxieties that have haunted the polity in Sindh. The protagonist Kamil lives with his wife and child, but in fear and trembling because the atrocities against Mohajirs in the 1970s and 1980s had made every moment insecure for the Sindhis. In search of a home in a safer area, he visits the home of Haji Sahib: “Look, how poor Sindhis are being

compelled to sell their ancestral homes, as if Hyderabad was not a part of Sindh, rather it was Hyderabad of the Deccan in India.’ Kamil found Haji Sahib’s words heartening; they appeared like drops of cool water on a parched earth. Perhaps Sindhis had begun to realise how much like orphans they had become. ‘Where will they push us?’ Haji Sahib continued. ‘We will find acceptance in neither India, nor Afghanistan nor Iran.’”

Much conversation ensued from this point; about the role of MQM; and that of the Hindu Sindhis and the formation of Pakistan. Kamil went home reassured that he would be given a room on rent by Haji Sahib only to discover the following day that all the assurances were merely lip service. The Sindhi community stood fractured; unable or unwilling to heal each other. Kamil says to his wife Zainab at the end of the story, “We are not going anywhere. We shall live here, in our own house...” The house that inspired a fear of death was now the ancestral home that would embolden him to kill fear itself. *Maut jo khauf* had become *khauf jo maut*, the death of fear. This is but one story from a massive oeuvre penned by Shoro. We are left with his writings, and I, with the warm memory of his friendship.

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NOVEMBER 13, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDO-FRENCH TALKS

INDIA AND FRANCE have begun in right earnest the search for a strategy to promote their hitherto neglected bilateral economic relations avoiding altogether any reference to the controversial Mirage deal. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who had an hour long discussion with French President Francois Mitterrand immediately after her arrival in Paris, told reporters that they did not discuss the Mirage deal. The situation in Europe, Afghanistan, Poland and West Africa were some of the topics on which the two leaders were understood to have exchanged their views. President Mitterrand

is believed to have given his assessment of the events in Poland.

UP EMERGENCY

THE LEAVE OF all police and PAC personnel in Uttar Pradesh has been cancelled. All districts have been put on alert to deal with the “grave situation” resulting from the jail staff agitation. Chief Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh sprung a near surprise by declaring a near emergency for the government employees who have been agitating. He denied that the state government was painting an artificially grave situation to secure the postponement of the parliamentary by election in Garhwal.

ASSAM BANDH CALL

THE COMBINED AASU and the AAGSP executive have given a call for 36-hour Assam bandh beginning November 19 as a step towards resumption of agitation over the foreigners’ issue. The agitators will resort to Rasta Roko agitation from November 19. They have also decided to extend an invitation to the Union Home Secretary for talks.

COLUMBIA IN ORBIT

SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA reached orbit on November 12 making it the first spacecraft to make a return trip to space.





C R Sasikumar

The signs by the sea

From a vacation in Puducherry, some takeaways on the cycle of life, and nationhood



OPENING ARGUMENT

BY MENAKA GURUSWAMY

THE DIWALI COURT vacations had my family embarking on some travel – a year-and-a-half into the pandemic, we would be taking my parents on their first trip out of the city they live in. My father wanted to go to Puducherry, and so we went. The day after our arrival, the infinitely-better-half Arundhati and I spent the morning walking along the promenade that overlooked the Bay of Bengal. The rising sun provided the backdrop to the waves lashing against the rocks, as fishing ships bobbed in the distance. In 1674, this was the setting that greeted the French East India Company which established a settlement in “Putu cchen” – “new village” in Tamil.

Back in the hotel café, as memories of the strong waves and blue endlessness of the Bay filled my mind, I ordered a coffee and started reading, yet again, one of my favourite books, *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. The author won the Nobel Prize in Literature for this work. In the book, Hemingway writes about an old fisherman, no longer able to catch his livelihood, while his worried young mentee now fishing on another boat, watches over him and provides food and shelter when necessary. As the fishing community has all but given up on the old man, he sets his sights on catching the

biggest fish in the waters – a swansong to his life on the sea.

Much like Hemingway, who tells a story of aging, wisdom and the cycle of life, I sat in the cafe watching a quintessential Indian tradition. In this hotel there were two kinds of tourists – couples with young children, and adult children who were taking their older parents on a vacation. While the former is a usual sight anywhere in the world, the latter grouping is less common in the West. In India, we are a people with many differences, but one common cultural practice across our differences is our bond with the older generations, our parents, our grandparents. My family’s own episode of multigenerational travel provided us invaluable lessons – not only in the cycle of life, but also the cycle of our nationhood.

Puducherry provides a wonderful insight into the legal markers that constitute the journey from the colonial to the post-colonial. While much of India gained independence from the British on August 15, 1947, via the Indian Independence Act, other colonial territories joined our Union in varied ways. On November 1, 1954, a referendum was held in Pondicherry, and the people voted in favour of joining India, as opposed to being French. Every year, this day is celebrated as Liberation Day.

In 1956, Pondicherry was transferred by a treaty from France to India and became a Union territory with the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of India in 1962. In 2006, in a final act of erasing its colonial past, it was renamed Puducherry. This is the journey of the life, thus far, of the former colony by the Bay.

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We both smiled at the distinctions in political power order being made clear. Inevitably there is a lifecycle for the wielders of political power, an ex-minister today may be one in office after the next election. The jump from the more basic plastic seats to the fancier ones up ahead reflected years of work.

Towards the end of *The Old Man and the Sea*, the old fisherman does hook the largest fish around. My father, buoyed by breaking the pandemic bubble, has since set off on a caravan ride spanning a few national parks with friends of his from primary school. I went back to court. Fortunately, the seats in the courts are not demarcated in any way and all lawyers sit on the same chairs. The cycle of life has continued even at the bar, stalwarts like Soli Sorabjee and my own senior Ashok Desai have passed away. As I try to live up to Desai’s standards, I think back to the lovely morning at the Bay and the roar of the waves, as the sun shone brightly on that day in Puducherry.

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ADITI NARAYANI PASWAN

DESPITE THE CONSTITUTIONAL guarantee of equality, the mind space of Indian society is deeply entrenched in caste and its serpentine matrix. So much water has flown under the bridge in making the highly-stratified Indian society an inclusive one. Dalits have achieved a degree of mobility through franchise and social movements, but the question that remains is: Why, after seven decades of affirmative action and policies, have they not been able to fill the void of social and cultural capital?

In a departure from the fixation on traditional parameters for the study of Dalit rights and empowerment, there is now a focus on how market forces can be expanded to address social exclusion. While entrepreneurship alone isn’t the panacea to caste-based exclusion or marginalisation, Dalit entrepreneurship is the new narrative changing the discourse of Dalit empowerment.

Entrepreneurship can shape access to rights and push against entrenched social hierarchies. The circulation of material benefits and the relative autonomy that comes with entrepreneurship are added advantages. The new generation of Dalits is looking for a way out of the exploitative social order. It is now ready to become a stakeholder and an active participant in the New India story. It refuses to be bogged down by the players and practices emblematic of the old socio-political order in the market.

Capital against caste

Push to Dalit entrepreneurship will help realise promise of equality

The dominance of a few castes over the domains of business and commerce, and their entrepreneurial instinct have helped them create a network that they can bank on, while an individual from a marginalised section of society only has the options of taking up a government job or continuing their caste-based occupation. My research has shown that most of this has to do with the fact that, along with access to capital for their entrepreneurial ventures, dominant castes are also accumulating social capital. Whether both these things are corollaries to each other or occur together as a coincidence is open to debate.

As per the reports by the MSME ministry, Dalit-owned ventures are still minimal in terms of numbers as well as revenue. Micro studies conducted all over India show that Dalits are still indentured to their traditional caste-assigned occupations, which are usually manual and low-paying. Those Dalits who consider taking up self-employment are hindered by the fear of social discord and losing any potential subcaste networks that might provide them with mutual insurance. To overcome hindrances to the establishment of networks across various social groups, Dalit entrepreneurs take recourse to their internal ties and use them to sustain their economic gains. It is increasingly becoming clear that supporting Dalits entrepreneurs is integral to the nation’s inclusive development and this is why

institutional aid is required in this regard.

Some progress has already been made in this direction. The District Industries Centre (DIC) stipulates that to nurture entrepreneurs, the government must increase the share of goods produced by Dalits in its procurement. The DIC has also sought to get financial institutions to amend their rules for collateral in order to ease financing for the projects of Dalit entrepreneurs. State financial corporations have also been instructed to increase financial support to Scheduled Caste entrepreneurs. The Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation has allocated 16.2 per cent of plots to SC entrepreneurs, while the Small Industries Development Bank of India offers an additional subsidy to them. But the dynamics of how the support reaches Dalit entrepreneurs is not known. So, schemes and programmes must be closely monitored to ensure that the subsidies are accessible.

One of the focussed financial interventions for SC/ST entrepreneurs is the Stand Up India initiative, guaranteeing credit up to Rs 1 crore. But this failed to deliver the expected results due to the unavailability of so-called eligible SC/ST entrepreneurship, with most of the fund lying unutilised. This was primarily due to the apathy of loaning branches and officials towards proposals by Dalit entrepreneurs. The difference in the amount sanctioned and the actual disbursement also seems to be a signif-

icant impediment. There is a need for Dalit-focused alternate investment finance (AIF) and private equity (PE) funds to create a vibrant and inclusive MSME ecosystem. I would also suggest that an inclusivity cell be created in banks and lending institutions/NBFCs in order to inform, educate and foster Dalit entrepreneurship.

It is evident that despite the existence of government schemes and policies to support such initiatives, the actual benefit could never reach the beneficiaries due to the artificial inaccessibility created by inherent social and caste biases. It is advisable to formulate multiple credit guarantee trusts by raising contributions from MNCs, FDI, portfolio investors, corporates, etc. These trusts can be created based on categories of sectors, products, output, activities, etc. They will provide guaranteed support to the banks for them to extend credit. Stakeholding by FDI, MNCs, corporates, and PSUs will form the corpus and this can be further leveraged by portfolio investments, borrowings and listings on stock exchanges. A social vulnerability index also needs to be introduced, addressed and assessed.

Dalit entrepreneurship today holds the promise of an exciting and uncharted future for social transformation.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“It is believed that the CPC will fulfill its mission, and that the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core will continue to show extraordinary leadership and ability to take challenges under control.” — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Dear Nehruji

On the eve of his birth anniversary, a letter to India's first PM who understood the texture and beauty of this country, which is under siege today



MANOJ KUMAR JHA

I HAVE BEEN thinking of writing these words as every day sees a vilification campaign against you and the ideas you held dear. In the Discovery of India, you wrote: “I have always maintained that it was not her wide spaces that eluded me, or even her diversity, but some depth of soul which I could not fathom, though I had occasional and tantalising glimpses of it. She was like some ancient palimpsest on which layer upon layer of thought and reverie had been inscribed, and yet no succeeding layer had completely hidden or erased what had been written previously.” I hope the small men who smear you today understand the essential beauty of India and how it has successfully encountered challenges and evolved for the better, because each layer has added to its inner beauty. For your generation and for millions even now, India is not simply a physical entity but the interconnected lives of people and communities shaped through the long march of history. I truly hope that today’s leadership learns to respect each layer of thought and faith that has gone into making the texture of India.

You and your peers recognised that the division between classes and masses was more fundamental than the division between Hindus and Muslims; that is why Bapu’s Ram Rajya was a dream of a nation free from such divisions. It was certainly not the Ram Rajya today’s leaders talk about.

Our first general elections were held in 1952, in the shadow of the Partition and Bapu’s assassination. Yet, we did not allow communal rhetoric or brazen religious polarisation to have any say in the electoral process. You had conveyed to all Chief Ministers in 1950 that “so long as I am Prime Minister, I shall not allow communalism to shape our policy, nor am I prepared to tolerate barbarous and uncivilised behaviour.” In spite of the great human tragedies of the initial years, we collectively made sure that India charts a course of peaceful coexistence. After the birth of Pakistan, we had to make sure this nation does not become a Hindu Pakistan. We knew that the best safeguard against such reactionary sentiment lay in vigorously promoting tolerance, and committing the state to safeguarding the uniqueness of each religious group and its culture, apart from promising equality in every sphere.

We were a poor nation but rich in composite culture; in preserving and promoting it. We made sure that the world pays attention to the way we derive pride from this and to our efforts in building a nation not exclusive to any particular religious identity. It must be saddening for you to see that after almost seven decades, elections are not be-

ing contested on matters important to the life and livelihood of ordinary citizens but on issues which blatantly divide people and communities. The most polarising face appears to be the most preferred face. Some leaders today do not wish to acknowledge that while communal rhetoric can get them votes, it shall destroy the essence of India which is inseparable from its secular democratic ethos. Incidents such as the recent violence in Tripura are an indicator of how much the soul of India has been mauled by the communal targeting of minorities.

You were the Prime Minister of this great country first and then a leader of a party. And history remembers you fondly even now. Contemporary politicians and leaders must not forget that history will be brutally honest in judging them, unlike those who are under pressure to be their yes-men today. You must be deeply distressed to see citizens, protestors and dissenters being detained for years. Such blatant state action to deny their liberty and take away their inalienable human rights cannot be justified by the use of laws such as UAPA. That these laws are immoral is proved by the fact that they are used against defenders of the poorest and most powerless sections of Indian society. Activists, students, journalists, lawyers – these are the best resources to build a vibrant society and polity. Their continued detention on flimsy charges is an injustice that will be difficult to justify in history, even if brute power keeps them in jails. The media cacophony to drown agitated outcries of common citizens strikes at the very foundation of the republic.

Those who vilify you today, should themselves reflect on what independence and democracy mean for people who lost their families to Covid mismanagement, who are lynched because they belong to a particular religion, who sleep in poverty, and ones who do not believe in the dominant ideology and are bold enough to voice their dissent? And what does independence mean for our farmers who have been protesting since the present government bulldozed the farm laws through without consulting them?

An accountable Parliament with opposing voices reflects the ethos of our country. Throughout your tenure, you ensured that processes and institutions that define democracy are cemented on firm ground. In spite of having an overwhelming majority in Parliament, you never brushed aside the Opposition or ridiculed dissenting voices.

In spite of everything, I disallow myself to feel pessimistic about it. I know that India will soon rise from the depths that it is being pushed into. She has no shortage of patriots who, beleaguered as they are, love her dearly and are already paying a high cost for their love for this country.

As we remember you ahead of your birthday, we do so in a way you would have liked to be remembered: “This was a man who with all his mind and heart loved India and Indian people. And they in turn were indulgent for him and gave him their love most abundantly and extravagantly.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GUILT ASSUMED

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘An unlawful law’ (IE, November 12). Tripura police is doing what other states have done before by invoking the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against members of a fact-finding committee for bringing out true account of riots in the public domain. UAPA is but one law – the peaceful dissenters are also being greeted with Section 124A of Indian Penal Code (IPC) of Sedition, and the National Security Act (NSA) on unsubstantiated grounds which are often dismissed by the courts. In these laws, vagueness is built under which due process is tilted in favour of the state as against the defendant. They have the effects of turning on its head the well settled canon of criminal. “Innocent until proven guilty” has become “guilty until proved innocent”. In a constitutional democracy with rule of law not only the citizens but even the judiciary is battered and bruised by indiscriminate use of these draconian provisions that ease police predilection for misemploy without accountability.

L.R MURMU, Delhi

DRAINAGE MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Learning to live with water’ (IE, November 12). The ongoing heavy rains in Chennai has again exposed the vulnerability of the coastal city, with a flat terrain, to floods, and raised more questions than answers about the authorities’ preparedness to deal with the northeast monsoon. Despite stormwater drains and waterways running being cleared in the last four months, no tangible improvement was seen in the problem of inundation. The nightmare of the 2015

December floods haunted Chennai in the backdrop of the authorities monitoring the release of surplus water from the reservoirs on the outskirts. The crux of the problem is the issue of drainage. In a large urban setting such as Chennai, shrinking open space, the gap between the coverage of the drains and that of sewer lines, ageing drains and sewer networks, and encroachments or obstructions hampering the free flow of water are responsible for the mess. Few city rivers such as the Cooum and the Adyar, apart from a number of canals including the Buckingham Canal, if properly maintained, can be very effective flood carriers, sparing several residential localities from flooding.

SANJAY CHOPRA, Mohali

BAD POLICY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Raising barriers’ (IE November 11). The Haryana government’s proposed law providing 75 per cent reservation for local youths in the private sector jobs is populist gimmickry devoid of legal sanctity. It is a retrograde move which would deter investors from setting up their plants and industries in the state and seek green pastures elsewhere to get meritorious employment potential there. It will also have a negative impact on the prospects of Haryana youths finding jobs elsewhere as their candidature would be shunned and opposed by the employers on this count. This move is also unconstitutional as it places an unreasonable embargo on outsiders to seek job in the state on their merit. The Haryana government needs to revisit the move.

RAVI MATHUR, Noida

TOP OF THE WORLD



Robert Califf

USA
Biden picks former FDA chief Califf to again lead the agency

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Friday is tapping former Food and Drug Administration commissioner Robert Califf to again lead the powerful regulatory agency, according to a person familiar with the decision. Califf's nomination comes after months of the concern that the agency near the centre of the government's Covid-19 response has lacked a permanent leader. More than a half-dozen names were floated for the job before the White House settled on Califf. Biden is to make the formal announcement later Friday. A cardiologist and clinical trial specialist, Califf, 70, served as FDA commissioner for the last 11 months of Barack Obama's second term. **AP**

EUROPE
EU sues Portugal for poor air quality caused by nitrogen dioxide

THE EUROPEAN Commission has decided to sue Portugal for its poor air quality caused by high levels of nitrogen dioxide, it said on Friday. "Portugal has continually and persistently exceeded the annual nitrogen dioxide limit value in three air quality zones (...)," the Commission said in a statement, adding it was referring Portugal to the European Court of Justice. "Full implementation of the air quality standards enshrined in EU legislation is key to effectively protect human health and safeguard the natural environment." **REUTERS**

USA
Black cop who was given KKK sign by chief files complaint

A BLACK police officer in Ohio whose chief left a sheet of paper with the words "Ku Klux Klan" on his raincoat this summer, a jarring discovery captured in a surveillance video obtained by the officer's lawyers, filed a discrimination complaint on Thursday with the state's Civil Rights Commission. The officer, Keith Pool, said during a news conference Thursday announcing the complaint against the city's police force that officials in Sheffield Lake, Ohio, had failed to stem a tide of racist misconduct by Anthony Campo, the police chief at the time. **NYT**

CONTINENT ACCOUNTS FOR HALF OF NEW COVID INFECTIONS, DEATHS

Coronavirus epicentre again: Europe faces fresh reckoning

Latest outbreaks stir fears for winter, over economic impact

JOSEPHINE MASON & EMILIO PARODI
LONDON, MILAN, NOVEMBER 12

EUROPE HAS become the epicentre of the pandemic again, prompting some governments to consider re-imposing unpopular lockdowns in the run-up to Christmas and stirring debate over whether vaccines alone are enough to tame Covid-19.

Europe accounts for more than half of the average 7-day infections globally and about half of latest deaths, according to a Reuters tally, the highest levels since April last year when the virus first swept into Italy.

The fresh tumult comes as successful inoculation campaigns have plateaued ahead of the winter months and flu season.

About 65% of the population of the European Economic Area (EEA) — which includes the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway — have received two doses, according to EU data, but the pace has slowed in recent months.

Take-up in southern European countries is around 80%, but hesitancy has hampered rollout in central and eastern Europe and Russia, leading to outbreaks that could overwhelm healthcare.

Biden-Xi set virtual summit for Monday to discuss tensions

AAMER MADHANI
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 12

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden and China's Xi Jinping will hold their much-anticipated virtual summit on Monday evening as the two sides look to dial back tensions after a rough start to the US-China relationship since Biden took office earlier this year.

The White House is setting low expectations for the video call between the leaders. Biden looks to stress that the two nations need to set guardrails in deepening areas of conflict in the increasingly complicated relationship between the two nations. White House officials said that no major announcements are expected to come from the meeting.

"The two leaders will discuss ways to responsibly manage the competition between the United States and the PRC, as well as ways to work together where our interests align," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said in a statement announcing the timing of the summit, referring to the People's Republic of China. "Throughout, President Biden will make clear US intentions and priorities and be clear and candid about our concerns."

The meeting will be the third engagement between the two leaders since February. It comes after the US and China this week pledged at UN climate talks in Glasgow to increase their cooperation and speed up action to rein in damaging emissions. **AP**



A specialist wearing PPE sprays disinfectant at a chapel in the building of the Leningradsky railway station in Moscow. *Reuters*

AstraZeneca to book modest profit from coronavirus vaccine

London: British-Swedish pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca said Friday that it will start to book a modest profit from its coronavirus vaccine as it moves away from the non-profit model it has operated during the pandemic. In a third-quarter update, the com-

pany said it is "now expecting to progressively transition the vaccine to modest profitability as new orders are received." It said the "limited" profits from the vaccine in the fourth quarter will offset costs related to its antibody cocktail developed to prevent and treat Covid. **AP**

Germany, France and the Netherlands are also experiencing a surge in infections, showing the challenge even for gov-

ernments with high acceptance rates and dashing hopes vaccines would mean a return to close to normal.

To be sure, hospitalisations and deaths are much lower than a year ago and big variations by country in use of vaccines and boosters as well as measures like social distancing make it hard to draw conclusions for the whole region.

But a combination of low vaccine uptake in some parts, waning immunity among those inoculated early and complacency about masks and distancing as governments relaxed curbs over the summer are likely to blame, virologists and public health experts told Reuters.

"If there's one thing to learn from this it's not to take your eye off the ball," said Lawrence Young, a virologist at the UK's Warwick Medical School.

The World Health Organisation's latest report for the week to Nov. 7 showed that Europe, including Russia, was the only region to record a rise in cases, up 7%, while other areas reported declines or stable trends.

Similarly, it reported a 10% increase in deaths, while other regions reported declines.

The bleak outlook is sending shivers through companies and governments, anxious that the prolonged pandemic will derail a fragile economic recovery, particularly as transatlantic flights resumed this week and borders have started reopening. **REUTERS**



SERBIA

SHIP THAT FIRED 1ST SHOTS OF WWI RESTORED

Serbia has recalled to service as a floating museum a warship that fired the first shots that began World War One, following years of lobbying from navy ship enthusiasts who wanted it restored. The SMS Bodrog was one of two Austro-Hungarian heavy gunboats that sailed into the confluence of the rivers Sava and Danube around midnight on July 28, 1914.



Internally displaced Afghan children play outside their shelter in Kabul earlier this year. *Reuters*

A million Afghan children at risk of dying amid acute malnutrition: WHO

EMMA FARGE
GENEVA, NOVEMBER 12

AROUND 3.2 million children are expected to suffer from acute malnutrition in Afghanistan by the end of this year, with 1 million of them at risk of dying as temperatures drop, a World Health Organisation spokesperson said on Friday.

Aid agencies have warned of famine as a drought coincides with a failing economy following the withdrawal of Western financial support in the aftermath of a Taliban takeover in August. The health sector has been hit especially hard, with many healthcare workers fleeing due to unpaid salaries.

"It's an uphill battle as starvation grips the country," Margaret Harris told Geneva-based journalists by telephone from the capital Kabul. "The world must not and cannot afford to turn its back on Afghanistan."

Nighttime temperatures are falling below zero and colder temperatures are expected to make the old and the young more susceptible to other diseases, Harris said. In some places, people are chopping down trees to provide fuel for the hospitals amid widespread shortages, she added.

Harris did not have numbers for the number of children who had already died from malnutrition but described "wards filled with tiny little children", including with a seven-month old baby whom she described as "smaller than a newborn".

Measles cases are rising in the country and WHO data shows 24,000 clinical cases had so far been reported. "For malnourished children, measles is a death sentence. We will see so many more deaths if we don't move on this quickly," Harris said. **REUTERS**



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Qatar agrees to represent US interests in Afghanistan

Washington: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Friday that the Gulf nation of Qatar has agreed to represent American interests in Afghanistan following the closure of the US embassy in Kabul in late August.

Blinken said Qatar will serve as the "protecting power" for the US in Taliban-run Afghanistan, a move that suggests the Biden administration has little confidence that it will re-open the embassy in the near future.

Qatar will establish a US interests section within its own embassy in Kabul to provide consular and other services to American citizens in Afghanistan, Blinken said. Qatar will also assume responsibility for the security and protection of now-vacant US diplomatic facilities in the Afghan capital.

The US has numerous protecting power agreements in countries where it does not have diplomatic representation. **AP**

Biden administration settles for automatic job authorisation for H-1B holders' spouses

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 12

IN A move that would benefit thousands of Indians, the Biden administration has agreed to provide automatic work authorisation permits to the spouses of H-1B visa holders, most of whom are Indian IT professionals.

An H-4 visa is issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to immediate family members (spouse and children under 21 years of age) of the H-1B visa holders. The visa is normally issued to those who have already started the process of seeking employment-based lawful permanent resident sta-



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The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from

countries like India and China.

A settlement was reached by the Department of Homeland Security in a class-action lawsuit, which was filed by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) on behalf of immigrant spouses this summer.

"This (H-4 visa holders) is a

group that always met the regulatory test for automatic extension of EADs (employment authorisation documents), but the agency previously prohibited them from that benefit and forced them to wait for reauthorisation. People were suffering. They were losing their high-paying jobs for absolutely no legitimate reason causing harm to them and US businesses," Jon Wasden of AILA said.

The litigation successfully achieved the reversal of the USCIS policy that prohibited H-4 spouses from benefiting from the automatic extension of their employment authorisation during the pendency of stand-alone EAD applications. **PTI**

Court in military-ruled Myanmar sentences US journalist to 11 yrs in jail with hard labour

GRANT PECK
BANGKOK, NOVEMBER 12

A COURT in military-ruled Myanmar on Friday sentenced detained US journalist Danny Fenster to 11 years in prison with hard labor after finding him guilty on several charges, including incitement for allegedly spreading false or inflammatory information.

Fenster, the managing editor of the online magazine *Frontier Myanmar*, was also found guilty of contacting illegal organisations and violating visa regulations, lawyer Than Zaw Aung said. He was sentenced to the maximum



Danny Fenster. *AP*

term on each charge and ordered to pay a 100,000 kyat (\$56) fine.

Than Zaw Aung said Fenster wept in court after hearing the sentence and had not yet decided whether to appeal. He is the only foreign journalist to be convicted of a serious offense since the

army seized power in February, ousting the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

Fenster has been detained since May. He still faces two additional serious charges in a different court for allegedly violating the counterterrorism law and a statute covering treason and sedition.

"Everyone at *Frontier* is disappointed and frustrated at this decision. We just want to see Danny released as soon as possible so he can go home to his family," Editor-in-Chief Thomas Kean said in a statement after the sentencing. "There is absolutely no basis to convict Danny of these charges." **AP**



EXPERTS SAY the sentencing is meant not only to intimidate other journalists, but also as a message to the US and other major powers that the military rulers would not be swayed by pressure from the West. The US has condemned the coup and called for its reversal. It has also repeatedly called for the journalist's release, but the junta has remained defiant.



Dr Izzeldin Abuelaish at Israel's parliament in Jerusalem. *AP*

"My daughters have been killed," he sobbed into a phone. A journalist listened at the other end

of the line as the audio aired live.

The blast from the Israeli strike took the lives of his daugh-

ters Aya, 14, Bessan, 21, and Mayar, 15, as well as his niece Nour, 17. Footage from the scene shows Abuelaish directing the evacuation of another daughter, Shatha, 17, who was severely wounded but survived.

For 13 years, Abuelaish has battled in Israeli courts and the public arena to deliver justice to his family for what he says was a terrible mistake by the Israeli army.

The government says the law shields the military from liability for wartime actions. In 2018, a lower court sided with the army. Abuelaish's appeal to that ruling had been delayed by the coron-

avirus pandemic, until Monday.

There have been bright spots, Abuelaish said. Two weeks ago, he learned that an expectant Israeli mother had read of his journey and decided to name her baby Aya — after his own daughter. Abuelaish says he'll meet the girl, now 8 years old, and her family over the weekend.

"I am so moved," he said, reading from the letter a few days before leaving his home in Toronto for Israel this week. "I didn't know what to do, what to say."

That's rare for the widower and father of five surviving children, who has spoken around the

world about the need for facts, truth and equality — and the cost of hate and war. He's been clear about what he wants to make of his daughters' legacy. His book is titled in part, *I Shall Not Hate*.

Abuelaish's presence in Israel is an accomplishment in itself. Few Gazans are allowed to enter the country and the success of his cooperation with friends and colleagues in Israel is even rarer.

He has established the Daughters For Life Foundation to give out scholarships, as it did on Thursday to two young women at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. **AP**

IZZELDIN ABUELAISH LOST 3 DAUGHTERS AND A NIECE IN AN ISRAELI STRIKE IN 2009

Gaza doctor on quest for apology from Israel for his daughters' deaths

LAURIE KELLMAN
JERUSALEM, NOVEMBER 12

IZZELDIN ABUELAISH captured widespread sympathy in Israel when he lost three daughters and a niece in an Israeli strike during the 2009 war in the Gaza Strip. Now, the Palestinian doctor is seeking justice in Israel's highest court.

Abuelaish is scheduled to appear before the Supreme Court in Jerusalem on Monday in hopes of receiving an apology from Israel and compensation for his loss.

The Harvard-educated doc-

tor, a widower who moved to Canada after the tragedy, says he is hopeful that he will prevail. But after a lower court rejected his case in 2018, he knows he might have travelled 9,000 km only to lose again.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Abuelaish said that such an outcome would only shine a brighter light on the injustice of his family's pain. Either way, he says, the retelling of the story is a step in itself on the path toward a legacy of peace for his daughters — of "creating life from death and killing". "If we have a positive answer

from the court, this is a great success," Abuelaish said. But whatever the legal result, "I am determined we are not the victims anymore."

Abuelaish, 66, was an obstetrician and peace activist well known in Israel even before the tragedy. He had worked in an Israeli hospital while living in Gaza. And during the war, launched to end Hamas' rocket fire on Israeli border towns, he often gave updates to Israeli media in fluent Hebrew.

But on Jan 16, 2009, live television broadcast a nightmarish, real-time report from Abuelaish to Israelis watching Channel 10 for news about the war.

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SPOT ADMISSION TO MASTER OF ENGINEERING (M.E.) COURSES-2021

Venue : CITD, Balanagar, Hyderabad-500037
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS

The below mentioned borrowers have failed to repay the loan and redeem the gold ornaments within the stipulated time in spite of several reminders. The Gold Jewellery/ ornaments pledged under the said loan accounts by the below listed borrowers will be sold in public/ Online/ private auction at our Branch premises on 15-11-2021 at 10.30 AM. Those willing to participate are requested to contact the branch. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason whatsoever. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day, the same will follow the subsequent days on the same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to nominee/ legal heir. The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the pledged gold ornaments will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost. For any queries and terms and conditions contact branch. For details of branch address visit www.janabank.com.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower	Gross Weight of Pledged Gold Ornaments
1	30808740000337	Nisha	14.9
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., 1st Floor, Property No.B-109, Jyoti Colony, Near Durgapuri Chowk, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, India.			
2	31248740000662	Jakirul Nisha	26.93
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, Property Bearing No.2152, Bawana Road, Narela Madi, Delhi-110040, India.			
3	30218740000577	Anita	25.37
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., No.8, Paschim Enclave, Rohtak Road, Near Peera Gahri Chowk, Opp. Maruthi Show Room, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, India.			
Place: Delhi		Sd/- Authorised Officer	
Date: 13.11.2021		Jana Small Finance Bank Limited	

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI (DRT 3)
4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI - 110001
Case No: OA/327/2021

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh. No.: 3668

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
Versus
M/S LAURENT AND BENON HOSPITALITY SOLUTIONS PVT LTD

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(2) MR. AMAN SAYAL S/O VIJAY SAYAL, 5110, DLF PHASE 4, HARYANA GURGAON - 122015
Also At: M/353, DLF PHASE 2, HARYANA GURGAON - 122002
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Also At: 614, 6TH FLOOR, VISHAL TOWER, JANAKPURI, DELHI - 110058

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, OA/327/2021 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 01/11/2021.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 12782688.00- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 21/12/2021 at 10:30A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:- (i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application/software; (ii) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head. (iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph.No. 23744869.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 02/11/2021.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

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NOTICE TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF THE SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

We hereby withdrawn our earlier entire SARFAESI Action under SARFAESI ACT 2002.

1. We refer to our sanction Letter No. Nil dated 18.03.2016 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility account and the security interest created for such liabilities are as under:

Name & address of Borrowers/ Guarantor/ Mortgagors	Nature of Limit	Limit	Rates of Interest	O/s as on 28.10.2021 (Inclusive of interest up to 28.10.2021)	Security agreement with brief description of securities
1. Borrower: M/s Bhawani Enterprises, Prop.-Mr. Kundan Kumar, At- Chandmari Road, Gali No.10, PO- Lohiyangar, PS- Kankarbagh, Distt- Patna (Bihar), Pin- 800020	Cash Credit (39810500000041)	Rs. 12.95,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Five Thousand only)	2.50% Above Base Rate i.e 10.65% Per Annum	Rs. 19,85,324/- (Rupees Nineteen lakh eighty five thousand three hundred twenty four only) i.e. outstanding Rs. 12,92,187.95 No.129, Khesra No.2328, Taji No.15529 + unapplied interest till date vide sale deed no.10604 dated 04.12.2015 Rs.6,93,137.01 + further interest + other expenses w.e.f. 29.10.2021	Equitable Mortgage of land and building situated at Mauza-Kandap, Thana- Phulwari Hal Thana-Gaurichak, SRO- Phulwari Distt-Patna, bearing Khata No.173, Thana No.129, Khesra No.2328, Taji No.15529 + unapplied interest till date vide sale deed no.10604 dated 04.12.2015 Rs.6,93,137.01 + further interest + other expenses w.e.f. 29.10.2021
	Term Loan (398106000000392)	Rs. 8,75,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only)	7.65% Per Annum		Meera Singh W/o Nirmal Kumar. Boundary Rs.1,85,937/- (Rupees One lakh eighty five thousand nine hundred thirty seven only) i.e. outstanding Rs.1,42,334.68 + unapplied interest till date Rs.43,603.28 + further interest + other expenses w.e.f. 29.10.2021
2. Mr. Kundan Kumar S/o- Sri Anil Goswami, At- Sardari Chowk, PO- Mithankand, PS- Gopalpur (Sampat Chowk), Distt- Patna (Biahr), Pin- 804453				Total Rs.21,71,263/- (Rupees Twenty one lakh seventy one thousand two hundred sixty three only) i.e. outstanding Rs.14,34,522.63 + unapplied interest till date Rs.7,36,740.29 + further interest + other expenses w.e.f. 29.10.2021	

Place : Patna
Date : 29.10.2021

Authorised Officer
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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st November, 2021

S.O. 4537(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening) two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Greenfield alignment of Delhi-Vadodara National Highway (NH-148N) in the stretch of land from Km 0 to Km 12.4 in the District of Gurugram in the State of Haryana, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, District Revenue Officer, Gurugram in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested persons at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 12.4 of the Greenfield alignment of Delhi-Vadodara National Highway (NH-148N) in the district of Gurugram in the state of Haryana.

State: HARYANA			District: Gurugram		
Sl No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Sq. mt.)	Area (in Hectare)
Village: Abheyapur			Taluk: Sohna		
1	118	Common	Rasta	101	0.0101000
Village: Baluda			Taluk: Sohna		
1	57/9/1	Private	Agriculture	657	0.0657000
Village: Daula			Taluk: Sohna		
1	12/11/1	Private	Agriculture	36	0.0036000
2	38/17/2/1	Private	Agriculture	39	0.0039000
3	38/17/2/2	Private	Gair Mumkin Road	76	0.0076000
4	38/18/1/1	Private	Agriculture	990	0.0990000
5	38/18/1/2	Private	Agriculture	561	0.0561000
6	38/18/2/1/2	Private	Agriculture	32	0.0032000
7	38/18/2/2/2	Private	Agriculture	228	0.0228000
8	38/22	Common	Gair Mumkin	24	0.0024000
9	38/24/2/1/2	Government	Agriculture	25	0.0025000
10	53/10	Private	Agriculture	76	0.0076000
Village: Lohatki			Taluk: Sohna		
1	2/21/2	Private	Agriculture	1137	0.1137000
2	27	Common	Rasta	581	0.0581000
Village: Sancholi			Taluk: Sohna		
1	28/1	Private	Agriculture	101	0.0101000
2	28/18	Private	Agriculture	528	0.0528000
3	28/22	Private	Agriculture	278	0.0278000
4	78	Government	Gair Mumkin Road	51	0.0051000
			Total	5521	0.5521
[F. No. NHA/CMU/MTR/BM/DELHI-VADODARA/2018/D-47741/3A1]					
RAJESH GUPTA, Director					

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1. Borrower: M/s Bhawani Enterprises, Prop.-Mr. Kundan Kumar, At- Chandmari Road, Gali No.10, PO- Lohiyangar, PS- Kankarbagh, Distt- Patna (Bihar), Pin- 800020	Cash Credit (39810500000041)	Rs. 12.95,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Five Thousand only)	2.50% Above Base Rate i.e 10.65% Per Annum	Rs. 19,85,324/- (Rupees Nineteen lakh eighty five thousand three hundred twenty four only) i.e. outstanding Rs. 12,92,187.95 No.129, Khesra No.2328, Taji No.15529 + unapplied interest till date vide sale deed no.10604 dated 04.12.2015 Rs.6,93,137.01 + further interest + other expenses w.e.f. 29.10.2021	Equitable Mortgage of land and building situated at Mauza-Kandap, Thana- Phulwari Hal Thana-Gaurichak, SRO- Phulwari Distt-Patna, bearing Khata No.173, Thana No.129, Khesra No.2328, Taji No.15529 + unapplied interest till date vide sale deed no.10604 dated 04.12.2015 Rs.6,93,137.01 + further interest + other expenses w.e.f. 29.10.2021
	Term Loan (398106000000392)	Rs. 8,75,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only)	7.65% Per Annum		Meera Singh W/o Nirmal Kumar. Boundary Rs.1,85,937/- (Rupees One lakh eighty five thousand nine hundred thirty seven only) i.e. outstanding Rs.1,42,334.68 + unapplied interest till date Rs.43,603.28 + further interest + other expenses w.e.f. 29.10.2021
2. Mr. Kundan Kumar S/o- Sri Anil Goswami, At- Sardari Chowk, PO- Mithankand, PS- Gopalpur (Sampat Chowk), Distt- Patna (Biahr), Pin- 804453				Total Rs.21,71,263/- (Rupees Twenty one lakh seventy one thousand two hundred sixty three only) i.e. outstanding Rs.14,34,522.63 + unapplied interest till date Rs.7,36,740.29 + further interest + other expenses w.e.f. 29.10.2021	

Place : Patna
Date : 29.10.2021

Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

Punjab & Sind Bank
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District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
Ludhiana No. DCC/Ldh/2021/2997
New court Complex, Room No. 7, Old Wing
Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana. Dated: 31/11/2021
CC No. 18/595 DT/27/09/2018
Fixed for 07/12/2021

Rajesh Kumar Vs. M/s Ireo Waterfront Pvt. notice to: M/s IREO Waterfront Pvt. Ltd. (formerly known as VAR Realtors Pvt. Ltd.) registered office at 5, dhanya chambers, 1st floor, saltani, new delhi 11074 (india) through its managing director opp. no. 1

Whereas a complaint has been filed by the complainant against you i.e. m/s IREO Waterfront Pvt. Ltd. (formerly known as VAR Realtors Pvt. Ltd.) registered office at 5, dhanya chambers, 1st floor, saltani, new delhi 11074 (india) through its managing director is directed to complete the reciprocal terms of the allotment letter dt. 12/2/2016 provide the black to approach road, water supply & sewerage connection and other amenities in proper working condition pay rs. 30000 and compensation rs. 50000/- whereby the notice to the opposite party can not be served in an ordinary manner and they have been ordered to be served through publication. They are being informed through this notice to appear in this commission on 7/12/2021, failing which ex parte proceedings shall be taken against you. The case will come up for 7/12/2021 at 10.30 am district consumer disputes redressal forum, ludhiana

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
'E-Tender Notice'

'E-Tender Notice'
N-235-62 Tele Tender-6-2021
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/ Tele/HQ, North Eastern Railway/ Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender for the following works from the contractors having sufficient experience as per eligibility criteria mentioned in tender document.
(1) Tender No. & Date: N-235-62 Tele Tender-6-2021, (2) Name of work: Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of SDH Add/Drop MUXs, Primary D1 MUXs along with associated accessories for provision of indoor OFC work at S&T Training Centre Gorakhpur of North Eastern Railway. (3) Tender Value: ₹ 34,77,104/- (Rupees Thirty four lakh, seventy seven thousand, one hundred four only/44) Earnest Money: Nil (5) Validity of Earnest Money: after opening of tender: 45 days, (6) Validity of Offer: 45 days (7) Place, date & Time of closing and opening of Tender: Office of the DST/TE, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, 10-12-2021 at 16:00 hrs. (8) Completion Period: 3 Months, (9) Website where details of the tender notice & documents are available: www.ireps.gov.in (10) For any changes of tender, Please check on internet website for Corrigendum of the original tender notice. (11) (I) Earnest money is to be paid through only payment modes available on <http://www.ireps.gov.in> portal like Net banking, Debit card, Credit card etc. Manual payments like Demand Draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit Receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed: Not applicable. (2) Bid Security Declaration: The bidder to mandatorily submit the Bid Security Declaration on <http://www.ireps.gov.in> portal. (3) The manual offers are not allowed against the tender and any such manual offers received shall be ignored. (12) The tender/ bidders must have Class-III digital signatures and must have to register on IREPS portal. Only registered tenders/ bidders can participate on e-tendering. (13) All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in tendering process. (14) Detailed tender notice, Eligibility criteria, terms & conditions are available at website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>
Dy. Chief S & T Engineer/Tele/Hq, CPD/Signal-51 Gorakhpur
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Never travel on roof and foot boards.

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NOTICE TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF THE SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

We hereby withdrawn our earlier entire SARFAESI Action under SARFAESI ACT 2002.

1. We refer to our sanction Letter No. Nil dated 08-03-2017, 21-09-2013, 18-09-2010 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility account and the security interest created for such liabilities are as under:

Name & address of Borrowers/ Guarantor/ Mortgagors	Nature of Limit	Limit	Rates of Interest	O/s as on 29.10.2021 (Inclusive of interest up to 29.10.2021)	Security agreement with brief description of securities
1. Borrower: M/s Angika Sales, Prop.-Mrs. Ruchi Senapati, At- 403 Adiyawati Tower Kachari Chowk, Police Line Road, Bhagalpur Distt-Bhagalpur (Bihar) Pin-812001	Loan Ac (10010600001526)	Rs. 150000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand only)	9.10% Per Annum	Rs.1,04,903.00/- (Rupees one lakh four thousand nine hundred and three only) i.e. outstanding Rs.89,923.00 + unapplied interest till date Rs.14,980.00 + further interest + other charges w.e.f. 30.10.2021	Security agreement with brief description of securities: A) Equitable Mortgage of Flat No.403 & 404 situated at Adiyawati Tower, Police Line Road, Anchal Jagdishpur, Town and District of Bhagalpur, bearing Rs.14,980.00 + further Part of Survey Plot No.170 Ka, Kha, Khata No.841, Holding No.18, 18A and 18B, Ward no.9, 32 (New), within the limit of B.R.D.A and B.M.C and within the jurisdiction of sub-Registrar and District Registrar of Bhagalpur in the name of Ruchi Senapati admeasuring area 1770 sq.ft equivalent to 164.49 sq.mtr on the fourth floor of Adiyawati Tower vide Sale Deed No.1580 dated 14.02.2014. Bounded as under: North-Staircase Lobby lift there after Flat 401 & 402, South- Open space being rear setback of the building, East-Open space being side setback of the building, West- Open space being side setback of the building.
	Loan Ac (100106000014943)	Rs. 23,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh only)	8.15% Per Annum	Rs.19,19,973/- (Rupees nineteen lakh nineteen thousand nine hundred and seventy three only) i.e. outstanding Rs.18,02,795.00 + unapplied interest till date Rs.1,17,178.00 + further interest + other charges w.e.f. 30.10.2021	B) Equitable Mortgage of Flat No.204, situated at Block A, 2nd Floor, Angika Vihar Apartment having Khata No.716, Khesra No.751, Mouza-Fatehpur, Mohalla-Rani Talab, Thana No.23, Halka 01, P.S.- Sabour, Anchal-Sabour, District-Bhagalpur. The property is in the name of NV Raju admeasuring area 1734 sq.ft. vide sale deed no.17486 dated 30.12.2011. Bounded as under: North-Common place, South- Common place, East-Common place, West-Common passage (Niz Vender)
	Cash Credit (10010500009218)	Rs. 35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh only)	13.65% Per Annum	Rs.43,07,302/- (Rupees forty three lakh seven thousand three hundred two only) i.e. outstanding Rs.30,20,820.00 + unapplied interest till date Rs.12,86,482.00 + further interest + other charges w.e.f. 30.10.2021	C) Equitable Mortgage of property situated at Mauza-Maheshpur, Thana-Jagdishpur, Thana No.157, Bhagalpur, Khesra no.75 (part), Khata no.23, in the name of NV Raju admeasuring area 6.624 decimal vide sale deed no.11176 dated 23.07.2012. Bounded as under: North-Kumhar Satyajit, South- Niz Vender, East-Niz Vender, West-15 feet Road.
				Rs.63,32,178/- (Rupees sixty three lakh thirty two thousand one hundred seventy eight only) i.e. outstanding Rs.49,13,538.00 + unapplied interest till date Rs.14,18,640.00 + further interest + other charges w.e.f. 30.10.2021	

Place : Patna
Date : 30.10.2021

Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

इंडियन बैंक
Indian Bank
ALLAHABAD

BRANCH - ORIENTAL COLLEGE, PATNA CITY Zonal Office Patna : Budha Marg, Patna-800 001
POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule - 8 (1)) (For Immovable Property)
A/c - 50317865793 & 50316549031

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated - 27.08.2021 calling upon the Borrowers **Mohazir Ahmad Ansari S/o Md. Ali Ansari, Md. Ali Ansari S/o Ahmad Hussain & Md. Gyas Ahmad S/o Late Ahmad Miyan** with their Indian Bank Oriental College Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 12,88,211 (Rs. Twelve Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eleven only) as on 27.08.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **6th day of November of the year 2021**.

We draw attention to the provisions of section 13(8

Classifieds

PERSONAL

JC-343456L, NB Sub-Harjeet Singh, S/o-Shri Gurnam Singh, R/o-VPO-Bhagani,Teh.-Paonta Sahib, Distt-Sirmour,HP., I inform that my father and mother DOB wrongly-mentioned in my service record. My father's DOB mentioned as 01-07-1951 instead-of 01-01-1952 and my mother's DOB mentioned as 01-07-1953 instead-of 01-01-1955.

0040591548-9

JC-343456L, NB Sub-Harjeet Singh, S/o-Shri Gurnam Singh, R/o-VPO-Bhagani,Teh.-Paonta Sahib, Distt-Sirmour,HP., I inform that my father and daughter name wrongly-mentioned in my service record. My father's name has been entered as Gurnam instead-of Gurnam Singh and my daughter's name has been entered as Gurpreet kour instead-of Gurpreet Kaur.

0040591548-8

I,Rinki Kumari,W/o Ranjay Kumar, R/o.D-94B, (South-Ganesh-Nagar),Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Kumari Rinki and my son's name,from Rakshit to Rakshit Shrivastava, for All Purposes.

0040591548-7

I,RAVI KUMAR S/O-KRISHAN LAL R/o.1865,Four Storey-Flats Tagore Garden-EXT N.Delhi-110027,have changed my name to RAVI KUMAR LUTHRA, permanently.

0040591548-1

I,Manisha Sehrawat W/o-Ashish Rathi R/o. Flat.No.103, Urban-Greens Society Sector-39, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Manisha Rathi.

0040591548-11

I,Jyoti Dawani, D/O-Ramesh Dawani, Address-138/9, 201, third-floor new kshingarh, vasantkunj delhi-110070, changed my name to Jyoti bhambhani.

0040591548-2

I,Elsy Raju W/o Tharayil Samuel Raju R/o 31-A, Pocket B-5 Dhawalgiri Apartments, Sector-34 Noida changed my name to Annamma Raju.

0040591554-1

I,Shashi Bala,W/O Satish Chauhan R/O,99, Vaishali Pitampura Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Shashi Chauhan

0040591548-10

I,Davender Maggo S/O-Madan Lal Maggo R/O,J-9,38, 2nd/Floor Rajouri-Garden Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Davinder Kumar Maggo.

0040591548-4

I,Chiragh Royal S/O Gulshan Royal,H.NO-23/78, Tilak-Nagar Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Chirag Royal.

0040591548-3

I,Chander Prakash Lohia S/O Babu Lal H.No-17/7, North-Side Indira Vikas Colony Dr. Mukherjee-Nagar Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Chander Prakash.

0040591548-5

I,Ashok Kumar S/O-Ram Karan Dubey R/O.A-453, Indra Gali.No-7, Mandawali-Fazalpur, Delhi-110092,have changed my name to Ashok Dubey.

0040591596-9

I,Ankita Hooda W/o Varun Sahgal R/o 660, Sector-29, Noida(U.P.),have changed my name from Ankita H. Sahgal to Ankita Hooda for all future purposes.

0040591589-1

I,ABHINAV S/O-ANIL KUMAR, H.NO.RZ-22,F-BLOCK, DHARAMPURA COLONY, NAJAFGARH,DELHI-110043, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ABHINAV KUMAR.

0040591548-6

I, priyanka Nehra W/o DEEPAK KUMAR, R/O. E-357, IIND-FLOOR, GREATER-KAILASH, PART-II, NEW DELHI-110048, changed my MINOR DAUGHTER Name EVELYN TOBERIA to EVELYN KUMAR.

0040591553-5

I, hitherto known as Sandhya Batra D/O Darshan Singh and W/O Tajinder Pal Singh residing at B-11, upper Ground Floor, Shakti Nagar Ext. Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Delhia-110052, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sandhya. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

0040591553-10

I, hitherto known as Ashmeen Kaur Batra D/O Tajinder Pal Singh and W/O Naman Soorma residing at W-15, Naveen Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ashmeen Kaur Soorma. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

0040591553-9

I, Yatharth Attrey, S/o Ajay Kumar Tyagi, R/O H.no-44, Duplex, Swarnimvihar, Sector-82, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201304, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Yatharth Tyagi.

0070760700-1

I, Tejinder Pal Singh Alias Tajinder Pal Singh Batra, S/O Mandhir Singh residing at B-11, upper ground floor, Shakti Nagar EXT.N., Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Tajinder Pal Singh.

0040591553-8

I, Vireinder Bhatia R/O E-47A, Third-Floor, Mansarovar-Garden, New-Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Virender Kumar Bhatia.

0040591571-3

I, Swaran Dang W/o Surjeet Singh Dang R/o 6/69, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110026 have changed my name to SWARAN KAUR DANG permanently and SWARAN KAUR DANG and SWARAN DANG both are same and one person.

0040591617-2

I, SUSHMA RANI, W/O DHARMENDRA KUMAR, ADD-6014/5, SECTOR-6D VASANTKUNJ, SOUTH WEST DELHI-110070., Changed my name to SUSHMA SOJHANA,

0040591553-4

I, Surjit Dang s/o Harbans Singh Dang r/o 6/69, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110026 have changed my name to SURJEET SINGH DANG permanently and SURJEET SINGH DANG and SURJIT DANG both are same and one person.

0040591617-1

I, Shvi Charan Pokhriyal, (Date of Birth - 04.02.1982), S/o Sadho Ram Pokhriyal R/o Flat No:-FF-2, Plot No:-149, Sec-13, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201012 have changed my name to Shiv Charan Pokhriyal for all future purposes. Shvi Charan Pokhriyal and Shiv Charan Pokhriyal are one and the same person.

0070761023-1

I, Shreya Agrawal D/o Sanjay Kumar Agrawal W/o Shriyansh Kumar Jain R/o C-7/88-89, U.G.F., Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Shreya Jain.

0040591571-4

I, Shourya Kumar S/o Indresh Kumar R/O A-809, Shastri-Nagar, Delhi-110052, declare that Shourya Kumar & Shourya Sharma, both are, same and, one person, shall-hereafter be, known as Shourya Kumar

0040591571-7

I, Satish Kumar S/o Niranjan Singh R/o-1302, 13th Floor, Tower-F, Apex Athena, Sector-75, Noida, G.B.Nagar-201301, have changed my name to Satish Kumar Tomar for all future Purposes.

0070761009-1

I, Sabina Viney Kumar Monga W/o Viney Kumar Monga R/o-162, Ambika Apartment Sector-14, Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Sabina Rani Monga.

0040591596-4

I, Ranjana Kumar W/o Yashpal Kumar R/O C-4/123, Milan Vihar, Apartments, 72, I.P.EXT. Patparganj, Delhi-110092 have changed my minor son's name from Ekansh Kumar to Aekansh Kumar for all purposes.

0040591623-1

I, ROHAN GANGULY S/O Manoj Ganguly, R/o 74-A, FF, Humayunpur, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi-110029, have changed my name to ROHAN GANGULI, for all purposes.

0040591571-2

I, RENU BALA DOGRA, D/O SANTOKH SINGH DOGRA R/O 168,3RD FLOOR, ARJUN NAGAR, SAFDARJUNG ENCLAVE, DELHI-110029,have changed my name from RENU BALA to RENU BALA DOGRA.

0040591633-1

I, RAGHAV S/O MUKESH GUPTA, ADM-V-104 THIRD FLOOR SAKET NEW DELHI-110017. Changed my name to RAGHAV GUPTA.

0040591553-3

I, Pooja W/o Munish Mittal, Residing-16B, CAT-B, Navsena Apartment, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi, have changed my name to Pooja Mittal, for all purposes.

0040591571-9

I, Pawan Kumar Gupta S/o Durga Prasad R/o New T-26, Phase-II, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Pawan Kumar for all purposes.

0040591596-3

I, Parvinder Singh Alias Parvinder Rana Alias Parvinder Singh S/o Kartar Singh R/o RZ-F-7, Gali.No-4, Mahavir-Enclave, Palam, New-Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Pravinder Singh.

0040591553-7

I, PARAG S/O KARTAR SINGH R/O RZ-364-A, FLAT. NO.6, GOPALJI-APARTMENT, RAJ-NAGAR PART-2, PALAM-COLONY, NEW-DELHI-77, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PARAG SINGH, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040591571-5

I, Naem Ali Saifi S/o Mr. Riyasat Ali Saifi R/O E-62, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-II, Shaheen Bagh, Jania Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, I declare that R A Saifi, Riyasat Ali & Riyasat Ali Saifi these are the same person.

0040591573-1

I, MANJU W/O VISHAL SINGH, ADD-B-52, 3RD FLOOR, STREET-3, L-TYPE EAST VINOD NAGAR, EAST DELHI 110091. Changed my name to MANJU KUMARI.

0040591553-2

I, NISHTHA SHARMA D/O SANJAY SHARMA R/O A-2005, GAUR-GREEN CITY, VAIBHAV-KHAND, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD-201014, UP, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ADITI SHARMA, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040591596-6

I, Dinesh Chand S/o (L)Chatur Bhuj Goyal R/o D-64, F.F. New Multan Nagar, Delhi-56, changed my name to Dinesh Goyal.

0040591596-1

I, Deepanshu S/o Naresh Kumar R/o 45, Baiyanpur, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name as Deepanshu Saroha permanently.

0040591636-1

I, Munish S/o Ram Kumar Mittal, Residing-16B, CAT-B, Navsena Apartment, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi, have changed my name to Munish Mittal, for all purposes.

0040591571-10

I, Mirza Amaan Beg S/O Arif Mirza R/O House.No-1678, Gali-Sayyadan Pahari Bhojli, Turkman Ghat, Delhi-110006, Have Changed My, Name To Mirza Aman Beg For All, Future Purposes.

0040591571-1

I, Kulbindra Singh S/O Shri Swaran Singh R/O C-100, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Kulvinder Singh for all purposes.

0040591630-1

I, Km Nandani D/o Veersen R/o H.No.359, Teela Shahabajpur, Loni Ghaziabad 201102, have changed my name to Km Nandini. That Km Nandani and Km Nandini both name same person.

0070761025-1

I, Keshav S/O Munish Mittal, Residing-16B, CAT-B, Navsena-Apartment, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi, have changed my name to Keshav Mittal, for all purposes.

0040591571-8

I, HITHERTO known as Mamta Devi Tiwari W/O Sheetal Prasad Tiwari R/O H.No.145 Gali No.4, G-4 Block-5 PUSTA, Sonia Vihar Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall be hereafter be known as MURTI DEVI.

0040591647-1

I, G.D Jothi S/O. Gusain Dutt, born on 2nd October 1973 (native district Almora) R/O A-93 Sector-33 Noida Gautam Budh Nagar Uttar Pradesh 201301 shall henceforth be know as Gopal Dutt

0040591575-1

I, Elsy Raju W/o Tharayil Samuel Raju R/o 31A, B-5, Dhawalgiri Apartments, Sector-34, Noida, UP-201307 have changed my name to ANNAMMA RAJU for all future purposes.

0070761004-1

I, Debabrata Khutia S/O Gobardhan Khutia R/o Naynan, East Midnapore, Nandigram-1, West Bengal Declare that my wife's name is incorrectly written as Gouri Das in my Service records whereas her correct name is Gouri Khutia.

0070761014-1

I, Balvinder Kaur, W/o Mandeep Singh Panesar, R/O C-13, Staff-Quarter, Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib, New Delhi-110001, have changed my name to Balwinder Kaur

0040591571-11

I, Ashok S/O Nanu Ram R/O A-218, Gali.No.6, Mangla-Puri Phase-2, Palam colony Delhi-110045, changed my name to Ashok Kumar.

0040591553-1

I, Anil Kumar S/O Anar Singh Yadav R/o Flat No. 1904, Tower-G, RG Residency Sector-120, Noida U.P. 201301 have changed my name to Anil Kumar Yadav for all future purposes.

0070761012-1

I, ANUSHKA D/O KRISHAN KUMAR R/O VILLAGE- PALASOLI, P.O-BAS PADAM KA, DISTT. GURGAON-122503, HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANUSHKA YADAV, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040591571-6

I, ANIS-UR-REHMAN S/O MOHAMMAD AHMAD, R/O 1332-33, GALI.No.3-FAYAZ-GANJ BAHADUR GARH- ROAD DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED MY MOINER SONS NAME AMAN UR REHMAN TO AMAAN UR REHMAN.

0040591553-6

I, Keshav S/o Joginder Singh R/O 17/A, Mailikpur-Village, Timarpur, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Keshav Kumar.

0040591596-2

I Sushila Devi Alias Sushila Alias Susheela Devi D/o Daya Ram Chourasiya and W/o Satya Prakash R/O 273, Old Labour Court Tilak Khand, Giri Nagar, Kalka Ji, Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Sheela.

0070760939-1

I Shabana Alias Jahan ara w/o Naem Ahmed R/O 446 GALI SAROTEY WALI GALI MATIA MAHAL JAMA MASJID DELHI 110006 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHABANA NAEEM FOR ALL PURPOSES

0040591608-1

I Rita Kumari W/o Manoj Kumar Choudhary R/o Vill Post-Nayanagar Dulapur, Distt-Begusarai - 851133 have changed my name from Rita Kumari to Rita Choudhary

0040591610-1

I PHEKOO SINGH RATHAUR ALIAS PHEKOO SINGH S/O RAMAYAN SINGH RATHAUR R/O B-566 First Floor Sector-1 Avantiika Rohini Delhi-110085 Shall Henceforth Be Known As PRAKHYAT SINGH RATHORE Vide Affidavit Swarn Before The Notary Public Delhi On 10/11/2021

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Sd/- **PAWAN KUMAR** Advocate
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ASOKU TEJWANI (Advocate)
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Amit Chaudhary (Advocate)
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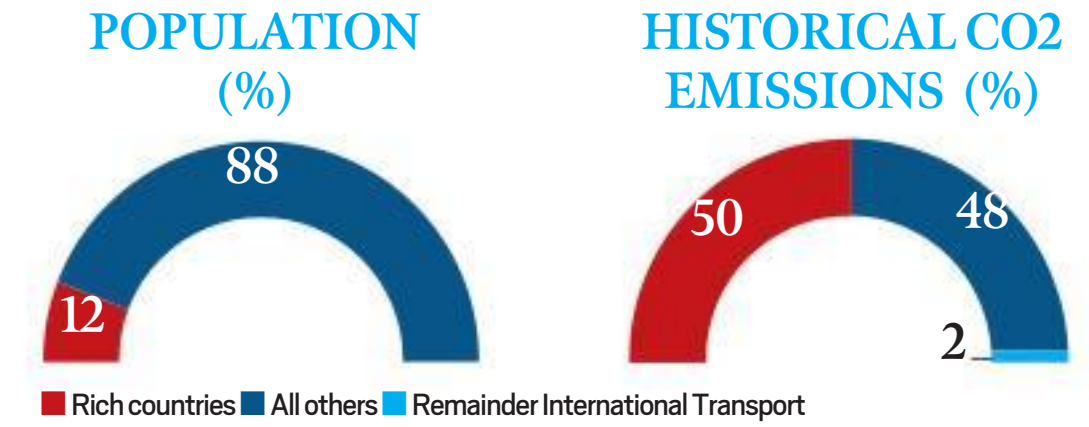
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Which nations have most historical responsibility for climate change?

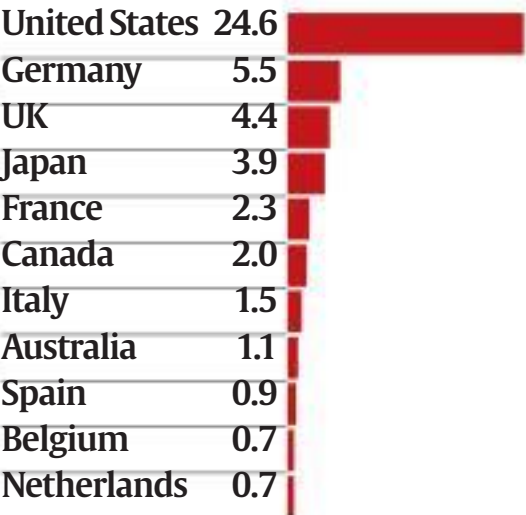
One of the big, longstanding disagreements at United Nations climate summits is on whether — and how — the world’s wealthiest nations, which are disproportionately responsible for global warming to date, should compensate poorer nations for the damage caused by rising temperatures. Rich countries, including the United States, Canada, Japan, and much of western Europe, account for just 12 per cent of the global population today but are responsible for 50 percent of all the planet-warming greenhouse gases released from fossil fuels and industry over the past 170 years.



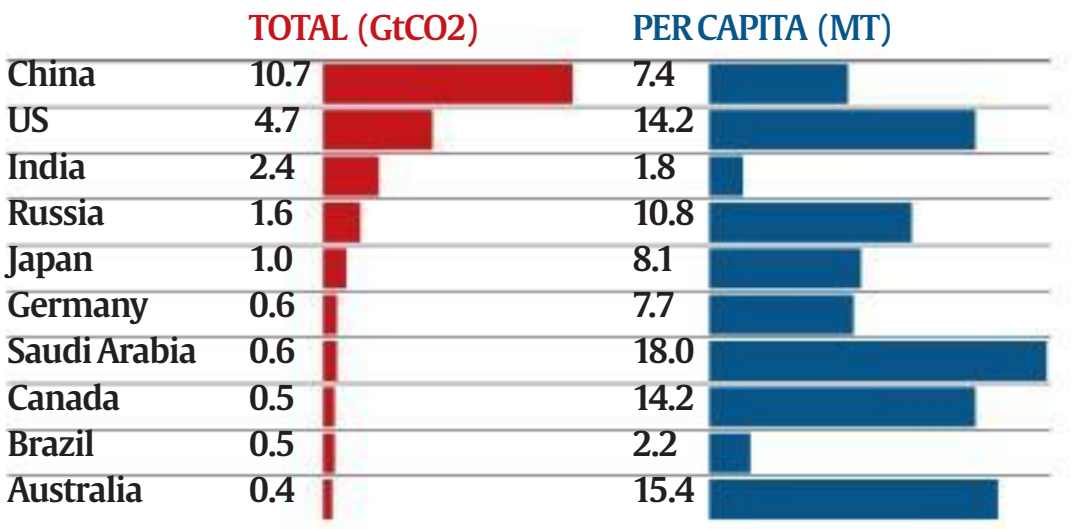
A decade ago, the world’s wealthiest economies pledged to mobilise \$100 billion per year in climate finance for poorer countries by 2020. They are still falling short by tens of billions of dollars annually, and very little aid so far has gone towards measures to help poorer countries cope with the hazards of a hotter planet. China, home to 18% of the world’s population, is responsible for nearly 14% of all the planet-warming greenhouse gases released from fossil fuels and industry since 1850. But today it is the world’s largest emitter, accounting for roughly 31% of humanity’s carbon dioxide from energy and industry this year.

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In terms of emissions per person today, moderately big emitters such as Saudi Arabia, Australia and Canada are much higher than a country like India whose total emissions in 2020 were less than only those of the United States and China, but whose large population gave it a much smaller CO2 footprint per capita than many other countries.



Report: *The New York Times*; Emissions data: Global Carbon Project; 2020 population data: World Bank, Global Carbon Project. Rich, developed countries group based on UN definition. International transport not counted as part of either group’s total emissions. Data reflect territory-based CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels and cement, does not include land-use, forestry.

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US inflation & impact on India

At 6.2%, retail inflation in the US has made the highest year-on-year jump in 3 decades. Why is that a concern for India, where inflation has frequently breached the RBI’s comfort zone in the last 2 years?

UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

OVER THE last few days, rising prices have cornered a lot of attention, both globally and in India. On Wednesday, the United States’ Labor Department reported that retail inflation had spiked to 6.2% in October. On Friday, India’s National Statistical Office (NSO) data showed that retail inflation rose to 4.5% for the same month. A look at why this is a concern:

What is inflation rate?

It is the rate at which prices increase over a given period. Typically, in India, the inflation rate is calculated on a year-on-year basis. In other words, if the inflation rate for a particular month is 10%, it means that the prices in that month were 10% more than the prices in the same month a year earlier. If in the same month of the coming year, the inflation rate was to go up to 15%, it implies that something that was priced at Rs 100 in the same month last year, and at Rs 110 this year, will be priced at Rs 126.5 next year.

A high inflation rate erodes the purchasing power of people. Since the poor have less money to withstand fast-rising prices, high inflation hurts them the hardest.

Why is US inflation a matter of concern?

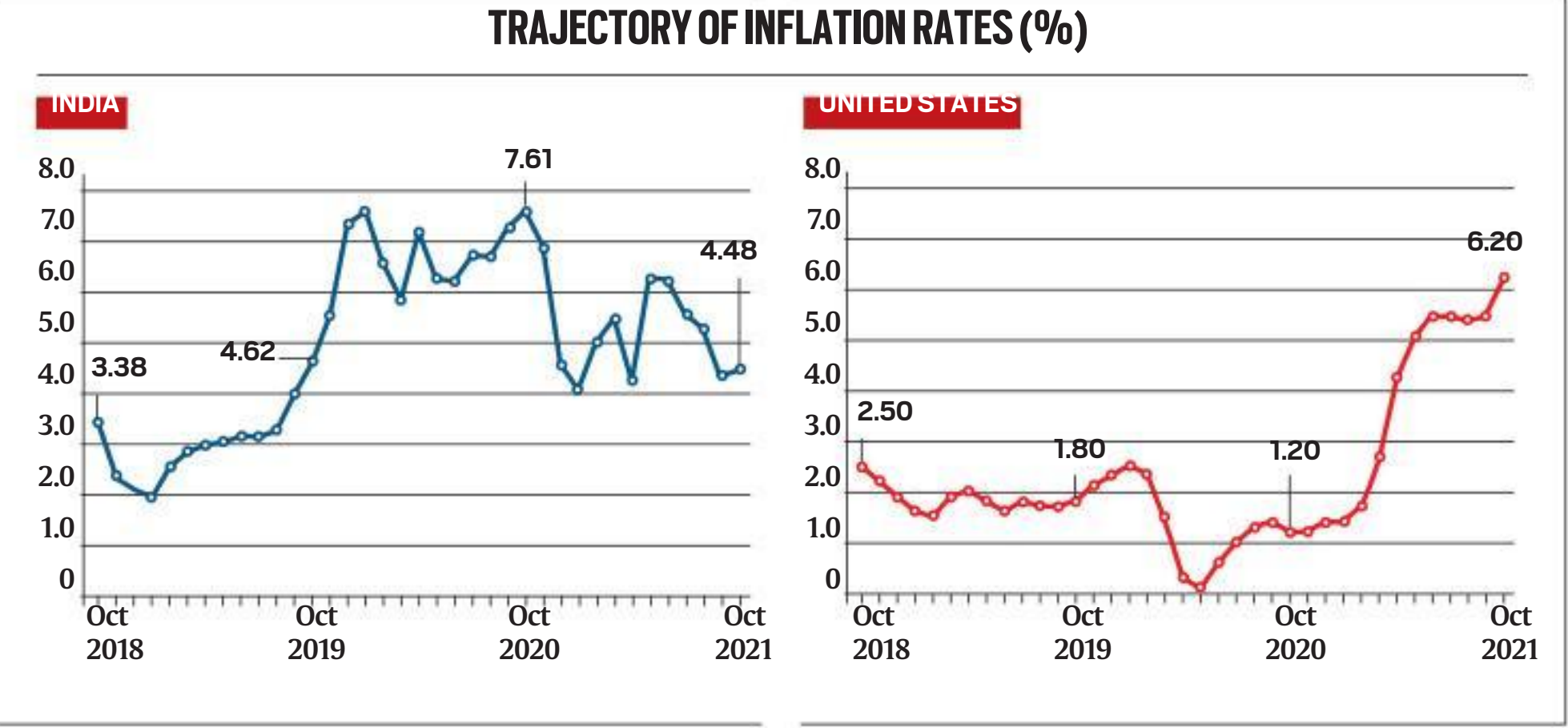
On the face of it, Indians may not find a 6.2% inflation rate a very sharp increase in prices. But in the US, this data is the largest year-on-year increase in the last three decades. Another way to put this data in perspective is that the Federal Reserve (or Fed), the US central bank, targets an inflation rate of just 2%. Seen in that context, it is clear why the US inflation rate has become a massive concern for its citizens.

As the chart shows, retail inflation in the US has been rising sharply almost every passing month since May 2020. This has been a surprise for most policymakers and economists — all of whom were more focused on staving off a prolonged recession.

What has caused the inflation surge in the US?

Typically, inflation spikes can be assigned to either an increase in demand or a decrease in supply. In the US, both factors are at play.

Thanks to a rapid rollout of the Covid-19 vaccination drive, the US economy posted a sharp recovery. Part of the inflationary spike



came from this unexpectedly fast recovery in all-round demand from consumers. This recovery was further fuelled by billions of dollars pumped by the government to not only provide relief to consumers and those who lost their jobs, but also to stimulate demand.

Some experts are now wondering if this help from the government is worsening inflation. That’s because while demand has recovered swiftly, supply hasn’t. The pandemic in 2020 led to widespread lockdowns and disruptions not just in the US, but across the world. Companies let go of employees and sharply curtailed production. In essence, the supply chains of production, often spanning several countries and continents, were bent out of shape. Even during normal times, supply chains would have taken some time to recover and start furnishing the global demand. But the pace of economic recovery has been much faster than the supply chain recovery, and this has worsened the mismatch between demand and supply, thus triggering a sustained price rise.

Is this a US-specific phenomenon?

No. While the US has seen the sharpest increase in prices, inflation has surprised policymakers across most of the major economies, be it Germany, China or Japan. In Japan, for example, according to Bloomberg, the producer price index is at a 40-year high.

What is happening in India?

While most other economies were surprised by a spike in inflation in the wake of the pandemic, India was one of those rare major economies where high inflation pre-dates the pandemic. As the chart shows, retail inflation had frequently been above the comfort zone of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) — between 2% and 6% — for an extended period since late 2019.

The pandemic did make matters worse because of supply constraints even when in India demand has not yet recovered to pre-Covid levels. It is quite instructive that despite India entering a “technical” economic recession in September 2020, the RBI has not once lowered its benchmark interest rates since May 2020. That’s because India’s retail inflation has stayed worrying above or near the RBI’s upper limit for the better part of the last two years. It is only in the last couple of months that the headline retail inflation rate has sobered down to below 5%.

Does that mean India’s inflation worries are over?

Far from it. This is partly because India’s inflation has stayed high even when demand hasn’t recovered. This means more inflation when it does. Moreover, while the overall inflation average appears quite manageable at present, it is the “core” inflation that is wor-

rying observers now. Core inflation rate is the rate of inflation when we ignore the prices of food and fuel. Typically, food and fuel prices tend to fluctuate a lot. As such, looking at core inflation gives a more robust measure of what is happening to the general price level. The worry for India is that core inflation is now over 6%. It was always high, and now threatens to breach the RBI’s comfort zone.

What’s worse, India’s inflation may worsen in light of the global increase in prices.

How does this impact happen?

When prices increase globally, it will lead to higher imported inflation. In other words, everything that India and Indians import will become costlier.

But there is a bigger worry. High inflation in the advanced economies, especially the US, will likely force their central banks, especially the Fed, to abandon their loose monetary policy. A tight money policy by the Fed and the rest would imply higher interest rates. That will affect the Indian economy in two broad ways. One, Indian firms trying to raise money outside India will find it costlier to do so. Two, the RBI will have to align its monetary policy at home by raising interest rates domestically. That, in turn, may further raise inflation because the production costs would go up.

Why Indian kids show diabetes signals early

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, NOVEMBER 12

A THREE-DECADE study tracking more than 700 Pune families, now going into the third generation, has sought to understand why diabetes is so common in Indians, and found a tendency towards high glucose in early childhood in many individuals. The authors have called for a diabetes prevention strategy from early life. This comes close on the heels of a recent recommendation by experts to lower the screening age for diabetes from 30 to 25 years.

How were these families tracked?

At the Diabetes Unit of KEM Hospital, Pune, scientists have been carrying out research for 35 years to understand why diabetes is so common in Indians. In 1993, they embarked on the Pune Maternal Nutrition Study (PMNS) across six villages near Pune, and have followed more than 700 families since. They have tracked women from before they became pregnant and during their pregnancy, and their children through childhood, puberty and now as adults.

The study, ‘Poor In Utero Growth, Reduced b-Cell Compensation and High Fasting Glucose from Childhood are Harbingers of Glucose Intolerance in Young

Indians, by Dr CS Yajnik, Director of the diabetes unit at KEM hospital, and co-authors, has been published in *Diabetes Care*, a journal of the American Diabetes Association.

What are the findings?

Researchers measured glucose and insulin concentrations and other vital data at ages 6, 12, and 18. At 18 years, 37% of men and 18% of women had elevated glucose levels (prediabetes). This was despite half these participants being underweight (body mass index less than 18.5 kg/sq. m.)

Children with sub-optimal growth in the womb carry high levels of risk factors for diabetes from early childhood, including high circulating glucose levels.

The tendency towards high glucose was visible even when measured at ages 6 and 12. The researchers concluded that this was driven by a poorly functioning pancreas which could not cope with the demands of increasing age, and that this very likely reflects poor growth of the pancreas during foetal life as part of general growth failure. When maternal glucose is minimally increased during pregnancy, even this stresses the baby’s pancreas.

How widespread is diabetes in India?

According to the World Health

Organization (WHO), India has an estimated 8.7% diabetic population in the age group 20-70, with around 77 million people with diabetes.

A first national nutrition survey (2016-18) by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, UNICEF and Population Council among children and adolescents, too, found that diabetes is affecting children in a big way. Released in 2019, the survey said that almost 1 in 10 children (ages 5-9) were pre-diabetic, and 1% was already diabetic.

The rising prevalence of diabetes is driven by a combination of factors — rapid urbanisation, sedentary lifestyle, unhealthy diet, tobacco use, and increasing life expectancy.

What is the current strategy for screening?

The current recommendation from the government to begin screening for diabetes is at age 30.

Diabetes prevention trials still mainly target middle-aged individuals who already have obesity and advanced metabolic abnormalities, Dr Yajnik said.

“An integrated life course approach is required and prevention has to start at the community level and not just in the clinic. What we need are public health experts, not just doctors, to tide over this problem,” Dr

Yajnik said. “Constructing such evidence is beyond the scope of clinicians and will take a long time. We need to act sooner than later,” he said.

Dr Shashank Joshi, Chairman, International Diabetes Federation, South East Asia, said: “This is predominantly in the research domain. We do not have sufficient data to translate in the public health domain, especially in a resource-limited country like India. We need robust translational research that is reproducible, affordable and has hard evidence from a public health standpoint.”

A new report published in the journal *Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome—Clinical Research and Reviews*, too, shows a trend of increasing prevalence of diabetes in younger age groups in the last decade. After analysing data from various diabetes centres, researchers found that 77.6% of those below 30 were either overweight or obese.

The report’s lead author, Dr Anoop Misra, had said the government should lower the age of screening.

Dr Joshi said: “This is a country-wide study and several others have recommended screening above 25 years in resource-limited countries including India. The focus is also on women and child health. Maternal nutrition during pregnancy should be focussed upon as a preventive measure.”

In age of hybrid crops, the importance of preserving landraces

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
PUNE, NOVEMBER 12

AMONG THE winners of this year’s Padma awards is Rahibai Popere, popularly known as Seedmother, from Akole taluka of Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. Her Padma Shri is a recognition of her work that has helped saved hundreds of landraces (wild varieties of commonly grown crops) at the village level.

What it means

Landraces refer to naturally occurring variants of commonly cultivated crops. These are as opposed to commercially grown crops, which are developed by selective breeding (hybrids) or through genetic engineering to express a certain trait over others. With hybrid rice and wheat, for example, selective breeding over a period of time has allowed scientists to develop varieties that have higher yield or other desirable traits. Over the years,

farmers have adopted these varieties.

Rajashree Joshi, programme director of Pune-headquartered BAIF Development Research Foundation, said crop improvement through selection and breeding over several decades has narrowed the genetic base of most crops. “Biodiversity allows a natural mechanism for crops to develop traits to face challenging situations. However, given the large-scale human interference in crop selection, that ability is now lost in most commercially crops,” she said.

Amid the threat of climate change, a challenge before scientists and policymakers is to develop varieties that can withstand both abiotic and biotic stresses. Naturally occurring landraces have a large pool of still untapped genetic material, which can provide solutions. “Genetic diversity is nature’s survival mechanism. The wider the gene pool, the more the chance of developing a trait that can help in surviving extreme climate events,” Joshi said.

Sanjay Patil, senior programme executive



Popere receives the Padma Shri from the President. *Twitter/@rashtrapatibhvn*

of BAIF, gave the example of *kalbhat*, a unique landrace of scented rice. Over the years, this variant had almost vanished from cultivators’ fields as hybrid variants became popular. It has better climate resilience than popularly grown rice and can withstand flood or drought better, Patil said. A common misconception, both Patil and Joshi said, was that landraces have lower yields than hybrids. “With proper agricultural practices, landraces can give better yield with lower input costs.”

Community-led conservation

Since 2008, BAIF has initiated a community-led programme to preserve landraces. Today, landraces survive in only a few rural and tribal pockets, but they too are depleting for want of proper conservation. Traditional knowledge about the way these need to be grown, or how seeds are to be saved, is also vanishing. BAIF’s programme involves the community in saving this rich biodiversity in their own backyard.

In 2008, the project was started in Jawahar taluka of Palghar district; in 2014, it was expanded to Pune, Ahmednagar, Nandurbar, and Gadchiroli districts. At present, it is implemented in 94 villages in Maharashtra and also in Uttarakhand and Gujarat. It aims to identify germplasm available and, through community participation, create seed banks. Over the year, the programme has documented 595 accessions of different crops and developed five seed banks for edible crops. A morphological study of 259 crop cultivars and a molecular study of 112 crop cultivars have also been undertaken. The programme has deposited 150 landraces of paddy, finger millet, and little millet to the National Bureau Plant Genetic Resource, and received registration certificates for five sorghum varieties. A network of 5,000 seed savers has been developed.

Seedmother’s role

Popere has been part of the BAIF-sup-

ported Kalsubai Parisar Biyane Sanvardhan Samajik Sanstha in Akole. Working in the tribal block of Akole, this organisation has been in the forefront of the effort to save landraces of rice, little millets, hyacinth beans, finger millets and local vegetables. The Sanstha has saved 114 landraces of 40 crops. On Thursday, it was awarded the National Plant Genome Saviour Community Award. Mamatabai Bhangare, a member of the Sanstha, received the Plant Genome Saviour Farmer award.

The way forward

Joshi said much remains to be understood about the germplasms of the landraces. Research is in the early stages. It is necessary to understand how these landraces can contribute to climate-resilient agriculture; nutritional profiling too can hold the key to fighting deficiencies, as many landraces are richer in nutrients than commercially grown variants.



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महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु निविदायें सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्गीकृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 18.11.2021 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टेंडिनकल बिड अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कक्ष में निविदा ओपनिंग हेतु गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा दिनांक 20.11.2021 को ही पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टेंडिनकल बिड में क्वालिफाइड पाये गये ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनेशियल बिड खोली जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में उसी समय खोली जायेगी। निविदा दिनांक 15.11.2021 से दिनांक 18.11.2021 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक पंजाब नेशनल बैंक सेंक्टर-18 नोएडा एवं अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय से निर्धारित निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य एवं जी0एस0टी0 की धनराशि जमा कर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। कार्यों का विवरण निम्नवत् है:-

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लाख रू0 में)	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख रुपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य + 18 प्रतिशत जी0एस0टी0 (रुपये में)	पंजीकरण श्रेणी
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.250 से किमी0 5.360 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.40	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
2	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित आगरा लिंक नहर के किमी0 1.310 से किमी0 1.395 के मध्य बाँये किनारे पर डौला व जाली की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.81	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
3	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.360 से किमी0 5.475 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.70	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
4	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में आमनाबाद बन्ध की सुरक्षा हेतु मड़क बैरियर लगाने का कार्य।	8.72	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
5	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.475 से किमी0 5.590 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.80	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
6	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में यमुना मार्जिनल बन्ध के किमी0 6.500 से किमी0 7.650तक सुरक्षात्मक कार्यों की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.61	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
7	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.590 से किमी0 5.700 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.50	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
8	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित आगरा लिंक नहर के किमी0 1.400 से किमी0 1.495 के मध्य बाँये किनारे पर डौला व जाली की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.87	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
9	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.705 से किमी0 5.810 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.60	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
10	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में यमुना मार्जिनल बन्ध के किमी0 8.150 से किमी0 9.050 तक सुरक्षात्मक कार्यों की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.38	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
11	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.810 से किमी0 5.920 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.60	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
12	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.920 से किमी0 6.035 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.95	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
13	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में यमुना मार्जिनल बन्ध के किमी0 9.500 से किमी0 10.835 तक सुरक्षात्मक कार्यों की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.61	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
14	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.035 से किमी0 6.150 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.00	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
15	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित आगरा लिंक नहर के किमी0 1.500 से किमी0 1.590 के मध्य बाँये किनारे पर डौला व जाली की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.35	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
16	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.200 से किमी0 6.310 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.80	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
17	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में यमुना मार्जिनल बन्ध के किमी0 2.800 से किमी0 3.950 तक सुरक्षात्मक कार्यों की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.54	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
18	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.310 से किमी0 6.420 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.80	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
19	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित थिल्ला रेगुलेटर की विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	8.82	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
20	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.420 से किमी0 6.535 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.20	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
21	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.535 से किमी0 6.650 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.50	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
22	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित आगरा लिंक नहर के किमी0 1.605 से किमी0 1.693 के मध्य बाँये किनारे पर डौला व जाली की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.16	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
23	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.650 से किमी0 6.760 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.65	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
24	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.760 से किमी0 6.870 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.70	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
25	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित ओखला बैराज के अपस्ट्रीम में किमी0 0.000 से किमी0 0.250 के मध्य कैनल कालोनी से ओखला बैराज की एग्जिट रोड की मरम्मत का कार्य।	8.36	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
26	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.870 से किमी0 6.985 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.60	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
27	आगरा नहर के किमी0 6.985 से किमी0 7.100 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.10	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर

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अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-09/ई0ई0 /2021-2022

महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु निविदायें सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्गीकृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 20.11.2021 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टेंडिनकल बिड अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कक्ष में निविदा ओपनिंग हेतु गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा दिनांक 22.11.2021 को ही पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टेंडिनकल बिड में क्वालिफाइड पाये गये ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनेशियल बिड खोली जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में उसी समय खोली जायेगी। निविदा दिनांक 16.11.2021 से दिनांक 20.11.2021 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक पंजाब नेशनल बैंक सेंक्टर-18 नोएडा एवं अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय से निर्धारित निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य एवं जी0एस0टी0 की धनराशि जमा कर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। कार्यों का विवरण निम्नवत् है:-

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमा तित लागत (लाख रू0 में)	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख रुपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य + 18 प्रतिशत जी0एस0टी0 (रुपये में)	पंजीकरण श्रेणी
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1	आगरा नहर के किमी0 4.350 से किमी0 4.455 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	6.75	0.14	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
2	जनपद गाँजियाबाद में यमुना नदी के बाँये किनारे पर स्थित अलीपुर मार्जिनल बन्ध के किमी0 14.000 से किमी0 14.500 के मध्य मरम्मत एवं पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	9.22	0.19	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
3	आगरा नहर के किमी0 4.460 से किमी0 4.565 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	6.75	0.14	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
4	हिन्दन कट नहर के किमी0 10.100 से किमी0 11.000 के मध्य दाँये किनारे की मरम्मत का कार्य।	8.93	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
5	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित आगरा लिंक नहर के किमी0 0.930 से किमी0 1.020 के मध्य बाँये किनारे पर डौला व जाली की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.28	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
6	आगरा नहर के किमी0 4.570 से किमी0 4.680 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.10	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
7	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित आगरा लिंक नहर के किमी0 1.120 से किमी0 1.200 के मध्य बाँये किनारे पर डौला व जाली की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.35	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
8	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में हिन्दन नदी के बाँये किनारे पर स्थित अलाबोंस बन्ध के किमी0 11.750 से किमी0 12.250 के मध्य मरम्मत एवं पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	9.05	0.19	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
9	आगरा नहर के किमी0 4.685 से किमी0 4.790 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.25	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
10	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में हिन्दन नदी के बाँये किनारे पर स्थित अलाबोंस बन्ध के किमी0 14.400 से किमी0 14.970 के मध्य मरम्मत एवं पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	9.11	0.19	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
11	आगरा नहर के किमी0 4.800 से किमी0 4.905 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.45	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
12	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित आगरा लिंक नहर के किमी0 1.215 से किमी0 1.300 के मध्य बाँये किनारे पर डौला व जाली की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.90	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
13	आगरा नहर के किमी0 4.910 से किमी0 5.025 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.55	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
14	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में हिन्दन नदी के बाँये किनारे पर स्थित अलाबोंस बन्ध के किमी0 15.650 से किमी0 16.080 के मध्य मरम्मत एवं पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.49	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
15	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.030 से किमी0 5.135 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.30	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
16	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में हिन्दन नदी के बाँये किनारे पर स्थित अलाबोंस बन्ध के किमी0 18.460 से किमी0 18.910 के मध्य जंगल सफाई मरम्मत एवं पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	8.92	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
17	आगरा नहर के किमी0 5.140 से किमी0 5.250 तक आन्तरिक भाग की पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	7.35	0.15	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
18	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में यमुना नदी के बाँये किनारे पर निर्मित अटलां तटवन्ध के किमी0 0.700 से किमी0 1.100 तक सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य।	8.92	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
19	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित ओखला बैराज के अपस्ट्रीम में किमी0 0.640 से किमी0 0.900 के मध्य कैनल कालोनी से ओखला बैराज की एग्जिट रोड की मरम्मत का कार्य।	8.51	0.18	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
20	जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर में हिन्दन नदी के बाँये किनारे पर स्थित अलाबोंस बन्ध के किमी0 19.000 से किमी0 19.500 के मध्य जंगल सफाई मरम्मत एवं पुनर्र्थापना का कार्य।	9.16	0.19	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
21	हिन्दन कट नहर के किमी0 11.800 से किमी0 12.500 के मध्य दाँये किनारे की मरम्मत का कार्य।	7.86	0.16	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
22	जनपद अलीगढ़ में यमुना नदी के बाँये किनारे पर निर्मित चौधरी चरण सिंह जेवर टम्पल तटवन्ध के किमी0 27.055 से किमी0 27.300 तक सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य।	9.14	0.19	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
23	दिल्ली राज्य स्थित ओखला बैराज के अपस्ट्रीम में किमी0 0.310 से किमी0 0.560 के मध्य कैनल कालोनी से ओखला बैराज की एग्जिट रोड की मरम्मत का कार्य।	8.40	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर
24	जनपद अलीगढ़ में यमुना नदी के बाँये किनारे पर निर्मित चौधरी चरण सिंह जेवर टम्पल तटवन्ध के किमी0 27.460 से किमी0 27.725 तक सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य।	8.26	0.17	15 दिन	Rs. 300+54 =354	"सी" एवं उच्चतर

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SALUTE THE SOLDIER

Martyr on 13th November
NB SUB GURDEV SINGH 04 OCT 1960 TO 13 NOV 2000
In the remembrance of Late Nb Sub Gurdev Singh who left us for his heavenly abode on 13 Nov 2000. May Wahe Guru Ji give strength to CHHE SIKH fraternity and his family to bear this loss with courage and fortitude. He will continue to be a source of inspiration and strength for us. Let us pray for him in our hearts and remember a life lived so wonderfully in the service of the nation.
CO & All Ranks 6 SIKH

जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी, महिला एवं बाल विकास, झज्जर।

ई-निविदा सूचना

समेकित बाल विकास सेवाएं योजना के अन्तर्गत वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए जिला झज्जर के अंगनवाडी केंद्रों हेतु निम्नानुसार ई-निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जा रही हैं:-

क्रमांक	टेंडर का नाम	ई-टेंडर नं0	ई-निविदाएं भरने की अंतिम तिथि	भरने की तिथि	ई-निविदाएं खोलने की तिथि
1	खाद्य सामग्री एवं अन्य सामान की इलाई	2021_HRY_193683_1	15.11.2021	को सायं 5:00 बजे तक	दिनांक 16.11.2021 को दोपहर 02:00 बजे
2	खाद्य सामग्री- की खरीद	2021_HRY_193694_1	15.11.2021	को सायं 5:00 बजे तक	दिनांक 16.11.2021 को दोपहर 03:00 बजे

उपरोक्त निविदा अतिरिक्त उपयुक्त, झज्जर की अक्षता में दिनाम द्वारा गठित जिला स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा खोली जाएगी। इच्छुक उम्मीदवार जो सभी नियम व शर्तें पूरी करते हो इसे भर सकते हैं।

अधिक जानकारी के लिए किसी भी कार्यदिवस में जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी, महिला एवं बाल विकास, कम्पा नं0 4 मुनि-तल, लघु सचिवालय, झज्जर से कार्यालय के दूरभाष नं0 01251-254840 पर भी जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। दस्तावेज जिसमें सभी नियम व शर्तें शामिल हैं, उन्हें वेबसाइट <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> में देखें/डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं।

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अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-09/ई0ई0 /2021-2022

महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु निविदायें सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्गीकृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 20.11.2021 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टेंडिनकल बिड अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कक्ष में निविदा ओपनिंग हेतु गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा दिनांक 22.11.2021 को ही पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टेंडिनकल बिड में क्वालिफाइड पाये गये ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनेशियल बिड खोली जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में उसी समय खोली जायेगी। निविदा दिनांक 16.11.2021 से दिनांक 20.11.2021 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक पंजाब नेशनल बैंक सेंक्टर-18 नोएडा एवं अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय से निर्धारित निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य एवं जी0एस0टी0 की धनराशि जमा कर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। कार्यों का

17 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 60,686.69 ▲ 767.00 (1.28%) NIFTY: 18,102.75 ▲ 229.15 (1.28%) NIKKEI: 29,609.97 ▲ 332.11 HANG SENG: 25,327.97 ▲ 79.98 FTSE: 7,361.04 ▼ 23.14 DAX: 16,110.53 ▲ 2742

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MACRO WATCH FISCAL POLICY

Our tax-to-GDP ratio doesn't permit latitude for raised public outlays: Singh

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

FIFTEENTH FINANCE Commission Chairman N K Singh on Friday said there is a need to "substantially" increase India's tax-to-GDP ratio for the Centre and the state governments to increase public expenditure. He also called for the review of the Constitutional framework defining the federal structure along with "deep rationalisation" of Central sponsored schemes.

"Our tax-to-GDP ratio (at 16-17 per cent) does not permit the latitude for increased public outlays... it has to go up substantially," he said via a video link at a seminar, 'Reimagining Fiscal Federalism', organised by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

To suggestions from other panelists that the Central government should bring cesses within the divisible pool of taxation, he said the issue was not in the domain of the Finance Commission. Parliament will have to amend Article 269, Article 270, among others, to make cesses and surcharges a part of the divisible pool.

During the discussion, former and present state Finance Ministers argued for the need for greater fiscal autonomy to states, which has somewhat eroded, according to them, after GST became operational. Tamil Nadu Finance

Fifteenth Finance Commission Chairman N K Singh was speaking at a NCAER seminar

Minister Palanivel Thiagarajan argued for greater fiscal autonomy being given to states along with greater devolution of powers to enable states to play a developmental role. Devolution of powers in the US and China are much higher when compared to India, he said.

Former Finance Minister of Kerala Thomas Isaac said the trend over last 75 years is the increasing encroachment of the Centre in the states' fiscal space. "As much fiscal space should be provided to state's to pursue its development roles," he said. He also stressed the need for bringing in federal flexibility in the GST regime, which would enable states to alter certain tax rates as per the requirements if need arises.

Former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Sushil Kumar Modi said after introduction of GST, the fiscal autonomy of Central government has also been compromised. "So, it's a give and take" and the Centre has lost powers to amend excise duty and service tax rate on its own, as the matter now needs to be decided by the GST Council, he said.

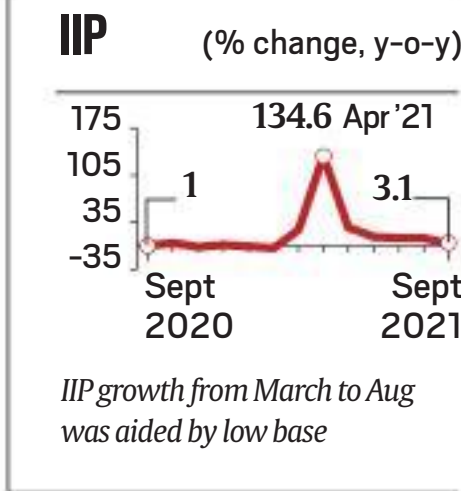
RETAIL INFLATION INCHES TO 4.48% IN OCT

Base effect wears off, IIP growth slips to 3.1%

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

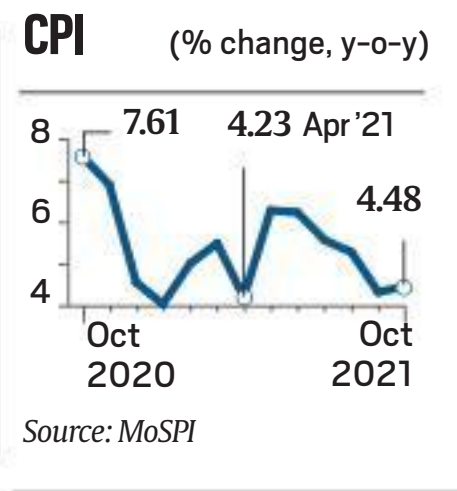
INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT grew 3.1 per cent, a seven-month low, in September as the impact of low base effect wore off. Industrial output had recorded a growth of 12 per cent in August and 1 per cent in September 2020, according to data released by the National Statistical Office on Friday.

Economists said the decline in IIP is a cause of concern and going ahead, steps need to be taken to stimulate consumer spending and demand. "While the sharp deceleration in IIP growth is mainly because of the base effect, even on a sequential basis the IIP declined and this is a cause of concern," said Rajani Sinha, chief economist & national director-research, Knight Frank India. Sinha said though the infrastructure sector has shown a sequential decline, a strong improvement in the month-on-month consumer goods segment, specifically the consumer durables sector, was a silver lining. "Going



forward, for sustainable economic momentum in 2022, the critical driver would be boost to consumer spending through demand stimulating government policies. Eventually private investment will also improve as capacity utilization level improves going forward," she said.

Another release by the NSO showed that retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index (Combined) rose to 4.48 per cent in October from 4.35 per cent a month ago as food prices inched up along with high input costs, fuel and commodity prices, data re-



leased by the National Statistical Office on Friday showed. Food inflation picked up to 0.85 per cent in October from 0.68 per cent a month ago with a rise in prices of vegetables.

The inflation print for October this year, however, is lower than the year-ago level of 7.61 per cent recorded in October 2020. With the impact of excise duty cut yet to reflect in the headline numbers, high core inflation — the non-food, non-fuel inflation component — and risks of high global commodity prices are expected to keep inflation rate under pressure.

Most economists said the Reserve Bank of India would maintain its accommodative policy stance for the rest of this fiscal given the trends in inflation and IIP data. The impact of the recent excise duty cut by the Union government and VAT reduction by over 20 states on petrol and diesel is expected to start reflecting from the November print of retail inflation, economists said.

While food inflation increased marginally to 0.85 per cent in October from 0.68 per cent last month, it contributed nearly 48 per cent to the monthly increase in headline retail inflation, he said. Fuel and light inflation stood at 14.3 per cent, the highest level in the 2011-12 base year series.

In the IIP data, output of the manufacturing sector, which accounts for over three-fourth of the total weight of the index, grew 2.7 per cent in September, down from 9.9 per cent in August. Electricity production increased 0.9 per cent compared to last year, likely due to the paucity of coal. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

RBI asks banks to standardise NPAs only on full interest, principal payments

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 12

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks that loan accounts classified as non-performing assets (NPAs) should be upgraded as 'standard' asset only if entire arrears of interest and principal are paid by the borrower.

As per the central bank, some lending institutions upgrade accounts classified as NPAs to 'standard' asset category upon payment of only interest overdue and partial overdues. "In the case of interest payments in respect of term loans, an account will be classified as NPA if the interest applied at specified rests remains overdue for more than 90 days," the RBI said in a notification.

Lenders have also been asked to specifically mention in the loan agreements the exact due date of a loan and the breakup of the principal and interest, among others, instead of giving a description of the due dates, which leaves scope for interpretation. Henceforth, all lenders have to clearly mention the exact due dates for repayment, frequency of repayment, breakup between the principal and interest, examples of SMA/NPA classification dates etc, the RBI said.

It said this should be clearly specified in the loan agreement and the borrower shall be apprised of the same at the time of loan sanction and also at the time of subsequent changes if any, and till full repayment of the loan is done. This will be applicable immediately for new loans or before December 31, 2021, and for an existing loan as and when changes occur.

In cases of a loan under moratorium, the exact date of commencement of repayment shall also be specified in the loan agreements, the RBI said.

Sticking to its due by the end

TERM LOAN PAYMENT NORMS



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of the day/one-day default norms, the RBI further clarified that an account should be flagged as overdue as part of the lender's day-end processes for the due date, irrespective of the time of running such processes, reiterating that all extant Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning (IRACP) norms specify that an amount must be treated as overdue if it's not paid on the due date fixed by the lender.

Similarly, classification of an account as SMA (special mention account) as well as NPA should be done as part of the day-end process and the SMA/NPA classification date shall be the calendar date for which the day-end process is run. Stated differently, the date of SMA/NPA shall reflect the asset classification status of an account at the day-end of that calendar date, the regulator stressed.

On NPA classification, the central bank said the lender must recognise incipient stress in a borrower account, immediately on default, by classifying it as SMA.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

'Goods worth \$9.2 bn sold online in festive sale this year'

Online platforms logged sales worth \$9.2 billion during this year's festive sale, a RedSeer report said

GMV (gross merchandise value) per user declined from ₹6,570 to ₹6,490 as relatively less expensive items such as fashion products saw rise in their share of the overall GMV

Source: RedSeer/PTI



PM launches scheme for retail investors to buy, sell gilts directly



PM Narendra Modi, with FM Nirmala Sitharaman, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and other officials on Friday. PTI

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

RETAIL INVESTORS can now directly buy and sell Central government securities and state government bonds, as per the RBI Retail Direct Scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday. He said this offers a *saral aur surakshit* (simple and safe) way for middle class, small shopkeeper, senior citizens to get direct access for investment in the government securities market.

SEPTEMBER QUARTER

Vi loss narrows to ₹7,132 crore

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 12

VODAFONE IDEA (Vi) on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 7,132.3 crore for the quarter ended September as against a net loss of Rs 7,319 crore in the previous quarter.

The company's consolidated revenue from operations rose 2.8 per cent sequentially to Rs 9,406.4 crore for the quarter. Ravinder Takkar, MD & CEO, Vodafone Idea, said, "During the last quarter, we witnessed a recovery in our operating momentum as the economy has started to gradually open up aided by the ongoing rapid vaccination drive."

The company said it has opted for four years of deferment for both spectrum and AGR dues.

EXPLAINED Building on post-Covid recovery

TO BUILD on the ongoing recovery after the two Covid waves, the Centre's focus is on pushing expenditure, both from the states and private sector.

waves. He added India's positioning in the current environment seems ideal to push domestic and international investment. He said

'Chip shortage pulls down PV wholesales 27% in October'

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 12

PASSENGER VEHICLE (PV) wholesale despatches from automakers to dealers in October saw a 27 per cent decline, while that of two-wheelers fell 24.94 per cent, as compared to October 2020, data released by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on Friday showed.

Overall automobile wholesales in India fell 25 per cent on-year in October, due to semiconductor shortage along with a steep hike in raw material cost. FE

J&J to split into 2, spin off consumer health biz

Toshiba plans trifurcation amid scandals

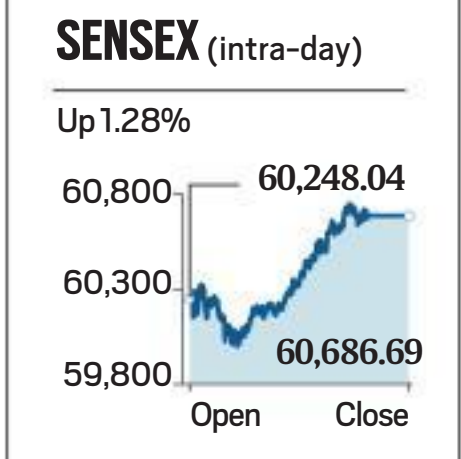
Bengaluru/Tokyo: Johnson & Johnson (J&J) plans to spin off its consumer health division to focus on pharmaceuticals and medical devices in the biggest shake-up in the company's 135-year history. J&J said it was aiming to complete the separation in 18 to 24 months at a cost of \$500 million to \$1 billion, J&J shares, part of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, rose 1.5 per cent in early trading.

Earnings outlook gives Sensex a boost

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 12

LED BY IT, energy and realty stocks, domestic markets on Friday rallied by 1.28 per cent amid expectations of good corporate earnings and economic fundamentals. The Sensex shot up 767 points to 60,686.69 and the NSE Nifty index rose 229 points to 18,102.75.

Positive global cues led to a gap-up opening but profit-taking trimmed gains in the initial hours. "The momentum which was lost during the week was regained as inflation worries started fading with investors shifting their focus to good quarterly earnings, eco-



nomics recovery and strong domestic macro data points... rally was led by IT, energy and realty stocks," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services. The rupee gained 7 paise to close at 74.45 against the US dollar.

कार्यालय नगरपालिका नायबतारा जिला राजसमन्द (राज.)	
क्रमांक / न.पा.नाय / निर्माण / 21 / ई. / 7008	दिनांक :- 10.11.21
निविदा संशोधन सूचना (E NIT No.-29/2021-22)	
नगरपालिका कार्यालय नायबतारा जिला के पत्रांक 6310-12 दिनांक 11.10.2021 से जारी ऑनलाईन निविदा की अवधि तथा शर्तों में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है:-	
विवरण	संशोधित दिनांक
ऑनलाईन निविदा फार्म डाउनलोड / अपलोड करने की अंतिम दिनांक	17.11.2021 सायं 6:00 बजे तक
भौतिक रूप से कार्यालय में खींची प्रमा कराने की दिनांक	18.11.2021 दोपहर 1:00 बजे तक
ऑनलाईन निविदा खोलने की दिनांक	18.11.2021 दोपहर 2:00 बजे तक
Clarification: The revenue sharing with Nagarpalika will take place after completion of one year of cooling period from the commencement of commercial operation. Revenue sharing will increase at a rate of 10 percentage per year on previous year revenue sharing ie on the base of last year revenue sharing balance.	
राज. संवाद/सी/8226/2021-22 आयुक्त	

BRIEFLY

Discom defaults

New Delhi: The Power Ministry said insolvency proceedings can be initiated against state-run discoms and gen-cos in case of payment default by creditors.

Myntra CEO

New Delhi: Myntra named Nandita Sinha as its new chief executive officer. PTI

Latent View IPO

New Delhi: The Latent View Analytics IPO got subscribed 326.49 times on its last day.

Morgan Stanley

New York: Ruchir Sharma will retire from Morgan Stanley, after a 25-year stint at the bank, according to an internal memo seen by Reuters. REUTERS

CIDCO housing

New Delhi: CIDCO will hold a draw to allot tenements from Housing Scheme for Covid warriors & Uniformed Personnel on November 15.

MPT marathon

New Delhi: Mumbai Port Trust (MPT) held a marathon for staff at Domestic Cruise Terminal on October 30. ENS

MORADABAD SMART CITY LIMITED	
Office of the CEO / Municipal Commissioner, Peeli Kothi, Water Works Compound, Civil Lines, Moradabad-244001 Contact No. : 0591-2971001 E-Mail: moradabadsmartcitylimited@gmail.com	
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER No.	
Open Tender (Least Cost Method) : 1088/MSCL/2021	Dated: 11.11.2021
The C.E.O. of Moradabad Smart City Limited (MSCL) invites e-tenders for the following works:	
1) Name of the Work: Request for Proposal for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Calibration, user training with Warranty of 3 Years and Comprehensive Maintenance of 5 Years of fully automated computer controlled Latest / Advanced Technologies based Sequential Wavelength Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (WDXRF) at RTC Laboratory of MHSC under Moradabad Smart City (NIT No. 1088A/MSCL/2021). Tender Fee Rs. 29,500/- (Rs. Twenty Nine Thousands Five Hundred Only/-) Start Date and time for downloading of bid 13/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs. Period of Last date and time for submission of bid 22/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs.	
2) Name of the Work: Request for Proposal Supply, Installation, etc. and Maintenance of Fully Automated Computer Controlled Latest/Advanced Technologies Based Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer at RTC Laboratory of MHSC under Moradabad Smart City (NIT No. 1088B/MSCL/2021). Tender Fee Rs. 14,200/- (Rs. Fourteen Thousands Two Hundred Only/-) Start Date and time for downloading of bid 13/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs. Period of Last date and time for submission of bid 22/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs.	
3) Name of the Work: Request for Proposal Supply, Installation, etc. and Maintenance of Fully Automated Computer Controlled Latest/ Advanced Technologies based Optical Emission Spectrometer [PMT BASE] at RTC Laboratory of MHSC under Moradabad Smart City (NIT No. 1088C/MSCL/2021). Tender Fee Rs. 17,200/- (Rs. Seventeen Thousands Two Hundred Only/-) Start Date and time for downloading of bid 13/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs. Period of Last date and time for submission of bid 22/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs.	
4) Name of the Work: Request for Proposal Supply, Installation, etc. and Maintenance of Fully Automated Computer Controlled Latest/ Advanced Technologies Based Gas Chromatograph Coupled with Triple Quadruple Mass Spectrometer with Auto Sampler (GC-MS/MS) at RTC Laboratory of under Moradabad Smart City (NIT No. 1088D/MSCL/2021). Tender Fee Rs. 29,500/- (Rs. Twenty Nine Thousands Five Hundred Only/-) Start Date and time for downloading of bid 13/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs. Period of Last date and time for submission of bid 22/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs.	
5) Name of the Work: Request for Proposal Supply, Installation, etc. and Maintenance of Fully Automated Computer Controlled Latest/Advanced Technologies Based Gas Chromatograph Coupled FID, TCD, ECD and Head Space at RTC Laboratory of under Moradabad Smart City (NIT No. 1088E/MSCL/2021). Tender Fee Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousands Only/-) Start Date and time for downloading of bid 13/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs. Period of Last date and time for submission of bid 22/11/2021 and 16:00 Hrs.	
The bid forms and other details are available on website https://etender.up.nic.in/ and can only be submitted through https://etender.up.nic.in/ . Any corrigendum regarding this would be published only on the above mentioned website.	
C.E.O. / Municipal Commissioner Moradabad Smart City Limited	

**HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Executive Engineer Dharampur Division, HPPWD Dharampur Distt. Mandi (H.P) on behalf of Governor of HP invite the item rate bids in electronics tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the work as detailed in the table

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost	Earnnest Money	Starting Date of downloading bid	Last date of bid submission	Time limit
2.	C/O balance work of Proun to Ranger road km 0/0 to 10/585 (SH: C/O C.D Work, G.S.B, W.B.M-II, W.B.M-III, M/T, Road side drain parapets & Sign board in km 06/185 to 10/585)	2,27,53,199/-	5,55,000/-	19/11/2021	25/11/2021	9 months
3.	C/O balance work of Proun to Ranger road km 0/0 to 10/585 (SH: C/O C.D Work, G.S.B, W.B.M-II, W.B.M-III, M/T, Road side drain parapets & Sign board in km 0/0 to 06/185)	1,92,68,020/-	3,85,000/-	19/11/2021	25/11/2021	9 months

The bidder are advised to note other details of tender from the department website www.hptender.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
Dharampur Division,
HP.PWD, Dharampur,

4804/HP

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE)
DEPARTMENT KASHMIR NEW NGINEERING COMPLEX
NEAR SILK FACTORY RAJ BAGH SRINAGAR
(E-mail: kmrphed@gmail.com)
Tel. Phone No: 0194-2311832 & Fax No. 1942311835**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 26 OF 2021-22 Dated: 09.11.2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Kulgam district for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work (Days)
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Kulgam district for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of: a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains etc)	Work/Scheme wise details given in Section-II of tender document	1000/-	180	Days	
	Group II (HILL GRAVITY SCHEMES)	15 Lacs to 50 Lacs		0.25 Lacs		45 Days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Note: In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.

KEY/CRITICAL DATES:

I	PUBLISH DATE	10.11.2021
II	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE START DATE	10.11.2021
III	CLARIFICATION START DATE	10.11.2021
IV	BID SUBMISSION START DATE	10.11.2021
V	CLARIFICATION END DATE	02.12.2021
VI	PRE-BID MEETING DATE	18.11.2021
VII	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE END DATE	02.12.2021
VIII	BID SUBMISSION END DATE	2.12.2021
IX	DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING	03.12.2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>
2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.
3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
4. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
6. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
a. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti PHE Department. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.
b. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
7. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
8. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
10. Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com/xenphekgm@gmail.com

No: CE/PHE/Kmr/JS/D/26400-12
Date: 09.11.2021
Chief Engineer,
Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

**SECTION 1
Superintending Engineer 4th Circle, HPPWD Shimla HP
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

The Superintending Engineer 4th Circle, HPPWD Shimla-3 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of road under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for the following work including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD and HP Jal Shakti Vibhag (Contractors of HP Jal Shakti Vibhag are eligible to participate for the works having amount put to tender above Rs. 100 Lacs). Non registered contractors may submit the bids, however successful bidder has to register in appropriate class with appropriate authority in HPPWD.

Distri ct	RIDF	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Total Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Period of Completion	Bid Security (Rs. Lakh)
			Construction (Rs. Lakh)	Maintenance (Rs. Lakh)		
Shimla	XXVII	C/o Balance works and Metallizing and Tarring of road Chanjhapul to Rewalpul Sihana, Jayly, G.P Mata/Battudhar, Shilabag, Sadona, Khula Batara in Km. 0/0 to 13/210 (SH-Formation Deficiencies, CD with slab culverts P/L GSB, WBM Gr-II & Gr-III M/T works, road side V-shape Drain, Essential Parapets, P/L sign Board and Km stone and wire crate structure etc.) UNDER NABARD RIDF- XXVII)	847.10	80.78	17 months	18.56

2. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 20/11/2021
3. **Cost of Bid Form:** Rs. 5000/- per package/job (non-refundable) only (Online) in favour of Executive Engineer Chopal Division, HPPWD Chopal.

4. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.hptenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in NABARD may obtain the same from the website: www.hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

* **Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.**

5. **Submission of Original Documents:** The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft/ Online towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security (Online) in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B (a) (ii) of ITB Section 2 with Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, H.P.P.W.D., Shimla-3, on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand.

6. **Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering:** 06.12.2021 upto 1700 hrs.
7. The site for the work is available.

8. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on website www.hptenders.gov.in. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at 11:00 Hours on 07.12.2021 in the office of Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, H.P.P.W.D., Shimla-3 by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.

9. The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the Bill of Quantities and the bidder is required to accept the rates in the Bill of Quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on his performance of maintenance activities.

All the required materials like Cement/Steel/Bitumen/Explosive etc. shall be arranged by Contractor at his own level.

10. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than Seventy Five (75) days after the deadline date for bid submission.

11. Bidders may bid for any one or more of the works mentioned in the Table above. To qualify for a package of contracts made up of this for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.

12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Superintending Engineer,
4th Circle, H.P.P.W.D., Shimla-3
E-mail: hp-sh13@nic.in

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
KALAHANDI RWS&S DIVISION, BHAWANIPATNA
INVITATION OF BID THROUGH e-TENDERING**

Bid Identification No- 51/EE/RWS/S/ 2021-22 /Bpt Dated. 09.11.2021

01. Name of the work :- As per ANNEXURE - A

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding on office hour only.	Date of opening (Technical Bid)
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Executive Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna	51/EE/RWS/S/ 2021-22 /Bpt Dated- 09.11.2021	16.11.2021 10.00 AM	07.12.2021 05.30 PM
			08.12.2021 10.00 AM onwards

Cost of tender paper to be made online payment system. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <http://tenderodisha.gov.in>. The original documents should be scanned and uploaded.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna
OIPR-25005/11/0025/2122

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, खण्डवा (म.प्र.) 450001
(जनकार्य एवं उद्यान विभाग)

क्रमांक- 955/जन.वि./ई-टेंडरिंग/2020-21 -द्वितीय निविदा विनियमि:- खण्डवा, दिनांक : 11/11/2021

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु निविदा ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है, उल्लेखित कार्य की निविदा का विस्तृत वेबसाइट <http://www.mptenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

क्र.	ऑन लाईन पोर्टल	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (लाख में)	धरोहर राशि	निविदा प्रपत्र की राशि	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2021_UAD_167892_1	SDRF योजनागत गौधी भवन के कोने से तीन पुलिया तक एवं लाल चौकी रोन्वे क्रॉसिंग से शिक्षक नगर के पीछे तक नालो का निर्माण कार्य। II Call	336.00 Lacs	1,68,000/-	15,000/-	180 दिन

निविदा ऑनलाइन कर एवं प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम दिनांक : 08/12/2021 (शाम 5:30 बजे तक)
निविदा खोलने की दिनांक : 10/12/2021 (प्रातः 10:30 बजे)
निविदा संबंधी समस्त जानकारी वेबसाइट <http://www.mptenders.gov.in> पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा में यदि किसी भी प्रकार का संशोधन किया जाता है तो वह समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जावेगा। आयुक्त - नगर पालिक निगम, खण्डवा

**JAL SHAKTI, PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

E-NIT No. 36 OF 2021-2022 Dated: 11-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for BANDIPORE DISTRICT (Hilly Gravity) for Execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work (Days)
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for DISTRICT BANDIPORE for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of: a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains.	Work/Scheme wise details given in Section-II of tender document	1000/-	9,85,000	180 Days	
	Group-IV	100 Lacs upto 300 Lacs		0.75		120

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

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IV	BID SUBMISSION START DATE	11.11.2021
V	CLARIFICATION END DATE	02.12.2021
VI	PRE-BID MEETING DATE	17.11.2021
VII	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE END DATE	04.12.2021
VIII	BID SUBMISSION END DATE	04.12.2021
IX	DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING	06.12.2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>
2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.
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9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
10. Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com

No: CE/PHE/Kmr/JS/D/26581-92
Date: 11.11.2021
DIPK-12548

Chief Engineer,
Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

**JAL SHAKTI, PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

e- NIT No. 32 of 2021-22, Dated: 10-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for District Anantnag (Qazigund Division) Hilly Gravity Zone for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work (Days)
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Anantnag District (Qazigund Division) / geographically different zone for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of: a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains.	Work/Scheme wise details given in Section-II of tender document	1000/-	9,85,000	180 Days	
	Group-I (13 Nos. WSS Hilly Gravity)	upto 15 Lacs		0.15		30

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Note: In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.

KEY/CRITICAL DATES:

I	PUBLISH DATE	11.11.2021
II	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE START DATE	11.11.2021
III	CLARIFICATION START DATE	11.11.2021
IV	BID SUBMISSION START DATE	20.11.2021
V	CLARIFICATION END DATE	01.12.2021
VI	PRE-BID MEETING DATE	19.11.2021
VII	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE END DATE	30.11.2021
VIII	BID SUBMISSION END DATE	02.12.2021
IX	DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING	04.12.2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>
2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.
3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
4. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
6. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
a. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti PHE Department. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.
b. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.
7. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
8. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
10. Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com/qazigundphedivision@gmail.com

No: CE/PHE/JS/D/KMR/26526-37
Date: 10.11.2021
DIPK-12471

Chief Engineer,
Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

TENDER NOTICE

MG ASC HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WESTERN COMMAND, JAIPUR ARMY SERVICE CORPS CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF WHEAT ATTA WHOLE MEAL FOR THE PERIOD 01 APR 2022 TO 31 MAR 2023

1. On line bids are invited from registered ASC Contractors / Firms to be concluded by respective Executive Officers various formations for the period 01 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2023 as here under, details of which will be available with concerned executive officers. The tenders will be opened at 1200 hours on the dates as shown below:-

S No	Executive Officer	Date of Opening Tender								
		Initial Call	2 nd Call (1 st Re-tender)	3 rd Call (2 nd Re-tender)	4 th Call (3 rd Re-tender)	5 th Call (4 th Re-tender)	6 th Call (6 th Re-tender)	7 th Call (7 th Re-tender)	8 th Call (8 th Re-tender)	9 th Call (9 th Re-tender)
(a)	MG ASC Jaipur (Wheat Atta Whole Meal, Dalia, Suji, Flour and Wheat Bran)	24 Dec 2021 (Friday)	14 Jan 2022 (Friday)	04 Feb 2022 (Friday)	25 Feb 2022 (Friday)	18 Mar 2022 (Friday)	08 Apr 2022 (Friday)	29 Apr 2022 (Friday)	20 May 2022 (Friday)	10 Jun 2022 (Friday)

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Method to the calmness

New Zealand have set plans that they employ to great effect as everyone knows their role

SANDIP G
NOVEMBER 12

KANE WILLIAMSON loves his time in the kitchen and discusses recipes with chefs at local restaurants in his home town of Mount Maunganui. A coffee aficionado, he recently took a barista course with a group that had worked with indigenous communities in South America to grow beans throughout rainforests.

Sometimes, Williamson strikes cooking analogies when talking about leadership. He once told Tauranga Radio: "Preparing a good team is like preparing a good dish, it's about knowing when to use the ingredients and how to use them. Just the right amount for the right results."

Some of his teams have had that precision in ingredients. Just the perfect pinch of salt, just the precise dash of pepper. Flavourful, yet no flavour stands out and leaves one with an aftertaste. In his teams, everyone has a well-defined role, and they neither underperform nor overperform. Some amount of overlapping is unavoidable, yet more or less, the components efficiently stick to their functions like clockwork. The team works with the cohesion of a refined footballing system, there are no jerks or screeches.

Everyone knows everyone else's role. They are wary not to step on the other's shoes, and even if they do, they don't try to ape the other, or be the other. So, if Martin Gupthill's designated role is to set the tone with his aggressive strokes, Daryl Mitchell's is to play the accomplice, rotate strike, take the more difficult bowler, weather the storm, and plaster the basement. If Gupthill perishes prematurely, Mitchell doesn't put on the Gupthill mask, but adheres to his philosophy of batting. He incrementally accelerates, first humming low-intoned notes, before strumming out the high notes and reaching a devilish crescendo, as he illustrated against England. Midway through the innings, he was scoring runs at a strike rate of 100 or thereabouts. At one stage, he was 46 off 40 balls; in the next six balls, he swatted 26 runs. At no moment during his sluggish middle phase did he panic, for he knew he could dial the big strokes when push came to shove.

Similarly, Williamson and Conway bat like they always do, with serenity and assurance, preserving the run rate, latching onto bad balls and non-violently shattering the bowlers' morale. There's no steak of unhealthy wannabe-ness. They do add more layers to their game, but not by diluting their original game or personality.

Down the order, they have a clutch of swashbucklers, from Glenn Phillips to Tim Southee, and oftentimes, it's just the case of



Every player in the New Zealand team knows each one's role and isn't wary to step into others' shoes. Reuters

a couple of them putting on the afterburners in a match. Against England, it was the turn of Jimmy Neesham; against Australia, it could be the night of Tim Seifert, who would replace the injured Conway, or Mitchell Santner. That New Zealand's is the least tinkered-around batting side captures the story of their clearly-demarcated roles.

Role players

Their bowling is no different — structural discipline is the guiding light. Even before a match, the opponent can second-guess their hand. The old pals, Tim Southee and Trent Boult would open, Adam Milne is the usual first-change, followed by spinners Ish Sodhi and Santner. If conditions ally, Neesham would drop by for an over or two. Or Phillips would trundle in for an over of off-spin. But other than a tweak here or a chop there, they are as formulaic as Hollywood rom-com movies. One knows the script even before one hits the cinema hall, but still ends up watching and enjoying the movie with popcorn in one hand and a moist hankie in the other.

Both work because the methods are simple and straightforward, bereft of overcomplication. The skill-sets are so vividly defined that there is no temptation to change the established patterns and ideals. The skills are so specialised that A cannot perform B's role, or C cannot don D's clothes. Or the other way around. Put it another way, no player is alike,

ROAD TO FINAL	
GROUP STAGE	
■	Lost to Pakistan by 5 wickets
■	Beat India by 8 wickets
■	Beat Scotland by 16 runs
■	Beat Namibia by 52 runs
■	Beat Afghanistan by 8 wickets
SEMIFINAL	
■	Beat England by 5 wickets

and they bask in their differences.

Some may misconstrue this as lack of versatility, or worse rigidity. But this lack of versatility is a blessing in the T20 format. It gives Williamson and the team management the clarity on what to expect from each player. In turn, the player knows what the team expects from him and what he expects from himself. There is no futile, twisted attempt to fit square pegs in round holes. The holes and pegs are of the ideal sizes and shapes so they fit seamlessly.

Simplicity works

Often in T20s, the presence of too many multidimensional players could be a burden. The often-termed happy headache turns out to be a terminal headache. A contrast would be the West Indies team — they packed their side with so many similar types of players.

Too many big-hitting openers, too many seam-bowling all-rounders, and too many finishers, that they ended up as a confused bunch, uncertain of their roles.

Within this apparent structural rigidity, there is considerable flexibility in the Kiwis' system. It's not like they respond the same way to every situation, but they adapt and adjust. On a belter, Mitchell would not be soaking up dot balls or Southee striving for swing on every other ball. They are a group of extremely worldly-wise individuals with different backgrounds, different pathways to the national teams and with exposure to different conditions and adversaries.

It's New Zealand's blueprint across formats — there are not too many people who do too many things. But they have men who perform their roles to their optimal capacity. And players with unique skills, like Neil Wagner in Tests, a left-arm enforcer, or Kyle Jamieson, a beanpole who could swing the ball both ways. Or Boult and Southee, who could swing the ball even in T20 games and on parched tracks in the Middle East.

Many teams could brag about more exciting and more flamboyant individuals. If the game was all about talent, they would have win hands down. But it's also about temperament and teamwork — which help New Zealand as they keep winning matches and reaching finals. And in knowing the precise proportion of ingredients, when to use them and how to use them.

Sydney hero Vihari dropped from Tests, added to 'A' team

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 12

MIDDLE-ORDER batsman Hanuma Vihari, who was omitted from the Test squad for the home series against New Zealand, will travel with the India 'A' team to South Africa to gain game time. Vihari was not named in the India 'A' squad announced earlier this week, but will now use the three four-day games in South Africa to acclimatise to the conditions. India will play a three-match Test series in South Africa beginning in mid-December.

Vihari, who famously battled injury to save the Sydney Test, was part of the Test squad in England earlier this year but did not get a game. Ajinkya Rahane was named captain for the first Test against New Zealand in Kanpur (November 25 to 29) and will lead a side which will be without Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Rishabh Pant, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami, all of whom have been rested it is presumed. The BCCI did not mention reasons for omission in its statement on Friday but made it clear that Kohli would captain the side for the second Test in Mumbai to be played from December 3 to 7. Vihari, however, is not assured of a place in the squad for the series in South Africa and his selection will be purely based on form during his India 'A' assignments, a source in the Indian cricket board said.

"It is better to send him to South Africa. The Indian team will be playing in South Africa later this year. If he scores there then he will be picked for the Indian team against South Africa," a source in the Indian board said.

Perhaps, the selectors feel that Vihari isn't likely to play in the two Tests at home and is better off playing in South Africa with India 'A'. The Indian senior team is set to tour South Africa in a month's time and in-form Vihari in those conditions would be a better bet than cooling his heels in the dressing room in India.

Shreyas Iyer is the one who has been selected ahead of Vihari (for Tests against New Zealand) but in all probability he won't be in the playing XI. But it remains to be seen if the team still prefers Iyer over Vihari, if the opportunity presents itself in South Africa. That would be doing a disservice to Vihari who has proven his worth overseas.

There is another dynamic involved. The theory is that Vihari is seen as a potential replacement for Cheteshwar Pujara and Iyer for Ajinkya Rahane in the future.

Iyer is yet to make his Test debut but has played stroke-filled innings in white-ball cricket. The team for the home series has three openers in KL Rahul, Shubman Gill and Mayank Agarwal. With wicketkeeper Pant not playing, Wriddhiman Saha will be the first choice and his back up will be Anshu's KS Bharat, who has plenty of First-Class runs under his belt and recently batted up the order for Royal Challengers Bangalore.



Hanuma Vihari's selection for the series in South Africa depends on form during his India 'A' assignments. File

Why Surya Kumar should have been picked for India 'A'

IT WOULD be a travesty of justice if a talented batsman like Surya Kumar Yadav is seen as a T20 player. But it seems to be the case since the selectors have omitted him from the 'A' tour of South Africa ahead of the Test series. He is not part of the Test squad for the home series against New Zealand. He has done well in the T20 format of course but his real strengths lie in the longer version. He was in the Test scheme of things and was in the squad during India's tour of England. The selectors need to explain what has changed. Getting Shreyas Iyer in the pipeline for the middle order is a wise decision but Yadav shouldn't be forgotten.

Medium pacer from Karnataka Prasidh Krishna has also found a place in the Indian Test squad in the absence of Bumrah and Shami. Haryana off-spinner Jayant Yadav, also a useful batsman, has returned to the Test squad which includes R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in the spin department.

SQUAD: Ajinkya Rahane (c), KL Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara (vc), Shubman Gill, S Iyer, Wriddhiman Saha (WK), KS Bharat (WK), Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Axar Patel, J Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Umesh Yadav, Mohd Siraj and Prasidh Krishna.

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5 Gathers a variety of pears (5)

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9 Prosecute for wrong use (3)

10 Result of a split if in the right (4)

12 Made fish pie when hungry (8)

14 It leaves refined niceties to female relatives (6)

15 The character of one's correspondence? (6)

17 Citizens taught in schools (8)

18 Keen to help a number inside (4)

21 Maybe many decades are viewed in retrospect (3)

22 Pen and put it in the envelope (9)

24 Pious - nothing short of goodly (5)

25 Spider or fly (7)

DOWN

1 Lowest change for a dinar (5)

2 High-pitched cry from some wild cats (3)

3 She comes up with a stick (4)

4 This drink can go a hundred years back (6)

5 Not a wholesale storyteller? (8)

6 It teaches reform in accordance with good taste (9)

7 No mean poet (7)

11 What the crew will expect to get above the water (9)

13 Dead centre (8)

14 It's intended to encourage laying in a little money (4,3)

16 They once held criminal funds (6)

19 Ear doctor is superior though gloomy (5)

20 Note uprising of West African tribe in desert (4)

23 It will be part of the furnishings in a crematorium (3)

Solutions Crossword 4584: Across: 1 Flaggpole, 5 Saps, 9 Aorta, 10 Inutile, 11 Confidential, 13 Untorn, 14 Pollen, 17 Bloodthirsty, 20 Tea bags, 21 Enoch, 22 Evil, 23 Prudence. Down: 1 Feat, 2 Airport, 3 Play for a draw, 4 Lairds, 6 Alibi, 7 Spelling, 8 Turn your head, 12 Sunbathe, 15 Let down, 16 Chaser, 18 Okapi, 19 Thee.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

HOMeward BOUND 3: STRANGE TRAILFELLOWS...

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HOW DID YOU GUYS GET LOST?

FUNNY STORY...

OUR OWNERS DROVE US INTO THE COUNTRY, DROPPED US OFF AND DROVE AWAY. YOU WERE DUMPED??

WHAT PART OF THAT IS FUNNY??

I'M NOT GOING TO CRY. I'M NOT GOING TO CRY. I'M NOT GOING TO CRY...

Y'KNOW THE SAYING, "YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN"?... WELL, YOU CAN'T.

LOOK AT THAT THING IN THE DIRT! IT MUST BE A FOSSIL!

I WONDER WHAT PECULIAR ANIMAL THIS WAS.

BUT IT'S NOT A BONE. IT MUST BE SOME PRIMITIVE HUNTING WEAPON OR EATING UTENSIL FOR CAVE MEN.

MAI BE IT HAD SOME RELIGIOUS FUNCTION.

THIS EXPLAINS WHY YOUR CLOTHES STAY ON THE FLOOR.

CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

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MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAD SAYS THIS UGLY TOY WILL GROW ON ME EVENTUALLY

HOW COULD SOMETHING SO hideous AND UNAPPEALING GROW ON ANYONE?

I ASKED MYSELF THE SAME THING WHEN YOUR PARENTS BROUGHT YOU HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

A friend is, as it were, a _____ - Marcus Tullius Cicero (6,4)

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SUDOKU 4653

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4652

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Somewhat challenging planetary patterns relate to life's pleasures in curious ways. The celestial advice is therefore to set out to indulge yourself with determination and discipline. Cultural and high-brow outings will provide excellent stimulation.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

There still seems to be too much uncertainty about personal decisions and choices. There really is no point in trying to get others to sign on the dotted line just yet. There is plenty of time before final arrangements must be reached, so wait and see what happens next week.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If you have your wits about you, and you certainly should, nobody will be able to get the better of you or pull the wool over your eyes. You may be angry one minute, the very essence of charm the next. If other people are confused, it's because they can't keep up with you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Partners or close companions are certainly not as cold or hostile as they sometimes seem. Your best policy is to stop worrying about other people and look after your own affairs. Once you have sorted out your top priorities and principles then you will be able to extend proper help to those in need.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

If you ever dreamt of living overseas or far from home, now could be the perfect moment to investigate the available options. Also, do make sure that any travel plans are sufficiently adventurous to satisfy your bold and confident spirit. Also, be sure to listen to an older relation's words of wisdom.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You're entitled to feel annoyed, but your behaviour should be carefully considered. You are torn between making a public song and dance on the one hand, and keeping yourself to yourself on the other. Perhaps you should wear your mystical or spiritual convictions on your sleeve.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Your best option is to take expert advice before you go any further. Your social optimism should be boundless, but you may be so carried away that you double-book yourself or otherwise take on too many commitments. Catch up with old friends, someone is waiting to hear from you.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Contentment, it is said, comes from total immersion in worthwhile activities. This should be a busy day, one to take on more responsibilities. You may stretch yourself to the limit, for the more you accomplish now, the more time you will have to relax and enjoy yourself over the coming days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

The winds of change are blowing through your relationships. The whole point about the current situation is that you must learn to listen. You must also try to understand other people's feelings and points of view without being unnecessarily judgmental.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Some of the strongest regions in your chart concern home, work and money. The problem is how best to integrate all these different areas. One interpretation suggests that if you work harder, you'll be able to pay for an improvement at home sooner than you thought.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

It's an ideal day for short excursions and meetings, and pleasant agreements could be concluded. Insist that everyone conforms to your ideas as to what is practical and possible, and they all will prosper. However, whether they agree with you is another matter.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You know what it is like to be caught off guard, and if someone takes advantage today, it could be over a matter of money. That said, this is a superb time for improvements in family relationships and a step up in your living conditions. Start by fixing everything that's in need of repair.

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ICC T20 WORLD CUP



Yes, he is a bit down. We will keep backing him and giving him confidence. People will say a lot of things, but we are behind him."

BABAR AZAM,
PAKISTAN CAPTAIN ON HASAN ALI DROPPING MATTHEW WADE

Wade's world: Cancer survivor, colour blind, worked as a plumber, carpenter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 12

AUSTRALIA'S WICKETKEEPER Matthew Wade was a touch fortuitous but successfully played the role of a finisher in the high stakes semifinal against Pakistan on Thursday night. The three sixes in a row against Shaheen Shah Afridi gave his side a famous win. Wade has had his share of battles off the field - he overcame illness and fell out of love with the game before finding motivation to get back.

Cancer when he was 16

He was in for treatment for a groin injury in a football game when he heard the bad

news. "It was just a surreal sort of thing. It didn't hit home until I sat there and they told me basically that I was going to go through chemotherapy and lose my hair and all that sort of stuff. As a young bloke at 16, I think that's when it hit home that this was pretty serious," he once told Sydney Morning Herald. "I still tried to train between cycles (of chemotherapy), but it was too hard to do it at the intensity."

The plumber

When the cancer treatment was on, he felt that "professional sport was out of the question", and so took up an apprenticeship as a plumber. "For a couple of years I really just sat back and enjoyed the little things. I wasn't as driven for a period. I was scared about the



Matthew Wade was 16 when he discovered by chance that he had testicular cancer.

Reuters

treatment. It knocked me physically and it took a long time to get back to where I had left off. Physically losing hair and stuff, I was a bit shy in getting back with the boys."

Colour blindness

Wade is colour blind and had problems in day-and-night cricket with the pink ball in particular. "It's just at times it takes a little bit longer to work out the depth of where it's coming. I can see the colour of the ball, so I pick it up." Former Australian Test opener Chris Rogers also suffered from colour-blindness and withdrew from a pink-ball match in 2014.

The Carpenter

In 2018, when he was out of the team, Wade fell out of love with the game. He took

up an apprenticeship as a carpenter and worked on his home for 9-10 months.

"I wanted to get into the development side of things. I worked three days a week and had family and cricket time outside of it. I lost the appreciation of it (privilege of being a cricketer) for a while. Coming to work, realising how to live a normal life and how hard people worked from digging holes, boring concrete and the nail gun, played a big role in where I am now on a cricket field," he told Athletesvoice.com.au.

Preponing the child delivery

His comeback post carpentry would probably not have happened had it not been for his wife. When he was selected for the 'A' tour before the Ashes, he called his wife Julia to tell

her that he would inform the selectors he doesn't want to be picked. "I was pretty adamant at the time that I would not go if asked. I was thinking I had played enough 'A' and international cricket that they know what I can do."

But his wife had other thoughts. She called up her doctors to have them deliver the baby earlier than scheduled. "She said 'I want you to do it, I do not want you to live with regret if they pick someone else and you are sitting at home watching. You have worked so hard to get back and I do not want them to have any excuses not to pick you again.'" Wade told The Cricketer. "We had Goldie in Melbourne and I snuck off three days later. I did not see them again until after the second Ashes Test a few months later."

BRIEFLY

Conway ruled out of final with broken hand

Dubai: New Zealand wicketkeeper batter Devon Conway was on Thursday ruled out of the T20 World Cup final and the subsequent tour of India after injuring his right-hand in frustration following his dismissal in the semifinal against England. Conway had made a valuable 46 in New Zealand's successful chase of 167 on Wednesday. "Conway sustained the injury when he struck his bat immediately after being dismissed in semifinal win over England in Abu Dhabi - with an X-ray today confirming a break to his right hand fifth Metacarpal," said New Zealand Cricket in a statement. **PTI**

Sarita aces 59kg event at Nationals

Gonda: Sarita Mor bagged the 59kg title with a commanding victory over comeback-girl Geeta Phogat on a day when established names such as Divya Kakran and Sakshi Malik bit the dust at the National Wrestling Championship here on Friday. The 59kg category was one of the toughest in the women's competition with three World Championships medallists in the fray for the title. Sarita entered the event fresh from her World bronze medal-winning performance while struggling but strong Pooja Dhanda (2018 World bronze winner) needed to get back his old touch. Making it a tougher bracket was Worlds bronze winner Geeta, returning to competitive wrestling after 3 years following maternity break. Sarita dominated all her matches en route the title clash as only Pooja Dhanda tested her. She won two matches by fall and one by technical superiority. **PTI**

Brazil beat Colombia to qualify for Qatar WC

Sao Paulo: Brazil is celebrating as the first South American team to qualify for the World Cup in Qatar, with several matches in hand and more than a year before the tournament begins in Qatar. South American soccer body CONMEBOL says Brazil as the first team of the region to qualify, with 11 wins in 12 matches. The latest came Thursday night in Sao Paulo, with Lucas Paquet scoring the only goal in the 72nd minute in a 1-0 win over Colombia. The Selecao is 18 points ahead of fourth-place Chile, which can add only 15 points from its five remaining matches. The top four teams in South America earn direct entry to the World Cup. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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THE PHONE call had gone through but Mohammad Rizwan was silent for a long while. So was the recipient and his mentor Talha Rehmani. Pakistan's 2019 ODI World Cup squad had been announced and Rizwan was left out, not for the first time in his life. "We both were very hurt, and just fell silent," Talha recalls.

Finally, Rizwan found his voice. "Bhai, mere Allah sey maangne mey kami hai. Aur jyaada maangna hai (I have erred by asking Allah for less. I will ask for more!)" And he went on a journey of more hard work, determination and resilience.

The story of his life. Like this one time, in December last year when his career was on the line. Given the chance to open in T20Is by then coach Misbah-ul-Haq, he had failed in the first two games and everything hung on the last game. "You know what he did? He sent me a picture of something he wrote on a paper. It read: 76 not out. Man of the match. The 76 was crossed out and he had written on the side, 'Allah, apni shaan ke mutaabiq de de! (Allah, you give according to your Greatness!)" Rizwan made 89 that game, and hasn't looked back since. "That was probably his last chance, not just as an opener but possibly as a player in the white-ball format. And he has this strange confidence, moved by faith in his own skill, hard work and God. It's a combination that has stood by him through all his lows in life." And there have been many.

These qualities came to the fore on Thursday when Rizwan followed two nights in a hospital's intensive care unit with a 67 off 52 balls in the T20 World Cup semifinal against Australia. He also became the first batsman in T20I history to reach 1,000 runs in a calendar year, a few days after surpassing Chris Gayle's record of the most runs in all T20 cricket in a calendar year.

Born in a small house to a joint family in Kakshal, a neighbourhood in Peshawar, Rizwan grew up in a humble setting. His father works in a dispensary at a hospital; a very religious man who didn't want his son to waste his time playing cricket. "He was very keen that Rizwan studies well in a general school."

The boy, though, wasn't that keen on academics and would court beatings from his father for his love for cricket. "They lived in a small narrow gully and the father would be surprised to see numerous men and boys land up at his home to draw out his son to play in their team." The hide-and-seek with paternal concern continued until the day arrived when the son returned having secured admission in the prestigious government college Islamia, where only kids with high marks could get in.

No one believed him at home. "I will check tomorrow at the college," the father

went. Rizwan had gone along with his friends on a lark for cricket trials at the college and impressed the coaches enough to get an admission call on sports quota. The father's worries began to abate and he finally wilted around 2007-08 when Rizwan got selected for district and serious cricket teams.

The father sat his son down and had a frank chat. "Waalid saab said, 'You play cricket. Shouk zaroor pooro karo (Indulge your love), but remember one thing: Cricket and all is okay but achhe insaan pehle bano (become a good person first). That is what gives us the greatest joy. You should be able to help people. Others should be benefitted from you. That's the purpose of life,'" Talha recalls Rizwan narrating that incident many times. And it has stayed with him till now.

Rizwan has moved out of Kakshal to a bigger place but his residence remains an open house where everyone is welcome. "I am not making it up. From a rickshaw puller to CEO, all walk into his home. There is always food cooking. He welcomes everyone warmly."

The boy who would slip out onto the narrow street at his old house now lives in a lane named after him: Mohammad Rizwan Street.

The dive to be the best

Rizwan's ambition from even when he was a relative nobody in Pakistan cricket circles was to become No.1 in the world. An intention and wish rolled into one, and sent out to the universal forces to work on, says Talha, founder & CEO of Saya Corporation that represents and mentors many leading cricketers in the Pakistan team including Babar Azam, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Fakhar Zaman.

The ICC would post a video a day after the India match that has gone viral. Titled, "Dream. Visualise. Execute", it showed a remarkable sequence of action. Standing behind the stumps, ahead of the game, Rizwan is seen shadow-batting all his shots that he would play in the game. The conventional pull, the pull to a ball above his shoulder, the slog-sweep, and even the lunge-and-nudge for the single. On the left side of the frame, the actual shots from the game; the visualisation materialising into reality.

In Pakistan cricket circles, Rizwan is known for his fascination with cricket strategies. He likes to think about the game a lot and has very concrete views on how his teams should play. Not a surprise that he has a stellar captaincy record in domestic cricket.

When he started to become a wicket-keeper, everyone persuaded him not to bother. "But he is a stubborn man; it's almost as if disbelief is his fuel. 'Agar mehnat karoon, toh log khamosh ho jayenge, bhai' (If I work hard, people will fall silent)."

People kept turning mute. Good things began to happen, too. Sometimes, he was selected not because of his batting or 'keeping but due to his fielding. Called 'Jonty' as a kid due to his acrobatic dives on dicy turfs, he



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went in as a substitute for Peshawar against the strong SNGPL (Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited), which had Pakistan stars like Mohammad Hafeez and Azhar Ali, and was coached by Basit Ali. The story goes that Rizwan took an extraordinary catch at third slip and caught Basit's eye. The Sui Gas talent spotters came calling to persuade him to leave

the small confines of Peshawar and join them.

But the disbelief continued. "You are never going to get a chance there. Adnan Akmal, the wonderful 'keeper, is already well established. And your wicketkeeping isn't any good." "Of course, he joined SNGPL!" Talha says. His logic was that Sui Gas had all the "cricket ke diwane (cricket lovers)" and he can soak up cricketing wisdom and challenge that he could never get in Peshawar. He had to wait until Akmal picked up a serious injury to get a chance that he grabbed.

A similar story continued with the Pakistan team with Sarfaraz Ahmad in great form as 'keeper and captain. By now, Rizwan was comfortable with waiting but his ambition to become world no.1 kept burning brightly.

Up for the challenge

Last December in New Zealand, Pakistan coach Misbah had a chat with Rizwan about opening. "Open karoge na? New ball mey koi masla nahi, na? (Will you open? No problems with the new ball, right?)."

"I will open, I am ready bhai" was the answer. Luckily, Rizwan and Talha had had lengthy chats about it already. "You know what was his hesitation about opening? He said, 'If I open, kisi ka haq na maara jaay! (I hope no one else's right would be taken away if I open). He was finally convinced and ready

when Misbah came calling." Two failures popped up before that career-turning 89.

Not that it meant security elsewhere. In this year's Pakistan Super League, no team was willing to pick him. Until Multan Sultans got him. Though speculation was rife that the non-regular 'keeper Khushdil Shah will play instead of him for his hitting prowess. But just days before the start, Rizwan was named captain.

Out came another special note from Rizwan. "We will be champions!". When the management handed him the tournament details about the Eliminator and play-offs, he struck out the 'Eliminator'. "We shall qualify for the final directly." That confidence, again.

Even after they lost four of their first five games, Rizwan wasn't turning into a shrinking violet. "Bhai, hum champion banenge (we will be champions)". When the PSL shifted to Abu Dhabi, Rizwan would call, "All this is happening because we will be champions. We will work doubly hard to get there." Talha would laugh and gasp in the end when Multan Sultans won every one of the remaining games and did become champions.

"He is also a very practical person. His belief is God will only help those who work really hard. And he backs himself and works his backside off. He doesn't leave anything to chance or fate. It's a great combination: self-belief, hard work and faith."

HASAN ALI'S PLIGHT

A dropped catch at a crucial point, a fall guy and a familiar pattern of abuse

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SOME OF the abuses on social media are unprintable. Fast bowler Hasan Ali's 'offence' was a dropped catch of Matthew Wade and three consecutive sixes that followed sealed the semifinal for Australia.

Cricket can be a lonely game. When the curtain fell, Hasan was alone despite Shoaib Malik walking up to him like an elder brother and lending a hand.

The player looked distraught. Maybe, he had an inkling of what was coming. Abuse is a common pastime on social media platforms. India fast bowler Mohammed Shami was at the receiving end of it after India's loss to

Pakistan. That Hasan's wife is Indian, gave some of the trolls from Pakistan an extra abusive edge. Hasan's Pakistan Super League franchise Islamabad United's general manager Rehan-ul-Haq confirmed that the fast bowler was unwell, going into the game. He was seen throwing up on the field.

This is a man who had the most number of wickets for Pakistan in international cricket this year, going into the T20 World Cup. Shaheen Shah Afridi overtook him during the tournament, but 61 scalps this year spoke volumes about Hasan's contribution. He didn't have a good World Cup - five wickets from six matches and an economy rate of nine runs per over - but Rehan called him "the outstanding death bowler in the PSL and one of the outstanding death bowlers for Pakistan".

To put things in perspective, Hasan has resurrected his career, bouncing back from a career-threatening back injury.

Maybe unwittingly, Babar Azam made things worse by pointing towards the dropped catch. "On the day, catches were dropped and because of that the match changed. Had the



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catch not been dropped, the scenario would have been different," the Pakistan captain said at the post-match press conference.

Rehan gave Babar the benefit of the doubt. "I think Babar was mentioning the moment rather than the player. And anyone can drop a catch. Jonty Rhodes dropped catches.

Ricky Ponting dropped catches. Even wicket-keepers wearing gloves drop catches. I know Hasan. He hates losing. He will be more hurt than any person trolling him right now. He will be more critical of himself than everyone who is criticising him," Rehan said, speaking to *The Indian Express*.

Going through the bubble life, when mental health takes precedence, such vile abuse can break a player. But Rehan is not concerned.

"He is a champion, he is a fighter. When he is down, he knows how to get back on his feet. He's been through really tough times due to injuries. He was out of the Pakistan team, his career was thought to be done, but he came back to become Pakistan's best bowler once again." Babar made amends in his dressing-room team talk after the game, a video clip of which was posted on the Pakistan Cricket Board's Twitter handle. "Nobody should point a finger towards the other, that somebody has done this, somebody has done that. We will learn from this and will not repeat our mistakes in the future. Am telling you, this bond must not break just for one defeat."

Two years ago on Shoaib Akhtar's YouTube show, Hasan was talking dance moves with choreographer Gillian Rhodes, the latter being a guest on the show. Conversation quickly moved to more serious issues, Hasan's injuries to be precise. Shoaib opined that nobody in the Pakistan team understood the fast bowler's body properly.

Hasan agreed, admitting that extra workload led to fatigue and consequently "back-to-back injuries" (back and a stress fracture of left ribs). The setback came when his career was going well. Becoming the Player of the Tournament at the 2017 Champions Trophy was a high point. Last night was a low.

But ups and downs have been part of his life since he started playing tape-ball cricket in Gujranwala many moons ago. Progress was never linear. But ebb and flow taught the 27-year-old to take failures in stride.

Rehan offered an insight. "Hasan is always full of energy. One thing that people don't realise is how important he is in the dressing-room. He is one of the leaders in the dressing-room. When someone is down, he is the first

person to go up to him. Now he needs his teammates to cheer him up. What Shoaib Malik did last night is exactly why Shoaib Malik is in the team; a calming elder brotherly influence." What Hasan didn't get last night was a fair deal. Let alone the faceless trolls whom Virat Kohli called "spineless people", Pakistani cricket statistician Mazher Arshad's Twitter timeline revealed that even some white-collar people hurled insults towards the fast bowler. Mazher's put-downs accompanied facts and stats.

As for Rehan, he called this "a very subcontinental culture type of thing", citing Hasan and Shami's examples, and condemning the trend. The victims of abuse may also find comfort in Kohli's words: "There's a good reason why we are playing on the field and not some bunch of spineless people on social media that have no courage to actually speak to any individual in person. They hide behind their identities and go after people through social media, making fun of people and that has become a social entertainment in today's world, which is so unfortunate and so sad to see."

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