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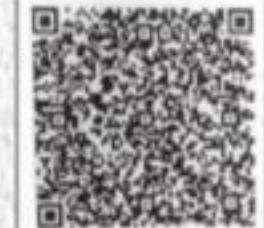
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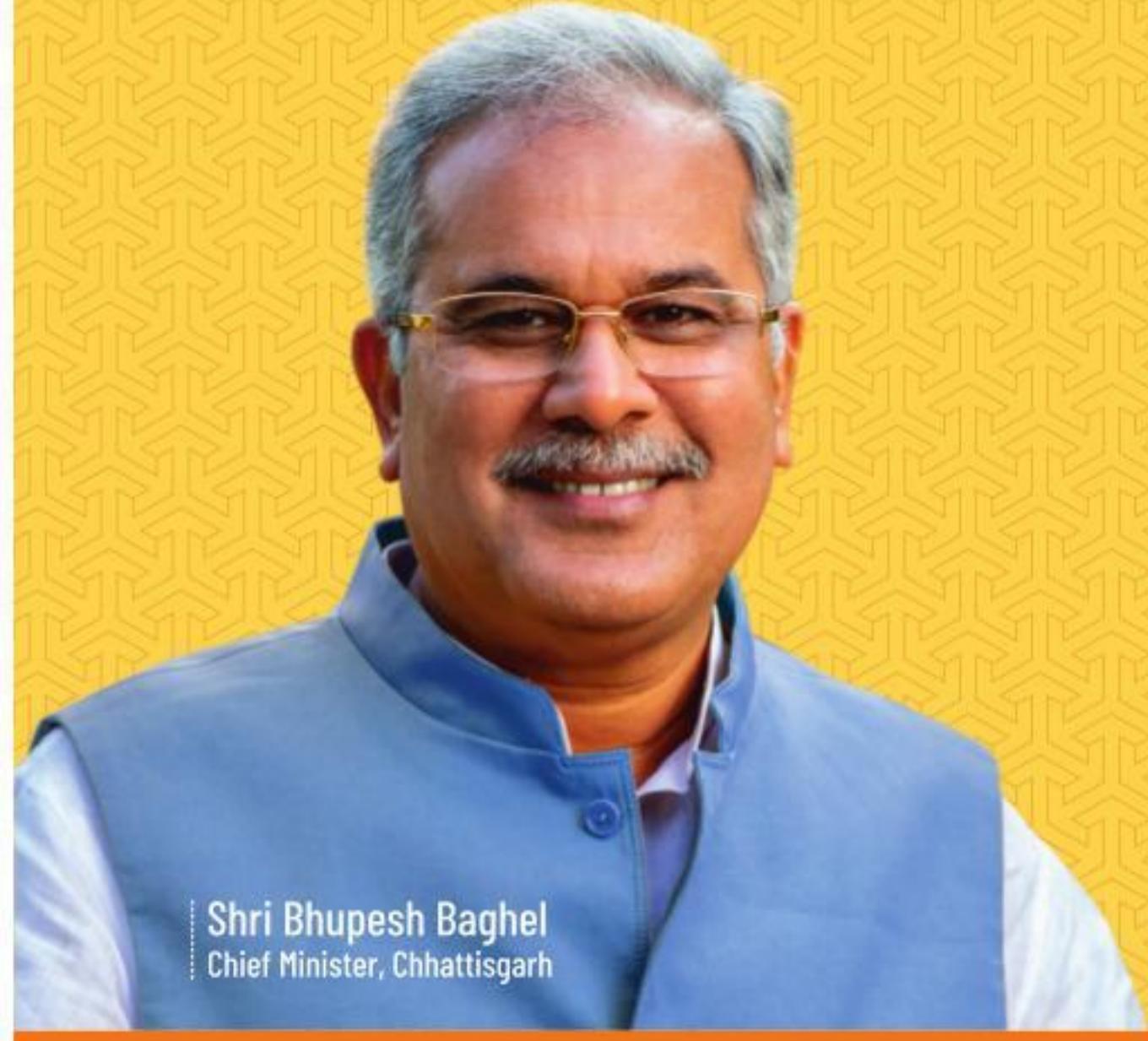
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900	Health and Wellness Centres	5,372
5,186	Sub Health Centres	5,208
785	Primary Health Centres	796
6	Govt Medical Colleges	11
36	Urban Primary Health Centres	52
0	Hamar Aspatal	4
76.40%	Full Immunization Coverage of Infants	79.70%
221 (per lakh)	Maternal Mortality Rate	137 (per lakh)
36.91%	% of Malnutrition	31.30%
2.63	Malaria API	0.92
204	Ventilators in Govt Hospitals	1,397
8,637 NHM	New Hirings	13,467 NHM
6,835 (NHM) (2004-2018)	Human Resources in Healthcare Sector	7,752 (NHM) (2019-2023)
61,39,487	Families Eligible for Free Treatment in Govt and Contracted Private Hospitals	72,65,000
₹30,000 (Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana)	Annual Limit for Free Treatment for BPL Category Families	Up to ₹5 lakh (Dr Khoobchand Baghel Swasthya Sahayta Yojana)
₹30,000 (Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana)	Annual Limit for Free Treatment for APL Category Families	Up to ₹50,000 (Dr Khoobchand Baghel Swasthya Sahayta Yojana)
0	Financial Assistance for the Treatment of Serious and Rare Ailments	Up to ₹25 lakh (Mukhyamantri Vishesh Swasthya Sahayta Yojana)
0	District Hospitals (Long Term Wards) Providing Free Chemotherapy to Cancer Patient	17
0	Free Kidney Dialysis Facilities	28 (22 from Jeevan Dhara and 6 from Trust/Jeevan Deep Committee)



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THE WORLD

TOP OF THE
WORLD



Smoke rises from a building in Hanoi. AP

VIETNAM

56 killed, 37 injured in fire in apartment block

Hanoi: A fire at an apartment block in Vietnam's capital Hanoi has killed 56 people, among them children, and injured 37, police said on Wednesday. The fire broke out during the night in a nine-storey building, home to about 150 residents, according to official Vietnam News Agency (VNA), which said the blaze was contained by 2 am (1900 GMT). Television images showed firefighters equipped with hoses and ladders at the scene by night, while thick, dark smoke billowed from the building by day. REUTERS

IRAQ

18 policemen jailed for Sweden mission incident

Baghdad: An Iraqi court sentenced 18 police officers to prison after they were found guilty of failing to prevent protesters from setting fire to the Swedish embassy in Baghdad in July over a planned Koran burning in Stockholm. A Baghdad court passed the sentences, ranging from 18 months to three years, on Tuesday, according to a copy of the judgment. It says the officers were convicted of "abstaining from their duties to protect the Swedish embassy and to stop the persons who stormed and set fire to it". REUTERS

PAKISTAN

President Alvi proposes Nov 16 as date for polls

Baghdad: Pakistan President Arif Alvi on Wednesday unilaterally proposed November 6 as the date for the general elections in a letter written to the chief election commissioner, amidst controversy over polling dates in the cash-strapped country. In his letter to CEC Sikandar Sultan Raja, President Alvi cited Article 48(5) of the Constitution, which he said: "empowers and mandates the president to appoint a date not later than 90 days from the date of the dissolution, for the holding of a general election to Assembly". PTI

INDONESIA

UK submarine rescue vessel bought from UK

Jakarta: Indonesia's defence ministry said on Wednesday it has signed an agreement to buy a submarine rescue vessel for \$100 million from a British company, the latest move to modernise the Southeast Asian country's ageing military equipment. The deal between a company appointed as the defence ministry's partner, PT BTI Indo Tekno, vessel producer Submarine Manufacturing and Products Ltd and Houlder Ltd was signed on Tuesday on the sidelines of a defence expo in London. REUTERS

U.S., SOUTH KOREA WORRIED NORTH MAY GIVE ARMS FOR UKRAINE WAR

Kim meets Putin, comes out in support of Russia looking for weapons of war

Leaders also spoke of possible Moscow help for Pyongyang satellite programme

AGENCIES
SEOUL, SEPTEMBER 13

NORTH KOREA'S Kim Jong Un vowed "full and unconditional support" for Russia's Vladimir Putin on Wednesday as the two leaders isolated by the West held a summit that the US and South Korea warned could lead to a deal to supply ammunition for Moscow's war in Ukraine.

The meeting, which lasted over four hours at Russia's spaceport in the Far East, underscores how the two countries' interests are aligning: Putin is believed to be seeking one of the few things impoverished North Korea has in abundance — stockpiles of aging ammunition and rockets for Soviet-era weapons.

Such a request would mark a role reversal from the 1950-53 Korean War, when Moscow gave weapons to support Pyongyang's invasion of South Korea, and in the decades of Soviet sponsorship of the North that followed.

The decision to meet at the Vostochny Cosmodrome, Russia's most important launch center on its own soil, suggests Kim is seeking Russian help in developing military reconnaissance satellites, which he has called crucial to enhancing the threat of his nuclear-capable missiles. North Korea has repeatedly failed to put its first military spy satellite into orbit.

Putin met Kim at the launch facility, greeting his guest with a handshake of about 40 seconds. Putin spoke of the Soviet Union's wartime support for North Korea and said the talks would cover



Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un at the launch pad at Vostochny cosmodrome, Russia. AP



"In Korea, there is a proverb: good clothes are those that are new, but old friends are best friends. And our people say: an old friend is better than two new"

Vladimir Putin
PRESIDENT, RUSSIA



"The Russian army will win a great victory in the sacred struggle for punishment of a great evil that claims hegemony & feeds an expansionist illusion"

Kim Jong Un
LEADER, NORTH KOREA

UKRAINE SAYS IT HIT RUSSIAN TARGETS IN ATTACK ON CRIMEA

Kyiv: Ukraine said it struck Russian naval targets and port infrastructure early on Wednesday in the Crimean city of Sevastopol, in what appeared to be the biggest attack of the war on the home of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. The attack on Crimea, which was seized and annexed by Russia in 2014, was also confirmed by Moscow. REUTERS

The US has accused North Korea of providing Russia with arms. Russian and North Korean officials deny such claims.

Libya floods death toll crosses 5000, thousands still missing

RAJA ABDULRAHIM & AARON BOXERMAN
DERNA, SEPTEMBER 13

AID WAS trickling into eastern Libya on Wednesday, where more than 5,000 people have died in recent days after catastrophic flooding. But with roads and bridges damaged or cut off, access to the hardest-hit city of Derna on the Mediterranean coast remained a major hurdle to bringing in help, according to international aid groups.

Thousands of people are believed to be missing, meaning the death toll was likely to rise further in the hours and days ahead, and at least 20,000 people have been displaced, according to aid groups.

Libya, a North African nation divided by years of civil war and deep political and territorial divisions, was ill-prepared for Storm Daniel, which swept across the Mediterranean Sea, battering its coastline and quickly destroying poorly maintained infrastructure.

The country is run by two rival governments — one in the western half and another in the east — further complicating the rescue and aid efforts.

The flooding hit after heavy rains burst through two dams south of Derna, unleashing torrents of water through the city of nearly 100,000 people. Much of



Damaged cars in storm aftermath in Derna, Libya. Reuters

Derna was destroyed as entire neighborhoods, including homes, schools and mosques, were swept away in the flooding that began over the weekend. The Derna City Council has called for the opening of a maritime passageway to the city and for urgent international intervention.

Rescue teams and some aid deliveries began reaching Derna on Monday via the damaged roads that made passage more difficult and time consuming, said Libya's Red Crescent spokesman Tawfiq al-Shukri.

Aid is also being sent to the airport in Al Bayda, one of the affected towns in the stricken area that extends some 100 kilometers, he said.

NYT

AID AT WORK

■ Rescue teams & some aid deliveries began reaching Derna, said Libya's Red Crescent.

■ Teams sent by Turkey and the United Arab Emirates to the city of Benghazi, about 290 km from Derna, have been dispatched to the disaster zone.

■ Support is trickling in. We need more of it, Norwegian Refugee Council said.

28 CHINA JETS IN OUR DEFENCE ZONES: TAIWAN

Taiwan's defence ministry said it spotted 28 Chinese air force planes in its air defence zone Wednesday, part of what Taipei calls regular harassment by Beijing amid heightened tensions across the Taiwan Strait. Taiwan's defence ministry said that beginning at 6 am, Chinese warplanes, including J-10 fighters, had flown into the southwestern corner of the island's air defence identification zone. REUTERS



China's new ambassador to Afghanistan, Zhao Sheng, meets Taliban PM Mohd Hasan Akhund in Kabul, Wednesday. AP

Beijing appoints envoy in Kabul, first in 2 yrs since Taliban takeover

MOHAMMAD YUNUS YAWAR & CHARLOTTE GREENFIELD
KABUL, SEPTEMBER 13

RUSSIA HAS managed to overcome sanctions and export controls imposed by the West to expand its missile production beyond prewar levels, according to US, European and Ukrainian officials, leaving Ukraine especially vulnerable to intensified attacks in the coming months.

In addition to spending more than \$40 billion providing weapons for Ukraine, the United States has made curbing Russia's military supply a key part of its strategy to support Kyiv.

As a result of the sanctions, American officials estimate that Russia was forced to dramatically slow its production of missiles and other weaponry at the start of the war for at least six months.

But by end of 2022, Moscow's military manufacturing began to pick up speed again, American officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose the sensitive assessment now concede.

Russia subverted American export controls using its intelligence services and ministry of defense to run illicit networks of people who smuggle key components by exporting to other countries from which they can be shipped to Russia easily. NYT

China's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to request for comment.

"Mohammad Hassan Akhund, the Prime Minister of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, accepted credentials of Mr Zhao Xing, the new Chinese ambassador to Afghanistan, during a ceremony," said a Taliban statement.

A Taliban administration foreign ministry spokesman confirmed he was the first ambassador appointed since August 2021 when the Taliban took over as foreign forces withdrew.

China's previous ambassador

E EXPLAINED
Fight for recognition

ONLY A handful of nations have working diplomatic missions in Afghanistan, including China, the world's second-largest economy. The international community, wary of the Taliban's rule when they were last in power more than 20 years ago, has withheld official recognition and Afghanistan's assets abroad have been frozen.

to Afghanistan, Wang Yu, took up the role in 2019 and finished his tenure last month.

Other nations and international delegations, like Pakistan and European Union, have sent senior diplomats to lead missions in Kabul but they have taken on a 'chargee d'affaires' title, meaning they are responsible for ambassadorial duties but do not formally hold role of ambassador. Some ambassadors appointed during previous foreign-backed Afghan government have stayed in Kabul with the same title. REUTERS

US cop laughed over Indian student killed by police car; India demands probe, action

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HOUSTON, SEPTEMBER 13

MOST AMERICANS should get an updated Covid-19 vaccine, health officials said Tuesday.

Advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention endorsed the new shots for everyone 6 months and older and the agency's director quickly signed off Tuesday on the panel's recommendation. That means doses should be available this week, some as early as Wednesday.

The severity of the Covid-19 pandemic has faded, but there are still thousands of hospitalizations and hundreds of deaths in the US each week.

Hospitalizations have been increasing since late summer, though the latest data indicate infections may be starting to level off, particularly in the South.

Still, experts worry that immunity from previous vaccinations and infections is fading in many people, and a new shot would save many lives.

According to a survey last month that CDC cited, about 42% said they would definitely or probably get the new vaccine. Yet only about 20% of adults got an updated booster when it was offered a year ago.

Auderer laughed about the deadly crash and dismissed any implication Dave might be at fault or that a criminal investigation was necessary.

"We have taken up the matter strongly with local authorities in Seattle & Washington State as well as senior officials in Washington DC for a thorough investigation & action against those involved in this tragic case," the mission said in a post on social media platform X.

In the footage, Auderer, the vice president of the Seattle Police Officers Guild, was on a call with the guild's president, Mike Solan. He laughed several times, saying at one point, "Yeah, just write a cheque."

"Eleven thousand dollars. She was 26 anyway," Auderer said in the video, misstating Kandula's age.

OVER ONE IN FIVE YOUNG CHINESE ARE OUT OF WORK, THEIR CAREER DERAILED BY A DEPRESSED POST-COVID JOB MARKET

China's 'full time kids' move in with parents amid job scarcity

SIMINA MISTREANU
BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 13

WHEN SHE first moved to the Chinese tech hub of Shenzhen after graduating from college, Marguerite Wang imagined she would spend her career working hard in a big city. Instead, she's living with her parents in her hometown in northeastern China.

A record of more than one in five young Chinese are out of work, their career ambitions at least temporarily derailed by a depressed job market as the economy struggles to regain momentum after its long bout with Covid.

Wang, who was laid off from a gaming company in December, is among an estimated 16 million young Chinese who, daunted by the difficulties of finding decent jobs, have moved back home.

She asked that her English nickname be used out of concern that speaking to foreign media might hurt her job prospects.

The urban unemployment rate for the 16-to-24 age group reached a record 21.3% in June. In July, the government stopped publishing age-specific data, prompting speculation the politically sensitive numbers had shot up even higher.

If "full-time adult children"



At a job fair in Beijing. The urban unemployment rate for the 16-24 age group in China reached a record 21.3% in June. AP/FILE

were counted as unemployed, the jobless rate would be more than double the official rate of almost 20 percent in March, Zhang Dandan, a Peking University economics professor, said in an op-ed in Chinese magazine Caixin in July.

That would be a more accurate assessment of the unemployment crisis, said Zhang, who declined an interview request from AP. Her article was later removed from one of Peking University's WeChat accounts, where it had been shared.

The job drought is a ticklish problem for the ruling Communist Party, which is overseeing a sluggish post-pandemic

economic recovery worsened by a downturn in the property market.

The economy grew at a 6.3% pace in April-June compared to the same period a year earlier, when parts of China were under draconian COVID-19 lockdowns. Exports have been sinking as other major economies slow.

Marguerite Wang, the former gaming company employee, said she keeps her parents company account for pocket money.

"I don't want to be in the same kind of work situation as before," she said, "where I didn't have a private life and all my energy went into my work, but I actually didn't know what I was so busy for."

RBI to banks:
Give property
papers back
within 30 days
of loan closure

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 13

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday directed banks and other lenders, including non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), housing finance companies and cooperative banks, to release all original movable or immovable property documents within 30 days of full repayment or settlement of personal loans by borrowers.

In case of delay, the lenders will have to compensate the borrowers by paying Rs 5,000 for each day of delay, the RBI said. The directions, released as part of responsible lending conduct, will be applicable to all cases where release of original property documents is due on or after December 1 this year.

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UJJWALA: Rs 1,650 CR CLEARED FOR NEW LPG CONNECTIONS

NIFTY ENDS ABOVE 20,000-MARK FOR FIRST TIME

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Export demand low, farmers call for lifting of curbs on basmati

Govt move likely to depress paddy
prices in new marketing season

HARISH DAMODARAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

"BASMATI GARIBON KA chawal nahi hai. Iske niryaat par paabandi kyon lagaya hai? (Basmati is not the poor man's rice. Why has the government put restrictions on its exports?)", asks Satyavay Sehrawat, a farmer from Daryapur Kalan village in Northwest Delhi.

The 56-year-old's question relates to a Department of Commerce directive on August 25, practically banning basmati rice exports priced at less than \$1,200 per tonne.

The APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) has been told to limit the issue of registration-cum-allocation certificate, mandatory for every transaction, only to shipments contracted above the floor price.

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GOVT & POLITICS

INDIA BLOC TO HOLD FIRST JOINT RALLY IN BHOPAL NEXT MONTH

I-T PROBE AGAINST AZAM: 30 PREMISES SEARCHED

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ANCHOR**

Kebab vendor to seer, how BJP ticket aspirant was taken for a ride

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) arrested Chaitra Kundapur, Gagan Kadur, Srikanth Naik and three others from Udupi late Tuesday and launched a hunt to nab the other accused.

According to officials, Kundapur allegedly tried to swallow a ring she was wearing, but police foiled her attempt.

Bengaluru city police commissioner B Dayananda confirmed the arrests.

A police officer said Kundapur had taken shelter at a Youth Congress leader's house before she was arrested. "We have served him a notice to appear before the investigating officer in

this regard," said the officer. According to police, Kundapur also faces cases in which she is accused of making derogatory and provocative speeches against minority communities.

The police probe started after a Bengaluru businessman, Govind Babu Pujari (44), filed a complaint on September 8. According to Pujari's complaint, he met Kundapur in June 2022 and was asked to go to the Chikmagalur government guest house, where he was introduced to Gagan Kadur, the Chikkamagalur Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) secretary.



Accused Chaitra Kundapur was arrested on Tuesday

GOVT & POLITICS

PRESIDENT: WOMEN SHOULD GET MORE REPRESENTATION IN HOUSE

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Houses will discuss the "Parliamentary Journey of 75 years starting from Samvidhan Sabha — Achievements, Experiences,

Memories and Learnings", and take up for consideration four Bills.

The Bills include the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, introduced during the Monsoon Session in the Lok Sabha; the Advocates (Amendment) Bill and the Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, passed by the

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BUSINESS AS USUAL

BY UNNY



In his complaint, Pujari said that Kadur told him he knew people in the offices of the Prime Minister and Home Minister, and promised him a BJP ticket. Kadur allegedly told Pujari he would get him a ticket through "Vishwanath, an RSS leader from Chikmagalur who was staying in North India", the police said.

On July 4, 2022, Pujari met Vishwanath, who claimed to be a bridge between the RSS and BJP, and said he decides who gets a ticket. Vishwanath asked Pujari to give Rs 50 lakh to Kadur, and Rs 3 crore once the process of choosing the candidates began. Vishwanath assured Pujari that

if he did not get a ticket, the money would be returned.

Pujari said in his complaint that on July 7, he gave Kadur Rs 50 lakh in front of the Shivamogga RSS office. Later, Kundapur held a conference call during which Vishwanath claimed central leaders of the BJP had confirmed Pujari would get a ticket.

In September 2022, in another conference call, Vishwanath directed Pujari to meet a seer at a prominent mutt, whose recommendation, he said, would play an important role in the decision about the ticket.

Pujari, in his complaint, said the seer asked him for Rs 1.5

crore. On January 16 this year, Pujari said he met the seer in Bengaluru and paid the money.

Further, on October 23 last year, Pujari was asked to pay Rs 3 crore to a leader who the accused claimed was part of the BJP's central election committee. On October 29, Pujari paid the money to Kundapur and her team members.

On March 8 this year, Pujari received a call stating that Vishwanath had died of breathing difficulties. Sensing something was wrong, Pujari checked with one of his friends, a retired defence officer, who told him

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COUNTER-TERROR OPERATION IN KOKERNAG FOREST, SOUTH KASHMIR

Rashtriya Rifles Commanding Officer, Major, Dy SP killed in Valley gunbattle

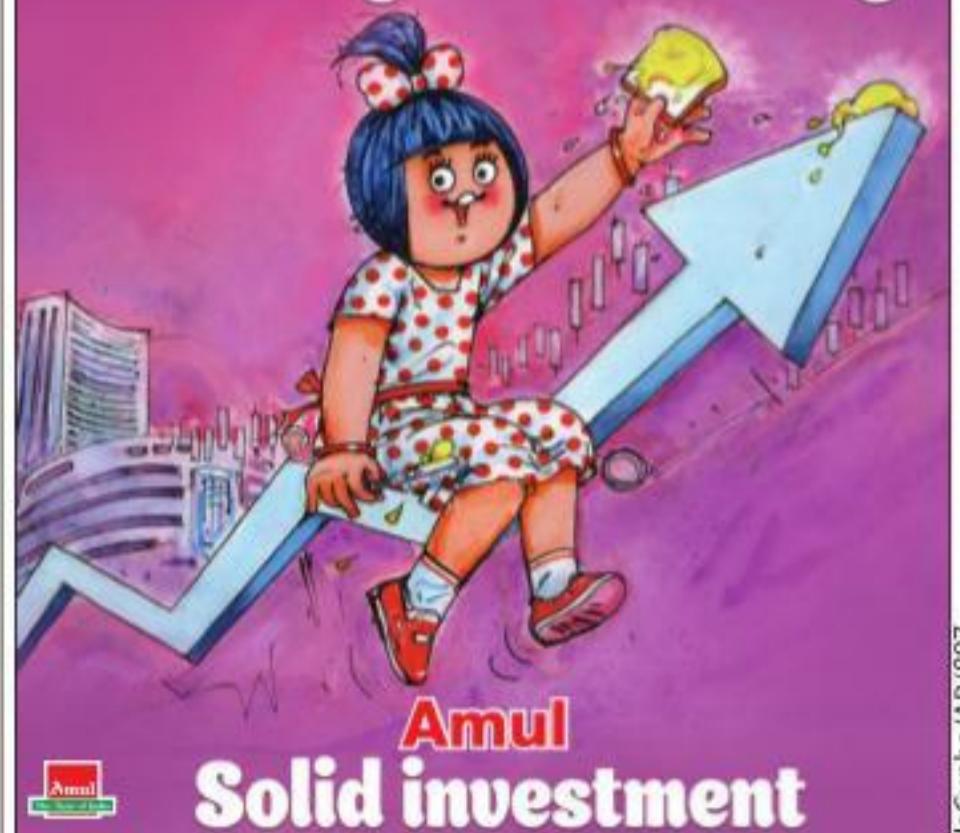


In Srinagar, Ghulam Hassan Bhat, retired IG of J&K Police, bids farewell to his son Himayun, the Dy SP who was among three officers killed in a gunbattle in Kokernag. PTI



From left: Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Aashish Dhonchak and Deputy SP Himayun Muzamil Bhat

Bulls eye for Nifty!



IAF takes delivery of first C295 transport aircraft, 15 more from Spain in next 2 years

Another 40 to roll out from Vadodara assembly line, Sept 2026 onward



AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

THE KILLING of two Army officers and a Jammu and Kashmir police officer during a gunbattle in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district Wednesday has returned the spotlight to south Kashmir after a temporary lull.

In recent months, the areas south of the Pir Panjal range, such as Poonch, Rajouri and Jammu, have been the focus of conflict

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Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari after a sortie on the IAF's first C295 aircraft in Seville, Spain, Wednesday. PTI

next few days, piloted by a joint IAF-Airbus crew.

In September 2021, India formalised the acquisition of 56 Airbus C295 aircraft to replace the legacy Avro fleet of the IAF at a cost of Rs 21,935 crore.

The first 16 C295s of the 56 aircraft on order will be assembled at the San Pablo Sur site in Seville, with the second aircraft due to be delivered in May 2024 and the next 14 rolled out at a rate of one per month until August 2025.

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IIT-Bombay makes AI, Data Science must for undergrad students

PALLAVI SMART
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 13

THE INDIAN Air Force (IAF) on Wednesday received delivery of the first of the 56 C295 aircraft from the Airbus production site in Seville, Spain, for Delhi in the

revision of the BTech curriculum.

The introduction of AI-DS was among the recommendations made by the committee.

"Except the design course, which is a completely different field, the common course (AI-DS) is applicable for all Bachelor of Science (BS) courses too. We have BS in Economics, Chemistry and Mathematics. They, of course, do a lot of data analysis," said Professor Avinash Mahajan, Dean of Academics.

While AI-DS will be introduced as a common course with mandatory credit in the first semester of the second year, interested students will have the option to take up more advanced courses in the field later.

"We already have a centre for machine learning and data science where higher level

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crore. On January 16 this year, Pujari said he met the seer in Bengaluru and paid the money.

Further, on October 23 last year, Pujari was asked to pay Rs 3 crore to a leader who the accused claimed was part of the BJP's central election committee. On October 29, Pujari paid the money to Kundapur and her team members.

On March 8 this year, Pujari received a call stating that Vishwanath had died of breathing difficulties. Sensing something was wrong, Pujari checked with one of his friends, a retired defence officer, who told him

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CO, Major, Dy SP killed

search party, led by the senior officers, came under heavy fire, leaving the three officers critically injured. They were airlifted to Srinagar, where they succumbed to their injuries.

While there were no reports of any militant deaths, officials said the operation was underway until late night. "All the casualties took place in the initial bursts of firing. The firing was so intense that the joint team got little time to react," said a senior police officer. "The terrorists fired incessantly, hampering quick evacuation of the injured officers."

"When the joint team was walking through a stream surrounded by dense forest area, the terrorists opened indiscriminate fire. They were strategically better placed and took the cover of the dense forest," said a police officer. Following the incident, top Army and police officers rushed to South Kashmir to monitor the situation.

Singh, a decorated officer of the Sikh Light Infantry, was commanding the 19 Rashtriya Rifles unit based in Kokernag. He had received the Sena Medal in 2021. He was from Punjab's Mohali district, and is survived by his mother.

wife, a six-year-old son and a two-year-old daughter. According to a Punjab government official, Singh's late father was also from the Sikh Light Infantry.

Bhat (34), son of retired J&K Inspector General of Police Ghulam Hasan Bhat, had joined the J&K Police in 2018, the year his father retired. Originally from Tral in South Kashmir, he is survived by his wife and a one-month-old son. According to sources, Dhomchak was from Panipat district of Haryana.

Police sources said while search operations in Kokernag belt of South Kashmir were on for some time, a fresh operation was launched on Tuesday.

This is the second major militant strike in South Kashmir in just over a month. On August 4, three soldiers were killed when militants targeted a temporary army post in the forests of Kulgam. The militants had managed to escape after the attack.

While the Army is yet to share the details of its slain officers, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha was among those who attended the wreath-laying ceremony of DySP Bhat.

—WITH ENS INPUTS

• Ticket aspirant taken for a ride

there was no RSS leader called Vishwanath.

On April 24, Pujari called Kundapur and Kadur to his office and asked them to return his money. According to Pujari, they told him that Rs 3.5 crore was with Vishwanath, and when Pujari said he would file a complaint, Kundapur allegedly threatened him, saying she would stage a suicide attempt. She also demanded the time to return his money. The next day, Pujari met the seer and asked for the money he had given him. The seer assured him he would return the money and requested to leave him out of the issue.

Meanwhile, Pujari said in his complaint that he managed to track down the man who claimed to be RSS leader Vishwanath with the help of a friend who is also a right-wing activist in Chikmagalur.

Pujari found that a man

named Ramesh had posed as Vishwanath. According to Pujari's complaint, Ramesh confessed he was offered Rs 1.2 lakh to impersonate an RSS leader and was given training. Pujari also found that Srikanth Naik, who was introduced as the BJP's central election committee member, was a street-side kebab vendor in Bengaluru. When Pujari confronted Kundapur with the information, she allegedly threatened to send him to prison or get him killed, saying she also knew people from the underworld.

A graduate in mass media and communication, Kundapur worked as an anchor for a local TV channel. In 2018, she was arrested for allegedly assaulting the Sullia taluk secretary of Hindu Jagaran Vedike. And in October 2021, she was booked for alleged hate speech towards a minority community.

• A reminder from south Kashmir

counter-terror operations given that these have been the targets of more highvisibility terror attacks in comparison to the strikes in the south.

The casualties in Wednesday's attack, top officials pointed out, was because of the retaliation by terrorists trapped in the area — unlike the strikes to the south of Pir Panjal which have been targeted attacks.

Defence officials told *The Indian Express* that while the number of terrorists had gone down over a period of time in the Kashmir region, operations by security forces had been continuing.

Data available until June showed that the local recruitment of terrorists in J&K had been reducing since 2020: 191 in 2020, 141 in 2021, 121 in 2022 and 7 so far this year.

Of the total terrorists killed in the UT since 2020, 549 were locals while 86 were of foreign origin. As many as 133 local recruits either surrendered or were arrested during this period, while the number stood at 17 for foreign terrorists in

the corresponding period.

Data showed that 36 local terrorists and 71 foreign terrorists were present in the Valley in May 2023, and the numbers in the corresponding period in Jammu region stood at 13 local terrorists and two foreign terrorists.

Between January 2021 and May 30 this year, 24 security personnel and 75 civilians were killed on either side of the Pir Panjal range. Senior officials said Anantnag is located between the Pir Panjal range and Srinagar with access towards Doda as well, making it an important destination for terrorists. "The initial success of terrorism here converted it into a hub and despite the overall reduction of terrorists across the Valley, certain areas in south Kashmir are still of concern," an official said.

"Connectivity to other areas across the Pir Panjal range, including Reasi and Kulgam, is easier from Anantnag. This was why infiltrating terrorists could reach here and spread themselves across the Valley," the official said.

• Call for lifting of curbs on basmati

the situation reviewed in the first week of October 2023".

But that period, from mid-September to mid-October, is the peak marketing season for the 90-100 days' basmati varieties. The maturity time is more, at 115-125 days, for other improved Indian Agricultural Research Institute-bred Pusa varieties such as 1121 and 1401.

Sehrawat claimed that the minimum export price restriction would only benefit "bade vyapari (large traders)" and millers: "They will cite low demand for our rice in the world market at this rate (\$1,200/tonne), forcing farmers then to sell at whatever the price that is offered. Even if the restrictions are lifted later on, it won't help those who have already sold."

The government may have reasons for not allowing grain consumed by low-income households to go out of the country in today's inflationary environment. "But why do this to

basmati, which does not receive any minimum support price and is entirely bought by private traders and millers for exports or sale as premium rice?" he said.

The apprehension of farmers is partially borne out in mandi prices. At Delhi's Narela wholesale grain market, Pusa-1692 and 1509 basmati paddy harvested by combines and containing 20% moisture are selling at Rs 3,500-3,550 per quintal.

"Before the floor price for exports came in, the same grain was quoted at Rs 3,800/quintal. Even manually-harvested 1692 and 1509 paddy with lower 17% moisture is fetching only Rs 3,650/quintal at present," Rajesh Goel, a trader at the Narela mandi, said.

Moreover, this might just be the start. The Narela market is now seeing daily arrivals of about 15,000 bags of 50-kg each, which will touch 100,000-150,000 bags in October. As arrivals peak, there could be a further downward pressure on prices.

• RBI direction to banks, NBFCs

Personal loans refer to loans given to individuals and include consumer credit, education loan, loans given for creation or enhancement of immovable assets (such as housing), and loans given for investment in financial assets like shares and debentures. The new directives will be applicable to all these loan categories.

"The REs (regulated entities) shall release all the original movable or immovable property documents and remove charges registered with any registry within a period of 30 days after full repayment or settlement of the loan account," the RBI said.

"In case where the delay is attributable to the RE, it shall compensate the borrower at the rate of Rs 5,000 for each day of delay," it said, adding that the lender will have to communicate to the borrower the reasons for such delay.

In the event of loss of, or damage to, original property documents, either in part or in full, the lender will have to assist the borrower in obtaining duplicate or certified copies of the documents and will have to bear the associated costs. This cost will be in addition to the daily compensation of Rs 5,000 for each day of delay, the RBI said.

However, in such cases, an additional time of 30 days will be

available to the lender to complete this procedure, and the penalty for delay will be calculated thereafter; that is, after a total period of 60 days.

The RBI said a borrower will be given the option of collecting the original property documents either from the banking outlet or branch where the loan account was serviced or any other office of the regulated entities where the documents are available, as per their preference. The lender will have to mention the timeline and place of return of original property documents in the loan sanction letters issued on or after December 1 this year.

In order to address the contingent event of death of the sole borrower or joint borrowers, the RBI said that lenders will need to lay out a procedure for return of original property documents to the legal heirs. They will have to display this procedure on their website, along with other similar policies and procedures for customer information, the RBI said.

The directives were issued after the RBI observed that the regulated entities, required to release all movable or immovable property documents upon receiving full repayment and closure of personal loan account, were following divergent practices.

• Delivery of first C295 aircraft

The remaining 40 C295s of the IAF order will be manufactured and assembled — in partnership with Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) — at a Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Gujarat's Vadodara.

As reported by *The Indian Express* earlier, the production of components of these aircraft has already started in the Main Constituent Assembly (MCA) facility in Hyderabad, from where these parts would be shipped to the Final Assembly Line in Vadodara, which is set to be operational by November next year.

The facility will be similar to the sprawling 1.2 million-sqm Airbus factory in Seville.

The aircraft will be manufactured under India's first-ever 'Make in India' Aerospace programme in the private sector. For the longest time, the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has had a monopoly over manufacturing technology to TASL by Airbus on most other components so that 95 per cent of the aircraft could be made in India within the next few years.

The airframe of the medium transport aircraft will involve more than 14,000 parts and components, and around 3,500 parts will be industrialised progressively every year by Tata, depending on the capability of the Indian supply chains to reach the stated level of indigenisation.

• AI, Data Science for all undergrads

specialised post-graduate and PhD programmes are offered in AI and DS. Now, we are introducing it at lower levels because of the sheer need felt across disciplines, as this is the way forward," said Mahajan.

The idea is to provide initial knowledge to students at an early stage of their undergraduate studies. "Later, depending on their department or programme requirement, they can opt for another course at a higher level which will be department-specific... so that our students are future-ready for jobs and also become successful creators of jobs," said Chaudhury.

"Earlier, we used to think that only computer science and electrical engineering may be using more AI. But now, even other

branches of engineering such as mechanical, civil and aerospace, are using AI for various reasons; students of these branches cannot avoid learning AI," he said, adding, "AI is the present and future of the industry, and our students have to be equipped with it." The decision comes at a time when AI and DS are gaining popularity as specialised courses at the undergraduate as well as post-graduate level.

In a big curriculum overhaul last year, IIT-B had introduced a basket of non-engineering subjects to meet the changing trends of students taking up non-core engineering jobs. These courses — Humanities, Arts, Social Science, Management, Entrepreneurship, Design — have begun to gain importance.

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'We will not help you': Atishi flags panel's response to a complainant against Khakha

Four complaints in the past against WCD department official Premoday Khakha, arrested last month for rape of minor

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

FROM THE Internal Complaints Committee of the Women and Child Department (WCD) of the Delhi government "brushing aside" complaints of sexual sexual harassment, to pointing out a "bizarrely shocking turn of events" where one complainant, who accused officer Premoday Khakha of sexual harassment, was told by the committee via email, "We will not help you", Minister Atishi has highlighted the "inadequate" response of the government in addressing complaints against the WCD officer.

Khakha was serving as a deputy director in WCD and was suspended after being arrested for allegedly raping a minor under his care.

Four complaints of sexual harassment, one of which was filed anonymously, had also been filed against him previously by women working in the department. Atishi had asked Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar to prepare a detailed report on the allegations and the action taken. Her comments, which flagged the "inefficient" and "laid-back" approach of officials, came in response to the report.

"In a bizarrely shocking turn of events, in one of the cases, the complainant received a one-line



Khakha and his wife following their arrest; police said she helped terminate pregnancy of girl he allegedly raped

legedly giving the girl "abortion pills" and terminating her pregnancy which was a result of the assault. It was after the arrest that it came to light that four complainants of sexual harassment were filed against Khakha in the past.

"This exceptionally disturbing incident of sexual harassment needs to be a wakeup call for us... We can't allow for such behaviour to go unchecked in the system, especially when there is a huge power imbalance between the complainant and the accused. Besides, a complainant has alleged that her ICC was composed of members who were employed on a contractual basis and the accused held power over the termination or extension of their contracts. Such issues sow seeds of doubt not just in the minds of complainants but also any third-party observer trying to gauge the government's response to such serious allegations," said Atishi.

In her observation in the matter, she said that Khakha was a senior officer in the WCD with long-standing relations in the system and the power to terminate

post to find out the correct process to lodge their complaints, the minister said the "the composition of ICC seems to be suspect".

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and extend contracts of partner organisations. While all the complainants in this case have been employees of a partner NGO.

"... the power dynamic becomes a huge factor when hearing such cases. The awareness and sensitivity to the imbalance in power seems to be missing in our processes..." read her noting.

The minister also pointed out that the complainants also alleged in the High Court that the presiding officer of the ICC and Khakha were colleagues.

She also pointed out that the department, in trying to defend itself in court, sided with the accused, ignoring "glaring complaints of misbehaviour".

"I am ashamed of this behaviour on our part... I am both alarmed and disappointed by the department's inability to identify and take action against this repeated pattern of harassment by an employee of the WCD. When multiple complaints come up against the same employee, surely it needs to ring alarm bells in our mind and a deeper investigation should be warranted."

Atishi also directed Kumar to create a system to flag cases when an official of the Delhi Government has been accused of sexual harassment and intimidation "repeatedly".

"Repeated complaints are a potential indicator of a pattern of

behaviour towards women. If not checked at the right time, it can result in very serious crimes. Therefore, a process needs to be created whereby such officers are kept away from sensitive posts and action is taken against those who have a pattern of repeated sexual harassment," said Atishi.

Saying that both the ICC and the employees of Delhi government seem to be in dire need of training regarding what constitutes sexual harassment at the workplace in the eyes of the law... she said, "This casual approach towards problematic misogynistic behaviour, as shown by the ICCs is the seed of the problem. All sexual harassment victims do not have to be perfect victims and all sexual harassment charges do not have to include physical molestation or rape, before the government regards them as serious issues."

The document also says that the complainants also approached the Secretary WCD, DCW and the office of Deputy CM and this also led to a delay in formal complaint being lodged, for no fault of the complainants.

The WCD minister has also directed Kumar to draft detailed processes and rules to strengthen the ICC across all government departments and bodies, and has increased the number of liquor vends, and are part of the CBI chargesheet filed in the case on August 17, 2022.

These provisions were, as per the chargesheet, at variance with recommendations of an expert committee formed by the Delhi government to assess them.

Reacting to the development, Khan told The Indian Express that he had not received such a notice, adding his tenure as DMC chairperson had already come to an end. "I have not received any such notice. Apart from that, I have already been questioned by

ED and CBI on these allegations and have cooperated with both agencies," he said.

Government sources, however, said Khan was still "very much in office" and now faced termination from his post.

Asking him to clarify his stand on the matter and explain why he should not be removed from office in public interest, the notice issued to Khan, according to government sources, quotes the CBI chargesheet regarding allegations of Sisodia's intentions to manipulate the process of seeking comments and suggestions from the public and stakeholders through him. Sisodia was arrested in the case in February.

As per the chargesheet, interns engaged by the Commission sent emails to a dedicated email ID of the excise department with a copy to Sisodia's email ID on January 14 and 15, 2021, bating for the new policy's provisions.

Directions, according to the chargesheet, were issued to get multiple emails favouring the implementation of certain provisions of the new policy sent to the dedicated email address; the provisions were ultimately incorporated in the new excise policy and were, according to the chargesheet, at "complete variance" with the recommendations of the Expert Committee.

This, the CBI has stated further in its chargesheet, proved that Sisodia was "working with pre-conceived ideas for the formulation of the Excise Policy" and was "planting manufactured public opinions/suggestions" in their support.

Minorities panel chief gets notice for 'twisting opinion' on excise policy

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

THE DIRECTORATE of Vigilance has issued a show-cause notice to Delhi Minorities Commission (DMC) chairperson Zakir Khan for his alleged role in getting interns from his office to generate "fabricated emails" in favour of the now-scraped excise policy at the instructions of then Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

According to government sources, Khan, as per the notice, is accused of having "very actively assisted" the manipulation of public opinion by getting emails favouring several provisions of the new policy sent to a dedicated email address issued by the Delhi government to seek public feedback regarding them by individuals engaged as interns with the Commission.

These sources said, included the allotment of retail liquor licences through the auction of zones, reduction of Excise and VAT, enhancement of licence fee, and increase in the number of liquor vends, and are part of the CBI chargesheet filed in the case on August 17, 2022.

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Student refuses to vote for candidate in DU college polls, beaten up; FIR filed

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A 19-YEAR-OLD DU student was beaten and beaten up by a group at PGDAV college, allegedly after he refused to vote for them and help with the campaign for the upcoming student union polls.

The incident took place last Thursday. Police said the student, Shreshth Singh, was chased, attacked and robbed and an FIR has been lodged against the accused.

One of the accused was a candidate of the AAP's student wing Chhatra Yuva Sangharsh Samiti in a DU Students' Union election in the past. His Instagram profile shows multiple photos with AAP leaders. He and his associates are members of a group which is contesting the internal college election.

AAP spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar did not respond to queries regarding the affiliation of one of the accused with the party or the student wing.

Singh is a third-year BA student who lives in Lajpat Nagar. His family said he was badly

beaten up and is unable to talk after his jaw had to be wired due to multiple injuries on his face.

Speaking to The Indian Express, his elder brother Kartik alleged, "... My brother was threatened and forced to raise slogans and do campaigning. When he told them he didn't want to do it, they were enraged and called their friends. The group attacked my brother inside the college in front of others. Nobody helped. He ran to save his life as they punched and kicked him. They chased him outside college and attacked him..."

Singh, in the FIR, alleged that one of the accused called him and forced him to participate in sloganearing for his team. When he refused to do so, a group of 5-6 students attacked him. "They also snatched my gold chain... Later, I called PCR and they took me to AIIMS Trauma Centre," he said.

A senior police officer said they had registered an FIR and no arrest has been made yet. "We are conducting an investigation and talking to students and college administration," he said.



GENTLY DOWN THE STREAM

Water sports' practice in a cleaner stretch of the Yamuna in Delhi, Wednesday. Tashi Tobgyal

PM to host dinner for Delhi policemen who worked for G20 success

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi has invited police officers to a dinner to thank them for performing their duties meticulously to ensure the smooth conduct of the G20 event.

All zonal in-charges of Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the Summit, have been asked to send the names of five to six such police officers, officials said Wednesday. Sources said the dinner is to be held on September 16.

Senior officers said the dinner will require the participation of Delhi Police's subordinate ranks from constable to inspector from their respective zones who have "taken extra pains to ensure fool-

proof arrangements".

The names of police personnel who have performed their duties despite personal debacles, hardships and family problems may be specifically included," said an official communication. A consolidated list will be created and sent to the headquarters for further processing, police said.

Meanwhile, BJP MLAs Wednesday demanded a special session of the Delhi Assembly to "congratulate the nation" on the success of the Chandrayaan 3 mission and the Summit. Along with extending gratitude to scientists and teams that made both possible, the session needed to be held to acknowledge PM Modi's leadership that was behind both "historic achievements", they said.

A luncheon meeting with around 4,000 people engaged by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) in G20-related duties will be the first such event. According to government sources, Saxena, apart from thanking them for their service, will hand over commendation letters to each individual. Over the coming days, officials

Labourers to officials, L-G to hold thanksgiving events starting today

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

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said he will host similar events for thousands of others.

With around 2,000-4,000 individuals on the guest list at each event, sources added that similar thanksgiving meals will be organised for the Public Works Department, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Environment Department officials as well as people engaged by them in various Summit-related initiatives over the coming days.

Government sources said while the commendation letters would add more weight to the performance reviews of individuals from various government departments, these would hopefully prove beneficial to labourers and daily-wage workers in getting better work opportunities in future.

OCCASION MARKS 809 YEARS OF SUFI SAINT'S BIRTH

At Nizamuddin dargah, a night-long celebration that drew in hundreds

DEEPIKA SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

CROWDS THROGGING the shrine of Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia, popularly known as Nizamuddin Dargah, is a normal sight. Be it seekers or travellers, the place is found teeming with people at all hours. But on Tuesday night, the premises saw more visitors than usual, with the numbers only growing by the hour. The occasion was the 809th Ghousl Sharif (birthday celebration) of the Sufi saint who is revered by people of all faiths

and walks of life.

The shrine itself was decked up for the occasion with colourful balloons and flowers while the soothing sounds of quawwali, a regular feature of the dargah, wafted through the night. This one, however, was different. Unlike other days, when the session concludes by 9 pm, the singing on Tuesday began at 10.30 pm and continued till 5.30 am.

People swayed and clapped as quawwals sang numerous songs including "tu bada gareeb nawaz hai", "ao madiney chalein", and "mere baba Farid".

Said Sirajuddin Nizami,

Sajjadashin of the dargah: "We had not made any special attempts to publicise the event but people turned up in thousands, many of whom stayed till the end."

As the night wore on, two giant cakes, with the words "Happy Birthday Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia Meboob Eelahi", inscribed on them, were carried by devotees towards the main shrine.

Commenting on this, Nizami, whose family has been "serving the shrine for more than 700 years", said, "The cake-cutting ceremony is not part of the traditional or formal celebrations at



the dargah. It is carried out by the devotees on their own, to show their love."

Besides the cake, devotees also distributed biryani, bread pakoras, tomato soup, rusk, mathri, apples, coffee, tea and various kinds of juices and soft drinks through the night.

At 2 am, ghousl (cleaning) of the holy grave was carried out with kevda and rose water car-

ries neared, I forgot everything as the quawwals drew me in. Apart from regular quawwals, what I also liked was the fact that a lot of lesser-known numbers such as 'Meri malli gudarai dhohe, ganj-e-shakar ke laal' were sung."

For Rehman's friend, Remya Muralidharan (35), a freelance creative producer from Mumbai, her first visit to the dargah was a "spiritually uplifting" experience. "Being there and hearing the music of Nizami brothers was soul-stirring. You also get to see people from all faiths united, admiring the intimate experience of spiritual enlightenment..." she said.

CASE OF WOMAN'S ELECTROCUTION AT NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

Delhi Police to chargesheet seven Railway personnel: 'Faulty wiring, lack of insulation'

ARNABJIT SURI
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

THE DELHI POLICE probe into the case of electrocution of school teacher Sakshi Ahuja in June has blamed "faulty wiring" in the electric pole outside the New Delhi Railway Station for her death. The 34-year-old woman had held on to this pole for support following heavy waterlogging in the area amid rain.

All seven persons were bound down and subsequently arrested but later granted bail since the offence was a bailable one, said DCP (Railways) Apoorva Gupta.

Gopal and Bharat were the first to have been bound down under CrPC Section 41A where a person is not arrested but asked to be present before the investigating



Sakshi died after coming in contact with an electric pole

officer as and when needed, and can also be arrested if required during the course of the probe.

All the named persons were found to be negligent as, according to photo exhibits and subsequent inspection of the spot, the wires were exposed and dan-

ging and not found to be sufficiently placed inside the electricity pole, the probe found.

Police said that all technical evidence has been gathered by the Delhi Police and the Railway authorities, who conducted their own probe which also named the seven persons. Details of negligence such as "lack of insulation and faulty electrical equipment inside the pole" has been included as part of evidence.

After lodging a case under IPC sections pertaining to negligent conduct with respect to machinery and causing death by negligence, police had inspected the spot and handed it over to Railway authorities for its upkeep. A report was then sought from the Northern Railways, which had formed a committee

to probe the incident and conducted a safety audit to identify the cause behind the electrocution. Police received the report a few weeks back. A chargesheet will now be filed in a few weeks before the Tis Hazari court.

Sakshi died on June 25 after accidentally coming in contact with an electric pole outside exit 1 of New Delhi Railway Station while she was headed to Chandigarh. Sakshi's husband, Ankit, told *The Indian Express*, "We don't have any hope of getting justice as those named... are just pawns in the larger system. Senior railway officials should be held accountable and brought to book for their gross negligence... it has been three months since Sakshi left us and the accused are out on bail..."

Top court refuses to interfere with Delhi govt's firecracker ban

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THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday refused to interfere with the Delhi government's decision to ban the manufacture, storage, sale, and bursting of firecrackers ahead of Diwali in the national capital.

A bench of Justices A S Bopanna and M M Sundresh refused to intervene despite it being pointed out that the state had banned even green crackers

which had been allowed by the apex court.

"Locally, if there is a problem, if it is banned, then it is banned... If a government feels it is to be banned, it is banned, that's all..." the bench said, rejecting the plea filed by BJP MP Manoj Tiwari.

Appearing for Tiwari, Advocate Shashank Shekhar Jha pointed out that even the SC had said there cannot be an absolute ban and that green crackers can be allowed. He added that many other states were also following

suit and banning bursting of firecrackers. The bench then said they should move the respective High Courts to seek redressal.

Justice Bopanna also said, "If you feel like bursting crackers, go to a state where it is allowed."

The counsel said there were other occasions when firecrackers were allowed like to celebrate an election victory. But the court said, "You can find other ways to celebrate... do something for the people. You should be telling your supporters not to do it."

RANI LAKSHMI BAI CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, JHANSI

Advertisement No: RLBCAU/09/2023 | Dated: 13.09.2023

SHORT VACANCY NOTIFICATION

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

The Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi through advertisement no. RLBCAU/09/2023 organizes Walk-in-Interview for eligible candidates to work on contractual basis.

Position	Discipline	Vacancy
Teaching cum Research Associate	Computer Science, Forest Biology and Tree Improvement, Soil Science, Genetics & Plant Breeding and Livestock Production Management	01 each
Young Professionals-II	Life Sciences, Floriculture & Landscaping and Genetics & Plant Breeding	01 each

For more details, please visit university website www.rlbcu.ac.in. The date for Walk-in-Interview shall be 30 September, 2023.

CORRIGENDUM

Note: In advertisement No. RLBCAU/05/2023 dated May 15, 2023 of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, 05 posts of Field cum Laboratory Assistant were advertised as unreserved. Out of 05 posts, 01 post is reserved for EWS category. Hence, candidates of EWS category may send their application for the said post on the application format (given in advertisement number RLBCAU/05/2023 dated May 15, 2023) to the undersigned latest by September 30, 2023. Rest of the conditions will remain the same.

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Hindi Diwas

Hindi Hai Hum

The government draws up a yearly programme for the progressive use of Hindi as an official language at its offices, PSUs

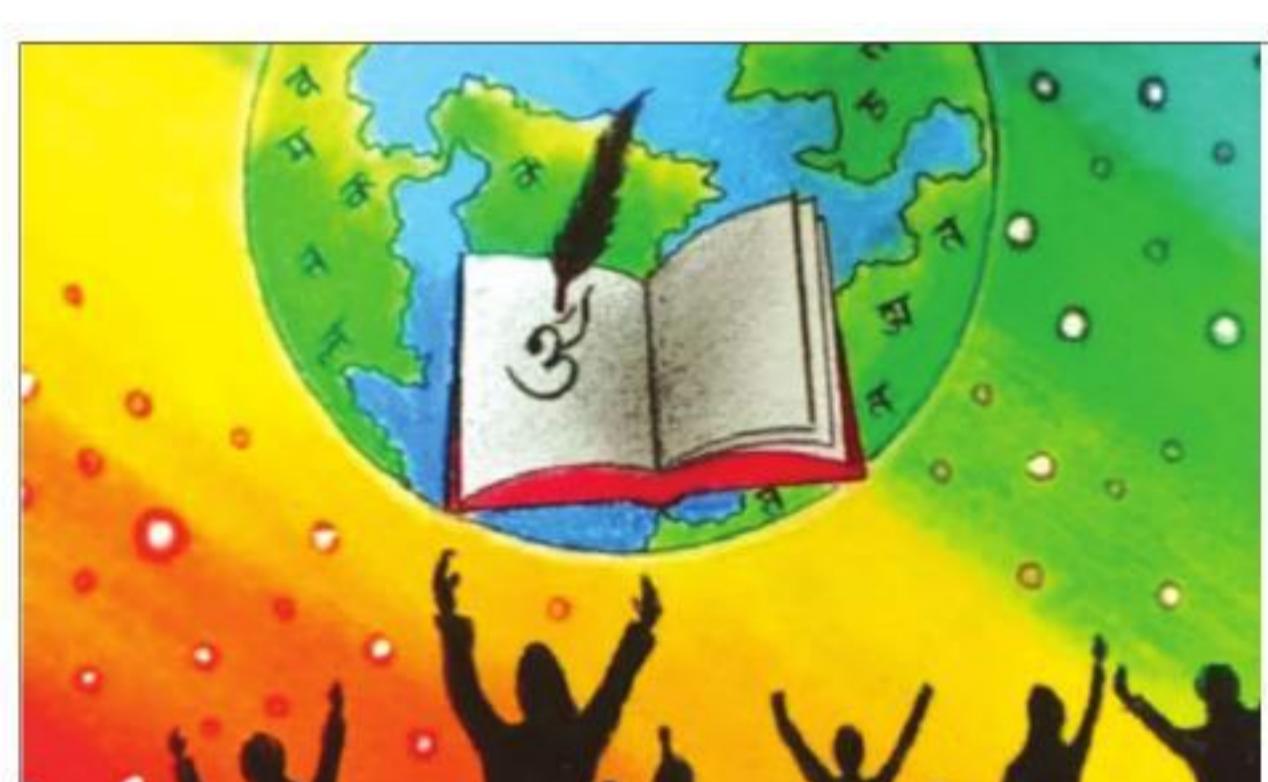
HINDI in the Devanagari script, along with English, is our official language. It was accepted by the Indian Union as Rajbhasha on September 14, 1949, which is celebrated as Hindi Day every year.

According to Article 343 (1) of the Constitution, the international form of Indian numerals is to be used for official purposes of the Indian Union. The Chairman of the Rajya Sabha or the Speaker of the Lok Sabha may permit any Member to address the House in their mother tongue under special circumstances (Article 120 of the Constitution). The purposes for which Hindi alone is to be used, for which both Hindi and English are to be used and for which English language is to be used, have been specified in the OL Act, the OL Rules 1976 and the directions issued under them from time to time by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs. It has been the policy of the Government to ensure a progressive use of Hindi in official work through persuasion, incentive and goodwill. The Official Language Resolution, dated January 18, 1968, as adopted by both Houses of Parliament, states: "This House resolves that a more intensive and comprehensive programme shall be prepared and implemented by the Government of India for accelerating the spread and development of Hindi and its progressive use for various official purposes of the Union and an Annual Assessment Report giving details of the measures taken and the progress achieved shall be laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament and sent to all State Governments." It aligns with this resolution that an annual programme for the promotion and progressive use of Hindi as an official language is prepared by the Department of Official Languages every year for implementation by Central Government offices and PSUs.

The following points in the annual programme need utmost attention:

- Presidential orders issued on all nine volumes of the Report of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language must be complied with by Central Government offices.
- Necessary steps should be taken to get scientific and technical literature prepared

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in Hindi by concerned departments.

3. Hindi language/typing/stenography training may be expedited.

4. Central Government offices should regularly nominate their employees to the different training programmes of the Department of Official Language, direct them to be present in the classes regularly, complete

tri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie. They should prepare literature on their subjects in Hindi so that after training, the officers/employees can carry out their work in Hindi easily.

7. All officials should be acquainted with the Official Language Policy.

8. Central Government offices should organise seminars relating to their subjects in Hindi medium.

9. They should conduct periodic Official Language inspections.

10. A joint Town Official Language Implementation Committees (TOLIC) website has been created by the Department of Official Language (<http://narakas.rajbhasha.gov.in>) where all TOLICs can share data. The objective of forming TOLICs is to provide a joint forum for encouraging the use of the official language in Central Government offices. Members can exchange information about the best practices adopted for increasing the use of Hindi. The best-performing TOLIC is awarded the "Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar" at the national level and the "Rajbhasha Puraskar" at the regional level.

11. The Quarterly Progress Report should be sent to the Department of Official Language within 30 days from the completion of the quarter. Similarly, an annual assessment report should also be made available by June 30. The reports are to be submitted online by logging into www.rajbhasha.gov.in.

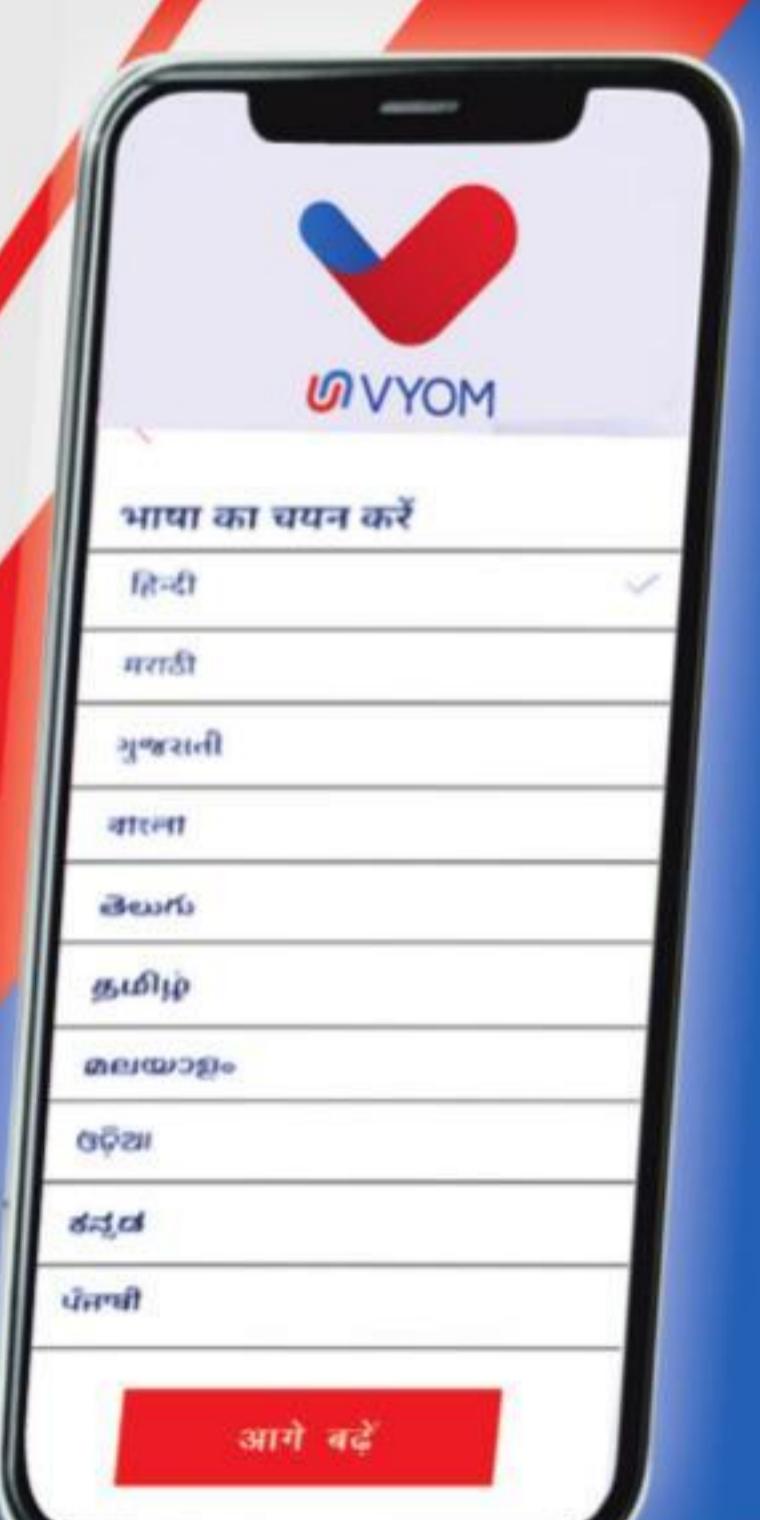
12. Ministries/Departments have to ensure the constitution/re-constitution of Hindi Advisory Committees at the earliest and ensure they meet regularly.

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YEIDA board approves additional fund for MotoGP, relief for farmers

and increase in the number of safai karamcharis as well as their salaries.

On MotoGP, officials said the proposal by M/s Faresstreet Sports Pvt. Ltd., the organiser, was considered in a meeting headed by Infrastructure & Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC). It was decided that YEIDA will provide Rs 8 crore to invest UP to further transfer it to the company. YEIDA has already allocated Rs 8.15 crore for different developmental works for MotoGP, and earlier provided Rs 3.50 crore to the organiser of the event.

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 13

TWO TAILORS employed by a school in Uttarakhand have been booked for allegedly molesting around 100 girl students on the pretext of taking measurements for their school uniforms.

The accused have been identified as Shakeel and Mohammad Umar. They have been booked under sections 354 (using criminal force to outrage the modesty of a woman) of the IPC, and under the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. No arrest has been made in the case so far.

Additional SP Veer Singh said they received a complaint on Tuesday and registered an FIR against the accused.

Sanatan Dharma is national religion of Bharat: Adityanath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 13

AGAINST THE backdrop of controversial comments on Sanatan Dharma by Tamil Nadu minister DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Wednesday said Sanatan Dharma is the "rashtra" (national religion) of Bharat and no one can question its perpetuity.

Asserting that it was unfortunate that some people are "still insulting" Sanatan Dharma, which has been "attacked since ancient times", Adityanath said, "Sanatan Dharma is the rashtra dharma (national religion) of Bharat. No one can question its perpetuity."

Addressing a programme organised on the 350th anniversary of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, the chief minister said, "Those



UPCM offers prayers at Shree Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain on Wednesday. Express

who regard foreign invaders as their masters, there is no place for them in India. People with such distorted mentality do not respect the traditions of Lord Shri Ram, Lord Shri Krishna, Maharastra Pratap, Chhatrapati Shivaji and

Guru Gobind Singh."

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India today is emerging as a superpower in the world. At the same time, there are some people who are making malicious attempts to insult India's heritage by raising questions about India and Indianness. Even Ravan had tried to attack the reality of God but what was the result? Ravan was destroyed by his ego," said Adityanath after unveiling a statue of Shiva on the occasion.

"Hindu is not a religious word but is a cultural identity of Indians. Unfortunately, some people have tried to bring the Hindu identity within a narrow ambit," he said.

Udhayanidhi recently sparked a row after he claimed Sanatan Dharma is against social justice and that it should be eradicated. A Raja, another DMK leader, likened it to diseases like leprosy.

Sub-inspector shot dead while on duty in Manipur

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 13

A MANIPUR Police sub-inspector was shot dead Wednesday in Churachandpur district of the state, which has been roiled by ethnic violence since May.

Onkhomang Haokip, 35, was attached to the Churachandpur district headquarters. He was shot from a distance while on duty at N. Chinghei village. A Defence source said there was no additional firing in the area following the incident.

According to a security source, Haokip — who had joined the police force in 2009 — was part of additional deployment at the village following three days of heavy firing along the Churachandpur-Bishnupur border after August 29 in which at least nine people were killed.

While the village comes under the revenue district of Churachandpur, it is under the jurisdiction of Moirang police station in Bishnupur district.

A Manipur Police statement stated that Haokip was "martyred in a firing incident by miscreants".

Manipur police strongly condemns this dastardly act. His last rites will be performed tomorrow at Churachandpur in a befitting manner," read the statement.

Wednesday's incident also comes a day after three men were killed in Kangpokpi district in a suspected ambush.

'One nation, one election': First meet of Kovind-led panel likely next week

having representatives in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Those present in the meeting included JDU's Nitish Kumar, NC's Farooq Abdullah, SAD's Sukhbir Singh Badal, BJP's Naveen Patnaik, PDP's Mehbooba Mufti, YSRCP's Jagannath Reddy, even as Congress, NCP and TMC had skipped the meet.

Efforts are on to hold the first meeting of the high-level committee in the coming days and a venue is being finalised, sources said, adding that the ministry is in the process of nominating officers who would offer the panel secretarial assistance.

The minister of state for law and justice, whose department is the nodal department on the panel, is a special invitee, while the law secretary has been named as the secretary to the committee. Meghwal said that they are in touch with members regarding their consent and availability for the first official meeting.

He added that even in 2019, when PM Modi had spoken about 'one nation, one election', the Congress had boycotted the meeting.

"Who was heading the government at the Centre when simultaneous polls were held in 1957, 1962 and 1967?" Meghwal said. From the first elections of the Independent India in 1952 until 1967, elections were held simultaneously across the country.

In June 2019, Modi had presided over a meeting with the presidents of all political parties

as per sources.

As per the gazette notification, the committee is expected to begin functioning immediately and submit its recommendations "at the earliest". Some sources say that "it may be a long-term idea with no bearing on the 2024 Lok Sabha elections", also adding that "all suggestions from stakeholders will be taken into account before any decision on the modalities could be taken".

Sanskrit to be taught, NCERT syllabus soon in Uttarakhand madrasas: Waqf Board chairman

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 13

SANSKRIT WILL be taught in madrasas in Uttarakhand that are registered with the state Waqf Board, its chairman announced Wednesday.

Shabab Shams also promised to implement the NCERT syllabus in madrasas, besides upgrading their infrastructure. Shams said the curriculum will be an amalgamation of scientific learning and

Islamic studies, and that students will be able to learn both Sanskrit and Arabic along with English.

Last November, Shams announced that all madrasas under Waqf Board would have a uniform dress code with classes from 8 am to 2 pm, just like other schools. He had also said that the Uttarakhand government would form a committee to survey all the madrasas in the state.

"The people of Devbhoomi are different from others. If our language, culture, and traditions are

different from others, then our education pattern should also be different from ours. Our children should learn our languages and prioritise that. We will appoint Sanskrit acharyas & Arabic teachers in our madrasas so that we can teach both. Our children will speak Sanskrit, Arabic and English too," Shams told *The Indian Express*.

There are 117 madrasas under Uttarakhand Waqf Board. In first phase, the board will develop four of these — one each in Dehradun, Haridwar, Udhampur, Singh Nagar

and Nainital districts — into model madrasas. Shams said: "There will be namaz five times in the model madrasas. After the early morning namaz at around 6.30 am, an hour will be designated for Quran studies. From 8 am to 2 pm, the madrasa will run like a school. During that time, a school uniform would be mandatory just like any English-medium school," he said.

Shams said spiritual leaders favour implementation of Sanskrit in madrasas and appealed to them to adopt madrasas with less funds.

CBI arrests Rlys officer in UP in ₹3L bribery case; seizes ₹2.61 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13



CBI laid a trap & nabbed Joshi while taking bribe. ANI

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested K C Joshi, principal chief material officer of North Eastern Railway (Gorakhpur), for allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 3 lakh from a contractor, threatening to cancel company's government registration as well as a recent contract bagged by him if he fails to do so.

The central agency also raided his Gorakhpur and Noida residences and recovered Rs 2.61 crore from there, said officials.

"KC Joshi (principal chief material officer of North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur) was arrested on Tuesday evening, while he was allegedly receiving a bribe of Rs 3 lakh from the contractor. The contractor had filed a complaint with the CBI, mentioning that his firm — which sells different products

and provides services to the North Eastern Railway — had recently bagged a contract for providing it with three trucks on a contractual basis for Rs 80,000 per truck per month," said a CBI spokesperson, requesting anonymity.

"The complainant alleged that Joshi had demanded a bribe of Rs 7 lakh from him, threatening to cancel his company's registration at the Government e-Marketplace portal as well as the recent contract bagged by him if he fails to do so," the spokesperson added.

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DOCTOR NO

MINISTER OF Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday said he has been honoured with seven D.Lit degrees but has never used the title of Doctor before his name. Explaining the reason at an event organised by *Panchjanya*, Gadkari said that as a student, he wanted to become an engineer. But when he was in Class 12, and was preparing for the exams, Emergency was imposed. Being a Sangh Parivar worker he got engaged in putting up pamphlets on streets at night. The result: he got 49.25% in the Boards, while the minimum cut-off for admission to engineering was 50%. "So how can a person who could not even become an engineer use the title Dr," the minister said.

BATTLE OF WITS

THE ANDHRA Pradesh High Court is hearing the high-stakes political case involving former Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. But the showdown in Amaravati is also likely to see a face-off between top Delhi lawyers. While senior advocate and criminal law expert Siddharth Luthra has been flown from Delhi by Naidu's team, the YSRCP-led state government is also leaving no stone unturned. After granting a temporary stay against the state's plea for seeking police custody of Naidu, the HC was inclined to hear the case again on Friday. However, both sides agreed on September 19. The state needed extra time, it is learnt, to tap in a big name, possibly a former top law officer from Delhi.

JAWAN JIBE AT OPP

MONTHS AFTER the Prime Minister urged BJP leaders and workers not to make unnecessary remarks on films — then in the context of the release of Shah Rukh Khan-starrer *Pathaan* — party members, it seems, are yet to completely overcome the habit. This time, though, the comment praised an SRK movie and hit out at the opposition Congress. Praising Khan's latest release, *Jawan*, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia on Wednesday said, "We must thank Shah Rukh Khan for exposing corrupt, policy-paralysed Congress rule from 2004 to 2014 through *Jawan*... The film discusses corruption in defence procurement and farmers' suicides, among others.

Cabinet approves Rs 7k cr for Phase III of e-Courts project

APURVA VISHWANATH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

FROM INTELLIGENT scheduling to prioritising cases for hearing to using artificial intelligence in decision-making for judges, the Cabinet on Wednesday approved Phase III of the e-Courts project with a budget outlay of Rs 7,210 crore.

"The e-Courts Phase-III aims to usher in a regime of maximum ease of justice by moving towards digital, online and paperless courts through digitisation of the entire court records, including legacy records," a statement by the government said.

The e-Courts project that began in 2007 is a centrally sponsored scheme that is part of the National e-Governance Plan. The Supreme Court is responsible for the policy planning, strategic direction and implementation while the Department of Justice (DoJ) provides the funding.

The Phase II of the project that had a budget outlay of Rs 1,670 crore saw a major technological upgrade in courts during the Covid crisis. The National Judicial Data Grid, a repository of over 23-

BJP resolution hails PM for G20 Summit success

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

THE BJP Wednesday passed a resolution hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the "historic and unprecedented" success of the G20 Summit and said India's presidency of the grouping will always be celebrated as "People's G20".

In the resolution, the BJP parliamentary board noted with "great pride the impeccable leadership and unwavering commitment" showcased by Prime Minister Modi at the summit.

The G20 Delhi summit stands

as a monumental chapter in India's diplomatic annals and marks a transformative moment in how India is perceived and engaged with on the global stage, it added.

"We, BJP karyakartas, extend our deepest appreciation and warm congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Government of India for the successful G20 Summit held in New Delhi on 9–10 September, 2023," the resolution read.

India's G20 Presidency will always be celebrated as "People's G20 – a truly people-driven endeavour and a testament to India's enduring spirit", the resolution noted.

The G20 Delhi summit stands

E Transparency in listing cases

Phase III of the scheme will place emphasis on automating the registry's role in listing of cases. The issue of lack of uniform rules and transparency in the listing has been in the spotlight in recent years.

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Women should get more representation in politics: President Murmu in Gujarat

PARIMAL DABHI
GANDHINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 13

AMID OPPOSITION speculation that the women's reservation Bill could be on the agenda of the special session of Parliament next week, President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday pushed for increased representation of women in the Assembly.

Inaugurating the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), Murmu, in her address to the Gujarat Assembly, also called for more representation of women in politics in general.

"I am extremely happy to see Gujarat's development, but I would like to draw your attention to one thing: the representation of women in this House. Today, women are performing excellently in every field, be it science and technology, defence or sports. Their representation in politics should also increase," she said.

"I visit educational institutions across the country and meet girl students. I have seen an eagerness in their eyes to do something for the country and society. If they get the right opportunity, they can also contribute in nation building, while standing shoulder to shoulder with men. Participation of half of the total population is very im-



President Droupadi Murmu addresses the Gujarat Assembly in Gandhinagar on Wednesday. Express

portant for the overall development of the country," she said.

As part of the Centre's Digital India programme, Gujarat has become the 10th State Assembly to go digital under NeVA.

Praising Gujarat for taking several initiatives in various sectors like education, power, health, water, infrastructure and manufacturing, Murmu said the inauguration of an "e-Assembly" was an important step towards transforming it into a "digital House". She said that through NeVA, MLAs could learn and adopt the best practices of Parliament and other State Assemblies. She expressed con-

fidence that the initiative, inspired by the goal of "one nation, one application", would bring more speed and transparency in the functioning of the Gujarat Assembly.

In her speech, Murmu also referred to the formation of the Global Biofuels Alliance during the G20 Summit, saying this was another important step taken under the leadership of India after the International Solar Alliance, for environmental protection and energy self-reliance. She said this was a good opportunity for a state like Gujarat which promotes innovative and non-traditional sources of energy.

Now, beneficiaries can download Ayushman health card from app

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To ensure that beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat insurance scheme get their "golden card" for cashless treatment, the government has created an Ayushman app to get the card within minutes on mobile phones.

The application can be downloaded from any app store.

The app is part of the Ayushman Apne Dwar 3.0, one of the three prongs of the Ayushman Bharat initiative, launched by President Droupadi Murmu from Gujarat Wednesday.

It is dedicated to the celebration of PM Narendra Modi's birthday. The other two components of the initiative are Ayushman Mela and Ayushman Village.

According to Health Ministry officials, beneficiaries will be able to log on to the platform with their phone number, check whether they are eligible by using an Aadhaar number or fam-

ily ID, and complete their e-KYC to get a digital copy of the card.

The app can be used by beneficiaries who already have the card to get a copy.

"With this initiative, India will write a new chapter in making healthcare affordable and accessible," Murmu said after launching Ayushman Bharat in Gandhinagar. Murmu applauded the goals to facilitate access of Ayushman cards, generate ABHA digital account IDs, and raise awareness about vital health schemes. She also praised health camps to be organised under Ayushman Mela, which, as per the government's plans, will see 1.6 lakh health and wellness centres across the country conduct weekly health camps to screen people for non-communicable diseases, TB and providing services such as routine immunisation.

The initiative launched Wednesday will continue all year, said Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, who joined the event virtually from Delhi.

Searches were conducted at the Bhopal residence of a Trust member.

"Besides Rampur, searches were carried out in Sitapur, Saharanpur, Lucknow,

Ghaziabad, and Meerut. In Lucknow, the search was carried out at the house of Azam Khan's chartered accountant," said the source.

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BRIEFLY

RAJASTHAN

NEET aspirant dies by suicide

Kota: A teenage student from Jharkhand allegedly died by suicide on Tuesday in Rajasthan's Kota, police said Wednesday, adding that the girl was preparing for the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET).

"Around 10:30-11:00 pm yesterday (Tuesday), the hospital informed us that a student had died by suicide. She was preparing for NEET and was a resident of Ranchi, Jharkhand," Amar Chand, assistant sub-inspector of Kota's Vigyan Nagar police station said. Her death takes the students' suicide toll this year in Kota to 24 — highest in the last eight years. ENS

KARNATAKA

Mid-day meal: 24 in hospital

Bengaluru: Twenty-four students of Moulana Azad Model School, Karnataka's Chitradurga district were hospitalised Tuesday after suspected food poisoning due to "consumption of mid-day meal". The incident was reported after the students consumed their mid-day meal including chikkis (groundnut brittle), eggs and bananas as special nutrient-dense foods.

The education department said initially three students started vomiting after eating chikkis, and then others too developed health issues. They were admitted to hospital, and later discharged. The food samples have been sent to a forensic lab. ENS

ODISHA

Bargarh: 5 scrub typhus deaths

Bhubaneswar: At least five people died in the recent weeks in Odisha's Bargarh district due to vector-borne scrub typhus infection while four patients are recovering. Bargarh district public health officer Sadhu Charan Das said two of the deceased are from Sohela block while one each from Attabira, Bheden and Barpali blocks. Earlier, Bargarh district had witnessed Scrub typhus infection in 2014 though there was no casualty. ENS

UTTAR PRADESH

Teen held for bid to kill classmate

Meerut: A Class 10 student was detained on the charge of attempt to murder after he allegedly set the schoolbag of his classmate afire by pouring petrol, but the flames caused burn injury to the latter on their school campus in Aligarh Tuesday, police said Wednesday.

According to the school authorities, the 14-year-old injured boy was admitted to a hospital with 25 per cent burns and is stated to be out of danger. The accused boy, 14, was suspended from the school after the incident. Police said that students told them on Tuesday that the duo had a scuffle over some issue, after which the injured boy damaged the accused's school bag, leading to the fire incident. ENS

GUJARAT

7 Bangladeshi migrants held

Surat: Surat police arrested seven illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, including three women who were working at a local spa, in Udhna area Wednesday.

Police said they had made fake documents and were staying in Surat for the past two years. Those arrested include an agent who charged Rs 90,000 per person for bringing the illegal immigrants to Surat and securing them jobs at the spa sector. All the accused were charged under sections of IPC, Passport Act and Foreigners Act. ENS

Lancet Commission flags concern over increase in tuberculosis deaths

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PUNE, SEPTEMBER 13

THE WORLD is not on course towards ending tuberculosis, a new Lancet Commission on TB has said, flagging concerns over the increase in tuberculosis deaths for the first time in 20 years.

According to the Commission's review report slated for release on Thursday, there has been a deterioration in the rate of decline in TB mortality and two-thirds of tuberculosis deaths occurred in just eight countries, and over half occurred in India (33%), Indonesia (10%), and Nigeria (8%). As per the Global TB report 2022, India reported 5.04 lakh deaths in 2021 as against 5.52 lakh in 2010. In 2017, however, the number of deaths re-

ported were 4.62 lakh. While the Covid pandemic had an impact on the ability of global health systems to prevent, screen and treat TB, the report estimated that one-third of people were undiagnosed and untreated in 2022.

"Progress towards ending TB has been minimal in some countries and substantial in others. Especially for the highest burden nations, the biggest challenge to ending TB has been insufficient case finding and diagnosis," said Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Commission co-author and former WHO chief scientist.

The report comes at a time when a United Nations High Level Meeting on TB will be held on September 22 and makes a strong case for focusing on a new menu of tools that according to Dr Eric Goosby, Commission co-Chair,

UCSF Professor of Medicine and former UN Special Envoy on Tuberculosis, has the potential to revolutionise TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

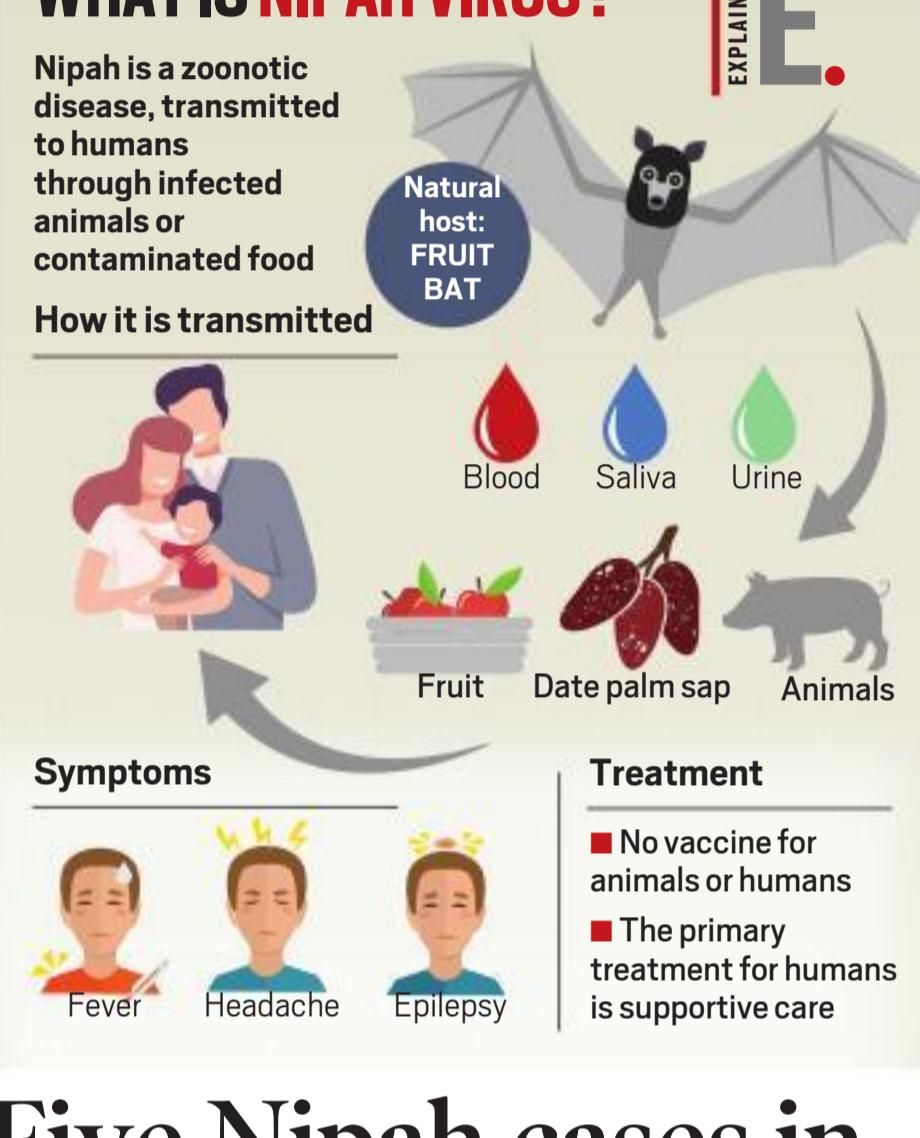
This new report is a follow-up to the 2019 Lancet Commission on tuberculosis. The first report outlined a blueprint for reaching the goals set by the first UN HLM in 2018. While progress has been made in some areas, the targets of the UN HLM have not yet been achieved. As Covid-19 erased years of reduction in TB mortality rates, the Commission authors in their review, 'Scientific advances and the end of tuberculosis', have said that there has been an increase in TB deaths — rising from 1.4 million in 2019 to 1.6 million in 2021.

The Commission has also made a series of recommendations including immediate scale-

up in access to molecular diagnostics and AI-assisted chest x-ray technology. There is also a strong pitch for newer shorter 1/4/6 treatment regimens.

Dr Swaminathan said, "The newer, shorter 1/4/6 TB treatment regimens can have a huge impact on adherence and efficacy. This recommendation would ensure access to one-month regimen or once-weekly for TB prevention, four months for drug-sensitive TB, and six months treatment regimen for drug-resistant TB. To maximise the impact of these significant treatment breakthroughs, we need more countries adopting the new treatment paths faster." Adjunct therapies like nutritional support can go a long way in reducing deaths due to TB, he added.

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Five Nipah cases in Kerala; 9 panchayats in Kozhikode now 'containment' zones

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
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THE NUMBER of Nipah cases in Kozhikode rose to five on Wednesday after a health worker tested positive for the infection even as the source of the virus remained unknown.

The state had earlier reported four positive Nipah cases — two of them have died over the last two weeks. The 24-year-old health worker, whose samples tested positive for Nipah, belongs to a private hospital in Kozhikode, where one of the victims died of the infection on August 30. The health worker and two other people are under treatment. As many as 153 health workers have figured in the contact list of the confirmed cases. The state government Wednesday scaled up control measures.

A state-level control room was opened, nine panchayats in Kozhikode district were declared containment zones, and 800-odd persons brought under observation after they figured in the contact lists of the infected persons.

After a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to review the situation, the government imposed social distancing in Kozhikode district for

the next 10 days. All public functions in the district would be suspended and social gatherings would be allowed only with restricted participation and with prior permission from police.

After the meeting, Health Minister Veena George said 789 persons who are in the contact list of the confirmed cases have been identified. Since the route maps of the infected persons have been published, the contact list would go up further. Of them, 77 persons are in the high-risk category and 17 persons have been isolated in hospitals in Kozhikode. One of the infected cases, a nine-year-old boy, is on life support. ICMR was requested to send the monoclonal antibody required for his treatment, she said.

Official sources said efforts are on to identify the source of the infection. As fruit bats are considered a reservoir of the virus and animal to human infection is suspected, samples of fruits found partially eaten by bats were collected from Ayancheri and Maruthonkara, the villages of the dead victims.

A team of doctors from the National Centre for Disease Control visited the control room and two teams, one from ICMR-Pune and other from the Union Health Ministry, would reach Kozhikode on Wednesday night.

The NGT's central zone bench comprising Justice Shudhir Agarwal and expert member Afroz Ahmad also restrained the respondents from "raising any per-



READYING FOR B'DAY

A tribal artisan makes fibreglass figurines of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his birthday, in Agartala on Wednesday. PTI

Don't operate motorised boats, cruises on Bhopal Lake, NGT tells MP govt

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THE NATIONAL Green Tribunal (NGT) has restrained the Madhya Pradesh government from operating cruise boats or any forms of motorised boats on Bhopal Lake by observing that waterbodies are for public benefit and the government is "under obligation to protect them".

The NGT's central zone bench comprising Justice Shudhir Agarwal and expert member Afroz Ahmad also restrained the respondents from "raising any per-

manent construction within 'zone of influence' of waterbodies/wetlands" and demolishing any permanent construction.

The NGT order was passed Tuesday on an application by environmentalist Subhash C Pandey against the state government, Bhopal Municipal Corporation and the MP Pollution Control Board (MPPCB), among six respondents.

The NGT restrained the authorities from "running Cruise Boats and any other boat operated with motors in Bhopal Lake (Ramsar site) and other designated wetlands", and said in its direction: "Waterbodies in Madhya Pradesh

are for the people's benefit and the state is under obligation to protect and maintain them so that the same are not polluted, damaged and no harm is caused to aquatic flora and fauna of these resources."

It clarified that the restrictions "will not apply to non-motorised Boats/Cruises", but if they "deploy any system creating noise etc., the relevant environmental statutes shall be followed". Pandey said in his plea that Bhopal upper lake is an important source of potable water to the city and has more than 15 kinds of fish and vulnerable animals like turtles, amphibians and aquatic invertebrates.

The man had been arrested in Aluva municipality of Kerala's Ernakulam district in 2016. He was watching the obscene video looking down at his phone and there is no allegation by the prosecution that he publicly exhibited the video, he said.

Sonia, Shah to battle it out in Hyderabad on Telangana merger day

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HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 13

THE DAY of the merger of Telangana into the Indian Union — September 17 — has emerged as a crucial event in the state over the last couple of years. With Assembly polls scheduled for later this year, it is being utilised for campaigning too. All three key contenders in the state — the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Congress and BJP — have lined up high-profile events this year on the day, to be addressed by top leaders.

On September 17, 1948, the erstwhile Hyderabad state — comprising Telangana and parts of Maharashtra and Karnataka — which had not officially cele-

joined the Indian Union after the Indian Army swept into Hyderabad under a three-day military action called Operation Polo. The Hyderabad state was on the boil leading up to this, with the peasants and the Communists carrying out an armed rebellion against the oppressive regime of Nizam Mir Usman Ali.

Around the same time, a private Muslim militia called the Razakars came up to suppress the peasant and Communist movement. Since the BJP started trying around 2020 to make inroads into the state, September 17 has become a battle of narratives. The BRS government led by K Chandrashekhar Rao or KCR — which had not officially cele-

brated the day since it came to power in 2014 — announced in 2022 that it would observe September 17 as Telangana National Unity Day and conduct three-day programmes in that regard.

The BJP-led Centre said it would mark the day as Telangana State Liberation Day instead, framing it as the day Telangana got free from the clutches of the Nizam. Last year, Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed a massive gathering to mark the day, where he lashed out at the BRS for ignoring its significance, attributing it to the fact that it was an ally of the AIMIM.

The BRS, in turn, hit out at the BJP for politicising the issue.

This time too, the BJP is plan-

ning a massive show on Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, with Shah attending. During the visit, Shah will also pay homage to the soldiers who fought against the Nizam's Army and the Razakars and unfurl the national flag. While the Congress was largely out of the picture last year in terms of marking September 17, this time it has also seized on the day's relevance and historical significance, and announced a CWC meeting in Telangana that day. A Telangana PCC leader said September 17 was "an im-

portant and right day to announce poll plans and promises".

Alongside the CWC meeting, the Congress will also hold a massive public meeting at Tukkuguda in Hyderabad district. Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi is likely to attend along with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, and unveil the party's "five guarantees" for the polls at the end of the year. Congress leaders said they would announce the party's separate declarations or promises for youth, SC-STs and minorities at the public meeting.

The ruling BRS has said it will commemorate the day "quietly", highlighting the KCR government's policies and schemes.

BRS working president and Minister KT Rama Rao said party leaders would celebrate the day in their respective districts, while ministers will hoist the national flag at special programmes to be organised in all of the state's 33 districts. KCR will also hoist the national flag at a programme in Hyderabad, but the venue has not been decided yet.

"We do not want to politicise the issue unlike other parties, and will hold functions to showcase the development work that the BRS has done, which has become a national model," MLC K Kavitha, who is the daughter of KCR, said. Kavitha is also likely to conduct a rally to gather support for the women's reservation Bill that she has been pushing for.

SC: Police briefing on crime probes must not result in media trial

Gives MHA 3 months to prepare manual on media briefing

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POLICE BRIEFINGS to the media about investigation of crimes "must not result in a media trial so as to allow for pre-judging of the guilt of the accused", the Supreme Court cautioned on Wednesday and directed the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to prepare a "comprehensive manual on media briefings by police personnel" within three months.

Dr Swaminathan said, "The newer, shorter 1/4/6 TB treatment regimens can have a huge impact on adherence and efficacy. This recommendation would ensure access to one-month regimen or once-weekly for TB prevention, four months for drug-sensitive TB, and six months treatment regimen for drug-resistant TB. To maximise the impact of these significant treatment breakthroughs, we need more countries adopting the new treatment paths faster." Adjunct therapies like nutritional support can go a long way in reducing deaths due to TB, he added.

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volved and the interest of the accused, witnesses, prospective witnesses as well as victims and survivors of crime," the bench said. "There is in that sense a need to have a uniform policy which can be adopted for notifying nodal officers who would be available to share the official version of the stage of investigation, consistent with the need to ensure that the disclosure itself does not derail the course of investigation."

The court said: "The nature of disclosure cannot be uniform since it must depend upon the nature of the crime and participating stakeholders, including victims, witnesses and accused themselves. The age and gender of the accused as well as of the victims would have a significant bearing on the nature of disclosure to be made as well. The guidelines must duly factor in the need to ensure that the disclosure must not result in a media trial so as to allow for pre-judging of the accused."

It asked DGP of all states to "communicate to the MHA" within one month their suggestions for preparation of "appropriate guidelines". The MHA, the court said, will subsequently "proceed to prepare the guidelines after considering the views received from the DGP's and other stakeholders, including the National Human Rights Commission."

The court was dealing with pleas that raised the issue of procedure to be followed by police in

probing encounters and the procedure governing media briefings by police personnel in ongoing criminal investigation. The first issue was dealt with and decided by the court in September 2014. The bench said the issue "assumes significance, particularly in the context of the manner in which media reportage takes place, particularly in crimes involving a degree of public interest". Dealing with the plea, the SC said, "media reporting on matters involving commission of crimes involves several aspects of public interest. At a basic level, the fundamental right to free speech and expression is directly implicated, both in terms of the right of the media to portray and disseminate news and information, and the right of the viewing public and readers to receive a diversity of opinions".

It said, "There can be no gainsaying the fact that both the media in pursuance of its fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression as well as the consumers of news, information and ideas have a right to receive fair and unbiased information".

Wednesday's order also said that the SC, in its 2012 decision in Sahara India Real Estate Corp vs SEBI, "had underscored the need to maintain the balance between the right of the accused under Article 21 and the right of media/public under article 19(1)(a)".

Kerala HC lets off man held for watching porn on phone on roadside: 'Didn't exhibit to others'

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THE KERALA High Court has quashed a case against a man held for watching pornography on his phone on a roadside, saying he had committed no offence as he was viewing the obscene video in his private time without exhibiting it to others.

But Justice PV Kunhikrishnan, in a September 5 order, warned that watching porn would have far-reaching consequences for children. "Pornography may not be an offence. If minor children start to watch porn videos, there will be far-reaching consequences.

Parents should never hand over mobile phones to minor children to make them happy. Let the children play cricket or football or other games they like during their leisure time... Instead of purchasing food from restaurants through Swiggy and Zomato, let the children taste the delicious food made by their mother. Let the children play and grounds and come back home to the mesmerising smell of mother's food. I leave it there to the wisdom of the parents of minor children of this society."

The man had been arrested in Aluva municipality of Kerala's Ernakulam district in 2016. He was watching the obscene video looking down at his phone and there is no allegation by the prosecution that he publicly exhibited the video, he said.

According to the prosecution, the accused was seen standing on a road at Aluva and watching an obscene video on his phone, because of which he was arrested and his mobile phone seized. Later, police charged him. After elaborating on Section 292, the judge said: "I am of the considered opinion that no offence is made by the petitioner in this case."

The court said the viewing of obscene material by a person in their privacy is not an offence by itself under the section. The

Nipah cases reported in Kerala: What makes this virus deadly

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

TWO PEOPLE have died of the Nipah infection in Kerala's Kozhikode district, while three more have been confirmed to have caught the virus.

While the Nipah virus does not spread as quickly as the Covid-19 virus, it is more deadly. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the overall global case fatality rate — proportion of deaths among those who test positive for the infection — of Nipah is estimated at 40% to 75%.

What is the Nipah infection?

Nipah is a zoonotic disease, which means

it is transmitted to humans from infected animals or contaminated food. It can also be transmitted directly from person to person.

Its symptoms include fever, headache, breathing difficulties, cough and sore throat, diarrhoea, vomiting, muscle pain and weakness. In severe cases, disorientation, seizures, and encephalitis (swelling of the brain) can occur, progressing to coma and death.

How is Nipah transmitted?

The first outbreaks of the Nipah virus among humans was reported from Malaysia (1998) and Singapore (1999). The virus takes its name from the village in Malaysia where the person in whom the virus was first isolated died of the disease.

The animal host reservoir for this virus is known to be the fruit bat, commonly known as flying fox. Fruit bats are known to transmit this virus to other animals like pigs, dogs, cats, goats, horses and sheep.

Nipah can spread to humans after close contact with infected animals or secretions containing the virus on fruit trees, fruits, date palm sap, juice or toddy. Human-to-human transmission is possible through close contact.

The infection is also known to spread through droplets in an enclosed, crowded environment. That is what happened in the 2018 Kerala outbreak. The infection spread from the index patient to others within a

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small corridor for radiological tests in the hospital. It cannot spread in open, well-ventilated spaces," said Dr E Sreekanth, director of the Institute of Advanced Virology, Thiruvananthapuram.

Since it was first identified in 1998-99, there have been multiple outbreaks of the Nipah virus, all of them in

South and Southeast Asian nations. In Bangladesh, there have been at least 10 outbreaks since 2001.

In India, West Bengal saw outbreaks in 2001 and 2007, while Kerala had reported several cases in 2018, and isolated cases in 2019 and 2021.

"The infection happens in Kerala because

the fruit bats in the region are known to carry the virus. Fruit bats and pigs are what you would call healthy carriers of the infection — meaning they are reservoirs of the virus without showing any symptoms or dying off," said Dr Sujeet Singh, former director of National Centres for Disease Control who led the investigation into the 2018 outbreak.

What makes it particularly dangerous?

During the first outbreak in Bengal's Siliguri in 2001, 45 of the 66 people confirmed to have been infected died. That is a mortality rate of 68%. In the next outbreak, in Nadia district of West Bengal, in 2007, all the five infected people died.

During the 2018 outbreak in Kerala in 2018,

17 of the 18 patients confirmed to have been

infected died.

"It is essential to quickly start treatment of those who are suspected to have Nipah. This is because there is a window of just two to three days between the start of symptoms and the worsening of a patient's condition. Sending samples for confirmation to NIV in Pune takes some time," Dr Singh said.

The suspect has to be immediately isolated, while any close contacts — family members, social contacts, hospital staff — should remain in quarantine till they get a negative report. The important thing is to put a stop to human to human transmission of the infection, as the mortality rate can be very high," he added.

WITH ENDS INPUTS

THIS WORD MEANS

OPERATION POLO

75 years ago, when the Indian Army ensured Hyderabad became part of the Union

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 13

ON THIS day 75 years ago, the Indian Army launched Operation Polo, the military action to integrate the princely state of Hyderabad with the Indian Union. By September 18, 1948, the forces of the Nizam, who had been dithering on joining India, were routed. Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel termed the military offensive as "police action".

The background

Hyderabad, consisting of 17 districts including Aurangabad (now in Maharashtra) and Gulbarga (now in Karnataka), was the richest of the princely states, and one of the most populous. Its population was majority Hindu, but its rulers were almost entirely Muslim. It did not have a border with Pakistan, but Nizam Mir Osman Ali Shah had every intention to have fraternal relations with that country.

In November 1947, the Nizam signed a standstill agreement with India, under which status quo would be maintained for a year, and the Indian government would not exercise any authority over Hyderabad. The Nizam's government took advantage of the lull of the standstill agreement to increase its irregular force of the Razakars, which were led by Maj Gen SA El Edroos, the Arab commander-in-chief of the Hyderabad state forces.

The Razakars committed excesses on the ordinary people of Hyderabad, and carried out cross-border raids, even as overtures were made to Pakistan with the intention to establish an independent country within the heart of India.

The military action

The Indian government launched Operation Polo on September 13, 1948. The forces of the Hyderabad state numbered fewer than 25,000, and only a fraction of them were well trained. By one estimate there were no more than two brigades' worth of opposition. The Razakars were more of a nuisance whom the Indian troops swatted aside. The boast of Mir Laik Ali, the Prime Minister of Hyderabad, that 100,000 soldiers would meet the challenge of the Indian Army proved desperately hollow.

The Indian forces were led by Maj Gen



Maj Gen El Edroos (right) offers surrender of the Hyderabad State Forces to Maj Gen JN Chaudhuri in Secunderabad. (Wikimedia Commons)

Jayanto Nath Chaudhuri, General Officer Commanding of 1 Armoured Division, who later became Chief of the Army Staff. The primary strike was led from the west by Maj Gen Chaudhuri's division, aided by subsidiary and supporting thrusts from the north, south, and east of the state.

The primary strike by 1 Armoured Division included 1 Horse (less one squadron) and 9 Dogra (less one company), and a Smash Force comprising 3 Cavalry, 17 Horse (less one squadron) and one company of 9 Dogra. A Kill Force led by 7 Infantry Brigade comprised 2 Sikh, 1 Grenadiers, 14 Rajpur, and one squadron of 14 Horse. Another component of the western thrust was the Vir Force which comprised 9 Infantry Brigade, 3/2 Punjab, and 2/1 Gorkha Rifles.

Hyderabad's surrender

The Nizam announced a ceasefire on September 17. On September 18, Maj Gen Chaudhuri entered Hyderabad city with his forces where Maj Gen El Edroos surrendered to him. Maj Gen Chaudhuri was later appointed the Military Governor of Hyderabad.

Havildar Bachhitar Singh of 2 Sikh was awarded the first Ashoka Chakra of Independent India posthumously. He laid down his life on September 13 while advancing on Naldurg, which is now in Maharashtra.

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EXPLAINED STRATEGY

India's supply chain opportunity

As the focus on China+1 increases, India has a historic opportunity to promote industrialisation in all of South Asia. It will stabilise the region, increase jobs, and make it less vulnerable to Chinese enticements

EXPERT EXPLAINS

GANESHAN WIGNARAJA

AMID THE efforts to cut dependence on China-centric global supply chains, countries such as Vietnam have grabbed the China+1 headlines more than India. However, the announcement at the G20 Leaders' Summit on the landmark India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) has the potential to make India an Asian hub in global supply chains.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington DC in June showed that supply chains are at the centre of the latest chapter in India-United States relations.

First, what are supply chains?

Supply chains — variously described as global production networks, production fragmentation, or global value chains — refer to the geographical location of stages of production (such as design, production, assembly, marketing, and service activities) in a cost-effective manner.

Global supply chains have been the leading model of industrial production since the 1980s, influencing the pace and nature of globalisation and regionalisation. The shift in industrial production from local and regional supply to global supply took place gradually over the last 100 years.

Global supply chains can be found in a wide range of simple (textiles and clothing, food processing and consumer goods, etc.) and complex industries (e.g., automotives, aircraft, machinery, electronics and pharmaceuticals).

Why are global supply chains moving from China?

Even before the Covid-19 pandemic, Western firms had begun to reduce their reliance on China, and its popularity as a sourcing market among Western buyers was diminishing. Some production stages in Chinese supply chains, particularly the labour-intensive ones, were moving to lower-cost locations. The trend was attributable in part to rising wages and supply chain bottlenecks within China, and investor concerns about tighter regulation of foreign firms.

The global risks of supply chains concentrated in mainland China and Hong Kong are underlined by recent data. Exports from the two markets, which together represent 20% of world exports of intermediate goods, decreased 15% and 27% year-on-year respectively during the last quarter of 2022. Shipments from the US, which accounted for 8.1% of world exports of intermediate goods, fell by 3% while those of Japan, with 4% share, fell by 13%.

The downturn, coupled with internal risks

in China and the country's trade war with the US, is forcing multinational companies to rethink their global sourcing strategies.

It is costly to shift supply chains — new plants need to be set up, and workers need to be hired and trained, which makes it difficult to relocate production from China wholesale. Even so, considerations of profitability are influencing a trend of relocating production either to friendly countries or back to the US.

Why is India being considered an attractive supply chain hub?

Southeast Asia has beckoned foreign companies with cheap wages, fiscal incentives and improved logistics. Vietnam and Thailand are big winners in supply-chain shifting. But over time, India can become a complementary Asian manufacturing hub to China by reaping gains from foreign technology transfers and creating value-adding jobs.

This is seen in the ramped-up manufacturing of iPhones in the country, early technology transfer in the product cycle of the technologically advanced Mercedes-Benz EQS to India, and Foxconn Technology Group developing a chip-making fabrication plant in Gujarat. Manufacturing sectors in India such as automotives, pharmaceuticals, and electronics assembly are already sophisticated, and likely to emerge as winners in this race.

India's attractiveness to foreign investors is also linked to geopolitical and economic factors. The World Trade Organisation (WTO) lists India as the fifth largest importer of intermediate goods in 2022 Q4 with a 5% share, suggesting that supply chain pessimism on India may be altering since the pandemic.

The countries ahead of India are China (23.4%), the US (16.2%), Germany (9.1%), and Hong Kong (6.0%). India could in the future double its current 1.5% share of world exports of intermediate goods.

Indian service can also be a winner, including in information and communications technology, back-office work, financial and pro-

INDIA WAS THE WORLD'S 6TH LARGEST INTERMEDIATE GOODS IMPORTER IN Q4, 2022

Rank	Country	Value	Share
1	China	376	23.4%
2	US	261	16.2%
3	Germany	147	9.1%
4	Hong Kong	97	6.0%
5	India	81	5.0%
6	Japan	75	4.7%
7	Mexico	74	4.6%
8	Rep. of Korea	72	4.5%
9	Netherlands	72	4.5%
10	France	67	4.2%
11	UK	65	4.0%
12	Italy	63	3.9%
13	Singapore	56	3.5%
14	Canada	52	3.2%
15	Taiwan	52	3.2%

Source: WTO (2022 and 2023) Value in \$ bn

THE EXPERT

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essional services, and transport and logistics.

Since 2022, the Narendra Modi government's trade policy has placed renewed emphasis on preferential trade through a flurry of bilateral deals with trading partners.

The UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement entered into force in May 2022. An early harvest was reached in April 2022 for the Australia-India free trade agreement (FTA), and talks are ongoing to conclude the full FTA by the end of 2023. Negotiations for a UK-India and EU-India FTA are in process.

These new deals are significant because they are with Western trading partners, and reflect plans for deep economic integration going well beyond India's previous FTAs which focused solely on the goods trade and related measures.

So, what must India do going forward?

India can learn much from China's experience.

First, the promotion of export-oriented foreign direct investment (FDI) is key to participating in supply chains. A gradual stance of trade liberalisation dictates maintaining an open-door policy toward FDI in manufacturing and facilitating investment at a high level, with competitive fiscal incentives and the creation of modern special economic zones as public-private partnerships. The reduction of business hassles through digitalisation of tax, customs, and business administration, and high-quality free trade deals is essential.

Second, local companies need smart business strategies to join global supply chains. Big companies naturally have advantages in supply chains due to the larger scale of production, better access to foreign technology, and the ability to spend more on marketing.

Conglomerates can cross-subsidise in-

vestments and other costs among business units. Small and mid-sized enterprises should, therefore, work as industrial suppliers and subcontractors to large exporters.

Business strategies like mergers, acquisitions, and alliances with multinationals and large local business houses are rational approaches. So is investment in domestic technological capabilities to achieve international standards of price, quality, and delivery.

Third, caution should be exercised before India attempts to replicate China's state interventionist template wholesale, as there is a significant risk of government failure and cronyism. It may be prudent to actively engage with think tanks to gain insights into what might work.

Still, some aspects of China's industrial policy may be relevant to India, including better targeting of multinationals in new industrial activities in which there may be a potential comparative advantage and better coordination between the central and state governments.

Equally important is upstream investment in tertiary-level education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Could the South Asian region as a whole benefit from this approach?

India has a historic opportunity to promote industrialisation in South Asia, which would stabilise the region, increase jobs, and make it less vulnerable to Chinese enticements.

Market-led spillovers from India's supply chains through outward-foreign investment in labour-intensive manufacturing are a natural transmission channel to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

India's dynamic start-up culture, venture capital financing and fintech capacity can be used to draw in young entrepreneurs from other South Asian countries.

The Indian government should consider two policy initiatives to promote regional supply chains.

First, upscaling the Make in India Programme into a Make in South Asia Programme. India can provide fiscal incentives to Indian manufacturers to expand into Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, which are in apparel supply chains. Food processing, textiles and apparel, and the automotive sector might be candidates for this, given India's neighbours' factor endowments and industrial experience.

Second, India should conclude a comprehensive bilateral FTA with Bangladesh and upgrade the Indo-Sri Lanka FTA to support regional rules-based trade and investment.



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A STICKY SURGE

Vegetable prices decline, but upside risks to food inflation persist. This supply side shock requires deft policy management

ON TUESDAY, DATA released by the National Statistical Office showed that retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, eased below the 7 per cent level, falling to 6.83 per cent in August. The decline was driven largely by lower food inflation — the consumer food price index fell to 9.94 per cent in August from 11.51 per cent in July. The disaggregated data shows that this decline was in large part due to vegetables. Vegetable inflation fell from 37.4 per cent in July to 26.1 per cent in August. As per ICRA, this fall contributed around 28 basis points of the 61 basis point decline in headline CPI. Inflation, however, continues to remain elevated in cereals (11.85 per cent), pulses and products (13.04 per cent), spices (23.19 per cent) and milk and products (7.73 per cent). There are indications that upside risks to food prices linger on.

In its last meeting, the monetary policy committee had opted to maintain status quo on rates, choosing to look through this surge in inflation. The view was that the price shock from vegetables was short-term in nature, and that price pressures would recede. However, there are now indications that high food prices may not be transitory. For one, the monsoon continues to be deficient. And a strengthening El Niño in the coming months could potentially impact the upcoming rabi crop. This would suggest that even as vegetable prices may correct, food inflation could prove to be more sticky than previously anticipated, due to higher prices in other categories. The government has taken several steps in recent months to curb prices. It has decided to offload 5 million tonnes of wheat and 2.5 million tonnes of rice in the open market, imposed stock limits on urad and tur, enacted export bans on wheat, non-basmati white rice and sugar, announced the sale of tomatoes at discounted rates, and imposed a 40 per cent duty on onion exports. However, this supply side induced inflation shock requires deft supply side management. Imports must be eased, and the policy of imposing stock limits must be reexamined.

Most analysts expect inflation to fall further in September, as vegetable prices correct. However, for the entire second quarter (July–September) inflation is likely to average above the RBI's forecast of 6.2 per cent. Considering the uncertainty in the trajectory of food inflation, the MPC is likely to maintain the status quo when it meets next in October. But, sustained food inflation could spill over, raising the possibility of inflation becoming generalised. Such food price shocks could also impact household inflation expectations. There is also the hardening of crude oil prices to contend with. This will complicate the policy choices before the MPC, going forward. How the growth-inflation trajectories evolve will determine the course of policy action.

THE OFFICIAL VIGILANTE

Monu Manesar points to a disturbing phenomenon: Increasing degrees of state sanction for cow vigilantism

IN MAY 2021, the Punjab & Haryana High Court asked the Government of Haryana to explain itself on the "power/authority of vigilantes to raid the houses of citizens." Such actions, the Court said, "are prima facie illegal" and "contrary to the rule of law". The arrest of Mohit Yadav — aka Monu Manesar, in his "gau rakshak" alter ego — by Haryana Police is a welcome, though long-delayed, development. Yet, the fundamental question raised by the High Court over two years ago lingers on. Why has the police, in Haryana and in other states, de jure or de facto, sub-contracted its role of maintaining law and order to self-proclaimed cow protectors?

The list of charges against Yadav is long: He was arrested in Haryana for "objectionable and inflammatory" posts on social media during the recent communal violence in Nuh, then handed over to Rajasthan Police. He has been wanted in Rajasthan for his alleged role in the abduction and murder of Junaid and Nasir in February. The seeming impunity and brazenness with which Yadav operated may have had something to do with his political associations. He has been a member of Bajrang Dal and rose through the ranks to become the face of the gau rakshak movement by 2022 and the head of the Gurugram district Cow Protection Task Force. Such "task forces" are official — they were notified by the Haryana government in July 2021 to enforce the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act (2015). Yadav's group reportedly has a network across districts and confronts and apprehends alleged "cattle smugglers", often working with and for the police. These groups have also been accused of using their muscle power to run extortion rackets, targeting a community, in a climate of impunity. In the liminal space between law and disorder, police and mob, the likes of Monu Manesar flourish.

There is a simple principle that all governments are bound by: Legitimately constituted governments have a monopoly over violence. Put another way, this means that the police and other law enforcement agencies alone have the power to detain and question suspects and investigate crime. By providing sanction in law and practice to cow vigilantes, the Haryana government risks turning policing into a cottage industry that is beyond accountability or checks and balances. Unfortunately, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand too have provisions to provide "official" identification to "genuine" gau rakshaks. They must realise that even the most genuine "cow protector" will only ever be a dangerously make-believe policeperson.

A CELL AND A SHEEP

Ian Wilmut, creator of the world's first cloned mammal, sought to cure genetic disorders. His pioneering work showed the way

AT A TIME when the possibility of using lab-grown meat as a sustainable source of protein is a matter of serious discussion, it may be hard to imagine the furor that was unleashed in 1997 by news of the birth of a cloned sheep, the first mammal to be thus reproduced. Dolly, born at the Roslin Institute in Scotland after a cell taken from the udder of Finn Dorset sheep was fused with an egg cell from a Scottish Blackface sheep, shook the world and sparked dreadful spectres of madmen using the technology to replicate Hitler, à la *The Boys from Brazil*. The embryologist Ian Wilmut, who led the team behind Dolly and who died this week at the age of 79, took a clear stand against such speculation. Human cloning, he said, was ethically unacceptable.

Beyond the media hype, Dolly — named after the country singer Dolly Parton — represented a major scientific breakthrough. Until then, it was scientific dogma that while stem cells (found in embryos) could develop into various "specialist" cells, mature cells could not be turned back into stem cells. This foreclosed the possibility of using cells from adults for cloning. Dolly, born from a six-year-old ewe's cell, changed that.

Twenty-six years on, the legacy of Wilmut's work has been far less dire than the fevered imaginings of the time predicted. Human clones remain in the realm of science fiction, but Dolly signalled the start of a new chapter in genetics. It directly led to the Nobel Prize-winning work by Japanese stem cell biologist Shinya Yamanaka, which extended the therapeutic possibilities of stem cells. Wilmut, too, sought to use the breakthrough to develop treatments for genetic disorders like Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis. While he succumbed to complications related to Parkinson's himself, having been diagnosed in 2018, his work with and since Dolly showed all that could be accomplished and the lives that could potentially be saved using a single cell.



HASEEB A DRABU

THE 122ND CONSTITUTIONAL Amendment of 2016 giving the Union and states concurrent powers of indirect taxation has been the most far-reaching change from a fiscal standpoint, since the setting up of the First Finance Commission in 1951. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, introduced in 2017, is based on a system of concurrency of indirect taxes, where every transaction attracts central as well as state GST. The inter-state transactions, as well as imports, are levied an integrated GST. With this, a consumption-based taxation system has replaced a production-based one. The collection of indirect taxes in the state where goods or services are consumed, and not in the state where they are produced, changes both the vertical as well as the horizontal dynamics of federalism.

Earlier, the central sales tax, an origin-based tax, effectively exported the tax burden from rich and manufacturing states to the consuming states, contributing to horizontal imbalances. Now, the destination principle for cross-border trading ensures that the poorer, consuming states benefit at the cost of more affluent and industrialised ones. The IGST, for instance, charged during the inter-state supply of goods or services has been transferred to the destination state. This move from the principle of origin to the principle of destination is reconfiguring the balance of power amongst states. Yet, the federal fiscal transfer system continues to be designed for, and is based on, the principles of jurisdictional separation that is germane to the origin-based tax era. Its distributional criteria is also based on the earlier regime. The disconnect between the operational tax regime and the principles and criteria of tax sharing is inimical to the fiscal federal system and can create fault lines in the political economy of federalism.

The 16th Finance Commission (SFC), due to be constituted soon, must be mandated to re-examine the tax-sharing principles in light of the altered landscape of fiscal federalism in India. Its terms of reference (ToR) must be informed by the pooling of the indirect tax so-

The new sharing

16th Finance Commission, to be constituted soon, must re-examine revenue allocation among states, post-GST

vereignty by the Union and the states by consolidating and subsuming their respective indirect tax base. State governments now share with the Union the tax base associated with Union excise duty, service tax and parts of customs duty through the IGST. In turn, the Union government has extended its tax base to sales tax/VAT, central sales tax, entry tax, luxury tax, entertainment tax, taxes on lottery, betting, gambling, and purchase tax.

These major changes necessitate that the statutory sharing of the indirect taxes, both vertical and horizontal, is re-examined and redesigned. To align the principle of vertical sharing with the new system, it is important to start by redefining the divisible pool. For instance, the SFC will be required to specify the modalities of making IGST completely a part of the pool. As of now, only IGST with no input tax credit gets shared with the states. There must be a normative basis for credit-in-transition unsettled IGST to be included in the divisible pool. This also holds for the frequency of settlements, which needs to be stipulated as it has caused a lot of cash flow issues for state governments.

The changed administration of GST where, unlike earlier, the Union and the states jointly and separately collect the same taxes has led to a sharp increase and wide variation in what has been accounted for as the cost of collection of taxes. This ranges from 7 to 10 per cent. Therefore, the SFC should be asked to recommend the method of calculating and apportioning the cost of collection of indirect taxes and suggest ways to reduce such taxes and make their collection more efficient.

As regards the horizontal distribution, the criteria for the distribution of the divisible pool among states, will have to be revisited. The existing criteria, especially for equalising grants, have evolved into a production-based tax system. This needs to be redesigned for a consumption-based tax system.

The change from production to consumption will make a significant difference to the distribution of tax revenues as well as the

need, nature, and distribution of equalising grants. Several things, including the pecking order of states, are bound to see major reordering and recalibration. This is especially so because the ranking of states by per capita income is vastly different from their ranking by per capita consumption.

The "gap-filling" approach devised by British Banker Otto Niemeyer in 1935 and continued under Article 275, should have been redesigned in light of the compensation law brought in by the GST Council. With the GST compensation grants extended to March 31, 2026, the fiscal after that will be the base year for the SFC award that will be operative from 2027 to 2032. It doesn't need a crystal ball to predict that every state will, in its memorandum and submissions to the SFC, seek the extension of the compensation scheme. Therefore, it is best to enjoin upon the SFC to examine the need for compensation, the *raison d'être* for which was to "compensate losses in transition to GST". It is important to review the need, viability, and desirability of the compensation scheme in light of the revenue performance of GST during the past six years. The principles of assigning the balance amount of GST compensation cess collection over the compensation released to states to the divisible pool of taxes also need to be laid down.

At another level, in the new institutional structure of federal finance, those who decided the size of the divisible and those who distribute it — the council and the commission — must have a formal institutional relationship. The SFC should examine how, during the period when it is not in operation, the GST Council can act as the Fiscal Council to monitor the implementation of its award.

The moot point is that the SFC must think afresh conceptually, methodologically, and operationally. The ToR must not only enable and facilitate it to do so but also nudge and guide it in this direction.

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RECENTLY, THE INVITATION extended by the Indian President for the G20 dinner sparked concerns regarding a potential change to Article 1 of the Indian Constitution. Article 1 states: "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States". The Hindi version of Article 1 of the document reads: "Bharat, arthat India, rajyon ka sangh hoga". The interchangeable use of a country's different names has implications not only for the future of that nation's identity but also for other Third World nations.

For the nation in question, changing its name could signify a conscious effort to assert its cultural identity, decolonise its self-image, and preserve its historical and linguistic heritage. This shift can serve as a symbol of pride and resilience against colonial legacies and external influences, fostering a sense of unity and belonging among its citizens. The decision by one country to change its name can serve as a precedent and inspiration for other Third World nations facing similar identity challenges. It can encourage them to explore and assert their own cultural and historical identities, potentially leading to a broader movement towards decolonisation and linguistic sovereignty across the Third World. It's important to note that each nation's circumstances are unique, and the decision to change a name should be context-specific. It may not be suitable or necessary for every nation, as there are many factors at play, including historical legacies, linguistic diversity, and public sentiment.

The interchangeable use of a nation's different names also underscores the complexity of such decisions and the need for careful consideration of historical, cultural, and

MUCH IN A NAME CHANGE

Shift to 'Bharat' is not mere semantics, but about decolonisation, cultural legacy

political factors. Ultimately, these changes reflect the evolving dynamics of nationhood and cultural identity in a globalised world.

The changing of India's official name from "India" to "Bharat" in its Constitution would be a matter of profound significance, encompassing historical, cultural, and political dimensions. "Bharat" carries a deep historical and cultural legacy, rooted in Hindu mythology and ancient texts, symbolising India's rich traditions and identity. However, the debate over changing the name highlights the complex interplay between history, identity, and language. India, like many countries, has been known by multiple names throughout its history, reflecting its diverse cultural and linguistic landscape. Names such as "Hindustan", "Aryavarta", and "Jambudvipa" have been associated with the Subcontinent, illustrating the multifaceted nature of its nomenclature. Therefore, any decision to alter the country's name would need to balance the cultural significance of "Bharat" with the international recognition and historical continuity associated with "India".

This debate is not just semantics; it resonates with the broader themes of decolonisation and cultural identity. The proposal to adopt "Bharat" as the official name can be seen as part of a wider effort to decolonise the minds of the people and promote linguistic sovereignty. For many Third World nations, the historical legacy of colonial oppression is a deeply ingrained aspect of their identity, and renaming the country can serve as a symbolic step towards reclaiming their cultural heritage. This move acknowledges the importance of indigenous languages, cultures, and traditions in shaping

a nation's identity and fosters inclusivity in a culturally diverse society. While the name change may not directly address all the historical injustices, it aligns with the broader goals of recognising and valuing diverse cultural perspectives.

Moreover, in the context of the ongoing soft power struggle between countries, preserving and protecting cultural identity can serve as a strategic advantage. A nation's cultural heritage is a unique and authentic source of influence on the global stage. By showcasing and preserving their cultural traditions, countries can distinguish themselves internationally and convey their identity, values, and contributions more effectively. In an era where cultural diplomacy and cultural exchange play significant roles in shaping international relations, the choice of a name carries far-reaching implications. Retaining and projecting cultural identity becomes a potent tool for nations seeking to assert their presence and impact in the global arena, as it fosters a sense of pride and unity among citizens while also attracting international attention and cooperation.

The decision to change India's name to "Bharat" should be made through a transparent democratic process that respects the cultural significance of "Bharat" while considering the historical and international dimensions associated with "India". It is a symbolic step towards acknowledging the historical legacy of colonial oppression and promoting inclusivity, aligning with the goals of a culturally diverse and equitable society in the modern world.

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SEPTEMBER 14, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

SOVIET UNION VETO

SOVIET UNION USED its veto in the Security Council to kill a western sponsored resolution "deeply deplored" the destruction of a South Korean airliner by a Soviet jet fighter with consequent "tragic loss" of civilian life. The resolution, which also called for a "full investigation" of the incident, barely managed to secure nine affirmative votes, the minimum required for its adoption.

FLESH TRADE BY MP

WITH THE ARREST of a youth of Kidwai

Nagar on charges of rape from the Firoze Shah roadhouse of a Congress (I) MP last month, the Delhi police appear to have unearthed a flourishing racket in the flesh trade. However, the police are being pressurised from "above" to hush up the racket.

ECONOMY REPORT

THE INDIAN ECONOMY which had suffered "a serious setback" during the last year ending on June 1, is likely to put up an encouraging show in the current year according to an assessment by the Reserve Bank of India. In its latest annual report (for the year 1982-

83), the bank has visualised that the economic outlook for the current year ending June 1984 is one of district improvement in agriculture.

INSAT-1B UPDATE

THE 12.7 METRE-LONG solar sail on board Insat-1B has failed to deploy on a command from mission control at Hassan. However, the C/S band antenna for the television segment of the satellite was deployed successfully at 4:40 pm yesterday. Mission control at Hassan has decided on a test to resolve this "ambiguity" in the release of the solar sail.



THE IDEAS PAGE

One Big Fat Election

Idea of one-nation-one-election aspires to a form of limited democracy, seeks to minimise the jostling and clamour of the democratic marketplace to one pan-Indian 'road show'



ALOK RAI

POLITICIANS MAY SOMETIMES act, or seem to act, for honourable reasons. While that is an intriguing phenomenon, what interests me is the fact that their political rivals invariably accuse them of acting "from political motives." And, just as routinely, this is strenuously denied by the original, "honourable", politicians. This is, *prima facie*, puzzling.

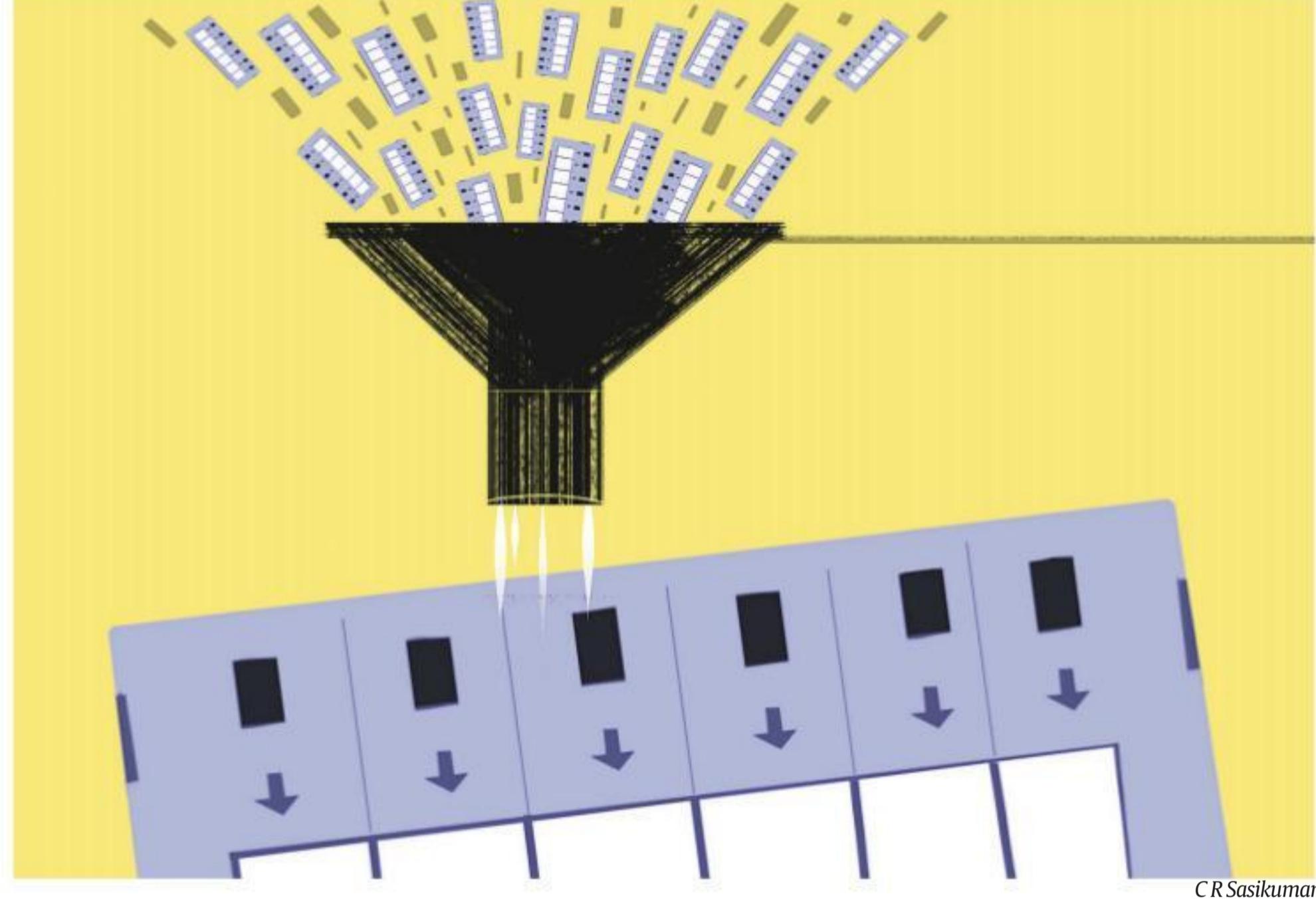
They are, after all, professional politicians – what other motives could they conceivably, credibly, have? What this reveals is, of course, the deep-seated suspicion of, and even revulsion with, all politics and politicians in the minds of the people at large – politicians, themselves, not excluded. One Nation One Election (ONOE) seeks to weaponise this suspicion and revulsion by minimising the daily practice of democracy, the jostling and the clamour of the democratic marketplace, to one quinquennial electoral extravaganza, one gigantic pan-Indian "road show." This is a fact that we can only contemplate with fear in our hearts.

There is a long, and even honourable, history of dissatisfaction with democratic politics. In any case, the institution of full adult franchise-based democracy in a largely illiterate country, steeped in feudal and caste-based social practices, was always a huge gamble. Our own neighbourhood has sprouted "benign" dictators and generals who masquerade as saviours of the people. General Ayub Khan introduced what he chose to call "basic democracy" in Pakistan. Our ONOE aspires to some form of "limited democracy." Still, it addresses a real dissatisfaction, and one must take that on board.

One must start with the fact that all politicians represent – indeed, should labour to represent – particular constituencies. These "constituencies" are not merely lines on a map, demarcated electoral districts. They are also particular demographics, conglomerations of particular interests which have cohered under the appeal of particular political campaigns and ideologies. Thus, it is only right that they act to advance the interests of these constituencies.

Again, these constituencies – whether as geographies or demographics – do not have perfectly coordinated interests. In fact, these interests are frequently at variance with, and even opposed to, certain other interests. (Thus, to take an obvious example, there is a contradiction between the farmers' need for higher crop prices and the nutritional needs of the urban poor.) The resulting contention of competing interests is precisely the stuff of democratic politics. The jostling and the haggling, the deals and the compromises, are precisely the process by which the dynamic optimisations between competing interests are achieved – only and always only for the time being.

Thus, it is only to be expected that the parties and interests that are presently gathering under the INDIA umbrella will have difficulty in working out a minimum programme. And even when that is done – and



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it should be seen to be done, seen to be a-doing even – there will still be mumblings and grumblings, fractious noises. This is to be expected in the process of dynamic democratic optimisation. What is important is that this process is not sought to be aborted, and replaced by one big electoral tamasha.

It is typical that politicians often pretend that they do not represent "special interests" – groups, classes, castes, etc. Instead, they pretend to speak for the "general interest." Such claims are, invariably, deceptive – and easily exposed: Mayawati's "Bahujan" are a particular kind of Dalit, the samaj of the Samajwadis is largely Yadav... But the hypocrisy of the BJP is of another order. They claim to speak for the "national" interest, no less. It follows that all who dare to dissent are deemed "anti-national". After all, if One speaks for "the nation", what need is there for anyone else to speak at all? But the question that needs to be asked here as well is – what is the "special interest" that is masquerading in the loud "national" costume?

Quite simply, it represents the one "special interest" that dare not speak its name: That is the interest of the dominant Hindu-savarna class which enjoys near total control over all social and cultural capital – to say nothing of the other kind. The ideological defences of this special interest have been worn threadbare by the processes of modernity and democracy, as well as by the tireless efforts of the Hindu social reformers – the Arya Samaj, the Brahmo Samaj, by Phule and Periyar and Shree Narayana Guru and Ambedkar – for well over a hundred years. And no amount of fulminating and fudging over "sanatana dharma" is going to restore the lost legitimacy of the Brahminical order, the blessed varnashrama dharma. (It is significant that the "sanatana" defence was first mounted against precisely these reform movements.) The "Hindu nationalism" of the BJP-RSS is, I would suggest, merely the polit-

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Much better, then, to dispense with the whole charade. The party that commands the state machinery, and is awash with the "transparent" funds garnered by opaque electoral bonds, is understandably tempted by the idea of one massive election. Once that is done and dusted, it can satisfy its lust for "oneness", and settle down to the business of establishing its version of "advaitic democracy" – one nation, one election, one language, one examination... and, of course, One Party and One Leader.

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ically mutated (and motivated) form of that exploded savarna ideology. I would, however, hasten to add that this "special interest" too has a perfect right to be heard in the cacophony of the democratic marketplace.

But, and this is where the sneaky idea of ONOE originates, the practice of democratic politics is something of a blood-sport. In this arena, masks get ripped off, disguises torn, and carefully curated appearances get ruined mercilessly. I would suggest, in all humility, that it is only the moral insecurity of the savarna elite, its awareness of its lost legitimacy and its consequent vulnerability, that has led to the emergence of the faux-democratic forms that have emerged in the last 10 years. This is the origin of the "legislative ambush" that has replaced parliamentary deliberation – so that we are about to witness the drama of a "special parliamentary session" with a hitherto secret agenda. It is their insecurity and bad faith that underlies the thought control that is sought to be introduced via corporate control of the media, and by legislative subterfuge. What other explanation can there be for the farce of parliamentary "consultation" that preceded the passage of the agricultural reform bills, or the desperate silence over Manipur burning?

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IN GOOD FAITH

I am Hindu — not a Sanatani

The values of our Constitution must guide us, not ideas that promote inequality

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AS A PROFESSOR at IIT-Bombay and a teacher of development practice, I would like to share with Anurag Thakur, Minister, Youth Affairs, why I am a practising Hindu but not a Sanatan Dharmi.

I use a common definition of Sanatan Dharma as one that regards the spirit of Bhagavad Gita and the *Manusmriti* as guiding doctrines for our society. The key word is, of course, "sanatan" – what is eternal or timeless. Sanatan Dharma makes important assertions about knowledge, as something that is taught, *karma*, or actions and duty, and finally, social organisation, which includes *varna*. Let us look at each of these in some detail and their current relevance.

The first is the nature of knowledge. In both texts, the word *dnyan* is what is closest to knowledge. Other words such as *vidya* and *shastra* usually mean proficiency in the scriptures or rituals. *Dnyan* in Sanatan Dharma is the spiritual understanding of the soul and the unchanging universe or Brahman as opposed to the changing material world. Moreover, the material world of the bodily senses and social relations is the ephemeral world of *maya*, which must be transcended to achieve true knowledge.

Ironically, modern-day scientific knowledge or Science is very much the opposite. It is the study of material change and its causes and the formulation of theories that have predictive value. These are rooted in empirical measurements and are both falsifiable and reproducible. This makes modern science a social

enterprise and its methods, namely observation, documentation and argumentation, accessible to anyone. Such a Science has also led to democratisation in the areas and questions it pursues, and a publicness about its findings. This has eventually led to material well-being within scientific societies and a better understanding of nature, society and sustainability.

Unfortunately, the Sanatan Dharma viewpoint of knowledge does not recognise that sophisticated knowledge is also required to improve public services and governance or develop new professions. And yet this exalted view drives our higher education and the imagination of Science in our society. We celebrate Chandrayaan's journey to the moon but fail to study the everyday ordeal of the ordinary commuter.

This view of science has led to an abject failure of our scientific and technical agencies to measure the current state of our society. Or to provide and plan for the basic material welfare of our people. Our agricultural productivity lags behind most G20 countries. We have some of the most polluted rivers and air in the world, and we cannot make some of the most basic engineering gadgets. The challenge of climate change looms but we are hardly prepared. Moreover, this divorce from empirical measurements and documentation of the real world has created a large pool of graduates who have very few skills to earn a living.

Let us come to the second feature of Sanatan Dharma – *karma*, or duty. Sanatan society has a fixed hierarchy of roles called

varna and each comes with a prescribed set of duties. A person's *varna* is generally decided by birth and the advice is to be subservient and stick to the prescribed duties. There are no civil society or cultural roles such as the citizen, the author or the public intellectual. The resulting cultural impoverishment and the paucity of job definitions continue to this date. Moreover, the primary concern of Sanatan society is stability rather than social change. Much of the modern development agenda of universal health or education has come from outside it.

Another doctrine of Sanatan Dharma is the theory of rebirth and a cosmic system of rewards and punishments on accumulated *karma*. This converts the accident of being born into a slum as a likely punishment for bad *karma* of previous births. Indeed, this makes it easier to blame the poor for their condition and to stack the law against the lower classes. They oblige – the death of a relative due to unavailability of oxygen is seen as a matter of fate and not poor governance.

Social rigidity in Sanatan society causes rents and monopolies, which are seen even today. Redistribution of wealth happens through charity. Both giving and receiving charity are good *karma*. This explains why our farmers, instead of demanding good irrigation services, receive handouts without any sense of indignity. The noble king obliges by calling it a *samarman* – an honour.

Finally, the *varna* system and gender inequality are perhaps the most indefensible

features of Sanatan Dharma. These were also the most severely enforced – by religious and royal decree and by vigilante actions. Such enforcement continues to this date. A deeper consequence of the *varna* system is the lack of conviviality and fraternity in our society. This was pointed out by Ambedkar in *The Annihilation of Caste* (1936). Such a society fails not only to protect itself from external invaders but also to identify common societal concerns and evolve the necessary civil society to address them. Historically, the absence of such collective action has led to extreme inequalities, and an acceptance that an elite 5 per cent – be it super-rich merchant families, Mughal potentates, an elite bureaucracy or muscular *lalas* of the hinterland – will rule over a permanent underclass with great ease and little accountability.

The core values of the Preamble to our Constitution are justice, liberty, equality and fraternity and the main agenda is of securing them for our citizens. These arise not from Sanatan Dharma but from the spirit of enlightenment and hope which was prevalent then and remains a guiding light for the world. These words are not merely liberal mouthfuls but concrete recipes for people to develop materially, spiritually and culturally. They will enthuse our youth to join hands as equals to shape a common future. And develop the culture of science and the spirit to overcome the challenges that lie ahead.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"We hope this year's G20 summit in New Delhi will eliminate disruptions and become a success story, and that we can see a joint statement that builds consensus... It is not only the expectation of developing countries, but also in the long-term interests of US and Western countries..." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

The story behind the move

Current crop of young chess players is excellent. But there were others before them, showing the way



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eight) were to chess or something else. An *akshauhini* is an army and, as in the Kurukshetra War, each side could possess many *akshauhinis*. One *akshauhini* consisted of 21,870 chariots, 21,870 elephants, 65,610 horses and 109,350 foot-soldiers. To state what isn't always obvious, each of those numbers, with the digits added, has a total of 18. The chariot/elephant/horse/infantry ratio is 1/1/3/5. When a beginner learns to play chess, he or she is taught that a bishop or a knight is equal to three pawns, while a rook is equal to five, though actual worth depends on the position on the board. Though it breaks down a bit for elephants (there were plenty of elephants in India), the coincidence is remarkable.

Just as chess sets have become standardised, so have rules. When we were children, we often encountered chess with "Indian" rules. There was no *en passant*, pawns on the second rank could move only one square. Pawns were promoted to whatever piece occupied that file, without a choice. To start with, each side had two moves. There was no castling. The king's knight (rarely the queen's) pawn was pushed up one square, to make way for the bishop (known as fianchetto). Before being checked, the king had one knight's leap. In the absence of castling, that's how one protected the king. Lest I forget, when starting, the queen was to the left of the king. (It made a difference for black.) These rules lead to closed positions and more draws. In closed positions, knights are more valuable than bishops and players under Indian rules were adept at handling knights.

Every beginner will be taught to occupy the centre and will later be told about hypermodern systems and attacking from a distance. They will be taught defences (and attacks) like King's Indian, Queen's Indian and Grunfeld, involving a fianchettoed bishop. Under the old "Indian" rules, you couldn't occupy the centre. You attacked from a distance. With rules standardised, I suspect the current crop of chess players may not know of these antecedents. Grunfeld Defence is named after Ernst Grunfeld, who played it in 1922. Decades earlier, it was played by Mahesh Chandra Banerjee. Who was he?

One of Staunton's protégés was John Cochrane, a very strong chess player, second to Staunton within Britain (Cochrane gambit is named after him). His work brought him to India (Kolkata) and looking around for a strong chess player, he discovered Mahesh Chandra in a village in Hooghly. Played between 1848 and 1860, according to international rules, almost 450 games have been preserved in databases. Draws apart, Cochrane won twice as many games as Mahesh Chandra. But without training and with natural talent alone, Mahesh Chandra's feat was quite remarkable. The current young crop is amazing. But there were predecessors, not only Anand and Manuel Aaron, but going back further, Mian Sultan Khan and Mahesh Chandra Banerjee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MILLETS FOR ALL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Not on the menu' (IE, September 13). When it comes to culinary choices, India is as diverse as its geography. Choosing a single ingredient, millet, and preparing varieties from starters to post-dinner dishes is an equally good way of highlighting it. While a higher number of Indians are non-vegetarian, there is a growing trend globally to move towards vegetarianism – even in the West, where there are eateries offering only vegetarian or vegan options. Some even keep a separate space reserved for them. But, the G20 was a mega event and therefore, not flawless. Your criticism on grounds of diversity and culture is dignified in comparison to some others.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

AU OPPORTUNITY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Africa at the high table' (IE, September 13). With the inclusion of African Union in G20, India reiterated its staunch support for the Global South. Rather than viewing Africa for its security and economic prospects, New Delhi must revamp ties based on mutual historical context of non-alignment as was during Nehru's era. India and Africa have a shared interest to uphold a multilateral world order and reform the Security Council and institutions like the IMF and World Bank. Subsequent engagement with the African Union will strengthen India's soft power in the region.

M P Yuvraj, Tamil Nadu

TUITION INDUSTRY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Dear parents and students' (IE, September 13). The increasing dependence on private coaching for school students highlights the appalling quality of education imparted in schools today. Schools in the country are not well-equipped to address the demand for highly competitive entrance examinations. Over-reliance on organised and unorganised tuition classes beyond school hours defeats the very purpose of Article 21A of the constitution of India, which envisions "free" and compulsory education. The coaching industry is not a menace in itself, rather it is demand-driven. The systematic failure in the education system requires deeper introspection.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

STARS NOT ALIGNED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Just stargazing' (IE, September 13). This is not a new thing. In fact, Brazilian coach Luiz Felipe Scolari used to follow such things a lot. Many world-renowned coaches, especially African, American, and European coaches follow lots of astrologers. Former India football team captain Bhaichung Bhutia has played down the chatter around Igor Stimac and said that coaches Khalid Jamal and Subhash Bhowmick used to keep flowers at opponents' goalposts. But I think that the national team should be decided based on merit and modern football has no place for such beliefs.

SS Paul, Noida

Classifieds

PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Randhir Kumar Bharti, s/o Sh. Janardan Bharti, residing at KJ/1, H.No.62/A/H-Block, Jai-Vihar, Baprola, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, declare that my name in school's record of my daughter Ms. Surbhi Bharti class-X, K V Jharoda Kalan, New Delhi, has been wrongly-written as RK Bharti. My actual name is RANDHIR KUMAR BHARTI, which may be amended accordingly.

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It is for general information that I, Komol Kumar, S/o, Sh. Shiv Narayan, R/o H.No.303, F-Block Shree-Ram Gali, Gali-no.6, Ganga-Vihar Gokal-puri, Delhi-110094, declare that my Minor's daughter name has been wrongly-written as Shobhita age-14 years in my Daughter's school-records. The actual Daughter's name is Shobhita Gola. Which may be amended accordingly.

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It is for general information that I, HEMANT DHURIYA, S/o-LATE SHRI MOJI RAM, residing at, 17/55, SAT NAGAR, GALI NO.-4, KAROL BAGH, KAROL BAGH SO, CENTRAL DELHI, DELHI-110005, declare that name-of-mine has been wrongly-written as HEMANT in my Scheduled Caste-Certificate No- 2566/SDM/KB dated-31-12-01. The actual name of mine is HEMANT DHURIYA, which may be amended accordingly.

0040688862-10

It is for general information that I, DEVENDER PATIL son of LAXMAN, residing at 532, J-Block, Mangal Puri, North West Delhi, Delhi-110083, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as DEVENDRA PATIL in my minor son PARTH PATIL, aged 16 years in his 10th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is DEVENDER PATIL, which may be amended accordingly.

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It is for general information that I, ANITA KUMARI MISHRA W/O LATE SUNIL KUMAR TIWARI R/O MARSARA, SIWAN, BIHAR-841238 PRESENTLY RESIDING AT QUARTER NO.2, TOWER 8, GC, CRPF, KADARPUR, GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122012 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as ANITA DEVI in my Husband's P.P.O No. 23903/01-16629. The actual name of mine is ANITA KUMARI MISHRA, which may be amended accordingly.

0070864162-1

I, hitherto known as KANIKA MENDIRATTA alias KANIKA MALIK, D/o-NARESH MENDIRATTA, W/o-KAVISH MALIK, residing at GH-1/282, Archantha Apartment, Paschim Vihar, West-Delhi, Delhi-110063, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KANIKA MALIK.

0040688860-4

I, ZEENAT BEGUM, W/o ATHAR HUSSAIN, residing at J-36-J-37, J-EXTENSION, NEAR FIRDAUS-MASJID, GOYAL TEA COMPANY, LAXMI-NAGAR, DELHI-110092, Declare that ZEENAT is my first name and my surname is BEGUM.

0040688862-4

I, Vikrant Budhiraja, S/o Satish Chander Budhiraja, residing at A-110, Ground Floor, Vivek-Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110095, have changed the name-of-my minor-daughter Sana Budhiraja aged-13 years and she shall hereafter be known as Stuti Budhiraja.

0040688862-8

I, Varun Agarwal S/o Prateek Agarwal R/o Flat-No.1404, Valley View-Estate, Gwal-Pahari, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003 have changed my name to Varun Kumar Agarwal for all purposes.

0040688860-9

I, Vaishali Chopra Handoo, W/o Lalit Handoo, R/o-A-3/210A, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, Have Changed my Name to Vaishali Chopra.

0040688873-5

I, Simranjeet Kaur Talwar, D/o Nikhil Talwar, R/o-244/26, Shivaji-Gali, Pandit Park, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, Have Changed My Name To Simran Kaur Talwar.

0040688859-6

I, Shanti Jain-w/o Arun Jain R/o-A-275, 3rd floor, Derawal Nagar T.K. Karna Road Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Shanti Devi Jain.

0040688860-1

I, Saideep Singh Sachdeva S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o-28-C, NP-Block near, Gopal Mandir Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Saideep Singh.

0040688861-6

I, STAYAWATI SHARMA, W/o, Gopal Mohan Sharma H.no.554 BLOCK-8, LODHI COLONY, NEW DELHI-110003, changed my name to SATYAVATI SHARMA.

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I, SHIVANGI, D/o SHRI RAMU R/o-B-216, KHANPUR, DEOLI, NEW DELHI-110062, CHANGED MY NAME TO ROSHNI, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040688882-2

I, SHALU YADAV, W/o GIRISH YADAV R/o-HOUSE NO.83, BHALSWA VILLAGE, BHALSWA JAHANGIRPUR, DELHI-110033, have changed my name to SHALU.

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I, SHAILESH CHAWLA, S/o Babul Chawla, R/o-Flat No.848, GH-13, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, has changed my name from SHAILESH TO SHAILESH CHAWLA for all future purposes.

0040688891-1

I, Rupinder Kaur Katsi, W/o Jagjeet Singh R/o-A-1/38 Madangir Dr, Ambedkar Nagar New-Delhi-110062, Have Changed my name to Rupinder Kaur, Permanently.

0040688873-2

I, Rohit Oliver, S/o Rajan Oliver Lavern, R/o RZF-1/302, First-Floor, Kh.No-86/21/2, Gali No-2, Raj Dairy, Mahavir-Enclave, Palam Village, New-Delhi-110045, Have Changed my Name to Rohit Oliver Lavern.

0040688859-4

I, Ritu Singh W/o Inder Pal Singh Arora, Q-48 (SF) Rajouri-Garden New-Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Ritu Sachar Singh.

0040688877-6

I, Renu W/o Ajay Kumar Rawat, R/o-B-140 Gali No.5, Uttarakhand Enclave Burari Delhi-110025, Have Changed my Name to Renu Rawat.

0040688861-3

I, Rakesh Jain, S/o Mahender Kumar Jain R/o-1/3G, 4th floor Street No.7, East Azad-Nagar, delhi-110051, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Jain, for all, future purposes.

0040688859-1

I, Raj Kumar Singh, S/o Charan Singh, R/o House No-GF-3/264 Sector-3, Vasundhara Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201012, Have been Changed my name to Raj Kumar permanently.

0040688855-5

I, Sanjeev Kumar Goyal S/o Ram Niwas Goel R/o-213 Avatar Singh, R/o House No-GF-3/264 Sector-3, Vasundhara Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201012, Have been Changed my name to Sanjeev Goel.

0040688867-7

I, REV JYESUNATHA DAS, S/o T.V JOHN, ADD-PLOT NO-62, STREET NO-1, KH NO-1754, ASOLA-HOUSING COMPLEX, FATEHPUR BERI, SOUTH, DELHI-110074, changed my name to JOHN YESUNATHA DAS, for all, future purposes.

0040688851-1

I, RAVINDER KUMAR, S/o-OJAY NARAYAN R/o-83, Gali No-12-B, blk-ph-10, shiv-vihar delhi-110094, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVINDER KUMAR.

0040688882-8

I, RAMESH KUMAR, S/o-Shish Ram, R/o-ho-260, gali-20, village-saboli, Delhi-93. Declare that my name has been wrongly-written as Ramesh kumar Rana in my minor daughter Himanshi age-14 years her school-records. The actual-my-name is Ramesh kumar, Which may be amended-accordingly

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I, RAKESH KUMAR, S/o DALE Singh R/o-VILLAGE FAZILPUR, DISTT. & TEHSIL SONEPAT, HARYANA, DECLARE TO CHANGE MY NAME, FROM RAKESH TO RAKESH KUMAR. ALL-CONCERNED-NOTE.

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I, PARWINDER KAUR W/o SUKHWINDER SINGH R/o HNO.10, PANNA UDYAN, NR. MAIN MARKET, NARELA, DELHI-110040, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PARVINDER KAUR.

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I, Nimit Wadhwa S/o Neeraj Wadhwa R/o-B-106, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Aniket Wadhwa.

0040688860-10

I, Neha Purohit W/o Deepak Joshi R/o 347, E-Block, East Vinod Nagar, Patparganj, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Neha Joshi.

0040688861-8

I, Neetu W/o Datin Maggo R/o-WZ-667 Gali No.2, Srinagar Shakur Basti Delhi-110034, changed my name to Neetu Maggo

0040688860-8

I, Neeta Tiwari W/o Nishant Dwivedi, R/o C-143, Sector-31, Noida-201301, Have Changed My Name To Neeta Ashok Tiwari For Future.

0040688859-7

I, Neeshant Singh ghudaiya, S/o Virender Singh, House no-34, sector-55, ghat gurgaon Haryana-122011, changed my name to Neeshant Ghudaiya.

0040688882-9

I, Neeraj Kumar S/o-Bhim Singh, Add-Ward.no.13, bighar road, Fatehabad Haryana-125050, changed my name to Neeraj jhandai.

0040688862-1

I, NIDHI WADHWA, D/o MAHENDRA LAL ARORA, R/o-H.NO-606, TOWER-6, MALIBU TOWNE, SOHNA ROAD, SECTOR-47, SOUTH CITY-II, GURGAON-122018, have changed my name to NIDHI ARORA.

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I, Mohd.Ushman R/o-H.No.117, 3rd.Floor, Gali No.3, Khasia No.523, Jamsa Masjid, Kardam Puri, Delhi Have Changed My Name To Mohd.Ushman For All Purposes.

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I, Mohd Shamim S/o,Mohd Yameen R/o-106/1, B/W, Ward-7,Mehruli, South-Delhi, Delhi-110030,that name of mine my wife and my minor son has been wrongly-written as Mohammad Shamim Saifi, Sayra and Mohammad Hasan in my minor son Mohammad Hasan Saifi in his School-Records and Birth Certificate.The actual name of my wife and my minor son are Mohd Shamim, Sayra and Mohammad Hasan Saifi.

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I, Mohd.Ushman R/o-H.No.117, 3rd.Floor, Gali No.3, Khasia No.523, Jamsa Masjid, Kardam Puri, Delhi Have Changed My Name To Mohd.Ushman For All Purposes.

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I, MOHD IMRAN, S/o IRSHAD ALI, R/o AJRARMA, MEERUT-245206, IN MY PASSPORT MY FATHER NAME IRSHAD IS INCOMPLETE MY FATHER COMPLETE NAME IS IRSHAD ALI.

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I, MANORMA SINGH, W/o ADITYA SINGH, residing at T-650/D-1, JANTA PARK, BALJEET NAGAR, PATEL-NAGAR, DELHI-110008, have changed my name to KUMARI MANORMA, for all, future purpose.

0040688864-2

I, Lalit Kumar, S/o Satyaveer Singh, R/o 22A/1, Block-A, Gali No.12, Shyam Vihar, Phase-1, Dindarpur, Najafgarh, South West Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Lalit Singh.

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I, Laiba Khan, D/o MOHD Shahid Khan, R/o-B-22, Balta House, Jamia-Nagar, Okhla, Delhi-110025, Have Changed my Name to Laiba Khan.

0040688863-1

I, Renu W/o Ajay Kumar Rawat, R/o-B-1/302, First-Floor, Kh.No-86/21/2, Gali No-2, Raj Dairy, Mahavir-Enclave, Palam Village, New-Delhi-110045, Have Changed my Name to Renu Oliver Lavern.

0040688859-4

I, Ritu Singh W/o Inder Pal Singh Arora, Q-48 (SF) Rajouri-Garden New-Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Ritu Sachar Singh.

0040688877-6

I, Rakesh Jain, S/o Mahender Kumar Jain R/o-1/3G, 4th floor Street No.7, East Azad-Nagar, delhi-110051, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Jain, for all, future purposes.

0040688859-1

I, Rakesh Singh Boletser S/o Avtar Singh R/o-39-B, Ad-Block Pitampura, Metro Station, Delhi-110034, Have Changed my Name to Rakesh Singh Boletser.

0040688859-1

I, Kaushalya, W/o Omprakash Sharma, R/o-C-21A, Guru Ram Das-Nagar, Laxmi-Nagar Delhi-110092, Have changed my name to Kaushalya Devi, for all, future purposes.

0040688860-5

I, LAKSHMI SINGH, S/o UDHAIR SINGH, R/o SEVOKE ROAD, SILIGURI, DARJEELING,

S. No. ADVT/DNLU/002/2023-24
CORRIDUM
APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dated: 14-09-2023

In reference to the advertisement for the post of Vice Chancellor published in the Newspaper on 09.09.2023, in partial modification in the above-said advertisement. The eligibility conditions prescribed in the heading (a), (b) & (c) stands deleted and the following be read:

- (a) 'A person possessing the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment is to be appointed as Vice-Chancellor. The person to be appointed as a Vice-Chancellor should be a distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years' of experience as Professor in a university or ten years' of experience in a reputed research and/or academic administrative organisation with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.' OR
- (b) A distinguished jurist.

The applicants who have already applied need not have to apply afresh. For any other details and updates, if any, kindly visit www.mpdnlu.ac.in.

Selection Committee

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Achhan S/o Mohd Jareef R/o H.No. 8, Gali No.02, Shiv Market Geeta Colony, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 122/20 Dt. 09.05.2020, U/s 188/34 IPC at PS: Jagatpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Achhan can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Achhan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Achhan of FIR No. 122/20 Dt. 09.05.2020 U/s 188/34 IPC PS: Jagatpuri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.12.2023.

By order

Bharat Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate-05
Room No. 48, Shahdara District,
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/10304/SHD/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Amandeep Singh Bachher, S/o Sh. Paramjit Singh Bachher, R/o 28-B, Ground Floor, Mahendru Enclave, Near Gujranwala Town, Delhi-110033, Also at-A2, Ground Floor, Mahendru Enclave, Delhi-110033 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case Ct Case/2281/2018, U/s 138 N.I. Act, P.S. Model Town, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Amandeep Singh Bachher cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Amandeep Singh Bachher has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Amandeep Singh Bachher accused of case Ct Case/2281/2018, U/s 138 N.I. Act, P.S. Model Town, Delhi required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 03.11.2023.

By Order

Sh. Himanshu Sehlot
Metropolitan Magistrate-03
Court No. 213 (North)
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/10146/NW/2023

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: 60 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, wearing white colour kurta and blue colour lunggi, was found dead on 28.08.2023 at footpath, Gujjar Chowk, Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 73-A dated 28.08.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Sunlight Colony, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO : P.S. Sunlight Colony, Delhi
Tel. No. : 011-26347482, 26348324,
08750870928, 8802048343

DD/10297/SE/23

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Bhagwati Prasad Bhatt dated 10.09.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Badarpur, Delhi.

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

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/10223/SE/2023

SHO
P.S. Badarpur, Delhi
Ph. : 011-29894753, 8750870933

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

सार्वजनिक सूचना

नीला प्रायिकरण की 210वीं बोर्ड में मध्य सं-201/9 के माध्यम से संचालक मण्डल द्वारा भवन अनुज्ञा पत्र फीस का रद्दों में संशोधन किये जाने का अनुमोदन प्रदान किया गया है। तत्क्रम में नवीन ओखला औद्योगिक विकास क्षेत्र (योजना को तैयार करना और अंतिम रूप देना) (यथा संशोधित) नियमावली 2010 के प्राविधानों के अधीन जनसामान्य से निम्नानुसार आपसि / सुझाव आमंत्रित है।

प्रस्तावित संशोधन

भवन अनुज्ञा पत्र फीस, कार्यपूर्ति प्रमाण पत्र तथा अरथाई अनुज्ञा पत्र फीस की रद्दों में संशोधन किये जाने के सम्बन्ध में।

उपरोक्त प्रस्ताव से सम्बन्धित विवरण एवं ड्राइपट महायोजना नवीन ओखला औद्योगिक विकास प्रायिकरण को वे साझेट www.noidaauthorityonline.in पर निरीक्षण हेतु उपलब्ध रहेंगे। आपसि / सुझाव लिखित रूप में इस सूचना के प्रकाशन के 15 दिनों के अन्दर ई-मेल आईडी captpnoida@gmail.com पर दी जा सकती है। आपसि / सुझाव देने वाले व्यक्ति को अपना नाम, पता एवं दूरभाष सहित पूर्ण विवरण देना होगा।

मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी नोएडा

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

2nd Floor Biscouman Tower, Gandhi Maidan (West), Patna - 800011, Tel. No. - 0612 - 2332129

[Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 54 of 2002 (3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices on following date calling upon the following loanee under below mentioned loan A/c to repay the below mentioned amount within 60 days from the dates of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice in hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the following date:

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD for below mentioned amount.

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

Name & Address of Borrower & A/c No.	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount Due/ Date of Possession	Description of the Immovable Property
Mr./Ms. Devendra Ray, S/o Parikshan Ray, Ward - 09, Chak Nur, Samastipur, Bihar -848101 A/c No. - 212100006822	15.06.2023 Rs. 11,94,576/- + Sarfaesi + Other Charges 08.09.2023	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Sale Deed No. - 2758, Dated - 05.03.2010, Khata No. - 377(P), Plot No. - 61320 (P), 1913 n Circle - Samstipur, Thana - Chaknur, DSRO Samastipur, Area (in Decimal) 4.36, Bihar - 845423, in the name of Sri Devendra Ray, Boundary - North - Sarak, South - Sit Ram Rai, East - Khardar, West - Sita Ram Rai
Sri Harekrishna Mahto At Balapur, PO - Birsinghpur, Balapur, P.S. - Kalyanpur, Samastipur, Bihar - 841226. A/c No. - 212100004727	13.12.2022 Rs. 7,65,210.72 + Sarfaesi + Other Charges 08.09.2023	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Sale Deed No. - 1557, Dated - 02.02.2011, Khata No. - 203(P), Plot No. - 1694 (P), 2269 n, Mauja - Gopalpur, Area - 8.7330 Decimal Village - Gopalpur, Thana - Kalyanpur District - Samastipur, Bihar, in the name of Sri Harekrishna Mahto, Boundary - North - Ramnaryan Thakur, South - Rampreel Sahke Warisan, East - Sarak Pakki, West - Munna Jha & others
	Date - 08.09.2023	Place - Muzaffarpur Authorized Officer (LIC Housing Finance Limited)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Ashfaq S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: about 65-70 years, Height: 5'9", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Weak, Hair: Long & white and Black, Beard: Long & white, Wearing: Grey coloured Strip half T-shirt Whose pocket has RG written on it and Green pajama, was found dead top of a rickshaw on 07.09.2023 at 2:10 PM from Jagat Cinema Hall Near Police Chowki, Jama Masjid. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the Mortuary of MAMC. In this regard a DD No.50A, dated 07.09.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23269777, 23261625
Mob.: 8750870422, 9013305182

DD/10276/CD/2023

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No: EL/TRD/JP/NIT/23-24 Date: 12.09.2023

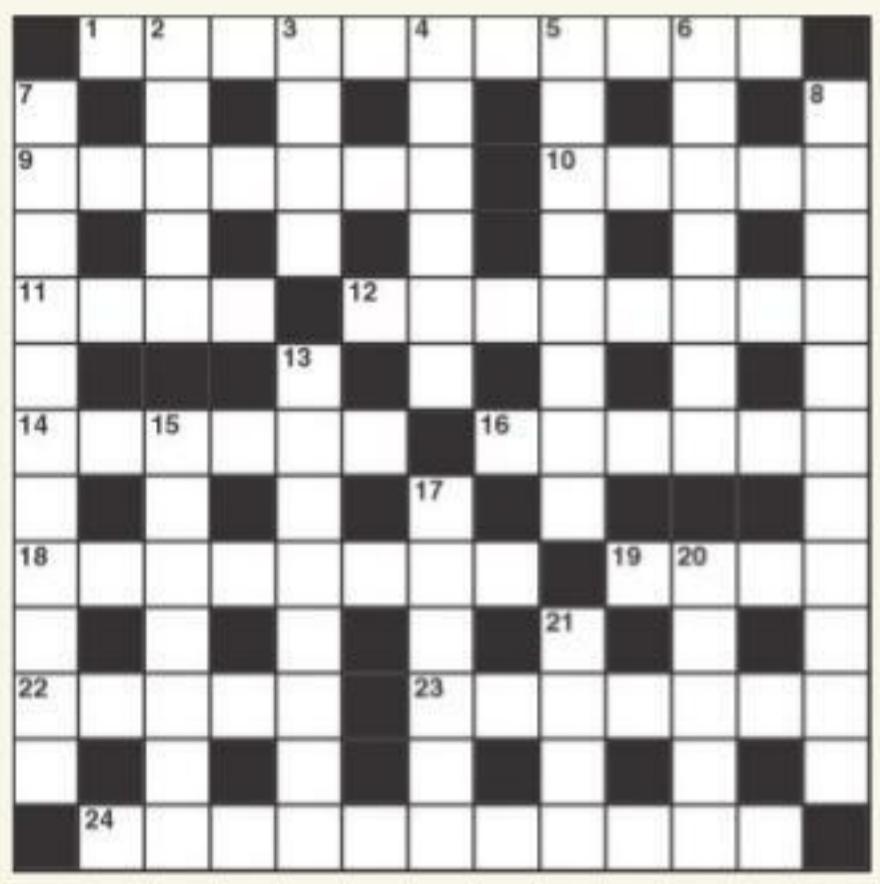
Sr. DEE/TRD/Jaipur, acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for following works. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. NIT No. EL-TRD-JP-2023-24-03. Name of work: Provision of 160 Sqm Copper Jumper & 18 mm Copper Bus Bar at Isolator locations over Jaipur Division. NIT cost (Rs.): 1,27,57,640.00. Bid Security (Rs.): 2,13,800.00. Tender opening date: 09.10.2023. Note: Date & time of closing e-tenders: On tender opening date upto 15.00 hrs. Date & time of opening e-tenders: On tender opening date after 15.00 hrs. Complete details of tender can be seen on website: <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 981-AK/23

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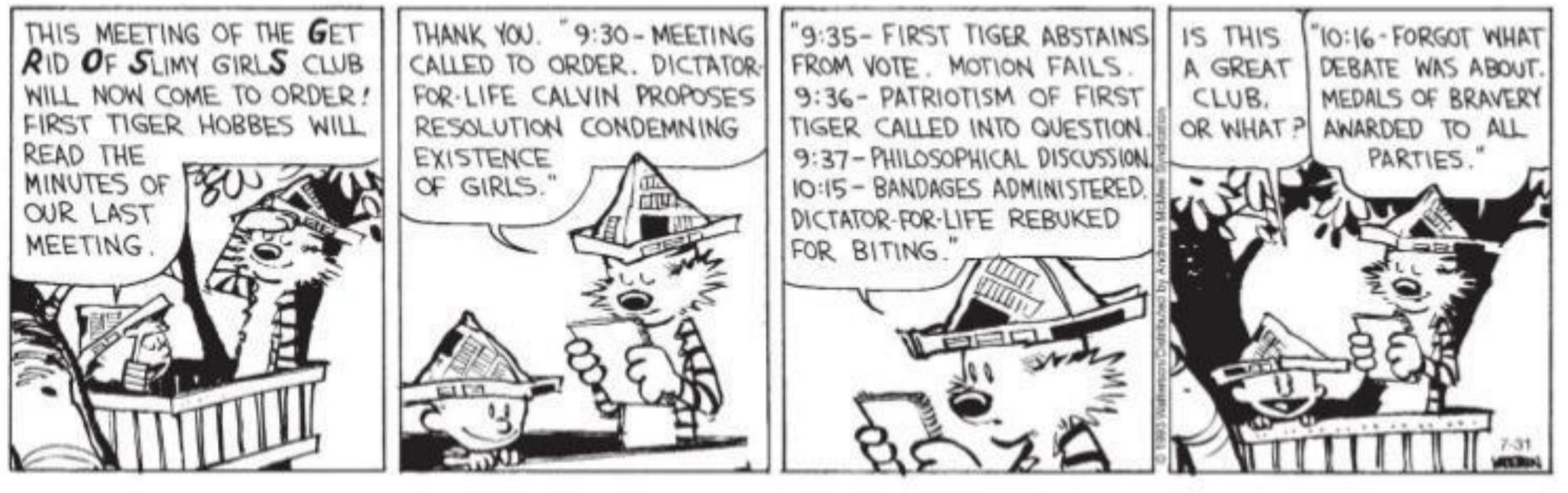
- ACROSS**
- My teacher's not to be trusted (11)
 - A comprehensive volume bound to transport us (7)
 - Girl superstar going round South Africa (5)
 - Look low we hear (4)
 - Decline to remove wrinkles? (8)
 - Heavenly stuff for a trance perhaps (6)
 - Manage without an intermediary (6)
 - Unauthorised demand for suspension (5,3)
 - Record the same note twice—it's sharp (4)
 - Head north after a bird (5)
 - Daily journalist (7)
 - Today is someone's birthday perhaps (7,4)
- DOWN**
- Scope for shooting (5)
 - Religious house is too much for this priest (4)
 - Esther's other name (6)
 - Hold back and shower after all the others (8)
 - Go back to score an advantage over a fellow-player? (7)
 - Vulgar locality lacking distinction (11)
 - Blockades that should pay dividends (11)
 - High speed at home points to a number of gadgets (8)
 - Study excursion outline (7)
 - Cultural centre? (6)
 - Figure it produces light separation (5)
 - Such hypocrisy is not possible, it appears (4)

Solutions Crossword 5156 Across: 1 Penned, 4 Class war, 9 Leader, 10 Free love, 12 Sash, 13 Andes, 14 Flea, 17 Firm proposal, 20 Holds the line, 23 Acre, 24 Decoy, 25 Best, 28 Inwardly, 29 Salome, 30 Sunbathe, 31 Heresy Down: 1 Pulls off, 2 Noah's ark, 3 Even, 5 Large portion, 6 Shed, 7 Wholly, 8 Reeves, 11 Untold wealth, 15 Spoof, 16 Camel, 18 Tiresome, 19 Leatheray, 21 Varies, 22 Draw in, 26 Arria, 27 Fede

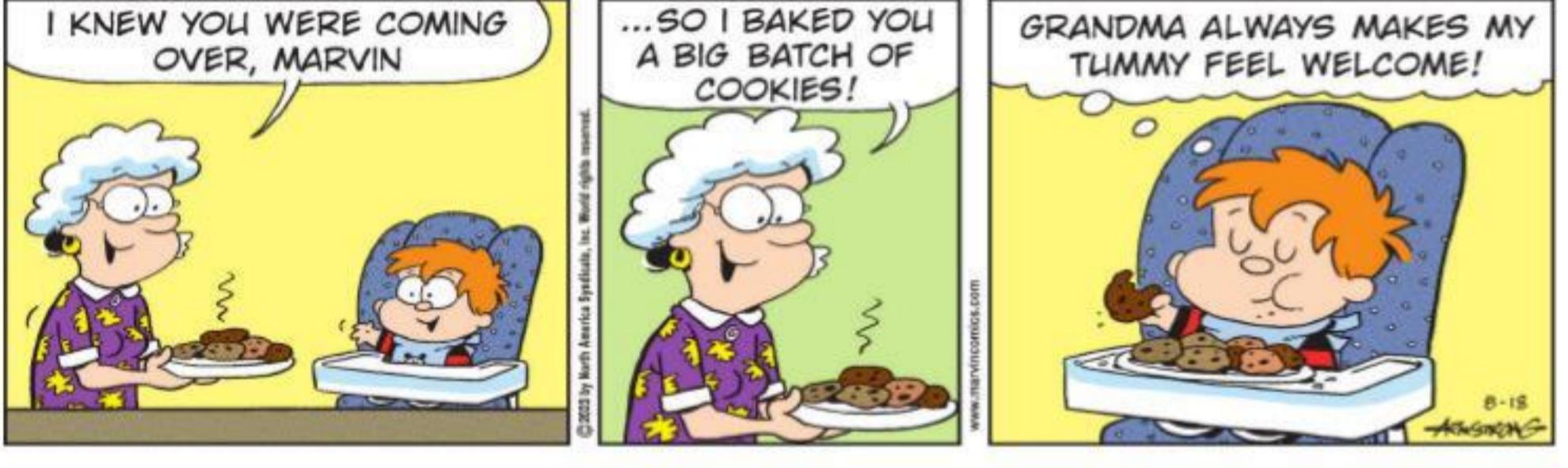
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Never trust a man who speaks well of everybody. — John Churton Collins (6,4)

CSAEE

INOPLP

HULSS

CEITKW
SOLUTION: CASE-SLUSH-POLP-WICKET
Answer: Never trust a man who speaks well of everybody.

SUDOKU 5320

Difficulty Level 5s

Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;
5s = Very Hard;
6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5319



SCOPE Decoding the importance of the Right to Information Act, and how it empowers citizens, Standing Conference of Public Sector Enterprises is organizing its 'National Meet of RTI Act' on 14th and 15th September, 2023 in Lucknow. The National Meet will be inaugurated by YK Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner in the presence of Guest of Honour, K Ravinder Naik, IAS, Principal Secretary, Secretariat Administrative Department, UP and Senior officials of the Government and Public Sector Enterprises. The concluding address will be delivered by Ajaya Kumar Upadhyay, State Information Commissioner, UP. Details of SCOPE's 'National Meet on RTI Act' can be accessed on SCOPE's official website: www.scopeonline.in. SCOPE is an apex employers' body representing PSEs at pivotal National and International forums.

ONGC There is no damage to either farmers or fishermen due to the minor oil spill near Uran beach recently. In the morning hours of 08 September 2023, a minor quantity of oil leaked from one of the crude oil storage tanks at ONGC Uran Plant. Due to heavy rains, the leaked oil entered the storm water drain channel. As the quantity of oil leakage from the plant area was minimal, the leaked oil got trapped between rocks on the beach with only traces reaching the shoreline. Immediately, the Oil Spill Response (OSR) team from ONGC was deployed to avoid ingress of oil into the sea and cleaning of the shore line commenced on war footing. Due to heavy rains on the day of the incident and the beach being a rocky area, the cleaning took a lot of effort. Due to the ONGC team's timely and tireless efforts, the oil did not enter the sea and no damage to marine life is anticipated.

OIL INDIA LIMITED held its 64th AGM on 09th Sept. 2023. Dr Ranjit Rath, CMD in his address to the shareholders, thanked all investors and shareholders for their continuous trust & investment in the company leading OIL to join the league of Maharatna CPSEs of the Country. Dr Rath in his address highlighted the achievements of the OIL on various fronts including the production of Crude Oil and natural gas which recorded a growth of 5.5% (3.18 MMT) & 4.4% (3.18 BCM) respectively. The company registered the highest-ever standalone profit after tax in FY 2022-23 at Rs.6,810 cr, a growth of 75.20% YoY while the consolidated PAT was also the highest ever at 9,854 cr, a growth of 46.66% YoY. Dr Rath mentioned that marching towards fulfilling the vision of Urja Atmabharta for a New India, OIL's strategy is to consolidate its position as the leading operator in the country with the long-term vision to supplement the existing domestic reserves portfolio in line with the Government of India's vision to intensify exploration in Indian Sedimentary Basins and increase domestic oil and gas production. The Company has increased its total operating acreage to 62,911 Sq Km. Aggressive exploration of the company led to a new hydrocarbon discovery during the year in the Sesibali area in the Assam Shelf Basin. OIL has 2P reserve base of 191 MMTOE & 51 MMTDE of Oil & Oil Equivalent of Gas respectively in domestic assets and overseas assets.

BOB announced the launch of the "BOB ke sang-, Tyohaar Ki Umang" festival campaign, which will run till Dec. 31, 2023. Bank of Baroda festive offers include the launch of 4 new savings accounts with multiple benefits, concessions and attractive interest rate offers on Home, Car, Personal & Education Loans. The bank has also tied up with top brands in categories like electronics, travel & food to provide festive offers and discounts for its debit & credit card holders. During the festive period, Bank of Baroda Home Loan will be available at a very competitive rate of 8.40% per annum with complete waiver of processing fees.

FELICITATION—NBCC

Saleem Ahmad, Director (Projects) along with other senior officers felicitated Pawan Kumar Gupta, CMD, NBCC on successful completion of Bharat Mandapam & G-20 event.

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Socially, today's stars could not be more fun. However, if I could contradict myself for a moment, I'd like to add the rider that close partners will expect you to follow their wishes, and may get a little uppity if you're gossiping about a mutual friend, unless you have only good things to say about them.



It's not like you to criticise other people unfairly but, if you're stuck in a corner, that's exactly what you may do. This would be a shame, for you have a reputation to keep up. So don't let anyone tempt you into gossiping about a mutual friend, unless you have only good things to say about them.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

If you're a little edgy it's because you're highly intuitive, and that you sense fresh possibilities are fanning out. If you don't make a choice now, events over the next seven days may force the pace. But, if you do take a decision, you can always change your mind, later.



Mercury and Venus are both positively placed, each in its own way, so friends and team-mates should still be crowding round with words of encouragement. You may therefore feel that you are strong enough to embark on a brand new adventure. You deserve a break.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

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Within the next day or so you may begin to realise that someone was not really what they seemed. Any sense of disappointment may be matched by a realisation that the time has come to get out and make new friends. If your judgement was poor in the past, then at least you have learnt a valuable lesson.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Today's lunar alignments enhance much that is best in your character.



Someone at home may have left you feeling slightly perplexed and scratching your head. On the other hand, you still have plenty of time to complete domestic arrangements to suit your aims and interests.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Slowly, and with great subtlety, an old order of life has passed away. And as one set of conditions and feelings fade, the space is made for another. Yet, for many of you, there is still much to be done.



It's time to take responsibility.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Everything in your chart focuses on the personal rather than the professional. By this I don't mean that you're obsessed by family issues, but that everything you do should be motivated by your inner needs and desires. Follow your nose and you may get where you want to be much more quickly than if you follow partners.



It is difficult to get away from the fact that money and material security are dominating your thoughts and plans, even at an unconscious level. A friend, possibly a female friend, may offer the help you need. It may require, though, that you change a long-standing approach.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Someone may ruffle your feathers, but I have a feeling that if anyone causes an upset today, it may be you. This may be no bad thing, for you are probably quite justified in insisting that other people see things your way. But that won't stop you putting your foot in it.



Stay one step ahead of the stars and begin to exert your authority over financial or business affairs. Sometime soon, someone is going to step forward with an offer of a potentially profitable partnership. When they do, take time to get opinions.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

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CORPORATE BRIEFS



MoU—REC

REC signed MoU with PFC as per the DPE Performance Evaluation System for FYs 23-24 & 24-25 for CPSEs on Friday 08th Sept. 2023. CMD, REC Vivek Kumar Dewangan signed the MoU for the FYs 23-24 & 24-25 with CMD, PFC Smt. Parminder Chopra in the presence of Directors & other senior officials from both REC & PFC. REC Ltd. has completed over 54 years in the area of its operations.

MoU—NGEL

NTPC Green Energy Ltd. (NGEL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of India's leading integrated power producer NTPC Ltd. & Nayara Energy, a new-age international downstream Energy Company of International scale, have entered into a MoU to explore opportunities in the Green Hydrogen & Green Energy space. The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Mohit Bhargava, CEO, NGEL & Amar Kumar, Head-Technical, Nayara Energy.



FELICITATION—VIPS

Founder & Chairman, VIPS-TC, Dr. S.C. Vats, presenting a memento to Prof. Mumun Chen, Deputy Representative Republic of China-Taiwan at Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies-Technical Campus (VIPS-TC). Prof. Chen addressed the faculty and students of VIPS-TC on 'Rise of Taiwan as an IT Giant and its impact on the strategic environment of South Asia,' on August 25th.

ACHIEVEMENT—THDCIL

THDCIL, a leading player in the energy sector, has achieved a significant milestone by successfully raising Rs 763 Cr through the issuance of THDCIL Corporate Bonds Series -VIII. The bonds garnered substantial interest from investors, resulting in a remarkable oversubscription of 9 times the base issue size, amounting to Rs 2588 Cr.



BHOOMI PUJAN—UJJAIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Ujjain, Bhoomi pujan of the construction work of "Naivedya Lok" by Ujjain Development Authority is completed from the hands of honourable Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. According to the Chairman UDA Shyam Bansal - The new commercial market "Naivedya Lok" will contribute significantly to the development of Nanakshetra area, Ujjain.

AGM—HSCC

HSCC (India) Limited convened its 40th AGM at Garvi Gujarat Bhawan, New Delhi, chaired by PK Gupta Chairman, HSCC, Novman Ahmed, Managing Director, HSCC, Ravi Ranjan, Director Engg, HSCC along with the Board of Directors & senior officials of HSCC on 12.09.2023.



ARRANGEMENTS—UDA

Corporation Commissioner Roshan Kumar Singh, appreciated the work of the entire corporation staff & presented the medal of "Well done Team Corporation". The Municipal Corporation had successfully ensured all the arrangements in the last 9 rides, but on the occasion of the royal ride, the corporation made its own program and deployed separate teams.

PARTICIPATION—INDIAN COAST GUARD

Indian Coast Guard being the key member of the Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting have participated in the 19th HAGCAM High Level Meeting from 05-08 Sep 23 at Istanbul, Türkiye. The 04 member ICG delegation is led by DG Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, DG Indian Coast Guard. This meeting is an annual event hosted by one of the members in rotation.

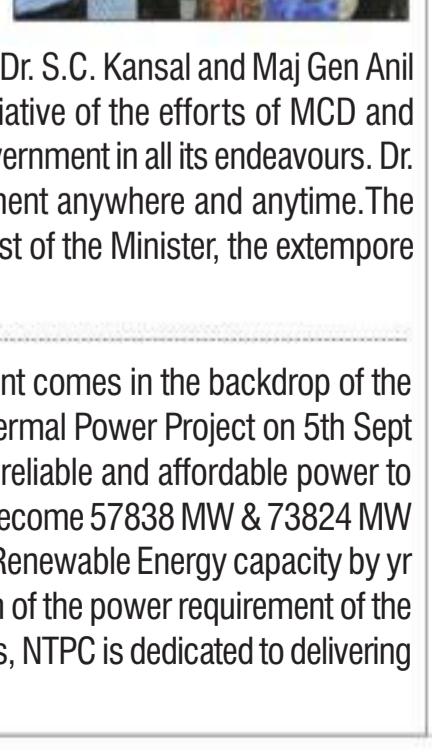


NTPC's Group installed capacity has reached 73824 MW. This achievement comes in the backdrop of the completion of trial operation of 1st Unit of 800 MW at Telangana Super Thermal Power Project on 5th Sept 2023. This accomplishment reinforces NTPC's commitment to delivering reliable and affordable power to the Nation. With this, the installed capacity of NTPC Ltd. & NTPC Group has become 57838 MW & 73824 MW respectively. Further, the company is committed to achieve 60,000 MW of Renewable Energy capacity by yr 2032. NTPC Ltd. is India's largest integrated power utility, contributing 1/4th of the power requirement of the country. With a diverse portfolio of thermal, hydro, solar, & wind power plants, NTPC is dedicated to delivering reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity to the Nation.



INAUGURATION NAMASTE MONUMENT—SMPP

For the recently concluded G-20 Summit in New Delhi, a "Namaste Monument" was erected in the heart of South Extension Part 2 Market as part of the Delhi Beautification and Welcome drive. SMPP Private Limited which is the largest manufacturing company of Ballistic Protection products in the world for the protection of our brave soldiers, once again came to the forefront to make CSR contributions and sponsored the warm Namaste monument for our esteemed foreign delegates arriving in Bharat for the G-20 Summit. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of the Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, who presided over the function, Navin Agarwal, Defence Commissioner, MCD (Central), the Founder Chairman of the SMPP, Dr. S.C. Kansal and Maj Gen Anil Oberoi Retd., Defense, SMPP). The Minister was very appreciative of the efforts of MCD and mentioned that Dr. Kansal, who always volunteers to join hands with the Government in all its endeavours. Dr. Kansal in turn assured the Minister of his utmost support to the Government anywhere and anytime. The function ended with a very motivating talk by the Minister and at the request of the Minister, the extempore comments on the Cleanliness Drive by the young children of South Ex.



BOB

Shaw's knee injury to keep him out of action for 3-4 months

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 13

PRITHVI SHAW'S return to competitive cricket might take longer than previously expected as the Mumbai opener will take another three or four months to fully recover from his injury.

Shaw had hurt his knee in August while playing a one-day game for Northamptonshire in English domestic cricket.

At that time, he was in superb form scoring 244 and 125 not out in two of his four outings in the One-Day Cup before injury struck him while fielding during the game against Durham.

The Indian Express understands that the 23-year-old still has swelling in his knee and an Indian board official confirmed that the will be taking three or four months to rehabilitate completely.

"A MRI was done after he got injured and it revealed a Grade-II tear of the posterior cruciate ligament. He was sent to the NCA where we found that there is still swelling in his knee. We have decided to consult Dr Dinsshaw Pardiwalla in this case. It will take at least four months for him to play competitive cricket again," a BCCI official said.

The BCCI is consulting experts to decide whether Shaw requires surgery or will heal his injured knee naturally.

Abrupt halt to county stint

Earlier, the Indian board had allowed Shaw to skip the Deodhar Trophy and fly to England to play domestic cricket there.

He has played five Tests, six ODIs and a lone T20I for India. He had an average 2023 IPL season for Delhi Capitals. After his county stint came to an abrupt halt, Shaw had expressed his disappointment and agreed to return to Northamptonshire next summer.

"I'm so excited to be heading back to Northamptonshire next summer. Even though it was over quickly, I really enjoyed my time there. It's a great club to be a part of and I was welcomed by everyone immediately. I can't wait to get back."

"My goal is always to help win games for the team and it was so disappointing to get injured and have to leave early this time," Shaw had stated in a statement after his injury.

"I had a few teams contacting me after the tournament wanting to talk about playing for them next year, but I feel like I still have more to achieve with Northamptonshire. They gave me the opportunity this year and I'm very happy to be coming back."



Prithvi Shaw scored 244 and 125 not out in two of his four outings in the One-Day Cup. Twitter

CRADLE OF SRI LANKAN CRICKET

Tamil Union Club: Once a hub graced by the Don, now a forgotten relic

VENKATA KRISHNAB
COLOMBO, SEPTEMBER 13

DIMLY-LIT surroundings, furniture that date back at least a couple of decades, and the cream-coloured coating on the pillars and walls don't give away the storied history of the Tamil Union Cricket and Athletic Club.

Except for an Ilayaraja melody from the 1980s that plays softly in the background, there is no ear-splitting music or noise even from the Oval Taverners bar that sits close to the pavilion. The board at the entrance tells one everything about the club, which was founded in 1899 and happened to be the place where Sri Lanka took its baby-steps in cricket. But whichever side one turns to, there is a vintage feel to it, where one could just close the eyes and picture Don Bradman walking out to play and Sri Lanka tasting their first-ever Test win over India to even the match-winning fourth innings century by VVS Laxman in 2010.

For a club that was once the heart and soul of Sri Lankan cricket, it now resembles every bit a forgotten old man, sitting alone, reminiscing the glorious past and the turbulent times it has witnessed. After coming into existence after two clubs decided to merge together, it was P Saravananuttu, after whom the stadium is named, who played an instrumental role in the

venue getting international matches.

The club has given Sri Lanka illustrious players such as Tillakaratne Dilshan, Rangana Herath, Suranga Lakmal and Upul Chandana.

"It was a marshland when we bought this land and Saravananuttu took the challenge and built a beautiful ground and called it the Colombo Oval. With people thronging to watch cricket, he then built the stadium as well as it provided shelter and for a long time, happened to be the only ground in Sri Lanka that had any sort of stadium," Chandra Schaffter, a former first-class cricketer and ex-president of Tamil Union, tells *The Indian Express*.

Soon, Vijay Merchant would bring a team from Mumbai to play a few matches at the Oval, while Mahadevan Sathasivam, one of the early greats from the island, scored a century. And by the late 1930s, the Colombo Oval would become a pit stop for England and Australian teams whenever they embarked on an Ashes journey.

"Every time the English travelled to Australia, they would have a stopover in Colombo. They will arrive in the morning, play a match during the day and go back to the ship at night. I played the 1954 match. Same with Australians, they would stop over and do the same. Every two years, we had a half-day or a one-day match," Schaffter recalls.

Although Don Bradman didn't play during



The T Murugaser stand at the Tamil Union Cricket and Athletic Club. File

his two visits to Colombo after being hit wicket for the only time in his career here in 1930, Schaffter remembers a tale from the 1948 trip. "The Don came back during the lunch break and said the pitch is two yards short. Lot of

them didn't believe it but he made us measure it and turned out, he was actually right. One of the groundstaff had got the measurement wrong and we changed it instantly," Schaffter says.

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TAMIL UNION EX-PRESIDENT

Troubled times

Having established itself as a synonym for cricket in the island, in the 1950s, because of its affiliation with the Tamils, it would run into trouble in the early years of ethnic war. In 1958, it lost one of the matches against England to the Sinhalese and Sports Club (SSC). "We had riots that year and they took the game away from us. But with the facilities being limited and no stadium in place, they came back soon after and it remained the home till the Kettarama (RPS) came around in 1986," he says.

It was the decade when the stadium, now renamed P Saravananuttu Oval, would run into several problems. According to Schaffter,

the civil war and the emergence of the LTTE meant the club would see matches being moved at the eleventh hour to the SSC or RPS. And if that was not enough, in the 1983 riots, the club was burnt down, with all the records going up in smoke.

"It was the most challenging time that all of us went through. The riots ravaged the club and nobody thought we could rise again. Nobody came for help and we understood that all of us (club members) had to fund ourselves and get the ground ready. It took us three-four years to get back on track, but even then we ensured that the stadium kept hosting matches against Australia and India," Schaffter adds.

And in the same period with Gamin Dissanayake, the former president of Sri Lanka, taking over as chairman of the Sri Lankan Cricket Board, the club would bring about a huge change. From featuring only Tamil players in the team, it opened the doors to all communities, making it an inclusive one.

"Those days, unless you were a Tamil, you couldn't play for Tamil Union. Same with SSC, where only Sinhalese were allowed to play. But Dissanayake wanted to change this and end the discrimination. It was a good decision and though members were reluctant, all of us came on board. And today, there is not a single Tamil player playing for us," Schaffter says.

ASIA CUP

BRIEFLY

Was nervous on my comeback: KL Rahul

India batter KL Rahul admitted that he was a bit nervous ahead of his comeback game against Pakistan but grew in confidence once he spent some time in the middle before going on to complete a memorable hundred. In a rain-marred Asia Cup match, Rahul struck an unbeaten 111 and then kept wickets for the entire duration in his first match for India since March. "I am happy with how the last two games have gone. I was a little nervous initially but as I started facing a few balls I felt alright," said Rahul in the post-match press conference on Tuesday night after India's 41-run win over Sri Lanka. Rahul said his strong preparations during the rehabilitation period at the NCA helped him prepare for his return. "I was thinking that I will be in the playing 11 and that's how I prepared. I was confident that I can still go there and do the job," said Rahul.

Mushfiqur to miss game against India

Senior Bangladesh batter Mushfiqur Rahim will miss Friday's Asia Cup 'Super Four' match against India after being granted an extension of leave by his cricket board to be with his newborn child and family. "Mushfiqur has informed us that his wife is still recovering, and he needs to be by her side and with their children at this time. We fully understand his situation and have decided to permit him to skip the game," BCB Cricket Operations Chairman Mohammed Jalal Yunus said in a statement. Mushfiqur, who had returned to Bangladesh to witness the birth of his second child.

Missing Naseem Shah a big blow: Morkel

PAKISTAN BOWLING coach Morne Morkel on Wednesday said missing injured pacer Naseem Shah was a big blow but hoped that another bowler will step into his shoes during a must-win Asia Cup Super Four match against Sri Lanka. Naseem, who injured his right shoulder during the match against India, was ruled out of the tournament today, and Zaman Khan has been named as his replacement. Pakistan and Sri Lanka are tied on two points going into the virtual knockout match on Thursday, and the winner will face India in the final on September 17. "Obviously, it is a big blow (absence of Naseem). It is unfortunate that he picked some little niggles. But what a fantastic opportunity for the guys you know coming in. After going down against India, it's a must-win game for us tomorrow. I'm quite excited to see new guys stepping in and showing some character," said Morkel during the pre-match press-conference.

PTI



Jasprit Bumrah has been virtually unplayable in the two matches of the Asia Cup he has bowled in. PTI

Pieces falling in place

Here's what has made the Indian attack potent as World Cup draws near



Kuldeep show

Five wickets against Pakistan, followed by four against Sri Lanka, Kuldeep Yadav is showing how he has established himself as the lead spinner in India's white-ball set-up. In both matches, he has struck crucial blows, while juggling between attacking and going on the defensive. With wickets coming with the new ball, he is taking care of the middle overs with Ravindra Jadeja, and Hardik Pandya.

Bumrah to the fore

With Mohammed Shami not being the first choice in the XI, India needed Jasprit Bumrah to land the initial punches. In two matches here, he has done precisely that, troubling the top order with seam movement, getting the early breakthroughs after which the spinners can take control. Bumrah has bowled only 12 overs in two matches, accounting for three wickets. With him, India appear a different unit.



Pandya factor

Apart from shining with the bat, Hardik Pandya is showing he can play a big role with the ball too. The big plus for India is that he has found bite with the ball, and is chipping in with crucial wickets. Against Pakistan, he removed Babar Azam and against Sri Lanka when Dhananjaya de Silva and Dunith Wellalage were going strong, it was Pandya who Rohit turned to for seizing back control. He is also beginning to touch the 140kmph mark, which is even better news.

much help as possible before they came on. He knew skipper Rohit Sharma was not going to keep the tweakers waiting and he had little time to work around. There are still doubts if we can see the same old Bumrah. But not in Bumrah's mind. Those deliveries that angled away from the left-handers are intact. The out-swinger which he added to his armoury after spending a lot of time on it is there too as Pathum Nissanka found. Even the slower one, which is hard to pick with his action, was on display when he faced Kusal Mendis.

After undergoing a career-threatening back surgery, there were doubts if Bumrah could bend his back and get the ball to snort or deliver those toe-crushers. But on successive nights, he used them whenever he intended to, a clear sign that Bumrah is back to where he left. Having given two openings and Siraj taking care of another, India's new ball bowlers had done their job and now it was over to Kuldeep Yadav, Jadeja and Axar.

Like in the game against Pakistan, it was the wrist-spin of Kuldeep that broke the middle order. New batsmen coming in can find it hard to pick, and having a potent new-ball bowler is giving Kuldeep the luxury to attack more. He looks a different bowler these days, one who runs in a lot straighter and lands consistently in the same spot, uses his variations according to the situation and doesn't over-bowl his googlies. He is also showing more patience than ever before. With him being India's lone strike option in the middle overs, it is crucial for him to go into the World Cup with confidence high, and following a five-wicket haul against Pakistan, he came up with a four-fer on Tuesday. These are the two around whom India's attack revolves. Apart from another strike bowler in Siraj, there is Jadeja and Axar to provide the control they seek and Pandya – who at times touched 140kmph – capable of finding seam movement, the six bowling options (Shardul/Axar) look rounded. And even before the ball got soft, they had inflicted plenty of damage so that even when Dhananjaya de Silva and Dunith Wellalage built a partnership and briefly threatened India, at no point did they seem to doubt themselves.

Chhetri to lead second-string side as ISL clubs refuse to release some players

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INDIAN NATIONAL team skipper Sunil Chhetri will lead a 17-member squad at the Hangzhou Asian Games with only nine of the 22 players initially requested by coach Igor Stimac released by Indian Super League (ISL) clubs for the event that falls outside the FIFA international window.

It is unclear whether Stimac and his coaching staff will be a part of the Asian Games after most of the players he was looking for after a successful SAFF Cup at home will be a part of their respective ISL teams, participating in the domestic league and the Asian Champions League/ AFC Cup tournaments. The Croatian had made it clear earlier that the Asian Games was an important tournament in the lead-up to the World Cup qualifiers and the AFC Asian Cup.



Sunil Chhetri will captain the Indian team at the Asian Games.

When Stimac had initially announced his 22-member squad in August, it was clear that the players included were either a part of the national team or just on its periphery. The Asian Games was considered a chance to expand the experience of the national pool players with closely-crunched-together international fixtures. But with the ISL starting on September 21, most clubs were unwilling to release their best Indian U-23 talent. The other two senior players that Stimac had selected were FC Goa's Sandesh Jhingan and Bengaluru FC's Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, both of whom were not released by their respective clubs.

Even out of the nine players remaining from the original squad, most are sporadic players for their clubs with the exception of Chhetri - who, at 37, has also not been a guaranteed starter for Bengaluru FC over the past year and has had to make way for a foreign striker at club level, but still manages to get

valuable minutes.

India will face China in their first game on September 19 followed by games against Bangladesh (September 21) and Myanmar (September 24). The top two from each

group will move onto the pre-quarterfinals, along with four of the best third-placed teams. While the team Stimac had asked for was strong enough on paper to make it to the pre-quarterfinals, the current squad carries an air of uncertainty with it.

While most of these players have not played together, what is even more problematic is the team composition.

Narendar Gehlot and Sumit Rathi are the only defensive options in the squad. Instead

of the usual three goalkeepers, only two have been confirmed by the AIFF in Gurmeet Singh and Dheeraj Moirangthem. Out of the remaining players, most are wingers or forwards - positions for which ISL clubs usually employ either foreign players or the absolute best Indian talent.

"It has been a hectic time in the Indian football season. We have a tight schedule within a short period of time that was not easy to manage," said AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey on the federation's website. "There were situations which were unavoidable and demanded a great balancing act. It was never easy, but at the same time, I must reach out to FSDL (Football Sports Development Limited) and the clubs, thanking them for making it possible."

Giving a possible explanation as to why the Asian Games was not included in the AIFF's calendar for the current year, Chaubey said, "We must remember that there are gen-

eral elections coming, and to avoid the adverse weather conditions in certain parts of the country, we had to adjust the schedule, and shorten the domestic calendar to an extent that these things don't hamper the quality of the games and put unnecessary pressure on the players."

Initially, reports had emerged that nine of the senior players that were part of the national team for the King's Cup in Thailand were asked to stay back as the AIFF continued to negotiate with the clubs, hoping to secure their release. But the furore over players' travel being delayed led the AIFF to ensure all of them returned to their bases in India.

SQUAD: Gurmeet Singh, Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem, Sumit Rathi, Narendar Gehlot, Amarjit Singh Kiyam, Samuel James, Rahul KP, Abdul Rabeeb Anjukandan, Ayush Dev Chhetri, Bryce Miranda, Afzal Noorani, Rahim Ali, Vincy Baretto, Sunil Chhetri, Danu Gurkiran Singh, Aniket Jadhav.

BRIEFLY

Tanisha-Ashwini in pre-quaterfinals

Kowloon: Indian women doubles pair of Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa progressed to the pre-quaterfinals of the Hong Kong Open Super 500 tournament here on Wednesday. Tanisha and Ashwini beat Chinese Taipei's Lee Chia Hsin and Teng Chun Hsun 21-19 21-19 to set up a clash with top seeded Japanese duo of Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara. Asian Games bound Lakshya Sen, however, withdrew from the tournament due to slight strain in his back. "He has almost recovered but with the Asian Games round the corner, we didn't want to risk playing today without being 100 per cent. He will be fine in a few days," coach Anup Sridhar told PTI. Priyanshu Rajawat suffered a 13-21 14-21 loss to Japan's Kanta Tsuneyama, while Aakarshi Kashyap went down 18-21 10-21 to German Yvonne Li. PTI

PSG's Verratti to join Qatari club Al-Arabi

Milan: Italy midfielder Marco Verratti has left Paris St Germain to join Qatari side Al-Arabi, the Ligue 1 club said on Wednesday. Verratti has signed a three-year deal with the Qatar Stars League club, who have paid a reported 45 million euros (\$48.31 million) for the 30-year-old, according to the Italian media. "I was very proud to wear the colours of Paris St Germain for more than a decade, to rub shoulders with so many great players, and to win 30 trophies," Verratti told the club website. REUTERS

Toffolo gets five-month ban

London: Nottingham Forest's Harry Toffolo has been handed a suspended five-month ban and fined almost 21,000 pounds (\$26,000) after admitting to 375 breaches of the Football Association's (FA) betting rules, the governing body said on Wednesday. The breaches occurred between 2014 to 2017 when the full back was with Norwich City and had loan spells at clubs including Swindon Town, Rotherham United, Peterborough United and Scunthorpe United. "Nottingham Forest's Harry Toffolo has been given a five-month suspension, which has been suspended until the end of the 2024/25 season, and 20,956.22 pound fine for misconduct in relation to our betting rules," the FA said. REUTERS

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Germany's woes: Lack of proper No.9 or absence of playing philosophy?

SAYAK DUTTA
SEPTEMBER 13

On Tuesday night as Germany defeated France 2-1, the home crowd at the Signal Iduna Park let loose a collective sigh of relief, interspersed with deafening cheers. Germany had finally won a match since March 26, their second in 7 matches in 2023. The last time they won was against Peru with a score of 2-0. After that, it was just a barrage of losses and a draw.

They lost against Belgium, Poland, Colombia and Japan while drawing 3-3 against Ukraine. The match against Japan was a rematch of the 2022 World Cup where they had lost to the Asian country 2-1. This time around it got worse as they were thrashed at home 4-1 by the blue samurai.

This was the last straw that broke the proverbial camel's back as the German Football Association sacked coach Hansi Flick. But the problem of the German football team losing its shine over the years isn't a short term one.

The mystic has steadily been eroding ever since they won the World Cup back in 2014. After that high, the record of the team in big tournaments stands thus: defeat at the semi final of Euro 2016, knocked out from the Round of 16 in Euro 2020 and elimination



Thomas Muller celebrates after scoring the opening goal against France in a friendly in Dortmund. Germany's 2-1 win was their first since late March.

from the group stage in the 2018 and 2022 World Cups.

So what was the problem? What changed? Former Germany player Bastian Schweinsteiger, a few months ago opined that trying to emulate Pep Guardiola's style of football might have hampered the national team. "When Pep Guardiola joined

Bayern Munich, when he came to the country, everyone believed we have to play this kind of football, like short passes and everything. We were kind of losing our values," Schweinsteiger said.

But it'll be really unfair to place the blame on a manager like Guardiola for the decline of an entire national team. There has been a

Bucharest: Romania beat Kosovo 2-0 in a Euro 2024 qualifier that was suspended on Tuesday for just under an hour after Romanian fans repeatedly shouted pro-Serbia chants. The game in Bucharest was stopped in the 18th minute after some of the crowd chanted "Serbia Serbia" and a player confronted people in the stands displaying a sign saying "Kosovo is Serbia", with the referee sending the players back to the changing rooms.

"The match has resumed after play was suspended due to discriminatory behaviour from some supporters," UEFA said on their website after an interruption of 50 minutes. Kosovo declared independence from Serbia in 2008 and won recognition from more than 100

countries, but not from Romania. The game restarted and, shortly before the break, Kosovo's Vedat Muriqi was sent off for a second yellow card after a foul on midfieler Vladimir Scrciu. REUTERS

Pro-Serbia chants in Romania-Kosovo game



Romania fans inside the stadium hold up banners. Reuters

gence. This is another damning fact that the conveyor belt of talent can't seem to produce a genuine goal scorer.

Timo Werner was supposed to be the next big thing while at RB Leipzig but after a stint at Chelsea, his confidence has been shot to pieces and he hasn't looked the same player since.

Speaking of Kai Havertz, if you talk to any German fan, they would struggle to tell you what the Arsenal player is really good at. He is decent enough in most things he does but hasn't really found his true calling position-wise. It doesn't help that in the national setup, he has been forced to play in the centre forward position which he clearly is uncomfortable with.

Looking ahead, the German FA are searching for Flick's replacement with former Bayern Munich coach Julian Nagelsmann and Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp on their radar. If appointed, both will have a tall task in their hands with a flailing German team at their disposal. With the Euros less than a year away, Germany will be counting their stars that they are hosts and do not have to go through the gruelling qualification process. Because if they did, based on their recent form, they might not even have made it to the main stage.

FRIENDLIES' RESULTS

Germany	2	France	1
Senegal	0	Algeria	1
Uzbekistan	3	Mexico	3
USA	4	Oman	0

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USD RATE

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SILVER

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of September 12

International market data till 1900 IST

Govt's car battery recycling project gets traction as top EV makers sign up

MG Motor, Toyota, Tata Motors are among the auto firms who registered

AGGAM WALIA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

AT LEAST 59 electric vehicle (EV) makers that use lithium-ion batteries like MG Motor, Ola Electric, Ather Energy, Tata Motors, and Mahindra & Mahindra have registered on an online portal operationalised by India's apex pollution control authority earlier this year.

Producers registering on the portal are granted a five-year certificate as part of a mandated process to facilitate the proper management of battery waste.

Other big manufacturers to register on the platform include producers of hybrid electric vehicles like Toyota Kirloskar and players such as Yamaha Motor that plan to launch EVs, alongside 16 recyclers including lithium-ion recyclers like NCR-based BATX Energies and Prithvi Cleantech, and Mumbai-based LICO.

As per Battery Waste Management Rules (BWMR), 2022, producers of batteries containing lithium, nickel, cobalt, and lead must ensure environmentally sound management of waste batteries produced by them in the form of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) compliance. EPR compliance is based on the polluter pays principle which puts the onus of management of waste generated by used products on the producer.

The European Union also requires producers in member countries to collect battery waste and recover a minimum of 50 per cent lithium from end-of-life batteries by 2027 in its efforts to promote a circular economy. In India too, EPR compliance has been mandatory for the recycling of plastic packaging waste.

BWMR allow producers to either recycle battery waste themselves or provide it to recyclers registered with relevant state pollution control boards in exchange for EPR certificates. Given that EV

batteries can account for up to 40 percent of the total cost of manufacturing an EV, recovery of rare earth metals like lithium from used batteries can significantly drive down costs. Furthermore, efficient recycling of battery waste can also reduce the domestic industry's reliance on rare metals imports. These outcomes are contingent upon a minimum purity standard of 99.5 per cent for recovered lithium, a threshold the domestic recycling industry cannot yet meet.

Both producers and recyclers of lithium-ion batteries are required to use the online EPR portal, which was launched in March by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), to routinely declare the quantity of waste battery recycled and materials recovered. Currently, registration certificates have been issued to 1225 producers for a five-year period, with 215 applications in-process.

Industry sources confirm that the registration of recyclers on CPCB's EPR portal for battery waste management is still in the testing phase as the board continues to collate stakeholder feedback on portal-related processes. The portal is expected to become fully operational in the coming weeks to allow recyclers to report sales and recycling data and to issue EPR certificates.

Missing from the list of 16 recyclers that have applied to register is Noida-based LOHUM, which recently partnered with MG Motor for second-life EV battery solutions. Roorkee-based Attero, with at least 26 global patents on lithium-ion battery recycling technologies, has also sent in the application yet as per information available on the portal.

With the introduction of EPR for battery waste management, Utkarsh Singh, CEO of BATX Energies, is confident that the battery waste recycling industry will grow in size and capabilities in the coming years. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

Bombay Dyeing to sell 22-acre plot to Japan's Sumitomo for ₹5,200 cr

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IN ONE of the biggest land deals in the financial capital, Wadias-run Bombay Dyeing on Wednesday announced the sale of a 22-acre land parcel to Japan's Sumitomo for Rs 5,200 crore.

The company, which reported a widening of losses to Rs 517 crore in FY23, will get the money in two phases, with the first payment of Rs 4,675 crore expected by October, while the remaining Rs 525 crore will come by March 2024 after the completion of certain milestones, Anand said.

Goisu Realty, a subsidiary of Sumitomo Realty & Development Company, will be purchasing the freehold land parcel, which allows it to use the entire 22 acre for residential or commercial use.

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decision by the Bombay Dyeing board to make the company leaner from a debt perspective, turn it into black and put it on the path to sustained profits by strengthening balance sheets.

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BRIEFLY
IndiGo gets DGCA approval to wet lease 11 A320 planes

New Delhi: Aviation watchdog Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has given approval to IndiGo to wet lease 11 A320 planes as the country's largest airline grapples with capacity challenges due to P&W engine woes, according to officials. IndiGo, which operates more than 1,800 flights daily with a fleet of over 300 aircraft, is expanding its network on domestic and international routes. **PTI**

Govt okays ₹9,589 cr FDI in Suven Pharma

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday approved an FDI of up to Rs 9,589 crore in Suven Pharmaceuticals by Cyprus-based Berhyanda Ltd to fund capacity expansion of the Indian pharma company and also generate new jobs. **PTI**

EXPANSION OF PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA

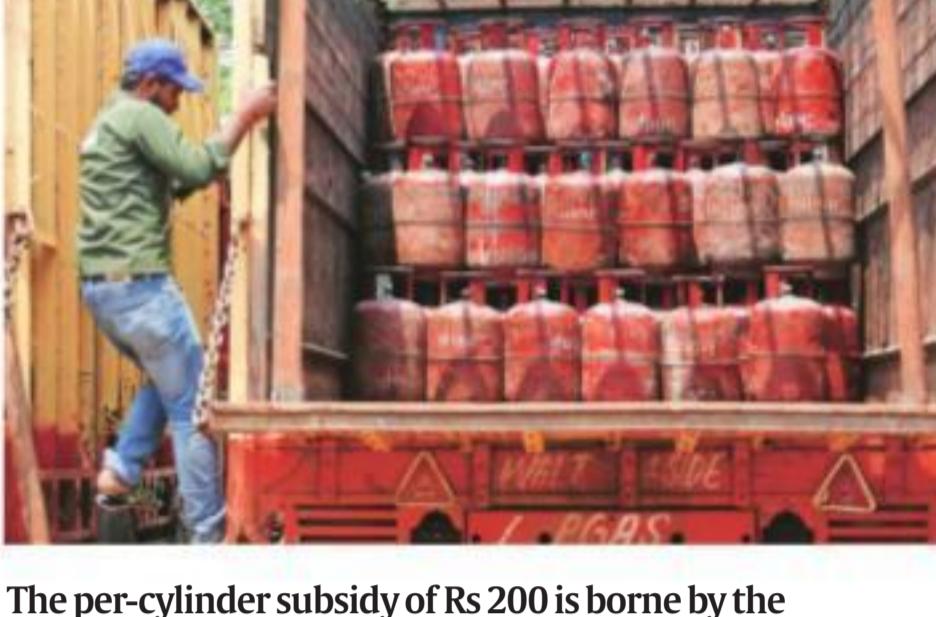
Govt approves ₹1,650 cr for 75 lakh new PMUY connections over 3 years

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved the expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in order to add 75 lakh poor households to the scheme's beneficiary base over three years at an estimated cost of Rs 1,650 crore. The nod to the PMUY expansion and the scheme of release of grant to public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) for the same follows the government's August 29 announcement of slashing cooking gas prices for all domestic consumers by Rs 200 per cylinder and expanding the beneficiary base of PMUY to 10.35 crore from 9.60 crore at present.

The price cut and expansion of PMUY, which came ahead of Assembly elections in five states later this year and the Lok Sabha elections next year, was described by the government as its gift to the people on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan and Onam.

The Rs 1,650 crore estimate is only for the cost of connection to the new 75 lakh beneficiaries of the PMUY over 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26, and does not include the targeted subsidy of Rs



The per-cylinder subsidy of Rs 200 is borne by the government. File

200 per 14.2-kg cooking gas cylinder for up to 12 refills per year. Under the PMUY, cooking gas connections are issued to women members of poor households, and the connection, stove, and the first cylinder are given free of charge. The per-cylinder subsidy of Rs 200, which beneficiaries get as a bank transfer from the OMCs, is also borne by the government as the OMCs are reimbursed for it.

"Some eligible households still do not have LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) connection. This is due to multiple reasons--new households are formed every year as a

result of rising population, marriages, migration, nuclearisation of families, left over households, extremely remote locations, etc. PMUY has been widely praised as a successful social welfare scheme which has majorly contributed to the increase in LPG penetration in the country from 62% in 2016 to near saturation now," the government said in a release on Wednesday.

As per government data, the average LPG refill rate for PMUY beneficiaries was 3.71 cylinders for financial year 2022-23 in terms of 14.2-kg cylinders. Going by the

current beneficiary base of 9.6 crore, the total number of 14.2-kg cylinders consumed by PMUY consumers comes out to be 35.6 crore per year, resulting in a subsidy outgo of over Rs 7,100 crore per year, calculations show. For the targeted 10.35 crore beneficiary base, the annualised cooking gas subsidy bill, assuming the PMUY refill rate stays at 3.71 cylinders per year and subsidy remains constant Rs 200 per cylinder, would be around Rs 7,700 crore.

The government had stopped providing cooking gas subsidy in the early months of the 2020-21 fiscal, when global oil and fuel prices had crashed. Later, the subsidy was brought back, but only for poor households covered under the PMUY.

While the government will bear the cost of expanding the PMUY beneficiary base and the consequent increase in subsidy outgo, it is unlikely to foot the expense for the price cut and the OMCs are expected to absorb the hit, at least for the time being, according to people in the know.

As per The Indian Express's analysis of current cooking gas refill rates and the total domestic consumer base, the Rs 200-per-cylinder price cut alone could cost over Rs 36,000 crore on an annu-

alised basis, assuming refill rates remain constant and fuel retailers continue to sell LPG to households at a price that is Rs 200 lower than what they would have charged for a cylinder had the price cut not been announced.

The actual cost could be different from this estimate as there are a number of variables in the equation. These include possible over recoveries on LPG sales by fuel retailers, movement in international crude and LPG prices going ahead, and currency fluctuations. On its part, the government has not provided any estimate of the cost of the price cut.

Even as the government was not giving any subsidy to non-PMUY consumers, it did provide a one-time grant of Rs 22,000 crore to the three OMCs last year to compensate them for selling LPG at a loss for the previous two years, which had resulted in accumulated losses of Rs 28,000 crore.

The grant came at a time when the OMCs were grappling with significant losses, particularly in the fuel retail segment. However, the companies have now largely recovered from last year's losses and industry insiders do not expect the government to be as eager to help the companies through a special financial grant.

Global debt fell as share of GDP in 2022: IMF

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 13

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund on Wednesday said that the global debt as a share of economic output fell significantly in 2022 for the second year in a row, but the decline may be ending as a post-COVID growth surge fades.

The IMF said in an update to its Global Debt Database that the world's total debt-to-GDP ratio fell last year to 238 per cent from 248 per cent in 2021 and 258 per cent in 2020.

But the decline for the past two years, driven by strong growth and stronger-than-expected inflation, has recouped only about two thirds of the COVID-induced spike in global debt. The ratio remains well above the 2019 level of 238 per cent of GDP in 2022 from 265 per cent in 2021.

China has played a central role in increasing global debt in recent decades as borrowing outpaced economic growth, and its debt burden has defied the moderating trend, growing to 272 per cent of GDP in 2022 from 265 per cent in 2021.

Those levels are similar to the United States, which saw its total debt-to-GDP ratio fall to 274 per cent in 2022 from 284 per cent in 2021, according to the IMF report.

Nifty ends above 20,000-mark for first time; Sensex gains 246 points

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 13

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"Surprisingly, buying has continued despite persistent selling by foreign investors and valuations getting stretched in the ongoing market rally. Investors are willing to take long-term equity bets here as other key markets are facing

strong macroeconomic headwinds," he said. The small and mid-cap indices which fell on September 13, recovered on Wednesday. While the Nifty Midcap 100 rose 10.19 per cent, the Nifty Smallcap 100 was up 1.02 per cent. Nifty PSU Bank index rose 4.23 per cent to 4,938.55.

Among the NSE companies, Coal India, Grasim Industries, Tata Consumer Products, Bharti Airtel and Titan gained the maximum. Shares of HDFC Life Insurance, Mahindra & Mahindra, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd, Larsen & Toubro Ltd and Cipla declined the most.

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No.: E Tender No. 61/2023-24/SE/PHC/AP/LP
JMM: Providing Household Retrofittable/Extendable Water Service Connections in Purakkad Panchayat Construction of 15 LL OHSR, Supplying and Laying of Distribution Main, Road Restoration on PWD/LSD Roads and Supplying and Laying of Transmission Main from Vysaya Junction to Proposed 15LL OHSR, Payalkulangara, Purakkad- General Civil Work.

EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 19,518, Last Date for submitting Bid : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in

www.tenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle
Alappuzha

KWA-JB-GL-6-1193-2023-24

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Tender Notice

E-tenders are invited for supply of Classical and Proprietary Ayurvedic Medicines from All India Based manufacturers. Date of online publication 14.09.2023 last date of tender submission and submission of samples 04.10.20

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: BARIPADA**
 O-1019 E_Mail ID: serwcharpida@gmail.com, Ph-No-06792-261343/261344
"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Work

Identification No.- Online Tender- Bridge N.C.B. No. 310 for 2023-24.

1. Name of the work :- Bridge work under Biju Setu Yojana in the District of Mayurbhanj.
 2. Total No. of work :- 04 Nos. (Four)
 3. Estimated Cost :- Rs.291.09 lakhs to Rs.489.97 lakhs (approximately).
 4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- As per annexure.
 5. Period of Completion :- As per annexure.
 6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender In O.O.C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada
From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada	Bridge N.C.B. No. 310	16.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	30.09.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	28.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.
				03.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M. Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in.

● Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e_tender website only.

Sd/- Er. S.K. Rout
Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W. Circle, Baripada
(OIPR-25130/11/0046/2324)
**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH**
 O-1018 E-mail address- serv_sundargarh@yahoo.com

No. Tender Online - RWCCESNG - 31 of 2023-24, Letter No 2607 / Dtd. 12.09.2023
e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Type of the work :- Road With Bridge (OMBADC)
 2. Class of Contractor :- As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
 3. Times of Completion :- As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
 4. Detail Projects :- As per Annexure attached
 5. Estimated Cost :- As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure
 6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender
From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG- 31 of 2023-24	16.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	26.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	25.09.2023 at 5.00 P.M.
				27.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M. Will be intimated separately

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.inSd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh
(OIPR-25133/11/0042/2324)**S.E. RAILWAY SCRAP SALE through E-AUCTION**

No.: SER/HQ-STOR0SALE(DSPL)/4/2023-SALE/3 Date: 12.09.2023

E-Auction Programme for the month of October, November, December-2023.

Month	Division and Depot				
	Adra Division	Kharagpur Depot	Chakradhar pur Division	Kharagpur Division	Ranchi Division
October 2023	09.10.2023	03.10.2023	04.10.2023	05.10.2023	06.10.2023
	16.10.2023	10.10.2023	11.10.2023	12.10.2023	13.10.2023
	25.10.2023	17.10.2023	18.10.2023	19.10.2023	20.10.2023
	31.10.2023	30.10.2023	26.10.2023	27.10.2023	
November 2023	06.11.2023	07.11.2023	01.11.2023	02.11.2023	03.11.2023
	13.11.2023	14.11.2023	08.11.2023	09.11.2023	10.11.2023
	20.11.2023	21.11.2023	15.11.2023	16.11.2023	17.11.2023
	28.11.2023	30.11.2023	22.11.2023	23.11.2023	24.11.2023
December 2023	04.12.2023	05.12.2023	06.12.2023	07.12.2023	01.12.2023
	11.12.2023	12.12.2023	13.12.2023	14.12.2023	08.12.2023
	18.12.2023	19.12.2023	20.12.2023	21.12.2023	15.12.2023
	29.12.2023	27.12.2023	28.12.2023	22.12.2023	

NB: Please visit website: www.irps.gov.in/e-Auction for details of e-Auction schedule and catalogue.

(PR-600) Principal Chief Materials Manager

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E-Mail / E-despatch

1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Online Tender/45-2023-24/PMGSY/BPR_

The partial modification of Road works under PMGSY vide above bid identification has been made as follows.

1. Last Date of availability of tender	18.09.2023 upto 3:00 PM instead of 16.09.2023 3:00 PM.
2. Date of opening of Technical Bid.	21.09.2023 at 11:00 AM instead of 18.09.2023 at 12:00 Noon
3. Date of opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later on.

All other contents will remain unchanged.

Sd/- P.K.Jena
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W.Circle, Berhampur

(OIPR-25071/11/0057/2324)

THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH

Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department.

E-Mail: admsecrevt@gmail.com Tele/Fax: 01982-255567, 255568

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Date: 11.09.2023

Application are invited for the following positions under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) UT Ladakh. Interested candidates may apply through the recruiting agency M/s Xteam Ventures Pvt. Ltd.

Sr. No. Description

1. State Programme Manager – Livelihood (Farm/Non-Farm)

2. Block Project/Programme Manager

* Candidates can apply using this link <https://www.xteamventures.com/current-openings> The qualifications for the posts are mentioned in the link.

* Last date for applying is 20 September, 2023 for Block Project Manager and 25 Sept. 2023 for State Programme Manager

G20 NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)

S. No. 1 Tender Notice No & Date 32-W-RUB-245-PAINT-SYS-3 Date: 12.09.2023

Name of Work with its location : Painting of high performance

Thermo Plastic co-polymerit anti corrosive coating system (System -II) for long painting free life (15 Years & above) as per RDSO specification M&PCN/121/2011, at Br no. RUB 245

(1x15.26m) SMQL line, Shunting line 8 platform girders at DSA station on DSA-SMQL-SRE section in the jurisdiction of AXEN/BL/TKJ.

Approx. Cost of Work ₹ 4318012.77

Amount of Earnest Money ₹ 86400.00

Completion period of the work (06) Six Months

Date & time for Submission of tender & Opening of tender Upto 15.00 hrs. on 06.10.2023 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs. on same day

Note:- Above tender is available on website, **IREPS** site i.e. www.irps.gov.in where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded.

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CIN No.: U40109DL2001PLC115126, Website : www.tatapower-dl.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS Sep 14, 2023

TATA Power-DL invites tenders as per following details:

Tender Enquiry No. Work Description	Estimated Cost/EMD (Rs.)	Availability of Bid Document	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids
TPDDL/ENG/ENQ/200001582/23-24 Purchase of Tower Wagon	1.90 Crs/ 47,500/-	15.09.2023	05.10.2023:1600 Hrs/ 05.10.2023:1630 Hrs
TPDDL/ENG/ENQ/200001583/23-24 SITE of OT Firewall, Firewall Management System, CTD Sensor and associated Hardware / Software	8.60 Crs/ 14,90,000/-	14.09.2023	05.10.2023:1500 Hrs/ 05.10.2023:1530 Hrs
TPDDL/ENG/ENQ/200001584/23-24 RC for supply of LT XLPE Power and AB Cables	54.29 Crs/ 59,01,000/-	15.09.2023	06.10.2023:1500 Hrs/ 06.10.2023:1530 Hrs
TPDDL/ENG/ENQ/200001585/23-24 PO for supply of Paper Covered Copper Conductor	48.38 Lac/ 1,20,000/-	18.09.2023	09.10.2023:1530 Hrs/ 09.10.2023:1600 Hrs

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

O-1004 (E-Mail: serwbp2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax: 0680-2404287)

At: Ambapua, PO- Engineering School, Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011

E-Mail / E-despatch

Bid Identification No. Online Tender/ 53-2023-24/BPR

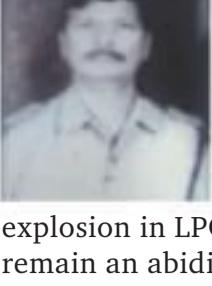
Identification No. Name of work No. of Works Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh) Class of Contractor Period of Completion

Online Tender / 53-2023-24/ BPR	Road Works including 05 years Post Construction maintenance under MMSY-TRIP & MMSY-CMFL for the year 2023-24	03 Nos	Form Rs. 474.82 Lakhs to Rs. 959.46 Lakhs

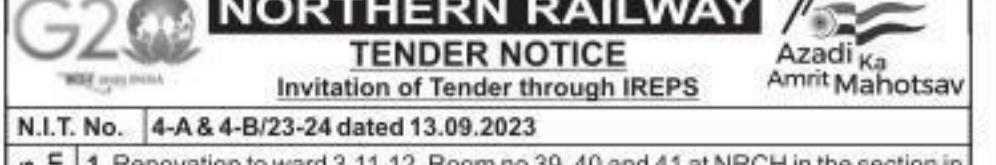
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14-09-1997



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TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through IREPS

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

N.I.T. No. 4-A & 4-B/23-24 dated 13.09.2023

1. Renovation to stand 3.11.12, Room no. 39, 40 and 41 at NRCH in the section in the section of SSE/W/NRCH under ADEN/NRCH, New Delhi
Approx Cost of work:- Rs. 10484805.94

2. Provision of sprinkler system, oxygen & vacuum pipeline in ward no. 3, 9, 10 and other balanced area of Northern Railway Central Hospital in the section of SSE/W/NRCH under ADEN/NRCH.

2 Approx. Cost of work : 1. Rs. 10484805.94, 2. Rs. 5876100.12

3 Earnest Money : 1. Rs. 202400.00, 2. Rs. 117500.00

4 Completion period of Work : 1.08 Months, 2, 06 Months

5 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender : Upto 15.00 hrs. on 10.10.2023 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 10.10.2023.

6 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/269/OET/23-24/NRCH/NIT-4-A & 4-B Dated: 13.09.2023 2833/2023

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Tel.: 0135-2763506, 2763507, Fax: 0135-2763507, www.ujvnml.com

No. 851 "E" Procurement notice Date: 12.09.2023

Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Mohammadpur Power House, Gurukul Narsan - Hardwar invites sealed tenders from experienced firms for following works/supply for Mohammadpur Power House:- NIT No. 15/EE(M&G)/MPH/2023-24

1. Name of work - Annual maintenance work of Unit No. 1 & 3.

2. Estimated Cost - Rs 70,49,01,05.00 (GST Extra)

3. Date of availability of Tender - 13.09.2023 from 10:00 Hrs document on website

4. Last date of receipt of tender - 03.10.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs

For all details, bidders are advised to see "E" Procurement Portal uktnetters.gov.in.

Executive Engineer (M&G), Mohammadpur Power House

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POWER DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM, GANGTOK Phone: 202444, Fax: 202927

No.: 267/Cir/S/P/2022-23/1313, Date: 08/09/2023

The Power Department, Government of Sikkim invites two envelop bids online through e-tender portal from 1AA Contractors/ Firms/ Company empaneled with the Power Department, Government of Sikkim for the following work:

SI. Tender Reference No./Tender ID	Name of Work	Tender Amount in Rs.(INR)
1. 267/CIR-S/P/23-23/NSCBUO/E/1307/2023_EP Dsi_692_1	"Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 66/11 KV, 3x5 MVA Sub-Station with LILo arrangement at Chakung, Soreng Sikkim"	30,54,01,229.00

The Notice Inviting e-tender (NIT) and detail bidding documents are available at website <http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in>

Interested bidders may view and download the e-Bid document w.e.f 4th September 2023.

Sd/- R.O.No.:156/IPR/Pub/Classi./23-24 Date: 08/09/2023

(Kaji Pradhan) Chief Engineer (Soreng)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 21/2023 dated 13.09.2023

On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites the E-Procurement tenders:

S. No.	Description	Qty.	EMD (₹)	Tender Open- ing Date
1	Starter Lead Acid Battery (8 Volt x 3)290 AH for Tower Set	8	28,340/-	12.10.2023

Wagon per RDSO Spec. No. MPO. 24.00.65 (Rev.00) DEC2009 (8Vx3 Set). Make: Microtex, Exide and Bharat or equivalent.

Note:-1. The Complete information of above E-Procurement is available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above tender, for this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III digital signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act 2000. 3. Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Documents being attached should be signed on their body. The above tender notice has been uploaded on <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached.

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North central railways @CPRONCR @northcentralrailway www.ncc.indianrailways.gov.in

Jharkhand Industrial Area Development Authority, Ranchi

3rd Floor, JIADA Bhawan, Namkum Industrial Area, Lowadih, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834010

Letter No.596 Dated: 12.09.2023

Notice Inviting Tender (2nd Call) NIT No.: JIADA/10/2023-24

The JIADA, Ranchi invites technical and financial proposals for 'Selection of Consultant for assisting JIADA in Investment Promotion of Industrial Parks, and Process Reform'. The important dates and information are mentioned below:

S. No. Particulars Details

1. Publishing of RFP/ Tender on website September 14, 2023 Time 11.00 AM

2. Period of downloading and Submission of Tender Start date: September 14, 2023 to End date : October 09, 2023 Time 5.00 PM

3. Last date for receiving queries September 20, 2023

4. Date and time of Pre-Bidding Meeting September 22, 2023. Time 12:00 Noon

5. Technical proposal opening October 11, 2023 Time 3.30 PM

6. Presentation on approach & methodology October 12, 2023 Time 1.00 PM

7. Financial Bid Opening To be notified

INR 5,000/- + 900/- (GST) = 5,900/- (five thousand nine hundred only) in form of Demand Draft in favour of JIADA, Payable at Ranchi to be submitted physically latest by 1.00 PM on October 11, 2023

8. Cost of Tender (Demand Draft) INR 5,000/- (Rupees five lakhs only) in form of Demand Draft in favour of JIADA, Payable at Ranchi or Bank guarantee in favour of M.D. JIADA, to be submitted physically latest by 1.00 PM on October 11, 2023

9. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) INR 5,000/- + 900/- (GST) = 5,900/- (five thousand nine hundred only) in form of Demand Draft in favour of M.D. JIADA, to be submitted physically latest by 1.00 PM on October 11, 2023

10. Website for downloading Tender Documents <https://www.jiada.co.in> <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

11. Mode of submission of Tender Online through <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Secretary, JIADA, 3rd Floor, JIADA Bhawan, Namkum, Lowadih, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834010 Mobile: +91 9431386208 Website: www.jiada.co.in Email: mdjiada@gmail.com

JIADA reserves the right to change any schedule of bidding process. Please visit JIADA website mentioned in document regularly for the same.

JIADA reserves the right to terminate the bid process at any time without assigning any reason.

Proposals must be received not later than time, and date as mentioned above. Proposals that are received after the last date and time will not be entertained.

(By the order of MD, JIADA)

Sd/- Secretary, JIADA

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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

TENDER NOTICE

No.11744/CPC/2023 Bilaspur, dated 11/09/2023

The High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur invites bids (Technical and Financial) from eligible bidders for the Supply, Testing, Installation and Maintenance of the following articles for the use in the High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur :-

- Desktops for the Special Courts (SC/ST) Prevention of Atro. Act. of the State
- 88 Pcs.

Interested Parties may view and download the detailed Tender (terms and conditions and Technical Specification) of articles on the website viz. <https://highcourt.cg.gov.in>

I) - Documents Download start Date - 11/09/2023

II) - Last Date of Submission Physical documents - 09/10/2023 (till 04:30 PM)

(Arvind Kumar Verma)
Registrar General
High Court of Chhattisgarh,
Bilaspur (C.G.)

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES CIRCLE, UDAIPUR

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No.- SE/Actt./Udaipur/F. /2023-24/ Dated:-

E-NIT No. 13/2023-24 NIB No.: WRD2324A0405

Bids for the following work are invited from interested bidders upto 6:00 PM, dated 26.09.2023

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. In lacs)
1	Rehabilitation of Baxa ka Naka Irrigation Project, Distt. Udaipur	281.25

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://www.dlpr.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd>

UBN:- WRD 2324 WS0B0111

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कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग बीकानेर

क्रमांक - 1768 दिनांक - 01.09.2023

अल्पकालीन निवाद सूचना संख्या 27/पीएमजीएसवाई-III बैच-II 2023-24

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राजस्थान के राजधान महोदय की ओर से प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम संस्करण स्वीकृत सदकों के चौड़ाइयरण एवं सुधारकार्य कार्यों में नियन्त्रित कार्यों में पांच साल के लिए 02 फैटेकों हेतु उत्तम शैली में सार्वजनिक निवाद कार्यों में पांच साल के लिए 01 फैटेकों के संग्रह स्वरूप एवं उत्तम शैली में सार्वजनिक निवाद कार्यों में पांच साल के लिए 01 फैटेकों के संग्रह स्वरूप एवं उत्तम शैली में सार्वजनिक निवाद कार्यों में पांच साल के लिए 01 फैटेकों के संग्रह स्वरूप एवं उत

Govt. of Bihar

Rural Works Department**Notice Inviting Tender (No.-RWD/MMGSY(AWSESH)/HQ/ET/2023-24/09)**

The Government of Bihar has applied for a loan/credit through the Govt. of India (GoI), to the New Development Bank (NDB), for Bihar Rural Roads Project (Phase-II) (Mukhya Mantri Gram Sampark Yojana- AWSESH) and intends to apply the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed in the Table-1.

Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Works Department, on behalf of Governor of Bihar invites, SBD based Percentage rate tender in electronic tendering system under Mukhya Mantri Gram Sampark Yojana- AWSESH for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with RWD/RCD/CPWD/MES/Railways/Other State/Central Govt. departments.

Table-1

Sl. No.	Package	Description of the Works [CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS (A) / BRIDGES (B)]						Length (KM)	Construction Amount (In Lacs)	Maintenance Amount (In Lacs)	Total Amount (In Lacs)	Earnest Money Payable* (In Lacs)	Amount Payable to Works Division	
		From	To	4	5	6	7							
1	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-162-ROSERA	3		4	5	6	7	8	10.45					Rosera
		A1	Parbanna Chowk	Mustafapur	0.658	66.580	5.790	72.370						
		A2	Pmgsy Haripur Road	Manain Das Tola	0.920	89.970	7.940	97.910						
		A3	Tinbatiya	Sharma Tola Near Sagichowk	1.298	135.880	11.290	147.170						
		A4	Bank Chowk Thatiya	ChotkikiChakki	0.610	63.420	5.130	68.550						
		A5	Reo Road	Paswan Toli Basbaria	0.654	49.920	12.580	62.500						
		A6	Tinbatiya	Ram Tola	0.406	44.160	3.460	47.620						
		A7	Pwd Road	Yadav Tola2	0.244	24.020	2.130	26.150						
2	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-163-ROSERA	7		4.790	473.950	48.320	522.270							Rosera
		A1	Nage Mandal Ghar Pipal Tree	Bhataura Paswan Tola	1.161	104.990	22.440	127.430	8.45					
		A2	Khanuma Pul	Kaji Dumra	0.685	73.290	6.130	79.420						
		A3	Teliyarahi Durga Asthan	Teliyarahi Ward 13	1.089	78.810	20.750	99.560						
		A4	Umesh Yadav Ghar Pmgsy Road	Pwd Road Rosera	1.163	98.340	17.690	116.030						
3	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-164-ROSERA	4		4.098	355.430	67.010	422.440							Rosera
		A1	Reo Road Near NavkiPokhar	AgraulMahadalit Tola	1.489	127.180	28.710	155.890	7.14					
		A2	Bharhar Chowk	Akona	1.293	119.770	25.130	144.900						
4	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-165-SAMASTIPUR	3		3.293	298.770	58.230	357.000							Samastipur
		A1	Rwd Road	Muslim Tola Hasnain G Ke Darwaja Tak	0.362	23.890	6.750	30.640	4.56					
		A2	RCD Kali Asthan	Chakshyam Nagar	0.521	31.800	9.830	41.630						
		A3	Adharpur	Chandeshwar Bhagat	0.492	45.760	2.560	48.320						
		A4	PMGSY Thakur Chowk	PMGSY Shadipur	1.225	85.680	21.600	107.280						
5	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-166-SAMASTIPUR	4		2.600	187.130	40.740	227.870							Samastipur
		A1	Soman Saw Ke Ghar	Rameshwar Thakur Ke Ghar	0.252	24.470	1.630	26.100	0.52					
6	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-167-CHAPRA-1	1		0.252	24.470	1.630	26.100							Chapra-1
		A1	Subhadra Bangra	Harijan Tola	0.782	57.140	13.020	70.160	8.01					
		A2	Kopa Marha	Bintola	0.751	68.110	8.330	76.440						
		A3	Manjhi Barauli	Harijan Tola	1.635	148.410	22.840	171.250						
7	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-168-CHAPRA-1	4		4.039	350.920	49.360	400.280							Chapra-1
		A1	Rwd Road Pirari	Harijon Tola Chamraha	1.165	102.660	18.010	120.670	8.13					
		A2	Gram Nasira Paswan Tola AtBanwar To Chamraha Road	Khutkhadwa	1.616	143.100	19.590	162.690						
		A3	Nandal Singh College ToPiprahia Road	Harijon Tola Beldari	0.848	78.450	13.330	91.780						
8	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-169-CHAPRA-2	4		0.921	353.853	52.714	406.567							Chapra-2
		A1	T08 Harpuribrahimpur	Harpur Ward No 1	0.242	25.764	1.989	27.753	5.05					
		A2	Paligambar Panchayat Hardew Tola Mor	Giri Tola Shilv Mandir	0.548	59.488	4.628	64.116						
		A3	NH 101 Middle School kishunpur	Noniya Tola	0.469	48.608	4.225	52.833						
		A4	Chainpur to khordih road	Kurmi Tola	0.529	54.916	4.595	59.511						
		A6	House of madanpandey	house of Rameshwar sah	0.121	8.904	0.826	9.730						
9	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-170-SITAMARHI	6		2.246	233.254	19.223	252.477							Sitamarhi
		A1	Serha Tola	Serha Tola Jawabi Tola	1.490	148.144	20.727	168.871	7.93					
		A2	Mohammadpur Kamli Pul	Bhuphairo Got Tola	0.950	84.037	12.071	96.108						
		A3	Middle School Methaura	Methaura Das Tola	0.230	22.649	1.845	24.494						
10	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-171-SITAMARHI	4		3.620	348.432	48.178	396.610							Sitamarhi
		A1	Pwd Road KusmariTo Basant Patty Near Pokhri	Rampur Pachhiyari Tola	0.200	17.274	2.337	19.611	2.01					
11	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-172-SITAMARHI	2		0.900	90.011	10.621	100.632							Sitamarhi
		A2	Pmgsy Road Rewasi ToLaxmipurKatahri Near House Of Umesh Rai	Neti Lal Rai Tola	0.700	72.737	8.284	81.021						
12	MMGSY(AWSESH)-NDB-BRRP2-173-MAHARAJGANJ	6		7.023	649.930	84.123	734.053							Maharajganj
		A1	R.W.D Road	Panday Tola Sawan Vighr	0.360	32.532	3.141	35.673	5.97					
		A2	Pmgsy Road	DhurastiUtr Tola	0.720	60.948	6.134	67.082						
		A3	RcdParwahaLalbandi Road	Khumahar Tola	0.820	87.682	9.070	96.752						
		A4	JagdarLaptaha Reo Road	Noniya Tola	0.648	68.906	7.396	76.302						