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# Pollution worse, farm fire share rises to 34%

Jahangirpuri Most Polluted At 480; AQI Likely To Stay 'Severe' Till Saturday

Kushagra Dixit & Priyangi Agarwal | TNN

New Delhi: The air quality worsened sharply to the "severe" level on Thursday again as the wind speed and direction from Wednesday evening became favourable for carrying smoke of farm fires of Punjab and Haryana, thereby gripping the entire city under a thick cover of smog.

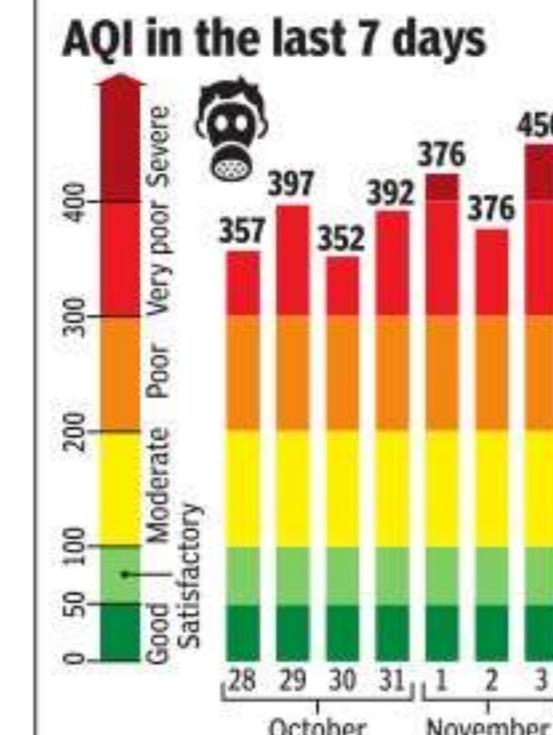
The average air quality index (AQI) at 4pm was 450, just a point below the "severe-plus" level and the worst this year: AQI, however, worsened to 455 by 7pm, leaving several residents with itchy eyes and mild headache. According to the pollution board's advisories, an AQI of this level even affects healthy people and severely impacts those with existing diseases.

The share of stubble burning in the air quality rose to 34% on Thursday, the highest this season so far, against 12% on Wednesday. The air quality is likely to remain in the "severe" category till November 5, as forecast by IITM.

According to weather scientists, the city had been receiving northwesterly winds, which are favourable for intrusion of stubble smoke from Punjab, since Wednesday evening. While the winds were slightly strong on Wednesday, helping maximum smoke from farm fires to blow into the city, the speed dropped on Thursday, trapping the pollutants.

"The current bad air quality is due to the sharp rise in stubble smoke's share in the city's air. On Wednesday, the fire count in Punjab was quite high and transport-level winds were northwesterly blowing at 10-15 kmph. Today, the wind speed dropped to 6 kmph, leading to accumulation of pollutants," said VK Soni, senior scientist at India

## WHAT ARE YOU SMOKING?



Reasons why air quality has deteriorated | Calm wind conditions and increased cases of stubble burning

Paddy residue burning events detected on Thursday

Punjab 2,666

Haryana 128

UP 40

Delhi 1

> The share of stubble burning in Delhi's PM2.5 was 34%, the highest so far this season

> CAQM to review GRAP measures on November 6

Air quality forecast

Till November 5 | Likely to remain in 'severe' category

November 6 | 'Severe' to 'very poor'



Photo: Mayank Makhija

not have PNG infrastructure and supply, but still run on fuels other than approved fuels (Exempted) | Industries like milk/dairy units and those involved in manufacturing of life-saving medical equipment/devices, drugs and medicines

> Ban C&D activities in linear public projects, such as highways, roads, flyovers, over bridges, power transmission, pipelines, etc

> State governments to decide on allowing public, municipal and private offices to work on 50% strength and the rest to work from home

> Centre may take a decision on permitting work from home for central govt offices

> State governments may consider additional emergency measures like closure of schools/colleges/educational institutions, closure of non-emergency commercial activities and plying of vehicles on odd-even basis

> Shutting down all industries in NCR, even in areas which do

ACTION Severe+ measures under Stage-IV of GRAP

- > Stop entry of trucks into Delhi (except those carrying essential commodities/providing essential services and all CNG / electric trucks)
- > Ban on plying of four-wheeler diesel LMVs in Delhi-NCR, except BS-VI and vehicles used for essential/ emergency services
- > Shutting down all industries in NCR, even in areas which do

the city, except those carrying essential commodities or providing essential services

> Ban on plying of Delhi-registered diesel-run medium and heavy goods vehicles in

PM10 at 6pm | 495.1 micrograms per cubic metre

1000 Sept 24, 2022 to Nov 3, 2022

500

PM 10

Sept 24 12pm Oct 1 12am Oct 7 12am Oct 14 12am Oct 20 12pm Oct 27 12am Nov 4 12pm

PM2.5 at 6pm | 328.5 micrograms per cubic metre

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# Over 70% of Delhi's pollution not its creation, from NCR & beyond

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**New Delhi:** Towns in NCR contribute almost two-third to Delhi's pollution woes. On Thursday, the city saw its worst AQI of the year at 450, prompting officials to impose level-4 GRAP restrictions.

According to the decision support system (DSS) of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), local pollution sources contributed between 20-30% of the total PM2.5 volume while the rest came from sources outside Delhi, i.e., NCR cities and beyond. Among local sources, the transport sector, at an average of 14%, was the highest contributor.

According to DSS, if the city's pollution sources like transport, construction (essential projects or violations), industries, and biomass burning (in Punjab and elsewhere) are taken out of the equation, NCR towns and others account for 40-45% of Delhi's pollution, which according to early warning systems, may cross 50% by Friday.

## Oath done, Anand takes charge



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**New Delhi:** The newly-appointed minister in Delhi government, Raaj Kumar Anand, was administered the oath of office and secrecy by lieutenant governor VK Saxena in a small ceremony at Raj Niwas on Thursday.

"Administered the oath of office and secrecy to Raaj Kumar Anand as minister in GNCTD. I convey my best wishes to him and hope that he will work for the betterment of Delhi and its People," Saxena tweeted after the oath ceremony.

Congratulating the newly-elected minister, Kejriwal tweeted: "Many congratulations and best wishes for the new responsibility Raaj Kumar ji. Serve the Delhi people with complete hard work and honesty."

The first-time MLA was inducted into the council of ministers by Kejriwal after Rajendra Pal Gautam's resignation last month following a controversy over his presence in a religion conversion programme.

The Delhi government is yet to notify the portfolios being given to Anand. Sources, however, said he is likely to retain the departments which were headed by Gautam.

## Monkeypox: Youth coming from UAE +ve

**New Delhi:** A 29-year-old man who arrived from the United Arab Emirates in the last week of October has tested positive for monkeypox and was admitted to Lok Nayak Hospital. With this case, the total number of monkeypox cases in India has reached 19. TNN

### OFFICIAL SAYS

**Delhi's agencies and residents are active in controlling emissions. No one knows how well the NCR cities are being monitored.**

"Delhi's agencies and residents are active in controlling emissions. No one knows how well the NCR cities are being monitored. IITM data shows pollution is coming from Tier-2 cities. However, there is poor enforcement and lack of inspection," said an official, not wishing to be named.

Experts said even on days when the AQI is not 'very poor', NCR emissions account for 30-35% of Delhi's pollution.

"There is also 25-30% pollution from places beyond NCR, which we term trans-boundary pollution. Sometimes, it gets stuck depending on wind speed and height. Upper-level wind brings pollution to Delhi, and if the city doesn't have wind at that time, pollutants get accumulated," said Shambavi Shukla, programme manager, air pollution team, CSE.

The maximum pollution, she added, comes from Haryana. "Delhi shares the maximum boundary with the state, which has several industrial belts like Jhajjar, Sonipat and Panipat," she said.

While officials in Delhi have been working to ensure GRAP-III implementation through 500 teams, residents of neighbouring cities like Noida have complained of rampant violation of the construction ban.

## Classes I-VIII online in Noida from today

**Noida:** The Noida administration and education department on Thursday asked schools to shift to online mode for classes 1 to 8 till November 8 as the air quality turned 'severe' and restrictions under GRAP-IV were implemented across Delhi-NCR. It, however, left it to the schools to take a call on whether offline classes should continue for senior students.

Officials said the weatherman had predicted similar conditions for the next few days. With delayed harvests in Punjab and Haryana, farm fires are likely to peak over the next couple of weeks and adversely affect the air quality further in the region.

Noida Authority CEO Ritu Maheshwari, who reviewed measures like installation of water sprinklers, anti-smog guns, mechanical sweeping machines and removal of construction waste in the city, said, "For now, there will be online classes for students of classes 1 to 8. For seniors, schools can take a call." Maheshwari passed the order in the absence of the district magistrate, who is on leave.

"Classes from 9-12 should also be held online, if possible. All outdoor activities in schools shall remain banned till further notice," stated the order issued by Dharamveer Singh, district inspector of schools in Noida. TNN

### 'No solution of bad air', Goel holds fast

**New Delhi:** Former Union minister and veteran BJP leader Vijay Goel observed a day-long fast at Jantar Mantar on Thursday in a protest against Delhi government's alleged failure to deal with the problem of air pollution.

Goel protested with a photo of Anna Hazare and demanded the resignation of CM Arvind Kejriwal for allegedly making Delhi a "gas chamber". TNN

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# This dial-a-ghostbuster comedy is a riot

## CINEMA OF THE WEEK

**Phone Bhoot (Horror Comedy)**

★★★1/2

**Cast:** Katrina Kaif, Siddhant Chaturvedi, Ishaan, Jackie Shroff  
**Direction:** Gurmeet Singh  
**Duration:** 2 hours 17 minutes  
**Language:** Hindi (U/A)

■ Best buddies and wannabe ghostbusters, Major and Gullu, assisted by a bhatkati aatma Ragini, are out to offer salvation to the dead and gone. Their life takes an unexpected turn when they're faced with an evil baba, jealous of their progress.

**G**ullu and Major (Ishaan and Siddhant Chaturvedi), two single boys living together, aspire to become professional ghostbusters. With the assistance of friendly ghost, Ragini (Katrina Kaif), they somewhat succeed in doing so. But their journey hits a roadblock when they get pulled into Ragini's larger plan to salvage her lover from the clutches of an evil baba, Atmaram (Jackie Shroff).

Gurmeet Singh's *Phone Bhoot*, written by Ravi Shankar and Jasvinder Singh Bath, is an eclectic, out-of-the-box comedy. It's evident from the proceedings that the writers and the director have spent a considerable amount of time visualising every minute of the film, so it doesn't lose its steam half-way into its runtime.

Reminiscent of films like *Andaz Apna Apna*, the characters take their situations and themselves very seriously. That paves



the way for humour, which is embedded neatly into the screenplay, unabashed and character-led. References to old and some relatively new Hindi movies and kinky horror films of the bygone decades (Ramsay Brothers' films) are also stitched into the narrative seamlessly. The screenplay is peppered with dialogues that will ease you into this film's crazy world and make you laugh through most parts.

Having said that, the film lags in terms of pace in the first half till Jackie Shroff's entry into the mix. That changes the film's gear for the better, but it also makes the eventual conflict in the second half somewhat predictable. There are minor but unmissable loopholes at a few junctures. The film also takes certain creative liberties, which should have been avoided completely, and that would have made the narrative even more engaging and entertaining.

Katrina Kaif is beautiful to look at. She makes it a point to ensure that her presence doesn't overpower the narrative; she establishes her bro-code with the boys, and delivers an effortless performance, playing on her strengths. Jackie Shroff is the *tadka* to this mix. He's the *seetimaar* element of this comedy without whom the humour quotient of the film would not be where it is.

Overall, Gurmeet Singh puts out a unique horror comedy, which is a departure from most material one has seen in the year so far. For that itself, this one deserves a visit to the theatre.

— Rachana Dubey

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## Mili (Survival Drama) ★★1/2

**Cast:** Janhvi Kapoor, Manoj Pahwa, Sunny Kaushal  
**Direction:** Mathukutty Xavier  
**Duration:** 2 hours, 10 minutes  
**Language:** Hindi (U/A)

■ Mili Naudiyal (Janhvi Kapoor), a 24-year-old nursing graduate from Dehradun, hopes to move to Canada for better prospects, until she lands herself in the soup. She gets locked inside the walk-in freezer of a fast food joint and must do whatever it takes to survive this unusual death-trap.

**A** contemporary horror of sorts, it's fascinating when filmmakers turn everyday life and situations into a terror playground. The premise is interesting but the circumstances don't quite add up and events don't stir up the panic and paranoia expected in a situation like this. Mili isn't a thriller, but even for a survival drama of this nature, you expect pulse-pounding, clock ticking, temperature dropping tension that generates claustrophobic nervous energy. The film, a Hindi adaptation of Malayalam film '*Helen*' (2019) made by the same director — Mathukutty Xavier feels relatively unhurried and even unworried. Fear doesn't seep in even as the mall shuts, lights go off and the girl finds herself trapped in severe cold.

The remake floats between a dad-daughter saga and a survival drama and works better as the former. The story takes a long-winded road before getting to business and tries a bit too hard to incorporate moral policing in small towns, pesky cops, roadside Romeos and more. It all feels tedious and stagnant with unexciting characters indulging in uninteresting conversation. The loopholes in the investigation for Mili's whereabouts also stick out like a sore thumb.

Through her spirited performances in *Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl*, Zoya Akhtar's segment in *Ghost Stories* and *Good Luck Jerry*, Janhvi Kapoor pleasantly surprised us



with her drive to dive into unknown territory as a newcomer. Mili is yet another interesting career choice. However, the payoff is not quite the same.

Set in a freezing cold, enclosed habitat, the film is Janhvi's *agni pariksha* as an actor and it exposes the chink in her armour. More than her struggle to survive and escape the freezer (-17 degrees), you are distracted by her visible efforts to embody the simplicity and fighting spirit of her character, something that felt organic for Anna Ben in *Helen* (original film). Janhvi struggles to adapt and inhabit her surroundings. Manoj Pahwa is excellent as Mili's loving and lonely dad and Sunny Kaushal is likeable as Mili's boyfriend Sameer.

Given the space Mili falls in, you miss the character complexities here, something that Danny Boyle encapsulated in his gut-churning slow-burn '127 Hours'. Mili lacks the nerve-wracking, gripping intensity that is essential to this genre.

— Renuka Vyavahare

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### KMDA TENDER NOTICE e-NIQ No.: KMDA/EM/EE/ED-II/NIQ-30/2022-2023

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## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

### KMDA TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No.: KMDA/HOUSING/EE/Div-I/ Circle I/NIT-25/2022-2023

Online e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Div-I, Circle I, Housing Sector, KMDA (Erstwhile KIT), Unnayan Bhawan, DJ-11, Sector-1, 1st Floor, Block-A, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from eligible agencies, for the work, Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Renewing choked sewer line and repairing of existing drains inside Jadavpur KIT Market including some allied works under Housing Sector, KMDA., Rs.5,68,306/- (Including GST & LWC), Rs.1,370/-, 05 months. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 16.11.2022 upto 14.00 hrs, for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-764) [www.kmda.wb.gov.in](http://www.kmda.wb.gov.in) [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) ICA-T18675(2)/2022

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER (E-Tender)

Supply of Food Items at KACHUBERIA-BAMUNKHALI POINT during Ganga Sagar Mela-2023 & Pre-Visit of Ganga Sagar Mela-2023 for VIPPs/ Ministers/MPS/MLAs/Guests / Dignitaries/Higher Officers/Officers/Staffs/Support staffs & others.

E-Tender Details	Last date of E-Tender Submission	E-Tender Opening Date
Supply of Food Items at KACHUBERIA-BAMUNKHALI POINT during Ganga Sagar Mela-2023 & Pre-Visit of Ganga Sagar Mela-2023 for VIPPs/ Ministers/MPS/MLAs/Guests / Dignitaries/Higher Officers/Officers/Staffs/Support staffs & others.	16.11.2022 upto 06:00 PM	19.11.2022 at 02:00 PM

Sd/-  
A.D.M (G),  
South 24-Parganas &  
Mela Officer, Ganga Sagar Mela - 2023

## WEST BENGAL STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION Memo No: 2541/Gen/O(1)STF-639/SWC Dated: 02.11.2022 NOTICE

This is to notify that Ramdeb Roy, son of Late Raghu Roy, Ex-Junior Godown Assistant under West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation having its Head Office at Block B, 4th Floor, Khadya Bhavan, 11A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata- 700087 expired on 12/09/2020. As per office record, name of nominee of all the death benefits of Late Ramdeb Roy is Urmila Roy. However it appears that one Mrs. Urmila Devi claimed that she is wife of Late Ramdeb Roy and declared that Urmila Devi and Urmila Roy is one and identical person. She claimed to release all the death benefits of Late Roy i.e. payment of Provident Fund, Death Gratuity, Leave Salary and Other payments lying in credit of Late Ramdeb Roy in favour of her. After scrutiny of all records, WBSWC is intending to release all the above mentioned death benefits in favour of Smt. Urmila Devi wife of Late Ramdeb Roy residing at village Phulbariya, P.O. - Rampurdi, P.S. Bishnupur, District - Barhampur, Bihar. If anybody has any claim/objection regarding release of above mentioned payments in favour of above mentioned Urmila Devi, he/she should submit his/her claim to the Managing Director of this Corporation positively within one month from the date of publication of this notice in the news paper. After lapse of such period no further claim from anybody shall be entertained.

Sd/-  
Managing Director,  
WBSWC

## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TENDER NOTICE

Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT-472/2022, Dated - 01/11/2022 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Renovation work at the chamber of Assistant Director of Homeopathy and setting up of 02 new officer chamber at the office of the Director of Homeopathy and Research Institute (HRI) at the Building" Last date of submission of bid (online) - 10.11.2022 upto 02:00 PM. The tender document can be downloaded from [www.wbttenders.gov.in](http://www.wbttenders.gov.in) on or after 11.00 A.M. on 03.11.2022. Details of the tender will be available at [www.wbmscl.gov.in](http://www.wbmscl.gov.in). Clarification requests, if any, may be sent to [eec@wbmsc.gov.in](mailto:eec@wbmsc.gov.in) Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL ICA-T18662(3)/2022

## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL KMDA TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No.: KMDA/CIVIL/ECPD-II/E&AM/05 (2nd Call) of 2022-2023

Online e-Quotation is invited by the Executive Engineer, ECPD-II, E&AM Sector, KMDA, 1st Floor, Andanapuri, KM Ward No. 108, (2nd Call), Rs.9,39,397/- (including GST & LWC), Rs.19,38,45/-, 45 Days, Last date & time of online Bid submission: 11.11.2022 upto 05:00 p.m., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-752) [www.kmda.wb.gov.in](http://www.kmda.wb.gov.in) [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) ICA-T18708(3)/2022

## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL KMDA TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No.: KMDA/HOUSING/EE/Div-II/NIT-88/2022-2023

e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Div-II, Circle II, Housing Sector, KMDA (Erstwhile KIT), Unnayan Bhawan, DJ-11, Sector-11, 1st floor, Block-A, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced firms / companies / individual / partnership firm contractors, for the work, Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Emergent internal renovation along with construction of Brick Partition Wall with other allied work at 2nd and 3rd floor G-5 storied Kit Scheme Fish Market Building under Non-Agency Category Main Ring Road for temporary inhabitation of MMD Tenant under Housing Sector, KMDA, Rs.7,56,265/- (including GST & LWC), Rs.15,150/-, 02 months, Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 16.11.2022 upto 17.00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-758) [www.kmda.wb.gov.in](http://www.kmda.wb.gov.in) [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) ICA-T18668(2)/2022

## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL KMDA TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No.: KMDA/HOUSING/EE/Div-III/Circle III/NIT-11/2022-2023

e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Div-III, Circle III, Housing Sector, KMDA (Erstwhile KIT), Unnayan Bhawan, DJ-11, Sector-11, 1st floor, Block-A, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced firms / companies / individual / partnership firm contractors, for the work, Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Development of back sides for Blocks 11, 15, 20 & 24 by concrete and protection of roof of Block Nos. 8 & 20 by APP in Housing Scheme No. BRS-X under UCH-C of Non-Agency Category, KM Ward No. 24, Parganiganj Turnika Bari, 2nd call" Last date of submission of bid (online) 25.11.2022 upto 02:00 PM. The tender document can be downloaded from [www.wbttenders.gov.in](http://www.wbttenders.gov.in) on or after 06.00 PM on 03.11.2022. Details of the tender will be available at [www.wbmscl.gov.in](http://www.wbmscl.gov.in). Clarification requests, if any, may be sent to [eec@wbmsc.gov.in](mailto:eec@wbmsc.gov.in) Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL ICA-T18683(3)/2022

## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TENDER NOTICE

Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT-471/2022, Dated - 01/11/2022 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Planning, Design and Construction of 02 needed U-CHC at Non-Agency Category KM Ward 24, Parganiganj Turnika Bari, 2nd call" Last date of submission of bid (online) 25.11.2022 upto 04:00 hrs, for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-757) [www.kmda.wb.gov.in](http://www.kmda.wb.gov.in) [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) ICA-T18667(2)/2022

For further details see the E-tender portal of Govt. of West Bengal i.e. <http://www.wbtenders.gov.in>

## Double XL (Drama) ★★1/2

**Cast:** Sonakshi Sinha, Huma Qureshi, Zaheer Iqbal  
**Direction:** Satram Ramani  
**Duration:** 2 hours 10 minutes  
**Language:</**

# Farm fires: PM, GHG emissions up this yr

Burning Intensity Almost Same As Last Year

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New Delhi: Stubble burning in Punjab caused emissions of 6,800.97 thousand tonnes of greenhouse gases and particulate matter between September 15 and November 2 this year as against 6,075.11 thousand tonnes of pollutants released last year during the same period, according to Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI).

Experts said Punjab recorded more fire counts and the intensity of burning was almost the same as last year. However, there was no data on how much pollutants were transported to Delhi as it depends on wind direction and speed.

The Consortium for Research on Agroecosystem Monitoring and Modelling from Space (Craems) at IARI estimated the greenhouse gas emissions, like methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and carbon monoxide (CO) and pollutants, including PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>, using satellite remote sensing of paddy fire events and fire intensity.

Emissions depend on fire counts and intensity. If the fire is intense, it means more volume of stubble is being burnt. Punjab saw a rise in greenhouse gases and pollutants as there were more fire counts this year. Ho-

POISON IN THE AIR				
	Emissions in 1,000 tonnes			
	Punjab	Haryana	Punjab	Haryana
Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	10.2	1.4	11.4	0.97
Nitrous oxide (NO <sub>x</sub> )	0.26	0.04	0.29	0.03
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	5,696.5	788.2	6,377.2	544.6
Carbon monoxide (CO)	345.9	478.6	387.3	33.1
PM <sub>2.5</sub> (or less micron)	14.7	2.03	16.4	1.4
PM <sub>10</sub> (or less micron, but more than 2.5)	7.6	1.05	8.5	0.72
TOTAL EMISSIONS	6,075.1	840.6	6,801	580.8

ever, the intensity of burning was almost similar to last year," said professor Vinay Sehgal, principal scientist and in-charge of Creams laboratory. He added that greenhouse gases impact the climate, while PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> affect human health.

IARI's data showed that between September 15 and November 2, PM<sub>2.5</sub> from farm fires in Punjab was 16.4 thousand tonnes in 2022 against 14.7 thousand tonnes in 2021. During the same period, PM<sub>10</sub> was 8.46 thousand tonnes this year against 7.6 thousand tonnes.

Satellites detected 21,480 farm fires in Punjab from September 15 to November 2 this year against 18,066 last year.

While Punjab saw a rise in the quantity of greenhouse gases and pollutants, Haryana

witnessed a decrease this time. According to IARI, emission from stubble burning between September 15 and November 2 reduced from 840.6 thousand tonnes in 2021 to 580.8 thousand tonnes in 2022.

"Compared with last year, Haryana has so far recorded less stubble burning counts and even the intensity of fire was low," said Sehgal. From September 15 to November 2, farm fires in Haryana were 2,249 this year as against 3,241 last year.

Though IARI estimates the emissions emitted from burning of paddy residue, no study has been done to calculate the volume of emissions transported to Delhi. "If transport-level wind speed is slow, it will not be able to reach Delhi," said an official.

## Mann's Sangrur has maximum cases in Punjab

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Bathinda: Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann's native district Sangrur is ablaze with the field fires. In the last seven days, it topped all 23 districts in Punjab, including Tarn Taran district which till now was at the top. Sangrur on Thursday reported 452 cases. In this one week alone, it reported 2,710 cases.

Stubble burning continues unabated in Punjab as 2,666 cases were reported on Thursday, taking the count to 24,146. In the last 14 days, 16,628 cases have been reported, almost 80% of the total cases reported so far in the ongoing season. On the other hand, stubble burning cases are much lower than those recorded in 2020.

Against 2,666 cases on Thursday, 2,413 were reported in 2020 and 2,512 cases in 2021. Against the 24,146 cases in the ongoing season, there were 39,178 cases in 2020 and 20,433 in 2021.

The six districts reported over 100 stubble burning cases each on Thursday while three districts each recorded over 200 and one each district reported over 300 and 400 cases, with Sangrur again reporting highest 452 cases followed by 336 in Bathinda district.

Out of 24,146 total cases this season, 3,173 cases have been reported from Sangrur, 2,847 from Tarn Taran, followed by 2,537 in Patiala, 1,927 in Ferozepur, 1,533 in Bathinda, 1,418 in Amritsar, 1,147 in Barabanki, among others.

## Road repair, streetscaping to take a hit under GRAP-IV

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New Delhi: With the implementation of the fourth stage of Graded Response Action Plan due to high levels of air pollution, many crucial road infrastructure projects have come to a halt for the next few days, according to Public Works Department (PWD) officials.

PWD, the key government agency constructing road infrastructure, is likely to suffer a delay in meeting deadlines. Earlier, Delhi government had started work on the decongestion plan for 77 roads, which included long-term and short-term projects. But all of them have now been halted.

Work on three flyovers, at Sarai Kale Khan, Punjabi Bagh and Anand Vihar to Apsara border, had commenced barely a month ago. All these projects, which are likely to be covered under the ban, were

planned in 2019 to decongest east Delhi along the Uttar Pradesh border, but work could not start on ground due to the pandemic. As soon as work had started, it had to be stopped again due to pollution.

The ambitious streetscaping project on 16 stretches has also been stopped. Most of these pilot projects were near completion. "We have written to the district magistrates to allow us to work as they are linear road projects, which will help reduce pollution levels," said a senior PWD official.

PWD was also conducting the "one road per week per zone" project for repairing roads. "All road repair projects will be stopped. However, we will try to find ways of getting special permission in some cases. As that takes time, most likely there will be a delay of two-three months in those projects," said an official associated with the road maintenance division.



Public Works Department, the key government agency constructing road infrastructure, is likely to suffer a delay in meeting deadlines

## Punjab farmers fined ₹75 lakh in 2,924 cases

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Bathinda: Environmental compensation of Rs 75 lakh has been imposed on farmers in 2,924 cases of stubble residue burning this season till November 1 in Punjab. However, only Rs 37,500 has been recovered till now. Financial penalty is yet to be imposed in 1,887 cases where state government teams visited fields and found stubble on fire.

The state government has also made red entries in khasra girdwari (land records) in 1,148 cases of stubble burning till November 1. Six cases have also been registered under Section 188 of the IPC (disobedience to the order duly promulgated by a public servant).

Action is pending in 5,927 cases and punitive action has been taken in other cases after visits to 11,919 spots where crop residue burning reports had poured in from September 15 and November 1.

This data has been procured from Punjab Pollution Control Board, which analyses everything about the environment, including crop residue burning.

As per the PPCB data till November 1, 17,846 cases of stubble burning have been reported by the state government teams after making 11,919 visits. The teams found no stubble burning at 7,030 places and environmental compensation has so far been imposed in 2,924 cases.

The highest fine so far has been imposed in Patiala district at Rs 16.67 lakh, followed by Gurdaspur (Rs 15.65 lakh), Ferozepur (Rs 12.75 lakh), among others.

## Vandalism outside CM house: No SIT probe, HC seeks safety steps

New Delhi: Disposing of a PIL filed by AAP MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj seeking an SIT probe into the vandalism outside CM Arvind Kejriwal's official residence on March 30, Delhi HC Thursday directed Delhi Police to ensure implementation of safety and security measures.

The division bench comprising Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramoniu Prasad said, "No further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition. It is accordingly disposed of."

The directions came after the petitioner's counsel Bharat Gupta told HC that grievances raised in the PIL had been addressed and Delhi Police had given assurances in several status reports for adequate security measures.

In his petition, Bhardwaj had alleged the violence was perpetrated by people associated with

## Malviya case: Cops question researcher of online portal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police's crime branch on Thursday questioned a former researcher of online portal, The Wire, who had allegedly worked on a series of now retracted articles pertaining to social media firm Meta and BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya.

Police have filed an FIR on Malviya's complaint that accused the portal of fabricating documents while alleging that Malviya had been given special privileges by Meta using which he could delete any post. Another complaint had been filed by The Wire against its own researcher; identified as Devesh Kumar.

Kumar was questioned by an ACP rank officer for several hours on a range of issues pertaining to the article. The cops wanted to know his sources and the process of dissemination and vetting of his information, an official privy to the development said. He is likely to be called again.

The cops said they would next question reporter Jahanvi Sen and editor Siddharth Varadrajan in the case. The former has been asked to join investigation, the official added.

Kumar, who has been accused by the portal and its editors of misleading them, has submitted the electronic devices used by him and informed the investigators about his exchanges on the Meta stories.

On Monday, the crime branch had raided the portal's office at Gole Market and the residences of its editors in south Delhi and seized their mobile devices and laptops. At least three mobiles were seized and sent for forensic analysis. The police is in the process of writing to Meta.

The FIR alleges that Malviya was falsely accused of being on an alleged 'X-check' list of Meta (the parent company of Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram) through which he could get any social media post removed. In his complaint, Malviya has mentioned another 'retracted report' allegedly published by The Wire accusing the BJP of using a programme named Tek Fog, a 'superhuman' app, for social media interception.

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**  
EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) DIARY NO. 6926 OF 2020  
WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF  
WITH 36646/2020- APPLICATION FOR CONDONATION OF  
DELAY IN FILING

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ... Petitioner

VERSUS ... Respondents

To,  
PADAM CHAND KANODIA AND OTHERS

S/O HUKAM CHAND KANODIA,  
R/O 5-6, POCKET-6, SECTOR-3,  
ROHINI, DELHI-110081,  
DISTRICT- NEW DELHI, DELHI  
(PROCESS ID:100006/2022)  
Diary No. 6926/2020/XIV

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WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGEMENT, above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Ms. BINU TAMTA, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 19th May, 2020, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

"Issue notice on the application for condonation of delay as also on the special leave petition."

As prayed, by way of indulgence, petitioner is granted two weeks' time to file process fee."

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned along with application for substitution was listed before Hon'ble Court (In Chambers) on 08th August, 2022, When the following order was passed:-

"IA No. 47255/2022  
The application for substituted service is allowed.

Notice shall be published in the two newspapers namely "Times of India and Dainik Jagran" circulated in the areas concerned.

The publication shall be effected within four weeks."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGEMENT will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why delay in filing SLP be not condoned and Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed before the Court in due course.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R. 2013 with in 30 days from the date of receipt of notice or later not than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated :12th August, 2022

Sd/-

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR  
Important Notice  
LEGAL AID

(1) Legal Services of an advocate is provided by the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee and the Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society to eligible litigants.

For further information, please contact the Secretary, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee or the Member Secretary, Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society, 107-108, Lawyers' Chambers, R.K. Jain Block - Near Post Office, Supreme Court Compound, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 (Tel Nos. 011-23116353, 23116354 (Additional Building Complex) and 011-23381257 (Front Office))

MEDIATION

(2) The facility of amicable settlement of disputes by trained mediators in cases pending in the Supreme Court is now available in the Supreme Court.

For further information, please contact the Coordinator, Supreme Court Mediation Centre, 109, Lawyer's Chambers, R.K. Jain Block - Near Post Office, Supreme Court Compound, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 (Tel No. 011-23071432).

DEHLI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Who has to file the IT Return?

- All companies and other persons whose accounts are required to be audited.

(Other than those who have entered into an international transaction or specified domestic transaction and have to furnish a report referred to in Section 92E of the Income Tax Act, 1961).

### Consequences of non filing of ITR by due date:

- Liable for interest or penalty.
- Unadjusted Business Loss/Capital Loss cannot be carried forward.

For more information and e-filing of your Income Tax Return, log on to  
[www.incometax.gov.in](http://www.incometax.gov.in)



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Central Board of Direct Taxes

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**रायपुर परिषेत्र रायपुर**

ई-प्रोक्योरेटेंट निविदा सूचना

एकोकृत पंचीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सत्यम् चारों में पंचीयन केंद्रों से प्रयोग "ए" में प्रतिशत दर पर अनुच्छेद है। निविदा निवारण कार्य के द्वारा और लाइंस निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। - NIT No. 119/Date 31-10-2022/System Tender No. 112931 Name of work-Design, Drawing, Construction, Testing, Commissioning of Intake well, Raw Water Electric sub station i/c Raw water pumps and motors, Water Treatment Plant, Clear water Electric substation i/c clear water pumps and motors, Construction of 02 no. MBR, WTP with Sump, Providing, laying, jointing and testing & commissioning of Raw water & Clear water Pumping Main of DI K- pipe, Clear Water Gravity main DI K-7 pipe with all required valves & specials, all allied civil works including boundary wall around WTP campus and CC road with in WTP and upto intake well site to facilitate for movement of goods and O & M materials, providing and fixing Bulk flow meters, construction of boundary wall around WTP, MBR etc., construction of 'G' 'H&I' Type Quartier, Provision of PLC & SCADA and Operation and Maintenance for 5 Years after trial run of Entire scheme for 12 months after completion of all components of the with defect liabilities period of 1 year under TARENGA-DEVRI Multi Village Water Supply Scheme of 31 Villages of Block Bhatapara, District Balodabazar - Bhatapara. Probable amount of contract Rs. 5398.00 Lacs Class of contractor Class "A" & above under Unified Registration System, E-Registration, 1st Call, Schedule of Date - Date of calling NIT-31-10-2022, Bid Start Date - 07-11-2022, Pre Bid date - 10-11-2022, Bid Due Date - 21-11-2022, PHY Sub Date - 25-11-2022, Open Date - 28-11-2022

नोट :- उत्तरोक्त निविदा कार्यों की निविदा की समाप्ति थी, धूलिर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विवरण, निविदा दस्तावेज़ व अन्य जारीका ई-प्रोक्योरेटेंट केबल पार्टेल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> में दिनांक 04.11.2022 से देखी जा सकती है।

Sd/-

लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी विभाग रायपुर परिषेत्र रायपुर

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION  
KOTA, DISTT. BILASPUR (C.G.)**

The following corrigendum has been issued to Notice Inviting Tender.

S. No.	Corrigendum No.	System Tender Number and NIT Number	Name of Work	Previous issue	Amendment
1.	Corrigendum No. 6	In System Tender No. 101345 N.I.T. No. 66/SAC/2022-23, KOTA, Dated 01.06.2022, Whose G-Number 95024	KHAPRI ANICUT SCHEME	SECOND-CALL	FIRST-CALL
2.	Corrigendum No. 6	In System Tender No. 101346 N.I.T. No. 07/SAC/2022-23, KOTA, Dated 01.06.2022, Whose G-Number 95025	NAGOI ANICUT SCHEME	SECOND-CALL	FIRST-CALL

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2. Last date & time for submission of tender - 07.12.2022 upto 03:00 PM

3. Date & time for opening of tender - 09.12.2022 at 11:00 AM

Detailed NIT/specification may be downloaded from Punjab Govt. e-tendering website [https://eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in). Corresponding, if any, will be published in newspapers. As such the website may be visited regularly for updates.

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1. Date and time of publishing **04.11.2022 at 09.00 hrs.**  
2. Bid Closing date and time **30.11.2022 at 16.00 hrs.**

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# Almost 2L construction workers on paper bogus, reveals probe

Govt Records Show 13L Labourers, 9 Lakh Of Them Enrolled Between 2018-22

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**New Delhi:** Initial investigation into the functioning of Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has found that almost two lakh construction workers registered with it are bogus.

Sources said the exact number of fake workers may actually be much higher. Government records showed 13,13,309 workers associated with building and other construction activities registered with the board and 9,07,739 were enrolled between 2018 and 2021.

The inquiry was ordered by lieutenant governor VK Saxena on September 26 following a complaint of corruption by organisations working for the welfare of labourers, including Nirman Majdooron ki Rashtriya Abhiyan Samiti, Delhi Nirman Majdoor Sangathan and Sewa Delhi.

Delhi government said it would take strict action if it was found that people had adopted forged means to take undue benefit of the welfare schemes.

Interestingly, the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Branch of Delhi government are already investigating other construction

**COORDINATOR SAYS**  
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gating into the allegations of "bogus, false and ghost registrations" of non-construction workers and "fraudulent disbursal of funds to the tune of Rs 900 crore" to them through an FIR registered in May 2018.

The board has a corpus of over Rs 3,000 crore, which was collected as labour cess (1% of construction cost on all projects worth more than Rs 10 lakh) levied in Delhi since January 2006. This money is spent on various welfare activities, such as monthly scholarships to children of building and other construction

workers, medical aid, compensation in case of accidents and deaths and pension.

Delhi government also paid subsistence allowance to these workers during the Covid-induced lockdown and construction ban last year when the pollution levels were high. Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday announced Rs 5,000 each to nearly 10 lakh workers registered with the board due to the ban on construction activities due to poor air quality. While the government spent about Rs 350 crore last year, financial aid to registered workers will cost Rs 5,000 crore this time.

Subhash Bhatnagar, coordinator, Nirman Majdooron ki Rashtriya Abhiyan Samiti, said the board had made the provision of "self-certification" by construction workers, which led to a large number of non-eligible people registering themselves.

"Earlier, registered people used to get identity cards by the board after cross verification from employers, which has been stopped now. We carried out a survey and found that many eligible workers were not registered despite their applications pending for a long time. Also, a large amount of financial assistance was released to unknown people, which forced us to lodge a complaint," said Bhatnagar who claimed to be working with construction workers since 1996.

Sources said the board had received over 17 lakh applications online from 2018 to 2021 and around 10 lakh were issued identity cards.

The LG ordered the chief secretary to ensure that the Board disclosed the entire list of registered beneficiaries and the members who were given benefits under different schemes and prepare the annual budget.

## Mobile link better, DMRC stops free Wi-Fi service

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**New Delhi:** The free Wi-Fi service is no longer available at Delhi Metro stations. The service was withdrawn in August after the contractor providing it to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) network defaulted on contract terms and conditions. However, DMRC will complete upgrading mobile connectivity by November-end as there is a signal issue at 29 underground stations on the Yellow, Blue and Violet lines, officials said.

In 2020, DMRC introduced the free Wi-Fi service on trial basis at its Airport Line stations and on trains, which had to be suspended later due to Covid curbs. The service was also introduced at Blue and Yellow line stations. It was being provided by a consortium led by Techno Sat Comm. "The contractor responsible for

providing the Wi-Fi services has defaulted on contract terms and conditions, hence the contract was terminated," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director of corporate communications at DMRC.

When the service was introduced, there were plans to provide the same facility in all trains and stations. However, a DMRC official said, with the advent of 5G and better mobile connectivity in the DMRC network, the relevance of Wi-Fi for passengers has decreased. At the 29 underground station that still face the issue of call drops and poor connectivity, DMRC is installing booster systems.

"DMRC is constantly striving to strengthen and upgrade its mobile connectivity across its network to provide the latest signal standards to its commuters, specially at its underground stations," said Dayal. Some key stations

are Vishwavidyalaya, Kashmere Gate, Rajiv Chowk, Central Secretariat, Lok Kalyan Marg, AIIMS, Hauz Khas, Mandi House, Dwarka Sec 21 and Central Secretariat.

"The other lines of DMRC have already been upgraded with the best mobile connectivity," said a DMRC official, adding that the upgradation is being done in collaboration with Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd, a prime engineering & consultancy company under the central government.

Meanwhile, the field trial for new high-tech service, which will permit lightning-fast transfer of content to mobile devices at a speed of 400X of 4G without any active internet connection, began on Tuesday in the National Capital Region in association with DMRC. Based on the feedback, the service will be made available to public.

federal help and assured her to safely drop at her house. Later, they took the girl to an isolated place in Dwarka and gang-raped her.

One of the convicts (relative of the girl) was convicted under IPC sections 366, 376 and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention), the other two were convicted under sections 366, 376(2)(g) (gang rape) and 34.

"Considering the manner in which the offences were committed by the appellants, this Court finds no error in the impugned order on sentence, directing the appellants to undergo life imprisonment. As noted above, it will be for the appellants to seek remission from the State Government in terms of Section 432 Cr.P.C," the bench said.

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## HC upholds life term of 3 convicts in girl rape case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Delhi High Court on Thursday upheld the life sentence awarded to three persons in a minor's gang-rape case.

The division bench of justice Mukta Gupta and justice Anish Dayal dismissed the appeals filed by the three men who were convicted on December 15, 2018, and awarded life sentences.

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## 64,000 seats at DU filled after second allocation list

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Nearly 64,000 seats at Delhi University have already been filled after the release of the second allocation list. The varsity has given students time till 12 midnight Thursday to pay the fee, saying non-payment will result in cancellation of allocation.

The university will release details of the vacant seats — which are now less than 10,000 — on Friday.

DU has a total of 70,000 seats. After the first allocation list, 59,100 students took admission and were given the option to upgrade to seats of higher preference. Later, 9,439 students were 'upgraded'. After the second allocation, 15,236 students have taken admission.

Most of the vacant seats after the first allocation list were in the science stream courses. DU will declare the vacant seats on Friday and provide the option of mid-entry and reordering of preferences till November 7.

Mid-entry is provided to those students

who, due to some reason, have missed out on allocation, mostly on account of not filling the maximum preferences.

The third allocation list will be declared on November 10 along with the results of the other super-numerary quota, such as sports, extracurricular activities (ECA), children with war widows and others. Trials in the ECA and sports category have been conducted. The third round of admission will be completed by November 15.

Thereafter, depending on the availability of seats, the university may conduct spot-round admission. Students who were earlier allocated seats but withdrew their admission can take part in this round.

Haneet Gandhi, dean of admissions, said, "We advise students not to withdraw admission if they have been allotted seats. In the spot admission, we are not sure if there will be enough seats vacant."

Classes for first-year students began at the university on Wednesday.



The research centre will have 20 labs catering to various disciplines

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Delhi University's Hindu College inaugurated a multidisciplinary research centre on Thursday as an example of public-private partnership. The Rs 10-lakh five-floor centre has been funded by a private company.

"The centre houses more than 20 labs for science, humanities, social science, and financial sectors and includes specialised multimedia and industry-academia collaboration labs. Science research labs are well equipped with sophisticated instruments, and more equipment are underway. The facilities seek to initiate and further innovation and research in various areas such as material science, environmental science, green chemistry to make meaningful contribution to real-world problems and catering to the society at large," principal Anju Srivastava said.

For now, the facility will be mostly for the students and faculty of Hindu College, Srivastava added. "If anybody from another college wants to collaborate and use our facility, we are open to it. Under the centre, we have also started research-oriented courses. With ti-

me, it will also open up avenues for employment, internships and major research."

The facility has designated research spaces across disciplines such as the centre for gender studies, social and ethnographic research lab, centre for policy research, cell culture research lab, polymer research lab, cutting-edge multimedia studio and language lab. Two research fellowships were also launched — the BM Bhatia research fellowship of Rs 30 lakh and the NV Thadani fellowship of Rs 60 lakh.

"The facility is more likely to help students across the university," said college chairman TCA Rangachari.

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# Vocal for local, trade fair widens reach with 29 states

Footfall Likely To Be Over 10L At Event Starting On Nov 14

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**New Delhi:** With the theme of 'Vocal for Local, Local to Global', the India International Trade Fair (IITF) is set to expand its reach this year with participation of more states and the event covering a much larger area than last year.

This time, 29 states and Union territories, including Ladakh, are taking part in the fair, which will be held from November 14 to 27.

According to officials of Indian Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), which is organising the mega event, more than 10 lakh people are expected to attend the trade fair.

The trade fair will be inaugurated by Union minister of commerce and industries Piyush Goyal on November 14. It will open to the general public from November 19 as the first five days of the fair have been reserved for business-to-business (B2B) exhibitors.

On weekends, a ticket for an adult will be Rs 500 on business

## IT'S BACK

**29**  
No. of participating states and UTs

**10**  
No. of exhibition halls

**10,00,000**  
Expected footfall in 14 days

**2,500**  
Participants

### Timings

10am to 7.30pm (Nov 14-26, 2022) 10am to 4.30pm (Nov 27, 2022)

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₹2,000 | Season ticket for exhibitors for all 14 days

having a special Delhi pavilion separately, all states and UTs will have one at a hall.

According to ITPO, the number of foreign countries taking part has gone up this year from nine to 12. The participants include Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Belarus, Iran, Nepal, Thailand, Turkey, the UAE and the UK.

The trade fair is expected to provide a good revenue to the ITPO. An amount of Rs 24 lakhs, plus GST, will be given by the 'focus states' for an area of 500sqm. Two amphitheatres are available for the exhibitors to showcase cultural activities by the states.

A total of 36 central ministries and bodies, including Khadi and Village Industries Commission, the income-tax department, DGTS (customs and excise), ministry of Ayush, Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd, National Jute Board and National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), among others, will have a presence at the fair.

With an aim to showcase achievements of various public sector undertakings and government bodies, this year the 'focus states' are UP and Kerala. In 2021, the states in focus were UP and Jharkhand.

There will be a special pavilion about the theme, ministries and departments. In a shift from the past strategy of

days and Rs 150 on non-business days. On weekdays, the ticket is Rs 500 on business days and Rs 80 on non-business days.

Meanwhile, preparations at ITPA are in full swing with last-minute touches being given to the huge halls that have been constructed recently. So far, more than 2,500 participants have already booked space in the exhibition halls, spread over an

area of about 73,000sqm. With an aim to showcase achievements of various public sector undertakings and government bodies, this year the 'focus states' are UP and Kerala. In 2021, the states in focus were UP and Jharkhand.

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## Delhi pavilion to focus on 'the city that cares'; e-vehicle, edu models on display

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Delhi government on Thursday said the theme of its pavilion at the 41st India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Pragati Maidan will be 'The City That Cares'.

Officials said the government's initiatives such as e-vehicle policy will be exhibited at the Delhi pavilion, among other welfare projects. The design of the pavilion will be based on the e-bus introduced by the government.

Giving further details about the plan, deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia on Thursday listed out the initiatives like Mohalla clinic, roads and flyovers, public transport, education, which will be part of the trade fair this year.

"Delhi has initiated a new chapter for the development of India through its transformative work in education, health, public transport, industry, environment etc. Several new initiatives have been introduced in Delhi, this time, a glimpse of

### SISODIA SAYS

**Delhi has initiated a new chapter for the development of India through its transformative work in education, health, public transport, industry, environment**

all these initiatives shall be seen as part of the Delhi pavilion—as an insight into our nation's future," Sisodia said.

According to the minister, the e-vehicle policy of the Arvind Kejriwal government has been an unprecedented success. Hence, the design of the pavilion will be based on the e-buses.

Along with this, a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage and history of Delhi will also be displayed in the design of the stalls inside the pavilion.

"The pavilion will also showcase how the roads, flyovers, bridges and many other infrastructural developments in

Delhi have brought recognition to the city globally and people from abroad, as well as from different states of India have lauded this transformation," he said.

The trade fair will also show how Delhi cares for the people who come to the city by providing them with world-class educational and healthcare facilities, he added.

Delhi's education model has undergone remarkable changes in the last few years—from the infrastructural developments of the schools and educational institutions, the introduction of its flagship entrepreneurship mindset curriculum to the connections of the community with schools—all these initiatives are being acclaimed all over the world. These will also be a part of Delhi's display at the international fair.

The revolutionary model of mohalla clinics in the public health sector of Delhi has provided excellent health facilities to lakhs of Delhiites. This health model will also be put up as a part of Delhi Pavilion's exhibition.

## Nov 15 is new deadline to seek power subsidy

**New Delhi:** With a little over 34 lakh, or 60%, of 58 lakh domestic electricity consumers opting for the voluntary subsidy scheme till October 31, Delhi government has decided to extend the last day of applying for the facility to November 15.

This means, consumers opting in for the subsidy till November 15 will continue getting the subsidy without any break. Those applying after November 15 now will get the waiver on electricity bills from the date they opt-in for the subsidy.

Officials said the decision was taken by the government to give relief to those consumers who missed the electricity subsidy application window.

Till November 3, the number of people applying for subsidy increased by another one lakh to 35 lakh in total.

In 2021-22, of 58 lakh eligible domestic consumers, more than 54 lakh got subsidy. TNM

## Festive glow: 50% rise in GST mop-up over last Oct

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Delhi government's collections in the last two financial years (2020-21 and 2021-22) were affected by the pandemic. "In fact, there was a negative growth in 2020-21 due to the lockdown, but 2021-22 was still better. This financial year is not affected by Covid-19 and economic activities have increased too," said a Delhi government official.

GST is Delhi government's mainstay in tax revenue. The government projected total receipts of Rs 75,800 crore in the budget for 2022-23 of which tax collection was estimated at Rs 47,700 crore. While GST and VAT were pegged at Rs 31,200 crore, excise duty, stamp and registration fee on sale of properties and road tax on motor vehicles were the other components.

**28%**  
JUMP IN TAX COLLECTION IN FIRST 6 MONTHS THIS FISCAL

## Anti-Sikh riots: 'Incidents in one area clubbed into one FIR, almost no probe'

Continued from P1

**T**he summary of the report, submitted in April 2019 but made public on Thursday, stated that "the basic reason for these crimes remaining unpunished and culprits getting scot free was lack of interest shown by the (Delhi) Police and the authorities in handling these cases as per the law or to proceed with the intention of punishing the culprits". Some portions of the report were earlier published by the media but details of police inaction and judicial insensitivity have come to light for the first time now.

A bench of Justices A S Bobanna and P S Narasimha posted the matter after two weeks after hearing brief arguments made by senior advocates H S Phoolka, who appeared for petitioner S Gurjat Singh Kahlon, and V Mohana, who appeared for the central government. The Centre, in an affidavit through advocate Arkaj Kumar, sought winding up of Justice Dhingra SIT as it has completed its work. The NDA government had entrusted 199 cases to the SIT in

2014. However, the SC had asked the SIT to examine those cases afresh in December 2018.

The Justice Ranganath Misra Commission, which was appointed by the Rajiv Gandhi government immediately after the riots that took place after the assassination of then PM Indira Gandhi, received flak from the SIT for being insensitive to the "wailing affidavits of witnesses who gave testimony about the macabre dance of death in Sikh-populated areas".

It said though the Misra Commission received hundreds of affidavits naming accused persons committing murders, looting and arson, it failed to direct concerned police stations to register FIRs based on these affidavits and conduct investigation.

Narrating the modus operandi of police, the SIT comprising Justice Dhingra and IPS officer Abhishek Dular said in its report, "If one FIR was registered in respect of one incident of murder-cum-riot-cum-arson-cum-looting a house or shop in an area, all other incidents of murder, arson, looting, rioting of that area

were clubbed in the same FIR and in the name of investigation almost nothing was done."

The SIT recommended action against the then Kalyanpur SHO Survir Singh Tyagi for "deliberately disarming" local Sikhs of their licensed arms to allow rioters to attack them causing loss of lives. Tyagi was suspended from service but later reinstated and promoted as ACP. The SIT is of the view that his case be referred to the riot cell of Delhi Police for action," the report said.

The SIT also took a dim view of the way the judges handled the trials by "insensitively casting aside cogent statements" of witnesses. "None of the judgments on record show that the judges were alive to the situation of 1985 riots and to the fact that for delays in lodging of FIRs and recording of statements of witnesses the victims were not responsible," the SIT said.

Giving an example of a trial in a case from Kalyanpur, one of the worst riots affected areas, the SIT said police filed a chargesheet after clubbing several FIRs involving 56 murders. The trial

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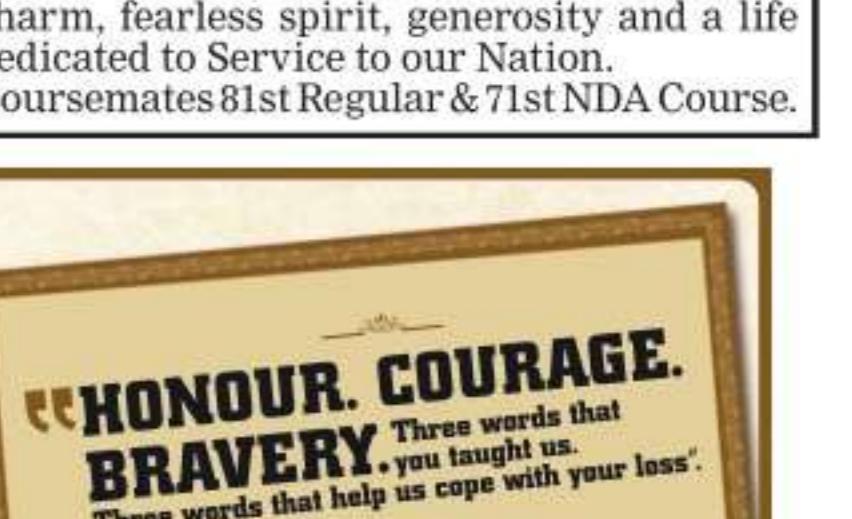
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# No respite, LeT terrorist in Red Fort attack will hang, declares SC

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New Delhi: Observing that aggravating circumstances of attacking the unity, integrity and sovereignty completely outweigh the factors which may even remotely be considered as mitigating circumstances, the Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the death sentence to Lashkar-e-Toiba militant Mohammed Arif in Red Fort attack case in which three Army jawans lost their lives in 2000.

A bench of Chief Justice UU Lalit, Sri Ravindra Bhat, Bela M Trivedi dismissed Arif's petition seeking review of his conviction and death sentence was upheld. Interestingly, the apex court had earlier rejected his first review plea and also curative petition in an in-chamber proceedings but agreed to hear his second review plea in

light of a constitution bench ruling that review petition in death sentence be heard in open court by a three judge bench.

Dismissing his plea in which he contended that he be given an opportunity to reform and death sentence be commuted, the bench said, "there is nothing on record which can be taken to be a mitigating circumstance in favour of the review petitioner. The suggestion that there is a possibility of retribution and rehabilitation is not made out from and supported by any material on record...the aggravating circumstances evident from the record and especially the fact that there was a direct attack on the unity, integrity and sovereignty of India, completely outweigh factors that may even remotely be brought into consideration as mitigating circumstances..."

The court said other grounds raised by him for not relying on electronic evidence,

even if it is accepted, was also not sufficient enough as there was other evidence which proved his guilt beyond doubt. The court noted that the findings on the issue of the receipt and disbursal of money and the fact that the police could reach the spot referred to in the judgement, at his instance, were crucial circumstances.

Referring to finding that the rifle used in the assault was recovered from behind Red Fort and Vijay Ghat at his instance, the bench said, "It must be observed that even after eschewing circumstances 'h' and 'j' (pertaining to call records) which were directly attributable to the CDRs relied upon by the prosecution, the other circumstances do clearly spell out and prove beyond any doubt the involvement of the review petitioner in the crime." Arif, a Pakistani national, was prosecuted by a Delhi court and awarded death sentence in October 2005.

## Four men nabbed for carjacking last month

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"After crossing the flyover, one of the passengers asked the driver to stop the car to urinate. Suddenly, another passenger put a knife on his neck and asked him to hand over his possessions. The man who had got out forcefully took over the driver's seat and pushed the cabby on the rear seat. His mobile phone and cash were taken away. They tied his hands and put a black cloth on his eyes. They threw him out of the car in an isolated area near Manesar on NH-8. The accused again stole a car in a similar manner in Rajasthan," said DCP (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi.

The accused identified as Vikas and Rajesh Kumar were nabbed by Delhi Police, while Rajasthan Police arrested Vikas Kumar and Satya Narayan.

## Admission boost to ITI students

New Delhi: Deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia on Thursday announced that the courses offered at Industrial Training Institute (ITI) will be treated at par with Classes IX and XII at Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University and ITI's students can directly enroll in a degree or diploma course after completing ITI, deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia announced on Thursday.

He discussed the importance of ITI courses with the students of ITI Khichripur. "Almost 100% of the children studying in these ITIs are placed with firms while others are begin their own ventures," said Sisodia. TNN

# Mom, 2 brothers booked for 'honour killing' of 19-yr-old girl at Gzb home

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Ghaziabad: The family was in mourning when a police team arrived on Thursday morning. Their 19-year-old had passed away after an illness. They told the cops she had "a throat infection".

But the police were there because of a call made to them about the girl's mysterious death. In the next few hours, after they had stopped the hurried last rites, sent the body for an autopsy and questioned her family intensively, the illness ruse fell apart. This was a suspected case of honour killing.

By afternoon, an FIR had been filed under Section 302 of the IPC (murder) and the Tohid, Danish and Samsidha, the

three accused named in it, had been detained. Samsidha is the victim's mother, Tohid and Danish's two elder brothers.

Gulfaas was allegedly killed because she was planning to elope with her boyfriend, a relationship the family did not approve of.

According to the boyfriend, who filed the police complaint on which the FIR was filed, she was murdered around 3.15am. Police said Gulfaas was smothered with a pillow while her hands and legs were held down.

Nipurn Aggarwal, SP city-1, told TOI police received information about the death around 10am. "The family members were trying to perform her last rites when we reached. Initially, they said she was ill. Her mother said

she had problems in her throat for a few days. During interrogation, Tohid (25) and Danish (26) confessed. They said their mother was also involved. Tohid killed the girl with a pillow while Danish and Samsidha held her hands and legs," Aggarwal said, adding the autopsy report was awaited.

"Soon, we will arrest them, after complete investigation and questioning," he said.

Police said Gulfaas was in a relationship with a youth from Danna. In his complaint, the youth provided a sequence of events leading up to her alleged murder. Around 9pm on Wednesday, he received a phone call from Gulfaas asking for help, he told the cops. "She asked me to rescue her from the house as her brothers and mother would kill her. I thought, how can a mother kill her daughter? But at 3.15am on Thursday, she again called me and said her brother and mother are coming upstairs and they will kill her. She also said they were beating her for the last three days. At 3.30am, her family members killed her," according to his complaint.

Two audio clips, meanwhile, surfaced that police said they were looking into. In the shorter clip, of around 2 minutes, the voice of a girl is heard seeking help from a boy and asking him to come to her house and save her from her brother and mother. In the longer clip the voice of a girl is her pleading with her mother and brothers to spare her.

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For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Hydraulic Division Bandipore invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/of all classes registered in JKPWD/ CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Hydraulic Division Bandipore of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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**Position of funds : Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**  
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Hydraulic Division Bandipore.  
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**ANNEXURE I****SCHEME WISE LIST OF WORKS**

S. No.	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated cost (in Lacs)	Time of completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1.	WSS Sirrender	Laying/ Fitting of pipe network, construction of protection wall, anchor/ saddle blocks and crate protection works on head site WSS Sirrender	PHE (Hyd) Division Bandipore	55.75	90 Days	AAY

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Fund	JJM Fund - 2022-2023		
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)		
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IFB. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore including 18% GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
Retrofitting for the following existing CWSS in Trichy & Perambalur district under JJM 2022-23			
51	CWSS to 100 rural habitations in Thuraiyur, Thathaiyengarpattai, Uppiliyapuram & Musiri unions and 4 Town Panchayats in Trichy district (period of Construction 12 months : Trial run : 6 Months & Paid Maintenance : 60 Months)	Rs.63.20	Rs.47.40
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Neetu Path (Bailey Road), Patna-800001

Notice Inviting Tender.

Tender (Price Bids) in single bid system are invited for the emergent repair work at Bihar Museum, Patna from contractors registered with any government departments / Original Equipment Manufacturers/Authorized agencies. Last date of submission of bid is 25.11.2022 up to 3:00 pm. The bid will be opened same day at 3:30 pm. The detailed information can be obtained from the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna on any working day.Bid documents can be downloaded from the website <http://biharmuseum.org/> or [https://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](https://state.bihar.gov.in/yac)

Sl no	Description of item	Unit	Qty.	Estimated Cost in Rupees	EMD in Rupees	Cost of Bid in Rupees	Time of Completion
1	Repair and rectification of various MEP items with provision of required accessories at Bihar Museum, Patna.	Set	As per BOQ attached	As quoted by the bidders	Two percent of the Quoted Amount	5000/-	One month.

1. Quoted rates will be inclusive of Labor,GST, Transportation and other Charges. GST, IT & Labor Cess,Security Deposit shall be deducted from the bill.
2. Bidders shall submit Registration certificate, PAN, GST registration, AY-2021-22, 20-21,19-20 IT return etc. with their bids. Rates shall be quoted in the given financial bid format properly signed and stamped. All enclosures will be signed and stamped by the bidder.
3. Bidders must visit the site for assessment of works to be done. Any replacement of spare parts or other accessories shall be of original make installed or equivalent make as approved by the client.
4. Performance Security will be five percent of the contract value as per F2 agreement. Five percent will be deducted from the bill.
5. The cost of tender document is non-refundable, and it should be in the shape of Demand draft from any nationalized bank, payable in favor of "Bihar Museum Society, Patna" payable at Patna. Original Bank Draft along with signed bids in a sealed cover with name of work and bidder's details and EMD (in original) shall be submitted at the office of the Director General Bihar Museum, Patna till date and time of submission of the tender.
6. Earnest money shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee/Demand Draft. Original EMD along with signed bids in a sealed cover with name of work and bidder's details shall be submitted at the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna till date and time of submission of the tender.
7. The quoted rates shall include all cost to supply, install, and testing and commission the systemand includesproviding labor and accessories to complete the job.
8. Bid validity will be 120 days.
9. The bidders shall submit bids in sealed envelope with name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned. Bids complete in all respects with enclosures in a sealed envelope is to be submitted by Speed Post/Registered Post/Courier or by hand only at the Office of the Director, Bihar Museum, Nehru Path (Bailey Road), Patna - 800001. Bids received late/ without EMD/Cost of Bid/Conditional bids/Incomplete bids in any respect shall be rejected.
10. Payment will be done after sanctioning of competent authority and availability of fund.
11. The Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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CM VIJAYAN'S OFFICE PATRONISING SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES, ALLEGES KERALA GUV ARIF M KHAN



## India abstains from voting on Russia's resolution on bio-weapons in UNSC

**China Lone Nation To Back Call For Probe Against Ukraine, US**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** India abstained from voting on a resolution brought by Russia in the UN Security Council for a probe into allegations by Moscow that Ukraine and the US are conducting "military biological" activities in Ukraine labs that violate the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).

While China was the only country to vote in favour apart from Russia, the US, UK and France voted against. India was among the 10 countries that abstained.

In India's 'explanation of vote', counsellor A Amarnath said India attached high importance to the BWC, which is the first non-discriminatory disarmament treaty banning a complete category of weapons of mass destruction.

Despite the sanctions imposed by the West, India has ramped up trade ties with Russia in the past several months and foreign minister S Jaishankar is expected to further discuss issues pertaining to bilateral economic cooperation in various domains with Russian trade minister Denis Manturov next week in Moscow. Jaishankar will also discuss developments in the Ukraine con-

**Teen missing for 3 months after arrest; court for FIR against cops**

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**Dehradun:** The district and sessions court in Pauri Garhwal has ordered police to register a case against former SHO of Lakshmanjhula police station Santosh Kunwar and former in-charge of Tapovan police check-post in Rishikesh, Ashish Chauhan, in the case of a 19-year-old Agniveer aspirant's disappearance since August after he was arrested by police on allegations of theft from an ashram.

Two days after the arrest, the cops had claimed that the teenager, Kedar Singh Bhandari, "escaped from police custody and jumped into the Ganga river flowing near the police station while fleeing cops".

Kedar, a resident of Uttarkashi, had left home on August 18 to participate in an Agniveer recruitment rally in Kotdwara; Pauri Garhwal on August 20. According to his family, Kedar told his parents over the phone that he and his friend had attended the rally and had returned to Rishikesh from where they would take a bus home. That was August 21. Kedar's father said, "Not only did the ashram in Rishikesh deny theft from its donation box, police failed to produce the FIR copy or any CCTV footage."

**Trying for nat'l live-streaming platform: DYC**

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**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court's e-Committee, headed by CJJ-designate Justice D Y Chandrachud, is working for creation of a national platform on which live streaming links for all court proceedings, from the highest court to the trial courts, will be available and accessible to every citizen.

This was revealed by a bench of Justices Chandrachud and Hima Kohli while hearing a petition filed by advocate Mathews J Nedumpara seeking live telecast of all court proceedings. "We are trying to create national infrastructure for live streaming of court proceedings and which should be accessible by all concerned," the bench said. "To make it glitch-free, we need suggestions from tech-savvy lawyers. We do not want to take up the PIL and deal with the important issue in a piecemeal manner," the bench said, asking Nedumpara to consult experts and give suggestions. The SC adjourned hearing on the PIL to the second week of January.



FOR COUNTER-STRIKE: Servicemen of the National Guard of Ukraine repair a captured Russian infantry vehicle in Kharkiv

## Put an end to anti-India activities, Canada told

**New Delhi:** Asking Canada yet again to put an end to anti-India activities on its soil, the government said Thursday it expects Canada to recognise as terrorists those individuals who have been designated as such under Indian laws.

With the so-called Khalistan referendum here and their deputy foreign minister reiterated this perspective. However, we find it deeply objectionable that politically-motivated exercises by extremist elements are allowed to take place in a friendly country, and you are all aware of the history of violence in this regard," he added. TNN

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"The government of Canada has conveyed it respects India's sovereignty and territorial integrity and will not recognise the so-called referendum, which is to take place in two parts," Bagchi said.

"The Canadian high commissioner here and their deputy foreign minister reiterated this perspective. However, we find it deeply objectionable that politically-motivated exercises by extremist elements are allowed to take place in a friendly country, and you are all aware of the history of violence in this regard," he added. TNN

## REMEMBERING THE HEROES OF WWII



President Droupadi Murmu lays a wreath to pay homage to soldiers killed in the line of duty during World War II, at Kohima War Cemetery in Nagaland on Thursday. She is scheduled to be in her home state Odisha for two days from November 10 and will offer prayers at Lord Jagannath temple in Puri, before visiting her alma mater in Bhubaneswar, officials said. She will also launch education portal 'e-kumbh' (knowledge in multiple Indian languages) and an Odia text book for engineering students

## Salman judge to retire, hearing to start afresh

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**Mumbai:** Justice C V Bhadang of the Bombay high court on Thursday — the penultimate day before his retirement — said he was unable to complete a judgment despite his best efforts in an appeal filed by actor Salman Khan against a city civil court order in his defamation suit against his Panvel farmhouse neighbour, Ketan Kakkad, and others. The judge declared the matter "not heard", meaning the appeal will have to be heard afresh by the bench that has now been assigned the matter, said Kakkad's counsel Aditya Pratap.

On October 11, before the Diwali vacation, the judge had concluded the hearing and reserved the appeal for judgment, with only a

day left at my disposal. In such circumstances, the appeal be treated as not heard." He posted the matter next to November 14.

Pratap said he had attended the Thursday hearing online where Justice Bhadang said, "I tried my level best till last evening also." He said "unfortunately" he was held up because of administrative and other work, and also due to vacation. He said he understood the "apprehension" of parties and he would have liked to have decided the case.

The actor had moved the HC in April after he got no relief in his plea to restrain Kakkad, a US citizen, from posting any "defamatory and disparaging allegations in videos" about him (Khan) and his family. The appeal was listed on 11 dates prior and heard at length.

used to be pronounced on Thursday. Justice Bhadang in his order said, "However, in spite of best efforts and the matter was heard at some length and the record comprises several volumes, it was not possible to finalise the judgment, with only a

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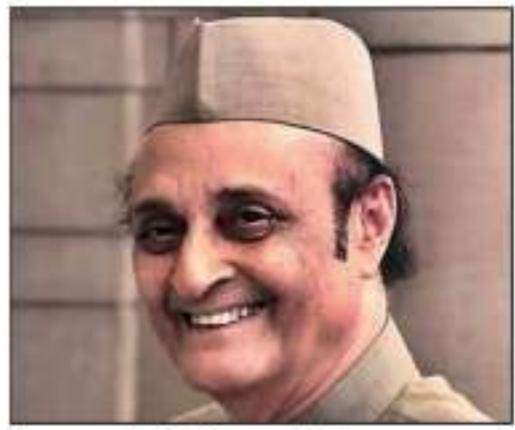
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# Cong: Karan Singh sidestepped Rijiju hit job on Nehru

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Karan Singh is an old Congress hand going back to the time of Nehru and Indira, who enjoyed ministerial berths and organisational posts in the party

New Delhi: In what marks a final break between Congress and the family of the former Kashmiri royalty affiliated to the party, Congress Thursday took strong exception to former MP and minister Karan Singh defending his late father king Hari Singh while skirting around BJP attacks on Jawaharlal Nehru over Kashmir. The party even went on to underline that there has been no glowing assessment of Hari Singh and his rule in history.

The strong Congress reaction came in the wake of BJP recently fielding Union minister Kiran Rijiju to criticise Nehru over integration of princely states, and the accession of Jammu and Kashmir; to India, even calling the first Prime Minister a hurdle in the process. Hari Singh's son Karan Singh is an old Congress hand going back to the time of Nehru and Indira Gandhi, who enjoyed ministerial berths and organisational posts in the party. His sons however have joined the BJP in J&K.

With Karan Singh Thursday writing column in the media lauding his late father, AICC spokesman Jairam Ramesh said, "There is not a single scholarly and serious work on J&K that portrays Maharaja Hari Singh in good light. Even the authoritative

work by V P Menon doesn't make Hari Singh a wronged man. It is hence natural that his son Karan Singh defends him today. What I find surprising though is that Karan Singh has sidestepped Rijiju's hit job on Nehru. This is the same Nehru without whose support Karan Singh wouldn't have achieved much, as he acknowledges in his 2006 book with 216 letters exchanged between them during 1948-64."

Ramesh added, "This is the same Nehru to whom he dedicated his book on Aurobindo in May 1962, and for which Nehru wrote a wonderful foreword."

Jammu and Kashmir has gained new topicality and importance in the national debate in view of the nullification of Article 370 and also the indications from the Union government that the election to J&K assembly may happen soon.

## Have patience, Rajnath tells HP crowd chanting 'PoK chahiye'

Kullu: "PoK chahiye (We want Pakistan-occupied Kashmir)," the crowd chanted. Defence minister Rajnath Singh replied with a smile: "Dhairya rakhie (Have patience)". His remarks on October 27 that India's goal is to reclaim PoK areas such as Gilgit and Baltistan weren't lost on the people at an election rally in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh on Thursday.

The chants were heard when Singh was praising former soldiers of the Kangra region at the rally held in support of BJP candidate Ravinder Dhiman for the Jaisinghampur constituency.

The defence minister said nobody could forget the sacrifices made by the hill state's soldiers. "They played a big role in keeping this country safe." He asked people to elect BJP for a second consecutive term. "It is election time and many political parties will come and tell you what they can do. But I can tell you one thing about BJP. It does what it says."

The minister said BJP had promised to remove Article 370 that accorded special status to J&K and the party did it eventually. "Many people didn't trust us...Political parties accused us of lying to the people. But you saw...we removed Article 370 effortlessly." Singh said terrorism would also end in India. TNN

# Himachal set to buck trend of alternating govt: Shah

## Holds 6 Rallies In 2 Days, Focuses On Cong Nepotism

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LEADING OFFENSIVE: Amit Shah at a rally in Shimla on Tuesday

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah, during his two-day visit to the poll-bound Himachal Pradesh, put the performance of Narendra Modi government at the front of the rally held in Shimla on Tuesday.

gration of Jammu & Kashmir with the country, besides carrying out surgical strikes and air strikes across the border.

"He also laid the foundation stone of the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya ending a very old and complex issue. It is under the guidance of Shri Narendra Modi ji the Kashi Vishwanath Dham was totally reconstructed while the Mahakal temple in Ujjain was also given a new look," the home minister said.

He said the people of Himachal Pradesh have decided to change the electoral tradition of the state by once again giving a decisive mandate to the Bharatiya Janata Party. "People of Himachal Pradesh are saying — Ek Baar Bhajpa, Baar Baar Bhajpa," he added.

He further said, "In Himachal Pradesh, we have a dynasty based

Congress party, while on the other hand, we have the BJP which under the leadership and guidance of Modi ji is committed to making Himachal Pradesh the top state in the country."

Shah said that the Congress has shown the dream of chief ministership to 8-10 candidates. "Congress is a party of kings and queens. Here only the people of a specific family can move forward. On the other hand, the BJP under PM Modi ensures growth of the common party workers," Shah said.

He dubbed Congress as a "Ma-Beta" party and questioned how individuals facing serious allegations can give a good government in the hill state.

"In a democracy like India, the days of "raja-raani" are over, and it is now the time of the common man," Shah said in a dig at Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in Delhi (mother-son duo), as well as Pratibha Singh and her son Vikramaditya Singh in Himachal Pradesh.

Shah urged people to re-elect the BJP in the state, breaking the state's tradition of not repeating a government. "I have heard the speeches of Congress leaders. They have nothing to say except their expectations of the 'Riwa' (tradition). Change this tradition of alternative governments," Shah said and coined a new slogan — "Ek bar BJP, bar bar BJP".

## Unable to contact Mallya, relieve me, says lawyer

New Delhi: The lawyer of fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya on Thursday told the Supreme Court that he was not receiving any communication from him and sought to be discharged from the case as a counsel.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Hima Kohli allowed the case and asked him to furnish the e-mail ID of the liquor baron along with his present residential address in the United Kingdom to the apex court registry. "Counsel seeking discharge the case because in spite of communication from his end, no intimation is forthcoming," the bench said and asked the lawyer to follow the process of discharge. Agrawala told the top court, "I want to be discharged from this matter as I am not receiving any instructions from my client. I am not able to establish contact with him. He is incommunicado for a long time." The top court discharged the lawyer from the two petitions filed by Mallya against the October 5, 2018 and September 13, 2019 orders of the Karnataka HC directing him to pay Rs 3,101 crore to a consortium of banks. AGENCIES

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Whatever it takes:  
Poll stn for lone  
Gir voter, booth in  
shipping container

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New Delhi: Travelling the last mile to ensure that "no voter is left behind", the EC will set up a polling station in a shipping container at Aliabet in Vagra assembly constituency to save its 217 voters from having to travel 82 kms on polling day to cast their vote. This unique and innovative polling station has been necessitated in the absence of any government or semi-government building in the area.

EC will once again set up a polling station to cater to a single voter in Una assembly constituency in Gir forest, though it will be a different voter this time. Banerj, the only single-voter polling station in the country, had been catering to Bhadradas Darshandas — priest of a Lord Shiva temple in Gir forest, the sole habitat of the Asiatic lion in India — since 2007. He died in 2019 but the tradition carries on. The new priest who has replaced Bhadradas — 40-year-old Mahant Haridasji Udasis — will now cast his vote from this polling station. The number of polling staff here outnumber the number of voters.

CEC Rajiv Kumar on Thursday shared that a polling party will also travel by boat to conduct polling at Shiyalbet, an island with a mid-sea polling station. "They have to go by boat as there is no alternate mode of transport to reach the polling station in the Arabian Sea," he said.

To include Siddis, a community made up of descendants of East African people who came to India during the 14th and 17th century, in the electoral process, the EC has set up three polling stations in Madhupur-Jampur located in Talala assembly constituency of Gir Somnath district. Of the 3,481 eligible to vote at these polling stations, 90% are from the Siddi community.

EC has set up a total 51,782 polling stations, with 948 average number of voters per polling station. While 1,274 polling stations will be managed by women, 182 will have differently-abled officers. For the first time, 33 polling stations will be managed by the youngest available polling staff, in a bid to motivate young voters.

# BJP looks at seventh straight win, and with a better tally

**Party Feels It Faces No Real Risk This Time**

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Workers prepare BJP party flags in Surat on Thursday

New Delhi: With the Election Commission announcing the dates for Gujarat assembly polls, BJP is gearing up to not only register a record seventh straight victory but also improve its tally as the issues it faced in the 2017 state polls seem to have faded and also its traditional challenger, Congress, looks subdued and adrift compared to the momentum it had generated last time.

The saffron party has been undefeated for the past 27 years, having won all state polls since 1995. The party faced a tough challenge in 2017 but it pulled off a surprise win with nearly 50% of the votes although with a reduced margin.

However, issues it faced in 2017 including the state-wide outburst of anger among the Patidar community, restlessness among the traders over

the GST regime as well as local irritants like protests by fishermen in coastal areas which cost it heavily in pockets have since been sorted out.

The party feels that it faces no real risk, and is banking on the performance of its governments at the Centre and in state, the charisma of Narendra Modi and the welfare initiatives of the Centre, to continue its uninterrupted run in the PM's home state.

The fishermen who had upheld the ante against the Bhadra hut dam over Narmada have also agreed to the project and it has not caused any damage to

their earnings. Although there has been a buzz about the emergence of AAP as a factor in the state mainly in the Saurashtra region, party sources say that the Arvind Kejriwal-led party would struggle to translate into votes the perception of upset it has gained up. It also reckons that possibility of AAP eating into Congress votes, which could be additionally beneficial for the saffron party.

The confidence in improving the party's tally is reflected in the optimism expressed by party president J P Nadda, who said that BJP is going to

win by a huge margin..

The factors are seen as favourable for BJP but the top brass of the party has not shown any semblance of complacency with both Prime Minister Modi and home minister Amit Shah leading from the front as both the leaders have frequented the state several times ahead of the assembly



polls announcement.

Modi has laid the foundation stone of several development projects and unveiled many of them as the leadership has a realistic assessment of the ground level in view of incumbency of over two-and-a-half decades and also the leadership changes it had to make in the past five years.

The tribal regions in Banaskantha region neighbouring Rajasthan remain a challenge for the party, which performed poorly in the region leading to party's strength reduced to 99—a slender margin in an assembly of 182 seats.

# AAP positioning itself as alternative to BJP sets tone for high-voltage contest

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## AAP may announce its Guj CM face today

New Delhi: The announcement of Gujarat assembly elections has set the tone for a high voltage contest in the state where Aam Aadmi Party has been aggressively trying to position itself as an "alternative" to BJP as it hopes to cash in on the perceived decline of Congress as the primary opponent in the state that is a saffron bastion and home turf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Soon after the announcement, AAP national convenor and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal was seen appearing in Gujarati in a video message posted on Twitter seeking a chance to lead the state while listing the "welfare guarantees" including the promise of world class

schools, mohalla clinics, free electricity and more.

For AAP which is in government in Delhi and Punjab and has two seats in Goa assembly, the outcome of this election is clearly very critical as winning seats will help the party to make it to the league of a national party and set the tone of its campaign ahead of

the Lok Sabha polls in 2024. Gujarat will also be a testing ground for how far the voters of the state who have chosen BJP for 27 years are swayed by Kejriwal's idea of replicating his projection of the 'Delhi Model'.

AAP's campaign is strongly hinged to the "welfare guarantees" like free electricity for up to 300 units, promise of their unaddressed issues.

## CEC justifies plan to amend MCC over poll promises

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New Delhi: Even as only two political parties — BJP and SAD — backed EC's proposal to amend the model code of conduct (MCC) that requires all parties to disclose financial viability of their poll promises in a standardised format, chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Thursday again justified the initiative, saying its sole purpose was to empower voters in assessing the promises and making an informed choice.

Pointing to a large number of democracies across the world facing serious macro-economic constraints and crises on account of populism, Kumar said the EC's basic principle behind mooted a standardised format for disclosures by political parties on source of funding of their promises was to balance the democratic right of the parties to make poll promises with their responsibility to offer the voter transparency on economic aspect of those promises.

## EC seeks criminal cases of nominees on party sites

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

With Gujarat going to polls in December, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has come up with specific measures that are likely to embarrass political parties if they cannot avoid fielding candidates with criminal charges. This time, the parties will have to justify why they chose candidates with criminal backgrounds on their websites.

The commission has made it mandatory for all such candidates to publish information about their alleged crimes in mass media thrice during the campaign period. It has mandated the same exercise for the political parties. The candidate's criminal background must be uploaded on the party's website and broadcast thrice through newspapers and television channels.

# EC trashes claims of bias as Cong questions delay

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TO had reported on October 15, a day after the Himachal polls were announced, that the long gap between November 12 polling and December 8 counting in Himachal Pradesh was ample indication of an impending announcement of Gujarat polls, with polling likely to be completed in time for counting alongside Himachal on December 8.

Over 4.9 crore electors, including 4.6 lakh first-time voters aged 18-19, 10,460 centenarians and 1,417 third gender voters (who have doubled since 2017), are eligible to elect their representatives from Gujarat's 182 assembly seats, of which 89 will go to polls on December 1 and the remaining 93 on December 5.

In 2017 too, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat polls were announced on different days — the former on October 12, 2017 and the latter a week later on October 25. The EC, then led by CEC A K Joti, faced criticism for departing from the convention of clubbing polls in states with closely-timed expiry of their assemblies and, in the process, facilitating last-minute poll sops by the party in office. The EC had then explained the delayed announcement in respect of Gujarat by citing the state government's request to allow more time for flood relief without restrictions imposed by the model code.

On Thursday too, Congress sought an explanation from EC on the 19-day gap between announcement of polls in Gujarat and Hima-

## GUJ POLL CALENDAR

	Phase 1 (2022)	Phase 2 (2022)
Date of issue of notification	Nov 5	Nov 10
Last date for nomination	Nov 14	Nov 17
Date for scrutiny of nominations	Nov 15	Nov 18
Last date for withdrawal of nomination	Nov 17	Nov 21
Date of Poll	Dec 1	Dec 5
Counting for all 182 seats in Gujarat to be held simultaneously with that for Himachal Pradesh on December 8		Date before which election will be completed: December 10, 2022

chal Pradesh, particularly as counting was to be held the same day, alleging that this had allowed time for BJP to hold rallies, including those addressed by the PM, on government expense. Responding to the criticism, the CEC insisted that EC, while deciding on poll timing, had to balance multiple factors like the weather (Himachal getting snow-bound by mid-November), last date of the term of the assembly (term of Gujarat assembly is expiring over a month after Himachal and the results will be announced with 72 days to spare), the number of days the model code of conduct is in force (this time the duration in Gujarat will be 36 days, which is almost on par with the MCC period during 2020 Delhi assembly polls) and the Morbi tragedy as EC waited in view of the mourning.

Brushing aside allegations of bias, Kumar said that "actions and outcome actually speak louder than words". "Assembly election results are shown at times that those who are critical of

## Cong's 'silent campaign' in crucial poll surprises all

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## Why HP and Gujarat polls announced on different days: Cong

Congress Thursday said the Election Commission must explain why the Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat polls were delinked, and why the model code of conduct was imposed in the hill state three days after the announcement of polls. AICC Gujarat in-charge Raghu Sharma alleged the delay in Gujarat schedule was to give BJP time to hold several rallies led by PM Modi. He pointed out that HP and Gujarat election results are to be announced the same day. Sharma said the election announcement for HP was "special" as it was done on October 14 but the model code of conduct, which should come into force immediately, was imposed on October 17. "It is because the PM was to address a rally on October 16," he said. TNN

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job of consolidating power. For a party ruling in just two states, and having muffed every possible electoral opportunity — Kerala, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa, Assam — over the last two years, every defeat is fresh source of despondency, which is at the roots of problems like leaders' exodus, legislators' defections, and, above all, of political openings for newbies like AAP.

AICC Gujarat in-charge Raghu Sharma said there should be no doubt that Congress is fighting the elec-

tions with full strength and has been campaigning in every nook and street for months. He cited '11 pledges' (vachan pratha) launched by Rahul Gandhi in Ahmedabad on September — populist promises of free electricity for farmers, farm loan waiver, compensation to Covid-hit families, 10 lakh new jobs and 3,000 new English medium schools, gas cylinder for Rs 500, subsidy to dairy farmers and free education to girls — as the basis of the party's intensive outreach.

To vote or knot? 35k weddings in first week of Dec in Gujarat

Bharat Yagnik &amp; Niyati Parikh | TNN

With voting for the state assembly elections scheduled for December 1 and 5, in two phases, it is expected that voter turnout may be low as it coincides with the wedding season. According to almanagists and wedding pandits, some 35,000 weddings are expected to take place around these voting days i.e. from December 1 to 5. This may, according to almanagists, result in lower voter turnout as people may be occupied or travelling. The wedding season begins on November 22, after which at least 80,000 weddings are slated to be held across Gujarat till the kamarta period begins on December 13.

Rajendra Dave, who compiles almanacs, said, "The dates of December 2, 4 and 8 are among the most auspicious ones. At least 15,000 weddings are expected to be held on each of these days in Gujarat. Since these wedding dates are just af-

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# Seven states make it to Level-II in PGI 2020-21

Manash.Gohain  
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New Delhi: The Performing Grade Index (PGI) looks at the Indian education system as one of the largest in the world, with about 14.9 lakh schools, 95 lakh teachers, and nearly 26.5 crore students from varied socio-economic backgrounds. Devised by the department of school education and literacy, the index provides insights and data-driven mechanisms on the state-wise performance of the school education system.

The education ministry on Thursday released PGI 2020-21.

Offering a comparative analysis, the latest index report stated that none of the states has so far attained the highest level (L-I). The top-most score in 2017-18 was Level IV which improved to Level II (score range 901-950 out of 1000 in 2020-21), implying consistent improvement across states/UTs over the last four years.

"No state reached the top two levels in 2017-18 and 2018-19 whereas in 2020-21, seven states have reached Level-II. Similarly, no state has performed below Level VII in 2020-21 whereas in 2017-18, there were 12 states/UTs which performed below Level VII showing remarkable improvement of states/UTs in the last 4 years," it said.

Ladakh has made signifi-

## PERFORMANCE GRADING INDEX 2020-21

PGI Levels attained by various States/UTs in 2020-21		
Level (scores)	Names of States/ UTs	Total
Level I (951 - 1000)	None	--
Level II (901 - 950)	Andhra Pradesh/ Chandigarh/ Gujarat/ Kerala/ Maharashtra/ Punjab/ Rajasthan "Andaman & Nicobar Islands/ Puducherry/ Dadra and Nagar Haveli/ Daman and Diu/ Haryana/ Tamil Nadu/ Himachal Pradesh/ Uttar Pradesh/ Karnataka/ West Bengal/ Lakshadweep/ Delhi/ Odisha"	7
Level III (851 - 900)	Assam/ Chhattisgarh/ Jammu & Kashmir/ Jharkhand/ Ladakh/ Tripura	12
Level IV (801 - 850)	Bihar/ Goa/ Madhya Pradesh/ Mizoram/ Sikkim/ Telangana	6
Level V (751 - 800)	Manipur/ Nagaland/ Meghalaya/ Uttarakhand	6
Level VI 701 - 750)	Arunachal Pradesh	4
Level VII (651 - 700)	No State/UT at Level VIII or below.	1
Level VIII (601 - 650)		

cant improvement in PGI from L-VIII to L-IV in 2020-21, improving its score by 299 points in 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20, the highest ever improvement in a single year.

Highlighting the interstate disparity, the report noted, "The maximum and minimum scores obtained by states in 2020-21 are 928 and 669 respectively. The deviation between the maximum and minimum scores obtained by states

is 259 or 39%. Arunachal Pradesh is at the bottom of this list. This disparity was 51% in 2017-18, indicating that PGI also helped bridge the performance gap among states/UTs over the years. The reduction in interstate differential is also due to close monitoring of schemes through evidence-based PGI which might have helped both the performing and aspiring states and UTs to improve their performance."

# 'Call out those' providing terrorists safe havens: India targets Pak, China

United Nations: India on Thursday urged the international community to "call out those" who provide safe havens to terrorists and come to their defence including in the UN Security Council sanctions regimes, a veiled reference to Pakistan and China.

Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra made the remarks while speaking at the open debate held under Ghana's Presidency of the 15-nation Council on "Peacebuilding and sustaining peace: Integrating effective resilience-building in peace operations for sustainable peace."

"The threat posed by terrorism... needs a unified



Risat-2 re-enters Earth after 13.5yrs, lands in Indian Ocean near Jakarta: Indian radar-imaging satellite — Risat-2 — has made an uncontrolled re-entry into Earth's atmosphere and landed at the predicted impact point in the Indian Ocean near Jakarta. The re-entry happened on October 30, at around 12.06am, the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) has confirmed. The Indian space agency too carried out in-house predictions. "Risat-2 is a clear example of Isro's capability to carry out spacecraft orbital operations in an efficient and optimal way. TNN

**विज्ञान**

श्रावस्त्रां संख्या-1615/XVII(2)/2018-3(2)/2021 दिनांक 30 नवम्बर 2021 द्वारा आपादा प्रबन्धन विभाग के अधीन परिवर्ती राज्य आपादा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण में तथा प्राधिकरण के अन्तर्गत गतिशील जिला आपादा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण एवं जिला आपादकालीन परिचालन केन्द्र में पुनर्निर्माण एवं स्थानीकृत पदों के साथेक्ष जनपद हरिद्वार में रिकॉर्ड वेतु स्थानीय आपादा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण एवं प्रतिवर्थी के अधीन संविदा के आधार पर नियुक्त हेतु इच्छुक व अहं अभ्यार्थीयों से आवेदन-पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

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Dated: 03-11-2022

**Public Notice**

Application for grant of Intra-State transmission license within the state of Uttar Pradesh has been filed by M/s Mohanlalganj Transmission Limited in UPERC (the applicant has submitted an affidavit in the Commission of change of its name to Powergrid Gomti Yamuna Transmission Limited). The salient features of application were published by the applicant in the following newspapers - English: Hindustan Times (Lucknow and New Delhi/Mumbai), Hindi: Hindustan and Aaj, on 15.09.2022.

The public notice also invited comments of various stakeholders on the application. No comments/objections have been received in response to above notifications within the stipulated time. State Transmission Utility has submitted its recommendations in the matter in accordance with Section 15(4) of Electricity Act 2003.

The applicant has complied with the provisions of UPERC (General Conditions of Transmission License) Regulations, 2005 for grant of Intra-state transmission license. The Commission is prima facie of the view that the applicant satisfies conditions for grant of license for proposed intra state transmission system.

Before granting the license, the U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC) proposes to hear various interested stakeholders on 21 Nov 2022 at 1100 hours through Video Conferencing.

All stakeholders who wish to participate in the Public Hearing shall send an e-mail on office@uperc.org providing their name, email ID (preferably Gmail), mobile number, organization to register themselves and shall follow the "Instructions for Public Hearing in UPERC through Video Conferencing" available on UPERC website ([www.uperc.org](http://www.uperc.org)). The link for video conferencing will be sent to their respective email ID.

Desirous stakeholders and registered participants may submit their written submission/ concerns/objections, if any, in hard copies (1 original + 5 set of copies) to the Secretary, UPERC. The submission should also be sent in PDF and Word format on email id: office@uperc.org.

Secretary

## Ranchi doc finds 8 fetuses in 21-day-old baby

Ranchi: In an extremely rare case, a 21-day-old baby was found carrying eight foetuses in her womb. The child is from Ramgarh district. Claiming that the "foetus-in-fetu" case could be the first such case in the world of an infant carrying so many foetuses, doctors

said the child's operation on November 1 was a success and that the newborn is recuperating well, reports ASRP Mukesh.

In medical terminology, foetus-in-fetu (FIF) is a rare condition in which one malformed vertebrate foetus is enclosed within the body of its twin.

Talking to TOI on Thursday, Dr Mohammed Imran, the paediatric surgeon said, "FIF occurs in one in five lakh live births. International medical journals have recorded one foetus in most of the FIF cases. I have never found so many foetuses in a newborn till now."

## ASSAM MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED

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4	Pri bid meeting Date & Time	14-11-2022 at 2.00 pm
5	Start Date & Time for online submission of Bid and Offline Submission on Hard Copies	24-11-2022 at 2.00 pm
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7	Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	30-11-2022 at 4.00 pm
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Interested parties may download bid document from e-tender website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and submit their proposals with requisite documents on the above e-tender portal before 16/11/2022. The submitted proposals will be open at 16/11/2022, at DoT office, Paryatan Bhawan 4th Floor, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010 Uttar Pradesh, India.

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
North Central Zone Cultural Centre invites sealed, Technical and financial proposal for Selection of an Agency for the Design and Execution of Kashi Tamil Sangamam at Varanasi.  
The details of Notice and Instructions of tendering are available at <http://www.nczcc.in>. Last date for submission of complete tender documents is 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 till 12:00 P.M.

Director

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**E-TENDER FOR ENTERING INTO RATE CONTRACT  
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This has reference to the e-tender No: NHM/18015/3/2022-Proc-NHM/9643, Date: 01/09/2022 invited from manufacturers or authorized dealers for "Supply of Hospital Furniture & Fixtures". It is for information to all concerned that the last date of submission of Bid has been extended to 15/11/2022 up to 02:00 PM. Interested bidders are requested to submit on-line as well as Hard Copy of the technical bid. Bids shall be opened on the same day at 4:30 PM. All other Terms and Conditions of the tender shall remain the same.

**Sd/-  
Managing Director, AMSCL, Assam**

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
Tender Notice No: AGC/Br/L/2022-23/02 Date:- 01.11.2022

**E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE**

Dy. Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/North Central Railway Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 15.00 hrs. on 29-11-2022. The details of the Tender are as under:-

S. N.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. cost of work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1.	Br-AGC-2022-02	Painting work for ROBs Girder, Rail Girder Bridges in various section of Agra division.	₹ 2,81,02,113.84	290500.00/-
2.	Br-AGC-2022-03	Provision of Continuous solid protective screen over all Live parts of OHE on ROB/FOB in various section of Agra Division.	₹ 28,55,555.78	571000.00/-
3.	Br-AGC-2022-04	Provision of inspection cradles and pathway on bridge no- 1314/1 & 1331/1 UP in AGC-DHO section of AGC Division.	₹ 79,08,498.44	158200.00

**Completion period:-** 15 Months for Serial No. 1, Serial No. 2 for 04 Months, and Serial No. 3 for 06 Months, **Date of Opening of tender:-** 29.11.2022 For all, **Eligibility Criteria for Similar work:-** Serial No. 1 for "Any Bridge painting Work.", Serial No. 2 for Nil, Serial No. 3 for "Repair to steel girder involving field riveting or any bridge work involving erection/launching or regirdering of open web girder." Note:- 1. E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenders., 2. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tender is available on Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 15.00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 29.11.2022. 3. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT ACT-2000., 4. The tenderers shall submit a copy of certificate as given in tender document in standard format, without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected., 5. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached., 6. The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC April 2022 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete offer and accordingly shall not be considered.

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**Notice Inviting e-Tender**

North central railways @ [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in) @northcentralrailway @ PRONCR

North Central Zone Cultural Centre invites sealed, Technical and financial proposal for Selection of an Agency for the Design and Execution of Kashi Tamil Sangamam at Varanasi.  
The details of Notice and Instructions of tendering are available at <http://www.nczcc.in>. Last date for submission of complete tender documents is 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 till 12:00 P.M.

Director

**State Water & Sanitation Mission**  
(Namami Gange & Rural Water Supply Department)  
Kisan Bazar, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010  
Phone : 0522-2239426  
Website : [www.swsm.up.gov.in](http://www.swsm.up.gov.in) E-mail : [ed.swsmup@rediffmail.com](mailto:ed.swsmup@rediffmail.com)

Letter No.: 3188/JJM-I-E.C./2022 Date : 03/11/2022

**GEM Tender Notice**

State Water and Sanitation Mission, Uttar Pradesh has invited tender through GEM Portal for selection of social media agency, the last date of submission of the tender is on **05.12.2022 till 1:00 pm**. The above tender-related details, terms and conditions can be seen on the department website [www.swsm.up.gov.in](http://www.swsm.up.gov.in) & on GEM Portal Tender Sl. No. GEM/2022/B/2695795.

Pre bid meeting for the tender will be held on **11.11.2022 at 12:00 pm** at above address.

**Executive Director**

**PSPCL** Punjab State Power Corporation Limited  
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001.  
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 269/SS-II/D/2022 Dated : 02.11.22  
SE/Substation/Design/ TS Organization: C-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 66kV 1250A/2000A Isolators, 66kV 800A/1250A/2000A Isolators with Earth Switch & Spare Solid Core Insulators. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to [https://eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in) from 04.11.22 (09:00 AM onwards).

Note : Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at [https://eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in) C 417/22, DPR/Pb: 76155/12/2022/18320

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH MEAT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED, VIJAYAWADA**  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: 2nd call  
EOI No. 25/MDCAP/2022 Date: 03.11.2022  
Expression of Interest 2nd call is invited to develop Modernized Meat Processing Unit in Kurnool & Nellore Districts of Andhra Pradesh for Meat Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Vijayawada. For details log on to [https://aprunionline.in](http://https://aprunionline.in), [https://www.aprunionline.in](http://www.aprunionline.in). For any information contact: Dr. A.Veera Prasad, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Meat Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Vijayawada. Mobile No.: 7675871999.  
Sd/- Managing Director, MDCAP, Vijayawada

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWRD NAGAON & HOJAI ROAD CIRCLE, NAGAON :: ASSAM**  
No. SE/NRC/TB/NIT/12/2021-22/45  
**PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
The Superintending Engineer, PWRD, Nagaon on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bid from Assam PWD registered contractors for 1 (one) no. of work under MLCSNA of RIDF-XXV of NABARD for the year 2019-20 under Hojai LAC in Hojai District amounting to Rs.73.10 Lakhs (approx). Details may be seen at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

**Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer  
PWD Nagaon & Hojai Road Circle, Nagaon  
Janasanyog/CF/2806/22**

**RAJASTHAN RAJA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED**  
Notice Inviting Bid  
1. Bids for Construction of 220kV and 132kV Transmission lines for 220kV GSS Sikri (Upgradation) including survey, supply of all Equipments/Materials, Erection (including civil works), Testing and Commissioning on turnkey basis namely below:-  
i. 220 kV D/C transmission Line from 400 kV GSS Alwar to proposed 220 kV GSS, Sikri.  
ii. 220 kV S/C transmission Line from 220 kV GSS Bharatpur to proposed 220 kV GSS, Sikri.  
iii. 132 kV S/C transmission Line from 132 kV GSS Pahari to proposed 220 kV GSS, Sikri.  
iv. 132 kV S/C transmission Line from 132 kV GSS Govindgarh to proposed 220 kV GSS, Sikri.  
against BN-9018002214 (UBN:VPN2223WLOB01370) are invited from interested bidders up to 06:00 PM on 21.12.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state; and <http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/vpn1> departmental website.

RRVPN/IR-S630/2022 Superintending Engineer (Contracts-I), Jaipur  
Raj.Samwad/C22/9894

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

**Kajal @ Reshma**  
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Kajal @ Reshma, D/o: Rajender, R/o: B-143, Gazipur Village, Delhi has been missing since 31.10.2022 at about 12.00 PM from her house. In this regard DD No. 31 A dated 01.11.2022 has been lodged at Police Station Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:  
Name: Kajal @ Reshma, Age: 19 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Built: Medium, Wearing: Black Colour Suit & Pant and Hawali Chappal in Feet. If anyone has any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi. Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) Ph: 011-2436838/2436841, Fax: 011-2436839 SHO Police Station, Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi Ph: 011-22146491, 8750870622

**Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal, Gol**  
120, F-Wing, 1st Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001, 011-23384106  
**"Invitation of Bids for Auction of Coal Mines/ Blocks for Sale of Coal"**  
In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4(1) and 4(2) of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and Section 11A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Rules made thereunder, the Government of India has directed the Nominated Authority to undertake the auction of 133 coal mines/ blocks under 16th Tranche of Auction under CM(S) Act, 2015 and 6th Tranche of Auction under MMDR Act 1957 and 8 coal mines/ blocks under Second Attempt of 15th Tranche of Auction under CM(S) Act, 2015 and Second Attempt of 5th Tranche of Auction under MMDR Act 1957. The tender process shall be launched on Thursday, November 03, 2022. Tender Document and other details can be accessed on [https://www.mstcommerce.com/auctionhome/coalblock/index.jsp](http://www.mstcommerce.com/auctionhome/coalblock/index.jsp) CBC 04107/11/0001/2223

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. CEN00AGC1422  
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway, Agra Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India invites in Two PACKET SYSTEM open tender on prescribed forms on line (E-Tendering). Tender offer can be submitted on line up to 15.00 hours of 30.11.2022, on website <http://ireps.gov.in>. The details of the tenders are as under-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description of work	Approx Cost	Earnest Money in Rs.
1	E-Tender Notice No. CEN00AGC 1422	P.Way Track linking, transportation of "P.way material, supply & stacking of ballast, leading out of ballast, AT welding and other ancillary works in connection with MTJ Yard Remodeling Phase-II and Mora Fly over work.	Rs. 14.76 Crore (App.)	887900.00

**Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve) months including harvest & monsoon period  
**Date of opening :** 30.11.2022  
**Validity :** 90 days  
**Note :** For complete details and submission of tender please see Indian Railway's website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. 1483/22(AN)  
# North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in #CPRONCR # @northcentralrailway

## J'khand health secy visits hosp, woman delivers on road outside

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**Hazaribag:** A woman delivered a baby on a road outside Hazaribag Medical College and Hospital while Jharkhand health secretary Arun Kumar Singh was inspecting its premises on Wednesday. The child died soon after, but the hospital authorities claimed the woman had delivered a stillborn.

The woman, Nusrat Parveen of Kud village, who failed to get admission to the hospital in time for child-birth, is now admitted there for post-delivery care.

Talking to TOI on Thursday, Nusrat's husband Naushad Alam said his child could have been saved had the authorities at the hospital's female ward listened to his pleas to admit her.

The hospital management has not conducted any inquiry into the incident, but denied allegations of lapses. "No probe has been instituted. I have not received any complaint from anyone," said hospital superintendent Dr Vinod Kumar. District collector Nancy Sahay did not respond to calls for a comment on the incident. TNN

## Prank call leads to search for 'missing' Morbi crash 'victim'

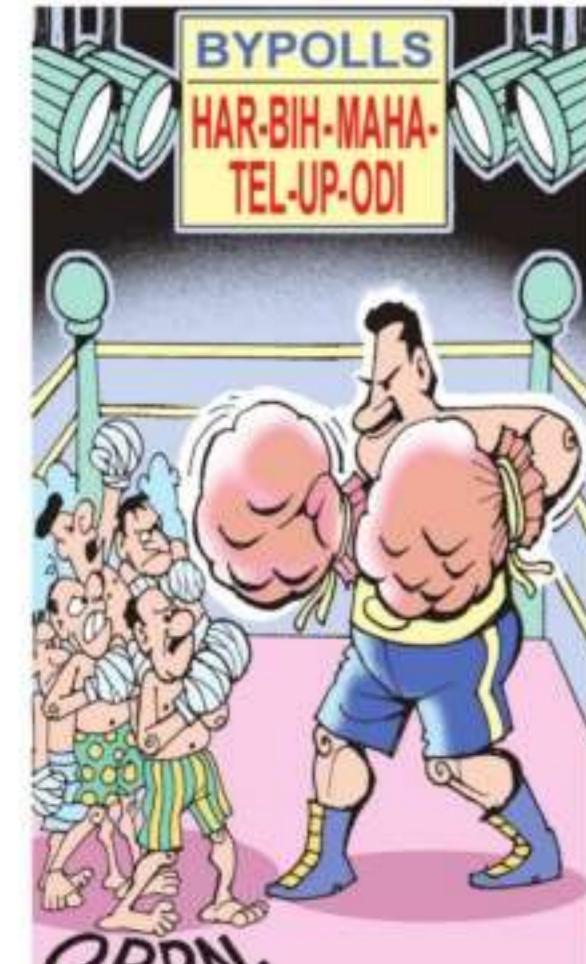
**Morbi:** Even as the Gujarat police announced the final toll in the October 30 Morbi bridge collapse tragedy, a hoax call to the district collector office stating that a woman from Punjab named Gurpreet Kaur was missing led the officials to continue with the search operation till Thursday evening, report Ashish Chauhan & Nimesh Khakharia.

However, after the police realized that the call was a prank, the search operation was concluded officially by the authorities late on Thursday evening putting the toll finally at 135 after no missing person complaint remained on paper.

Talking to TOI, Morbi district collector G T Pandya said, "According to our record, there is no person missing now."

Various search teams combed the river waters to locate the missing woman, but ended up finding articles like wallets and cell phones.

## JUST LIKE THAT AJIT NINAN



# Need to build atmosphere where every corrupt person is held accountable: PM



PM Narendra Modi during a CVC event in New Delhi on Thursday

**New Delhi:** PM Narendra Modi on Thursday cited how delayed decisions in disciplinary proceedings relating to corruption charges against government employees act as a "sword of Damocles" and this causes maximum harm to honest officers. He said while the suffering of the corrupt is a different issue, the honest who get caught in this trap of delayed decision-making live the rest of their life with this burden.

"What good do you do to your colleagues by keeping such complaints pending for a long time?" he asked while addressing an event on Vigilance Awareness Week of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). Modi asked the agencies to ensure that the corrupt are not spared, no matter

how powerful they are and these agencies have the responsibility to see that no corrupt person gets "political or social refuge".

Modi said, "Every corrupt person should be held accountable by society. It is important to build such an atmosphere. We are seeing that paeans are being sung

for people already proven corrupt. People calling themselves honest do not feel the shame to go and get photographed with such corrupt people."

Highlighting that eradicating corruption affirms confidence of people in the government, the PM claimed that earlier governments not only lost people's confidence but they also failed to trust them. Modi suggested the departments to audit the data of public grievances to find out the root causes of corruption and zero in on departments and persons who are delaying redressal of such complaints.

The PM said too much dependence on foreign goods had also been a big cause of corruption while mentioning how there have been several scams in the defence sector. He added the government's push towards self-re-

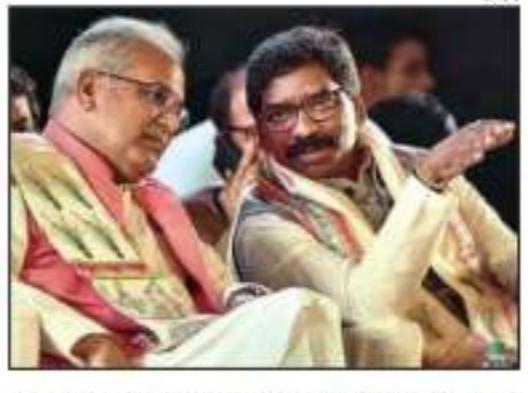
liance in defence manufacturing has put an end to such scams.

Putting the issue of corruption in a historical perspective, Modi said two reasons—scarcity of amenities (abhaav) and disproportionate government pressure (dabav)—held back the country and promoted corruption. He said for a very long time, absence of amenities and opportunities were deliberately kept alive and a gap was allowed to widen leading to an unhealthy competition of a zero-sum race. "This race nurtured the ecosystem of corruption. Corruption created by this scarcity affects the poor and middle classes the most," he said.

The PM said his government has put focus on saturation of taking amenities to every family and individuals in its bid to fill the gap between supply and demand.

## Will refusal to cooperate with ED be ground for Soren arrest?

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Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren with Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel during the National Tribal Dance Mahotsav in Raipur on Thursday

**New Delhi:** By refusing to appear before ED despite summons, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren may have constricted his options. Under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), ED has been empowered to be a quasi-judicial authority having the same powers as vested in a civil court with regard to summons, production of documents and evidence recording under oath.

In Soren's case, according to a prosecution complaint filed by the ED in a special PMLA court in Ranchi against close associates of the CM, the agency has levelled some very serious allegations of money laundering citing direct evidence of corruption and misuse of his official position allocating mining leases and creation of 'proceeds of crime'.

The ED had earlier arrested Soren's political aide Pankaj Mishra and two others and seized Rs 20 crore, in cash and in bank accounts. The agency has claimed this is just a small fraction of the 'proceeds of crime' as the illegal mining op-

erations were worth Rs 1,000 crore involving the accused.

The agency has recorded statements of the accused as to how they managed to bag the mining leases, who were the beneficiaries, the details of money trail cross-verified and why the CM's cheque books and some signed cheques were recovered from their premises. It may be recalled that the ED had recovered several signed cheques and a few cheque books of CM Hemant Soren from the premises of Pankaj Mishra when it raided the residence and offices of the latter.

As regards its investigation, sources said the agency has completed a thorough money trail in the movement of 'proceeds of crime', recorded statements of accused and witnesses before it summoned CM Soren for questioning. Primarily the CM has a lot of evidence against him in the money laundering case substantiating his involvement with the accused who are not just connected with him politically but have been allegedly working as fronts for illegally acquired mining operations and other business activities.

**Ahmedabad:** IIM-Ahmedabad unveiled its new visual identity on Thursday as part of its plan with a focus on expanding its global footprint. While the colour rendition and fonts have been modified, the logo retains the Sanskrit verse "Vidya Vinyogad Vikasa" (education/knowledge brings development/enlightenment) as its motto.

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## Why send summons, come arrest me: Soren

Sanay Sahay, ASRP Mukesh &amp; Dhritiman Ra | TNN

**Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren** on Thursday skipped the ED summons and called it a "harassment tactic" by BJP. "The CM has prior engagements. The ED officials should have got a prior appointment from him and they could have got it easily," JMM general secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya told reporters.

In the afternoon, Soren drove past the ED office in Hinoo to go to the airport and fly to Raipur for the National Tribal Dance Festival while his representatives simultaneously sent the CM's response to the summons in a sealed envelope to the central agency's office.

"Why send a summons, come and arrest me," Soren told reporters at Raipur airport. "Does anyone feel we are 'chor-uchakkey'?"

(thieves or anti-socials) or murderers? Issue a summons and ask to appear the next day? I had received an invitation to the tribal dance mahotsav about a month ago. For everything, there are some manners and practical aspects. These aspects need to be kept in mind," the Jharkhand CM said.

Explaining his pre-fixed scheduled visit to Raipur, Soren said he has several appointments lined up. "After that, President Droupadi Murmu is slated to visit Jharkhand on November 15. I don't think it was a summons by ED. It is BJP's call to derail government works," he said.

BJP lashed out at the CM, claiming he was running away from the probe in fear. State BJP chief Deepak Prakash said, "By not appearing before the ED he (CM) has exposed his deep fear."

On Tuesday night, the ED had issued a summons to the CM asking him to appear at its office in Ranchi about a month ago. For everything, there are some manners and practical aspects. These aspects need to be kept in mind," the Jharkhand CM said.

Earlier on Thursday, Soren assured hundreds of workers and sympathisers outside his residence in Ranchi that his government would complete its full tenure of five years despite attempts to bring it down since 2020. Amid loud cheers from the gathering, Soren said, "If I have committed a crime, come and arrest me straightforward. Then the people of Jharkhand will give you a fitting reply," Soren said.

JMM workers had gathered outside Soren's residence to express their anger against the ED summons, party officials said. Soren, who appeared before them along with his cabinet colleagues Champai Soren and Mithilesh Thakur and JMM MPs Mahua Majhi and Vijay Hansdak, urged party workers to gear up for the Lok Sabha and state polls of 2024.

"They are trying to create a state of confusion and chaos within the government and the administration by spreading lies that this government will collapse any moment. They (BJP) lost in all the by-elections held since 2019. Get ready and reach every household and tell the people about their conspiracies so that they can be annihilated in the upcoming elections," Soren said.

## यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

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दिनांक: 02.11.2022

पत्रांक: वाई.ई.ए./भूतेख/200-210/2022

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# TIMES GLOBAL

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MOST SAY 'UH-DELL' & SHE SAYS IT IS 'UH-DALE': ADELE SHARES HOW HER NAME IS ACTUALLY PRONOUNCED

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STRIVE NOT TO BE A SUCCESS, BUT RATHER TO BE OF VALUE  
— ALBERT EINSTEIN

## Imran attacker had AK-47, says ex-guv who was next to ex-PM

**Assailant Says In 'Confessional Video' He Wanted To Kill PTI Chief As He Had Been 'Misguiding The People'**

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

**Islamabad:** A person identified as Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf supporter Muazzam Nawaz was killed and six others, including senior party functionaries Ahmed Chattha and Chaudhry Younsif, were injured in the shooting at Allah Wala Chowk by a lone gunman at former Pakistan PM Imran Khan's long march in Wazirabad. The assailant, who was promptly overpowered and whisked away, said in a purported confessional video recorded in custody that he was on a mission to assassinate Imran as the latter had been "misguiding the people". "I wanted to kill him. I tried to kill him," the arrested man is heard saying in the clip in response to a question from the police.

TV stations aired footage showing a conscious Imran with a bandaged leg being escorted into a black SUV after the attack. He was moved to Lahore's Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital, named after his mother, and taken for surgery to remove the bullets in his leg, said Dr Faisal Sultan.

PTI secretary general said Imran suspected three people — PM Shehzad Sharif, interior minister Rana Sanaullah and a senior military officer (Maj Gen Faisal Naseer of the ISI) — to be behind the assassination attempt on him. The lawmaker quoted Imran as saying all three must be removed from their posts, failing which PTI would lead countrywide protests. PTI supporters protested outside the residence of the Peshawar corps commander soon after, chanting anti-



### Jemima praises man who foiled attack

The former wife of Imran Khan, Jemima Goldsmith, took to social media on Thursday to praise the young man who foiled the attack on the former PM, according to a media report. Goldsmith, who separated from Khan in 2004, thanked God for Khan's safe escape from the attack, adding that the news was "dreadful". She said Khan's sons were thankful to the "heroic man" who dealt with the gunman and saved their father's life, Geo News reported. She even posted the picture of the young man, Ibtisam, who foiled the assassination attempt. Ibtisam told the press that the gunman was not ready to shoot. He added that the pistol used by the attacker was automatic and continued to fire even after it was taken from him. He expressed regret for not holding the gunman earlier and preventing the first fire. IANS

military slogans. In Lahore, hundreds of protesters gathered at Liberty Chowk, the starting point of the long march. Quetta, Karachi and several other cities erupted in protest. PM Sharif condemned the attack "in the strongest words" and asked for "an immediate report" on the incident. "Violence should have no place in our country's politics," he tweeted. President Arif Alvi called the incident "a heinous assassination attempt" while the Inter-Services Public Relations, the military's media wing, termed it

"highly condemnable".

Former Sindh governor Imran Ismail said he was standing next to the ex-PM when the attacker appeared in front of the container, brandishing an AK-47 rifle. Former information minister Fawad Chaudhry termed the attack a "well-planned" assassination attempt. "It wasn't a 9mm (pistol) that the attacker used; it was a burst from an automatic weapon. No two opinions about that. It was a narrow escape," he said. "If the shooter hadn't been stopped by people there, the entire PTI leadership would have been wiped out."

Pakistan has had a history of attacks on politicians in public. Former PM Benazir Bhutto was assassinated on December 27, 2007 in a gun and bomb attack following an election rally in the garrison city of Rawalpindi. Pakistan's first PM Liaquat Ali Khan had been assassinated in the same city in October 1951. Another former PM, Yousaf Raza Gillani, survived an attempt on his life in 2008. Benazir's father and ex-PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was hanged in Rawalpindi in 1979 after being ousted in a coup.

## Israel PM Lapid concedes defeat to Netanyahu

**Jerusalem:** PM Yair Lapid of Israel conceded Israel's election on Thursday evening to Benjamin Netanyahu, paving the way for Israel's opposition leader to return as prime minister at the helm of one of the most right-wing governments in Israeli history.

With almost all votes counted, Netanyahu's right-wing bloc was projected by the country's broadcasters to win a clear majority in parliament, ensuring that Israel, after five elections in less than four years, will have a cohesive government with a steady majority for the first time since 2019.

PM Yair Lapid congratulated Netanyahu and instructed



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his staff to prepare an organised transition of power. "The state of Israel comes before any political consideration," he said. "I wish Netanyahu success, for the sake of the people of Israel and the state of Israel." He made the announcement just before the final results were released showing Netanyahu securing a majority with his religious and ultranationalist allies.

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seat parliament. His opponents in the current coalition, led by Lapid, won 51 seats, with the remainder held by a small unaffiliated Arab party.

The far right's strong showing was linked to fears among right-wing Jews about perceived threats to Israel's Jewish identity and to their per-

sonal safety. A wave of interethnic riots in May 2021 unsettled their sense of security, a feeling that was compounded months later by the inclusion — for the first time in Israeli history — of an Arab party in the coalition government.

Those dual concerns drove some right-wing Israelis to more extreme parties in the most recent election. Although the coalition led by Netanyahu would provide a stable government, it would nevertheless unsettle Israel's constitutional framework and social fabric. Currently standing trial on corruption charges, Netanyahu says he won't use his authority to upend that process. NYT & AP

## 'India's neutrality on Ukraine raised with Jaishankar, Modi since Sunak became PM'

Naomi Cantor

**London:** UK PM Rishi Sunak raised India's neutral position on Ukraine with PM Narendra Modi during their recent phone call, it has emerged. UK foreign secretary James Cleverly also raised the issue "directly" with external affairs minister S Jaishankar on his recent trip to India. The No. 10 readout of Sunak's call with Modi did not mention Ukraine but it did say the two leaders "discussed shared global challenges".



But in a debate on Ukraine in the House of Lords on Tuesday, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, UK junior minister for South Asia, confirmed the matter had been raised at the highest level. He was responding to a question from Liberal Democrat peer Lord Purvis of Tweed, who asked: "Could the minister be specific about what we are saying to our

allies in the Gulf and India in particular?" Have the foreign secretary and the prime minister raised at the highest levels the concern about the impact of our allies in effectively providing neutrality but also therefore de facto support? This is a challenging area for the UK's foreign policy, but one we need to tackle. It would be depressing if we are too reliant on the Gulf's inward investment and too hopeful for a trade deal with India that prevents us from having very hard conversations with our allies."

Lord Ahmad responded that Cleverly "raised the issue directly with EAM Jaishankar" on his recent trip to India. Then he said: "I know that PM Sunak has also spoken to PM Modi and again the situation in Ukraine was part and parcel of their discussions, and that will continue." He added that the UK was already seeing

progress". He said: "Specifically, we have seen certain Gulf states move their positions from abstention to supporting Ukraine's position within multilateral fora, particularly the UN. That is down to extensive diplomacy and making the robust case that the aggressor here is Russia."

Conservative peer Lord Howell of Guildford said British diplomats ought to mobilise "the other 55 members of the Commonwealth" to ensure that they take a stronger position "than some of them have" against the "Russian attack on humanity". To which Lord Ahmad responded: "The engagement and unity being shown on the diplomatic front is being coordinated extensively with key partners; we will continue to make the case to other allies as well... When we achieved 140 and 141 votes at the UN, we were told that we had reached the pinnacle of international collaboration..."

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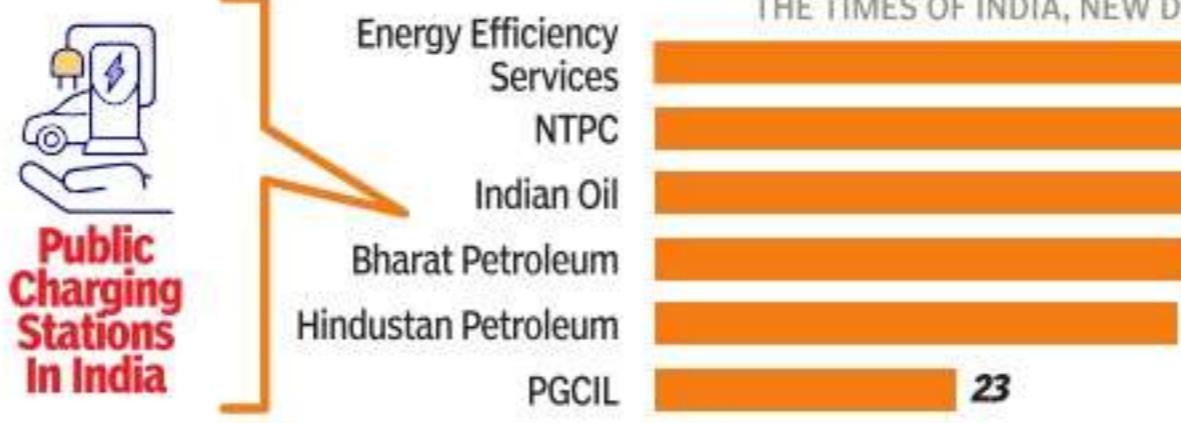
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Limited nature of public charging infrastructure is the biggest roadblock to greater penetration of electric vehicles in India. According to a study, charging infrastructure is the biggest concern for consumers with 73% non-EV drivers believing that ultra-fast charging is not yet prevalent. However, Convergence Energy Services has announced that it will set up 800 new EV charging stations across 16 national highways covering 10,000 km in 6-8 months. India's charging infrastructure is a \$2.9-billion opportunity by 2030. Currently, Indian states on average have less than 0.1 charging point per 100km road length



Source: Ministry of power

## Offloading retail NPAs may get tougher for lenders New Rules Don't Distinguish Between Corporate, Retail Loans | Settlement May Get Hit

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**Mumbai:** The RBI's new norms for asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) could hit settlement of stressed retail loans. The new guidelines aimed at preventing ARCs from cutting deals with defaulting businesses do not distinguish between corporate and retail loans. This in turn could make it tough for lenders to offload retail bad loans.

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lenders and try to make a profit by recovering a larger amount. The new guidelines issued in October prescribe that settlement by an ARC can be done with the defaulter only after the proposal is examined by an independent advisory committee (IAC), which shall comprise professionals with financial and legal background. After assessing the borrowers' finances, the IAC must give its recommendations based on projected cash flows of the borrowers.

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prospects of recovering the debt. In cases where the lender holds a security, the settlement amount should not be less than the value of the security.

R K Bansal, MD, Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company, told TOI that the norms appear to be aimed at settlement of large corporate loans but has not made exceptions for retail and small loans. Edelweiss ARC has been purchasing retail bad loans, including home and education loans, from len-

ders for over three years and recovering through various means including settlement.

Similarly, in case of unsecured loans, settlement would be the only meaningful option. "Most of the retail loans recovery is through settlement, thanks to credit bureaus, Aadhaar and availability of mobile numbers recovery through counselling has improved," he said. Under the new norms, ARCs would not find it practical to settle loans.

## RBI likely to assure govt it will rein in inflation in FY24

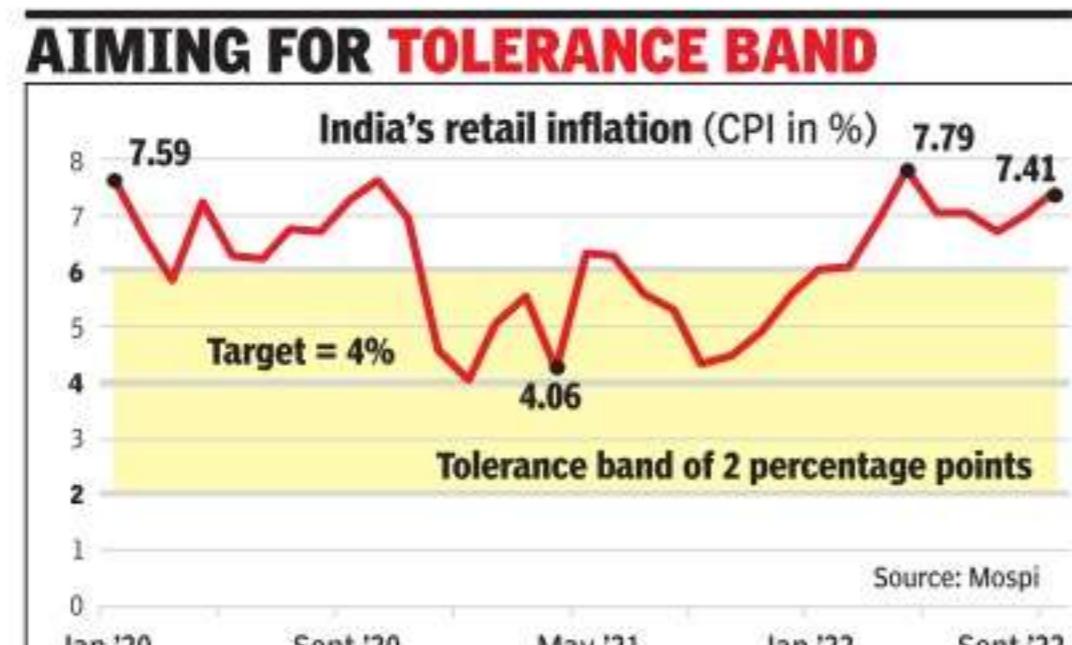
**May Point To Its Rate Hikes That'll Impact Demand In Next 6 Mths**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** The RBI is likely to assure the government that inflation would be brought within the monetary policy committee's (MPC's) tolerance band by the fourth quarter and is likely to be reined in from FY24. The target is 4% with a tolerance of 2 percentage points.

The RBI is also likely to highlight the 190-basis point (100bps = 1 percentage point) repo rate hike that has been implemented since May, which will impact demand over the next six months.

The RBI in a statement said that the meeting of the MPC was held on Wednesday to discuss and draft the report to be sent to the government by the central bank. The regulation requires the RBI to send a report to the government highlighting the reasons for the failure to achieve



eve the inflation target, remedial action proposed to be taken and estimate of the period within which the inflation target shall be achieved.

"The immediate target for the MPC would be to bring inflation within the 2% band to below 6%. The RBI has indicated in the past that this would happen by Q4FY23. Given the base effect there is a good chance that they will be able

to maintain it below 6% for FY24 given the advantage of the base effect," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, Bank of Baroda.

While the RBI has highlighted the reasons why it failed to achieve the target, the remedial action is what the market is looking out for. "The RBI will have a good explanation on why inflation could not be maintained within

the band... the increase in international oil prices and ban on palm oil exports by Indonesia. What would be interesting to see is whether the RBI will involve the government on inflation control and cite the need for tax reductions," said Sabnavis.

## UK central bk raises rates by most in nearly 33 yrs

**London:** The Bank of England (BoE) raised interest rates by the most since 1989 on Thursday but it also warned that the UK faced a long recession and told investors borrowing costs were likely to go up by less than they expect.

The BoE increased bank rate to 3% from 2.25% even as it said Britain's economy might not grow for another two years, a slump longer than during the 2008-09 financial crisis.

### RECEDITION LOOMS

The pound fell sharply and was down about 2% against the dollar intraday, touching its lowest since mid-October when the UK was in a political crisis triggered by former PM Liz Truss' tax-cutting plans.

On Wednesday, the US Federal Reserve also hiked rates by 75 basis points but signalised US borrowing costs were likely to rise more than anticipated to crush inflation. That contrasted with the BoE's message on Thursday.

"We can't make promises about future interest rates but based on where we stand today, we think bank rate will have to go up by less than currently priced in financial markets," governor Andrew Bailey said, in an usual blunt message. The BoE said it now expected inflation will hit a 40-year high of around 11% during the current quarter. But it also thinks the economy has entered a recession that could mean it contracts in both 2023 and 2024 and shrinks by 2.9% in total. REUTERS

## Car wait list gets longer with 8L pending orders Backlog Is Growing Even As Bookings Remain Strong Despite Rising Prices, Interest Rates

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### SUV BUYERS DOMINATE QUEUE

Delivery Backlog	Count
Maruti Suzuki	3.9 lakh
Mahindra	1.3 lakh
Hyundai	1.1 lakh
Tata Motors	1 lakh
Kia	50,000
Mercedes-Benz	17,000

(Maruti may have to tap India factory of Japanese partner Toyota to increase supply)

Others such as Skoda and VW also witness same scenario

➤ Waiting list has been increasing on global shortage of semiconductors, which is easing now. Leading cos are facing backlog of mainly SUVs

➤ Many buyers' financial calculations are getting disrupted as companies have

hiked prices over 18 months  
➤ Many automakers are going for cancellations and postponements, limited mostly to entry level cars  
➤ Companies are cautious as they try to estimate demand after queue is over

inflation and concerns around economy

Maruti Suzuki carries bulk of the backlog as it has to deliver 3.9 lakh cars, leading to frustration for the company arising out of frequent customers and even cancellations.

Shashank Srivastava, director (sales & marketing) at Maruti Suzuki, told TOI that the company is aware of the situation and has been making all attempts to cut down the waiting time. Company chairman R C Bhargava said if the queue continues to swell as it launches new models, Maruti may have to tap India factory of Japanese partner Toyota.

Mahindra has been on a roll even since it started getting blockbuster openings for its products, starting from Thar, which was followed by XUV700 and Scorpion-N. The company had to face the ire of waiting customers on social media platforms. It has started to ramp up production to cut the queue that in many cases stretched to even a year.

Mercedes-Benz faces a similar situation. "We have a waiting list that extends to between three and nine months, and the current order book is about 7,000 cars," Santosh Iyer, VP sales & marketing at Mercedes-Benz India, says. The company said it will record its highest ever sales this year (more than the 15,550 units it sold in 2018). It has started second shift of production. "Maybach limousine carries a waiting of seven-to-eight months." Companies, however, are cautious on the outlook as they try to estimate demand after the queue is over.

Maruti Suzuki's Shashank Srivastava said inflation and interest rates have started to affect customer sentiments.

## Meta's India head Ajit Mohan steps down, to join rival Snap

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Noida: Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH) and TimesPro on Thursday unveiled their post-graduate diploma in management course in logistics and supply chain management that aims to leverage the National Logistics Policy and create a talent pool for tech-based employment avenues.

The two-year online module will focus on building strategic and tactical frameworks, providing domain knowledge, and skill students in new-age technology.

Industry experts present the launch of the course laid out the scope and challenges of logistics and supply chain management to underline the importance of a training module.

"With technological interventions like AI, big data, internet of things, etc., the Indian logistics and supply chain market will grow exponentially and create significant employment opportunities. Investments are already flowing in and government policies are in line to give a big push to this sector. So, we feel the need for a partnership of this kind to create highly trained managerial talent in logistics, where highly trained tech-enabled managerial talent is missing," said TimesPro CEO Anish Srikrishna.

BIMTECH director Hari-vansh Chaturvedi said, "We hope to leverage the industry connect and expertise of TimesPro to make this one of the most sought-after courses."

### EXECUTIVE DIGEST

#### Cognizant stock falls 14% after sluggish Sept qtr

**Chennai:** Shares of IT services giant Cognizant fell around 14% by mid-trading session in Nasdaq on Thursday as the company missed street expectations and lowered its guidance, prompting downgrades from multiple brokerages. Cognizant reported tepid growth for the September quarter with revenue at \$4.9 billion up just 2.4% year-on-year. The revenue growth fell short of the IT firm's own expectations. TNN

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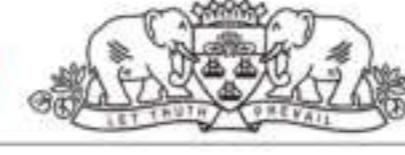
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## Political Pickle

Gujarat is already seeing high decibel BJP campaign. But opposition can spice things up more

Gujarat, BJP's strongest bastion and PM Modi's home state, will vote in two phases on December 1 and 5. After governing uninterrupted for 24 years and winning every assembly election since 1995, BJP is pressing all its firepower into the field to continue the unbeaten streak. It is also understandable why BJP's big guns, Modi and Shah, are leaving nothing to chance. BJP's Mission 150 campaign in 2017 ended as a close shave when Congress, propelled by the Patidar reservation agitation and led from the front by Rahul Gandhi, gave a tough fight.

The PM has been in Gujarat virtually every week, unveiling new schemes and talking up the state's development prospects. With mega projects like Vedanta-Foxconn, Tata-Airbus and many others trooping in, the benefits of the "double-engine" government, political speak for the same party governing both Centre and state, would be evident to most voters. The en masse replacement of the Vijay Rupani cabinet following the mishandling of the deadly Covid second wave with an all-new ministry headed by Bhupendra Patel much before the elections have helped BJP forestall anti-incumbency. Meanwhile, the party machinery has also been drilled into election readiness through constituency-level "gaurav" yatras.

Until it launched five "parivartan sankalp" yatras this week to crisscross the state, Congress was running a low-key campaign. Despite claims of focussing on behind-the-scenes booth-level management, identified as the critical flaw in its 2017 defeat, the lack of a narrative with no CM candidate or a tall central leader to give Congress's campaign a face and a direction has provided AAP the opening it needed. Arvind Kejriwal has become a frequent visitor from Delhi, much like Rahul in 2017. After attracting disillusioned Congress leaders and workers into AAP and promising free power to voters, Kejriwal has now pivoted to soft Hindutva positions, in an attempt to poach the BJP vote.

While at least one opinion poll had suggested that division of opposition votes will suit BJP, it will not want price rise becoming an election issue, like unemployment did in the UP and Bihar polls. Extension of the free food grains scheme till December despite Covid waning was clearly an attempt to provide relief. BJP's sharp focus on industrial development and Gujarati identity, Congress's parivartan pitch and AAP's freebie bouquet make for a spicy political pickle, making Gujarat perhaps the most fascinating contest after UP.

## Canadian Way

Ottawa is being smart about liberal immigration in ways London, for example, isn't

Canada announced that it will absorb close to 1.5 million permanent residents over the next three years. The highlight of the plan is that it's rooted in pragmatism. Canada's PM Justin Trudeau has pitched his government's plan to enhance immigration level as one that will benefit the economy and, thereby, serve its citizens well. It's an approach that many other developed countries need to follow as the challenges they face are similar.

Canada has a fertility rate of 1.4, well below the replacement rate and one of the lowest in the world. Like most developed economies, it's grappling with the linked challenges of high inflation and slow economic growth. Inflation in September was 6.9%, well above the central bank's inflation target range of 1-3%. An important reason for high inflation is that businesses are reporting a severe labour shortage, which is pushing up wage costs. Canada does have unemployed people, around 5.2% of the labour force. However, the problem is a mismatch between job vacancies, which are mainly of the skilled variety, and the capabilities of job seekers. The only way to quickly plug the gap is by having a liberal immigration policy.

This is exactly what Canada is doing and it's something its peer group should emulate – contrast Ottawa's approach with the rhetoric coming from London. An unusual feature of the current economic woes of developed countries is that they are experiencing a "job-full recession". Rich economies are in the simultaneous grip of slowdown and job vacancies. If this continues for long, it will take a permanent toll on their economic competitiveness. While immigration is a politically touchy issue, the Trudeau government has been able to sell a liberal immigration policy by locating it in the economic self-interest.

## Espresso tales

In Italy, coffee is an opera that is sung to the sense of taste

Jug Suraiya

Not unlike TS Eliot's Prufrock who measured out his life with coffee spoons, Italians mark the daily passage of time with the drinking of the beverage.

The new day is greeted with a thimble-sized cup of espresso, made at home in a Moka pot, or drunk standing at the counter of one of the innumerable cafes that dot the city wreathing the streets with a bouquet of the brew. Espresso, black as midnight and bitter as gall, is pure ambrosia to the true lover of caffeine.

Cappuccino is a permissible variant, consisting of an espresso infused with hot, frothy milk. However, a cappuccino after 11am is a social indelicacy, if not downright barbarism, as no one but bambini (children) should need, or want, to drink so much milk with lunch (il pranzo) drawing nigh.

That said, a compromise is always possible, and in this case it comes in the form of a macchiato, meaning 'stained' or 'spotted', which is an espresso to which has been added a minuscule amount of foamed milk which adds a spot of whiteness.

Coloratura is an operatic technique by which singers add musical embellishments to a melody. In the opera sung to the sense of taste that is Italian coffee, there are many renditions of coloratura in the form of creative recipes, which include affogato, which means a scoop of ice cream literally 'drowned' in espresso.

But perhaps the highest note in the aria of espresso is represented by bicerin (pronounced bee-cheh-REEN) that legendarily was invented in Turin in 1704. Bicerin takes its name from the Piedmontese word meaning 'a small glass', in which it is traditionally served.

A bicerin consists of three separate layers, with hot chocolate as the base, on which espresso is gently poured, and the combination topped with sweetened whipped cream. Among the many personages who have enjoyed a glass of bicerin are said to be Alexandre Dumas, Nietzsche, and Puccini.

Maybe Italy could take a tip from south India and serve il caffè 'by the yard' as is done in the Deccan. Might be worth a shot, even at the risk of being called kapi cat.

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# Gujarat Polls: ABC & M

BJP favourite. But watch AAP's vote share. Don't dismiss Congress. Modi big factor. Will Morbi matter?

R Jagannathan



With the Election Commission firing the starter's gun for the Gujarat assembly elections, one thing is clear: The real fight is over who is best positioned to challenge the multi-decade political hegemony of BJP. Will it be AAP or Congress?

- So, it's A (AAP) versus B (BJP) versus C (Congress).
- What will decide the outcome is the vote share performance of A.
- The big question is: Will A win at the cost of C, or both B and C, and in what proportion?
- If B loses less than C, it will sweep the elections, assuming A's vote share does not result in significant seat gains.

However, there is now an M factor – the Morbi bridge tragedy that killed 135 people and injured many more – that could impact the outcome, either locally or regionally. While it is difficult to precisely plot the impact of this tragedy on voter intentions, there is little doubt that both Congress and AAP will be raising the issue aggressively, to BJP's discomfiture. That's one reason why BJP's own M factor – Modi – rushed to commiserate with the victims and the hospitalised.

The stakes are high for every party. Congress will be seeking to re-establish its hold in large parts of the state; BJP will want to show that Modi's bastion is solid as ever; AAP will want to show that it can make gains even in difficult political terrain.

In 2017, BJP won a cliff-hanger with 99 seats in the 182-strong assembly. Its tally was down 16 seats from 2012. The party had probably become too complacent after its thumping victories in UP and Uttarakhand earlier that year. But this time it is not taking anything for granted.

In fact, soon after winning UP convincingly last March, the PM hotfooted it to Gujarat for a political roadshow in Ahmedabad. Both he and



Amit Shah have left no stone unturned to ensure that there is no scope for error in judging the public mood.

- Three massive projects – Vedanta-Foxconn semiconductor, the Airbus-Tata military transport plane, and the ArcelorMittal-Nippon Steel expansion – have been announced.
- The Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Mela and Ayodhya Deepotsav were used to send strong electoral messages about growth and jobs under Modi, not to speak of maintaining Hindu "aastha".
- In September last year, BJP sought to secure its core vote base among the Patels by replacing the lacklustre Vijay Rupani with Bhupendra Patel as CM.

However, it would be wrong to assume that BJP is home and dry, as we cannot know the precise impact of the entry of AAP and the Morbi tragedy.

AAP made a debut in Gujarat last year, when it won 27 seats in the Surat municipal elections. While both BJP and AAP gained (BJP won the other

93 seats in Surat's municipal body), the rout of Congress in this all-important urban BJP bastion sent important signals about the need for change. While it would be a folly to project the Surat local body electoral outcome last year onto the whole state, it is nevertheless indicative of the possibility of a

split in the anti-incumbency vote between Congress and AAP. If this happens across the state, it can only benefit BJP.

- However, this too is a simplistic view.
- Congress has strong roots in rural areas and the Adivasi belt, where AAP has minimal presence.
  - It would be highly imprudent to write off Congress as a spent force, just as it would be premature to presume that AAP will eat only into Congress vote and not BJP's.
  - As an urban party with huge success in the only fully urban state in India (ie, Delhi), AAP has potential in urban areas, which have been BJP's traditional stomping grounds in Gujarat.

An ABP-CVoter pre-poll survey showed a massive BJP victory, its seventh since 1995, despite a lower vote share, thanks to a split in the anti-BJP vote between Congress and AAP. Pre-poll vote share analyses can occasionally go wrong, but what seems plausible is that AAP will gain vote share, making it a future challenger for BJP after 2024, and especially in the 2027 assembly elections, if Congress caves in.

Even though it seems unlikely that Gujarat will see a major political upset, it would not be right to write off either AAP's chances or Congress's, since they can still pull off new rabbits from their hats. A few days ago, in a bid to woo the Hindu vote, Arvind Kejriwal suggested that currency notes should be printed with images of Lakshmi and Ganesh. Congress, like AAP, could be promising more "revadis", including free power and water. These may be economically deleterious but can be politically rewarding.

A three-horse race is always exciting, and even if one assumes that the broad result will tilt in the expected direction, the importance of the December 8 results date is that it will tell us if there is an impending shift in the underlying tectonic plates that could impact future elections. We will continue to live in interesting times

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## Russia's Dangerous Game

Moscow's nuclear sabre-rattling confronts the West with tough choices

Jane Kinninmont



There is no clear end in sight to the war in Ukraine. Although Ukraine has made recent military gains, Putin has doubled down, by annexing parts of Ukraine and portraying Russia's invasion as part of a civilisational war with the West. The Russian leadership has also hinted that nuclear weapons could come into play. As well as the rhetoric, there are real concerns that the changing nature of nuclear weapons may destabilise the traditional deterrence equation – creating many more possible scenarios than nuclear strategists and game theorists imagined during the Cold War.

**Moscow's nuke option**

For years now Russia and other nuclear-armed states have invested in "tactical" nuclear weapons that are designed to be deployed in a war-fighting situation on the battlefield, rather than on long-range missiles aimed at the capitals of other nuclear states.

- Putin has repeatedly invoked Russia's nuclear weapons in his recent speeches, though he said in late October it would not make sense for Russia to use a nuclear weapon in Ukraine.
- He noted that Russia has a clear doctrine setting out the conditions under which nuclear weapons could be used. But this is not wholly reassuring.
- The Russian doctrine includes the option to use nuclear weapons if the state faces an existential threat. Defeat in Ukraine might be embarrassing for Russia, but would not be an existential threat.
- However, Putin may think defeat would be an existential risk for his presidency. And the recent annexation of Ukrainian land could allow him to argue that Ukrainians recapturing their own land were "attacking the Russian homeland".
- In game theory terms, Putin might calculate it would be worth using a nuclear weapon in Ukraine on the basis that so-called tactical nukes could have a

strategic effect, and act as a game-changer in a conflict where the Russian army otherwise seems to be losing.

- If so, he would be gambling not only that Ukraine would back down, but that the US administration would see any further escalation as too dangerous once nuclear weapons were involved.

But that would be a big gamble. Russia has already miscalculated the strength of US and European support for Ukraine earlier in this war. For Nato countries, nuclear use by Russia would increase the stakes in Ukraine: If Russia won by using a nuclear weapon, other nuclear-armed states would conclude that the nuclear age had ushered in a new era of nuclear impunity, where they could do what they liked in regional conflicts and territorial disputes because no one would dare fight them. In particular, the US worries about the lessons that China would draw. Many more countries would seek to obtain these weapons for themselves.

**The West's second-strike choices**

The US has said it has communicated to Russia that there would be "catastrophic consequences" for breaching the nuclear taboo. Probably even in private the US has been deliberately ambiguous about what those consequences would be – and specifically whether they could involve nuclear weapons use. In Europe, Macron recently indicated to the media that France – one of the three nuclear powers in Nato – would not use its nuclear weapons if Russia used a nuclear weapon in Ukraine.

- Nato countries may want to

**Fallout for the world**

But even if the US opted to avoid immediate nuclear retaliation, any option looks likely to bring it into a much more direct confrontation with Russia. In game theory terms, it would not be a one-shot game like mutual nuclear strikes; it would be a repeated game that could take on many levels and drag in new players. Such a confrontation could easily get out of control, and could take on nuclear dimensions at any point.

For the rest of the world, nuclear weapons use in Ukraine would unleash a cascade of risks from the toxic effects on ecology and climate, to the knock-on effects on refugee flows, to disruptions to food and supply chains, financial risk premiums and global economy.

But in a multipolar world, it is not only about the US and Russia. China may have a significant role in restraining nuclear threats. India too could play an important role by acting as a voice for restraint in its bilateral contacts with Russia, and in its upcoming G20 presidency.

As a nuclear-armed state it has an interest in ensuring such weapons are used only to deter, and not to destroy.

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When You Sleep

When he (the mind) is overcome by light he sees no dreams; at that time, in this body, arises this happiness. Even as birds, O dear one, resort to a tree for a resting place, so does everything here resorts to the Supreme Self and finds its rest.

Prashna Upanishad, 4:6-7

## Dreaming, Sleeping, Waking And Beyond

VS Krishnan

The world, as Adi Shankara said, is a myth that keeps on changing. A lady came to Ramana Maharshi and said that she perceives the world very clearly. "The relations I maintain with the family, the society and the world appear very real and how can I call them a myth?" Ramana Maharshi replied: "Was the world there when you were asleep? Did the mind or body, by which you perceived the world, exist when you were sleeping? What appears and disappears is not real. You who exist in all states are real. You who are conscious enough while awake and remotely conscious during deep sleep and dreaming are real."

Mind and body are the elements that distance the individual from his real nature. Mind is the source of all diverse

thoughts. It creates the false notion of 'I' or ego. It turns one's attention towards the illusory world outside and creates desires. When the desires are not fulfilled, the mind becomes tense. In short, it is during the waking state when the mind is active, the happiness gets lost and it is during the deep sleep state when the mind or world are absent, the real happiness is gained. When one goes to sleep, gradually the body awareness goes. Sushupti, deep sleep, the state in which there is no mind, body or world, is one's natural state, the source of true happiness. But deep sleep is interrupted by waking state and one comes under the domain of his mind, body and world and loses the happiness in the process.



THE SPEAKING TREE

King Janak was fast asleep on his royal bed. Suddenly, the neighbouring country invaded his kingdom and took him as prisoner. Having been let off, he found himself in the street, begging for food. When he got up, he realised that it was all a dream. The dream experience disturbed him very much and he pondered over the question of what is real. He then went to Sage Ashtavakra and said: "My dream experience appeared real and equally my waking real. Advise me what my real nature is?" The sage replied: "Neither the state of a beggar on the street nor the state of a king is real. You are the 'real'. You, who are conscious in all the states of waking, dream and deep sleep, are real. Realise your true Self."

Normally, the individual thinks that on waking up from dream, he is back to reality, but according to Ramana Maharshi, he has only come from one unreal world to another unreal world. There is no difference between the images that one sees in dreams and images of the world that he sees during the waking state.

During the waking state, it is day-dream and during the dream state, it is night dream. The only difference is while the dream lasts for a short while, the waking lasts longer. Both are unreal and both are the creations of the mind. "Arise, awake," says Katha Upanishad. The real awakening is

## AROUND THE WORLD THIS WEEK

### Instagram adds support for NFT sales

Meta Platforms said it is adding a host of new features to Instagram, including a tool to trade digital collectables, in a move that will help content creators monetise their presence on the social media platform. Users can soon support creators by buying non-fungible tokens (NFTs) directly within Instagram, the company said. The new features will be tested with a small group of creators in the US before being released in other countries. Meta has been rolling out more features for users to make money on its social media apps as it competes for talent with TikTok and others at a time when influencers are pulling in advertising dollars to these platforms.

### Google to develop AI model for 1,000 languages

Google has announced an ambitious new project to build a single AI language model that supports the world's 1,000 most spoken languages. As a first step toward this goal, the company is unveiling an AI model trained on over 400 languages, which it calls "the largest language coverage seen in a speech model today." "The company believes that creating a model of this size will make it easier to bring various AI functionalities to languages that are poorly represented in online spaces and AI training datasets (also known as low-resource languages)," said Zoubin Ghahramani, vice president of research at Google AI.



### Koo clocks 50m downloads in 2 yrs

Homegrown microblogging platform Koo said that the total number of downloads for its app has crossed the 50 million-mark. The platform was launched in early 2020 with an aim to be an alternative to platforms like Twitter. A multi-lingual, micro-blogging platform, Koo enables Indians to express themselves online in their mother tongues. Currently, the app is available in 10 languages including Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Assamese, Bengali and English.

### CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

## Invest in networking, relationship building

Archana Soni

I started my career in technology even before dot com was born – an industry that was predominantly structured and celebrated by men. I remember women were significantly underrepresented in the corporate pipeline, and at times, being the only woman in meetings had put me under unseen pressure. Two decades since then have shown me a fair share of change across people, processes, and technologies. Today, corporates are realising that diversity helps them prepare better and anticipate alternative viewpoints. Women in tech have become an indispensable facet of progress.

In today's fast-paced world, a lack of skillsets beyond the core competencies of an engineer can stagnate careers. Alongside continuous learning, enable yourself to embrace change and identify growth opportunities. This is an invaluable asset that can propel the careers of women who are starting out, and those at mid/senior levels. Women should invest more in networking and relationship building. You need to know your colleagues, you need to bond with them, and build relationships with your customers, partners, or vendors, because you learn from them too.

The challenges which I see women face today are more internal to them, and from the families, rather than the business ecosystem. Societal constructs and individual barriers hinder and limit the growth of women in our industry. Women supporting women is the key to breaking these barriers.

They can collectively foster a safe space to allow women to vent, be vulnerable, and be themselves.

Lastly, we must work on strengthening not only our skills but also our minds to rise above challenges. This means taking risks and stepping out of our comfort zones. We have to work towards accomplishing our dreams if we really believe in them. I strongly believe that glass ceilings can be cracked with persistence, and I cannot stress enough that by simply believing in our potential and being fearless, we can redefine every possibility.

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After some great work with AI/ML, GE Healthcare's India engineers will lead 5G innovation

## How 5G will make healthcare AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE

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Hospital beds and equipment now have a lot of wires around them that transmit patient data. Reliability and security of data, and speed of data transmission are critical in healthcare. Wires ensure that. But now, 5G comes with a level of reliability, speed and security far superior to 4G, and will allow many of those wires to be dispensed with. That opens up a range of possibilities.

It's the reason why the \$18-billion GE Healthcare recently established its first global 5G innovation lab at its R&D centre in Bengaluru. Jan Makela, CEO of the imaging business, says it is a big investment, and accelerates all their product teams into 5G. "The idea is to try out ideas and think about the products to be launched using 5G," he says.

The company's engineers in India have already done great work with AI/ML. Now, they will lead the company's 5G innovations.

Today, the machine that scans your body, for instance, is also the one that crunches the data and gives you a picture on the machine. 5G, Makela says, will allow you to send the data to the cloud, where the picture would be instantly created and sent back. "So, you

### HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

can make the scanning machine much simpler and cheaper," he says. Which means, MRI and CT machines could be available in more hospitals, and remote locations.

Data on the cloud in combination with 5G, Makela says, will also enable doctors to easily access patient data from anywhere, making patient care easier and cheaper.

Girish Raghavan, VP of engineering at GE Healthcare, says 5G will allow all information about, say, a stroke patient being brought in an ambulance to be available to doctors by the time the patient reaches the hospital, allowing them to take the critical decision on the care path well in advance. He says video consultations and remote patient monitoring will become enormously more effective. "In India, patients travel with family and come to big cities, which is a costly affair. With 5G, they can remain in their hometown, and yet get the same care they would get in big cities," he says. In a few years, he says, 5G may even enable complex robotic surgeries by highly skilled doctors sitting remotely.

The India tech centre, Raghavan says, is the epicentre of GE Healthcare's digital transformation innovation. "We are really good in five areas. One, we have the best AI technologies being developed here. Two, we have the best data science team here. Three, we



For years, we have sold different kinds of hardware. Now, we are using software and AI/ML to bring data from all of these devices together to give doctors a better understanding of a patient, so that they can take better and faster decisions.

Jan Makela | PRESIDENT & CEO, IMAGING

Today, a lot of hospitals run on landline networks because of the need for speed, integrity and low latency. With the advantage of massive bandwidth, high data speeds, low latency, and highly reliable connectivity, 5G has the potential to disrupt the patient care continuum, transforming diagnosis, therapy, and prognosis. Also, remote areas can be connected better, improving access to quality healthcare.

Rekha Ranganathan | CHIEF DIGITAL OFFICER (INTERIM) & SR VP AND GM, IMAGING SOLUTIONS

are the epicentre of cloud development. Four, we do a lot of work on additive technologies. In fact, the first additive part ever to get into a healthcare product was done here. And, now, we have 5G. We have very core technologies that we expect will transform healthcare in the next decade," he says.

Makela says since GE has many different kinds of machines that pick up data about the same patient, the company is now using technology to bring together all of this data and use AI/ML to provide insights that make doctor decisions better and faster.

This is becoming particularly important as the industry moves towards precision healthcare. Previously, Makela says, cancers involved standard treatments – surgery, chemo and/or radiotherapy. Today, a variety of different drugs and protocols have emerged to treat different kinds of cancer cell mutations. So, GE is working to bring together the lab test results, the DNA

analysis of the cancer, the genomic data, the imaging data, the medical notes, and that would enable a doctor to build a better picture of the patient, and predict the best treatment.

A cardiologist patient, Makela says, often goes through a variety of hardware – ECG, ultrasound, CT, interventional ultrasound, patient monitoring devices. "For years we have sold all those bits of hardware. But a cardiologist will say, help me understand if this is a person who is a candidate for valve replacement, help me fuse the images from the CT machine and the ultrasound machine so I can plan better how I do the surgery. Once you start to join these things together, the doctor can do more personalised procedures at lower cost and better patient outcomes," he says.

Inside this whole system is a lot of software and AI. And a lot of that work, Makela says, is driven by the technology centre in India, "because our biggest software centre is here."



Avery Dennison's India R&D works on recycling too

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When designing new apparel using a new kind of fabric, brands have to wash the fabric more than 1,000 times to tell when the ink on the instruction label on the fabric will fade off. The ink is supposed to last for the lifetime of the apparel. Since newer kinds of fabric are emerging all the time, an enormous amount of water is wasted in checking ink durability.

This is one of the issues that the US-based \$8.4-billion baggage and fabric tag maker Avery Dennison's new R&D centre in India will seek to tackle with AI. "We want to help predict when the ink will start to fade,

without wasting so much water," says Sanjay Agrawal, VP of IT at Avery Dennison RBIS (retail branding and information solutions). The plan is to study the materials being used, analyse the chemical formulation of the ink used, look at how the ink performed in previous cases, and then use AI on all that data to predict the effectiveness of the ink on the instruction labels.

The R&D centre in Bengaluru has 50 people now, but Agrawal says the plan is to touch 1,000 researchers by 2030. The company is recruiting data scientists, data engineers and specialists in machine learning.

Avery Dennison's researchers from other parts of the globe are also expected to come to the Bengaluru centre to collaborate on projects.

### GREENING PLANET EARTH

# MILAN ACE CHALLENGE

**Giroud Helps Rossoneri Return To Last 16 For The First Time In Nine Years**

**Milan:** Olivier Giroud has a knack of delivering in big games.

He did it again on Wednesday with two goals and two assists as AC Milan beat Salzburg 4-0 to return to the Champions League knockout stages for the first time in nine years.

Giroud opened the scoring in the 14th minute and then all but sealed Milan's progression in the 57th after he had set up Rade Krunic for his first Champions League goal in the opening minute of the second half. Junior Messias capped a wonderful night for the Italian champion.

It was the 36-year-old Giroud's goals in crucial matches last season that helped Milan end its 11-year wait for the Serie A title and earned him World Cup. "He's a player and person of great depth, a really great leader and he's doing things that a player of his level should do," Milan coach Stefano Pioli said. "He's a reference point and is helping us a lot to grow."

Throughout his career, Giroud has earned a reputation for coming up with the goods in important moments. His crucial goals late in the 2019-20 season spurred Chelsea to qualify for the Champions League, and his six goals in the competition helped the London club win the European title for the second time.

Milan finished second in Group E. Salzburg placed third, securing a spot in the Europa League playoffs after Dinamo Zagreb lost 2-1 at Chelsea.

"This is only the first step, mentally we mustn't stop," Pioli said. "Because wanting to be successful in Europe doesn't mean being satisfied with the last 16 but wanting to go further. This is a group that has always shown great motivation and great hunger to do everything possible and even more sometimes."

Milan needed at least a point from their final group match to advance while only a win would do for Salzburg and it was an aggressive start from both sides. AP



HEADING TO KNOCKOUTS: Olivier Giroud scores Milan's first goal during the 4-0 win over Salzburg

**21** Giroud scored 21 goals in 55 apps with Milan — he was key to win Serie A title last year.



These kinds of nights is what we wish for. We wanted to show we improved compared to last season in the Champions League. We're ambitious now, so let's see what happens next."

— Stefano Pioli, MILAN COACH

**36** Olivier Giroud is the oldest player (36 years and 33 days) to score twice in the UEFA Champions League for Milan since Filippo Inzaghi against Real Madrid in November 2010 (37y 86d).



I am proud of our performance. I still feel young and willing to improve. We stay humble, we will enjoy ourselves now and then see what comes from the draw. It was fantastic in front of our fans, I wanted to score, I hadn't for some time and it was good for my confidence."

— Olivier Giroud, MILAN STRIKER

**7** Seven-time winners Milan have registered back-to-back Champions League victories for the first time since October 2011.

given to third-place teams in Champions League groups. Juventus also goes to the Europa League despite earning just three points in total, the same as Maccabi Haifa, because they held the tiebreaker over the Israeli club. Manchester City rallied to beat Sevilla 3-1 and Dortmund drew 1-1 at Copenhagen in Group G.

#### TOP SPOT DECIDED ON 7TH LEVEL OF TIEBREAKER: BENFICA GROUP WINNERS, PSG SECOND

PSG went unbeaten with a 14-point tally that was more than four other group winners but not enough to top historically tight Group H. Benfica and PSG each won four games, each drew 1-1 hosting the other, each scored 16 goals, and each had a goal difference of plus-9. The top spot was decided on the seventh level of tie-breaker — who scored the most goals in three games away from home. PSG had six, Benfica got nine. AP

**ROUND OF 16 DRAW**  
The pairings will be drawn Monday at UEFA headquarters in Switzerland more than three months before the first-leg games start Feb. 14. Group winners will be seeded and will host the second legs played from March 7-15. No one can be drawn against another team from their home country or a team they already played in their group.

**Seeded teams:** Napoli, Porto, Bayern Munich, Tottenham, Chelsea, Real Madrid, Manchester City, Benfica.  
**Unseeded teams:** Liverpool, Club Brugge, Inter Milan, Eintracht

Frankfurt, AC Milan, Leipzig, Borussia Dortmund, PSG.

#### EUROPA LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

The eight third-place teams in Champions League groups go into a separate draw Monday for the Europa League knockout playoffs. They are: Ajax, Bayer Leverkusen, Barcelona, Sporting Lisbon, Real Madrid, Shakhtar Donetsk, Sevilla, Juventus. Those teams will be unseeded and playing the first leg at home on Feb. 16 against runners-up in Europa League groups that finish Thursday. Return games Feb. 23.

#### HOW THEY STAND

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	Pts
*Chelsea	6	4	1	1	13
*Milan	6	4	1	2	10
Salzburg	6	1	3	2	6
Zagreb	6	1	1	4	4

#### GROUP F

*Real Madrid	6	4	1	1	13
*Leipzig	6	4	0	2	12
Shakhtar	6	1	3	2	6
Celtic	6	0	2	4	2

#### GROUP G

*Man City	6	4	2	0	14
*Dortmund	6	2	3	1	9
Sevilla	6	1	2	3	5
Copenhagen	6	0	3	3	3

Note: \* Qualified for Last 16; 3rd place teams enter Europa League

#### CL RESULTS

Group E: Chelsea 2 (Sterling 18, Zakaria 30) bt Dinamo Zagreb 1 (Petkovic 7), AC Milan 4 (Giroud 14, 17, Krunic 46, Messias 90+1) bt Salzburg 0.
Group F: Real Madrid 5 (Modric 6-pen, Rodrgo 21-pen, Asensio 51, Vinicius 61, Valverde 71) bt Celtic 1 (Jota 84). Shakhtar Donetsk 0 lost to RB Leipzig 4 (Nkunku 10, Silva 50, Szoboszlai 62, Bondar 68-og).
Group G: Man City 3 (Lewis 52, Alvarez 73, Mahrez 83) bt Sevilla 1 (Mir 31). FC Copenhagen 1 (Haraldsson 41) drew with Borussia Dortmund 1 (Hazard 23).
Group H: Juventus 1 (Bonucci 39) lost to PSG 2 (Mbapp 13, Mendes 69). Maccabi Haifa 1 (Chery 26-pen) lost to Benfica 6 (Ramos 20, Musa 59, Grimaldo 69, R. Silva 73, Araujo 88, Mario 90+2).

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#### INJURY TIME

#### GERMANY STRIKER WERNER TO MISS WORLD CUP

Leipzig: Germany forward Timo Werner has been ruled out of the World Cup in Qatar due to an ankle injury, his club RB Leipzig announced. "Scans showed that he has unfortunately torn the syndesmosis ligament in his left ankle and will therefore be out for the rest of 2022," Leipzig said in a statement.

Werner went off injured while playing for Leipzig against Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League on Wednesday. Werner reacted in pain after passing the ball in the 17th minute and quickly gestured to his team that something was wrong before sitting down on the field. He was substituted in the 19th by Emil Forsberg. Werner has 24 goals in 55 games for Germany and has played in all of Germany's last eight games.

#### KOREAN FANS ABUSE MARSEILLE DEFENDER ONLINE AFTER SON'S FACIAL SURGERY

Seoul: South Korean football fans have subjected Marseille's Chancel Mbemba to a torrent of abuse online, some of it racist, and demanded his apology to Son Heung-min with the forward's World Cup in doubt.

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#### HAMSTRUNG CHILWELL'S WORLD CUP IN SEVERE DOUBT

London: England are likely to be without Ben Chilwell at the World Cup after the left-back pulled up with a hamstring injury in Chelsea's 2-1 Champions League win over Dinamo Zagreb on Wednesday. Chilwell, 25, had to be helped off the field in stoppage time to seemingly spoil his hopes of going to Qatar. "It doesn't look possible. It's a hamstring," said Chelsea boss Graham Potter. "We will have to scan it and see." AGENCIES

## GALLERY

**IT'S BEGUN!** The Brazil-Argentina rivalry took a giant leap when a 40-foot cut-out of Neymar was erected on the Cherupuzha river in Kerala's Pulavoor, to dwarf the effort by Messi fans earlier this week. "Everyone knows that Argentina is no match for Brazil. This World Cup will reaffirm that again," said a member of the local Brazil fan association

**China edge Japan for gymnastics world title**

**Liverpool:** China won its 12th world men's gymnastics championship, putting together six solid if not always spectacular rotations to cruise to victory over rival Japan in a meet that felt like a battle of attrition. The Chinese posted a total of 257.859 points, more than four points clear of the Japanese. Host Britain overcame an error-filled set on the pommel horse to earn bronze. All three teams earned an automatic berth to the 2024 Paris Olympics by finishing on the podium in a meet in which only the Chinese seemed to be able to avoid fall-laden performances.

**Ticketless fans can enter Qatar after group stage:** Qatar relaxed limits

Thursday on international visitors arriving during the World Cup and will allow entry for fans without tickets from Dec. 2 when the group stage ends. Fans will still need to apply for and get a Hayya Card tournament identification document before traveling but a match ticket will no longer be mandatory to enter, Qatari World Cup organizers said.

**FC Goa celebrate first home match with 3-0 drubbing of Jamshedpur FC:**

FC Goa's first home game of this Indian Super League (ISL) season was a joyous one as they defeated Jamshedpur FC 3-0 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao on Thursday. Iker Guarrotxena and Noah Wal Sadaoui scored inside the first 15 minutes, and Brison Fernandes struck in the 93rd minute. AGENCIES

**ACTION TODAY**

**CRICKET:** T20 World Cup: Ire vs NZ, 9.30 am; Aus vs Afg, 1.30 pm (Star Network)

**FOOTBALL:** ISL: Eb vs CFC, 7.30 pm (Star Sports 3); **HOCKEY:** FPL: Ind vs NZ, 7 pm (SS Select 2)

## Sublime Alcaraz breezes into Paris Masters quarters; Ruud knocked out

**Paris:** World number one Carlos Alcaraz swept aside Grigor Dimitrov 6-1 6-3 to book his place in the Paris Masters quarter-finals on Thursday while Roland Garros finalist Casper Ruud was ousted by youngster Lorenzo Musetti. Top seed Alcaraz dominated from the outset and dropped just two points on serve in the opening set before fending off a second-set fightback from Bulgarian Dimitrov to close out the match in one hour 12 minutes.

"(Grigor's) level is very much not the level you saw today, but I played very well," said Alcaraz, who is chasing a third ATP Masters 1000 title this season. "At the end of the second set it was tougher for me, he came back, he raised the level and obviously it was tough. He had the chance to go up in the second set, I had to stay calm in that moment and show my best to not allow him to go up."

Musetti, 20, fired 37 winners as he came from a set down to eliminate third-seeded Norwegian Ruud 4-6 6-4 and advance to his maiden ATP Masters 1000 quarter-final. Denmark's Holger Rune also advanced after the 19-year-old took down seventh seed Andrey Rublev 6-2, 6-4. Sakkarai will qualify in top spot from the group if she beats Jabeur in her final first-round game. AGENCIES



TOP SHOT: Carlos Alcaraz

with a 6-16-3 demolition of French veteran Gilles Simon. Russian Rublev and Auger-Aliassime had secured their places at the season-ending ATP Finals in Turin on Wednesday.

**Sakkarai into last four at WTA Finals as Jabeur on track:** World No. 5 Maria Sakkarai advanced to the last four of the WTA Finals for the second straight year on Wednesday as Tunisia's Ons Jabeur got her campaign back on track with a battling victory. Greece's Sakkarai secured her place in the semi-finals in Fort Worth, Texas, after cruising past seventh-seeded Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus 6-2, 6-4. Sakkarai will qualify in top spot from the group if she beats Jabeur in her final first-round game. AGENCIES

### Nadal not optimistic about trip to Turin after early Paris exit

**Paris:** Rafa Nadal said he does not expect to be in good enough shape to mount a serious challenge at the season-ending ATP Finals after being beaten by Tommy Paul at the Paris Masters on Wednesday. Nadal was up a set and a break against the American but was unable to seal the win, eventually losing 3-6 7-6(4)-6.

The 22-times Grand Slam champion has never won the ATP Tour's finale, which runs from Nov. 13-20 in Turin this year, though he has reached the final twice. "I'm excited about playing, even if it hasn't been the perfect couple of months for me," Nadal said. "It's true that for the last five months I didn't spend enough days on the Tour. I don't even say competing on a tennis court. For me (it's) difficult to imagine now arriving in the World Tour Finals in enough good shape to win a tournament that I didn't win during all my tennis career." REUTERS

### TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Bengaluru:** The Indian Olympic Association's election will be held on December 10 with the new regime guaranteeing bigger participation for women in the governance of sport in the country. The Supreme Court on Thursday approved a fresh timeline from the Justice (retired) LN Rao committee for the election which includes the ratification of the new constitution in the IOA's general body meeting on November 10.

Former secretary general of the Election Commission of India Umesh Sinha has been recommended as the returning officer for the elections. The CEO will be proposed by a nomination committee and due process of selection, including advertising the position, must be followed. "He must be a person who is a management professional with experience of at least 10 years as the CEO of a company with a turnover of at least Rs 25 crores," the constitution said. The electoral college will

have equal representation for men and women. NSFs get two votes to be split equally between a male and female representative. The two representatives from the Athletes' commission and eight sportspersons of outstanding

# T20 WORLD CUP

# SO MUCH BAD BLOOD!

After Each Close Defeat Against India, Bangladesh Feel

Hard Done By Instead Of Taking A Look In The Mirror



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**Melbourne:** Drama. Emotion. Tragedy. Accusation. The saga of unsavoury India-Bangladesh matches continues with Wednesday night's pulse-pounding affair in Adelaide.

Like it has so often in the past, this one too ended with another round of hand-wringing from the Bangladeshis about what could have been. The 'fake throw' accusation against Virat Kohli too follows a similar pattern of bad blood: lose a match they could/should have won, then rail against the system, opposition players, umpires, even the weather.

As Bangladeshi cricket fans go about setting social media on fire in the aftermath of yet another heart-breaking defeat to India, it's worth remembering that this atmosphere of unwanted rancour ironically started with a Bangladesh win back in the 2007 50-over World Cup in the Caribbean.

Since then, it has consumed even age-group cricket: Pacer Rubel Hossain and Virat Kohli, for example, first started having a go at each other during their U-19 days.

## Pak keep slim semis hopes alive with win

**Sydney:** Pakistan kept their slim Twenty20 World Cup hopes alive with a 33-run win over South Africa in a dramatic rain-affected match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday.

South Africa, who are still on course for the semifinals, came out blazing after a rain delay saw their initial target of 186 adjusted down to 142, meaning they needed 73 runs in five overs.

But the asking rate was too much and they finished on 108-9 at the end of a captivating match that

### SCOREBOARD

**Pakistan:** M Rizwan b Parnell 4, B Azam c Rabada b Ngidi 6, M Haris lbw Nortje 28, S Masood c Bavuma b Nortje 2, I Ahmed c Rossouw b Rabada 51, M Nawaz lbw Shamsi 28, S Khan c Stubbs b Nortje 52, M Wasim c Bavuma b Nortje 0, N Shah not out 5, H Rauf run out 3; Extras (lb1, w4, nb1) 6; Total (9 wkts) 185; FoW: 1-4, 2-38, 3-40, 4-43, 5-95, 6-177, 7-177, 8-177, 9-185; **Bowling:** Parnell 4-0-31-1, Rabada 4-0-44-1, Ngidi 4-0-32-1, Nortje 4-0-41-1, Shamsi 4-0-36-1.

**South Africa:** Q de Kock c Haris b Afridi 0, T Bavuma c Rizwan b Shabab 36, R Rossouw c Naseem b Afridi 7, A Markram b Shabab 20, H Klaasen c Wasim b Afridi 15, T Stubbs c Nawaz b Naseem 18, W Parnell lbw Wasim 3, K Rabada run out 1, A Nortje c Haris b Rauf 1, L Ngidi not out 4, T Shamsi not out 1; Extras (w2) 2; Total (9 wkts, 14 overs) 105; FoW: 1-1, 2-16, 3-65, 4-66, 5-94, 6-99, 7-101, 8-103, 9-103; **Bowling:** Afridi 3-0-14-3, Naseem 3-0-19-1, Rauf 3-0-44-1, Wasim 2-0-13-1, Shabab 2-0-16-2, Nawaz 1-0-2-0.

**Result:** Pakistan win by 33 runs (D/L method)

Remember the protests which erupted in Bangladesh following their 109-run thrashing at India's hands in Melbourne during the 2015 World Cup, when a marginal no-ball call went in Rohit Sharma's favour? Bangladeshi fans even burnt effigies of umpires on one occasion.

Remember Dhoni and Mustafizur being fined for colliding with each other? Or Mushfiqur Rahim tweeting about his "happiness" after India lost to West Indies in the 2016 World T20? Or Bangladeshi newspapers celebrating with a photo of Dhoni's severed head?

Most India-Bangladesh matches are one-sided, barring a few World Cup clashes, so what fuels the rancour? Even while Indian and Pakistani fans have gone out of their way to showcase bonhomie in Australia during this World Cup, Bangladeshi fans here have seemed cagier and guarded.

Yes, India got out of jail in Adelaide, but only because the Bangladeshi batters allowed it. There is no doubt Bangladesh aspires to be a rising cricketing power, at least in the subcontinent. There are times, though, when petulance, and an inability to handle pressure, has held back their progress.

As the usual round of bitterness and acrimony from ex-players and fans followed, it was their captain Shakib Al Hasan who surprised



ALWAYS ON THE EDGE:  
Virat Kohli and Shakib Al Hasan during the match on Wednesday

introduced a much-needed element of calm.

Asked if his team had played shots in panic after Litton Das' run out, or whether it was an emotional reaction stemming from lack of experience, Shakib said, "It is a combination of both. I think in the dressing room, we were relaxed (initially). When you have to score

84-85 runs in nine overs, with 10 wickets in hand, you will take that.

And obviously Bhuvneshwar Kumar was almost done. You look that challenge and you would look to chase it down.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't do it. It will be a combination of both, lack of experience sometimes and also panicking because we don't

play too many close games. So sometimes when we are in that situation, we don't know how to do it."

After a long while, a Bangladeshi captain said it like it is. But then followed the Kohli 'fake throw' accusation and all talk of equanimity in taking victory and defeat equally in their stride, again took a backseat in the Bangladeshi cricketer's mind.

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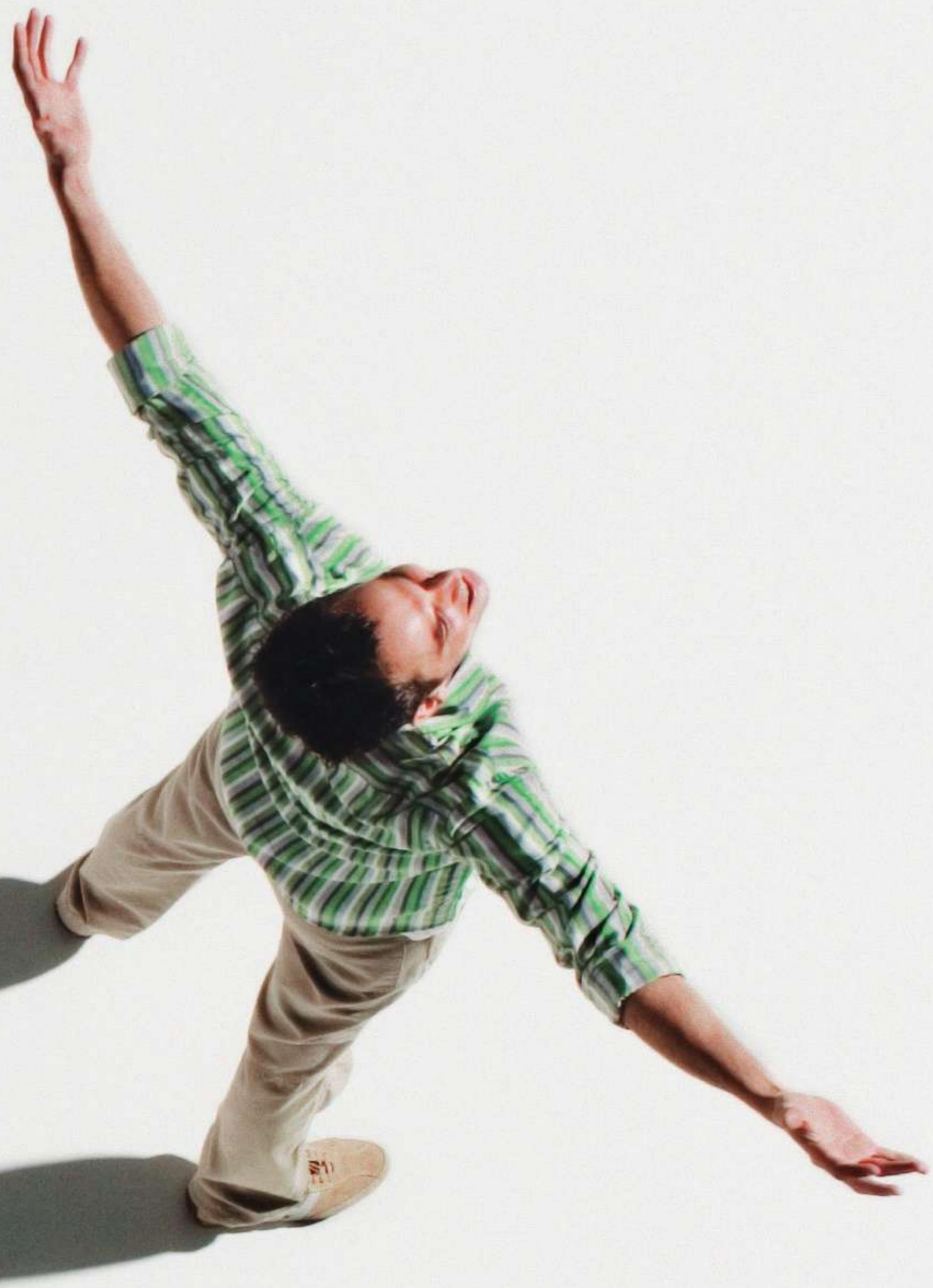
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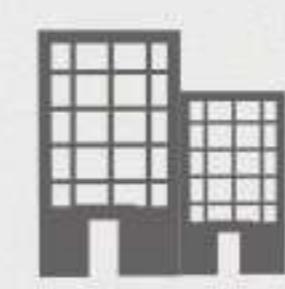
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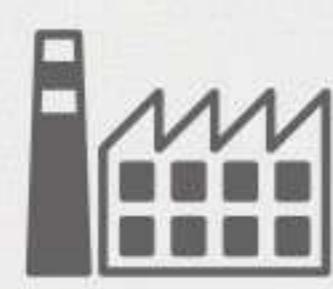
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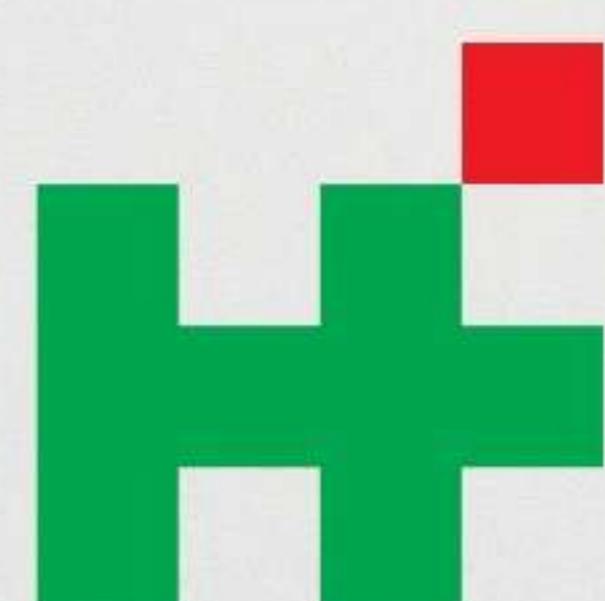
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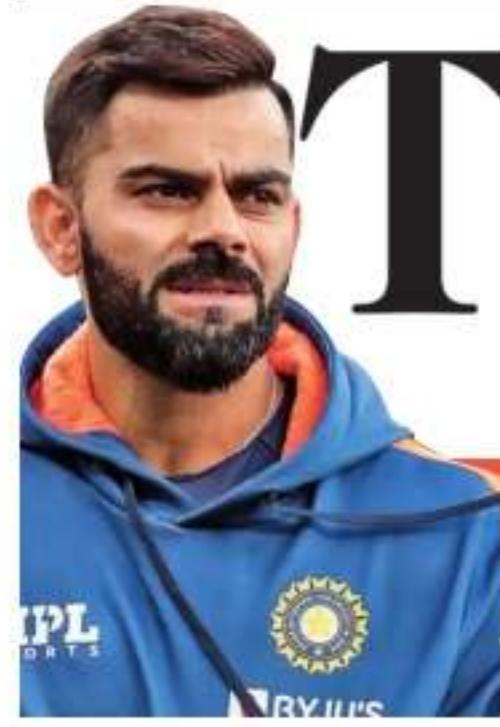
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# Schools retaining more kids, enrolment up by 19L: Report

Slight Dip In Number Of Institutes In 2021-22: Govt's UDISE+ Data

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New Delhi: Indicating an improvement in the ability of the school system to retain more children over time, the total enrolment in 2021-22 was a little over 25.57 crore, an increase by more than 19 lakh over 2020-21, which includes more than eight lakh girl students.

The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), which compares the enrolment in a specific level of education to the population of the age-group which is most age-appropriate for that level of education, too has made significant improvement. The latest Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) data also indicated that overall school infrastructure has improved, especially in availability of electricity, drinking water facilities, computers, internet and toilets for children with special needs. The pupil teacher ratio too has improved between 2018-19 and 2021-22 across four different levels of school education.

Uttar Pradesh witnessed the highest number of enrolment of students in government schools and recruitment of teachers. The ministry of education (MoE) released the UDISE+ 2021-22 on school education in India on Thursday.

In 2021-22, total students enrolled in school education from primary to higher secondary stood at 25.5 crore compared to 25.3 crore enrolment in 2020-21, registering an increase of 19.3 lakh enrolments. Total number of scheduled caste enrolment increased to 4.82 crore in 2021-22 as compared to 4.78 crore in 2020-21. Similarly, total sched-

## IMPROVEMENT IN INFRA, PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO

School Enrolment (in crore), India 2018-19 to 2021-22				
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Pre primary*	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.9
Primary (1-5)	12	12.2	12.2	12.2
Upper primary (6-8)	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7
Secondary (9-10)	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8
Higher secondary (11-12)	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9

\* Pre-primary data contained in the UDISE+ system does not include the pre-primary enrolment of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) system run by the ministry of women and child welfare through the Anganwadi centers and standalone pre-primary education centers run by different kindergartens

## Percentage of schools having specific infrastructure facility, India 2018-19 to 2021-22

	2021-22	2018-19
Drinking water within school premises	98.2	95.8
Girls' toilet	97.5	95.9
Electricity	89.3	76.7
Computer	47.5	34.5
Internet	33.9	18.7

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Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)		
	2021-22	2020-21
Primary	103.4	103.3
Upper primary	94.7	92.2
Elementary	100.1	99.1
Secondary	79.6	79.8
Higher secondary	57.6	53.8

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Pupil-Teacher Ratio India 2018-19 to 2021-22		
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uled tribe enrolment increased to 2.51 crore in 2021-22 from 2.49 crore in 2020-21. Total other backward students also increased to 11.4 crore in 2021-22 from 11.3 crore in 2020-21. Registering an improvement of 3.4% over 2020-21, the total enrolment of children with special needs (CWSN) in 2021-22 stands at 22.67 lakh. While general level of participation has improved in 2021-22 at primary, upper primary, and higher secondary levels of school education, as compared to 2020-21, notably in higher secondary GER has made significant improve-

ment from 53.8% in 2021-22 to 57.6% in 2021-22. Moreover, Gender Parity Index (GPI) (which shows the representation of females in school education in line with representation of girls in the population of corresponding age group) values at all levels of school education are one or more implying more participation of girls in the school education. In 2021-22, over 12.3 crore girls are enrolled in primary to higher secondary showing an increase of 8.2 lakh compared to the enrolment of girls in 2020-21. Total number of schools in

2021-22 stood at 14.9 lakh as compared to 15 lakh in 2020-21. According to MoE, the decline in total schools is mainly due to closure of private and other management schools and grouping/clustering of schools by various states.

The school education sector also witnesses improvement in the number of teaching and non-teaching staff. Total teachers in 2018-19 was 94.3 lakh which increased to 95 lakh in the year 2021-22. The number of non-teaching staff has also improved during this period — from 12.3 lakh in 2018-19 to 15.2 lakh in 2021-22.

## STUNNING REVELATIONS ABOUT COIMBATORE 'SUICIDE BOMBER'

### In IS style, Mubeen shaved body; wrote about jihad: Cops

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Coimbatore: Jamesha Mubeen, the 29-year-old suspected suicide bomber killed in the car explosion in front of the Sangameswarar temple in Coimbatore on Diwali-eve, had shaved his body before the mission in keeping with the standard practice of Islamic State terrorists sent on such missions, police said on Thursday.

"His body wasn't charred in the blast. We found enough skin to conclude he had shaved his body before setting out," said an official privy to the investigation before the NIA was called in.

CCTV footage of Mubeen prior to the explosion, caused by one of two LPG cylinders in the car he was driving, shows him in a shirt and pair of trousers different from what he was wearing during the incident on October 23. "We found the trimmer with which he shaved off his body hair before bathing and changing. He seems to have offered prayers and drawn the IS flag on a slate using chalk," the official said. He said Mubeen scribbled on the slate in Tamil that "those who dare to touch the house of Allah will be uprooted".

"We have material that shows he was influenced by vi-

eos of Sri Lankan Easter bombers mastermind Maulvi Zahran Bin Hashim," he said.

Mubeen also purportedly wrote on a piece of paper about the "the call of duty of jihad", an officer said. "He mentioned it was the duty of the youth — not children and elderly people — to wage a holy war. He listed humans under two categories in a scribbling

— as Muslims and Kafirs. One of the scribblings reads *vaal yenthu* (wield the sword)".

The Coimbatore Medical College Hospital has sent Mubeen's post-mortem report to a judicial court and the investigating officer. Two LPG cylinders and three steel drums filled with explosives, nails, and glass marbles were found in the car that exploded.

last communication she had with Jamesha Mubeen, 29.

TOI met Nasrath at her parents' on Thursday in an exclusive interaction. The 24-year-old has hearing and speech disability and communicated with the help of her sister Nilofer Nisha.

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those have old clothes." The family suspects they may have contained some explosives. Mubeen bought a drum three days before the blast, reasoning that he needed it to store water, Nasrath said.

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On October 20, Nasrath left her husband's home, complaining of stomach-ache, and stayed at her parents', 4km away. She never went back. The next day, a Friday, a day when Mubeen normally took off from work, he visited his family and had lunch with them. "In the evening, he took them out and bought the children ice cream, dropped them back home and left," said Nilofer. He was always on his cellphone, said Nasrath, who lip-reads. He read the Quran all the time.

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# City air severely toxic; trucks, BS-IV diesel vehicles banned

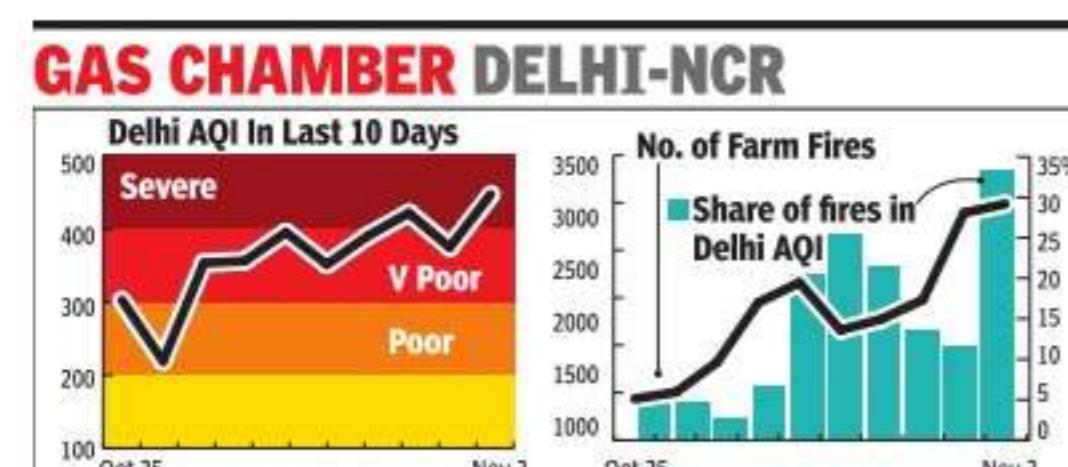
AQI Touches 450, Worst Air Day This Year

Priyangi Agarwal & Kushagra Dixit | TNM

**New Delhi:** As the capital's air turned severely toxic on Thursday — with the 24-hour AQI touching 450 for the first time since December 26 last year — the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) rolled out “severe-plus” measures under stage IV of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in Delhi-NCR with immediate effect.

These included a ban on movement of diesel cars of Bharat Stage IV vintage, entry of trucks into Delhi and plying of diesel commercial vehicles and non-BS VI passenger vans, except those carrying essential commodities.

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**'70% of city pollutants comes from outside'**

Nearly 70% of the air pollution load in Delhi comes from outside, which include sources in NCR towns and cities, as per the decision support system of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology.

Among local sources, transport emissions were the highest contributor at 14%. **P 3**

Construction at linear public projects such as highways, flyovers etc

All industries in NCR not running on clean fuels

State govt in NCR to decide on closure of schools, work from home measures for govt and private offices

Pipelines was lifted, bringing a stop to these projects, while industries running on non-clean fuels were asked to shut.

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## Noida schools to go online till Class 8

The Noida administration and education department on Thursday asked schools to shift to online mode for Classes 1 to 8 till November 8 as the air quality turned “severe”. It also asked schools to take a call on continuing offline classes for senior students. **P 3**

## Meta's India chief quits to join rival

Social media giant Meta's India head Ajit Mohan has resigned from the company and is joining rival Snap as a senior executive overseeing Asia Pacific. He had joined Meta, then Facebook, in 2019 from Hotstar. **P 19**

## Army registers IPR for combat uniform

The Army has now registered an intellectual property right over its new combat uniform with a “unique digital disruptive pattern”, which was first showcased in January, to prevent its unauthorised sale. **FLAP OPP**

## Mubeen prepared for blast in 'IS style'

Jamesha Mubeen, the 29-year-old suspected suicide bomber killed in a car blast outside a TN temple, had shaved his body before the mission, standard practice of Islamic State terrorists, police said Thursday. **FLAP OPP**

## 8 lakh cars, SUVs yet to be delivered

The semiconductor crisis has eased but with manufacturers unable to clear the backlog, eight lakh cars and SUVs are estimated to be on waiting list. Maruti Suzuki has to deliver 3.9 lakh vehicles. **P 19**

## BoE goes for biggest rate hike in 30 years

Bank of England raised interest rates by the most since 1989, from 2.25% to 3%, but warned that the risk of UK's longest recession in at least a century means borrowing costs may rise less than investors expect. **P 19**

## DMRC stops free WiFi at stations

The free Wi-Fi service is no longer available at Metro stations as it was withdrawn in August after the contractor defaulted on terms and conditions. DMRC will furnish upgrading mobile connectivity by Nov-end. **P 7**

## Despite uproar, IIM-A adopts logo

Marking a change after 60 odd years amid protests, IIM-Ahmedabad unveiled its new logo on Thursday with modified colours and fonts, retaining the Sanskrit verse “Vidya Vinyogad Vikasa” as its motto. **P 17**

## \$1m Aus reward for info on 'killer' Indian

Australian police on Thursday announced a record \$1 million reward for any information to arrest an Indian nurse who fled to India after allegedly killing a 24-year-old woman on a beach in Queensland in 2018. **P 18**

## SIT: Indifferent cops and insensitive judges failed '84 riot victims

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**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court-constituted Justice S N Dhangra-led SIT in its report has slammed “indifferent police and insensitive trial judges” for “complete failure of justice” in the 1984 Sikh riots cases involving hundreds of murders and blamed the Justice Ranganath Misra Commission of Inquiry for causing years of delay in registration of FIRs in heinous offences.

In the name of investigation, almost nothing was done by police; acquittals were handed down by judges, not alive to the situation of 1984 riots, in a routine manner; and Justice Misra commission received hundreds of affidavits from kin of victims of riots, but failed to direct

police to register FIRs, which were delayed by years resulting in acquittal” — are some of the findings of the SIT.

► ‘Almost no probe’, **P 8**

The NCM has expressed concern that there are several instances where relief has not reached the families and has written to states. **P 11**

Terrorists attacked and wounded two migrant labourers — a man from Bihar and another from Nepal — when they were working in a private school in south Kashmir’s Anantnag on Thursday. This was the sixth attack on migrants in J&K this year. Meanwhile, Army troops foiled an infiltration bid and neutralised three terrorists along the LoC in Poonch. In another incident, a jawan from Rashtriya Rifles committed suicide by shooting himself with his weapon in Poonch. **P 11**

## Maharashtra, Kerala & Punjab jointly top school education index

**New Delhi:** Kerala, Maharashtra and Punjab have topped the 2020-21 Performing Grade Index (PGI) that assesses school education at the district level, with identical scores of 928 out of 1000. The states, alongside Chandigarh, are at the L-II level, alongside new entrants Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh, reports Manash Pratim Gohain. No state has made it to L-I so far.

In 2019-20, Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra & Nicobar Islands, and Kerala topped the index. In L-II, Chandigarh scored 927, followed by Gujarat, Rajasthan (903) and Andhra (902), according to PGI 2020-21 released by the education ministry on Thursday.

► 7 states in Level-II, **P 15**

Total enrolment in schools in 2021-22 was around 25.57 crore, an increase of more than 19 lakh over 2020-21, shows latest district level UDISE+ data. **FLAP OPP**

**LADAKH LEAPS**

► Difference between the highest and lowest score was 39%, against 51% the previous year, showing a reduction of disparity

► Ladakh showed the best improvement in a single year, climbing from L-VIII to L-IV

► No state reached top two levels as of 2018-19; 7 states have reached L-II in 2020-21

► Lowest scorers at the bottom; Arunachal was at the bottom

**School enrolment up 19 lakh in a year**

Currency in circulation, which increased sharply following the dash to cash in the aftermath of the Covid pandemic, has surprisingly recorded a decline during the Diwali week.

According to an SBI report, this is the first time in 20 years that a decline in the Diwali week has been observed with the exception of a marginal fall in 2009. This has been attributed to the surge in digital transactions, which this year has made up for the typical Diwali spike in cash withdrawals. A drop in CIC benefits banks and the economy as it results in an increase in bank deposits which can then be lent. “A lower cur-

rency in circulation also is akin to a CRR (cash reserve ratio) cut for the banking system...” it said. **TNN**

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## 1st in 20 yrs, note use in Diwali wk down: Report

**City GST, VAT receipts up 50% over last Oct**

Riding on a good festival season, the Delhi government’s VAT and GST collection registered a growth of almost 50% in October this year compared with the same month in 2021. Delhi collected Rs 3,585.4 crore from VAT, SGST and IGST last month compared with Rs 2,405.7 crore in October 2021. **P 8**

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## LeT terrorist in Red Fort attack will hang: SC

A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court led by the CJI upheld the death sentence to Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Mohammed Arif in the Red Fort attack case, saying the aggravating circumstances of attacking the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the country completely outweigh the factors which may even remotely be considered as mitigating circumstances, reports Amit Anand Choudhary. Three Army jawans lost their lives in the 2000 attack. **P 9**

## 2 migrants hurt in J&K attack; 3 ultras killed

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## Proper security ensured for Swamy: Govt

After the central government on Thursday informed the Delhi high court that adequate arrangements have been made to ensure security and safety of Subramanian Swamy, a Z category protegee, the HC disposed of Swamy’s plea. The former BJP MP had moved an application in the court alleging that the Centre had failed to provide security arrangements at his Nizamuddin residence in the city, despite an assurance to the court. **P 17**

## Judge retires, Salman case to be heard again

Mumbai: Justice C V Bhambhani of the Bombay high court on Thursday — the penultimate day before his retirement — said he was unable to complete a judgment despite his best efforts in an appeal filed by actor Salman Khan against a city civil court order in his defamation suit against his Panvel farmhouse neighbour, Ketan Kakkad, and others, reports Swati Deshpande. The judge declared the matter as “not heard”.

This means the appeal will have to be heard afresh by the bench that has now been assigned the matter, said Kakkad’s counsel Aditya Pratap. **P 11**

# After Over 30 Years, Gujarat Set For A Three-Way Fight

BJP Has Maintained Its Grip On The State, While Cong Has Held On To A 40% Vote Share. But AAP's Renewed Push Makes This Poll – Devoid Of Any Emotive Issues – Interesting

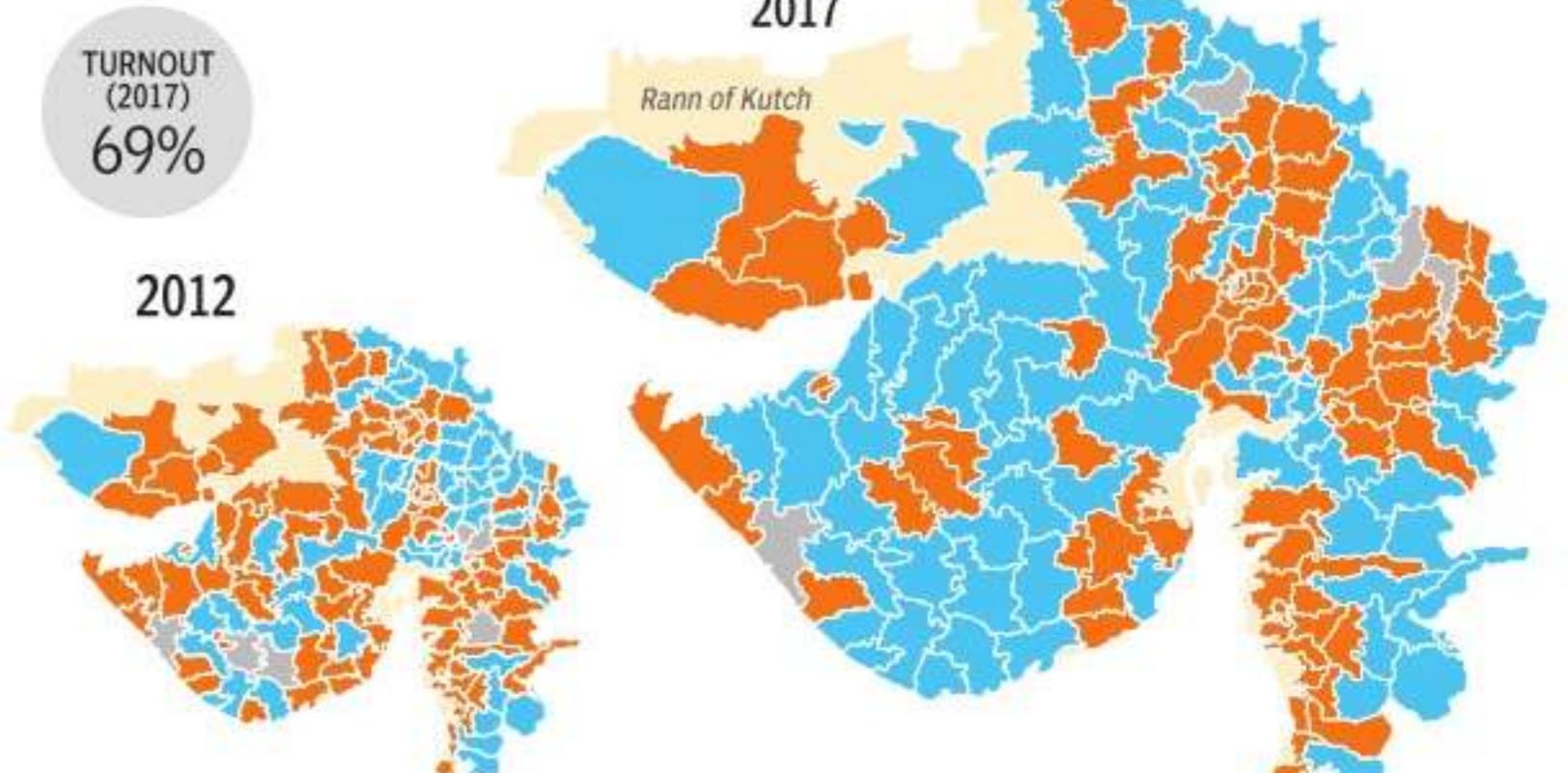
In the first week of December, Gujarat's 4.9 crore voters will decide whether to renew their 27-year-old bond with Narendra Modi's BJP. Their options are Congress, which has held on to a decent 40% vote share despite being out of government for three decades, and Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), whose lure of freebies has added a third dimension to an election bereft of any major emotive issue. Votes for Gujarat's 182 assembly seats will be counted on December 8.

The last time Gujarat witnessed a significant three-way contest was in 1990, when Janata Dal won 70 seats, BJP 67, and Congress 33. JD and BJP gained at Congress' expense, largely due to their pre-poll alliance, smart seat sharing and initial signs of Hindutva consciousness that would soon become a standard feature of the polity.

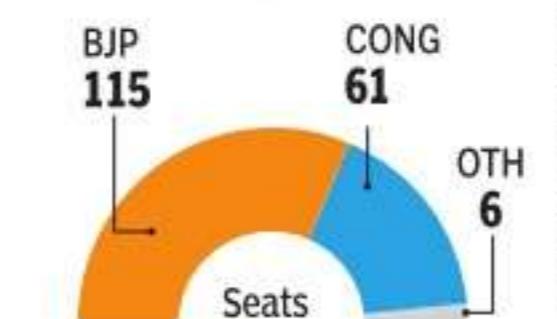
Unlike the 2017 polls, when caste agitations and the economic aftershocks of demonetisation and GST implementation made BJP slogan, the party is on an easier wicket this time. Hardik Patel, who had led the Patidar stir for OBC quota, is in the BJP fold. So is Alpesh Thakor, who had amplified the anti-BJP chorus last time. Jignesh Mevani, who rose to prominence after the flogging of Dalits in Una, is reduced to a lone ranger. While demonetisation and GST are non-issues now, the state has got over the economic and emotional trauma of Covid. BJP's emphatic wins in UP and Gujarat local body polls against the backdrop of the pandemic have boosted the party's confidence.

POLL DATES		PHASE 1: DEC 1 (89 SEATS)	PHASE 2: DEC 5 (93 SEATS)	RESULTS: DEC 8
TOTAL ELECTORATE	4.91 Cr			
First-time voters:	3.24 lakh			
SEATS	182	SC: 13 ST: 27		
NO. OF POLLING STATIONS	51,782	(up from 50,128 polling stations in 2017)		

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Illustration: Ashok Adepal



## BJP

PM Modi is once again the face of the BJP campaign, more so after the entire Vijay Rupani cabinet was replaced overnight last year to counter anti-incumbency. Modi is leading from the front, invoking the "double-engine" of BJP governments in the state and at the Centre to promise rapid infrastructure development and improvement in health and education.

The PM has visited Gujarat almost a dozen times over the past 3-4 months to inaugurate development projects and will crisscross the state as the BJP's star campaigner.

## Congress

In 2017, Congress put up its best show since the defeat of 1990. It had a vote share of more than 41%, and 77 seats, although BJP's aggressive poaching reduced its assembly strength to 62 eventually.

However, the Congress camp has been quiet this time. Rahul Gandhi, who actively led the 2017 campaign, is busy with Bharat Jodo Yatra, and the loss of old warhorse Ahmed Patel - who passed away in 2020 - is palpable. Meanwhile, Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM is looking to wean away Congress' Muslim voters riled by the right wing's posturing over issues like 'love jihad'.

## AAP

After scoring a duck and finishing with 0.1% vote share in 2017, AAP has made a stronger bid this time. Party chief and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's offer of freebies has started to gain traction. He has targeted BJP over the "poor state of education in Gujarat vis-à-vis the national capital", and major drug hauls from Gujarat ports.

However, AAP lacks a prominent local face. If AAP gets 6% of the vote this time, it will qualify as a national party. It had bagged 28.5% vote share and 27 of the 120 seats in the Surat civic body polls last year. Its overall vote share in local body polls was 13.9%. It hopes to gain at Congress' expense and establish itself as the real alternative.

## MAJOR POLL ISSUES

**Freebies:** AAP has offered 300 units of free power, Rs 1,000 monthly allowance for women, and Rs 3,000 unemployment allowance, among other freebies. Congress has also offered free power, but BJP has dismissed these promises as a manifestation of the 'revdi culture', claiming that Gujaratis will not fall for fiscal imprudence.

**Incumbency:** BJP has run Gujarat continuously since 1998. To inoculate the party against voter fatigue, PM Narendra Modi replaced the entire Gujarat cabinet in 2021 and appointed first-time MLA Bhupendra Patel as chief minister. Many of the sitting MLAs may be denied election tickets to tackle the issue of localised anti-incumbency.

**Caste:** Caste politics, which took a back seat after the 2002 Hindutva tidal wave, animated the electoral arena again in 2017, but five years on it has lost salience. Hardik Patel and Alpesh Thakor, leaders of two protesting communities, Patels and Kshatriyas, respectively, have joined BJP. However, caste issues remain relevant in rural Gujarat.

**Agitations, Paper Leaks:** Last month, about 20 different agitating groups, including doctors, teachers, former service personnel, health workers, and village-level officials, laid siege to the state capital to press their demands. At least four major paper leaks affecting lakhs of government job applicants have also caused unrest.

**Minorities:** Muslims, who make up about 9% of Gujarat's population, might look beyond the torpid Congress this time. While Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM has been wooing them energetically, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal has maintained a studied silence on communal issues like 'love jihad' and the release of convicts in the Bilkis Bano case.

## Narendra Modi

As always, BJP's poll outreach revolves around the PM whose popularity remains unassailable in Gujarat. He's a one-man army who has already travelled to the state over a dozen times in the past three months - and this is just the beginning.

## Bhupendra Patel

A man with a clean image and the right caste - Patidars are BJP's bulwark - Patel is on every poster and frame with Modi, who has talked up the 'Narendra-Bhupendra double engine sarkar' to stress the importance of Centre-state coordination.

## Arvind Kejriwal

Armed with freebies, the disruptor is trying to lay siege to Modi's fortress. The strategy has made AAP the third force alongside a subdued Congress. AAP has been relentless in its criticism of BJP over electricity, education and health, but will the build-up translate into votes?

## Rahul Gandhi

He went all out in 2017, visiting temples and targeting Modi for "favouring" Adani and Ambani. Congress rode the wave of caste agitations to post its best-ever show since 1990, winning 77 seats. The mojo is curiously missing this time with RaGa focused on his Bharat Jodo Yatra and a listless Congress hardly making any noise.

## KEY PLAYERS

### Amit Shah

Modi's lieutenant on the ground and master of backroom strategies, Shah's understanding of Gujarat is second only to the PM's. His family lives in Ahmedabad, and he has never lost the feel of the state's pulse. He will put 2017's lessons to use to retain BJP's strongest bastion.

### Gopal Italia

One-time contractual police staffer Italia, and former journalist Isudan Gadvi are fronting AAP in Gujarat. Italia, who is from the Patel community, shot to fame in 2015 by hurling a shoe at the then state home minister. He had joined hands with Hardik Patel during the Patidar stir. He's in the news again for his statements targeting the PM and the PM's mother.

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