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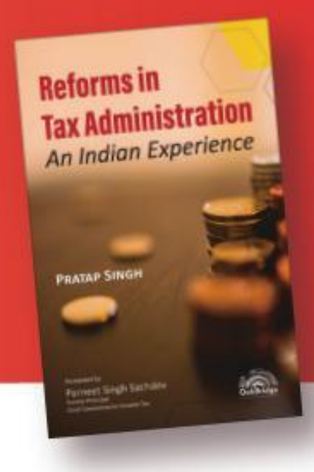

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TOP OF THE WORLD

Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy was ousted on October 4.

UNITED STATES

Would go back to job if asked to, says McCarthy

Washington: Less than a week after becoming the first US Speaker of House of Representatives voted out by his own caucus, Kevin McCarthy said Monday he would take the job back if asked to, as his colleagues contemplated their next move. McCarthy at a press conference stressed need for House leadership at a time of international crisis with Israel at war with Hamas militant group. But rather than putting himself forward for the top job, he said the decision should be taken by his fellow Republicans. **REUTERS**

PAKISTAN

SC issues notice to ex-Army chief, ex-ISI head

Islamabad: A top Pakistani court on Monday issued notices to former army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa and ex-ISI chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed for violating the laws for retired servicemen by allegedly distorting facts during interviews. The notices were issued after the Islamabad High Court received a petition seeking action against the two senior former officers. IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq issued notices to two journalists and Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority. **PTI**

UNITED KINGDOM

'Killings' in Afghanistan: hearings begin

London: An inquiry investigating allegations that British special forces carried out extra-judicial killings in Afghanistan a decade ago will begin hearing evidence in public Monday. The independent inquiry was ordered by Britain's defence ministry last December after a *BBC TV* documentary reported that soldiers from the elite Special Air Service had killed 54 people in suspicious circumstances. It also came after two families, who accuse SAS of killing their relatives in 2011 and 2012, began legal action to demand judicial reviews of their cases. **REUTERS**

MALAYSIA

43 rescued from human traffickers

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia said Monday that 43 citizens have been rescued by police in Peru after they fell victim to a human trafficking syndicate operating a telecommunication fraud. They Malaysians were involved in the so-called "Macau scam" that originates from crime syndicates in Taiwan and China. The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Peruvian police found the 43 Malaysians after raiding a house in La Molina in the capital Lima on October 7. It said the Malaysian Embassy in Lima had visited them and found them in good condition. **AP**

ISRAEL TELLS PALESTINIANS TO LEAVE SOME AREAS AFTER DEADLY HAMAS RAID

Nowhere to go: Gaza braces for Israeli assault

Families stockpile food fearing that supplies will end, despite Hamas's assurances

NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI
GAZA, OCTOBER 9

AS ISRAEL'S military sent phone messages telling Palestinians to leave some areas of Gaza after Saturday's deadly Hamas raid, Mohammad Brais did not know where to seek safety from an assault that residents expect to be the worst they have ever faced.

"Where should we go? Where should we go?" the 55-year-old father asked.

He had fled his home near a possible front line to shelter at his shop - only for that to get hit in one of the hundreds of air and artillery strikes already pounding Gaza.

Palestinians are preparing for an offensive of unprecedented scale on the tiny, crowded enclave, exceeding previous bouts of destructive warfare that they fear will leave survivors destitute, without homes, water, electricity, hospitals or food.

Gaza has no protected shelters designated for times of war.

At the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza, men clambered on a pancaked building to pull an infant's tiny body from the rubble, carrying it down through the crowd below amid remains of bombed buildings.

As ambulances arrived at a hospital, workers ran out to haul in stretchers bearing the injured. Inside, a man lay next to the shrouded body of his nephew, hysterical with grief, alternately striking the floor and embracing the corpse as he screamed.

Funeral processions wound down Gaza streets. In Rafah, in the south, men strode behind a body being carried on a bier, Palestinian and Hamas flags raised behind.

At the cemetery a family buried Saad Lubbad, a small boy killed in air strikes. His body, wrapped in white, was passed down to be laid on a patterned cloth before burial.

The densely populated enclave's 2.3 million residents, many of them refugees descended from people who fled or were expelled from their homes during fighting when Israel was founded in 1948, have endured repeated bouts of war and air strikes before. They expect this one to be worse.

Families began stockpiling food as soon as Saturday's attack began but fear that despite Hamas assurances supplies will run low.

Many those who fled their homes are sheltering in UN schools. At one in Gaza City 13-year-old Israa al-Qishawi pointed to the corner of a classroom where she lays her mattress each night alongside 30 other people.

Fear makes her want the toilet every few minutes, she said, but there is no water. **REUTERS**

Palestinians inspect the rubble in Rafah refugee camp, Gaza Strip, Monday. *AP*

EU suspends hundreds of millions in aid for Palestinian authorities

RAF CASERT
BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 9

THE EUROPEAN Union announced Monday that it was "immediately" suspending hundreds of millions of euros in aid for Palestinian authorities because of what an EU commissioner called the "scale of terror and brutality" during attacks on Israel by Hamas.

Germany and Austria also announced similar measures.

"We need action and we need it now," EU Commissioner Oliver Varhelyi tweeted. It also underscored strong words of EU support for Israel since the Hamas attacks started on Saturday, including that Israel had now every right to defend itself within the bounds of international law.

The surprise announcement by Varhelyi on development aid came just hours after EU officials stressed that no EU money whatsoever was going to Hamas in the first place and that contacts had been frozen for 16 years. The EU considers Hamas a terror group.

After hours of uncertainty over how deep the measures would reach and whether they would possibly also affect aid to those in immediate need, EU Humanitarian Aid Commissioner Janez Lenarcic said that the most urgently needed aid to Palestinians "will continue as long as needed."

"While I most strongly condemn the terrorist attack," Lenarcic said, "it is imperative to protect civilians."

Beyond that, Varhelyi said that "as the biggest donor of the Palestinians, the European Commission is putting its full development portfolio under review," which he said amounted to 691 million euros ($730 million).

Varhelyi said that the measures include that "all payments (be) immediately suspended. All projects put under review. All new budget proposals … postponed until further notice." **AP**

Qatar in talks with Hamas to secure swap of Israeli, Palestinian hostages

ANDREW MILLS & NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI
DOHA, OCTOBER 9

QATARI MEDIATORS have held urgent calls to try to negotiate freedom for Israeli women and children seized by the militant group and held in Gaza in exchange for the release of 36 Palestinian women and children from Israel's prisons, a source briefed on the talks told *Reuters*.

Qatar's foreign ministry confirmed to Reuters its involvement in mediation talks with Hamas and Israeli officials, including over a possible prisoner swap.

The ongoing negotiations, which Qatar has been conducting in coordination with the United States since Saturday night, are "moving positively" said the source, who has been briefed on them.

"We are in constant contact with all sides at the moment. Our priorities are to end the bloodshed, release the prisoners and make sure the conflict is contained with no regional spillover," foreign ministry spokesperson Majed Al-Ansari told *Reuters*, without elaborating.

When asked to respond to the Reuters report, an Israeli official told Reuters only: "There are no negotiations under way."

But there are no signs of breakthroughs as both sides dig in.

Qatar has been in touch with Hamas officials in Doha and Gaza, the source said, after the Islamist group assaulted Israel from Gaza on Saturday, storming into towns, killing more than 700 Israelis, and escaping with dozens of hostages. **REUTERS**

A screengrab of video shows a woman being taken hostage by militants. *Reuters*

9 AMERICANS, 10 FROM NEPAL AMONG KILLED

ZELENSKYY BLAMES IRAN: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy linked the Hamas attack with Russia's Ukraine invasion and criticised Iran over both conflicts. "The only difference is that there is a terrorist organisation that attacked Israel and here is a terrorist state that attacked Ukraine." he told NATO's Parliamentary Assembly

U.S. SAYS NINE AMERICANS KILLED: The United States on Monday said nine Americans were killed in Israel and other US citizens were missing, following Saturday's unprecedented Hamas attack that killed 700

10 NEPALI STUDENTS KILLED: Ten Nepali students have been killed and four others injured in Israel after the Palestinian militant group Hamas launched a wave of rocket attacks in the country's southern region, Nepal's foreign ministry said on Monday.

Israel says it killed armed infiltrators from Lebanon, Hezbollah denies role

HENRIETTE CHACAR & NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI
JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 9

ISRAEL SAID on Monday its troops backed by helicopters had killed a number of armed infiltrators entering the country from Lebanon, raising fears fighting could spread two days after Hamas gunmen burst in from Gaza on a deadly rampage.

The prospect that fighting could spread to other areas has alarmed the region. Israeli troops "killed a number of armed suspects that infiltrated into Israeli territory from Lebanese territory," the military said, adding helicopters "are currently striking in the area".

An official with Hezbollah denied that the group had mounted any operation into Israel.

Hezbollah, a Shi'ite militant group powerful in southern Lebanon, is backed by Iran like Hamas.

Artillery shelling and gunfire were heard at Lebanon's southern border with Israel, a correspondent for Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV said in a post on social media. Israel's Army Radio gave the location as being near Adamit, across from the Lebanese border towns of Aalma El Chaeb and Zahajra. **REUTERS**

Israeli soldier launches a drone near the border with Lebanon. *Reuters*

'Trauma I could never imagine': Survivors recall horror at music festival where Hamas killed 260

ISABEL DEBRE
JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 9

THE NIGHT was a getaway. Thousands of young men and women gathered at a vast field in southern Israel near the Gaza border to dance without a care. Old and new friends jumped up and down, reveling the swirl of the bass-heavy beats.

Maya Alper was standing toward the back of the bar with teams of environmentally conscious volunteers, picking up trash and passing out free vodka shots to party-goers who reused their cups. Just after 6.a.m., as a light-blue dawn broke and the headliner DJ took the stage, air raid sirens cut through the trap music. Rockets streaked overhead.

The open-air Tribe of Nova music festival will go down in Israeli history as the country's worst civilian massacre. Dozens of Hamas militants who had blown through Israel's heavily fortified separation fence and crossed into the country from Gaza opened fire on young Israelis who had come for a joyous night of electronic music. Some attendees were drunk or high, magnifying confusion and terror.

"We were hiding and running, hiding and running, in an open field, the worst place you could possibly be in that situation," said Arik Nani from Tel Aviv, who had gone to the party to celebrate his 26th birthday. "For a country where everyone in these circles knows everyone, this is a trauma like I could never imagine."

The toll of the festival was becoming clear Monday, as Israel's rescue service Zaka said paramedics had recovered at least 260 bodies. The toll could rise as teams continue to clear the area. **AP**

UN security council meets; deeply distressed, says Guterres

AGENCIES
UNITED NATIONS, OCTOBER 9

THE UN Security Council held an emergency meeting behind closed doors Sunday, with the United States demanding all 15 members strongly condemn "these heinous terrorist attacks committed by Hamas," but they took no immediate action.

US deputy ambassador Robert Wood alter said that "a number of countries" did condemn the attack but not all council members.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres led the clarion call Monday. He said that over 137,000 people in Gaza – or about 6% of its population – were now sheltering in sites run by UNRWA, the aid agency for Palestinians.

"I am deeply distressed by today's announcement that Israel will initiate a complete siege of the Gaza Strip, nothing allowed in — no electricity, food, or fuel," he said.

Family of abducted 85-yr-old woman calls for release

JANIS LAIZANS
LUZIT, OCTOBER 9

SOON AFTER Hamas gunmen invaded Israel's villages videos began to emerge of seized Israelis being dragged away into Gaza. One showed an elderly woman, a defiant expression on her face, driven on a golf cart into the Palestinian enclave.

The family of the bespectacled grey-haired woman, wrapped in a pink blanket and later identified as 85-year-old Yafa Adar, recognized her instantly.

"At 9 am she texted us that there are terrorists in the roads of the kibbutz shooting, shouting. That's the last message we got from her," said her granddaughter Adva Adar.

After soldiers cleared the Nir Oz kibbutz from gunmen, Yaffa's house was found ransacked. One of her grandsons is still missing after confronting the Hamas men.

Adva wells up as she looks at footage of her grandmother. "I have a hope that they will understand that these people have done nothing wrong," Adva said. "I hope they treat them okay. Please bring them back home for us. They have done nothing wrong". **REUTERS**

85-year-old Yaffa Adar. *AP*

Afghanistan quakes: Rescue workers search for survivors, bodies as Taliban put toll at 2,400

MOHAMMAD YUNUS YAWAR & SYED HASSIB
HERAT, AUGUST 10

AFGHAN RESCUE workers scrambled to pull survivors and bodies from beneath the rubble on Monday, two days after the deadliest earthquakes in years hit the northwestern city of Herat and surrounding villages.

The Taliban administration said at least 2,400 people had been killed and many more injured in the quakes, which were among the world's deadliest this year after tremors in Turkey and Syria, in which an estimated 50,000 people were killed.

Periodic aftershocks continued to shake the affected areas on Monday, officials said, forcing scared people out of homes.

Neighbours Pakistan and Iran have offered to send rescue workers and humanitarian aid, while China's Red Cross Society offered cash relief. A technical team from Iran has arrived in the area, Mullah Janan Sayeeq, spokesman for the Ministry of Disaster Management, said during a press conference.

"I ask all countries, to help us in this crucial time," said Sayeeq.

He said people were trapped under rubble in two villages and teams were working to free them.

The spokesman for Herat's governor, Nissar Ahmad Elyias, told *Reuters* that over a dozen villages around Herat were hit. Many buildings in Herat were relatively unaffected, but the mediaeval minarets of its famous mosques sustained some damage, photographs on social media showed.

"Many of our family members have been martyred, including one of my sons, and my other son is also injured," Herat resident Mir Ahmed told *Reuters* at a hospital that was treating survivors.

Sayeeq, the disaster management department spokesman, said that aside from those killed, thousands had been affected with 20 villages - made up of over 1,900 houses of around 10,000 people - destroyed. **REUTERS**

Injured being carried to a hospital in Herat. *Reuters*

With nuclear-armed submarines, China near 'breakthroughs': Report

GREG TORODE
HONG KONG, OCTOBER 9

A SUBMARINE arms race is intensifying as China embarks on production of a new generation of nuclear-armed submarines that for the first time are expected to pose a challenge to growing US and allied efforts to track them.

Analysts and regional defence attaches say evidence is mounting that China is on track to have its Type 096 ballistic missile submarine operational before the end of the decade, with breakthroughs in its quietness aided in part by Russian technology.

Research discussed at a conference in May at the US Naval War College and published in August by the college's China Maritime Studies Institute predicts the new vessels will be harder to keep tabs on. That conclusion is credible, according to seven analysts and three Asia-based military attaches.

"The Type 096s are going to be a nightmare," said retired submariner and naval technical intelligence analyst Christopher Carlson, one of the researchers. "They are going to be very, very hard to detect."

The discreet effort to track China's nuclear-powered and -armed ballistic missile submarines, known as SSBNs, is one of the core drivers of increased deployments and contingency planning by US Navy and other militaries across Indo-Pacific region. That drive is expected to intensify when Type 096s enter service.

But Type 094s, which carry China's most advanced submarine-launched JL-3 missile, are considered noisy - a major handicap for military submarines.

The paper notes that the Type 096 submarine will compare to state-of-the-art Russian submarines in terms of stealth, sensors and weapons. It said that jump in capabilities would have "profound" implications for US and Indo-Pacific allies. **REUTERS**

China's nuclear-powered submarine 'Long March 11'

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Israel orders complete siege on Gaza, Hamas threatens to kill hostages if fresh bombing

Israel: Over 100 taken hostage... will snap power, food, fuel supply lines to Gaza

JOSEF FEDERMAN & ISSAM ADWAN
JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 9

ISRAEL'S MILITARY ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip on Monday, halting deliveries of food, water, fuel and supplies to its 2.3 million people as it pounded the Hamas-ruled territory with waves of airstrikes in retaliation for the militants' bloody weekend incursion.

In response to Israel's bombardment, the spokesman of Hamas' armed wing, Abu Obeida, said in an audio released Monday night that the group will kill one Israeli civilian captive any time Israel targets civilians in their homes in Gaza "without prior warning".

Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen warned Hamas against harming any of the hostages, saying, "This war crime will not be forgiven."

Cohen said that more than 100 people have been taken captive by Hamas. Hamas and other militants in Gaza say they are holding more than 130 soldiers and civilians snatched from inside Israel.

More than two days after Hamas launched its surprise attack, the Israeli military said it had largely gained control in its southern towns where it had been battling Hamas gunmen. Israeli tanks and drones were deployed to guard breaches in the Gaza border fence to prevent new incursions. Thousands of

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In Gaza on Monday, where Israel hit over 1,000 targets. Palestinian militants fired barrages of rockets, setting off air raid sirens in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. *Reuters*

One of many abducted: Man on call with wife when gunmen took her and children away

PATRICK KINGSLEY
JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 9

YONI ASHER'S nightmare began early on Saturday morning during a phone call with his wife, Doron Asher Katz.

Whispering down the phone line, Asher Katz, 34, said that she, her mother, and their two small daughters were trapped inside her mother's safe room in a village near the Gaza border.

"She told me, 'There are terrorists inside the house'," Asher said in an interview.

Then came worse news: Asher Katz's mother's life partner, Gadi Moses, had left the safe room to reason with the intruders.

"She said they left — and they took him with them," Asher said.

Asher, 37, hoped that his spouse and children were safe, at least. But then the phone lines

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Yoni Asher's wife Doron; daughters Aviv, Raz. *Yoni Asher via NYT*

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CWC resolution skips reference to Hamas or terror, triggers unease in Cong

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

EVEN as the Ministry of External Affairs is yet to formulate an official response on the unprecedented Israel-Hamas standoff, the Congress Monday tied itself up in knots after the resolution of the party's Working Committee reaffirmed its support to the Palestinian cause without mentioning the horrific attack carried out by Hamas on Israel.

This despite a section of the CWC asking for "condemnation" of the terror attack and party chief Mallikarjun Kharge suggesting that the meeting's focus should be on the caste census and a statement on the Middle East, if need be, could be issued later.

However, the CWC went ahead.

"The CWC expresses its dismay and anguish on the war that has broken out in the Middle East where over a thousand people have been killed in the last two days. The CWC reiterates its long-standing support for the rights of the Palestinian people to land, self-government and to live with dignity and respect. The CWC calls for an immediate cease-fire and for negotiations to begin on all outstanding issues including the imperative issues that have given rise to the present conflict," the CWC resolution said.

The statement, which formed the last paragraph of the resolution, has triggered unease

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LAST TEST BEFORE 2024 LS POLLS

Battle for 5 states begins Nov 7; results on Dec 3

Electoral gender ratio up, more women voters in Chhattisgarh and Mizoram

DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

MORE THAN 16 crore voters in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram will elect new governments between November 7 and November 30, in what is being dubbed as the semi-final ahead of the Lok Sabha elections next year.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar announced on Monday that all states, except Chhattisgarh, which will vote in two phases on November 7 and November 17, will conclude their voting in a single day *(see chart)*. The results will be declared on December 3.

All five states have seen an improvement in their electoral gender ratio, according to the Election Commission's data, with Chhattisgarh not only closing the gender gap but having more women voters than men for the first time.

While Chhattisgarh has 1,012 women voters for every 1,000 men, there are 1,063 women electors in Mizoram for every 1,000 men. In the previous elections held in 2018, Chhattisgarh had 995 women voters against 1,000 men, and Mizoram had 1,051 women. Mizoram has always had more women voters than men.

While the other states have also shown an improvement over 2018 in their electoral gender ratio, parity is yet to be achieved. Madhya Pradesh, which has the largest Assembly

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ASSEMBLY POLLS: 5 STATES, 679 SEATS

CHHATTISGARH	**90 SEATS**
PHASE 1	NOV 7
PHASE 2	NOV 17
MADHYA PRADESH	**230 SEATS**
ALL SEATS	NOV 17
MIZORAM	**40 SEATS**
ALL SEATS	NOV 7
RAJASTHAN	**200 SEATS**
ALL SEATS	NOV 23
TELANGANA	**119 SEATS**
ALL SEATS	NOV 30

COUNTING: DECEMBER 3
TOTAL VOTERS: 16.14 CR
Source: Election Commission of India
** Total number of voters*

KEY INDICATORS

CHHATTISGARH 2.03 CR*
■ 1.01 cr male, 1.02 cr female voters; 7.23 lakh first-time voters

MADHYA PRADESH 5.6 CR
■ 2.88 cr male, 2.72 cr female voters; 22.36 lakh first-time voters

MIZORAM 8.52 LAKH
■ 4.13 lakh male, 4.39 lakh female voters; 50,611 first-time voters

RAJASTHAN 5.25 CR
■ 2.73 cr male, 2.52 cr female voters; 22.04 lakh first-time voters

TELANGANA 3.17 CR
■ 1.58 cr male, 1.58 cr female voters; 8.11 lakh first-time voters

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'IN TOUCH WITH AMIT SHAHJI... HE FEELS, BALANCE DIKHANA HAI...'
N BIREN SINGH
CHIEF MINISTER, MANIPUR

Cauvery row: TN asks Centre to intervene, passes resolution

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 9

IN A significant move, the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Monday adopted a resolution urging the Union government to direct the Karnataka government to release water to Tamil Nadu in line with the Supreme Court's final judgment. The resolution, moved by Chief Minister M K Stalin, got support from all parties except the BJP, whose MLAs staged a walkout demanding its modification.

"In light of the Cauvery Delta farmers, who are the backbone of Tamil Nadu's agriculture, being recognised and protected, the Karnataka government is urged to release water to Tamil Nadu. This Assembly unanimously urges the Union government," the resolution said.

Presenting the resolution, Stalin said: "Cauvery water is not just for the food needs of the people of Tamil Nadu, but it is a lifeline.... We will fight for it and

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Bone of contention

THE RESOLUTION comes in the backdrop of a series of protests in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Farmers took to the streets, with bandhs observed in Karnataka's south interior districts and Bengaluru. The Cauvery river, the focal point of a dispute dating back over 150 years, has been a bone of contention determining the agriculture and economies of four riparian states of south India.

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CJI bench pauses transfer of Armed Forces Tribunal Judge after Bar strike

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA & ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
CHANDIGARH, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE SUPREME Court on Monday effectively stayed the transfer of a judge from the Armed Forces Tribunal's (AFT) Chandigarh bench to Kolkata and directed the tribunal's chairperson to submit in a sealed cover a report detailing why the transfer was effected.

Following the transfer of Justice (retd) Dharam Chand Chaudhary, the AFT Chandigarh Bar Association had on September 26 launched an indefinite strike.

It also wrote twice to Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, terming the transfer as "a direct assault on the independence of judicial functioning" of the AFT. It alleged that Justice Chaudhary was transferred because "he refused to buckle under the pressure of the Ministry of Defence".

On Monday, a bench headed by CJI Chandrachud said that "pending further orders Justice Chaudhary shall not be required to assume charge at the regional bench at Kolkata". It also directed that "the execution petitions which have been heard by the

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Paan shop to Dubai villa: Kingpins, pawns of gaming app

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
BHILAI, OCTOBER 9

THE OWNER of a juice corner, a contractor-businessman, a school dropout who worked as a clothes salesman and a BCA graduate — what brought this disparate group of people together was a shared interest in the vagaries of cricket, besides a penchant for hanging out at a paan stall in Bhilai's Akash Ganga market.

The four are among the key players of the Mahadev online gaming app, which is now at the centre of a Rs 5,000-crore case of alleged money laundering that the Enforcement Directorate is investigating.

According to the investigation agency, the Mahadev Online Book App, headquartered in the UAE, provided a platform for illegal betting in a range of activities — from election results to poker and cricket. The ED has claimed that money was transferred from the owners of the app to hawala operators in Chhattisgarh, with the trail allegedly leading up to bureaucrats and politicians.

The two alleged kingpins that the agency has narrowed in on are Sourabh Chandrakar, 28, and Ravi Uppal, 43, both Bhilai residents believed to be on the run in Dubai.

Police said it was around 2017-2018 that Uppal and

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The Uppals' locked bungalow in Bhilai. *Jayprakash S Naidu*

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On its campus, NSG wages war against invader: vilayati kikar

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
MANESAR, OCTOBER 9

THE COUNTRY'S elite counter terror force has declared a 'war' — on an invasive plant species.

In 1986, when the National Security Guard (NSG) was granted 1,600 acres abutting the Delhi-Ajmer highway in Manesar to build its campus, there were 98 functional borewells. At present, 63 of these have gone dry. The force has now decided to take on the vilayati kikar (*Prosopis juliflora*) populating its Aravali hills campus, after it was found to be responsible, among other reasons, for the depleting water table.

Native to Mexico, vilayati kikar was brought to Delhi by the British in the 1920s, when the national capital was being built.

The NSG has earmarked an area of 1,000 acres, spread over a 5-km stretch on campus, for the project that aims to regreen the Aravallis with local varieties of plants. More importantly, the force has begun cutting down kikar trees before planting the new saplings since the invasive species does not allow other plants to grow around it.

Sources said past attempts at regreening the campus had failed for precisely this reason. Other reasons cited for this failed attempt include poor availability of water, inadequate retention of water due to the nature of the terrain and the nilgai, the largest Asian antelope, eating away saplings of local tree varieties.

In the past couple of years, the NSG has planted nearly 10 lakh saplings of local varieties on the hills using the trench pattern of plantation to ensure judicious use of water. This pattern of plantation involves plots that are ploughed to create trench-like rows for sowing of saplings. These trenches help channel rainwater through the plantation, keeping it irrigated.

NSG commandos cutting down vilayati kikar trees to make way for local saplings. *Gajendra Yadav*

A site visit by *The Indian Express* revealed that a significantly large number of these saplings had survived. NSG commandos were seen pruning and cutting down existing kikar trees before fresh plantation.

For the section of the campus that lies on the foothills of the Aravallis, the force has hired experts in Miyawaki plantation. The Japanese method relies on overcrowding the plantation area with saplings of different varieties to create competition that propels faster growth.

"The Union Home Minister has set ambitious annual plantation targets for all Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). We felt that these targets could be incorporated into a larger rewilding plan for the Manesar campus of the NSG. So a five-year plan, commencing from 2021-22, was designed to prune vilayati kikar on around 700 acres of the Aravallis (campus) and to plant local species (instead). The NSG also intends to develop forest patches in and around 300 acres of the area in the non-Aravallis stretch of the Manesar campus," NSG Director General M A Ganapathy said, adding that his aim was to make the campus "carbon neutral".

Since the Aravali hills are naturally arid with poor availability of water, barring the rainy season, the force is also dredging the range's troughs that have been selected geospatially to trap rainwater and create water bodies that will not only recharge the water table but also make water available around the year. One such water body has already been created by trapping water discharged from water treatment plants on campus.

"Our water table has been going down constantly. Apart from massive urban development around the campus over

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UTTAR PRADESH EMERGES AS AN EDUCATIONAL HUB

Overarching transformation has revolutionized Uttar Pradesh's education system, from basic education to higher education, ever since CM Yogi Adityanath vowed to provide quality education for all. The transition has been hallmarked by sincere efforts to ameliorate and bolster infrastructure, access to resources and standards.

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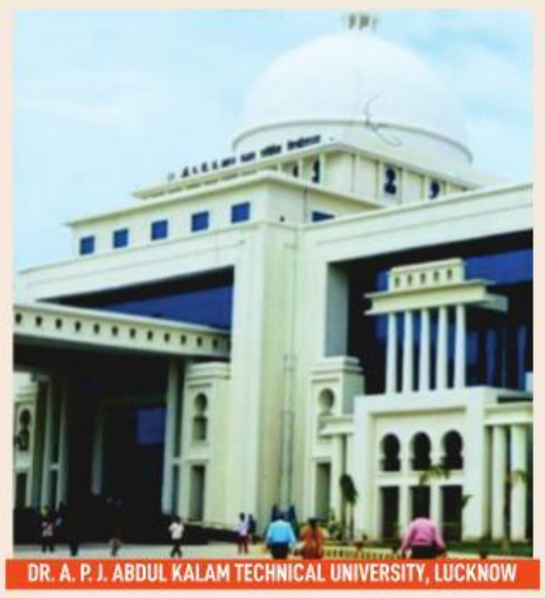
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- Government received 74 foreign and Indian investment proposals in the higher education sector at the GIS held in February this year.
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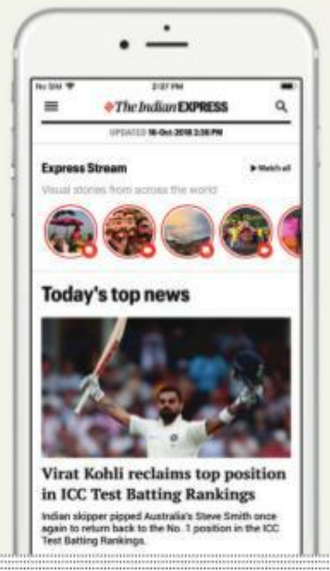

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Israel orders Gaza siege, Hamas threatens to kill hostages

Israelis were evacuated from more than a dozen towns near Gaza, and the military summoned 300,000 reservists – a massive mobilization in a short time.

The moves, along with Israel's formal declaration of war on Sunday, pointed to Israel increasingly shifting to the offensive against Hamas, threatening greater destruction in the densely populated, impoverished Gaza Strip. Already, civilians on both sides have suffered a terrible toll: around 700 people, including 73 soldiers, have been killed in Israel, and 493 people have been killed in Gaza, according to authorities on each side.

"I ask you to stand firm because we are going to change the Middle East," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told authorities from the south Monday. "I know you have been through terrible and difficult things. What Hamas will go through will be difficult and terrible… we have only just begun."

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant ordered a "complete siege" on Gaza, saying authorities would cut electricity and block the entry of food and fuel. Gallant said Israel was at war with "human animals", using the kind of dehumanizing language often employed by both sides at times of soaring tensions.

Israel and Egypt have imposed a blockade on Gaza of varying strictness since Hamas seized power in 2007. In recent years, Israel has provided limited electricity and allowed the import of food, fuel and some consumer goods, while heavily restricting travel in and out.

Jan Egeland, secretary general of the Norwegian Refugee Council aid group, warned that Israel's siege would spell "utter disaster" for Gazans. "There is no doubt that collective punishment is in violation of international law," he said. "If and when it would lead to wounded children dying in hospitals because lack of energy, electricity, and supplies, it could amount to war crimes."

The Israeli seal will leave Gaza almost entirely dependent on its crossing into neighboring Egypt at Rafah, where cargo capacities are lower than other crossings into Israel. An Egyptian military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said more than 2 tons of medical supplies from the Egyptian Red Crescent were sent to Gaza and efforts were underway to organize food, and other deliveries, but the question of allowing in fuel was not yet decided.

Egypt expressed fears of a possible exodus of Gazans onto its soil. The state-owned Al-Qahera news channel, which is close to security agencies, quoted an anonymous high-level official warning against "pushing Palestinians toward the Egyptian border."

In early evening, the sound of explosions echoed over Jerusalem when a volley of rockets fired from Gaza hit two neighborhoods — a sign of Hamas's reach. Israeli media said seven were wounded. On Monday evening, Israeli warplanes carried out an intense bombardment of Rimal, a residential and commercial district of central Gaza City, after issuing warnings for residents to evacuate. Amid explosions, the building housing the headquarters of the Palestinian Telecommunications Company was destroyed.

Israeli Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari told reporters that Israeli bombardment was moving from district to district to destroy buildings Israel says are being used by Hamas. Israel is planning to hit thousands of targets, he said. He said "hundreds" of Hamas militants were buried under rubble of buildings destroyed by Israel in the past 48 hours. His claims of the numbers — and his characterization of the dead as Hamas — could not be confirmed.

In the southern Gaza city of Rafah, an Israeli airstrike early Monday killed 19 people, including women and children, said Talat Barhoum, a doctor at the local Al-Najjar Hospital. Barhoum said aircraft hit the home of the Abu Hilal family, and that one of those killed was Rafaat Abu Hilal, a leader of a local armed group. The UN said more than 123,000 people have fled their homes in Gaza — many after Israeli warnings of imminent bombardment.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said a school sheltering more than 225 people took a direct hit. It did not say where the fire came from.

Meanwhile, after about 48 hours of pitched battles, Hagari said the military has "control" of its border communities in southern Israel. He said 15 of 24 border communities have been evacuated. Earlier, Hamas spokesman Abdel-Latif al-Qanoua told the AP over the phone that the group's fighters continued to battle outside Gaza and had captured more Israelis as recently as Monday morning. He said the group aims to free all Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, which in the past has agreed to lopsided exchange deals in which it released large numbers of prisoners for individual captives or even the remains of soldiers.

Among the captives are soldiers and civilians, including women, children and older adults, mostly Israelis but also some people of other nationalities. The armed wing of Hamas claimed on its Telegram channel that four of them were killed in Israeli airstrikes. That could not be independently confirmed.

Egypt's state-run Al-Ahram newspaper said Monday that Egyptian officials are trying to mediate a release of Palestinian women in Israel's prisons in exchange for Israeli women captured by militants. **AP**

Abducted

went dead. It was the last time Asher heard from his wife.

Tracking her phone remotely, he saw that the device was taken on Saturday to Khan Younis, a city in southern Gaza, suggesting that she, too, had been kidnapped.

Then a video circulated on social media of abducted Israelis in a pickup truck. In the video, a gunman attempts to spread a kind of blindfold over a woman's head.

Asher recognised the woman. It was Doron. He said his daughters, Raz and Aviv, 5 and 3, and his mother-in-law, Efrat Katz, 67, were squashed alongside her. They are now among an estimated 150 hostages inside Gaza.

"I can't sleep -- I'm living outside my own body," Asher said. "I have two little babies, two little girls. These little babies should not be held or kept by terrorists."-**NYT**

• After Bar strike, SC pauses transfer of Armed Forces Tribunal judge

bench of the AFT at the regional bench at Chandigarh, shall presently not be disposed of without the leave of this court".

The bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said, "Ordinarily, this court is circumspect in interfering with orders involving transfer. In the present case, a member of the Armed Forces Tribunal who was posted at the regional bench in Chandigarh has been directed to be transferred to the regional bench in Kolkata. Bearing in mind the conventional wisdom by which the exercise of the power of judicial review in matters of transfer is subject to self-imposed restraints, it is necessary to notice the grievance of the AFT Bar Association."

Noting the circumstances leading to the transfer, the bench said, "The transfer of a judicial officer in the circumstances which have been narrated... where he was dealing with applications of non-compliance of the directions of AFT with regard to the payment of disability pension will certainly merit close scrutiny."

"The petitioners have submitted that the entire administrative control over the Armed Forces Tribunal together with the funding is under the supervision of the Ministry of Defence. The petitioners submit that the only respondent in proceedings before the AFT (apart from any competing service officers) is the Ministry of Defence. Hence, the building of administrative and functional control by the Ministry of Defence, it is urged, is contrary to the judgments of Constitution benches of this court," the bench said. It directed that the AFT chairperson should inform the Supreme Court registrar by October 13 why the transfer was effected.

In its petition, the AFT Chandigarh Bar Association had alleged interference by the Ministry of Defence in the transfer of Justice Chaudhary because he had initiated contempt proceedings against a senior officer of the Defence Accounts Department for non-compliance of orders related to disability pension.

Arguing the matter for the Bar, senior advocate K Parmeshwar said that one prayer before the court was against the transfer order and the second was about the functioning of the tribunal. "This is a case where the facts speak for itself," he said.

Parmeshwar contended that the AFT was being controlled by the Ministry of Defence. Referring to certain "covert decisions", he claimed the tribunal said "please implement our orders" five times. "Six hundred applicants are stuck before the court because the ministry doesn't implement orders," he contended.

In its letter to the CJI on September 26, the Bar alleged that after measures were taken to get the orders of the AFT executed, which had been lying unimplemented for many years, "the AFT chairperson first transferred the contempt proceedings from the Chandigarh bench to himself and then transferred the judicial member who was ensuring the compliance and adherence to the rule of law". The chairperson also transferred the execution proceedings pending in other benches of the principal bench to his own bench, it claimed.

In a separate letter to the CJI on October 4, the Bar claimed that the Defence Minister had recently made certain comments at a public function of the Defence Accounts Department, giving rise to suspicion of direct interference by the ministry in the matter.

The Bar said in the letter that the transfer was neither acceptable to the lawyers nor litigants and had shaken the faith of the vast population of ex-servicemen, disabled ex-servicemen and widows, who constitute the majority of litigants before the tribunal.

• Battle for 5 states begins Nov 7

among the five states, has 945 women voters for every 1,000 men as opposed to 917 women in 2018. Rajasthan has 920 women voters against 914 in the previous elections. Telangana has 998 women voters against 982 last time. Kumar said that the "inclusive election" campaign was the primary aim of the poll panel, with the focus on improving the electoral roll gender ratio in all states. Consequently, 23.6 lakh new women electors have been added in these five states.

Besides, the poll panel also focused on first-time voters in the 18-19 age group, enrolling 60 lakh such voters. This was largely because first-time voters had three additional windows to register themselves. In the past, they could only enroll once a year – in January. Through a recent amendment in the rules, three new such dates were added.

These five state elections are crucial for the BJP and Congress, as both parties are desperately seeking wins to build momentum ahead of the general elections. The five states together send 83 members to the Lok Sabha. Given that regional parties hold little sway in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, the elections will be a direct fight between the Congress and the BJP. Of the five states, the Congress is in power in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, BJP in Madhya Pradesh, Bharat Rashtra Samithi in Telangana and Mizo National Front in Mizoram.

The BJP is relying on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity, the Centre's welfare schemes, and the party's organisational strength in these states. On the other hand, the Congress is hoping that its backward caste gambit and "anger" against the central government will help it defeat the BJP.

Mizoram and Chhattisgarh will be the first to go to polls on November 7. Voting for all 40 seats in Mizoram will be held on the day, along with Chhattisgarh's first phase of polling for 20 seats. Polling to the remaining 70 seats in Chhattisgarh will be held on November 17, alongside all 230 seats in Madhya Pradesh. While Rajasthan votes on November 23 for all its 200 seats in one go, voting for the 119-member Telangana Assembly will be held on November 30.

On Monday, CEC Rajiv Kumar also appeared to have revived the debate on "revdi culture" or freebies. Taking questions from reporters after the press conference, he remarked that the freebies announced by political parties and state governments have a "tadka of populism" and that it is difficult for those who win polls to either implement these sops or stop this practice. He said the parties and states do not remember such sops in five years but announce them just a month or a fortnight before the election dates are announced.

"These announcements have a 'tadka' of populism. It is difficult to either implement or stop such (sops). Therefore, people have a right to know how these freebies will be implemented," he said.

However, he added the matter is sub-judice and the Election Commission will act as soon as clarity is available.

• NSG weeds out 'vilayati kikar'

the past few years, among the reasons (for this depletion of the water table) was also the ubiquitous vilayati kikar. So a decision was taken to populate the hills with native varieties as well," said NSG Group Commander Jagdish Maithani, who is leading the project. However, their initial efforts came a cropper. "We had planted around 1 lakh trees in 2021, but only 3 per cent survived," said Maithani.

The force then roped in the Haryana forest department, environmental experts and NGOs, who pointed out that as long as kikar trees were around, the chances of survival of other species would remain slim.

"We decided to cut kikar trees and to keep pruning them until the new plants grew tall enough to survive the tough conditions. Pruned branches of the trees were used to make fences to keep the nilgai from entering the plantation area. The current survival rate of the saplings is 90 per cent," Maithani said.

Environmentalist Vijay Dhasmana, who was consulted by the NSG for the project, said the vilayati kikar is an invasive species that can quickly colonise an entire area, and its roots and leaves secrete certain alkaloids that prevent the growth of other species. Since herbivores do not prefer it either, it has a negative impact on the biodiversity of an area.

Conservationist Sunil Harsana, who is responsible for the afforestation of Delhi's Mangar Bani forest and was also consulted by NSG, said the kikar roots spread across underneath the turf and suck all the moisture in the soil. "Also, since they shed leaves for a very short period, they need water all year. This can lead to the depletion of the water table," he said.

According to the NSG, local tree varieties being used for the drive are being planted in 50-100 metres plots surrounded by fences and maintained by commandos. In rocky areas, trees like dhok, dhak, salar, ranjh, phulai, pahadi papri, bistendu, gundi, chamrodh, moringa, amaltas and peepal will be planted.

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• Cauvery water row

ensure that the people of Tamil Nadu receive their rightful share of Cauvery water, regardless of the circumstances.

The Chief Minister detailed the consistent efforts of the Tamil Nadu government to ensure the state receives its rightful share of water. He highlighted the achievements in the Cauvery Delta region, where channels were systematically desilted, leading to significant paddy production. However, he complained about the artificial blockade created by the Karnataka government, which has not released the rightful water for the month.

Speaking about the numerous meetings and measures taken by Tamil Nadu Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan, Stalin urged Karnataka to release the water.

Leader of the Opposition, Edappadi K Palaniswami of the AIADMK, welcomed the resolution but questioned the DMK government on the measures being taken to ensure drinking water supply to 20 districts until water is received in the Cauvery.

The Cauvery water-sharing conflict gains political significance since the DMK and Congress are ruling Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, respectively – two allies in the national opposition's INDIA bloc that is fighting the BJP.

The Cauvery dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka has its roots in two agreements from 1892 and 1924 between the Madras Presidency and the Mysore princely state. After Independence, as Karnataka expanded its irrigation network in the Cauvery basin, the dispute intensified. Karnataka has long held that the 1924 pact was "heavily in favour" of the Madras presidency.

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• CWC resolution skips reference to Hamas or terror

in the party. A CWC member told *The Indian Express*: "It is an absurd formulation. It is as if we are condoning the terrorist attack by Hamas. As if we are endorsing terrorism. There will be a backlash."

Incidentally, on Saturday, PM Narendra Modi did not name Hamas but in an unambiguous message, departing from Delhi's traditional balancing act, posted on X: "Deeply shocked by the news of terrorist attacks in Israel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families. We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour."

Sources said the draft resolution of the CWC had no mention of the Middle East crisis. The CWC was convened primarily to endorse Rahul Gandhi's demand for a caste census and removal of the 50%% cap on quota for SC, ST and OBCs. Towards the end of the meeting, sources said, senior leader from Kerala Ramesh Chennithala demanded that the resolution should, while condemning the Hamas attack, express solidarity with the people of Palestine given the party's long-standing commitment to the Palestinian cause.

Sources said a couple of lines were promptly drafted but it had no mention of Hamas or the word "terrorism." In fact, the official reaction of the Congress issued by Jairam Ramesh Sunday also made no mention of Hamas or terror while calling the attack "brutal".

As today's formulation was read out at the CWC, several members, including Shashi Tharoor and Pawan Kumar Bansal, pointed out that there was no mention of Hamas and the word terrorism. Sources said at least half a dozen of the estimated 40 members said the party should condemn terrorism in all its forms. Kharge then intervened. He said attention should not be diverted from the CWC's stand on the caste census and ruled that a standalone statement on the Israel-Palestine conflict, if need be, can be issued later. But, surprisingly, the paragraph found a mention in the CWC resolution which was released to the media later, leaving many leaders unhappy.

• Paan shop to Dubai villa: Kingpins, pawns of gaming app

Chandrakar started the app. Though they came from vastly different backgrounds — Uppal from a business family, while Chandrakar was the son of a former employee of the Bhilai Municipal Corporation — their paths crossed at the paan stall in Akash Ganga market, where they bonded over cricket scores.

Earlier this year, the Chhattisgarh Police issued a lookout notice against the duo while the ED initiated the process of issuing a red-corner notice.

It was Chandrakar's February wedding in the UAE's Ras Al-Khaimah city, for which he is said to have splurged over Rs 200 crore, that set off alarm bells. The ED is now issuing notices and summons to around 16 celebrities who were allegedly paid in cash for performing at Chandrakar's wedding. Those who have been called for questioning include actors Ranbir Kapoor, Shraddha Kapoor, Huma Qureshi, Hina Khan and comedian Kapil Sharma.

The kingpins in Bhilai

Police sources said Chandrakar worked as a salesman at a garment store in Bhilai, earning Rs 10,000 a month, before he started a juice corner, called 'Juice Factory'. Chandrakar's alleged business partner and co-founder of the app, Uppal, came from an upper-middle-class family.

Police sources said that while Uppal took up contracts for installing borewells and had an oil-related business before he moved to Dubai, he has been involved in betting for over a decade. His network of cricket bookies, they said, are spread across states — from Katni in MP to Bilaspur, Raipur, Bhatapara and Dhamtari in Chhattisgarh. It was at Akash Ganga market that Uppal would catch up with friends, mostly local punters. When he was introduced to Chandrakar there, Uppal realised the latter's strong local connections would come in handy to recruit for the app.

Around 2017-2018, the duo first got in touch with makers of a similar Hyderabad-based app before taking the help of software engineers to set up their own.

Much before the Covid lockdown, they began making the rounds of Dubai, where they eventually set up operations. The Uppals' bungalow in Bhilai now stands locked, with police saying the family recently left the city. The place where Chandrakar ran a juice centre has been taken over by another person.

Salesman strikes big

While Chandrakar and Uppal ran their operations from Dubai, the face of the app in Bhilai was Raja Gupta alias Raj, a 29-year-old whose fortunes are said to have changed overnight since he started working for them. He, too, is believed to be in Dubai.

A school dropout, until 2016, Raj worked as a salesman in a garment shop in Akash Ganga market, earning Rs 1,600 a month, before he took to betting — and later accepting bets — on cricket.

Said his friend: "We both used to lose money on bets but we were addicted. One day he said that if we accept bets, we will make more money. Then, Raj was introduced to Sourabh (Chandrakar) who told him that he would make him rich." Not much later, says the friend, Raj's lifestyle underwent a drastic makeover. He bought an i20 car and an iPhone, wore gold ornaments, and had a flamboyant presence on social media — leading many in Supela to believe he was the app's owner. When *The Indian Express* visited Raj's bungalow in Bhilai, his father refused to talk. His sister said Raj has not come home in two years. Investigators say Raj's job was to allegedly recruit youngsters from Chhattisgarh and take them to Dubai for selling customer login IDs for several lakhs to operators. While the app owners kept the lion's share of profits, punters such as Raj got around 20 per cent.

Bhilai to Dubai

Police say a key part of the betting operation involved youngsters tasked with handling the back-end operations. Many of these 150-odd youngsters — from UP, Bihar, MP, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand — were taken to Dubai for "training". While some stayed on, the others were sent back to India to handle operations here.

Among those who went to Dubai is a 29-year-old from Bhilai who spoke to *The Indian Express* on the condition of anonymity. A small-time bookie, he says that after he lost a "few lakhs" on the bets he placed through Raj, the latter offered him a "job" in Dubai. "I desperately wanted money to repay my debts so I went to Dubai in December 2021. There were around 70 of us from Chhattisgarh. I was paid Rs 40,000 a month," he says. In May 2022, he returned to Bhilai. "A few months later, the police arrested me.... The court released me, but my life is a mess," says the 29-year-old, who now sells papdi bhel for a living.

Starting Oct 11, HC to begin live streaming proceedings

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE DELHI High Court will begin live streaming of court proceedings from Wednesday (October 11).

For now, Court 1 which is presided over by Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma will be live-streamed 10.30 am onwards in an identified manner. The live streaming will be conducted on a case-to-case basis as per the HC's directions.

"The live streaming link is available on the home page of the official website of Delhi High Court, https://delhihighcourt.nic.in, under the title - LIVE STREAMING," the HC said.

The court has also said the contents of live streaming are for information purposes only and the live streaming/archival data shall not "constitute the official record of the court proceedings".

The court has further said that no person/entity including print, electronic media and social media platforms other than the authorised entity shall record, share and or disseminate live-streamed proceedings or the archival data.

In January, the HC had notified the "Live Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings Rules of the High Court of Delhi, 2022", in order to imbue greater transparency, inclusivity, and foster access to justice. The rules were notified and came into force after it was published in the official gazette on January 13.

The definition of live streaming/live streamed is inclusive i.e., it includes a "live television link, webcast, audio-video transmissions via electronic means" or other arrangements through which any person can view the proceedings as permitted under these rules.

NO RAIN SO FAR THIS MONTH

Max temp above normal on all days, October this yr is warmer than usual

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

WITH CLEAR skies, no rain and high humidity levels, Delhi has been warmer than usual so far this October.

The maximum temperature has remained above normal on all days of the month so far, albeit marginally on two days. On Monday, the temperature was recorded at 36.7 degrees Celsius, which is three degrees above the normal for this time of the year, at the Safdarjung weather station. The highest maximum temperature recorded in the city on Monday was 38.4 degrees Celsius at Pitampura.

On Sunday, the maximum temperature at Safdarjung was 36.5 degrees, two notches above the normal, while it was 35.5 degrees on Saturday, when the normal from October 3 to 12 is 34.2 degrees, based on India Meteorological Department (IMD) data from 1991 to 2020. Similarly, the minimum temperature of 24.4 degrees early on Monday was three degrees above the normal, while the minimum on Sunday was 23.1 degrees, two notches above the normal.

According to an IMD bulletin Monday evening, the maximum humidity level over the past 24 hours was 92%, as against 90% recorded Sunday.

Close on the heels of a deficit in rainfall in August and September, Delhi has seen no rain so far this month. In its forecast for the month of October, the IMD had said that most parts of the country could receive below normal rainfall, and see normal to above normal maximum temperatures.

At an IMD briefing on September 30, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra had said that in El Nino years, cold day and cold wave conditions, which are seen later in the winter, could be less intense. El Nino conditions refer to a warming of equatorial Pacific Ocean waters.

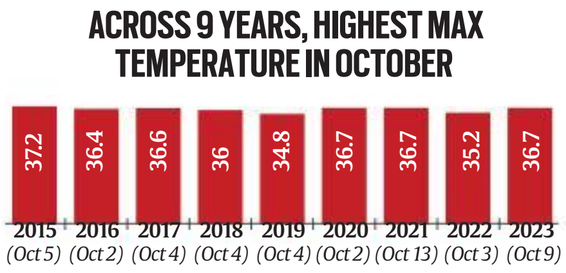
Monsoon withdrew from Delhi on September 30, a little after the normal withdrawal date of September 25. On Monday, IMD said that monsoon has withdrawn from the remaining parts of northwest India.

IMD scientist Kuldeep Srivastava said, "Clear skies and westerly winds have been contributing to above normal temperatures. A western disturbance is also approaching, which means that the westerly component in the winds is more dominant. These winds are coming from land areas where temperatures are high."

Srivastava said that western disturbances have not affected Delhi so far this month, with one such system having affected only Jammu and Kashmir. "With the approaching western disturbance, we may have a drizzle at one or two places in Delhi-NCR on Tuesday," he added.

He explained that temperatures are expected to fall only once the western disturbance passes through; there is significant snowfall over the Himalayan region, and the wind direction changes with winds hitting Delhi from the Jammu and Kashmir, and Himachal region. "Climatology wise, the temperature in Delhi falls by around 3 degrees in the last week of October, compared to the first week," he added.

The IMD forecast indicates that there is likely to be no significant fall in temperatures over the next six days. The maximum temperature is likely to be around 35 or 36 degrees, while the minimum temperature could range from 21 to 24 degrees.



Grounds of arrest not supplied till today, NewsClick founder tells HC

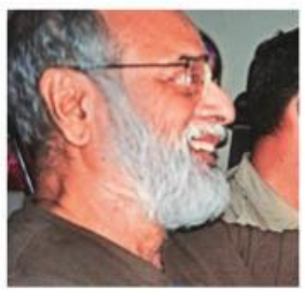
MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

NEWSCLICK FOUNDER and editor-in-chief Prabir Purkayastha told the Delhi High Court Monday that "even till today", the grounds of arrest have not been supplied to him.

The High Court was hearing pleas moved by Purkayastha and NewsClick's HR head Amit Chakraborty challenging their arrest and remand in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

A single-judge bench of Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, after hearing the parties for over two hours, reserved orders in the matter. Regarding the challenge to the UAPA FIR, the high court said that when orders are pronounced, it will issue a notice if required.

Appearing for Purkayastha, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal argued that the affidavit filed by the Delhi Police in response to his client's prayers for interim relief contained only the arrest memo. He said that the arrest memo only contained reasons which are "different" from the grounds of arrest, adding that the reasons were also general and there were no specific grounds as to the facts and allegations of the case.



Prabir Purkayastha. *PTI*

Chakraborty's counsel argued that his client is suffering from "59% disability" and he is not a journalist or an editor but only performed certain administrative tasks. He said "throughout the arrest and remand process, I have been clubbed together" with Purkayastha. He further said that there has been no separate application of mind as to his client's role and the remand application makes no mention of his client's physical disability.

On the other hand, appearing for the Delhi Police, Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta argued that the allegations state that a huge sum comes from a person in China with the purpose of ensuring that the integrity of the country is compromised. He said that he is conscious of the distinction between informing and supplying grounds of arrest as sought by petitioners. "He was informed about the grounds of arrest and this fact is not disputed. He was not supplied and this is also an admitted fact," Mehta said, adding that as per Section 43B, UAPA does not require supplying but informing of grounds of arrest.

With respect to the Supreme Court's order last week in the M3M directors Pankaj Bansal and Basant Bansal's case, Mehta said that although it was pronounced on October 3, it was uploaded on the Supreme Court website on October 4. He added that the investigating agency in that matter was the Enforcement Directorate and the Delhi Police was not a party and so were unaware of the Bansal judgment.

The Supreme Court last Tuesday passed the order in a plea by Pankaj Bansal and Basant Bansal, directors of M3M real estate group, who had challenged an order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court which declined to set aside their arrest by the Enforcement Directorate under the PMLA.

He also said that in the Bansal judgment, the ED had requested the apex court to make the order prospective and thus the apex court order said that "henceforth a copy of grounds of arrest is furnished to the arrested person as a matter of course…". He also informed the high court that a review plea is being filed against the Bansal judgment in the Supreme Court.

Sibal countered that in Bansal's judgment "henceforth" would not amount to having a prospective effect as it is a declaration of law where the whole point was that the grounds were not provided in writing. Sibal said that the Bansal judgment was pronounced in open court, and the law applies from October 3 for the whole country. He further said that the review being filed does not change the law and concluded by saying that the provisions of arrest were "pari materia (on same subject/matter)" in the UAPA and PMLA.

On October 4, Purkayastha and Chakraborty were remanded to seven-day police custody. Both were arrested following allegations that the news portal was given money to spread pro-China propaganda.

Snatchers target Hungarian woman travelling in auto, make off with bag

New Delhi: A Hungarian woman, on her way from Humayun's Tomb to the embassy in an autorickshaw, was robbed of her bag containing a mobile phone, a bank card, and Rs 12,000 in cash by unidentified bike-borne men on Sunday, police said.

A case has been lodged and the accused are being traced, said officers.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Chandan Chowdhary said that around 3 pm Sunday, the 57-year-old victim visited the Lodhi Colony police station and reported that the incident took place when she was passing through Lodhi Road, near Dyal Singh College. **ENS**

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1.	Begusarai (132400)	**Shri Shiv Shankar Singh** S/o Sri Ram Subhag Singh, **Smt. Sarita Devi,** W/o Shiv Shankar Singh and Manish Kumar S/o Kaushal Kishore Kumar **(A/c No-132400NC00025419)**	**Rs. 10,18,935/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Five Only) & Interest thereon w.e.f. 01.07.2023	**14.07.2023 07.10.2023**	Mortgage Created by Sale Deed 700 Dated 06.02.2014 Mouza-Keshave, Tauzi No-3665, Pargana Malki, Thana No-557, belonging to Shri Shiv Shankar Singh S/o Sri Ram Subhag Singh having Khata No-263, Khesra No-1283 having area in 16 Dhur. **Boundary-North-**Mokir Alah Mosuf, **South-**Bipin Kumar Singh, **East-** Mahendra Prasad Singh, **West-**Surendra Singh

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GURGAON DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ISSUES ORDER

'Unfit for habitation': Residents of 5th tower at Chintels told to vacate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, OCTOBER 9

MONTHS AFTER Tower H at Gurgaon's Chintels Paradiso society was found unfit for habitation by IIT-Delhi, residents have been asked to vacate the building in 15 days.

In an October 6 order, Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav, also the chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority, stated that he was informed that in a joint committee report received from the additional district magistrate's office, IIT-Delhi declared the tower unsafe for human inhabitation.

Over the past few months, four other towers of the 9-tower society — D, E, F and G — were ordered to be vacated after a portion of a sixth-floor apartment in Tower D collapsed all the way to the first floor, killing two women and injuring a man, in February.

In July, after IIT's structural audit report was released, the district town planner (enforcement) wrote to Chintels India Private Limited that Tower H should be vacated. IIT-Delhi's report said, "There is rapid and widespread corrosion of reinforcement almost throughout the structure... In the current condition..., the structure is not safe for habitation."

The deputy commissioner said in his order that the joint committee was of the view that Tower H should be permanently closed. "... (I) hereby order inhabitants residing in Tower H of aforesaid society to vacate their respective premises and hand over vacant possession... to M/s Chintels India Pvt. Ltd. within 15 days from passing [of] this order... The matter of payment of compensation to inhabitants/flat owners by developer (Le. M/s Chintels India Pvt. Ltd.) is being dealt with separately by the SIT constituted in this matter and accordingly M/s Chintels India Pvt. Ltd. is directed to settle all claims of all the allottees of Tower H in a time-bound manner," the order read.

A portion of a sixth-floor apartment in Tower D collapsed all the way to the first floor, killing two women, in Feb. *Archive*

ADC Hitesh Kumar Meena said they are also awaiting the report of Tower J to ascertain the degree of damage. "A private institute has done an audit and we have sent it to IIT-D. Towers A, B, and C have been declared safe for now, and the annual assessments are for ensuring this does not repeat," he said.

Meena said though the Tower H report came out months ago, they didn't issue an order soon after considering the time needed for residents to relocate. "Through meetings, we had informed residents they should vacate. Now, we have invoked the Disaster Management Act (DMA) for expediting as some people have not left. However, 80% of vacation at towers G and H is complete now while the other three towers (D, E and F) are completely empty," he said.

Residents, meanwhile, raised issues with the process.

Nidhi Sharma, a Tower H resident, said there is little transparency: "We plan to write a letter asking for rehabilitation and time to move out. The report came out in July and the authorities wrote to the builder; the latter informed us about this via email by attaching the letter sent by authorities. Earlier, when the IIT-Delhi report was released (for the other towers), a meeting would be held, after which a DMA order would come out, but the whole process would take months. We thought we had time as we were still awaiting the detailed report."

Responding to the order, VP of Chintels India JN Yadav said, "We have already extended the settlement offer to all residents of Phase 1 of Chintels Paradiso. We welcome the administration's decision to ask them to vacate... our priority has always been residents' safety. We have already settled with 118 residents which are in various stages — 56 have received 100% monetary settlement, 43 have received 10% and 19 have signed consent forms."

AAP ready to contest MP, Rajasthan & Chhattisgarh elections, says CM Kejriwal

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

SOON AFTER the Election Commission announced the dates of Assembly polls in five states, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal said the party is fully prepared to contest elections in full strength in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. He said the names of the candidates will be announced soon.

The announcement, meanwhile, has raised questions on the opposition INDIA alliance which the AAP and Congress are part of. Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan are currently ruled by the Congress.

Senior AAP leaders told *The Indian Express* that the alliance at the national level is independent of its decision to contest in states. There was no immediate response from the Congress.

However, Congress leader Alka Lamba, quoting a video clip where Kejriwal is saying his party is prepared, posted on X, "These are the same 3 states where Congress formed its governments in 2018 by defeating BJP in a direct contest and gaining majority. This time too, Congress is going to form the government on its own by defeating BJP in a direct contest..."

CM Arvind Kejriwal. *PTI*

According to AAP Rajya Sabha MP and National General Secretary Dr Sandeep Pathak, "The AAP is fully prepared for the assembly elections. The party will contest with full strength in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. The public has repeatedly given chances to all the parties, and now the public has made up its mind to give a chance to AAP. This election is going to be very decisive."

Pathak said AAP has a party committee in every village in these three states. We are taking the good governance model of Delhi and Punjab to the public. 24x7 electricity, free education, health system, good governance and water will be the party's main agenda for the polls," he added.

Following rallies and campaigns, the party will pick its candidates and CM faces in these states.

Addressing a rally at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, Kejriwal had said in July: "Prime Minister Narendra Modi is very angry with me and he goes around saying that Kejriwal is distributing 'free revdis'... but why is it bothering the PM? In Delhi, I have provided seven 'free ki revdi'."

In August, during a town hall meeting in Satna, the Kejriwal had announced 10 major guarantees to the citizens of Madhya Pradesh including electricity, education, healthcare and employment.

KEEPING DUST AT BAY

An anti-smog gun in operation at a construction site in Sarai Kale Khan, Monday. *Praveen Khanna*

Peering into lift shaft to check flooding, plumber killed by moving elevator

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

IT WAS a regular work call for Sanjay, 30, a plumber by profession — the Rajeev Camp resident was called to look into a flooding issue in a lift shaft at a commercial building in West Delhi's Naraina Monday. But as Sanjay, who went by only one name, entered the lift and peeped down into the shaft, the elevator started moving all of a sudden, injuring him in the process. He was rushed to the hospital where he was declared dead.

DCP (West) Vichitra Veer said, "There was some issue of waterlogging in the lift area, for which he was called. While he was examining the area, the lift began moving and he got stuck. Further facts are being examined and legal action will be initiated."

Police said the incident took place between 12.30 pm and 1 pm. "As per the information available so far, it appears that someone pressed the lift button while he was peeping down at the floor of the lift shaft, causing this incident," said an officer.

A senior officer said an employee of one of the firms operating out of the building, who pressed the lift button, will be questioned, based on which subsequent action will be taken. He has been identified through CCTV footage and efforts are on to nab him. "We are also questioning the building owner as there has been negligence on part of the operation of the lift," said the DCP.

Two to three persons were nearby when this incident happened but as they were not able to get Sanjay out, a local technician was roped in, said officers.

The building in question houses two showrooms on the first two floors and a corporate office on the third floor, followed by a common terrace.

Over three months, premium vends give a fillip to Capital's liquor sales

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

WHILE PREMIUM liquor vends in the city constitute only a fraction of the total share — 48 of the total 625 shops — their contribution to sales is more than the normal vends, data shared by the excise department shows. These vends, however, are not along the lines initially imagined, with walk-in facilities and better displays missing.

According to the data from the past three months (July 1 to September 30), a normal liquor vend in Delhi sold 2.46 lakh bottles on average. In the same time period, a premium vend sold 3.20 lakh bottles on average. It also shows that the excise department recorded bottle sales of 1,579.03 lakh in the period — the average monthly sale is 526.34 lakh. *(see box)*

Following the scrapping of the new excise policy and the return of the old regime and the government into the liquor business, the excise department is emphasising opening more premium vends to boost revenue.

Government shops operate under four corporations — DSCSC, DTTDC, DSIIDC and DSCWC. With private players no longer allowed, the government has decided to open five premium vends per corporation that will house imported brands and offer a better customer experience. "Sale at premium vends is good because of the availability of brands as well as less rush," said an official, adding that the department has received more applications to open premium vends.

The Indian Express, meanwhile, visited five premium liquor vends in Connaught Place, Daryaganj and Asaf Ali Road to take in the customer experience and what's on offer.

At CP, the DSIIDC premium vend located near the Bombay Life building appeared like a usual shop — there was a salesperson behind the counter while customers lined up in a narrow space on the other side.

Construction was ongoing on the property. An employee said, "Our shop is premium and work is on in the premium section. This will be aesthetically pleasing with a cafe look. Once complete, customers can just walk in, select, and buy the liquor they want. There will also be cold storage for beer."

The shop located in A block, Inner Circle, was swankier and people could enter the shop to buy liquor.

At the next premium vend, connected to the one above, the shutters were down. "It is a premium shop and people could walk in. However, we saw a spate of thefts so we kept the shutter down. Two days ago, a man stole a carton of liquor worth Rs 15,000-Rs 20,000," said an employee at the vend, adding that they are open for business.

Premium vends at Daryaganj also looked similar. At Asaf Ali road, there were huge boards reading "Wine and Beer shops" but they were closed.

Some key areas where these are located are Lajpat Nagar, Saket Square Mall, Basant Lok, Vasant Kunj, Connaught place, South Extension, Khan Market, INA, Lodhi Colony, Greater Kailash and Mayur Vihar etc. At 18, the DSIIDC has the most number of premium vends.

The size of these vends varies from 400 square feet to 1,400 sqft. Those located in upscale areas, popular markets and malls are bigger — 900 sqft to 1,400 sqft.

HOW MANY LIQUOR BOTTLES HAS DELHI SOLD?

		Total sale (over 3 months)	Average monthly sale	Average sale
Total vends	625	1,579.03	526.34	0.84
Premium vends	48	153.87	51.29	1.07
Normal vends	577	1,425.16	475.05	0.82

(from July 1 to September 30) *(Value in lakh)*

(Left) A premium vend under construction in CP; (above) another in Daryaganj

Decades after '84 riots, Cong to hold big West Delhi outreach event

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

STARTING WITH a public meeting at Northwest Delhi's Bawana this Sunday, the Congress is scheduled to crisscross the four corners of the capital in a weekly show of strength ahead of next year's Lok Sabha polls. One such event, sources said, will also take the party to the heart of Sikh-dominated West Delhi — the first-such event to be held three decades after the 1984 riots.

The footfall of supporters is expected to range between 5,000 and 7,000 at each such public meeting. Said a senior party functionary, "The party is preparing to hit the ground and undertake mass public contact campaigns at each of the seven Lok Sabha constituencies of the city like never before; (Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president) Arvinder Singh Lovely is expected to preside over 300-400 big and small public meetings till December."

"We will begin the campaign by organising large gatherings consisting of thousands of supporters at each of the capital's borders. This will be followed by at least 280 closed-door meetings at each block, with around 50 to 100 people in attendance, till the end of this year," he added.

After Bawana, party sources said the second such public meeting was scheduled at the Loni Border in Northeast Delhi's Mustafabad. This will be followed by the meeting at West Delhi's Tilak Nagar.

DPCC chief Arvinder Singh Lovely is expected to preside over 300-400 big and small public meetings till Dec

There will also be rallies at Najafgarh border and Okhla. Between these, sources said, the party is scheduled to organise a grand public meeting at East Delhi's Shahdara Anaj Mandi. This, they said, was chosen specifically as it is considered to have been among former PM Indira Gandhi's preferred locations for public meetings in the city.

In July, the Congress had announced that resurrecting its grassroots cadre with appeals to those who left its flanks to return and expanding it further with "talented individuals" would form the foundation of its poll roadmap in the capital.

In an organisational resolution, the party stated that no stone would be left unturned to win all the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi by "thoroughly exposing the misgovernance of both AAP and BJP".

'Fake bills' worth Rs 5.9 cr: Hero MotoCorp, exec chairman booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

DELHI POLICE has lodged an FIR against Hero MotoCorp and its executive chairman Pawan Munjal for alleged cheating, forging and manufacturing of bills worth Rs 5.9 crore. Police said the offence took place in 2009-10 even as the complainant, Brains Logistics Pvt Ltd, filed a complaint in the matter on October 5.

Police said a case has been registered against the company, Munjal and other senior officers at the firm.

In the FIR, the complainant, a service provider based in Delhi, alleged that the accused committed "illegal acts of forgery, cheating and falsifying the books of accounts". The FIR further said that the accused, in collusion with each other, manufactured fake month-wise bills of a total of Rs 5.94 crore in 2009-10. The bills are signed and have a stamp of 'Hero MotoCorp Ltd', said police.

Hero MotoCorp said it is an old matter pertaining to 2009-10 with a disgruntled service provider

Police said the accused obtained a false CENVAT (Service Tax) credit of more than Rs 55 lakh against the fake bills and cheated the Income Tax Department along with the complainant.

According to the FIR, along with Munjal, Vikram Sitaram Kasbekar, Hari Gupta and Manjula Banerji — all employees of Hero MotoCorp — have been named. The complainant said they later ended their contract with the company.

"The month-wise fake bills were dishonestly fabricated... and used by the accused herein as genuine month-wise bills before the statutory authorities, regulatory authorities as well as judicial and non-judicial forums and the accused company and it obtained false CENVAT (Service Tax) credit of Rs 55,51,777/- against the fake bills and cheated the Income Tax Department... Further, the accused company created false debit balance of total Rs. 5,94,52.525/- against the complainant company by falsifying its books of accounts of the year 2009 and 2010 herein and cheated the complainant company," reads the FIR.

Police said they are conducting an enquiry into the matter. The accused have been booked under IPC sections pertaining to forgery, falsification of accounts, criminal conspiracy, and criminal breach of trust, among others.

Hero MotoCorp released a statement saying: "It is an old matter pertaining to the year 2009-10 with a disgruntled service provider, Brains Logistics Pvt. Ltd. (Promoter-Roop Darshan Pandey)... In 2013, Hero MotoCorp also registered an FIR against them and the matter is ongoing before the competent court."

Tales of perseverance, resilience at Delhi govt's State Award event to honour differently abled

UPASIKA SINGHAL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

CHETAN UPADHYAY became interested in dance at a young age: His school had organised classes for differently abled children and he found himself hooked from the word go. Since then, Upadhyay has performed on India's Got Talent, the popular reality TV show, in 2008, and in the Commonwealth Games in 2010. Along with his dance troupe Nav Utthan, he performs Bharatanatyam, Bhangra and Sama — a form of Sufi dance.

Upadhyay was among several differently abled people who were conferred the State Award by the Delhi government Monday at an event held at Shah Auditorium, Civil Lines.

While addressing the awards ceremony, CM Arvind Kejriwal said, "The story of each individual who has received the awards is extremely inspirational. All these people have converted their disabilities into their strengths."

Chetan Upadhyay was among several differently abled people who were conferred the State Award. *Express*

The CM said the Delhi government is with all individuals with disabilities, highlighting the schemes the government has rolled out for the elderly and the differently abled. He assured that if more plans are needed, the government would not hesitate in creating them.

Upadhyay, the dancer, dreams of becoming Asia's first wheelchair motocross skater. He realised that his troupe's acrobatic acts were a big hit with audiences and wanted to take it a level up. While surfing through YouTube he came across wheelchair backflip tricks. "That fascinated me so much that I felt I had to learn it," said Upadhyay. "I have no coaches, I simply learn through the internet... and by falling and getting hurt," he said with a laugh.

Specialised wheelchairs are hard to come by but Upadhyay has managed to learn to install shock absorbers and front fork suspensions on his wheels that are especially fragile to falls and 4-feet dead drops.

According to Mallikarjuna Ithya, another award recipient, people with disabilities are equipped with robust survival skills. They have attributes such as a risk-taking temperament, perseverance and patience that could turn them into good entrepreneurs, he said.

Hailing from AP's Kurnool, Ithya runs Inclusive Divyangjan Entrepreneur Association (IDEA) — a chamber of commerce aimed to incubate start-ups launched by differently abled entrepreneurs. So far, he has helped over 750 entrepreneurs across four states set up their businesses and aims to facilitate 10,000 jobs and 5,000 entrepreneurs.

Ithya's goal in life is to make people with disabilities realise that they are not a burden but people with unique abilities and talents who can contribute to the economy as well. "We cannot achieve a 3 trillion or 5 trillion economy until all sections of society can become a contributing part," he said.

Another recipient of the award is Sagar Parasari who used to work with the NCERT and conducts motivational speeches for students in his free time. According to him, he has addressed over 25 lakh students across India. Hailing originally from Tripura, Parasari moved to Delhi at a young age. When he was 12, he suffered a cerebral attack that rendered him paralysed. "I never let that stop me," Parasari said. "I don't consider myself any less than an Olympic athlete — I've worked that hard," he said.

Parasari has written four books espousing his personal philosophy of putting an end to "manufacturing of war and weapons", and allocating money to healthcare and education instead.

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JUDICIAL JUGGLE

VIRTUAL COURTS have made hearings accessible not just for litigants but also for sought-after advocates. Senior lawyer Kapil Sibal had two crucial cases lined up on Monday — one before the Delhi High Court and the other before a bench headed by the Chief Justice of India in the Supreme Court — on top of the board as item number 1. He first appeared via video-conferencing before the Delhi High Court at 10.30 am in the case challenging the arrest of NewsClick editor-in-chief Prabir Purkayastha under UAPA. Once the CJI's bench in SC finished hearing urgent listing requests by 10.45 am, Sibal quickly passed the baton to other lawyers in the NewsClick case and argued in person for NCP leader Sharad Pawar in the Maharashtra Assembly disqualification plea.

SPECIAL MENTION

IN THE latest list of BJP candidates for Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, the party has mentioned 'MP' in front of the names of the Members of Parliament it has fielded. In an earlier list in which it named three Union ministers alongside some other MPs for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls, the BJP did not mention who the MPs were, leading to calls from journalists to sources in the party in Madhya Pradesh and Delhi to get the precise number and names. This time, the list has been made easy with the special mentions, including 'ex-IAS', after the names of candidates who retired as IAS officers, perhaps in an attempt to showcase administrative experience.

MISSING MINISTER

THE RURAL Development Ministry is learnt to have cancelled its Chintan Shivir, which was supposed to be held on October 5-6 at Surajkund in Faridabad. Officials from Centre and states were supposed to participate in the event. There is no clarity on when it will be organised now. It is learnt that the event was cancelled because of the non-availability of Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh, who was occupied in his constituency, Begusarai, for several days last week. He was not even present during the high-voltage drama that unfolded when a Trinamool Congress delegation protesting in Krishi Bhawan was ousted from the premises on October 3. In his absence, junior minister Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti tried to handle the situation.

STATE GUEST

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday. *Praveen Khanna*

- **Elevating ties to the level of strategic partnership, India and Tanzania signed six pacts and a 5-year roadmap to expand defence engagements.**
- **In a statement released to the media, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Tanzania as a "valued partner" in the Indo-Pacific.**
- **Tanzanian President will be conferred a honourary doctorate by JNU on Tuesday for her contributions to education, health care and policy.**

Cong sets its poll line, bats for caste census

CWC meeting reiterates caste census as a 'powerful step' for emancipation of poor, cites Bihar caste survey report

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

AS THE Election Commission (EC) announced the schedule for the Assembly polls in five states, the Congress strategy was clear Monday — test the caste gambit in these elections, and amplify it later for the Lok Sabha.

After a Congress Working Committee meeting, the party asserted that if elected to power, it will hold a caste census and remove the 50% ceiling on reservations for SC, ST and backward classes through a legislation, to give them representation according to their population. This came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned the slogan voicing this, "*Jitni aabadi, utna haq*", first given by Rahul Gandhi during the Karnataka Assembly elections, to attack the Congress.

The high-stakes state elections are crucial pit-stops for both the Congress and BJP before the Lok Sabha elections in April-May 2024, especially for the main Opposition party, as a win in the two states it holds and coming to power in another would help it position itself as the dominant player within the INDIA alliance, and strengthen its hands in the seat-sharing sweepstakes.

The party seems to be banking hard on the OBC card, projecting caste census as a "powerful step" for the emancipation of the poor, which would "open a new paradigm for development". Attacking the "Jitni aabadi, utna haq" slogan, Modi had said that for the BJP, the only caste is the poor.

The CWC — whose meeting coincided with the EC poll schedule announcement Monday — spent most of the time sharpening the Congress's social justice plank. A resolution passed at the meeting said that if voted to power at the Centre, the party will conduct a nationwide caste census as part of the normal decadal Census, which was due in 2021 but has been postponed.

The party also said it will "implement 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies at the earliest, while ensuring adequate representation for women belonging to SCs, STs and OBCs".It said the "obstacles" imposed on the Census and Lok Sabha seat delimitation by the Modi government will be removed. Besides, the party said, it "will remove the cap of 50% through legislation for the reservation of OBCs, SCs and STs, in line with the commensurate share of population".

Earlier, the CWC, at its meeting in Hyderabad on September 15-16, had called for increasing the existing upper limit of reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs.

Addressing a press conference after the CWC meeting, where the party's four chief ministers were present, Rahul Gandhi stressed that three of them are from OBC communities, while pointing out that the BJP has only one OBC CM (among 10). "And he (Shivraj Singh Chouhan) won't remain CM in a few days," he said.

Rahul claimed PM Modi is incapable of getting a caste census done, as he does not work for the welfare of OBCs. "The RSS and Modi have put in place a system to distract attention of OBCs, Dalits and tribals from the truth regarding their representation. And Modi is the main instrument... *Unka yahi kaam hai ki Bhaiya, OBC ki bhagidari na ho… dhyan idhar-udhar jaata jaaye* (His job is to ensure that the attention of OBCs is diverted, so that they don't get their due)."

The CWC resolution said: "The Modi government has cheated the OBC communities and other deprived sections of the country by not releasing the data of the 2011 Socio Economic and Caste Census and not carrying out a fresh caste census. It has also failed in its constitutional duty by inordinately postponing the decadal Census that ought to have been conducted in 2021 or soon thereafter."

It said the final figures of the Bihar caste survey have revealed the disparity between share in population and representation, and highlighted the urgent need to take effective steps to ensure social justice. A nationwide caste census, it said, will reveal an accurate picture of the socio-economic position of communities across the country, and provide a sound, data-driven basis for policies to strengthen the foundations of social justice, and ensure inclusive development.

Addressing the CWC, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge asked party workers to work in tandem, with discipline and unity, and put in all their might to win the Assembly elections. While supporting caste census and the need for representation for OBC communities, sources said a couple of members — including Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Jitendra Singh — urged the party to be careful, as the ruling BJP could try and portray that the party was indifferent to the interests of other castes. When one member pointed out that the party should talk about the situation of SCs and STs, Rahul pointed out that the party is not against anyone, and that the census is for all.

He admitted that some parties in the INDIA alliance may have a "slightly different position" on caste census. "That is fine, we are flexible... But I'm confident the majority of the alliance is going to support a caste census," he said.

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel at the CWC meeting, in New Delhi on Monday. *Anil Sharma*

In first list for Rajasthan, BJP fields seven MPs; two loyalists of Raje lose out

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DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 9

HOURS AFTER the Election Commission (EC) Monday announced that Rajasthan will go to polls on November 23, the BJP released its first list of 41 candidates, fielding seven sitting MPs and denying tickets to some old-timers. At present, the party holds only one of the 41 seats — Vidhyadhar Nagar — but there too it replaced its incumbent MLA.

The party's move to field seven of its 24 MPs from the state is similar to its strategy in neighbouring Madhya Pradesh, where incumbent MPs have been asked to contest the Assembly elections. The two big names denied tickets from their usual constituencies are Vidhyadhar Nagar MLA Narpat Singh Rajvi who is the son-in-law of former Chief Minister and Vice President Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, and former Jhotwara MLA Rajpal Singh Shekhawat. Both of them are counted among the loyalists of former CM Vasundhara Raje.

From Vidhayadhar Nagar, the BJP has fielded Rajsamand MP Diya Kumari who is a member of the erstwhile royal family of Jaipur. Rajvi was continuously elected as MLA from Vidhyadhar Nagar since 2008. The BJP has fielded Jaipur rural MP Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore from Jhotwara in place of former MLA from the constituency Rajpal Singh Shekhawat. Shekhawat represented the seat in 2008 and 2013 but lost in 2018.

Diya Kumari and Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

Among the other big names on the list are Rajya Sabha MP and the party's tallest tribal leader in Rajasthan Kirodi Lal Meena who has been fielded from the Sawai Madhopur in eastern Rajasthan, a region where the saffron party performed poorly in 2018. By fielding Meena, who has a formidable following in the region, the BJP hopes to improve its performance in districts such as Sawai Madhopur where it presently doesn't have a single seat. Sawai Madhopur has four Assembly constituencies. In 2018, the BJP won only one of the 24 constituencies in the eastern Rajasthan districts of Bharatpur, Dausa, Dholpur, Karauli, and Sawai Madhopur.

Incumbent Alwar MP Baba Balaknath has been fielded from Tijara in Alwar district. Among the other MPs who will contest the Assembly elections are: Jhunjhunu MP Narendra Kumar from the Mandawa seat (Jhunjhunu district), Ajmer MP Bhagirath Choudhary from Kishangarh (Ajmer district), and Jalore-Sirohi MP Devji Patel who will be in the fray from Sanchore (Sanchore district).

Gujjar leader Vijay Bainsla who is the son of the late Colonel Kirori Singh Bainsla, the face of Gujjar quota agitation, will contest on a BJP ticket from the Deoli-Uniara in Tonk.

Another important name in the list is former MP Subhash Maharia who has been fielded from Lachhmangarh in Sikar district whose incumbent MLA is state Congress president Govind Singh Dotasra. Maharia was an MP from the BJP before switching to the Congress and returned to the BJP in May.

The BJP has lost to the Congress eight of the nine elections held since 2019 — eight bypolls and one election to an Assembly seat delayed by a month — and faces an uphill task in the state.

A poster of Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan being removed after the enforcement of the model code of conduct, in Indore on Monday. *PTI*

Scindia's men in BJP fourth list of 57, CM Shivraj from Budhni

DECISION 2023
MADHYA PRADESH

ANAND MOHAN J
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 9

AMID TALK of a chill in relations between the BJP central leadership and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's government, the party on Monday released the fourth list of 57 candidates — all MLAs — for the coming elections.

The list features Chouhan and 24 of his ministers, including seven who are seen as loyalists of Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia. In total, the list accommodates eight of Scindia's loyalists. This is a strong signal that the central leadership has placed its faith in the Union Minister despite several leaders from his camp switching over to the Congress in the last couple of months.

Chouhan will contest from his home ground Budhni — a seat in Sehore district that he has represented five times. State home minister Narottam Mishra will contest from Datia, a seat in north-central MP that he has won thrice. Public works minister Gopal Bhargava, who also holds the cottage and rural industry portfolios, will contest from Rehli in Sagar district. He has been winning from the seat since 1985 and has been a state minister since 2003. Minister of Urban Development and Housing Bhupendra Singh, whom the Congress has accused of corruption, will contest from Khurai in Sagar district.

The other ministers who have been fielded are medical education minister Vishwas Sarang (Narela, Bhopal district); cooperation minister Arvind Singh Bhadoria (Ater, Bhind district); Minister of State (MoS) for horticulture and food-processing Bharat Singh Kushwah (Gwalior Rural), mineral resources minister Brijendra Pratap Singh (Panna, district of same name), and agricultural minister Kamal Patel (Harda, district of same name).

BJP insiders said the ministers were given a chance again as "there were no other alternatives", with the party relying on their "mobilisation efforts".

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

3 more MPs in Chhattisgarh BJP second list, riot victim's father gets poll ticket

DECISION 2023

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 9

THE BJP released a second list of 64 candidates for the Chhattisgarh Assembly polls on Monday, hours after the Election Commission (EC) announced that the elections will be held in two phases on November 7 and 17. With this, the party has named candidates for 85 of the 90 Assembly constituencies in the state.

The BJP named three more sitting MPs on its list, fielding its state president and Bilaspur MP Arun Sao from Lormi in Bilaspur district. The other two parliamentarians on the list are Raigarh MP Gomati Sai who will be in the fray from Pathalgaon in Jashpur district, and Sarguja MP Renuka Singh from Bharatpur-Sonhat in Koriya district. In its first list, the BJP fielded Durg MP Vijay Baghel against CM Bhupesh Baghel from Patan.

Of the party's 13 MLAs at present, all except Beltara (Bilaspur) legislator Rajnish Singh found their names on the list. Among those again in the fray are former CM Raman Singh (Rajnandgaon in the district of the same name) and former ministers Brijmohan Agrawal (Raipur City South) and Ajay Chandrakar (Kurud in Dhamtari district).

The party also pulled a surprise by giving a ticket to the father of a man who was killed during a communal riot in Biranpur in April. The BJP had targeted the Congress over the murder of 23-year-old Bhuneshwar Sahu who died during the violence triggered following the death of a father-son duo from a minority community. Ishwar Sahu will contest from Saja in Bemetara district that is currently represented by minister Ravindra Choubey.

While 29 seats are reserved for Scheduled Castes, the party has till now fielded 30 SC candidates and 10 Scheduled Tribe candidates from 10 ST-reserved seats. There are also 31 candidates from OBCs. Of the candidates fielded, 14 are women. Former IAS officers O P Choudhary from Raigarh and Neelkanth Tekam from Keshkal have also got tickets and so has popular Chhattisgarhi actor Anuj Sharma (Dharsiwa in Raipur).

"Forty-three of the 85 candidates are first-timers. About 34 of the candidates are below 50 years. This shows we have given an opportunity to young leaders and also retained our experienced leadership," said Sao.

Zoramthanga aims for 2nd tenure, but ex-cop's party stands in way

DECISION 2023
MIZORAM

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 9

MIZORAM CHIEF Minister Zoramthanga's Mizo National Front (MNF) will be looking to retain power in the coming Assembly elections, going up against a rising Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) and a Congress hoping to bounce back from its 2018 poor showing.

Mizoram will vote on November 7 for its 40-member Assembly and the contest in this small border state — with just 8.5 lakh voters — looks considerably different than the ones in the other four states heading to elections that month.

Since the formation of Mizoram in 1986, the government has swung between the MNF and Congress. When Zoramthanga took charge as CM in 2018 after the MNF won 27 seats and 38.4% of the votes, it was his third term in power and marked a return to the top job after 10 years. He had led two successive MNF governments from 1998 to 2008 but then came the two tenures of the Congress led by Lal Thanhawla.

While the MNF will be hoping for the two-term pattern to continue, for the last few years the party has been harnessing sociopolitical forces affecting members of the broader Mizo-Kuki-Chin or Zo ethnic group to cultivate an image of a wider leadership. Going against the Centre's directives, the Zoramthanga has welcomed and sheltered Chin refugees from Myanmar since the military coup in the neighbouring country and they are estimated to number well over 35,000. This year, the Mizoram government has sheltered more than 12,000 Kuki-Zomi people displaced from Manipur. With the breakdown in the relationship between Manipur's 10 Kuki-Zomi MLAs and the N Biren Singh-led government, Zoramthanga has met these legislators multiple times. And then, with an eye on the elections, the state government declared last month that it would ignore the Centre's orders to collect biometric data of "illegal immigrants" from Myanmar in the state.

But the MNF is looking at a tough fight against the ZPM, which, as an unregistered party in 2018, bagged eight seats and emerged as the second-largest party in the Assembly. Under the leadership of former MP Lalduhoma, an ex-IPS officer, the ZPM, which will be contesting all 40 constituencies, will look to consolidate its gains. It will particularly look to build on its strong performance earlier this year in the municipal election in Lunglei, Mizoram's second-biggest town, where it won all 11 seats.

Assemblies in the five poll-bound states met for less than 30 days a year, says report

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AS FIVE states go to polls, data compiled by a think tank showed that these state assemblies — Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram — met for less than 30 days a year and the number of sittings have been going down over the years.

The Rajasthan Assembly met for 29 days in a year on an average and the Telangana Assembly for 15 days, according to a report by PRS Legislative Research.

Between 2019 and 2023, average sittings of the Chhattisgarh House was 23 days a year, with average sitting time being five hours.

The Madhya Pradesh Assembly had sittings for 16 days, around four hours a day on average, and the Mizoram Assembly sat for 18 days, with each sitting being around five hours, it stated.

According to the PRS Legislative Research report, the Rajasthan Assembly had the highest number of sittings among these five states — around 29 days per year, and each sitting lasted for around seven hours.

In four of the five states for which long-term data is available, sittings have reduced over time, it stated.

In their first 10 years, the Rajasthan Assembly, on average, met for 59 days a year, while the MP Assembly met for 48 days a year. In the last 10 years, the average annual sitting days have declined to 29 in Rajasthan and 21 in Madhya Pradesh.

Telangana had its highest sittings in 2017 – 37 days. However, in every year since then, it met for less than 20 days.

Around 48 per cent of Bills in these state Assemblies were considered and passed on the same day or the day after introduction. Mizoram passed 57 Bills during its current term, all on the same day or the day after introduction.

Citing examples, the report stated that in 2020, the Chhattisgarh Assembly passed 14 Bills in a single six-hour sitting. In Madhya Pradesh, 13 Bills were introduced and passed over two days in 2022, and both sittings together lasted for five hours. A large number of ordinances were also issued by these states. Between 2019 and 2023, Madhya Pradesh issued 39 ordinances, followed by Telangana (14) and Rajasthan (13).

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Narender S/o Sh. Rajender Singh R/o- H. No. 499, Gali No. 02, Ram Nagar Colony, Faridabad, Haryana** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 258/20 U/s 33/52 Delhi Excise Act PS Pul Prahladpur, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Narender** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Narender** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Narender** of case **FIR No. 258/20 U/s 33/52 Delhi Excise Act PS Pul Prahladpur, New Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **12.12.2023**

By Order

Sh. Himanshu Tanwar
Metropolitan Magistrate-10
Room No. 307, 3rd Floor
South-East, Distt.,
Saket Court, New Delhi

DP/11330/SE/2023 (Court Matter)

A-636

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

Department Of Water Resources

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, NORTHERN MINOR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR.

E-Mail Id. - **senmicsbpr@yahoo.co.in**

"e" Procurement

BID IDENTIFICATION No: ACENMIC, SBP - 01/2023-24

1. **Name of the Work** : Civil Construction Works
2. **Total No. of Works** : 02 (Two) No.
3. **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 107.67 to 125.90 Lakh (Approximately).
4. **Period of Completion** : 06 (Six) Calendar months.
5. **Date & Time of Availability of Bid Document in the Portal** : From 11.00 A.M. of Dt. 11.10.2023 Up to 5.30 P.M. of Dt. 25.10.2023.
6. **Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids in the Portal** : Up to 05.30 P.M. of Dt. 25.10.2023.
7. **Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)** : Dt. 26.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards.
8. **Name and Address of the Officer inviting Tender** : N.
9. Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal. "**https://tendersodisha.gov.in**".

Sd/-
Additional Chief Engineer
Northern Minor Irrigation Circle, Sambalpur

OIPR - 32208/11/0001/2324

B-1042

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,
"e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P.(O)-25/2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (World Bank Project), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Road & Bridge work as detailed below:

2	**Nature of Work**	: Road & Bridge works
3	**No. of work**	: 03 Nos.
4	**Tender cost**	: Rs.10,000.00 (on-line)
5	**Class of Contractor**	: A/Special Class Contractor
6	**Available of bid document in the website**	: From 10.00 A.M. of 10.10.2023 to 5.00 PM of 26.10.2023
7	**Date of opening of Bid**	: Dt. 27.10.2023 at 11.30 AM

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Futher details can be seen from the Website: **https:tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
World Bank Project, Odisha
(OIPR-34003/11/0043/2324)

B-1056

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,
"e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceroad.bbsr@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-26/2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Road work as mentioned below:

2	**Nature of Work**	: Road & Bridge works
3	**No. of work**	: 3 Nos.
4	**Tender Paper cost**	: Rs.10,000.00
5	**Class of Contractor**	: A Class/Special Class/Super Class
6	**Available of bid document in the website**	: From 10.00 A.M. of 11.10.2023 to 5.30 PM of 26.10.2023
7	**Date of opening of Bid**	: Dt. 27.10.2023 at 11.00 AM

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Futher details can be seen from the Website: **https:tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
(DPI & Roads), Odisha(I/C)
(OIPR-34111/11/0044/2324)

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION

For and on behalf of President of India, Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial) North Eastern Railway Varanasi, invites open E-Auction for installation and operation of ATM at 26 locations of **24 stations** in station premises/concourse/circulating area over Varanasi Division for a period of three years from Licensee Bank. Details are given below :

Sr. No.	Name of Station	E-Auction Catalogue No.	Total No. of ATM	Area per ATM	Date of E-Auction	Time of E-Auction
1.	Siswa Bazar	BSB7ATM23	01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 10.30
2.	Prayagraj Rambag		01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 10.40
3.	Salempur		01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 10.50
4.	Khorasan Road		01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 11.00
5.	Suremanpur		01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 11.10
6.	Muhammadabad		01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 11.20
7.	Dullahpur		01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 11.30
8.	Aurnihar		01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 11.40
9.	Jakhanian		01	3.34 m2	27.10.23	10.00 To 11.50
10.	Azamgarh	BSB8ATM23	01	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 10.30
11.	Ghazipur City		01	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 10.40
12.	Bhatni		01	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 10.50
13.	Mau Jn.		01	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 11.00
14.	Banaras		01 (ATM No. 04)	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 11.10
15.	Chhapra Jn.		01	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 11.20
16.	Mairwa		01	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 11.30
17.	Siwan		01	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 11.40
18.	Belthra Road		01	3.34 m2	30.10.23	10.00 To 11.50
19.	Bhatpar Rani	BSB9ATM23	01	3.34 m2	31.10.23	10.00 To 10.30
20.	Hathua		01	3.34 m2	31.10.23	10.00 To 10.40
21.	Deoria Sadar		01	3.34 m2	31.10.23	10.00 To 10.50
22.	Banaras		01 (ATM No. 02)	3.34 m2	31.10.23	10.00 To 11.00
23.	Chauri Chaura		01	3.34 m2	31.10.23	10.00 To 11.10
24.	Yusufpur		01	3.34 m2	31.10.23	10.00 To 11.20
25.	Banaras		01 (ATM No. 03)	3.34 m2	31.10.23	10.00 To 11.30
26.	Kaptanganj		01	3.34 m2	31.10.23	10.00 To 11.40

***Name of work/location for Sr. No. 1 to 26 :** concourse/circulating area
Earnest Money : 5% of the annual contract value | **Website :** www.ireps.gov.in
NOTE- 1. E-Auction will be conducted online on IREPS (E-Auction leasing portal) on scheduled date and time. **2.** A Bank willing to participate in E-Auction will fulfill these conditions:- A. Willing bank should have a current account in SBI Bank that should be linked with IREPS portal. B. Willing bank should be registered on IREPS portal after paying online one time registration fee Rs. 10000 + GST (Non Refundable). C. Earnest money will be deducted online from linked account. **3.** All rule and conditions regarding E-Auction is available in E-Auction Section of IREPS portal **(www.ireps.gov.in)**

Divisional Railway Manager (Comml.)
Varanasi

CPRO/VANIJYA-145

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA — CORRIGENDUM

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO 05/CWG/2023-24 DATED 15.09.2023 ONLINE TENDER ID 2023_HBC_311991_1	OPENING DATED 06.10.2023 (TIME 18.00 HRS.) CLOSING DATE 13.10.2023 UPTO (TIME 13:00 HRS.)	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
2	HVPNL	35052 DATED 17.08.2023	CORRIGENDUM-1/ EXTENSION OF DUE DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION UPTO 19.10.2023 TO 17:00 HRS. & 06.10.2023	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3	HVPNL	92 DATED 16.08.2023	CORRIGENDUM-1/ EXTENSION OF DUE DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION UPTO 19.10.2023 TO 17:00 HRS. & 06.10.2023	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

21741/HRY **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in**

बिहार सरकार

योजना एवं विकास विभाग

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल–01, जमुई।

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–05/2023.24

(केवल ई–टेन्डर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

बिहार के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग/निगम/अन्य राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार /सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम या राष्ट्रीय या अंतरराष्ट्रीय ख्याति के किसी भी एजेंसी में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से प्रतिशत दर निविदा दो बीड प्रणाली (तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। यदि संवेदक बिहार राज्य के किसी कार्य विभाग/निगम में पूर्व से निबंधित नहीं है, तब एकरारनामा के पूर्व निम्नलिखित कार्य का स्वीकार पत्र (लेटर ऑफ एक्सेपटेंस) प्राप्त होने के बाद बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग/निगम (जिसमें निबंधन की प्रक्रिया लागू हो) में निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

1. कार्यो की विवरणी : –

क्रम संख्या	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि (लाख रू0 में)	अग्रधन की राशि (ऑन लाईन मोड या ऑफ लाईन मोड में केवल B.G. के रूप में) (रूपये में)	परिमाण–विपत्र का मूल्य (अप्रत्यर्पणीय केवल ऑनलाइन मोड में भुगतान) (रूपये में)	बीड प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क (अप्रत्यर्पणीय केवल ऑनलाइन मोड में भुगतान) (रूपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि (माह में)
01.	02	03	04	05	06	07
1	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत चकाई प्रखण्ड के चौफला पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	251.14153	507000.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
2	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत चकाई प्रखण्ड के कल्यापुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	250.69879	506200.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
3	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत चकाई प्रखण्ड के नावाडीह सिल्फारी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	252.74929	510300.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
4	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत चकाई प्रखण्ड के गजही पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	252.42439	509600.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
5	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत चकाई प्रखण्ड के ठाढ़ी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	251.30361	507400.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
6	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत चकाई प्रखण्ड के पेटरपहड़ी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	251.66959	508100.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
7	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत चकाई प्रखण्ड के कियाजोरी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	253.15407	511100.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
8	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत सोनो प्रखण्ड के पैरामटिहाना पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	246.27265	497300.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
9	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत सोनो प्रखण्ड के लोहा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	245.27000	495200.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
10	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत सोनो प्रखण्ड के छुछुनरिया पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	247.61026	499900.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
11	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत सोनो प्रखण्ड के लालीलेवार पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	247.11798	499900.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
12	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत सोनो प्रखण्ड के थम्हन पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	248.06073	500800.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
13	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत बरहट प्रखण्ड के डाढा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	244.96010	494600.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
14	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत जमुई प्रखण्ड के चीडीहा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	271.11775	547200.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
15	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के मांगोबन्दर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	250.93351	506600.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
16	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के चुँआ पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	245.39327	495500.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
17	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के गोपालपुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	245.43796	495600.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
18	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के गरही पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	248.36935	501500.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
19	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के बिशनपुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	246.87732	498500.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
20	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के दाबिल पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	244.09336	492900.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
21	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के नीमनवादा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	246.15901	497000.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
22	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के बानपुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	244.06705	492800.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
23	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के गोली पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	247.25100	499200.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
24	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के भिमाईन पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	245.17217	496700.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
25	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत खैरा प्रखण्ड के हरणी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	255.47004	515700.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
26	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत झाझा प्रखण्ड के धमना पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	243.44864	491600.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
27	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत झाझा प्रखण्ड के चांय पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	243.08288	490800.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
28	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत झाझा प्रखण्ड के कानन पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	242.33557	489300.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
29	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत झाझा प्रखण्ड के बलियाडीह पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	243.60917	491900.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
30	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत झाझा प्रखण्ड के पैरागाहा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	243.68809	492100.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
31	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत झाझा प्रखण्ड के खुरण्डा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	245.74064	496200.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
32	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत झाझा प्रखण्ड के करमा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	245.70641	496100.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
33	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत झाझा प्रखण्ड के रजलाकला पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	243.68809	491000.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
34	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत गिद्धौर प्रखण्ड के पूर्वी गुगुलडीह पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	243.74076	492200.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
35	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत गिद्धौर प्रखण्ड के गंगरा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	242.48818	489600.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
36	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत गिद्धौर प्रखण्ड के पतसंडा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	242.08820	488800.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
37	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत गिद्धौर प्रखण्ड के कुन्धुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	243.39459	492600.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
38	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत गिद्धौर प्रखण्ड के रतनपुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	243.35392	491400.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
39	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत लक्ष्मीपुर प्रखण्ड के हरला पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	245.10119	494900.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
40	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत लक्ष्मीपुर प्रखण्ड के मड़ैया पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	244.95910	494600.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
41	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत ई0 अलीगंज प्रखण्ड के कोदवरिया पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	251.55071	507900.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
42	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत ई0 अलीगंज प्रखण्ड के सहोडा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	251.12442	507000.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
43	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत ई0 अलीगंज प्रखण्ड के मिर्जागंज पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	249.41925	503400.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
44	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत ई0 अलीगंज प्रखण्ड के दीननगर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	251.55071	507900.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
45	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत ई0 सिकन्दरा प्रखण्ड के गोखुला फतेहपुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	248.65350	502000.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
46	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत सिकन्दरा प्रखण्ड के पोहे पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	248.66665	502100.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
47	जमुई जिला अन्तर्गत ई0 सिकन्दरा प्रखण्ड के मंजोष पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	245.84317	496400.00	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह

2.	विज्ञापन निर्गत करने की तिथि	: दिनांक –06.10.2023
3.	निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की प्रारम्भिक तिथि एवं समय	: दिनांक 27.10.2023 को 10.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
4.	प्री–बीड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि	: दिनांक 19.10.2023 समय 1:00 बजे अपराह्न, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, विरवेश्वरैया भवन, चतुर्थ तल, कमरा नं0–423, बेली रोड, पटना–800015
5.	निविदा अपलोड की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	: दिनांक 03.11.2023 समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
6.	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	: दिनांक 07.11.2023 समय 3.30 बजे अपराह्न से। (कंडिका 5 में उल्लेखित अंतिम तिथि से दो कार्य दिवस के पश्चात् की तिथि)। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
7.	वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	: सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
8.	निविदा खोलने का स्थान	: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
9.	निविदा की वैधता अवधि	: 120 दिन(निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि के बाद)
10.	विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता	: कार्यपालक अभियंता, स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन प्रमण्डल, कार्य प्रमंडल–01, जमुई।

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कार्य प्रमंडल –1, जमुई

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नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

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PERSONAL

I, Jagdish Prasad Sharma R/o C-502, 5th Floor, Mayur Dhawaj cooperative housing Society, Raja Ram Kholi Marg, Geeta Colony East Delhi-110031, have changed the name of my minor Son namely Kovid Sharma aged 14 years and shall hereafter be known as Krishna Sharma.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that Plot No. 2571 (Old No. U-71) in Sector A, in our Greenfields Colony, stood allotted in the joint names of Smt Santosh Nayyer W/o Late Shri Satpal Nayyer and Shri Vinod Kumar Nayyer S/o Late Shri Satpal Nayyer R/o BB-5, Greater Kailash Enclave-2, New Delhi- 110048 since 01.12.1993. The company received an email dated 19.01.23 from Shri Vijay Nayyer informing the company about the sad demise of his brother, Shri Vinod Kumar Nayyer on 08.10.2022 and his mother, Smt Santosh Nayyer on 01.11.2022, the allottees of above plot and further requested the company to inform the procedure for substitution the allotment of above plot in favour of the legal heirs. The company vide letter dated Feb 20, 2023 informed the legal heirs of above deceased allottees that the allotment of 50% share of Late Shri Vinod Nayyer will devolve amongst his legal heirs and 50% share of Late Smt Santosh Nayyer will devolve amongst her legal heirs viz; two sons and legal heirs of Late Shri Vinod Nayyer also. Anyone having any objection to the substitution of half share of Late Shri Vinod Nayyer in favour of Smt Kiran Nayyer, wife, Ms Nidhi Nayyer, Anu Nayyer, daughters and Shri Vikram Nayyer son, and half share of Late Smt Santosh Nayyer in favour of Shri Vijay Nayyer, Shri Ajay Nayyar, sons and Smt Kiran Nayyer, wife Ms Nidhi Nayyer, Anu Nayyer, daughters and Shri Vikram Nayyer, legal heirs of Late Shri Vinod Nayyer, submit their objection within 30 days to Praveen Kumar (Sr. General Manager) Urban Improvement Co (P) Ltd, F-32, Connaught Place, New Delhi, India.

Sd/-
Anand Garg (Advocate)
Chamber No 51, Distt. Courts, Kurukshetra Ph: 9467900002

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is informed that my client, **SAROJ TALWAR (Aadhar No. - 250213134251) W/o Late Sh. Shashi Kant Talwar,** R/o E-35, Ground Floor - Left Side, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, have disowned and severed all relations from her daughters **(MEENU SETH & RITU BHARDWAJ),** their respective legal heirs/ representatives and debarred them from all her movable and immovable properties. My said client shall have **NO RESPONSIBILITY** with regards to any transaction/ relation entered upon by my daughters, their respective legal heirs/representatives with any third party.

Anyone who will dealing with them will do so in his/her own risk, cost and consequences.

Armaan Bhardwaj (Advocate)
D-143-A, East of Kailash,
New Delhi-110065
Mob. : 09953092418

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be known to all that my client, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta S/o S.P. Gupta R/o JF24, F/F, Khirki Extention, Malviya Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110017 has severed all relationship with their son Mr. Aman Gupta and His Wife Prinka Gupta Disowned him from all their movable & immovable properties due to their disobedient nature. My client will not be liable for any acts done by him in respect of the above said. Anybody dealing with them in any civil and criminal activities shall bear at his own cost and risk.

Manoj Mittal (Advocate)
Ch. No. F-623, Karkardooma Court,
Delhi -110032

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my clients **Mr. Devender Rai** S/o Sh. Prem Sagar and his wife **Pramila Devi** both R/o WZ-148, Toda Pur Colony, New Delhi-110012 have served all their relations with their son's **Mr. Rakesh Roshan** due to their bad habits both of my above-named clients have also disowned and debarred his said son from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with **Mr. Rakesh Roshan** will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by **Mr. Rakesh Roshan. Anupama Sethi** (Advocate) Add: Plot No.9, G.F, CC Market, Naraina, Delhi-28.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my clients **Ramesh Chand** R/O WZ-818-C Gali No.18-D.Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony New Delhi-45 has severed all relations with his son **Kamal Kishore** and his wife **Deepa@ Bharti** and their daughter. My client disowned & disinherited them from his all movable and immovable properties. As they are very disobedient & quarrelsome and gave lots of trouble and mental distress to my client. The son **Kamal Kishore** shall not be allowed to light the Pyre of my client.

Sd/-
Mukesh Kumar
Advocate
Ch. No. 335 Civil side
Tis Hazari court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client(s) is/are interested to buy Freehold Property bearing Plot No-6, First Floor without Roof Rights, Block No-H-2, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-85 presently owned and possessed by Sh. Mahender Singh S/o Late Sh. Prem Singh by virtue of Deed Of Family Will. Dated 26.10.2005, Registration No-30431, and as per owner version the said property/ Flat/ Floor is/are free from all sorts of encumbrances.

It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm/company, Bank, HUF/ member of HUF, financial institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim in the above said property the basis of documents and/or objection to thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/court judgment within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further /future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected and my client/ prospective buyer (s) as a bona-fide purchaser conclude the title/ Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client(s) or in the name of his /her/ their nominees shall be deemed to be clear & marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and impediment.

Mithilesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch.No.717, District Courts Rohini, Delhi-85 # 9810693109

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my clients Smt.Neeraj Jain W / o Late Sh. Raj Kumar Jain, Garima Jain D/o Late Sh. Raj Kumar Jain both R/o C-17, Shakti Nagar Extension, Delhi-110052 and Ishu Jain D/o Late Sh. Raj Kumar Jain R/o House No.IA Sector-5, Part-III, Adjacent to Xion International School, Gurugram-122001 are joint absolute owner of the property bearing Plot No.T-2/ 180, Mangol Puri Industrial Area, Phase-I, Delhi. That general public is hereby given Notice to not to purchase, take on rent or otherwise deal with the said plot in any manner with Sh.Surender Jain S/o Late Sh. Darshan Lal Jain R/o D-3/22, Rajasthali Apartment, Pitam Pura, Delhi as he is not the owner of the said property and illegally occupying the said property. That if anyone deals with respect to said property in any manner with Surender Jain he/ she shall do so at his/her own risk and consequences and no right, title and interest over the said property shall be conferred upon him/her.

Sd/-
Anuj Jain
Advocate
Ch. No. 1510, Rohini Court, Delhi

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे मुवक्किल मोहम्मद हुसैन पुत्र काले खान एवं जनत पत्नी मोहम्मद हुसैन दोनों निवासी मकान न0.C–123/5, राजीव नगर, भलस्वा डेरी, दिल्ली–110042 ने अपने पुत्र नाजिम उम्र करीब 26 वर्ष एवं उसकी पत्नी नाजमा को उनके दुर्व्यवहार व गलत आचरण के कारण अपनी समस्त चल–अचल सम्पत्ति आदि से बेदखल कर सारे सम्बंध विच्छेद कर लिया है। जो व्यक्ति नाजिम एवं उसकी पत्नी नाजमा से किसी भी प्रकार का कोई लेन–देन संबन्ध इत्यादि रखता है वह उसके लिए स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। भविष्य में इन दोनों के किसी भी प्रकार के गलत सिविल एवं क्रिमिनल कार्य आदि के लिए तथा किसी भी प्रकार के लेन–देन के लिए मेरे मुवक्किल जिम्मेदार नहीं होंगे।

DEEN DAYAL
(Advocate)
Enrl.No. DL/940/2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Dr. Balagopal V. (also known as Balagopal Vattathara) is going to register the WILL under the provisions of Registration Act 1908, executed on 04/05/2023 by her aunt (Prof. Dr. Andezhath Kumaran Susheela) during her lifetime. If anyone has any objection pls contact within 3 days from this Public Notice.

AMAR SINGH (Advocate)

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A sudden or unexpected health event - such as a heart attack, diagnosis of cancer, or other serious illness or injury - can change your life in many ways. Feelings of shock, anger, grief, loss and sadness are common, and usually pass with time, however, you may be at greater risk of developing anxiety or depression.

Take a positive approach to your mental health. If you do experience symptoms of anxiety or depression, talk to your doctor.

Tips for looking after yourself

- Talk, don't bottle up your feelings - discuss them with friends, your partner or family members. Or speak with your doctor.
- Spend time with people who make you feel good.
- Be patient and kind to yourself.
- Think about how you have faced previous stressful situations in life and what helped you to cope (and what didn't).
- Join a support group.
- Make time for what you enjoy.
- Try to maintain a good diet, sleep well and get some regular exercise.

Take Charge Of Your Emotional Well Being

Dr. Bhavneet Kaur
Psychiatrist, New Delhi

The mind-body connection

Although the mind and body are treated as two separate entities, actually they aren't. Physical health and emotional health are closely interconnected. What is happening inside your mind impacts your mood and emotions, your thoughts and beliefs.

Living a fuller life

For the purpose of living life more fully, the wellness approach of counselling focuses upon the integration of mind and body.

Here are few techniques which one could practice for mind-body balance

- Have a positive approach to situations
- Express a sense of gratitude
- Be optimistic
- Instill in yourself, self-confidence
- Practice mindfulness

Maintain a healthy emotional well-being

- Understand your emotions and reactions.
- Think before you act.
- Express your feelings in appropriate ways.
- Learn relaxation methods to manage stress.
- Aim for a balance.
- Focus on your physical health.
- Be sure to keep in touch with people.
- Spend your time doing things that you find meaningful.
- Be positive.

Why is Mental Health So Important?

Dr. Jateen Ukrani
Senior Psychiatrist, New Delhi

Mental health is a combination of our emotional, psychological and social well-being, and it affects every aspect of our lives -how we think, how we feel and how we act. It influences how we relate to other people, how we deal with the stresses in our lives and whether we make healthy or unhealthy lifestyle choices.

Poor mental health makes us more vulnerable to certain health problems, like heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes.Nurturing our mental health can also help prevent the development of mental illnesses.

Good mental health benefits:

- helps us to have a more positive outlook and enjoy our lives more.
- makes us better able to cope with the difficult times in our lives.
- makes us more creative.
- enables us to work more productively and reach our full potential.
- allows us to make meaningful contributions to our family, to our community and to society.
- helps us think more clearly.
- enhance our moods and our self-esteem

Managing Negative Thoughts In Depression

Managing negative thoughts in depression involves learning strategies to challenge and reframe those thoughts. Here's an approach to consider:

Identify Negative Thoughts: Start by becoming aware of the negative thoughts that frequently arise. These might include self-criticism, feelings of hopelessness, or thoughts of worthlessness.

Question the Thoughts: Consider whether there's any evidence supporting these thoughts.

Reality Check: Take efforts to find out real situation.

Alternative Interpretations: Try to come up with alternative explanations for the situations.

Evidence Collection: Collect evidence that contradicts negative thoughts.

Positive Self-Talk: Replace negative self-talk with positive and compassionate self-statements.

Challenge Cognitive Distortions: Learn to recognize common cognitive distortions, such as all-or-nothing thinking, overgeneralization, and catastrophizing. Practice countering these distortions with more balanced thoughts.

Dr. Mukesh Batra
Senior Psychiatrist, New Delhi

Engage in Pleasant Activities: This can help shift your focus away from negative thoughts.

Seek Professional Help: If negative thoughts persist and significantly impact your daily life.

Managing negative thoughts is a skill that can be developed over time with consistent effort.

Helping Someone With Mental Illness

Dr. Nripendra Kumar
Senior Psychiatrist, New Delhi

If you have a friend or loved one struggling with a mental health issue, you know how difficult it can be to find the right words to say.

Here are some dos and don'ts for supporting someone close to you suffering from mental illness:

Do listen with an open mind

Let them know they're not alone and tell them they have your unconditional love and supportwithout judgment.

Do ask questions

Respectfully ask about their symptoms and how they are feeling.

Do encourage them to seek help

Find out if the person is receiving the necessary care.

Do be patient

Don't give up on them.

Don't say you know how they feel if you don't

Drawing comparisons may make them feel as if the reality of their situation is being minimized.

Don't take it personally

Give them all your love and don't expect anything in return because they may not be able to give it to you.

Mental Health Is A Priority, Not A Stigma

Having a healthy mindset can promote productivity and effectiveness in activities like work, school, and also in healthcare centers. It enables us to positively adapt to changes or adverse circumstances which we come across in our lives and ensures that we cope with those situations with strength and understanding.

Stigma and misinformation canbe huge obstacles for someone who is struggling with a mental health condition.

Self- awareness to avoid mistakes

If you or your near and dear ones are experiencing any of these symptoms reach out for help.

- Feeling sad or down
- Confused thinking or reduced ability to concentrate
- Excessive fears or extreme feelings of guilt
- Extreme mood changes of highs and lows
- Withdrawal from friends and activities

Dr. Sandeep Govil
Senior Psychiatrist, New Delhi

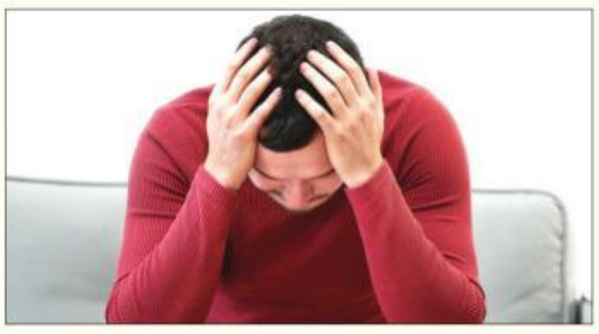
- Significant tiredness, low energy or problems sleeping
- Detachment from reality
- Trouble understanding and relating to situations and to people
- Major changes in eating habits
- Excessive anger, hostility or violence
- Suicidal thinking

Role Of Pharmacies In Stigma Related To Mental Health Treatment

On this World Mental Health Day, I would like to request Pharmacy Owners who are an important pillar of Healthcare system not to dismiss mental health issues lightly. There is already a certain degree of stigma attached to mental illnesses. Some loose comments from a person whom a layperson believes to possess better knowledge about health than themselves, can create serious barrier to seeking or continuing with treatment for potentially fatal mental illnesses. It is a common occurrence that patients come to us after a suicide attempt (after discontinued medications) because a Pharmacy Owner told them that the medication is risky or unnecessary. Sometimes they are refused a medication despite having a valid prescription. Mental Illnesses are just like physical illnesses and can be well managed in majority of cases. It is better to take medicine and live productively rather than suffer or commit suicide. Government agencies may also ensure that persons without any professional training are not permitted to interact/deal with patients at Pharmacy (even if they are the owner) and medicines are dispensed only by a trained Pharmacist.

Dr. Sumit Kr Gupta
Psychiatrist, New Delhi

Depression And Productivity



Depression can have a significant impact on productivity, both in personal and professional aspects of life. Here's how depression can affect productivity:

Lack of Energy and Motivation: This can make even simple tasks feel overwhelming and lead to reduced productivity.

Difficulty Concentrating: Depression can impair cognitive function, making it difficult to focus, concentrate, and make decisions. This can hinder performance at work or school.

Decreased Interest: Lack of interest can extend to work tasks and responsibilities.

Absenteeism: Severe depression might lead to increased absenteeism.

Procrastination: Depression can lead to procrastination and avoidance of tasks.

Quality of Work: Depression can impact quality of work. Mistakes may occur more frequently due to difficulties in concentration and memory.

Dr. Vikas Jain
Senior Psychiatrist, New Delhi

Interpersonal Challenges: Depression can strain interpersonal relationships at work or school, leading to misunderstandings, conflicts, or isolation.

It's important to address depression and its impact on productivity. Remember that seeking professional help and building a support network are crucial in managing depression and its impact on productivity.

Social Media And The Mental Health

Dr. Vishal Chabbra
Senior Psychiatrist, New Delhi

Ironically for a technology that's designed to bring people closer together, spending too much time engaging with social media can actually make you feel lonelier and isolated-and exacerbate mental health problems such as anxiety and depression.

Reduced social interaction: Social media can never be a replacement for real-world human connection.

Inadequacy about your life or appearance. Even if you know that images you're viewing on social media are manipulated, they can still make you feel insecure about how you look or what's going on in your own life.

Fear of missing out (FOMO). Social media seem to exacerbate feelings that others are having more fun or living better lives than you are. The idea that you're missing out certain things can impact your self-esteem and can trigger anxiety.

Cyberbullying. Many users are subjected to offensive comments which can trigger anxiety and depression.

Reduce time online, spend more time with offline friends and practice mindfulness while using social media.

A Public Awareness Initiative

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#ChooseTalkOverStigma

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Research for Better Medicines

Issued in interest to raise awareness about Mental Health by MSN Laboratories

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Zonal Office, Gaya(e-AB), South Bisar Talab Road, Gaya, Bihar-823001

{Rule-8(1)}

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Where as

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice u/s 13(2) on the date noted against the account as mentioned hereinafter calling upon the borrower(S) to repay the amount mentioning in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(S) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(S) 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.

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 Indian Bank **(e-Allahabad Bank)**or an amount and interest thereon. Along with legal expenses and other expenses already incurred/to be incurred by the bank.

Name of the branch:	**Bikramganj**		
Name of the accounts	**Smt. Pinki Kumari** W/o Devendra Kumar Singh		
Name of the Proprietor / Guarantor / Mortgagor:	**1) Smt. Pinki Kumari** W/o Devendra Kumar Singh , Vill - Dhangai, Ward no – 09, PO + PS – Bikramganj, Dist – Rohtas, Bihar 802212 **2) Sri Devendra Kumar Singh** S/o Late Gayanchand Singh, Vill - Dhangai, Ward no – 09, PO + PS – Bikramganj, Dist – Rohtas, Bihar 802212		
Date of Demand Notice:	**26.06.2023**	Date of Possession Notice:	**07.10.2023**
Amount Outstanding as on the demand notice:	**₹ 13,42,035/- (Rupee Thirteen Lakh Forty Two Thousand Thirty Five Only)** as on 26-06-2023, along with legal and other expenses incurred & to be incurred by the bank.		
Detailed description of the Property:	Equitable mortgage of land and building along with present and future construction thereon in the name of Smt. Pinki Kumari W/o Sri Devendra Kumar Singh, located at Mauza – Tenduni, PS – Bikramganj, Thana no – 500, Ward no – 11, Near DPS School, Dist – Rohtas, Bihar situated at Khata no 206, Plot no 2647, Deed no-822 Dated: 30-01-2016, Area- 698 Sq. Ft., **Boundary- North:** 06 Ft Wide Rasta, **South:** Ramayan Singh, **East:** Vijay Yadav, **West:** Tileshwar Singh		

Date: 10.10.2023
Place: GAYA.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
(Indian Bank)

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

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The Borrower(S) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(S) 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.

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 Indian Bank **(e-Allahabad Bank)**or an amount and interest thereon. Along with legal expenses and other expenses already incurred/to be incurred by the bank.

Name of the branch:	**Bodhgaya**		
Name of the accounts	**M/S IswarTraders,** Prop – Sri Ravi Shekhar Ambastha		
Name of the Proprietor / Guarantor / Mortgagor:	**1) M/S IswarTraders,** Borrower,Prop – Sri Ravi Shekhar Ambastha at By Pass Road, Ghughritand, Gaya, Bihar – 823001 **2)** Sri Ravi Shekhar Ambastha S/o AlakhDeo Prasad, Proprietor, By Pass Road, Ghughritand, Gaya, Bihar – 823001 **3)** Smt. Shilpi Kumari W/o Sri Ravi Shankar Ambastha, By Pass Road, Ghughritand, Gaya, Bihar – 823001		
Date of Demand Notice:	**24.05.2023**	Date of Possession Notice:	**06.10.2023**
Amount Outstanding as on the demand notice:	**Rs. 28,59,970/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Only)** as on 24-05-2023, along with legal and other expenses incurred & to be incurred by the bank.		
Detailed description of the Property:	Equitable mortgage of residential flat no 103, at ground floor in Sujata Niwas measuring super built up area of 1150 sqft along with reserved car parking space in basement belonging to Smt. Shilpi Kumari Sinha W/o Sri Ravi Shekhar Ambastha situated at Khata no 170(old) 710(new), Plot no 899(old) 1350(new), Mauza – Bodhgaya, Thana no – 359, ward no – 13, under nagar panchayat, Bodhgaya, Dist – Gaya,Bihar, **Boundary – North:** Lobby and Flat no 102, **South:** Viyatnam Temple, **East:** Set back area & Plot no 1349, **West:** Set back area & plot no 1355		

Date: 10.10.2023
Place: GAYA.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
(Indian Bank)

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India

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Possession Notice (for Immovable Property)

Whereas,

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **BANK OF INDIA, KANKARBAGH BRANCH, PATNA** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed in the table hereunder written calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount shown in the respective notices mentioned against their names in the table, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/s and/or guarantors/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s or guarantors/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **4th day of October** of the year **2023**.

The borrower/s and/or guarantors/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the **BANK OF INDIA, KANKARBAGH BRANCH, PATNA** for the amount shown in the respective column of the table.

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

Name of Borrower & Guarantor	i. Branch, ii. Date & Amount as per Notice u/s 13(2)	Description of the Immovable property	Date of Possession of Assets
M/s. Siddhivinayak (Partners) Mrs. Amrita Singh & Mr. Rishikesh **(Guarantor)** Mr. Shardendu Bhushan	**(i) KANKARBAGH BRANCH, PATNA** **(ii)** Demand Notice Date: **21.07.2023, ₹ 6,29,66,000/-** and interest thereon.	**(1)** All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Mauza- Khajpura, Mohalla- Ashiyana Nagar, Phase- II Pargana and Survey Thana- Phulwari, Hall Thana- Rajiv Nagar, Sub and Sadar Registry and Disttrict. Patna. Tauzi No.- 5588, Thana No. 11 (Eleven) Khata No.- 236(Two Hundred Thirty Six), Survey Plot No.-80 (Eighty) Part, Samiti Plot No.- E-3, Ward No.- 2(Two) Circle No.- 268, Holding No. - 1330 admeasuring 3675 Sq ft in the name of Mrs. Amrita Singh. **Boundary : North**: Samiti Plot No.- F-4 & F-6, **South:** 20'0" wide Samiti Road, **East:** Samiti Plot No.- E-7, **West:** Samiti Plot No.- E-1, **(2)** All that Part and Parcel of the property consisting of Flat No.- 103 First floor in Block- A, "Dream Jewel" situated at Ram Krishna Path, off Khagaul Road, Parghana- Phulwari, Thana & Sub-Registry- Danapur, Sadar Registry & Dist - Patna, Comprised within the Jurisdiction of Nagar Parisad Danapur Patna bearing its Tauji No. 5059, Revenue Thana No. 35, KHATA No. 10, SURVEY PLOT No. 26, Danapur admeasuring 1448 Sq ft in the name of Sri Rishikesh **Boundary : North**: Duct and Lift, **South:** Staircase, **East:** Open Space of the Building, **West:** Corridor and Flat No. 106/A	04.10.2023

*** With further interest at applicable rate till repayment.**

Date: 04.10.2023
Place: Patna

Authorized Officer
Bank of India

GOVT. OF BIHAR

BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD

I.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14.

UNDER GRADUATE MEDICAL ADMISSION COUNSELLING (UGMAC)-2023 for MBBS / BDS in Govt. Medical / Dental Colleges and Private Medical / Dental Colleges of Bihar

Adv. No.- BCECEB(UGMAC)-2023/17 Dated 09.10.2023 Website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in

Notice for Stray Vacancy Round Online Counselling

Fresh Online Registration and submission of Application form are invited from such qualified, eligible & interested NEET(UG)-2023 candidates for appearing in the Stray Vacancy Round Online Counselling of Under Graduate Medical Admission Counselling (UGMAC)-2023, who are not admitted in any Medical / Dental Colleges of India, on the vacant seats of Government/ Private Medical / Dental Colleges of Bihar.

3. **The candidates who fall under below mentioned conditions are not eligible to participate in Stray Vacancy Round Counselling of UGMAC-2023 based on NEET(UG)-2023 ;**
(a) Admitted on MBBS/BDS seat through UGMAC-2023 Round 1 / Round 2 Counselling.
(b) Admitted through AIQ on the basis of NEET(UG)-2023 Round 1 / Round 2 Counselling.
(c) Admitted through NEET(UG)-2023 Round 1 / Round 2 / Round-3 / Stray Vacancy Round Counselling conducted by Other States.
(d) Allotted on MBBS/BDS seat through UGMAC-2023 Round 3 Counselling.
(e) Allotted through AIQ on the basis of NEET(UG)-2023 Round 3 / Stray Vacancy Round Counselling.

If any candidate duly submits fresh Online Application form by providing wrong information, their Security Deposit amount paid for participating in Stray Vacancy Round Counselling will be forfeited and will become not eligible for Stray Vacancy Round Counselling as Data will be scrutinized before preparation / publication of Merit List.

3. **Eligibility criteria and instructions and other details are available in the Updated Prospectus of UGMAC-2023 which can be downloaded from the Board's website bceceboard.bihar.gov.in.**

4. DQ candidates must note that they have to submit DQ certificate issued by only authorised Centres / Institutes on prescribed proforma as per para-3.6.3 (Annexure-5, 6, 7) of the prospectus of UGMAC-2023 at the time of counselling / document verification. For this, after filling and downloading the hard copy of online application form, candidates must consult any concerned authorised Medical College / Centre / Institute with the downloaded online application form for disability test for obtaining disability certificate. Certificate issued from any other Institutes / Centres except above **will not be entertained**, for which the candidate will himself be responsible.

5. Seat Matrix of vacancies after completion of Round-3 Counselling will be is available on Board's website **on 10.10.2023** . If any further vacancies arises, the Seat matrix of updated vacancies shall be uploaded on the Board's website before start of Stray Vacancy Round Counselling.

6. The online Registration and submission of Application Form will start from 11.10.2023 and close on 13.10.2023 (10.00 p.m.).

7. **The details of programme / process / fee etc. has been uploaded on the Board's website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in vide Adv. No. BCECEB(UGMAC)-2023/16 Dated 09.10.2023.**

Controller of Examination

KERALA'S POVERTY ALLEVIATION MISSION

46L Kudumbashree women 'back to school'

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 9

OVER THE next two months, more than 2,000 schools will open their doors on weekends for the 46 lakh women enrolled in Kerala's flagship poverty alleviation mission, Kudumbashree. Back in school, the women will attend classes on adapting to the digital age, as the mission seeks to reorient itself.

Launching the "back to school" programme at an event in Palakkad district's Thrithala on October 1, Kerala Local Self Government Minister M B Rajesh said the Kudumbashree mission has made great strides in over the last 25 years.

"The next target of the mission is not poverty alleviation, but enhancing the income of households. Kudumbashree will undergo a transformation in its content and functioning. They will get training in financial transactions and entrepreneurship," he said. The minister said the programme would empower members of Kudumbashree's neighbourhood groups to take up new projects "in tune with emerging opportunities, apart from strengthening the three-tier system of the mission".

The classes will be taught by 15,000 trained resource persons. Five topics for the classes are "organisational strength–lessons from experience, vibrancy of NHG, community–life security, livelihood ideas and digital age".

The programme began on October 1 and will go on till December 10. All the women, part of Kudumbashree's neighbourhood groups, will get to attend classes for at least a day, thus enabling all 46 lakh women to attend the programme by the end of the initiative.

On October 1, on the day of launch, four lakh women attended classes held in 870 schools across the state. The students' names will be displayed in front of the classrooms.

Kudumbashree Mission's 19,470 area development societies and 1,070 community development societies are also involved in the "back to school" programme. At district level, there will be a 10-member team of resource persons to run the programme.

Faizal to remain Lakshadweep MP as SC stays Kerala HC order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

Faizal was disqualified as MP after the Kerala HC order

THE SUPREME Court on Monday stayed the Kerala High Court order which refused to suspend the conviction of Mohammed Faizal, the disqualified NCP MP from Lakshadweep, in an attempt to murder case.

Issuing notice on Faizal's appeal challenging the October 3 High Court order, the bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and Sanjay Karol directed that the Supreme Court's August 22 order by which the matter was remanded back to the High Court while allowing him to continue as an MP will become operational.

This means that Faizal, who was disqualified as MP following the High Court order, will remain MP during the pendency of the appeal before the Supreme Court. For Faizal, senior advocate Kapil Sibal argued that it was a fight between the Congress and NCP workers and that the witnesses were all Congress workers and no independent witnesses. He contended that there was no weapon of offence in the FIR initially but it was introduced later. Sibal pointed out that Faizal's tenure would end in May 2024 and the seat should not be allowed to go unrepresented.

Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj, who appeared for the Union Territory administration, urged the court not to grant any interim relief.

On January 11 this year, a Kavaratti sessions court sentenced Faizal and three others to 10 years in jail and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on each of them for attempting to kill Mohammed Salih, son-in-law of the late Congress leader and former Union minister P M Sayeed, during the 2009 Lok Sabha polls. Two days later, the LS Secretariat notified Faizal's disqualification as an MP under the Representation of the People Act.

On January 25, the Kerala High Court suspended Faizal's conviction and sentencing, noting that the Lok Sabha elections were only one-and-a-half years away and a bypoll at this juncture would lead to wasteful expenditure.

The Union Territory of Lakshadweep and the man whom Faizal was held guilty of attempting to kill appealed against the High Court order and it was heard by a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan on August 22. The bench raised doubts over the High Court suspending the conviction only on the grounds of the prospect of elections. It said the High Court had not considered the true position of law concerning how an application for a stay on conviction must be considered.

It set aside the August 22 order "on this short ground alone" and remitted the matter back to the High Court, which on October 3 refused to suspend his conviction.

RTI PLEA BY SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY

Delhi High Court seeks Centre's response on Chinese incursions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE DELHI High Court on Monday sought the Centre's stand on a plea by former Rajya Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy seeking information under the Right to Information Act on Chinese incursions into the Indian territory.

A single-judge bench of Justice Subramonium Prasad sought response from the respondents, including the Ministry of Home Affairs, and listed the matter for hearing in January 2024.

The plea states that on November 10, 2022, Swamy filed an RTI application with the MHA seeking information on the number of times and dates on which the Chinese military made illegal incursions into the Indian territory across the mutually agreed upon Line of Actual Control (LAC) between the two countries since 1996.

Among other points, the RTI plea sought information on the extent of India's sovereign land, which has been "ceded" to China due to creation of "no man's land" across the mutually agreed upon LAC in 1996.

The RTI application was transferred between various departments which continued even after the expiry of the timeline for receiving the reply to the plea. Thereafter, he moved a first appeal on January 12, which was also transferred between various departments without effective resolution. He filed a second appeal in March with the Central Information Commission (CIC).

"Shortly after the second appeal was registered, the petitioner sent a letter to the CIC, requesting him to hear the second appeal expeditiously, vide letter dated March 27, 2023. The petitioner never received a response [to the letter]. The second appeal is pending with the respondent number 1 till date, without having been heard even once," the plea states.

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Sheikhpura, Patna-14. EPBX:0612-2297099/2297631, Website: www.igims.org

Tender Notice

Urgent Short Re-Tender Notice No : 11 /2023-2024/IGIMS/Store

Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna invites bids from eligible and qualified manufacturers or their authorized distributors / agents for supply, installation and commissioning of equipments for the department of Pathology, G.I. Surgery and Neurosurgery.

The last date of submission of bidding document along with EMD and Tender documents fee is 20.10.2023 up to 4:00 P.M. The technical bids will be opened on 21.10.2023 at 1:00 P.M.

Details of terms and conditions can be seen and downloaded from Institute Website: www.igims.org .

The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly visit www.igims.org for Corrigendum / amendments etc., if any. It will be notified on these portals only and no separate advertisement will be made.

Director, I.G.I.M.S. - Patna

King George Medical University U.P. Lucknow

Ref. No. GEM/2023/B/4058754 Date: 09.10.2023

Custom Bid Inviting Notice

Custom Bid is invited on Gem portal under 02 bid System (technical & Financial) for the Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Otis Make 06 Nos Passenger Lifts for the period of 3 Year's installed at Kalam Center Building King George Medical University U.P Lucknow, their OEM or authorized Indian/Service Provider/Any Capable Elevator service provider can apply on the terms and condition as per custom Bid documents. Short details can be viewed at kgmu.org & GeM portal also.

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TENDER NOTICE

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Bihar State Milk Cooperative Federation Ltd. (COMFED) invites bids from reputed dairy plant owners situated in the **radius of 125 km of Delhi** for processing, packaging of pouch milk & production of milk products for **catering to Delhi – NCR market.**

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Particulars	Scheduled Date & Time
Tender Documents availability	10.10.2023 & onwards
Tender Bid Queries through E-mail by Bidder	10.10.2023 to 17.10.2023
Pre-Bid Meeting at COMFED	18.10.2023
Final Tender Document Upload by COMFED with amendment if any.	19.10.2023
Last Tender Submission Date for Bidder	31.10.2023 latest by 5.30 P.M.
Technical Bid Opening Date	01.11.2023 at 11.00 A.M.

The detailed terms and conditions and operational requirements containing in tender bid document are available on COMFED website: **www.sudha.coop**.

The undersigned reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons. For all legal matters & disputes Patna court will be our jurisdiction.

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3.	Estimated cost	:-	Rs. 469.36 Lakh
4.	Period of completion	:-	2 (Two) Months.
5.	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal	:-	From 11.00 AM of Dt. 05.10.2023 to 5.00 PM of 16.10.2023
6.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	:-	5.00 PM of 16.10.2023.
7.	Date & time of opening of technical bids	:-	12.30 PM of 17.10.2023.
8.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:-	CEO, WATCO Telefax:- 0674-2391444. **E-mail-** ceowatcoodisha@gmail.com md@watcoodisha.in
9.	The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only.		

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Delhi Police summons Gehlot's OSD in phone-tapping case

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 9

Lokesh Sharma

The Delhi Police have summoned Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Lokesh Sharma for questioning Tuesday in connection with the phone-tapping FIR based on Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat's complaint in March 2021.

With the summons coming within a couple of hours of the Model Code of Conduct coming into force, sources close to Sharma questioned its timing, saying, "It seems they were waiting for the MCC to kick in." The matter has already been listed before the Delhi High Court for October 11.

Sharma, who was recently appointed as one of the three co-chairpersons of Congress's Central War Room for Rajasthan elections in Jaipur, has been asked to appear before the Crime Branch police station in Rohini at 11 am. The Delhi Police are learnt to have said that non-compliance with the notice might lead to his arrest. He is also seeking a ticket from Bikaner West, where minister BD Kallathe is the incumbent MLA.

Shekhawat in his complaint accused Sharma and others of criminal conspiracy and "unlawfully intercepting telegraphic signals (telephonic conversation)". An FIR was filed under IPC sections 409, and 120 read with sections of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and the IT Act, 2000.

The Delhi Police have issued several summons to Sharma in connection with the case, and he has appeared four times, and faced interrogations of around 20 hours in total.

Last time, the Delhi Police questioned him on March 20 this year for 9 hours. Sharma has denied recording any phone calls, and claimed that he had come across the audio clips on social media, and shared them when he heard that "the persons in the audio clips are planning to topple a democratically elected government".

In 2020, an audio tape leak allegedly involving one Gajendra Singh, Sanjay Jain, as well as Congress MLAs Bhanwarlal Sharma and Vishvendra Singh led to a political crisis in Rajasthan.

FIRST LEVEL CHECKING OF EVMs

SC rejects plea challenging Delhi High Court order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE SUPREME Court on Monday junked a plea seeking disclosure of the Unique Identity Number of EVMs to be used in the Lok Sabha elections for First Level Checking (FLC) of the machines, saying "the process (FLC) is very detailed, parties have faith in it" and "it's been replicated across India".

A three-judge bench presided by CJI DY Chandrachud was hearing the petition by Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee chief Anil Choudhary challenging the Delhi High Court order dismissing his plea. The bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, however, pointed out that the appellant had not participated in the FLC process despite being invited. "We don't want to enter into it. This will completely delay the election schedule," said CJI Chandrachud.

The counsel appearing for Choudhary contended, "So far as time constraint is concerned, the rule provides that the FLC process should be complete at least 90 days prior to the election... They say they have done it for Delhi, Jharkhand, and Kerala. For other states, it has not even commenced."

Choudhary said the Election Commission (EC) had conveyed to him "in July that they are starting and asked me to come and join". "I tell them I am willing to join but please give me unique identity numbers of all machines (Electronic Voting Machines). They gave it after the FLC. I say give me the number ahead of the FLC," he said.

The counsel submitted that "no parties joined (in the FLC). It is the Congress which came forward and said we are willing to join. There is no communication from any other party".

The CJI said, "Possibly the fact that other parties, as you said, didn't join is an indicator that there is faith in the outcome."

The counsel said, "These machines are dispensed either from the Electronics Corporation of India or Bharat Electronics... When these machines are dispensed... they prepare the UIN of each machine. While dispatching, the UIN of each of these machines is sent along with the despatch."

"What happens on the way we do not know. Machines are received in the godowns here in Delhi. While receiving, the EC doesn't tally the numbers that are sent and what is received. Then they bring these machines to the FLC hall. What they expect us to do is to participate and then in the end they will supply the UIN," said the counsel. "When it's done for other states, you can participate... We are not casting any cloud on that process. The process is very detailed…Parties have faith in it," the CJI said.

Atiq Ahmed's sister gets custody of his two minor sons

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 9

THE CUSTODY of two minor sons of gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed was handed over to their aunt on Monday following a directive from Prayagraj's Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

Ahmed's two sons have been at the Children Protection Home in Prayagraj since March 2 following the murder of Umesh Pal in which his father and elder brothers were accused.

While father Atiq Ahmed was shot dead under police escort on April 15 while on the way to a hospital for a medical test, mother Shaista Parveen, an accused in the Umesh Pal murder, is on the run.

District Probation Officer (Prayagraj) Sarvajeet Singh said that on the CWC's direction, the custody of Ahmed's minor sons has been given to their aunt (Ahmed's sister) Parveen Ahmed.

Following the murder of Umesh Pal, Shaista Parveen had filed an application in a Prayagraj court alleging that police had "illegally" detained her two minor sons on February 24 evening.

Prayagraj police told the court that the two minors were sent to a child protection home on March 2 after they found them in the Chakia Kasari Masari area.

Minor abducted, raped in Rajkot; three neighbours arrested: Cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RAJKOT, OCTOBER 9

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD girl, who was found dead in Bhaktinagar Railway Yard in Rajkot on Saturday, was gang-raped and murdered by three men who were her neighbours, police said on Monday. The three accused have been arrested.

While she was playing outside Friday evening, one of the accused lured the girl to bushes where two others were waiting, said the police.

The three men raped her, and then killed her by hitting her with stones in the head, Vidhi Chaudhary, Additional Commissioner of Police told reporters.

She said the accused hail from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, aged 24, 25 and 38.

Two of them were working in a factory in Rajkot while the other one was a casual labourer.

The girl's body was found near Bhaktinagar railway station on Saturday. **WITH PTI INPUTS**

Domestic services now available on UP govt app

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 9

EVEN AS several companies with online presence provide a range of domestic services and skilled professionals, the Uttar Pradesh government's department of labour and employment has now rolled out 'Sewa Mitra' services in urban as well as rural areas across all 75 districts.

People can avail themselves of the services by logging on the 'Sewa Mitra' portal, installing the Sewa Mitra mobile application or simply making a call on a helpline number.

The 'Sewa Mitra' initiative provides professionals at home and offices and the list of services are available on the portal, app and conveyed by the helpline executive. Apart from the various domestic services, it also provides doctor on call, nursing help and service of priests for religious rituals.

According to the department, the 'Sewa Mitra' promises having registered over 788 service providers and over 4,076 professionals providing over 3,500 services.

Using the mobile app, the user can search for the required service professional based on geolocation and the app would suggest the professional available within 5 km. The portal gives options of service providers along with the price.

The initiative was planned at government level when thousands of labourers and professionals had returned from different states to their native places during the first wave of Covid-19 and they had no jobs here. The Sewa Mitra service was launched to generate employment opportunities and engage skilled and semi-skilled workers in day's work jobs. The service was initially started on a trial basis in 25 districts.

Director, training & employment directorate, labour department, Kunal Silku, said, "The services are divided into two categories -project work and day work. Project works take time while there are jobs which are completed in a day. There are skilled workers who are attached with agencies registered while we also get workers trained under government's 'Kaushal Vikas Mission'."

No sleeveless attire, ripped jeans at Puri temple: Committee

SUJIT BISOYI
BHUBANESWAR, OCTOBER 9

DEVOTEES WEARING ripped jeans, half pants and sleeveless will not be allowed to enter the Puri Jagannath Temple. The Niti sub-committee, the highest-decision making body for rituals of the 12th century shrine, took a unanimous decision Monday. The rule will come into force before next year.

The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) requested the devotees to wear decent attire during their temple visit. Official sources said the SJTA will now make the devotees aware about the new rule. "Many times, it has been seen that devotees do not wear decent attire while visiting the temple. It denigrates the temple's dignity…it also harms the religious sentiments of the place," said Ranjan Das, the temple's chief administrator, adding that children aged below 12 can wear half-pants.

Stating that every religion has such rules, including that of wearing decent attire while visiting their respective religious places, the SJTA chief administrator said they also need to protect the dignity of the shrine.

The Jagannath Temple Police and Pratihari servitors will check if the devotees are following the rule, said SJTA sources.

In October 2021, the SJTA had made the dress code compulsory for the servitors of the temple while offering puja.

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Govt. of India
Office of the Director and Medical Superintendent,
ABVIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi

Subject: Recruitment for 30 posts of Assistant Professor on contract basis through walk-in-interview in various departments of this Institute/Hospital.

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Dr. (Prof. Ajay Shukla)
Director and Medical Superintendent
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71 booked, 1 held after stone pelting outside mosque in Hazaribagh

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, OCTOBER 9

Hazaribagh Police have named 71 persons as accused in an FIR and arrested one of them in connection with a stone pelting incident Sunday night after "objectionable slogans" were raised outside a mosque in Katkamsandi area, injuring three.

Around 8.30 pm, the police said that a group of people returning in a bus from a VHP event in Ranchi raised "objectionable slogans" in front of Pelawal Mosque near Katkamsandi area of Hazaribagh that was met with stone-throwing by local residents. Police said that members of both communities have been booked. The injured were taken to the Sadar Hospital, the police said.

Hazaribagh Headquarters Deputy Superintendent of Police Rajiv Kumar told The Indian Express, "Seventy-one people from both the communities have been named in the FIR and one person has been arrested so far."

Hazaribagh SP Manoj Ratan Chothe told *The Indian Express* that the incident unfolded in front of a police patrolling team, which was in the vicinity. "The bus passengers were returning from Vishwa Hindu Parishad's Shaurya Yatra in Ranchi. It seems they were VHP workers and also from other outfits. Around 8.30 pm, they stopped the bus in front of the mosque and started raising objectionable slogans, after which the locals reacted and started pelting stones at the bus. Three people have been injured," Chothe said.

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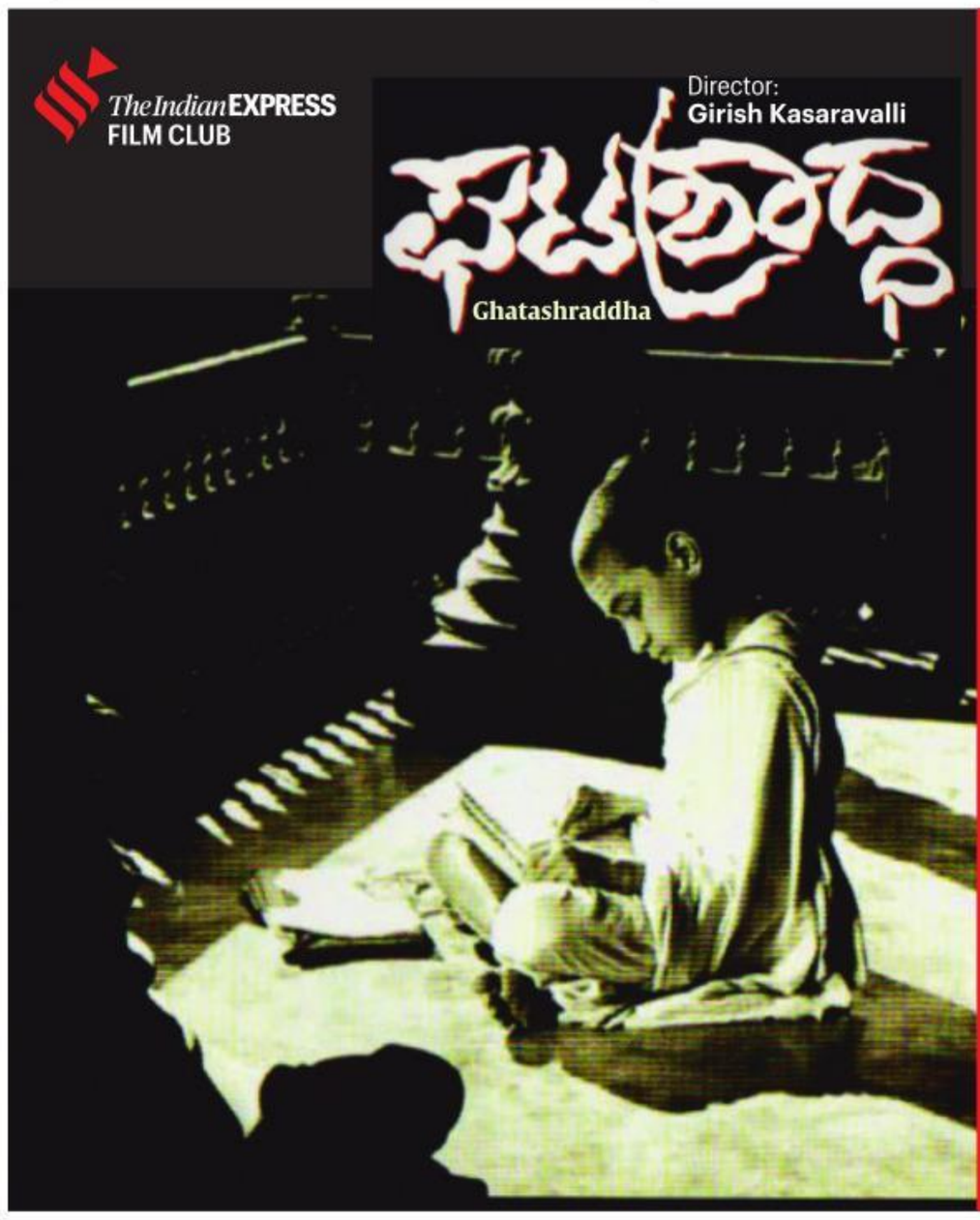

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AMU: 4 booked for marching in support of Palestine

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ALIGARH, OCTOBER 9

ALIGARH POLICE on Monday lodged a case against four AMU students for taking out a protest march on the campus to express solidarity with Palestinians, a senior officer said.

SP City R Shekhar Pathak in a statement said police have booked several students in the matter only four of whom are named. The protestors had not taken any prior permission for their march. The FIR says the students marched in "support" of a "terrorist group." Aatif, Khalid, Kaamran, and Naved Chaudhry are the four students named in the FIR, he said.

500 metres from Ironman finish line in Goa, man collapses, dies a day later

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
PANAJI, OCTOBER 9

A 26-YEAR-OLD working as an associate manager at a multinational company died a day after he collapsed during a triathlon endurance race on Sunday.

Police said Kamakhya Siddharth, who hailed from Ranchi, was participating in the individual category of Ironman 70.3 Goa – a triathlon endurance race that involves a 1.2 mile swim, a 56-mile cycling ride and a 13.1-mile run. The race, which has participants from over 50 countries, was flagged off by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Sunday morning.

Siddharth, who worked in the technology strategy sector, died of multiple organ failure at a private hospital on Monday.

Kamakhya Siddharth, *ENS*

In a statement on their Facebook page, Ironman 70.3 Goa wrote, "We are saddened to confirm the passing of a race participant during Sunday's triathlon. At approximately 500 metres from the finish on the run portion of the race, the athlete required medical assistance. Emergency medical personnel and an ambulance positioned on the run course for the event provided immediate medical support before transporting the athlete to a nearby hospital, where they sadly passed away today".

"We appreciate the quick work of onsite safety personnel and first responders to provide the athlete with medical support. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the athlete's family and friends, whom we will continue to offer our support," the statement added.

A police officer, requesting anonymity, said: "As per preliminary information, he died of multiple organ failure on Monday afternoon. His family has not filed a complaint so far."

Police said that in the days leading up to the race, Kamakhya had taken some training in Goa in open waters for swimming.

On his social media profiles, he described himself as an adrenaline junkie, a mountaineer, traveller and a "triathlete under training". In the past few weeks, he had been documenting training routines for the race on his Instagram account. He had completed a half-marathon earlier this year in Ranchi.

Police said that after completing his schooling from Ranchi, he pursued engineering, before moving to Gurgaon for a job at a consulting firm in 2019.

Appointment of Manipur HC CJ to be notified soon, Centre tells apex court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE CENTRE on Monday told the Supreme Court that the notification for appointment of a new Chief Justice of Manipur High Court will be issued shortly.

The government told a bench of Justices S K Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia that the file has been cleared and the rest of the process will follow soon.

The bench was hearing two petitions filed by the Advocates Association, Bengaluru, and another by an NGO seeking contempt of court proceedings against the Centre for alleged delay in deciding on the recommendations of the Supreme Court Collegium in the matter of appointment and transfer of judges.

Hearing the matter on September 26, the apex court had flagged its concerns over pendency of the recommendations, including the one on July 6 to appoint Delhi High Court judge Justice Siddharth Mridul as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.

On Monday, Attorney General R Venkataramani submitted a note to the court which said that 14 of the 26 pending files for transfer of High Court judges have been cleared while the rest are being processed.

Justice Kaul said the Law Ministry had forwarded to the Supreme Court Collegium names sent by the High Court Collegium, adding: "So in that respect there is no pendency. So far as CJ of Manipur HC is concerned, they said they will shortly issue a notice. So far as transfer is concerned, they have sought some time."

He said that 70 names pending before the ministry starting from November 2022 have landed before the collegium. "We are processing them and will try to finish them before October vacation. Will have to speak with consultee judges," he said.

Justice Kaul said the government may have reservations on some of the names which are then examined and processed by the Supreme Court Collegium. Where the government has raised an objection and the Collegium overrules it, the government has a right to send it back, he said. "If the names have been sent back but the names have been reiterated, then appointment must take place," he said.

Senior Advocate Arvind P Datar and Advocate Prashanth Bhushan, appearing for the petitioners, suggested that the court should treat reiterated names as deemed appointments.

But the court said that the AG won't be able to convince the government to do that and added that there are bound to be practical complications as well. "How does a deemed appointment work? There has to be notification to be issued by the Government of India. There are practical complications," he said.

The court will now hear the matter on October 20.

More troops, gear for Sikkim search op, focus on restoring connectivity

AMRITA NAYAK
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE ARMED Forces Monday continued search operations for 105 missing people in the debris in the aftermath of the devastating flash floods in Sikkim last week. So far, 34 bodies, including those of 10 army jawans, have been recovered.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has already deployed Garud commandos, and bolstered the search operation with Chinook and MI 17 V5 helicopters with communication gears, fuel, medicines, and search and rescue equipment.

The helicopters are ready to transport stranded tourists and locals to safer locations when the weather conditions improve, IAF's Eastern Air Command posted on X.

Army's Trishakti Corps is carrying out operations to restore connectivity in villages in Sikkim as a defence spokesperson statement said, "The operations are focussing on restoring connectivity to north Sikkim through Chungthang, which was the worst-affected during the devastating flood." Air evacuation of tourists has already started on Monday.

Tourists evacuated by the Indian Air Force from flood-affected Lachung arrive at Pakyong Airport, near Gangtok on Monday. *PTI*

The statement added that the troops have reached the isolated village of Rabom, North West of Chungthang, and are in the process of rescuing 150-200 civilians.

All tourists and locals in the areas of Chaten, Lachen, Lachung and Thangu in North Sikkim have been accounted for, and a list of 2,000 tourists including 63 foreign nationals has been compiled. The statement also said that a log bridge over Lachen Chu connecting Chungthang to Pegong has been completed by Army troops along with ITBP and locals. "Efforts are underway to restore OFC based communication till Lachung and Lachen after which the BTS of BSNL can start working and mobile communication will be restored in north Sikkim," the statement added.

Shah to NCDC: Set Rs 1L crore disbursement target yearly

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THE NATIONAL Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) should set a target of achieving Rs 1 lakh crore yearly disbursement in the next 3 years along with targets for every quarter, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Monday, while addressing the 89th General Council meeting of the NCDC.

As per an official statement, Shah also said that NCDC should explore avenues for borrowing at lower rates and lend to the cooperative sector at low interest rate.

"The initiatives aimed towards ease of doing business include computerization of PACS, model bye laws, widening the functioning of PACS to undertake more than 30 business activities like dairy, setting up of godowns, LPG/Petrol/Green energy distribution agency, banking correspondents, PACS can provide more than 300 services as Common Service Centres and preparation of an updated data repository of cooperatives," the statement said.

Manipur video shows man on fire; same day as stripping incident: Police

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 9

A VIDEO showing a man's body set on fire in Manipur dates back to May 4, a day after ethnic clashes broke out in the state, and is part of the same violence during which mobs stripped and sexually assaulted three Kuki-Zomi women, police have told *The Indian Express*.

The seven-second video started doing the rounds on social media and WhatsApp on the evening of October 8. It shows a man in a black shirt and camouflage print pants lying motionless outdoors, with wounds on his face and his body on fire. Voices of several people speaking in Manipuri can be heard – though their faces cannot be seen and only two pairs of legs appear in the frame – asking that no photos or videos be taken. Loud gunshot-like sounds can be heard in the background.

The incident took place under the jurisdiction of Nongpok Sekmai police station in the Meitei-dominated Thoubal district, a police official said. Police also said that an FIR had been registered in connection with the case at the time, and the victim was identified as 37-year-old Laldenthanga Khongsai, a resident of Haokhongching village in Kuki-Zomi-dominated Kangpokpi district.

On Monday, Kuldiep Singh, security advisor to the Chief Minister, said that the case has been handed over to the CBI and that Khongsai's body is currently at the morgue at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal East.

In July, a video had surfaced showing two women from the Kuki-Zomi community being paraded naked by a mob of men and being sexually assaulted, drawing widespread outrage across the country. That incident too had taken place in Thoubal district on May 4, under the jurisdiction of Nongpok Sekmai police station. A senior Manipur police official said the video of the man being burned is from the same series of violent incidents that had gripped that region that day. Police had arrested seven people in connection with the incident of women being stripped.

Ethnic strife had gripped Manipur on May 3, starting in an area at the border of Kuki-Zomi dominated Churachandpur district and Meitei-dominated Bishnupur district and quickly spreading to other parts of the state. On May 4, a mob went on a rampage in this area of Thoubal following rumours of the rape of Meitei nurses in Churachandpur Medical College, which then DGP P Doungel had on May 5 stated were fake.

While internet services have been either completely or partially suspended in Manipur since May 3 – apart from a brief three day window between September 23 and 26 during which mobile internet services had been restored – photos and videos throwing light on crimes committed during the course of the conflict have been surfacing at regular intervals, keeping the state on the boil.

The video showing the assault of the two Kuki-Zomi women surfaced on July 18, prompting Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make a public statement on the conflict. The Opposition had also introduced a no-confidence motion against the central government in the Parliament.

On September 25, two photographs emerged that confirmed that two Meitei youngsters who had gone missing on July 6 had been killed.

The photographs set off protests in the state's Meitei-dominated valley areas, and in clashes with security forces, multiple students received serious injuries. Four people were eventually arrested in connection with the death of the two students. In both cases, it was only after the images surfaced that law enforcement authorities took action against the accused.

Uttarakhand: Day after illegal madrasa shut, CM orders inspection of all

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 9

A DAY after an illegal madrasa was shut down in Uttarakhand's Nainital district after 24 children there were allegedly found living under deplorable conditions, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Monday took cognizance of the incident and directed the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Home, to immediately start an inspection all madrasas running in the state.

Dhami issued a statement that immediate legal action is to be taken wherever any "unethical work" is being carried out. The home department has issued instructions to all the District Magistrates on this matter.

On Sunday, acting on a complaint lodged by a parent of a child studying at the Nainital madrasa, a team formed by the district administration searched the premises and shut it down. The children living there were allegedly found to be living under unhygienic conditions, with no medical facility. According to the district administration, some of the children accused the madrasa chairman's son of "misbehaving with them, touching them inappropriately, and beating them up".

Haldwani City Magistrate Richa Singh said the madrasa had been running since 2010 but was not officially registered. After the findings, an FIR was registered under relevant sections of the IPC, Juvenile Justice Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against the madrasa owner and his son.

The madrasa owner denied the allegations and said they were providing good education and living conditions to the children, but some of them might have lodged complaints. "We change their beds every year, we boil the drinking water. The allegations of children being beaten up are false. We provide medical treatment to children," he said.

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TO HOLD 4,000 NIGHT CHAUPALS IN TWO MONTHS

UP Cong launches Dalit outreach with Kanshi Ram as campaign face

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 9

THE UTTAR Pradesh unit of the Congress on Monday launched its Dalit outreach campaign - "Dalit Gaurav Samvad" – on the occasion of BSP founded Kanshi Ram's death anniversary. The nearly two-month-long campaign, which will conclude on November 26, is aimed at knowing the demands and aspirations of the Dalit community through "Dalit Adhikar Mang Patra".

The party plans to hold 4,000 night chaupals (10 in every Assembly segment), 10 yatras at the divisional level, and at least 80 big dialogues (one in each Lok Sabha constituency) as part of the campaign aimed at holding direct dialogues with at least one lakh prominent Dalit personalities.

The target of the campaign is also to distribute at least two lakh Dalit Adhikar Mang Patra in which people from the Dalit community would be asked to fill in their five top demands. To monitor the campaign, the party has set up a separate control room along with a separate social media team.

Uttar Pradesh Congress president Ajay Rai and other leaders pay tribute to Kanshi Ram, in Lucknow on Monday. *Express*

Launching the campaign at the party's Lucknow office, state Congress president Ajay Rai paid tribute to Kanshi Ram and said that the BSP did not do what it should have done for the Dalits. "Because of them (BSP) Kanshi Ram is being forgotten, Kanshi Ram ji was a leader of a movement and we are going to remember him at every step of this campaign" Rai said.

Omar: EC taking directions from BJP to delay J&K Assembly polls

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 9

A DAY after the National Conference emerged as the single largest party in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) polls for Kargil, party vice-president Omar Abdullah blamed the Centre as well as the Election Commission of India for delaying J&K polls.

Referring to CEC Rajiv Kumar's statement at a press conference on Monday where he remarked J&K elections will be considered "at an appropriate time", Omar said, "It is unfortunate that even today, they are saying that they need to consider other factors. I want to ask them what are these factors? We feel that there is only one factor, which is fear." Abdullah said that the BJP was earlier hiding behind the Raj Bhawan and is now using the EC as a shield. "Instead of taking their decisions independently, the EC is taking directions from the BJP," he said.

Abdullah also questioned the state of security in J&K and said, "Since August 5, 2019 it has been projected that the situation has turned around in Kashmir. If this is true, then let us know what are the factors responsible for denying the people of J&K their democratic right to a government."

SC to hear Sharad Pawar faction's plea for action against rebels on Oct 13

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THE SUPREME Court will hear on October 13 a plea by Jayant Patil of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction headed by Sharad Pawar, challenging the alleged delay by Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar in deciding petitions seeking disqualification of rival faction MLAs led by Ajit Pawar.

Issuing notice on the plea, a three-judge bench presided by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud decided to tag it with similar pending petitions by the Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thackeray faction seeking disqualification of rebel MLAs of the Sena faction led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Ajit Pawar faction, told the bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, that the disqualification petitions were filed only in September and the petitioners were then rushing to the Supreme Court.

Countering this, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Patil, however, said it was filed in July. Rohatgi argued that the facts of the present matter are entirely different from the Shiv Sena matter.

In July, Sharad Pawar-led camp filed disqualification petitions in the Assembly against 40 legislators for anti-party activities after Ajit Pawar split the party and joined the coalition government in the state as the chief minister.

DISPUTE OVER NCP NAME : EC SETS NEXT HEARING ON NOV 9

New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) on Monday heard the claims of the Ajit Pawar-led faction of the NCP over its claim on the party's name and poll symbol, even as the Sharad Pawar-led group contended that there were discrepancies in the documents submitted by its rival.

The EC fixed November 9 as the next date for hearing the warring factions of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) led by Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar over their claims to the party's name and election symbol. **PTI**

Kerala caregiver in Israel was on call with husband when got injured

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 9

AN INDIAN caregiver in Israel sustained injuries after an airstrike in Ashkelon, a coastal city in the southern part of the country Saturday.

Sheeja Anand, 41, a native of Kerala's Kannur district, sustained injuries when a missile hit the courtyard of the house, where she was working as a caregiver. Sheeja, who has been a caregiver over the last seven years, is out of danger, said her family members in Kannur.

Sheeja's sister Shiji said, "The incident happened when she was on a video call with her husband, Anand. During the call, she indicated that there could be an air strike. Anand cautioned her. Suddenly, the call was disconnected with an alarming sound in the background, leaving us in a state of panic. On Sunday, her colleagues told us she was injured in the missile strike," said Shiji.

Amal Geroge, an Indian caregiver in Ashkelon over the last two years, said those in the coastal regions have only six seconds to rush into a bunker after the siren goes off. "Sheeja sustained multiple injuries from the missile strike, but had a miraculous escape. She has undergone an emergency surgery at a hospital in Ashkelon. Her employer, an elderly woman, also sustained minor injuries," he said.

Amal said sirens were repeatedly heard on Monday afternoon as missiles pounded Ashkelon, one of the most vulnerable cities. "Although we are used to missile attacks, such a magnitude has never been seen before. What worries us are the infiltrators, who killed hundreds of people. Local employers are reassuring us that the conflict will be over in a few days," he said.

Expatriates said normal life prevailed during the earlier bouts of conflicts in recent years. But the situation is now different because of massive casualties as people remain confined to homes or have to spend hours locked inside the bunkers. In Gaza, the situation is grim on the third day. "At least 200 caregivers in Gaza are from Kerala. We were getting some distress messages from Gaza, where the military has taken control. They are facing problems of supply and communication," said Arun K, who runs a business in Tel Aviv.

India gave me birth, Israel gave me life: Udupi nurse

KIRAN PARASHAR
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 9

IT WAS around 8.30 pm in Israel on October 7 and nurse Prameela Prabhu, 41, had just finished dinner at her home in Tel Aviv-Yafo when she heard the emergency siren blaring through the night.

She immediately rushed to the bunker situated in the basement of her apartment complex. Since the violent conflict erupted between Hamas and Israel on Saturday, she has done so thrice.

A native of Udupi district in Karnataka, Prameela has been working in Israel for six years and says she has never seen the violence escalate so much.

"I live in Tel Aviv-Yafo which is the least affected in this war. However, there were bombings on Saturday as close as one kilometre from my place. Every house, commercial and government establishment here has bunkers and you can find it in public places as well. Once the siren turns on, there will be bombings in 15-20 seconds and we will need to get into bunkers," she tells *The Indian Express* over the phone.

Prameela Prabhu

Israel and the Gaza strip have been reeling under incessant strikes since the militant group Hamas launched the biggest attack on the Jewish land in decades. Over 1,100 people have already been killed on both sides.

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We,Subir Mukherjee(self-Father),Renu Mukherjee(Mother)and Deeptanshu Mukherjee(younger-son)R/o-A719,Gaur Green-Vista,Nyaykhand-1,Indirapuram Ghaziabad,have changed our name to Subir Shyamal Mukherjee (self-Father), Renu Subir Mukherjee(Mother) and Deeptanshu Subir Mukherjee (younger-son),for all,future purposes. 0040692892-10

We Amit Pal,S/o Late Sh. Shanil Kumar Pal and Shilpa Arora,W/o Amit Pal,R/o-114,West,Mukherjee,Nagar-Delhi-110009,have,changed our minor-daughter's name HUMISHA to HUMEISHA,for all purposes. 0040692882-7

I,hitherto known as Yugraj,S/O Mahender Singh,R/O.H.No-B-22-Z,DDA-Flats, Jahangir Puri,N S Mandi, North,West Delhi-110033,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Yugraj Singh. 0040692883-8

I,hitherto known as Ajay Sarshar,S/o Rajpal Sarshar,R/o L-59,Shakur Pur,Anand Vas, Saraswati Vihar,North West-Delhi,Delhi-110034,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ajay Chaudhary. 0040692914-8

I,Yasmeen Anas W/O Mohd Anas,R/o,H.NO-11614,Gali No-10, Subhash Park Extn. Shahadara, Delhi-110032.have changed my name to YASMEEN.Permanently.

0040692892-9

I,Vimlesh W/o Om Prakash R/o-A-2/33 Sector-5,Rohini Delhi-110085,inform that my name BIMLESH and VIMLESH is same and one person.

0040692888-1

I,Vijay S/o Suresh Kumar,R/o Village Baldi, Post Office Karan Lake,Karnal,Haryana-132001 have change my name to Vijay Nath. 0040692900-6

I,VARUN KUMAR SAINI,S/o VIRENDER KUMAR,ADD: 302/5,18,CIVIL-LINES,NEAR RAHI-GUEST HOUSE,ROORKEE, UTTARAKHAND-247667, changed my name to VARUN SAINI. 0040692900-3

I,USHA GOEL,W/O JAI PARKASH RESIDENT D-299,SECTOR-14,ROHINI,DELHI-110085,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO USHA.

0040692882-10

I,URMILA TOMAR alias URMILA,R/O C-601, GH-4, SECTOR-29,ROHINI DELHI-110042 HAVE CHANGEDMY NAME TO URMILA DEVI.

0040692904-7

I,TASNEEM KAUSER W/O NAFEES- AHMAD,R/o J-3/160 KRISHAN KUNJ PART 1.LAXMI-NAGAR,DELHI-92,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TASNEEM KAUSAR.

0040692884-4

I,Sunil Kumari,W/o Rajeev Kumar Nibhoria R/o-2203, Ist-Floor,Raja-Park,Shakur-Basti, Saraswati Vihar,Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Jyoti Nibhoria.

0040692885-7

I,Sunil Kumar Chhirang,S/o Indraj Chhirang R/o H.No 66,4Th floor,Sector-10,Gurgaon Haryana-122001,Have Changed my name to Sunil Kumar,for all Purposes.

0040692882-3

I,Subhash Chand,S/o Ram Kumar R/o-1285/439, 3rd-Floor west,Moti,Bagh Sarai,Rohilla Padam,Nagar Delhi-110007,have changed my name to Subhash Chander

0040692882-6

I,Sitaram S/o BAL RAM, R/o 292, IINd.Floor, Pkt.-18, Sector-24,Rohini, Delhi- 110085, have changed my name to Sitaram Chaurasia. 0040692884-7

I,Rajesh Kumar S/O Ram Dhan,Resident D-14/81,Sector-8,Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Rajesh Bhayana.

0040692892-5

I,Shabnam Parvin W/o Naseem Akthar R/o 12, Garhi Chaukhandi Sector-68, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Shabnam Begum for all future purposes.

0040692838-1

I,Satbir Singh/SatyabirSingh,S/O Mr Bhanwar Singh,R/o.RZ-7,H-block,Sangam Chowk, West Sagarpur,New Delhi-110046,Have changed my name toSatyavir Singh.

0040692883-5

I,SUNIL GOYAL,S/O-OM PRKASH GOEL,R/O-B-403-404 BLOCK-B MAJLIS-PARK ADARSH NAGAR, DELHI,North-West Delhi,110033,Delhi,CHANGED MY NAME TO SUNIL KUMAR GOEL,FOR ALL PURPOSE

0040692885-1

I,SUMIT S/O.ASHOK KUMAR,R/O.49/10, NEAR GEETA BHAWAN MANDIR,MEHAM, ROHATAK HARYANA-124112,have changed my name to SUMIT KUMAR.

0040692882-1

I,SHIVRAM GUPTA,S/o,SHITLA PRASAD R/O.D-166 TRIPATHI ENC,PREM NAGAR-II KIRARI-DELHI-86,INFORM THAT NAME OF MY-DAUGHTER HAS DEEN WRONGLY-WRITTEN AS DRISHTI IN HER SCHOOL RECORD-INSTEAD OF SRISHTI WHICH MAY BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.

0040692904-1

I,SHEKHAR S/O VINOD KUMAR SAINI,R/O F-93 PHASE-2 SECTOR-3,DWARKA DELHI 110075,have changed my name to SHEKHAR SAINI.

0040692885-2

I,SHAMBHU KUMAR JHA,S/O SHRI KAILASH CHAND JHA,R/O Y-2256, MANGOL PURI,NEW DELHI-110083,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHAMBHU JHA.

0040692883-3

I,SATENDER TOMAR alias SATENDER R/O C-601,GH-4,SECTOR-29,ROHINI DELHI - 110042 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SATENDER SINGH

0040692904-8

I,SALEEM BEG S/o MOHD BEG,R/o-727 PHATAK DHOBIYAN FARSH KHANA DELHI,have changed my name to MOHD SALEEM,for all purpose 0040692904-5

I,SAKSHI W/O HIMANSHU ARORA,R/O 190-191, IInd-FLOOR, POCKET- 3, SECTOR 25, ROHINI DELHI-110085,HAVE CHANGEDMY NAME TO SAKSHI ANAND. 0040692904-6

I,Raju S/o Sh.Bishamber Lal,R/o.H.No.D 18A,gali.No.3,Block-D, East vinod-Nagar, Patparganj,East Delhi-110091,Inform That Raju,and Raj Kumar both names are one and the same-person. 0040692885-4

I,Rajesh Kumar Khandelwal S/o S.N. Khandelwal R/o A-4/201, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Rajesh Khandelwal.

0040692885-3

I,RAJ BALA,W/O CHANDERJEET YADAV R/O D-3,SHANTI APARTMENT,SECTOR-13,ROHINI,DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MADHUBALA YADAV.

0040692884-8

I,Pushkar Singh Bhandari,S/O Dan Singh Bhandari,R/O House.No-288 DDA-Janta Flats Tigri,New Delhi-110062,Have Changed my name to Pushkar Bhandari,permanently.

0040692882-4

I,Promod Janveja,S/o Late Mr Narian Dass Janveja,R/o C-301,Kendriya-Vihar Sec-56 Gurgaon(Haryana)-122011,have changed my name to Promode Janveja,for all Purposes. 0040692882-2

I,Poonam W/o Harish Chand R/o-G-61,Gali No.16,Jagatpuri Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051,Have Changed My Name To Poonam Parmer.

0040692885-5

I,Parveen Begum W/O Mohd Asif R/o C-6/33,Gali.no-06,Kabir Nagar,Delhi-110094. have changed my name to SHAMA PARVEEN.Permanently.

0040692892-7

I,Rahul S/o Pale Ram,R/o Village Baldi,Post Office Karan Lake,Karnal,Haryana-132001 have change my name to Rahul Pal. 0040692900-7

I,Nipun Sharma S/o,R P Sharma R/o,C-15/4, SFS-Flats,Saket,New Delhi-110017,have changed my-minor daughter's name Meher Sharma to Mehher Sharma. aged-14-years. 0040692892-1

I,Nikhil S/o Prithvi Vermani R/o H.No. 385/28,Third-Floor,Gali.No.-7,Jyoti-Park, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001,have changed my name to Nikhil Vermani.

0040692884-6

I,Nidhi Verma,W/O Vijay Rohilla.R/O-885/27 Gali.no.2 dev nagar Sonipat Haryana have changed my name to Nidhi,for all purpose.

0040692914-2

I,Nasir Ahmed,S/O Abdul Qadeer,R/o H.No-725, Street No-29,Jafrabad,Delhi-110053.,have changed my name to NASEER AHMAD.Permanently.

0040692892-8

I,NAFEESH-AHAMAD S/O ANEES AHMAD R/OH-NO.J-3/160 KRISHAN KUNJ PART 1 LAXMI-NAGAR,DELHI-92,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NAFEES AHMAD. 0040692884-3

I,Mohammad Asif,S/O Mohammad Ilyas,R/o C-6/33,Gali.no-06,Kabir Nagar,Delhi-110094.have changed my name to MOHD ASIF. Permanently.

0040692892-6

I,Manoj Kumar Sharma,S/o Ganga Dutt Sharma,R/o WZ-15,Possangi Pur, Janakpuri,Delhi-110058,have changed my name to Manoj Kumar. 0040692900-8

I,Malthi Chopra,W/O:Rohit Chopra,R/0.75-A, EASTERN AVENUE,SAINIK FARMS,Deoli, Deoli,South Delhi,Delhi, 110062, have changed my name to Malathi Chopra. 0040692883-1

I,MOHD MURSALEEN QURESHI,House No.5957-5958 F/F,Basti Har Phool Singh, Sadar Thana Rod-Delhi-110006.have changed my-son's name,from NOMAN QURESHI to MOHD NOMAN,for all,future purposes. 0040692883-10

I,MOHD ISHAK,S/O.ZAHOOR KHAN, ADD-VILLAGE MALUKA (276),PALWAL HARYANA-121102, changed my name to MOHD ISHAQUE, for all future purposes. 0040692892-2

I,Ajay Kumar Arora, S/o Lt. Satish Kumar,resident of G-96 Apex Royal Apartment, NyayKhand 1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201014, hereby declare that my name is Ajay Kumar Arora and wherever it is written Ajay Arora/Ajay Kumar, it should be taken as Ajay Kumar Arora only for all future purposes.

0040692811-1

I,LEVI CARLON SINGH W/O YOGINDER SINGH,R/o V-12,Sector-12,Noida,Gautam Budh Nagar(UP)-201301,have changed my name to LEVI SINGH,for future purses.

0040692888-5

I,Kumud Rani,W/O Mr Satyavir SinghRZ-7,H-block,Sangam Chowk,West Sagarpur,New Delhi-110046,Have changed my name to Kumud Singh.

0040692883-4

I,Km Manju W/o Raj Kumar Sagar,R/o.H.No.82/5A,Sarvoda ya Nagar,Ghaziabad,UP,have changed my name to Manju Sagar,for all purposes.

0040692914-3

I,Karuna Shankar,S/O Sant Kumar Mishra,R/O-M.E.S Temple Arjun-Vihar Shastri-Bazar Delhi-Cantt,New-Delhi - 110010,Have Changed my name to Karuna Shankar Mishra,permanently.

0040692882-5

I,JAMPAL CHODON W/O DONGAK TENZIN,R/O BNO.94,GNO.6,DEKYILING TIBETAN COLONY,DEHRADUN-248001,have changed my name to GYAMPAL CHHUDON.

0040692883-6

I,JAI PARKASH GOEL,S/O DAULAT RAM RESIDENT D-299,SECTOR-14,ROHINI,DELHI-110085 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JAI PARKASH.

0040692882-9

I,Islamuddin S/o Nasruddin R/o 12, Garhi Chaukhandi Sector-68, Noida (U.P) have changed my name to Islahuddin for all future purposes.

0040692838-2

I,Honey Mohan Verma,S/o Rajender Kumar Verma,R/o House.No.97-98,BLK and PKT-E-21,Sector-3,Rohini,Delhi-110085,his son Ansh Verma's School-Records.his name is Honey Verma So Honey Verma and Honey Mohan are name as one and same-person.

0040692888-9

I,Hitherto Known As Deepa,D/o Jai Prakesh,W/o-Rajesh Jain,R/o-H.No.69,Street.No.10, East Azad-Nagar,Delhi-110051,Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Deepa Rajesh Jain.

0040692885-6

I,Harsh S/o Ramesh Kumar, R/o Plot in Kh. No.513, Near-Rajendra Apartment, Mahipalpur, South-West-Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Harsh Sehrawat.

0040692884-5

I,FAIZA alias FAIZA AHMER,W/O.AHMAR AMEER S/O AMIR AHMED,R/O.C-33 NIZAMUDDIN-EAST,NEW DELHI-110013,have changed my name,from FAIZA alias FAIZA AHMER to FAIZA AHMAR,for all purposes.

0040692904-3

I,Chandra Kala Devi W/o Om Prakash R/o C-1/103,Sanjay Enclave,near Veer,Bazar, Uttam Nagar,West Delhi, Delhi-110059 Have Changed my name to Long Shri 0040692888-2

I,Bhawna,D/o Parvinder,R/o Flat.No.112, 2nd-floor,C-Block,Sector-14 Near-Omaxe Galleria Bahadurgarh District-Jhajjar Haryana-1245 07,changed my name to Bhawna Yadav. 0040692884-2

I,BHAVDEEP SINGH,S/O BAHADUR SINGH SANDHU,H.NO-38,NEW GURUNANAK VIHAR NILOTHI EXTENTION-NANGLOI DELHI 110041,HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO BHAVDEEP SINGH SANDHU. 0040692900-2

I,BAHADUR SINGH,S/O GURBACHAN SINGH SANDHU,H.NO-38,NEW GURUNANAK-VIHAR NILOTHI EXTENTION NANGLOI, DELHI,110041,HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO BAHADUR SINGH SANDHU. 0040692900-1

I,Arvind kumar,S/O Late Shri Jai Mangal Singh,R/O B/270,3rd-Floor,Greater kailash -1,New-Delhi-110048,have changed my Minor Daughter name Arindma Rajey Singh to Arindma Raje Singh,permanently.

0040692884-1

I,Anushka Maloo D/o Sh. Mahendra Maloo W/o Sh. Himanshu Dhingra R/o A-2, 81-82, 3rd Floor, Rohini Sec-11, North West Delhi, Delhi -110085 have changed my name after marriage to Anushka Dhingra for all purposes.

0040692800-5

I,Anita Seth,W/o Gajendra Sharma,R/o M1/21 first-floor DLF phase-2,Gurgaon Haryana-122008,Have changed my name to Anita Sharma.

0040692888-4

I,Ajay Kumar Rohilla S/O Satyanarayan.R/O 27/885,Dev nagar Sonipat Haryana have changed my name to Ajay Rohilla,for all purpose.

0040692914-1

I,AJEET KUMAR JHA,S/O SHRI SHAMBHU JHA R/O Y-2256, MANGOL PURI,OUTERDELHI-110083,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AJEET JHA.

0040692882-8

I, REHMAN S/O MOHAMMAD KAYAMUDDIN R/O, 1849 IST FLOOR GALI PATTE WALI HAUZ SUIWALAN DARYA GANJ NEW DELHI 110002, have changed my name to INAMUR REHMAN Permanently. 0070867591-1

I, RAJESH BATRA S/o Kharati Lal, R/o H.No. 260/3, Mahajan Wali Gali, Panipat, Haryana-132103, inform that RAJESH BATRA & RAJESH KUMAR BATRA both are one and the same person

0040692801-1

I,AHMER AMEER,S/O AMIR AHMED,R/O C-33,NIZAMUDDIN EAST,NEW DELHI-110013,have changed my name,from AHMER AMEER to AHMAR AMEER for all purposes.

0040692904-2

I,AHMAR AMEER,S/O-AMIR AHMED,R/O.C-33,NIZAMUDDIN EAST NEW DELHI-110013,have changed my minor,SON name from OMAIRE alias OMAIR AHMER alias OMAIR AHMED to OMAIR AHMAR,for all purposes. 0040692904-4

I, hitherto known as MUKESH KUMAR alias MUKESH KASHYAP S/O LATE RAM PRASAD R/O C-207, NEW USHMANPUR, DELHI-110053 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MUKESH KASHYAP.

0070867602-1

I, Yasmin @Yaasmeen W/o Rais AHmed, R/o.1208, Gali-No.39/4, Jafrabad Delhi-110053 Have changed my name to Yasmeen.

0040692863-1

I, VK Ponnamma, W/O K Somasekharan, D/O Kochukunju Acharya, B-72A gali no-4, new jankipuri, uttam nagar west delhi-110059 has changed my name to Ponnamma Soman for all future purposes.

0070867564-1

I, Suman Agrawal & Suman Lata Agrawal W/o Rajesh Kumar Agrawal R/o 2617, Khati Khana, Hathras have changed my name to Suman Lata Agarwal.

0070867541-1

I, Shweta Kumari D/o Sh. Dharminder Sah R/o 643, Rangpuri Pahari, Isril Camp, Mahipalpur, South West Delhi, Delhi-110037, inform that shweta kumari and shweta both names are of one and same person. 0040692803-1

I, Shiv Kumar S/O Prem Raj Sharma, R/o H.NO-B-648, 20 Futa Road, Near Vivekanad School Meet Nagar, Shahdara North East Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sharwan Kumar Sharma.

0070867607-1

I, Sheebu s/o Mohammad Hassan r/o FF, K-53, New Mahavir Nagar, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to SHEEBU HASAN.

0040692828-1

I, Shahana W/o Irshad Ahmed Khan R/o 802, Tower-J4A, Sangwan Height, Rajnagar Ext. Ghaziabad have changed my name to Shahana Parveen.

0070867546-1

I, Saurabh Suman, S/O Krishna Bihari, R/o 76, 4th floor, DDA Site 1, M Block, New Rajendra Nagar, Shankar Road, Delhi 110060 aged 44 Yrs changed my Name from Sorabh Suman to Saurabh Suman

0070867597-1

I, Sanjay Kumar,S/o-Sh.Dalip Singh,R/O-H.No.98,Sector-5,Part-3, Gurugram, Haryana,have changed my,daughter's name from Kanishka to Kanishka joon,for all,future purposes.Beside this,I declare that name of mine and my,wife is wrongly-written as Sanjay & Manisha in Kanishka Joon's school,records.Actual name of mine and my,wife are Sanjay Kumar and Manisha Janghu,which needs to be corrected accordingly.

0040692900-5

I, SWARN KANTA W/O NO.1276265Z RANK ExHAV LALAT CHANDER BHARDWAJ R/O WP-104 PITAMPURA DELHI-88 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SWARAN BHARDWAJ VIDE AFFIDAVIT 9.10.23 BEFORE DELHI. 0070867601-1

I, Roshan S/O Dinesh Rai, R/o House No-17 Part- 2, Main Road Samta Vihar, Mukundpur, Libas Pur, Samai Pur, North West Delhi-110042, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Roshan Yadav. 0070867603-1

I, Ritesh Dua S/O Mukund Lal Dua, R/o F- 9, Rajouri Garden, West Delhi-110027 I have changed the name of my minor Son Ribhav Dua aged about 13 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Jayant Dua

0070867606-1

I, Rajni Mahindru W/O, Sanjay Roy R/o 132 Top Floor Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Supriya Roy for all purposes.

0070867614-1

I,Des Raj S/o Babu Ram Goyal,R/o-G-224, Second Floor,Preet Vihar,Delhi-110092,Have Changed My Name To Des Raj Goyal,For All Purposes. 0040692883-9

I, Rahis Ahmed S/o Wazir Ahmed R/o.1208, Gali-No.39/4, Jafrabad Delhi-110053 Have changed my name to Rais Ahmed. 0040692863-2

I, ANSH TOMAR S/O SATENDER SINGH R/O C-601,GH-4, SECTOR-29, ROHINI, DELHI-110042, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANSHUL TOMAR.

0040692904-9

I Piyush Chandelia S/o Sh. Devender Singh R/o-144, Pocket-16, Sector-3, Dwarka, N.S.I.T.,Dwarka, South West Delhi, Delhi -110078 have changed my name to Piyush Singh for all purposes.

0040692800-3

I,AVINASH SINGH S/o Sawarn Singh,R/o-WZ66/5,Manohar Nagar,vikas Puri,New Delhi-110018,have change my name to ABNASHA SINGH,for all future purposes

0040692814-2

I Surbhi Krishna w/o Jayant Krishna R/o 12032, ATS Pristine, Sector-150, Noida, G.B.Nagar, U.P-201301 have changed my name to Surbhi Datta for all future purposes.

0070867534-1

I Raju Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh R/o-J-220, Sardar Colony,Sector-16, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh for all purposes.

0040692800-4

I Priya Kaul D/o Late Sh. Rajender Prasad Kaul W/o Sh. Parveen Bhanderwal R/o E-4/120, ector-16, Rohini,Delhi - 110089 have changed my name to Priya for all purposes.

0040692800-6

I Manish Bhardwaj S/o Late Sh.Brij Bhushan R/o H.No.41/11, Sanjay Nagar, Gulabi Bagh, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Manish Kumar Bhardwaj for all purposes. 0040692800-2

I Mani Bhasin D/o Suraj Parkash Bhasin and W/o Satish Kumar Kalra R/o House No. J-10/19, Near Tagore Garden Metro Station, Rajouri Gardan, Tagore Gardan S.O, West Delhi, Delhi - 110027, have changed my name to Mani Bhasin Kalra

0070867595-1

I Leena Gautam W/O, Vijay Kumar Gautam R/o A-130 , Frist Floor , A Block ,Rama Park , Mohan Garden , West Delhi 110059 have changed my name to Leena Rathore for all future purposes. For all future purposes. 0040692872-1

I Jyoti Singh W/o Bhartendu Tomar R/o C-1003, A.V.J.-Heights, Sector-Zeta-1, Greater Noida, District-Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P-201306, confirm that Jyoti Gill and Jyoti Singh both names belongs to Same Person. Correct name is Jyoti Singh For all Future Purposes.

0070867589-1

I Girish Kumar S/o Sh. Harish Chander R/o 64, Surya Niketan, Vikas Marg, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 is also known as Girish Malik. Both names are of one and the same person.

0040692800-1

I Babita Jadon alias Kajal Thakur D/o Devender Singh and W/o Rajesh Arya R/o F-52, Sector-20, PS-Sector-20 Noida, Tehsil-Dadri, Dist-Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Kajal Arya 0070867583-1

I BALVINDER KAUR W/O BAHADUR SINGH SANDHU R/O H NO-38 NEW GURUNANAK VIHAR NILOTHI EXTENTION NANGLOI DELHI 110041 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO BALVINDER KAUR SANDHU.

0040692900-9

I Bhaskar Valli N W/o N V Ravi Kumar R/o D-11, Kakateeya apartments, 86, IP Extension, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Bhaskarvalli Nidasanametla

0070867557-1

I Aman Siddique S/o Rajadin R/o Vishenpuri Kaloni, Visen Puri Colony, Kheri, Uttar Pradesh - 262902, have changed my name to Aman Ansari

0070867579-1

It is for general information that I,Ritu Gursey,D/o Hari Singh Gursey Ex,W/o Praveen Latwal,R/o-136, Humayun Pur, Safdarjung-Enclave,South West-Delhi,Delhi-110029,declare that I got divorce from my husband vide-court decree HMA No.2858/2022 dated-20/02/2022 have changed the name of my-minor daughter Myrah Latwal aged-13-years and she shall hereafter be known as Myrah.

0040692888-7

It is for general information that I,Ritu Gursey,D/o Hari Singh Gursey Ex W/o Praveen Latwal,R/o 136,Humayun Pur, Safdarjung-Enclave,South West-Delhi,Delhi-110029,declare that I got divorce from my husband vide-court decree HMA No.2858/2022 dated-20/02/2022 have changed the name of my-minor son Yashvardhan Singh Latwal aged-17-years and he shall hereafter be known as Yashvardhan Singh.

0040692888-8

I, Avdhesh Kumar Sharma S/o Dayaram Sharma R/o Dharmnagariya masani Fatehgarh farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh - 209601, have changed my minor son's name from Vikram Sharma aged 15 years to Pranshu sharma forever. 0070867571-1

I, AYUSH TANWAR S/O NO.766033-B RANK Ex SGT RAJENDER KUMAR R/O WZ-462A,BASAI DARA PUR NEW DELHI-110015 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRATYUSH TANWAR VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 7.10.23 BEFORE DELHI

0070867599-1

I, AMIT VASHIST S/O VINOD SHARMA R/O WZ-471, M S BLOCK, GALI NO. 7, ROAD NO. 1, HARI NAGAR, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110064 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as AMIT SHARMA in the school records of my minor daughter NISHTHA aged 13 years and my minor son HRIDHAN SHARMA aged 08 years. The actual name of mine is AMIT VASHIST

0070867605-1

I, ASLAM PARVEZ S/O KIFAYAT ULLAH R/O, 2524 GALI CAPTAN WALI BARADARI BALLIMARAN CHANDNI CHOWK DELHI 110006, have changed my name to MOHAMMED ASLAM Permanently. 0070867604-1

I, Pradeep Kumar Confirm that My Son School Record his name has been wrongly written as Vivaan instead of Vivaan Srivastava. Correct name of my Son is Vivaan Srivastava for all future Purposes. 0070867554-1

I, Pankaj Sharma S/o Sh Suresh Kumar Sharma R/o H No. C-98 Shalimar Garden Extension 2 Sahibabad Ghaziabad in My Some Document My Name Wrongly Mentioned as Pankaj Kumar Sharma but My Correct and Actual Name is Pankaj Sharma for All Purposes.

0040692810-1

I, P Kavita, W/O Deepak Bhambri R/o R- 49, Flat no-301, Upper Ground Floor, Khirki Extension, Malviya Nagar, South Delhi-110017. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kavita 0070867611-1

I, Neha W/o Amarjit Singh R/o D-604 Amrapali Princely Estate, Sec-76, Noida UP-201301, have changed my name to Neha Kaur for all future Purposes.

0070867550-1

I, Narender Kumar S/O Krishan Lal, R/o K-II, 95, Gali No-2, Sangam Vihar, Deoli, South Delhi-110062, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Narender Aggarwal.

0070867574-1

I, Labhu Ram Patial R/o K-300, Kangra Niketan, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Labhu Ram for all Purposes 0070867529-1

I, LAKHMI CHAND, S/0-KURMI CHAND VIJ, H.NO-1050, WARD.NO-21, NANGLI MOD SOHNA, GURGAON, HARYANA-122103,changed my name to LAKHMI CHAND VIJ.

0040692900-4

I, Kirti Joshi s/o Sh. Pushkar Datt, Residence 403, PKT-3 Janta Quarter Paschim Puri, Paschim Vihar NewDelhi-110063, Have changed my Name from Kirti Joshi to Kirti Ballabh and Name of my wife leela ismainsence wrong in school my Son Sarthak Joshi. But correct Name of my wife Leela Joshi and my NameKirti Ballabh for all future purpose.

0040692812-1

I, Keerti Chauhan D/O Shyam Singh Chauhan, W/O Devesh Singh Bhadauriya R/o New Gariwan, Vjeta Factori Pass, Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh-205001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Keerti Bhadauriya

0070867585-1

I, Karishma D/o Sh. Mukesh Kumar R/o House No. 602/D-A-2, Kh. No. 1151/3, Min Ward no. 3, Jai Maa Durga Appartment, Mehrauli, South Delhi, Delhi-110030 inform that Karishma and Krishma both names are one and same person.

0040692803-2

I, Jitender Sethia s/o Sampat Mal Sethia, R/o 7B, MIG Flats, Rampura, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Jitendra Sethia, for all purposes.

0040692844-2

I, Jitender Sethia s/o Sampat Mal Sethia, R/o 7B, MIG Flats, Rampura, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Jitendra Sethia, for all purposes.

0040692844-1

I, Gourisha, D/O Bharat Bhushan Bajaj. R/o B-164, MIG Flats Suvidha Apartments, Ashok Vihar-4 Delhi 110052 have changed my name to Gourisha Bajaj. 0070867545-1

I, Bhartendu Tomar S/o Surendra Pratap R/o C-1003, A.V.J.-Heights, Sector-Zeta-1, Greater Noida, District-Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P-201306 confirm that Bhartendu Tomar and Bhartendu both names belongs to Same Person. Correct name is Bhartendu Tomar For all Future Purposes.

0070867593-1

I, Avinash Puri S/o Shanti Narayan Puri R/o Flat No.-11070, Tower-2, Mongolia, Mahagun Mywoods, Gaur City-2, Sector-16C, Greater Noida West, UP-201318 have changed my name to AVINASH CHANDER PURI for all future purposes. 0070867537-1

I,MOHD MURSALEEN QURESHI,House No.5957-5958,F/F,Basti Har Phool Singh, Sadar Thana Road,Delhi-110006.have change my-son's name,from ABDULLAH QURESHI to MOHD ABDULLAH NIHAL QURESHI,for all,future purposes.

0040692883-2

I,Lalit @ Lalit Kumar,S/o Om Prakash,R/o D-85/1,Kondli, Delhi-110096,have changed my name,from Lalit @ Lalit Kumar to Lalit Kumar,for all,future purposes.

0040692888-3

I, Hari Chand Patial S/o Labhu Ram R/o K-300, Kangra Niketan, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Hari Chand

0070867552-1

I, hitherto known as KUNTI DEVI W/O I.D. PANDEY R/O H-197/C, SECTOR-11, PRATAP VIHAR GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201009 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KUNTHI DEVI. 0070867536-1

I, Manoj Kumar S/o Harishankar Singh R/o,E4/203, Shree Vardhaman Gardenia, Sector-10,Sonipat,Haryana-131001,have changed my-name to Manoj Kumar Singh. 0040692885-8

I, AYSHA BEGUM,W/O.MOHD ISHAQUE, ADD-VILLAGE MALUKA (276), PALWAL HARYANA-121102,changed my name to AIYSHA BEGUM,for all,future purposes.

0040692892-3

I,SUMIT KUMAR THAKUR, S/O.KRISHNA CHANDRA THAKUR,ADD-FLAT.NO,1052, THIRD-FLOOR,POCKET-C, LOKNAYAKPURAM BAKKARWALA,OUTER DELHI-110041,changed my name to SUMIT THAKUR. 0040692892-4

I,INDER MOHAN SINGH AHOOJA,S/O.HARBHAJAN SINGH AHUJA ADD-47/28,FIRST-FLOOR,EAST PATEL-NAGAR,NEW-DELHI-110008,changed my name to INDER MOHAN SINGH AHUJA,for all,future purposes.

0040692883-7

I,Shipra Mishra D/o Dr. Shiv Murti Kumar R/o Flat 506,Tower 1,The Palms Apartment,South City 1,Gurgaon,Haryana-122001,have changed my name to Kshiprra Mishrra

0130037200-1

It is for general information that I, Manju Bai W/o Devender Singh, R/o H. No - 972, Paluwas (12), Bhiwani, Haryana - 127021, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Manju Devi in my minor son's Manjeet Singh Tanwar aged 17 years in his 10th & 12th Class School Cetificate cum marksheet. The actual name of mine is Manju Bai, which may be amended accordingly.

0070867569-1

LOST & FOUND

I Shaurya Vijay Singh, S/o Ranvijay Singh, R/o E-2/11, VasantVihar, New Delhi, have lost my original Provisional Allotment letterdt. 07.02.2020 issued by Jaiprakash Associates Limited for AmanAMN0081004 while travelling from the Airport to Noida. Findermay contact at 9873758687, Email at shaurya903@gmail.com orreturn to Jaiprakash Associates Limited,Noida.

0040692822-1

I, Prabha Vathi, W/o-Late Vasumathy Nair, 350 Block-C,Vijayee VeewAwas, Sector-18A, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075,have lost all Property of Registry of Flat No.G-301,Block-G,4th-Floor,Jasmine Niho Scottish Gardens,Ahinsa khand-2,Indirapuram, Ghaziabad,U.P.,(Formerly Known Mohinddinpur, Kamawari,Dadri,G.B. Nagar).FIR No.-961877/2023.Dated-03/10/2023.Finder contact.

0040692896-1

I,CHANCHAL AGARWAL,W/O-LATE SHRI.PRAMOD KUMAR GURUSGANJ KALI NADI ROAD BSR-203001,I LOST MY-PROPERTY OWNERSHIP-DOCUMENT OF PLOT PURCHASED ON.21/2/1984 BySardar jaswant singh,s/o-sardar kartar singh TANDA ANUPSHAHR ROAD BSR

0040692888-10

Lost Original 1 Demand cum Allotment letter 2Possession letter 3 Site possession slip of my flat No 101A, Block C3 Lawrance road Keshavpuram Delhi.L R no 987128/2023 Dtd 07/10/2023.Finder Please contact N S Dahiya 9416014707

0070867526-1

LOST AND FOUND

Lost/Misplaced Original Deed of Will during house renovation executed by Sh. O.P. Chowdhary S/o Sh. Singh Ram R/o 1671 Sector B, Pocket-1, Vasant Kunj New Delhi in favour of Smt Shefali Gupta W/o Pankaj Gupta R/o 13 Sunrise Apts,D Block, Vikaspuri New Delhi, registered in Sub-registrar office vide No. 4778 page 178/1877 on 02/02/1993. An FIR to this infect has been Lodged vide LR.No. 982560/2023 dated 07/10/2023. Founder inform at above address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known my client SH. VISHAL GROVER SON OF LATE SH. RAM DAYAL GROVER RESIDENT OF TU-37, VISHAKHA ENCLAVE PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034 got married with RITU GROVER on 10-10-1997 and from the wedlock of his wife, he has one daughter YASHNA GROVER who was born on 29-10-2003. My client wife alongwith her parents Satpal Kapoor and Pawan Kapoor is creating disturbance in his normal daily life from last one year and his other family members including his daughter YASHNA GROVER and his mother MEENA GROVER are also support to his wife and due to this my client normal life is not going good and he is feeling very bad and very depression due to this in his daily life. They also quarrel with my client daily. My client declare through me that in case if any mishappening occur with his any family member, my client shall not be responsible for the same. My client further declare that in case if his family members behavior not good with him in future, my client will left his house alongwith his normal daily life articles and clothes etc. with his own consent and free will for living a good and happy life.

KAMAL SINGH (Advocate)
Enrl.No. D/748/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the public at large that my Client **Sh. Dwarka Prasad Gupta** S/o Late Sh. R.S. Gupta and Smt. Renu Gupta W/o Dwarka Prasad Gupta, R/o BD- 61 Pitampura, North West Delhi, Delhi, have severed all their relations with their Son **Sh. Rahul Gupta,** daughter-in-law **Smt. Shefali Gupta** and their grand-daughter namely **Ms. Divisha Gupta** for all purposes and have disowned, disinherit and debarred them from their movable and immovable properties. If any person will deal with them shall do so at his/her own risk and cost and my clients shall not be responsible in any manner.

Sd/-
SATYENDRA KUMAR YADAV
Advocate
Chamber 1203, Lawyers Chamber,
Rohini Courts, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Kunal Vinay Shah s/o, Vinay Ramanlal Shah intends to purchase an Apartment No.C1-302, area 2090 square feet, Third Floor, Tower No.C-1, 'Lagoon' Residential Apartment Complex at Ambience Island, NH-8, Village- Nathupur, Tehsil Wazirabad, Gurugram, Haryana along with One Car Parking Space No.UC107 Upper Basement (**"the Said Property"**) from Sh. Dinesh Kumar Likhi son of Sh. Anand Sarup Likhi who is claiming to be sole and legal b

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FACE THE CLIMATE

It's not just farmers. Businesses and economic policymakers also need to incorporate climate change into growth models

THIS YEAR HAS seen India record its warmest ever February and the driest August since time-series temperature and rainfall data became available from 1901. On top of these, rains were well above normal in March, April and May, while the southwest monsoon arrived a week late on June 8, but covered the entire country six days ahead by July 2. With three months still to go, the current year seems on course to set new benchmarks in the annals of climate change. Its effects are no longer confined to just damaging the wheat crop weeks away from harvesting or delaying the pace of kharif sowings. Climate change, according to a report in this newspaper, is now being flagged as the "single biggest business risk" by even consumer good firms. Unseasonal showers during the last summer season crimped demand for ice-cream and cold beverages as well as sales of air-conditioners and refrigerators.

For farmers, coping with the vagaries of the monsoon is a challenge probably as old as agriculture itself. But climate change isn't simply about monsoon failures. Instead, it has to do with fewer rainy days and extended dry spells, interspersed with intense precipitation and also extreme temperature deviations. While these have already become the new normal in agriculture, non-farm businesses are also beginning to feel the pinch. In the past, bad monsoons basically impacted rural incomes and, in turn, sales of tractors, two-wheelers and fast-moving consumer goods. But milder summers, shorter winters and unseasonal rains do much more, by creating less-manageable uncertainties for companies used to planning production and building stocks based on established demand patterns. They may need to rethink that framework a tad: Don't pin hopes on cola sales during the summer that may not be as hot as one would have thought. Likewise, diversify product portfolios to ensure there's always enough of something to sell through the year. If a "season" turns out good, treat it as a bonus.

It's not farmers and businesses alone. Even economic policymakers need to incorporate climate change into their growth and plan models. There has to be more investment in knowledge about all potential outcomes and probabilities of occurrences with regard to extreme weather events across sectors. Such knowledge generation, extending to breeding of temperature stress-tolerant or drought-resistant crops and timely forecasting of large storms and heat waves, is essential in a world of both adaptation to and mitigation of climate change. And since climate change isn't sparing anyone, including the big FMCG players, and adaptation is something that's of more immediate interest, it makes sense to get everyone on board. Let government, industry, meteorologists, agricultural scientists and disaster management specialists together draw up a national climate adaptation strategy for India.

FIVE TO GO

Results of impending assembly polls will provide larger lessons and learnings. The stage is set

THERE IS NO established correlation between the outcomes of assembly elections and the vote for the Lok Sabha, even when the former closely precedes the latter. In 2018, for example, the Congress won three of the five states that are set to go to polls in November, but the BJP ended up doing much better in them in the subsequent general election. Yet, the results of the assembly polls — the electoral calendar for Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Telangana was announced by the Election Commission Monday — will inevitably be parsed for what they say about the prospects of the major players in 2024. They will be read for the indications of which way the political winds might blow nationally.

Significantly, in three of the five states going to the polls, BJP and Congress are in a head-to-head contest. For Congress, which narrowly won MP last time (defections subsequently led to a BJP government), swept Chhattisgarh and had a comfortable win in Rajasthan in 2018, the current campaign will be judged on whether its organisational changes at the top and Rahul Gandhi's attempt at crafting a new political idiom through the Bharat Jodo Yatra translate into electoral success. After the Karnataka win, it will also be another major test for Mallikarjun Kharge's leadership — his ability to manage differences within the Congress, especially in Rajasthan where CM Ashok Gehlot has been long at loggerheads with Sachin Pilot, will be watched. The party has also doubled down on the neo-Mandal agenda: It has announced a caste census in Rajasthan and promised the same in MP and Chhattisgarh. It is still an open question whether that politics will have a resonance on the ground with the 60.2 lakh first-time voters in all five states.

The BJP in its current avatar relies overwhelmingly on the PM's popularity to win elections, often at the expense of state-level leadership. This strategy has not always yielded dividends, as in Karnataka earlier this year. In the poll-bound states now, the party is likely to draw attention to the Centre's and PM's successes and policies — G20, women's reservation Bill, increased subsidies on LPG cylinders, etc. However, the uncertainty about CM candidates may prove to be a hurdle: Vasundhara Raje has looked discontented in Rajasthan and, in MP, Shivraj Singh Chouhan is running a personality-centric campaign but has not been announced as the party's CM face. Most significantly, as the BJP locks horns with the Congress in the context of the comeback of Mandal in a new form, the polls may indicate whether and how much the OBC vote, a sizeable portion of which has been moving to the BJP, can be wooed again by members of INDIA.

DON'T FORCE FEED

Goan fish curry and rice is delicious. But making it mandatory in shacks is not the best way to popularise state's culinary heritage

THERE IS LITTLE fault to be found with the Goa government's desire to preserve and promote the state's cuisine. Goa, whose beautiful beaches, built heritage and relaxed pace of life draw visitors from all over India and the world, also has a rich and varied cuisine that deserves greater attention. Yet, the announcement by Goa's tourism minister Rohan Khaunte, that it is now mandatory for beach shacks to display and serve the state's staple meal of fish curry and rice, brings up a question: Are the menus of these shacks really the government's business?

It is true that Goa's cuisine, drawing as much from the abundance of the seas as the wealth of its land, has long been ignored by visitors. Many native Goan dishes, from the decadent bebinca and dodol to spicy vindalho and xacuti, are deservedly cherished by locals and sought after by discerning foodies from outside. But by and large, the tourists who hop from shack to shack remain ignorant of them or are just plain uninterested. The mish-mash of sizzler-pasta-fries-dal fry that most shacks serve caters to this crowd. But there is little guarantee that a mandatory fish curry-rice meal on the menus of these shacks — patronised not so much for any scintillating dining experience but for their proximity to the sea — will increase the visibility of the state's cuisine.

Examples from around the world show how this can be done without resorting to fiats — Copenhagen was successfully promoted as the centre of a "new Nordic cuisine" by encouraging restaurants to focus on local ingredients and contemporary renditions of traditional dishes. Peru, with its tourism campaign "Peru Mucho Gusto" (Peru, full of flavour), funded cookbooks and festivals that drew attention to its culinary heritage. Goan food is delicious, but making it mandatory for businesses to serve it will only leave a bad taste in the mouth.

A straw in the whirlwind

There is a way out. Hamas attack also presents an opportunity to revive the Arab Peace Initiative

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THE OCTOBER 7 attack in Israel by Hamas spells a major defeat for Israel as well as for the efforts at normalisation and peace in the region. For Israel, the failure involves poor intelligence and inadequate military preparedness. More importantly, the country's reputation of military invincibility has been shattered. Israel is now resorting to a massive attack on Gaza to try to restore the deterrence it once enjoyed, yet it is far from certain that it can accomplish this even if Gaza is destroyed and re-occupied.

Furthermore, it is hard to see how Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will survive politically given the loss of civilian Israeli lives and the large number of Israeli hostages now in Hamas's hands. Of course, the Palestinians are also losers in that this attack is not going to get them any closer to establishing their state or to lead to the destruction of Israel, which is Hamas's aim. What will happen instead is that more misery and violence will be heaped on the Palestinians in retaliation by Israel. Thus, the circle of violence continues unabated, and with greater ferocity in the Middle East, and with no winners on any side. But why did this attack happen now and what were its intended goals?

There are two immediate reasons why these attacks took place. First, Hamas has been competing with the Palestinian Authority (PA) for the leadership of the Palestinian cause and the success of these attacks is one way to achieve this. The PA is the official government of the Palestinians that signed the Oslo Peace Accords with Israel, which never resulted in the promised Palestinian state.

Furthermore, the PA is riddled with corruption and misgovernance, and because it has restricted Palestinian resistance to occupation it is seen as complicit with Israel and, therefore, has lost much of its legitimacy. Whatever the fate of Hamas in Gaza, there is no question now that it leads the Palestinian effort of liberation and self-determination. The second reason is the effort by Hamas, and with Iran's support and guidance, to end the process of normalisation between Israel and the Gulf Arab states, especially with Saudi Arabia.

> On the one hand, the eliminationist objective of Iran and Hamas, which is the destruction of the state of Israel, is never going to be achieved for the simple reason that Israel is too strong and is backed by all Western nations, especially the US. On the other hand, the Arab Gulf approach has not sufficiently emphasised, indeed insisted, on the creation of a viable Palestinian state as a necessary condition for a lasting peace.

Recently, under President Joe Biden's stewardship, the Saudis and Israelis were in the process of negotiating a peace agreement. Had this been accomplished, this would have created a new alliance between the Gulf states and Israel against Iran's "axis of resistance" to Israel and American power in the region. With these attacks, and the likely devastating reprisal by Israel against Palestinians, it is unlikely that any peace agreement can be reached soon. The Saudi government will find it very difficult to make peace with a country that is pummelling an Arab population that is widely viewed among fellow Arabs as having been denied its rights and living under brutal Israeli occupation.

What all this spells, for the moment at least, is the victory of Iran and Hamas's vision of violent resistance as opposed to that of the Saudis and Emiratis, which has emphasised peace, stability and prosperity. Yet, both visions are flawed because they are each blind to an obvious reality. On the one hand, the eliminationist objective of Iran and Hamas, which is the destruction of the state of Israel, is never going to be achieved for the simple reason that Israel is too strong and is backed by all Western nations, especially the US. Note the unconditional support that America has offered in response to the attack. On the other hand, the Arab Gulf approach has not sufficiently emphasised, indeed insisted, on the creation of a viable Palestinian state as a necessary condition for a lasting peace. So long as the Palestinians live and suffer under Israeli occupation and are denied their right to self-determination, there cannot be peace. There will be spoilers, such as Iran and Hamas, who will make sure of this, as we are now witnessing.

Saudi Arabia, under the late King Abdullah, made an offer to Israel in 2002 in the name of all Arab states, which is called the Arab Peace Initiative. This offer can be the only basis for a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians and will require the creation of a Palestinian state on the lands Israel occupied in the Six-Day War of 1967. In return, Israel would be fully recognised and accepted. It is the rejection by Israel of this offer, especially by its present right-wing government with its annexationist aims over all the land, that has aggravated the situation and prevented a resolution of this conflict.

While understandable, the violent retaliation by Israel against Hamas in Gaza will not help resolve matters but rather it will only worsen the situation and play into the hands of the spoilers on all sides of this conflict. Cooler heads must prevail and think of the long term. This attack presents an opportunity that can be seized by the Biden administration, Saudi Arabia and the more centrist politicians in Israel. And this is to revive the Arab Peace Initiative because only by creating a Palestinian state can there be the hope of seeing this conflict end, peace prevailing, and the efforts of violent spoilers thwarted. Without this, you can be sure that there will be many more rounds of violent confrontation after this one ends.

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THE WAIT CONTINUES

Women's reservation bill is marred by the delay inscribed in its design

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"GOD HAS given me the opportunity" said the Prime Minister as the women reservation Bill was tabled in the Lok Sabha on the second day of the five-day special session of Parliament. Truth be told, God had given him this "opportunity" in 2014. It was part of the Party's manifesto and it has existed for nine years. So was it about empowering women or does it have to do more with the upcoming general elections? The answer is as obvious as daylight.

Putting even the delay and intent aside, there is still a caveat to the Act. It cannot be enforced until and unless a new Census and the delimitation process is undertaken.

The issue of women's reservation is a long awaited one. There are only 78 women members in the Lok Sabha who account for less than 15 per cent of the total strength. Women account for only 14 per cent of Rajya Sabha members. Their representation is worse in the state legislative assemblies – only 9 per cent of the total number of members on average. The National Policy for Empowerment of Women (2001) had stated that reservation will be considered in higher legislative bodies.

The journey of women's reservation and increased representation in Parliament and state assemblies began in 1996. In Manmohan Singh's tenure in 2010, it did pass in the Rajya Sabha but could not in the Lok Sabha. Since then, the promise to India's women has not been kept, including in the current form that it has been cleared. The 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts which institutionalised grass-root level democracy provided for women reservation. These Constitutional Amendment Acts were tabled in the Parliament in 1992 and came into effect a few months after their introduction.

> Even if the Census process is carried out, the delimitation exercise could end up being a tussle between the Union and the southern states. As per a research paper (India's emerging crisis of Representation) after the 2026 delimitation, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh will have a total of 222 MPs, while the four south Indian states will have a combined representation of 165 in the Lok Sabha.

The current version doesn't have a clear time frame for its implementation. In this case, it depends on two factors, that is, the Census and delimitation. Just to reiterate, the Bill could have been made immediately implementable like the 73rd and 74th amendment was done within six months and without linking it to Census and delimitation. So this amendment becomes, perhaps, the only one to be passed, but whose implementation is left for a future undecided date.

The last Census was held in 2011. The Union government attributed the Covid-19 pandemic for postponing the exercise and the last two notifications by the Registrar General of India did not mention any reason. Even if the Census process is carried out, the delimitation exercise could end up being a tussle between the Union and the southern states. As per a research paper (India's emerging crisis of Representation) after the 2026 delimitation, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh will have a total of 222 MPs, while the four south Indian states will have a combined representation of 165 in the Lok Sabha.

The current variant differs from its 2008 version in some ways: Ignorance of "intra-state women representation" and reserved seats to be rotated after every delimitation exercise. The 2008 bill mandated that one-third of Lok Sabha seats in each state/UT should be reserved for women. However, the current bill does not provide any such "intra-state" reservation.

The rotation of reserved seats will happen after every delimitation exercise, according to the current Act. It takes nearly four to five years for the delimitation commission to issue its report after its commencement. The government hasn't clarified what will be the status of women's reservation when the delimitation exercise is on-going.

The issue of women's reservation had come up in Constituent Assembly debates as well. But it was rejected as being unnecessary. For instance, in 1947, noted freedom fighter Renuka Ray said, "We always held that when the men who have fought and struggled for their country's freedom came to power, the rights and liberties of women too would be guaranteed." However, in the following decades, it became clear that this was not to be the case. As a consequence, women's reservation became a recurrent theme in policy debates. For instance, the Committee of the Status of Women in India, set up in 1971, commented on the declining political representation of women in India.

A country that gave equal rights and opportunities for representation to all its citizens when the Constitution came into effect, unlike the women of the West who had to fight for their voting rights, is now having to constantly push the idea of women's representation to a later date. This is a blot on the ideas of our visionary founders.

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OCTOBER 10, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIAN EXPRESS

4 S. Korean ministers die in Rangoon blast

Explosion claims 15 more lives, narrow escape for President Chun

Tension between 2 Koreas to increase

JANSEVA WEEKLY LOTTERY

RANGOON TRAGEDY

NINETEEN PERSONS, INCLUDING four South Korean cabinet ministers, were killed in a bomb explosion at the martyrs mausoleum in Rangoon minutes before the arrival of the visiting South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan. It was a narrow escape for Chun and his wife who were driving in a motorcade to lay a wreath at the tomb of Burma's assassinated national hero, Gen Aung San. India's President Zail Singh and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi expressed shock over the tragedy.

INDIA'S WARNS PAKISTAN

INDIA WARNED THAT baseless, tendentious and calculatedly mischievous reports and comments about it in Pakistan's press were not conducive to the normalisation and improvement of relations between the two countries. Such editorials and press reports only served to promote suspicions and misapprehensions, an Indian Embassy press release said, citing in particular recent editorials in a Karachi-based Urdu daily, *Jasarat*.

HANGED FOR MURDER

KARTAR SINGH AND Ujagar Singh, sentenced to death for the murder of Vidya Jain in December 1973, were hanged at 7 am at Tihar Jail in New Delhi. The condemned men betrayed no emotion and showed no fear as death came. "Forgive us if we have made mistakes," they said moments before they were hanged. They asked for no last-minute indulgences.

BJP'S DELHI HARTAL

THE BHARATIYA JANATA Party appealed to Delhi citizens to observe "complete" hartal in the city in protest against sustained massacres and arson in Punjab. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, secretary, BJP and Kidar Nath Sahni, president of the Delhi unit of BJP, said that prominent party leaders were going to various markets in the city asking traders to observe hartal.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The lure of the arena ought not excuse a lack of moral responsibility. Sport can produce great public happiness, and the idea that only the ill-intentioned would censure it. But it jars to know that the pure joy experienced by many fans rests on the fruits of baseness."

— THE GUARDIAN

Place the child at the centre

Law Commission recommendations on age of consent sidestep key question of how to protect the young from sexual abuse, while ensuring they are not punished for consensual sexual activity with peers

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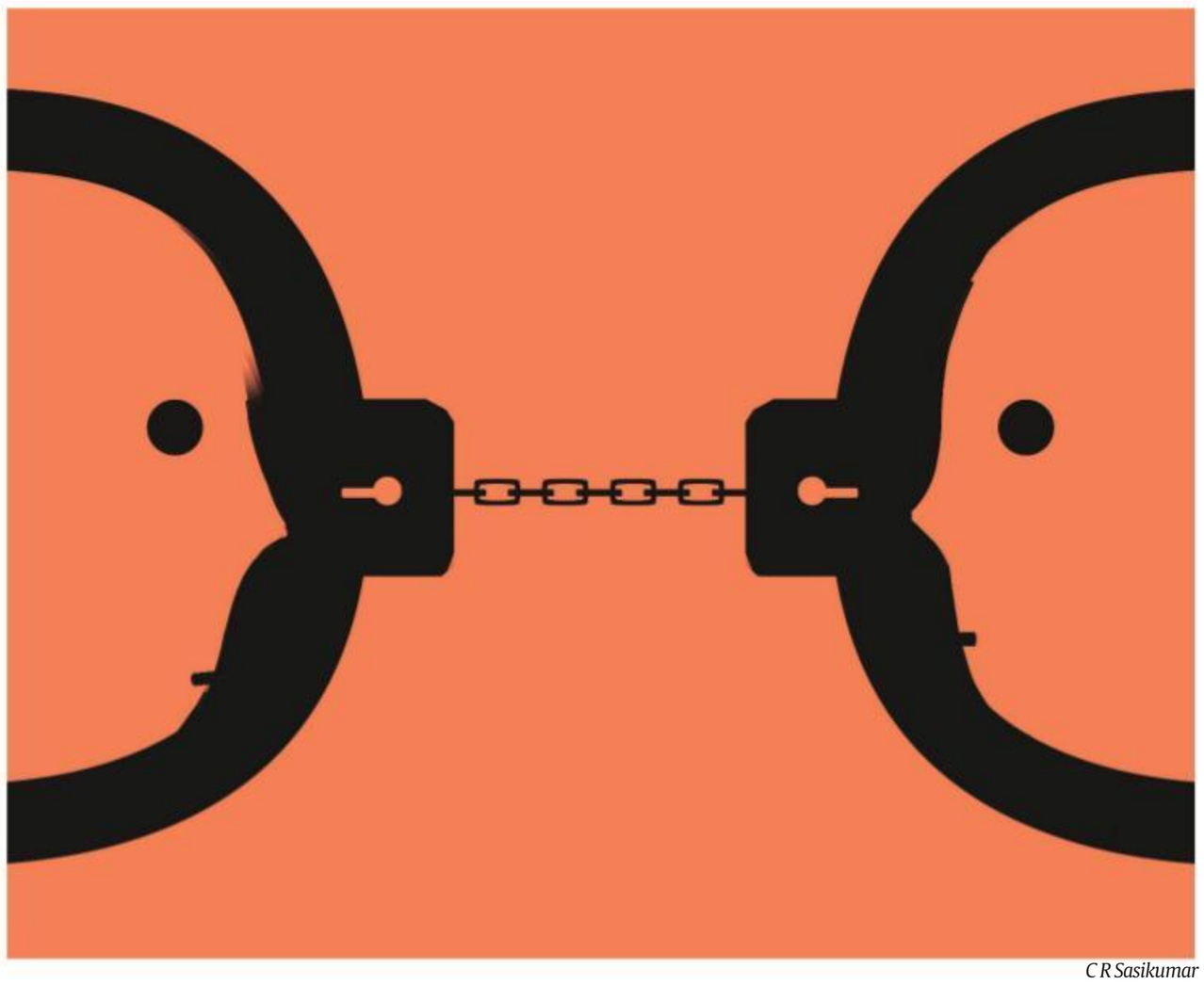

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THE 283RD REPORT of the Law Commission of India (LCI), which has advised against tinkering with the existing age of consent under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, is a lost opportunity. The judicial references called for reviewing the criteria for the age of consent to sexual activity, to mitigate the "gross injustice in cases of statutory rape where de facto consent is present". The increase in the age of consent from 16 to 18 years with the enactment of the POCSO ACT, 2012, has magnified the volume of prosecutions against adolescents engaged in non-coercive consensual sexual activity with devastating outcomes, primarily for adolescents and youth from marginalised populations.

POCSO and equivalent provisions of the Indian Penal Code impose a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years for statutory rape without regard to whether the minors, including those between 16-18, consent. The reference in *Veekesh Kalawat vs State of Madhya Pradesh* (2023), wherein a minor girl had eloped with a boy, married him and had a child, notes that a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years for husbands results in, "... disrupting and devastating families in rural Madhya Pradesh by sending the sole breadwinner in the family to jail .... leaving his wife and children to the vagaries of social exploitation if the parents and the in-laws of the prosecutrix/ wife are not willing to keep her."

The LCI report traces the historical origins of the age of consent in law, through to the contentious positions relating to POCSO. Positions are divided between retaining the age of consent at 16 with close-in-age exceptions for consensual sexual activity between peers, as against a blunt increase in the age of consent to 18, which was adopted by POCSO. The report outlines approaches adopted in the US, Canada, Japan, Australia and South Africa, all of which have lower ages of consent and additionally, protect adolescents from shame and stigma for consensual sexual activity through close-in-age exceptions. Its stakeholder consultations were limited, missing inputs from public health experts, gynaecologists, child psychologists, counsellors, and shelter homes, who, as first responders, offer valuable insights.

The LCI recommendations favour retaining the age of consent at 18 years, to criminalise both abuse and non-coercive consensual sex, even when this occurs between peers. By way of mitigation, it recommends judicial discretion to award less than the mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and provides guidelines for determining types of cases that are befitting of sentence reduction.

The proposed mitigation is flawed on three counts.

First, the "close-in age" exception operates at the sentencing stage, so consensual sexual activity with a minor between 16 and 18, even where the accused is not more than three years apart, remains an offence. Had this exception been available as a defence, the accused might have had a chance of acquittal. Further, the exception allows sentence reduction, not sentence waiver, so the taint of criminalisation and incarceration remains.

Second, a new term, "tacit approval", is introduced to replace "consent". Consent is defined in law, backed by jurisprudence. Consent to medical examination is recognised for victims of sexual assault who are 12 years and above in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare guidelines. The judicial reference to the LCI was also about consensual sex, so the use of "tacit approval", without so much as a definition, is confusing.

Third, a checklist of circumstances to guide whether or not exemption operates is provided. However, this is not limited to exploitative and coercive situations but also includes caveats that there be "no change in the social or cultural background of the child, indicating an element of manipulation or indoctrination," which are likely references to inter-faith and inter-caste relations. Additional circumstances listed include pregnancy, marital status and family acceptance; good behaviour and absence of criminal antecedents. Together, these could be read to suggest that judicial discretion is guided in favour of underage sexual relations which are not just close-in age, but rather, those that occur within socially conforming marriages backed by familial support.

Protecting the young from sexual abuse is of universal concern, which POCSO aims to serve. Equally important is the task of protecting the young from being shamed, punished and incarcerated for exploring what is developmentally appropriate for their age. This is at the heart of the reference that LCI was to address.

The onset of puberty at 10-11 years brings with it the biological, psychological and emotional stirrings of sexuality, the desire to learn and explore. Early marriage is a socially sanctioned response to containing the sexuality of girls within marriage to serve the socio-cultural order. The growing consensus against early marriage has resulted in it being replaced by abstinence through the fear of criminalisation. The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) does speak to this conflict. It places the child at the centre while recognising that persons under 18 years need differential protection corresponding to their evolving capacities, which refers to the process of "maturation and learning" through which the child progressively develops her competencies. Accordingly, CRC General Comment 20 calls for age-appropriate sexuality education, access to confidential medical counselling, and prohibits laws from criminalising consensual sexual activity with peers.

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The data in India shows that criminalisation selectively strikes at the poor and the marginalised, with devastating consequences for girls. To quote *Veekesh Kalawat* (2023), "Where the prosecutrix is unemployed as is mostly the case, the options for survival are dismal, ranging from prostitution to crime. The State has no obligation under the POCSO to provide for the basic minimum required for the survival of the so-called 'survivor'". In other words, far from protection, criminalisation renders girls vulnerable to greater violations, and if protection is paramount, it is best secured through social security measures.

With the LCI sidestepping these issues, the matter rests with the courts to address, with sensitivity on a case-to-case basis, and the continuation of public dialogue.

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Games we play

Hangzhou has shown that there are more engaging sporting storylines for India than cricket's personality cults and franchise frictions

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THE JUXTAPOSITION WAS too obvious to ignore. The empty seats at Ahmedabad for the World Cup opener between England and New Zealand had the Indians making excuses about it being on a working day. Two days later, Indian shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy threw his racquet into the brimming Hangzhou stands where neutral Chinese spectators scrambled to catch it after he won the Asian Games gold medal, beating Koreans.

Foreign cricketers accustomed to ceaseless adoration and full IPL stands are about to find out that Indians might no longer be as emotionally invested in non-India ODI matches as even 12 years ago, when the Subcontinent last hosted the Cup. Or, to find out that India's affection for cricket — taken for granted all these years — might be diverted to other sports spotlighted by the Asiad that happened to roll to a close just before the World Cup fetched up.

In Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, in Neeraj Chopra and Kishore Jena, in Sift Kaur and Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee or in Ancy Sojan, Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Aditi Gopichand, Indians are discovering athletes across sports, whose struggles and efforts to succeed make compelling viewing.

In a world where OTT entertainment has disrupted the notions of one nation, one programming, and fragmented the sporting fan base even more, the most common excuse reeled out after Ahmedabad's empty seats was what the non-cricketing world has been wondering forever — why does an entire country waste entire days, or seven hours at least, to watch one long match.

There simply are more engaging sporting storylines out there in Olympic sport than what this team with the tiresome Rohit-Virat intrigue, social-media toxicity surrounding every selection and IPL rivalries, offers. Chatter on Olympic disciplines is about camaraderie, and nation-unifying moments; the national cricket team, sadly, is riven by cult personalities and franchise frictions. The bizarre hate directed towards KL Rahul, singling him out after every inning, didn't make cricket very endearing in the lead-up.

Chopra standing up for Jena who was wrongly fouled by officials, steering the Odisha newbie through the whole journey to silver, while duelling him to win gold himself with 88.88m lit up the javelin competition for Indians. In a fiercely individual sport with his Olympic champ reputation to guard, Chopra still competed like a teammate and took Jena along for a memorable 1-2 on the podium. India's 4x400 relay team of Muhammad Anas, Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal and Rajesh Ramesh held the nation's attention, hoping for another sub-three minute mark like the World Championships and a happy gold.

Every arrow sequence of 10s and 9s in archery team events was a crest and trough of emotion, and you couldn't peel your eyes away from the Indian Eight in rowing and the men's badminton team and slumped in disappointment when they were second-bested by China's all marauding force. It wasn't about always winning gold and hence it might not be solely about Rohit Sharma lifting the World Cup — a Rohit-Virat partnership in a united team is what India would love to see cricket throw up.

It is more about the whole of India living those moments of sinewy effort with the athletes, getting behind a united team, and feeling their glumness and glee no matter what the result. The nation's moods swung along ODI cricket scores once upon a time in the 1990s when cricket wasn't even winning much. Now, the whole of India rages when Jyothi Yarraji is unfairly pulled aside for a false start, when Chopra's first throw disappears into a void of Chinese incompetence or the boxers are handed eye-popping unfair decisions. Millions were glued to screens as Abhay Singh came from 8-10 matchball down, to pip Pakistan to the squash team for gold.

Indian hockey has had to prop up its basic benchmarks — nothing less than an Asiad gold — and Indian kabaddi is tasked with beating Iran and questioned on its sit-in protest, as the country demands top standards of behaviour.

There is exhilaration in the air when Parul Chaudhary comes from the left lane with long strides to go past the Japanese leader over the last 50m in the 5000m race. Or, when HS Prannoy endures a bad back, saving two match points, to beat Malaysian Lee Zii Jia for a precious bronze to dissolve into a tearful Gopichand's hug. There is genuine pride and joyous disbelief when Ayhika and Sutirtha defeat the Chinese at TT to briefly silence a stadium. And a quiet, fingers-crossed acknowledgement that India's teenaged and early 20s shooters are hot on Chinese heels, stealing away some precision golds. With her infectious energy, Sojan takes the whole country along to win silver, but it is the sight of her thumping Shaili Singh's back in encouragement before the youngster takes off on that lonely, individual leap that feels like a team effort.

The hard-to-impress Chinese crowd, cold and hostile even, was finally won over by the exuberance and superior skills of Rankireddy and Shetty as India won its first Asiad gold in shuttle. They applauded the dancing duo, and jumped for the flung racquets. This is 14 years after Rankireddy's father R Kasi Viswanath had been in Hyderabad's stands for the 2009 World Championships and leapt the highest to catch Chinese doubles legend Fu Haifeng's racquet after a World title.

India's team, doubles and javelin golds where one Indian hauled up another's performance, towards excellence, were precious memories of these Asian Games. Indians are suckers for a Lee-Hesh chest-bump, and sport's enduring memories are sniffly sentimental moments, not stats about medals.

The national cricket team will have to do more than just win the World Cup if they want to stake a claim on India's hearts. For they aren't the only Indian team in town now, monopolising the country's affection.

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The shield J&K needs

We need greater vigilance, stronger security infrastructure, not jingoism

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THE NATION CONTINUES to mourn the killing of the brave uniformed forces officers in an encounter with two Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists near a village in Anantnag district of South Kashmir in the second week of September. According to reports, the joint contingent of the Army and police was in hot pursuit of terrorists in a deep forest area on a cliff when they were ambushed/trapped by their assailants. The search operation for the LeT terrorists was apparently launched based on intelligence input. Since it was a joint operation of the Army and police, it's not known who provided this input.

Having dealt with militancy on the ground in Kashmir and remotely from Delhi for a Central Intelligence Agency and MHA for almost a decade, I have a fair idea of the challenges of conducting anti-terrorist operations in deep forest mountainous terrains. Two kinds of intelligence inputs guide counter-terrorist operations on the ground – human intelligence and technical intelligence (humint and techint). Techint is further subdivided into communication (comint) and image intelligence (imint). While humint inputs need to be analysed very cautiously before being acted upon, techint inputs are more reliable and precise. We are not sure what intelligence input prompted the Indian Army-police contingent to get on the trail of the two LeT terrorists. My guess is that it was humint.

Army units deployed in the Kashmir Valley have limited access to reliable humint for obvious reasons. They come from different regions and lack knowledge of the local language, ethos and terrain. The local police — the civil thanas and state police special branch (CID) — is better placed. In a terrain like Kashmir, it's not easy to raise reliable human intelligence assets. There is a risk of the sources playing a double role to serve their masters from across the borders. Money and religion have key roles.

It's for the Army commanders to lead from the front in a war situation. But in counter-terrorist operations, it is wiser to divide the force and use smaller contingents for the commander to keep watch from a safe distance. It is also not clear whether the Army officers and policemen were shielded by bulletproof vests. The Army, I am sure, will conduct an enquiry. All this is not meant to belittle the courage shown by the Army Battalion Commander. I salute the valour of the officers who laid down their lives to defend our integrity.

Let us turn to another vital aspect of terrorist violence in J&K. It is being driven, guided and financed from across the borders by the Pakistan Army and ISI at very little cost. They have struck very bold attacks in the past not only in J&K, but also in the rest of the country, including Parliament and the commercial capital, Mumbai. They are known to motivate, train and infiltrate suicide squads with the help of espionage networks hiding in our country. They also pay these suicide squads handsomely. The Pakistan army and government are today under tremendous pressure because of the perilous state of the country's economy which is being sustained by the IMF and Chinese loans.

While I share the anguish of fellow countrymen over this tragedy, I do not subscribe to the jingoistic calls to stop playing against the Pakistani cricket team. Sports should be kept away from our animosity against the Pakistani army and government. I am also not an advocate of launching air and naval attacks on Pakistan. Remotely guided rockets launching unmanned air vehicles (UAVs) is an option worth considering when LeT strikes inside our territory.

America seems to be looking the India way in the recent past. This has forced the Pakistani dispensation to turn to China. It would, however, be neither prudent nor realistic to look to foreign powers to resolve our national and internal security challenges. It would also be naïve to believe that Pakistan will give up militancy in J&K and restore peace if we talk with them. We must strengthen our security infrastructure.

Pak ISI sleeper cells spread all over our country must be detected and neutralised. This is easier said than done, but patience and perseverance should be the name of this game. We must also deradicalise sections of the Muslim youth by releasing them from the stranglehold of mullahs in madrasas and mosques and providing them access to schooling. This could be a time-consuming exercise, but we must make a beginning and no better place to start than the Kashmir Valley where the Peer Muridi (Sufi) form of Islam has been buried under the weight of the Wahabi sect financed from overseas.

We must remain vigilant against such terrorist strikes in J&K and try our best to win the hearts and trust of the Kashmiri Muslims who stand to gain from expanding their businesses because of the increased tourist inflow into the Kashmir Valley. We must make them realise that the Pakistan-sponsored terrorist violence in their home ground is costing them dearly. We should offer more career options outside Jammu and Kashmir for Kashmiri Muslim youth willing to leave their homes to earn livelihoods.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORT PEACE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A tragic return' (IE, October 9). Terror attacks by Hamas on Israel have caused immense bloodshed resulting in the loss of hundreds of innocent lives. The cordial relations among the Middle East nations have been out of gear since Hezbollah joined the war. Iran does not want Saudi Arabia to be close to Israel. The US has to support Israel to remain relevant in the Middle East. The Indian Prime Minister should have taken a neutral stance for the time being following the policy of "this is not an era of war". I wonder what intelligence agencies, including "Five Eyes" were doing — they have to answer for this massive failure..

Subhash Vaid, *New Delhi*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A tragic return' (IE, October 9). New Delhi can play a constructive role in promoting peace and stability in the region as it has strong ties with both Israel and the Arab world, as well as with Iran. Western democracies are unable to resolve any problems because of their selective approach. They openly express pain for Ukrainian suffering while turning a blind eye to Palestinian suffering. A more peaceful and stable Middle East would present significant opportunities for India, including expanded trade and investment opportunities.

Zaid Wazi, *Varanasi*

UNACHIEVABLE GOAL

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Israel's moment of reckoning' (IE, October 9). The surprise terror attack by Hamas on the Israeli state has given Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the much-needed opportunity to consolidate his authoritarian hold on state institutions. His controversial judicial reforms will now be justified on grounds of the need for strengthening the hands of the executive and the military in the face of existential threat to the state of Israel from both state and non-state actors. The two-state solution to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict might seem like an unachievable goal after this unprecedented crisis.

Sudip Kumar Dey, *Barasat*

ARKHIPOV'S FEAT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The story of Vasily Arkhipov' (IE, October 9). The Soviet commodore's choice of restraint illustrates that rushing to a violent response brings no lasting solution to the world's problems. Through sagacity and cool-mindedness, he prevented what could have been World War III. To suggest restraint and argue against taking a drastic step while being a uniformed officer leading a flotilla makes him an extraordinary figure. The little-known story of this remarkable man must be told globally. It imparts an important lesson to all states that seek military solutions to their mutual disputes. It should be driven home to them that the safety of innocent human lives and properties is more important than any machismo and violence.

S H Quadri, *Bikaner*

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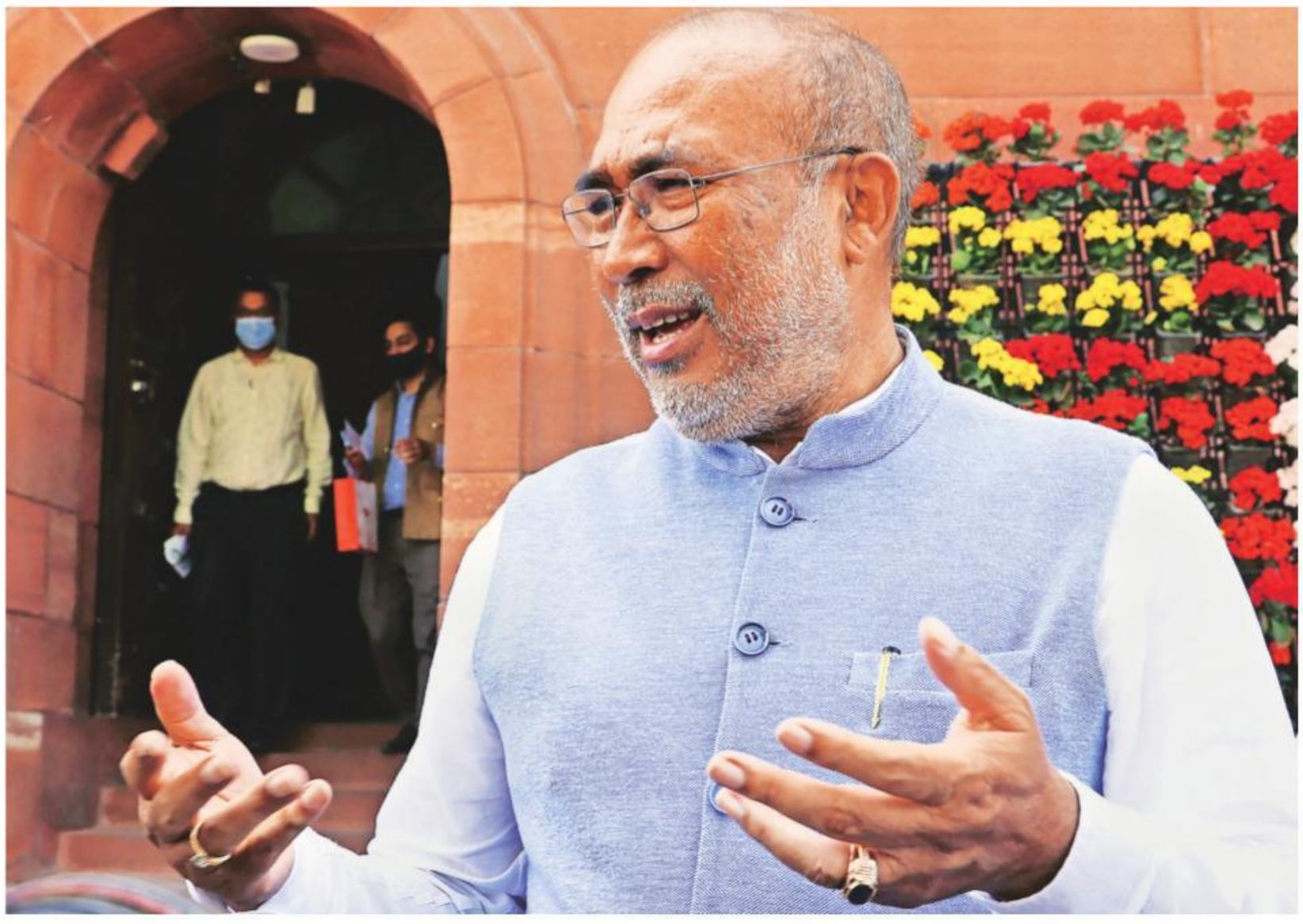

THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW

WITH

N BIREN SINGH

CHIEF MINISTER, MANIPUR

MANIPUR CHIEF Minister **N BIREN SINGH** spent Friday morning inaugurating a driving institute in Imphal (East), and attending the groundbreaking ceremonies of a water body and a sewage plant in Imphal (West). Later in the day, he sat down with **RITIKA CHOPRA, Chief of National Bureau (Government)**, at his Imphal office for an exclusive interview. Over the next 80 minutes, he claimed that he hadn't lost the trust of the Kukis, and accused "illegal immigrants" threatened by his "war on drugs" for exploiting "vulnerabilities" of the Meiteis to fuel unrest.

It's been five months since the violence broke out. What are your plans for reconciliation and peace?

My top priority is initiating dialogue with all the affected communities, including the Meiteis and Kukis. I have already started (conversations) through some (informal) channels... We have started the process of resettling displaced individuals and constructing prefabricated houses in both hill and valley regions. Plans are in place to rebuild damaged houses. Fortunately, in the past month, we have witnessed a decrease in hostilities. The recent video involving two missing students stirred emotions, but swift action has helped ease tensions.

Has the dialogue process started too late?

The dialogue process was initiated three months ago. We formed a (peace) committee composed of legislators, led by Hill Area Committee Chairman and MLA Dipu Gangmei. This committee started working, but internally and quietly, because the situation was not conducive at the time.

What is the one thing keeping you up at night?

I want my people to feel confident and secure again. Right now they feel unsafe... I appreciate my leaders in Delhi for treating Manipur's issue as a national issue. And I am conveying that to the people.

My goal is to restore normalcy in Manipur. Over the last six years, we have made significant progress in terms of tourism and the economy. We even hosted the Miss India pageant (shortly before the recent violence). Many businessmen started investing, and we had no disruptions like strikes, blockades, or killings, prevalent earlier.

Given Manipur's history of ethnic conflicts, how is the current situation different?

The current situation isn't a dispute between two communities. It is very clear from the report of the NIA, the highest investigative agency of our country, that there is a hand of external forces. The present crisis should have settled if it wasn't for their meddling.

See, this fight is actually between the government and the drug mafia. The government's actions were not directed at the original Kukis or ordinary citizens; our focus was on identifying and addressing illegal immigrants involved in poppy cultivation and drug smuggling. The drug mafia's true target was the government, but they couldn't succeed. Instead, they exploited the vulnerabilities of sections, such as the Meiteis in peripheral areas, to create unrest.

But the HC's order on ST status for the Meiteis clearly triggered the violence.

That is the point that I'd like to clarify. What people might not be aware of is that the High Court simply asked the government for its opinion; it did not instruct us to take any immediate action. We had the option... which could have been a 'yes' or 'no'. We had not submitted our opinion... So how can it be the point of the unrest? (The single-bench order of the Manipur High Court is currently being heard before a division bench. Additionally, a review petition is pending before the judge who passed the order.)

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So what do you see as the trigger for the May 3 violence?

Manipur faces severe drug-related challenges, with 1.5 lakh drug users among a population of just three million (30 lakh). Around 90% of our state is hilly terrain, with 60% of the forests in hills being destroyed for poppy cultivation... We have even found drug factories in the hills and the valley. During my first term, I initiated a war on drugs, leading to the arrest of drug lords, curbing of forest destruction, and action against village chiefs and drug smugglers. In 2022, we secured a majority, resumed our efforts...

We realised that most of the drugs and poppy cultivation was linked to the Golden Triangle region of Myanmar, Thailand, and Laos... While original Kukis and Naga (inhabitants of the state) are innocent... the outsiders involved in this trade had to go.

Over the last 15 years, 926 new villages emerged, primarily in Kuki-dominated areas like Churachandpur, Chandel and Kangpokpi... There was no such increase in the Naga-dominated and Meitei-Pangal dominated areas. This raised questions... With the guidance of Honourable Home Minister Amit Shahji, we formed a committee to identify illegal immigrants from Myanmar... led by Cabinet Minister Letpao Haokip, who is a Kuki friend. It also had one Naga Minister, Awangbow Newmai, and one from the Meitei community (Thounaojam Basanta Singh). In a week, the committee identified 2,480 illegal immigrants, who are now in detention centres. We also warned people against sheltering illegal immigrants. I feel these events led to the current crisis.

Did the state machinery fail to anticipate the violence ?

No, I could smell something (was wrong). On April 27, I was supposed to inaugurate an open gym, but it was burned by miscreants. Right from that day, I had doubts... and I asked the DGP to take care. When I was informed about the (tribal solidarity) rally (of May 3), I inquired about its purpose, and I was told it had to do with the High Court order. I was surprised since the state government had not recommended anything. At that time, the Hill Areas Committee members, all 20 MLAs, met me. They requested that I not recommend anything. I assured that we could even ask for more time from the court.

Why could the state machinery not control the violence then?

That was a surprise (to me). Throughout the day, Governor Madam (Anusuiya Uike) and I were with the Vice President (Jagdeep Dhankhar), who was visiting. I didn't know what happened or didn't. I don't want to criticise... but for the day of the rally, I had requested security for all vulnerable districts. I later found out that the DGP did not provide adequate security in the Churachandpur district. He provided security in Kangpokpi and Noney districts. In Noney, the Kuki community is not even present. This will come out in investigation. I don't want to say more. (The Ministry of Home Affairs has set up a three-member commission headed by retired judge Ajai Lamba to probe the ethnic strife.)

You speak of illegal immigrants... Are they in such numbers that they can threaten to destabilise the state?

That is the biggest challenge. It represents the biggest failure of previous governments. Our 398-km border with Myanmar is unguarded, whereas our borders with Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan are fenced... Furthermore, we have implemented a Free Movement Regime (allowing tribes living along the border on either side to travel up to 16 km inside the other country without a visa). How will indigenous people survive? More than 3-4 lakh (immigrants) have entered.

Are these official figures?

No, but I have data to show how these new villages are coming up annually. Our border is not guarded. Assam Rifles is there but within 12 km of our border with Myanmar. It's only after the BJP came to power that we started fencing 10 km of our border with Myanmar. We now have approval for another 80 km.

But the Free Movement Regime was significant for cross-border people-to-people relationships, and also for livelihoods.

The Free Movement Regime should not have happened. Those individuals belong to another country... Who will keep track if they have gone back or settled here? Who will send them back?... Perhaps they could hold cards that they surrender upon entering and collect when they go back. There is currently no such system.

Isn't the appointment of IPS Rajiv Singh and former CRPF chief Kuldiep Singh, along with the extended visits of Central ministers, a sign of the Centre's loss of confidence in the state government?

No, that is not an accurate perception. The Centre has full confidence in both the state government and me. However, the situation is viewed as a conflict between two communities, and I belong to one of those communities. If I continue and I hold the same powers... then it may be seen as an imbalance. To avoid any perception of imbalance, the Centre may have appointed a security advisor, a new DG, and others... If the Centre did not trust me, then they always have other options.

If the Centre trusts you, should the CM not have control over the Unified Command?

That's exactly what I've clarified. As a Meitei, if I were to hold the (unified) command, it could be perceived as an imbalance. There's no bias in my heart or in my work, nor in the Centre's thinking, but people might still misinterpret it... That's how the Honourable Union Home Minister is dealing (with our issues)... '*Balance dikhana hai .. Meiteis our Kukis ko same tarah se deal karna hai* (We should show balance in our dealings with the Meiteis and Kukis)'. That's the message the Centre is trying to convey.

You are often compared to your counterpart in Mizoram, and seen as acting on behalf of the Centre rather than asserting your state's autonomy...

When the party's leadership makes a decision after careful consideration... it is my duty to obey... I have received so much condemnation, but I bear it because we can't spell out everything to the public... *Pehli baar hum gaali khaya hai, hum maanta hai* (I acknowledge that for the first time, I have been criticised a lot). I am aware of the good intentions of the Centre... Slowly, people are also realising this.

> **The Free Movement Regime should not have happened. Those individuals belong to another country... Who will keep track if they have gone back or settled here?"**

You said in the past that you would resign if asked to by the Central leadership.

What is the message you have received from the Prime Minister and Home Minister?

For the last three to four months... morning, night, 12 o'clock, 1 o'clock... I have been constantly in touch with the *Griha Mantriji* (Home Minister). *Ek mere ko confidence diya hai Griha Mantriji ne, ki himmat nahin harna aur himmat se ladna* (The Home Minister has given me the confidence to never give up and continue fighting with courage). These words have helped me feel reborn again. Sometimes I was so frustrated, but Griha Mantriji always reassured me. The Honourable PM always tells me, *khyal rakhna, sabka khyal rakhna, achchi tarah se shanti jaldi laane ka koshish karo* (Take care of everyone and try to bring peace back as soon as possible).

Recently, a mob tried to storm your residence. Do you think you still enjoy the support of your constituents?

In Manipur, there are many reputable civil society organisations... that represent different communities... none of these were involved (in the incident). A newly formed group was behind it. Also, the mob couldn't even get near my house because my constituents didn't allow them. Moreover, most of the youths arrested that night belong to areas dominated by the Opposition...

In an earlier interview to *The Indian Express*, you claimed improved relationship between security forces and the public, and decreased concerns about AFSPA. Have these gains been eroded?

We have more insurgent groups engaged in talks... the Home Minister has already initiated this process. Some insurgents are in discussions, and we expect resolutions soon. Additionally, more groups are transitioning to mainstream dialogue.

What was your reaction to the video of two tribal women being paraded naked?

I was really shocked... However, I must commend the people of Manipur for their response. The two women, whose uncle and nephew were killed, were rescued by members of the same community to which the culprits belonged. While I condemn the actions of the eight individuals involved in this unlawful act, I also appreciate those who stepped in to save the victims... helped them get dressed, and sent them back home. Following the incident, it was not the police that raided the culprits' homes, but the Meitei community that mobilised and handed over the culprits to the authorities. Some of their houses were also burned down. This event is deeply unsettling for all right-thinking individuals.

You haven't met with the families of the victims. Why are there no such healing overtures on your part?

I wanted to go and console the Kuki families, but... the situation was tense, and I felt that I was being targeted and blamed by the Kukis. I'm not sure why, and I believe that ultimately it's up to God to determine who was right and wrong. However, because I didn't visit the Kuki families, I also refrained from visiting the families of the Meitei victims. I was concerned that people might perceive it as a biased gesture...*ki dekho Meitei hai isiliye Meitei ke pass jaa raha hai* (See, he's visiting Meiteis cause he's a Meitei himself)... I am facing this dilemma, which is the most challenging part for me. But I have visited relief camps of both the communities.

How would you address the concerns of the Kukis regarding your government?

You can see this in my working style. I had a principal secretary till recently, Vumlunmang Vualnam, who is a Kuki one of my closest associates. I have a person in my team from the same community, Christopher Doungel, who continues to work with me. He (Doungel) is part of all our *andar ka* (internal) talks. My government recognised the 'Kuki Rising Day' to commemorate their fight with the British and I made it a gazetted holiday. I also recognised the Hun Festival and announced a holiday for it... That's why I am saying that all Manipuri Kukis love me and trust me. It's the outsiders who are threatened by my actions and are worried that they will be identified through biometric and sent back. They are ones creating a rift.

ROAD TO 2024

As Bihar caste survey adds spring to Oppn step, can BJP led by Modi keep ahead?

Women's reservation Act hasn't given the party the boost it expected, with Bihar caste survey overtaking it. Now, PM has taken charge of the counter-attack

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EXPLAINED

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi often says that he makes "stairs out of stones thrown at me", and his opponents need not be reminded of his astuteness in turning any attack or criticism to his advantage. He has done it now with Rahul Gandhi's "*Jitni aabadi, utna haq*" phrase to attack the demand for caste census.

Even as the BJP is pointing to the number of Muslim groups within the EBC category in the Bihar caste survey report, which was released recently, the PM has used Rahul's phrase – first raised in the Karnataka elections – to suggest that it is the Congress leader who is being communal.

"*Jitni aabadi, utna haq*" means that the Muslims as a minority would be deprived, Modi said at a recent rally in Chhattisgarh. He went on to draw a contrast with what Congress leader former PM Manmohan Singh had said in a 2006 speech about minorities having "the first right to resources".

At a rally later the same day in Telangana, Modi used Rahul's phrase to suggest that the Congress didn't care enough for the South as, post-delimitation, which was due in 2026, the southern states "could lose 100 (Lok Sabha) constituencies". The prospect of that is one of the biggest concerns of the southern states.

The PM added that, for him, the "poor" were the only caste and their welfare his government's primary motive.

The PM's refrain suggests that the BJP is worried about the Bihar caste survey, and how it might help a united Opposition take away its backward class votes. This is contrary to the BJP's public posturing that the "Modi phenomenon", bringing multiple regional identities together under the PM's strong leadership, will transcend caste and class lines again in 2024.

The caste survey held by the Mahagathbandhan government led by Nitish Kumar in Bihar puts OBC numbers at 63% of the state's population, with 36% being EBCs. This upends the various social engineering formulas worked into a successful political message by the BJP, as well as other parties, especially in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

For now, the INDIA bloc has not been able to find a language to take on Modi's new line of attack, though they have stuck to the caste census demand. Asked about the PM's statement that the South could lose 100 seats in the Lok Sabha post-delimitation, JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh was evasive. "Why will there be any loss? Several southern states have been supporting the caste census. They have not opposed the delimitation process either. Besides, will the BJP remain in power to even complete the delimitation process? Let the time come, everything will be solved," Singh said at an Idea Exchange session with *The Indian Express*.

There is some talk that the BJP might still put a rabbit out of the hat for that extra "push". The hype generated by the sudden convening of the special session of Parliament – days after the Monsoon Session had ended – and the quick passage of the women's reservation Bill has been overtaken by the Nitish government move.

The Opposition's demand for an OBC quota within the quota for women has also dovetailed nicely with the Bihar caste survey. The fact that women's reservation will not come into force anytime soon has dulled enthusiasm too.

BJP leaders admit that the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam has not had the impact the party leadership expected. The party's calculation that some cracks might develop in the INDIA bloc over the Act, with parties putting conditions for their support, has also not come true. All Opposition parties, including those such as the Samajwadi Party, RJD and JD(U), which opposed women's reservation in the past, voted for the Act, while demanding an OBC quota.

BJP leaders now suggest there could be another "dhamaakedaar (explosive)" move before next polls. Several Opposition leaders continue to believe that the special session was not meant for the passage of the women's Bill alone, and that the BJP leadership had to drop its "real plans" due to some reasons.

The apprehension that one nation-one election could be on the BJP's mind has settled to some extent with the declaration of the Assembly poll schedule for five states in November. Last week, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar also seemed to pour water on this by insisting that Assembly elections in the state would be held as due, after the Lok Sabha polls next year.

Clearly, there is set to be a spike in anti-Pakistan fervour. Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that under PM Modi, India's goal was reclaiming Gilgit and Baltistan in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. "We have only just begun walking north. The journey will end when we reach the remaining parts of (PoK), Gilgit and Baltistan," he said.

Last month, Union minister and former Army chief V K Singh said at a press conference in poll-bound Rajasthan: "Pakistan-occupied Kashmir will become a part of India on its own."

On Sunday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said: "If Ram Janmabhoomi can be reclaimed after 500 years, why not Sindh?"

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹58,350	₹83.27	$85.66	₹72,500

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 6

SENSEX: 65,512.39 ▼ 483.24 (0.73%) **NIFTY:** 19,512.35 ▼ 141.15 (0.72%) **NIKKEI:** 30,994.67 ▼ 80.69 **HANG SENG:** 17,517.40 ▲ 31.42 **FTSE:** 7,514.62 ▲ 20.04 **DAX:** 15,127.63 ▼ 102.14

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
MARKETS

Under pressure: Israel-Hamas war casts its shadow

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
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The Middle East conflict pushed investors toward safe-haven assets

GLOBAL MARKETS, including India, on Monday came under pressure in a global risk-off move following the eruption of a growing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas. The BSE Sensex fell by 0.73 per cent, or 483 points, to 65,512.39 and the NSE Nifty index fell 141 points to 19,512.35 in the sell-off.

If the war persists for a long time, stocks and the rupee are likely to come under pressure, analysts cautioned.

On Wall Street, stocks sank ahead of the bell on Monday as the Middle East conflict added a dose of geopolitical risk to the interest-rate and inflation concerns already facing markets. Dow Jones futures dropped roughly 0.5 per cent or about 175 points. S&P 500 futures lost about 0.6 per cent, while contracts on the tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 fell over 0.8 per cent.

The Middle East conflict pushed investors toward safe-haven assets as this negative trigger is the latest in the list including the macroeconomic uncertainties in Europe and China, hawkish central banks and already rising oil prices. While foreign investors pulled out close to Rs 1,000 crore from the cash market on Monday, domestic institutions led by mutual funds and insurance companies prevented a bigger fall by purchasing stocks worth Rs 2661 crore.

"An unforeseen escalation in the Middle East has rekindled pessimism in global markets. Moreover, the rapid surge in oil prices presents a significant threat to the global market, which is already dealing with elevated inflation and interest rates. In the mid- and small-cap segments, we observe consolidation as investors reshuffle their portfolios due to premium valuations in this space," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

The rupee settled flat at 83.27 against the US dollar amid a weak trend in domestic equities and surging crude oil prices in the international markets.

"The issue is that if the war persists for long, which is say, even a fortnight onwards, then the oil dynamics will change. Brent had crossed the $ 90 mark but then retreated. Now we can use the 90 number to be the threshold beyond which there is trouble for the world economy. India can get affected if the price remains high due to further supply disruptions," said Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda.

Iran joining the fray can affect the sea routes and push up transport and insurance costs. Higher crude will distort the country's balance of trade and CAD thus putting pressure on the rupee.

"One of our major trade partners on the exports side is Israel which buys around $ 5.5-6 billion of refined petro products from us. Therefore, the rupee depreciation is a distinct possibility which will require the RBI action.

PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Unemployment rate drops to 6.6% in urban areas in Q1

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URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT rate in April-June, the first quarter of fiscal 2023-24, slid to 6.6 per cent, the quarterly bulletin of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Monday showed. Even though the unemployment rate for urban areas, which was at the lowest level since the launch of the PLFS bulletin in 2018, nearly 14 states recorded a higher urban unemployment rate than the national average.

For males, the urban unemployment rate, based on current weekly status for persons above 15 years, declined to 5.9 per cent in Q1 from 6 per cent in the previous quarter and 7.1 per cent in the year-ago period. For females as well, the unemployment rate eased to 9.1 per cent in the April-June period from 9.2 per cent in the previous quarter and 9.5 per cent in the year-ago period. Employment of both males and females, however, increased in self-employed categories, such as own account worker, and helper in household enterprise.

PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY RESULTS FOR URBAN AREAS

	MALE		FEMALE		PERSON	
	LFPR	UR	LFPR	UR	LFPR	UR
April – June 2022	73.5	7.1	20.9	9.5	47.5	7.6
July – September 2022	73.4	6.6	21.7	9.4	47.9	7.2
October – December 2022	73.3	6.5	22.3	9.6	48.2	7.2
January – March 2023	73.5	6.0	22.7	9.2	48.5	6.8
April – June 2023	73.5	5.9	23.2	9.1	48.8	6.6

All figures in % and for persons of 15 years and above.
LFPR = Labour Force Participation Rate; UR = Unemployment Rate
Source: NSO, MoSPI

Unemployment rate for youth for urban females in the age group 15-29 years went up to 23.4 per cent in Q1 from 22.9 per cent in the previous quarter but fell from 23.9 per cent in the year-ago period.

For urban males in the 15-29 years age group, the unemployment rate went up to 15.9 per cent from 15.6 per cent in the previous quarter, but was lower than 17.4 per cent in April-June 2022.

In the urban areas, states/UTs, which recorded higher than national average unemployment rate, included Himachal Pradesh (13.8 per cent), Rajasthan (11.7 per cent), Chhattisgarh (11.2 per cent), Jammu and Kashmir (10.9 per cent) and Kerala (10 per cent). States/UTs which posted a lower-than-national average unemployment rate were Delhi (2.7 per cent), Gujarat (2.8 per cent), West Bengal (4.4 per cent), Bihar (6.1 per cent), Maharashtra and Haryana (6.5 per cent each).

The Ministry said that the key labour market indicators of Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and unemployment rates improved in urban areas in the first quarter for persons of age 15 years and above, compared to the pre-pandemic period.

"LFPR for persons of age 15 years and above in CWS ranged from 46.2 per cent to 47.8 per cent during the pre-pandemic period. LFPR during April-June 2023 was 48.8 per cent which is higher than the labour force participation rate observed in the quarters covered in the pre-pandemic period."

"WPR for persons of age 15 years and above in CWS ranged from 41.8 per cent to 44.1 per cent during the pre-pandemic period. WPR during April-June 2023 was 45.5 per cent which is higher than the worker population ratio observed in the quarters covered in the pre-pandemic period," it said.

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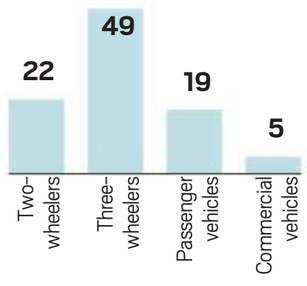
Automobile retail sales jump over 20% in September

Auto retail sales in India increased as demand soared across segments with the onset of festival season

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER:
2023: **18,82,071** units
2022: **15,63,735** units

PASSENGER VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
Sep '23: **3,32,248** units
Sep '22: **2,79,137** units

Y-O-Y SALES GROWTH ACROSS SEGMENTS: *(in %)*



"As we move past the Shraadh period on October 14, the market is poised for the onset of Navratri, heralding a 42-day festive window. With these promising indicators, FADA adopts an optimistic stance, anticipating a thriving festive season for the auto retail sector,"
Manish Raj Singhania, FADA PresidenT

Source: Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations/PTI

Q2 PREVIEW

Banks to see decline in NIM on higher cost of deposits

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BANKS ARE likely to see a further compression in their net interest margins (NIM) in the second quarter of the current fiscal (on a sequential basis) due to higher cost of deposits. In the April-June quarter, banks' NIM – the difference between the interest earned and the interest paid by a bank – declined on a sequential basis.

Analysts expect banks to maintain a healthy profit after tax (PAT) and asset quality is likely to improve in the April-June quarter, with slippages under control. Even credit costs will remain stable, with bank credit growth expected to be in the range of 15-17 per cent on year-on-year (YoY) basis and deposits rising by 12-13 per cent in the quarter.

Axis Securities, in a report, said lending yields will continue to remain largely stagnant with only limited benefit flowing in from MCLR (marginal cost of funds-based lending rates) linked loan repricing, while cost of funds will continue its upward trajectory.

"Thus, margin compression for banks will continue even in Q2FY24. However, for a few banks, the quantum of compression could be marginally lower sequentially," Axis securities said in its earning preview report.

With a calibrated rise in yields and rising cost of deposits, systemic NIM had peaked in the second half of FY23 and saw some decline on a quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) basis in the first quarter of the current fiscal.

"While card (deposit) rates have been relatively stable, we still see upward pressure on outstanding cost of deposits due to deposits re-pricing and thus expect QoQ decline in NIM for Q2FY24," ICICI Securities said in a report.

On a QoQ basis, ICICI Securities see upto 10 basis points (bps) decline in NIM for Axis Bank, Bandhan Bank, Yes Bank and State Bank of India and 15–20 bps dip for Kotak Mahindra Bank, Karur Vysya Bank and South Indian Bank. It expects a flattish to positive QoQ NIM for RBL Bank, City Union Bank and Federal Bank in the July-September quarter.

For FY24, NIMs are likely to be flattish or incur a marginal decline on y-o-y basis. *File*

Prabhudas Lilladher its report said that banks, which are under its coverage, are expected to witness a weak quarter as core earnings could fall by 9.3 per cent QoQ to Rs 45,400 crore (vs -2.7 per cent QoQ in Q1 FY24), mainly driven by lower NIM.

For FY24, NIMs are likely to be flattish or incur a marginal decline on y-o-y basis due to a rise in deposits cost along with a reduction in the share of low-cost CASA, according to a Care Ratings' report.

Analysts expect net interest margins (NII) of the banking sector to see a 15-16 per cent growth in the second quarter.

Axis Securities expect a NII growth of 16 per cent year-on-year and one per cent QoQ (ex-HDFC) for its coverage universe banks.

ICICI Securities has estimated a 15 per cent YoY rise in NII for private banks (ex-HDFCB), which are under its coverage universe. However, it sees a flattish NII QoQ due to pressure on NIM. For SBI, it sees a 10 per cent YoY rise in NII, but flattish growth QoQ.

In line with NII and PPOP (pre provision operating profit) growth coupled with benign credit costs, ICICI securities expects around 17 per cent YoY growth and near 4 per cent dip QoQ in PAT (profit after tax) for private banks (ex-HDFC Bank) under coverage.

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APSEZ stocks tank by 4.8% as firm readies a business continuity plan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 9

THE STOCK prices of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), that operates the Haifa port in Israel, tanked by over 4.8 per cent on BSE, Monday.

The Gautam Adani-led group firm said it is closely monitoring the action on ground and are prepared with a business continuity plan.

"We are closely monitoring the action on ground, which is concentrated in South Israel. Haifa port in northern part of Israelis operational. We have taken measures to ensure safety of our employees and all of them are safe. We remain fully alert and prepared with a business continuity plan that will enable us to respond effectively to any eventuality," a spokesperson from the firm stated.

"The overall contribution of Haifa in APSEZ's numbers is relatively small at 3 per cent of the total cargo volume. For the current financial year, we have guided for Haifa Cargo volumes range of 10-12 MMT and APSEZ's total cargo volume guidance of 370-390 MMT. In the initial six months of FY24, APSEZ's total cargo volume was 203 MMT, of which the Haifa share is 6 MMT. We stay confident of APSEZs business performance," the spokesperson added.

Carbon reduction cannot be achieved via EVs alone: Maruti

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

EVEN AS Maruti Suzuki, India's biggest carmaker, looks to introduce electric vehicles in its portfolio, the company said that carbon reduction targets in the short to medium term cannot be achieved through EVs alone.

"About 75 per cent of electricity is still generated by burning coal and demand for electricity is rising due to economic growth. In this decade, a mix of technologies is necessary to lower the carbon footprint," the company said in a presentation made to investors. Maruti Suzuki is projecting a requirement of 4 million production capacity by 2031, and its product mix will include petrol cars, electric vehicles, hybrid cars, cars using CNG, cars equipped for 20 per cent or more ethanol and possibly cars operating on compressed biogas.

This is in line with the technology-agnostic approach being sought by automakers such as Maruti Suzuki and Toyota Kirloskar Motor, which spells out emission objectives that manufacturers have to meet, irrespective of technology. And there are a lot of technologies to choose from. Currently, the Centre offers clear tax incentives for primarily one category of cars, with practically all other vehicular technological platforms clubbed together towards the upper end of the tax bracket. The government's electric mobility is largely focussed on battery electric vehicles as the platform of choice to replace the internal combustion engine vehicles, with Li-ion seen as the most viable battery option for now.

"This mixture of technologies is necessary in the context of meeting the carbon footprint targets and taking into account the buying power of customers, infrastructure situation, and the raw materials available in the country for generating clean power," Maruti Suzuki said.

The carmaker, which has yet to launch an electric vehicle in India unlike some of its biggest competitors, expects that around 20 per cent of cars sold by the company by 2031 would be EVs. Another 25 per cent could be hybrids and the rest would use ethanol, CNG and possibly CBG (Compressed Bio Gas).

With six new EV launches lined up, the carmaker's portfolio will swell from 17 offerings to around 28 models. The total capex required to aid future growth will be as much as Rs 1.25 lakh crore, the company told its investors.

The company is aiming to add 2 million additional capacity in the next seven years, with work already having started at Kharkhoda in Haryana where the first line of 250,000 units is expected to go into production in early 2025 and, which could reach a 1 million capacity in 2028. A second site for 1 million units is under selection and work will start in 2024.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

India-Peru trade talks to begin today

New Delhi: The next round of negotiations for a trade agreement between India and South American nation Peru will start from October 10, an official statement said on Monday. The agreement is aimed at promoting bilateral trade and investments among themselves. With the pact, the two trading partners will significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on maximum number of goods traded between them. **PTI**

Canara Bank appoints new Exec Director

New Delhi: Canara Bank on Monday announced the appointment of Bhavendra Kumar as the Executive Director of the bank. Before this, Kumar was the Chief General Manager and headed the Delhi Circle Office with a business of over Rs 2.5 lakh crore. **ENS**

India watching military conflict in the Middle East closely, says Puri

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

INDIA, THE world's third-biggest oil importer, is watching the ongoing conflict in the Middle East closely, the country's oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Monday.

Oil prices rose over $3 a barrel on Monday as military clashes between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas deepened political uncertainty across the Middle East and raised concerns about supplies.

"The place where action is taking place is in many respects the centre of global energy... as we go along we will navigate through this," Puri told reporters at an industry event in New Delhi.

Global uncertainties of such nature encourage people to use sustainable, cleaner fuels, Puri said, adding that $100 per barrel crude oil prices was unsustainable. Higher oil prices typically lead to surge in inflation and hurts growth in large-scale importer like India.

Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri. *File*

Last week, India had urged oil producers to show "sensitivity" towards consuming countries, hit by prices largely trading above $90 a barrel since Saudi Arabia and Russia decided to extend voluntary cuts to year-end.

Talking about biofuel in India, he said, "We reached the target of 10 per cent ethanol blending five months beforehand. Now we are at 12 per cent, and the target of 20 per cent by 2025 can be achieved easily".

FM to attend World Bank, IMF meet in Morocco

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman will embark on a six-day official visit on Tuesday to Marrakech, Morocco, to attend the World Bank-International Monetary Fund annual meet, along with the G20 FMCBG meeting.

Besides, bilateral meetings with Indonesia, Morocco, Brazil, Switzerland, Germany and France are scheduled to take place between October 11 and15, 2023, in Marrakech.

The Indian delegation for the annual meetings will be led by the Finance Minister, and comprise officials from the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), an official statement said on Monday.

During the visit, it added, Sitharaman and RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das will co-chair the fourth G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting.

BoB hikes retail term deposit rates by 50 bps across various tenors

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 9

STATE-RUN Bank of Baroda (BoB) on Monday announced to increase interest rates on its domestic retail term deposits by up to 50 basis points (bps) across various tenors up to three years.

These new rates are applicable on deposits below Rs 2 crore with immediate effect, the bank said in a release.

The bank is offering interest rates of up to 7.4 per cent per annum for general citizens and up to 7.9 per cent for senior citizens, which includes 0.5 per cent per annum of additional interest for senior citizens and 0.15 per cent for non-callable deposits.

For deposits maturing in 91 to 180 days, the lender has raised the interest rate of 5 per cent from 4.5 per cent for the general public.

The interest rates on deposits maturing in 181-210 days deposits and 211 to 270 days have been revised up by 25 bps to 5.5 per cent and 6 per cent respectively.

The revised rate for 271 to less than one-year deposit is 6.25 per cent as against 5.75 per cent earlier for the general public. The Bank has also increased bulk deposit interest rates (for deposits from Rs 2 crore to Rs 10 crore by up to one per cent (100 bps) across various tenors.

BoB is the first lender to increase deposit rates after the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) announced its monetary policy on October 6.

In the policy, the central bank left the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent for the fourth consecutive time.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said that the transmission of the 250 bps (since March 2022) increase in the repo rate to lending and deposit rates is still incomplete.

The weighted average domestic term deposit rate (WADTDR) on fresh deposits of banks has increased by 233 bps in the current tightening cycle. The corresponding increase in outstanding term deposit rates is even lower at 157 bps.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : RE-E-T No 166, 169, 171/2023-24/SE/PHC/CHN
Jal Jeevan Mission - 1) WSS to Sreemoolanagaram Package I - Construction of Raw Water Well cum Pump House at Chowara, Erection of Pump sets, Construction of 20MLD WTP at Chowara, Erection of transformer 2 KIIFB-AUGMENTATION OF WSS TO ANGAMALY CONSTITUENCY - PART 1 -PACKAGE 1 -CONSTRUCTION OF 9M DIA WELL CUM PUMP HOUSE, SUPPLY AND LAYING OF 600mm DI RWPM , SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF 400 KVA TRANSFORMER, RAW WATER PUMP SET ETC at Thopilkadavu, 3) AMRUT-2.0 Laying Distribution mains from the OHSR at Kaloor-General Civil Work-1- From OHSR to Kaloor Junction and Palarivattom. **EMD** : Rs. 5,00,000/- each, **Tender fee** : Rs. 19517.2 each, **Last Date for submitting Tender** 26-10-2023 03:00:pm, **Phone :** 0484-2360645, **Website :** www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
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IISER Pune invites Online applications for Admission to the Ph.D. programme for the January, 2024 session.
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Applications are invited from prospective candidates for admission to the **PhD Program** at IISER Mohali. Applications are invited in the areas of Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Earth & Environmental Sciences and Humanities & Social Sciences for the session beginning in January 2024. Candidates interested in pursuing research in interdisciplinary areas are also encouraged to apply.
Eligibility Criteria, Other details and Application procedure: The details of eligibility criteria, online application form and application procedure are available at **https://www.iisermohali.ac.in**
Last date: The online application facility will be open till **October 29, 2023 (Sunday).**
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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	THE ROHTAK COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	SALE OF GATTA SCRAP ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR	13.10.2023 25.10.2023	AS PER DNIT	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9996577829 vitarohtak @gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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Government of Jharkhand
Directorate Of Food And Consumer Affairs, Jharkhand,
Third Floor, JSFC Bhawan, Kadru Ranchi

Letter No- 1679 Date-09-10-2023
Tender Ref No:Kha.Up.Ni.-01-Namak-51/2023-1600 Dated – 22-09-2023

Corrigendum Notice

With reference to Gem Bid Number - GEM/2023/B/3993357 Dated : 21/09/2023 and PR NO. 307682 dated:27-09-2023 under Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs, Jharkhand Regarding " Selection Of Bidder For Supply Of Free Flow Refined Iodized Edible Salt (As Per FSSAI Norms) For 2nd Quarter (July 2023 To September 2023) Of Financial Year 2023-24 By e-Tender Through E-Bid Followed By Reverse Auction on GeM Platform.

Following Amendment are hereby Authorized.

1. Bid Submission Closing Date : 16.10.2023 at 06:00 pm
2. Some other amendment has been made in terms & conditions of the RFP regarding the tender by corrigendum notice no. 1676 dated 06-10-2023 which can be seen on the website http://jharkhand.gov.in/food & GeM Portal.

However, the prospective bidder are advised to regularly keep visiting and checking the website http://jharkhand.gov.in/food & GeM Portal for any further forthcoming information/ notice(s) / developments / amendment(s) / Clarification(s) regarding the subject Tender.

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Food & Consumer, Affair's

PR 308684 (Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs) 23-24 (D)

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 25th September, 2023

S.O. 4341 (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the lands, (the brief description of which has been specified in the Schedule annexed to this notification) is required for execution of the Special Railway Project namely, the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor in the District of Nuh in the State of Haryana, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land;

Any person interested in the said land may, within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 20D of the said Act;

Every objection referred to in the preceding paragraph, shall be made to the competent authority, namely, District Revenue Officer-cum-Land Acquisition Collector, Mewat-Nuh, Haryana in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and such competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard either in person or by a legal practitioner and may after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary by order, either allow or disallow the objections;

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of section 20D of the said Act, shall be final;

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the competent authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired with or without structure for the Special Railway Project namely, the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor in district Nuh in the State of Haryana.

DISTRICT: Nuh

Sl. No	Name of Village	Type of land	Nature of land	Survey Number	Area (in SQM)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Kharkhari	Personal	Agriculture	21//7/3	50.575
		Personal	Agriculture	21//7/2/2	202.3
2	Dhulawat	Personal	Agriculture	25//18/1/2	50.575
		Non Personal	Non Agriculture	R-64	25.2875
		Personal	Agriculture	25//18/2/2	151.725
		Personal	Agriculture	25//19/1	151.725
		Personal	Agriculture	24//2/3/2	25.2875
		Personal	Agriculture	24//3/2/2	404.6
		Personal	Agriculture	24//3/1/2	50.575
		Non Personal	Non Agriculture	R-490	25.2875
		Personal	Agriculture	24//4/1/2	101.15
		Personal	Agriculture	24//4/2/2	328.7375
		Personal	Agriculture	24//5/2	227.5875
		Personal	Agriculture	24//6/2	328.7375
		Personal	Agriculture	23//10/2	455.175
		Personal	Agriculture	23//9/2	379.3125
		Personal	Agriculture	17//16/1	480.4625
		Non Personal	Non Agriculture	N-54	278.1625
		Personal	Agriculture	18//20/1/2	1416.1
		Personal	Agriculture	18//19/3/2	708.05
		Personal	Agriculture	18//19/2/2	303.45
		Personal	Agriculture	18//19/1/2	126.4375
		Personal	Agriculture	18//21/1/2	354.025
		Personal	Agriculture	18//22/1/2	50.575
		Personal	Agriculture	18//22/2/1/2	606.9
		Personal	Agriculture	18//23/1/1/2	1036.7875
		Personal	Agriculture	18//23/2/2	606.9
		Personal	Agriculture	18//24/2	834.4875
		Personal	Agriculture	23//3/2/1	50.575
		Personal	Agriculture	23//4/1/1	758.625
		Non Personal	Non Agriculture	R-491	303.45
		Personal	Agriculture	18//25/2	75.8625
		Personal	Agriculture	23//5/2/1	354.025
		Personal	Agriculture	22//1/1/1/2	404.6
		Non Personal	Non Agriculture	R-65/2	151.725
		Personal	Agriculture	22//1/2/1/2	1441.3875
		Personal	Agriculture	22//2/1/2	885.0625
		Personal	Agriculture	22//3/1/2	379.3125
		Personal	Agriculture	22//8/1	354.025
		Personal	Agriculture	19//23/1/1	50.575
		Personal	Agriculture	19//23/3/2	50.575
		Personal	Agriculture	19//25/1/1	783.9125
		Personal	Agriculture	19//25/2/1	50.575
		Personal	Agriculture	19//25/3/1	227.5875
		Personal	Agriculture	20//21/1	50.575
		Personal	Agriculture	20//21/2	303.45
		Personal	Agriculture	21//1/1/1	25.2875
		Personal	Agriculture	22//7/1/1/2	354.025
		Personal	Agriculture	22//7/2/1	101.15
		Personal	Agriculture	22//6/2/1/2	834.4875
		Personal	Agriculture	21//10/2/1/2	303.45
3	Sahsol Patuka	Personal	Agriculture	101//21	177.0125
		Personal	Agriculture	103//1/1	303.45
		Personal	Agriculture	103//2/1/1	657.475
		Personal	Agriculture	103//2/2/1	75.8625
		Personal	Agriculture	103//3/1/1	151.725
		Non Personal	Non Agriculture	R-1003/1	25.2875
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		Personal	Agriculture	104//11/2	455.175
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PANKAJ TYAGI, Executive Director

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अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

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क्रम सं0 1 पर अंकित निविदा दिनांक 17/10/2023 को समय 13:00 बजे तक ऑनलाइन अपलोड की जा सकेंगी एवं निविदा दिनांक 18/10/2023 को समय 16:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र उ0प्र0 शासन के ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जायेंगी, वहाँ से निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड किये जा सकते हैं।

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 06.10.2023 at Platform No. 8/9 NZM End Side, FOB-3, New Delhi Railway Station.** In this regard **DD No. 58 A dated 06.10.2023** has been lodged at Police Station, New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi. The dead body is preserved in LHMC Mortuary for 72 Hrs. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 45-50 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Wearing: Light Blue Colour Shirt and White Colour Pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi
DP/11386/RLY/2023 Ph.: 011-23744073, 8750871305

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Jay Prakash**, S/o Chander Pal, R/o 270, Gali no. 2, Amar Colony, East Gokul Pur, Delhi, also at Village Pahadipur, PS Iglas, District Aligarh, UP, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 489/2017, U/s 392/394/411 IPC,** registered at **P.S. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi**, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Jay Prakash**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Jay Prakash**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Jay Prakash**, of case **FIR No. 489/2017, U/s 392/394/411 IPC, P.S. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **10.11.2023**.

By order
Preeti Parewa,
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room no. 59, Third Floor,
Shahdara, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/11362/NE/2023
(Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown,** residence and family is **Unknown** age 35 years approx. was found dead at **Road, Near Divider of Azad Market, Chowk, Delhi on 08.10.2023 at 12:45 pm.** In this regard a **FIR No. 318/23 Dt. 08.10.2023 U/s 279/304A IPC** has been lodged at **PS Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi.** The dead body was preserved for 72 Hrs in Subzi Mandi Mourtury.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 35 years approx., **Height:** 5' 5" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Injury Marks:** Accidental (Head is crushed by unknown vehicle), **Wearing:** Sky Blue Shirt & Blue Colour Jeans and Pink Colour Gamchha on Shoulder.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers:-

SHO
Website:http://cbi.nic.in **PS: Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi**
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Ph.: 011-23529707, 23528060**
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob.: 8750870125**
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/11415/N/2023**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Manju

General Public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Manju **W/o** Aditya Gupta **R/o** B-92, Rajeev Nagar, Bhandara Chowk, Sani Bazar Road, Delhi has been missing since 24.09.2023 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 39A dated 24.09.2023 has been lodged at Police Station Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 27 Years, **Height**: 5', **Complexion**: Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing**: Red Colour Suit & Salwar and Chappal in feet. Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi at E-mail Id- **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website: **http://cbi.nic.in**

Phone: SHO
011-24368638, 24368641 **P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **Outer North Distt., Delhi**
DP/11047/ON/2023 **Ph. No. 011- 27811932, 9315898674, 7065036328**

TELANGANA STATE INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION LIMITED

Parishrama Bhavan, 6th Floor, 5-9-58/B, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, PIN:500004. Telangana. Phone:23237625/26 Fax:040-23240205

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP No.01/CE/2023-24, Dated:06/10/2023

Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TSIIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of industrial & other allied infrastructure in the State, invites Bids from reputed Developer firms with relevant experience for "Development of 5-Star Luxury Hotel with Trade Centre at Raidurgam (V), Serilingampally (M), Rangareddy (D), Telangana on Joint Development Basis". **The RFP can be downloaded from www.tsiic.telangana.gov.in. The Pre-bid conference is scheduled on 26 October, 2023 at 12:00 Hrs (IST). Last date for submission of Bids: 13 November, 2023 before 15:00 Hrs (IST).**

Sd/-
Vice Chairman & Managing Director

R.O. No.:01-09-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2023-24, Date:09.10.2023

I-HUB QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION, IISER PUNE

First Floor, Main Building, IISER Pune Campus, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune 411 008
Tel: 020-25908647 Email: qtf_purchase@quantech.org.in Website: www.quantech.org.in

Global Tender Notice

I-HUB Quantum Technology Foundation, IISER Pune invites bids Original Equipment Manufacturers, Foreign Principals and Indian Agents of Foreign Principals, Authorized Distributors of Original Equipment Manufacturer for the following scientific equipment:

- **Pine Paul Ion Trap Assembly**
- **Optical Tables**

Last date for bid submission is: 18/10/2023

Details of tender are provided in the tender documents published on:
• https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app • quantech.org.in/header/tenders

Advt. No: I-HUBQTF/AD/23-24/006 Dated: 29/09/2023 **PROJECT DIRECTOR, I-HUB QTF**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत निर्माण मण्डल, केस्को, आर0पी0एच0, कानपुर

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

ई0 निविदा सं0 : 26/कान्श0/2023-24; विवरण : Construction of New 33 kV U/G Line as primary source from: Primary Substation 132/33 kV S/S Krishna Nagar, for releasing New Connections to 20 MLD Capacity CETP, under EUDD-Jajmau, Kesco, Kanpur (Turn-Key Basis) धरोहर धनराशि : 11,68,000/- (NEFT/RTGS/BG) के रूप में। निविदा धनराशि : 11,800/- (NEFT/RTGS) के रूप में। ई0 निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि व समय : 25.10.2023 समय 12:00 बजे तक; ई0 निविदा के प्रथम भाग खुलने की तिथि व समय : 25.10 2023 समय 03:00 बजे से; कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (करोड़ में); रू0 1167 (कर सहित) उपरोक्त ई0 निविदा की पूर्ण प्रक्रिया एवं समस्त शर्तें उ0प्र0 सरकार की ई० टेन्डरिंग वेब साईट https://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से की जायेगी एवं भविष्य में यदि कोई संशोधन अथवा निविदा खुलने की तिथि में विस्तार होता है तो इसकी सूचना ई-टेण्डर वेब साईट पर ही उपलब्ध होंगी। ई-निविदाओं में निर्धारित ई-निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर धनराशि केस्को के बैंक खाता सं0-628805018266 आई0एफ0एस0सी0-ICIC0006288 में जमा करायी जायेगी। केस्को प्रबन्धन के पास बिना कोई कारण बताये किसी एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकृत/अस्वीकृत करने के सर्वाधिकार सुरक्षित हैं। "राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाएं" हस्ता./- अधिशासी अभियन्ता (निर्माण खण्ड) पत्रांक 1328/वि0नि0ख0 (के0) का0/टी0-2 दिनांक 09.10.2023

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NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
A-11, Sector-24, Noida-201301
Phone: 0120 2412294, 2412445, Fax: 0120 2412218

Ref No : NFL/FPS/FOM/2023-24/01 **Date : 10.10.2023**

e-Application

Application are invited from the prospective bidders for Empanelment of Fermented Organic Manure (FOM) units for supply and further Marketing in different States. For details visit website: **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app(e-tendering)& www.nationalfertilizers.com** (Homepage). **E-Tender No. 2023_NFL_170040_1.** Last date of Bid submission date / Opening of Technical Bid document is - **14.30 Hrs on 30.10.2023 / 15.00 Hrs** on **31.10.2023.** Any Corrigendum (s) to this tender shall be published only on our websites

Dy. General Manager(I/c), FPS (I&D)

@NFL_Kisan @nationalfertilizers National Fertilizers Limited

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI
PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI - 110 001

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

In the matter of TA. No. 193/2022/DRT-II
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA ...Applicant
Vs
MR. AJIT KULKARNI AND ANR. ...Defendants

D -1. Mr. Ajit Kulkarni, S/o. SH. Bhagwan Kulkarni, 401, Usha Kamal, 574, Chembur Naka, Chembur, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400071. **Also At :** 501, Usha Kamal, 574, Chembur Naka, Chembur, Mumbai Maharashtra - 400071.

D - 2. Mrs. Usha Kulkarni (Since Expired Through Legal Heir) (A) Mr. Ajit Kulkarni, S/o. SH. Bhagwan Kulkarni, 401, Usha Kamal, 574, Chembur Naka Chembur, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400071, **Also At :** 501, Usha Kamal, 574, Chembur Naka, Chembur, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400071.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **24.11.2023 at 10.30 A.M.**

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

All the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that Purpose: -

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the **Cisco Webex** application/software;
(ii) Meeting ID and **Password** for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. **drt.gov.in** under the Public Notice Head.
(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at **Ph. No. 23748469.**

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **6th day of Oct 2023.**

SEAL Sd/-
By Order of the Tribunal

UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR

NOTICE INVITING E-BIDS (Rate Contract)

Electronic Online Technical and Financial Bids are invited upto 2:00 PM of October 30, 2023 for Outsourcing of University Examination related computer based processing including Online Work, Pre Examination Work, Coding Work, Post Examination Work, Work of Supplementary Examination, Revaluation Work, Management Information System (MIS) for entire Examination work Preparation of Final Database and bilingual database of passed out students etc. for the year 2024 and 2025. The total Estimated cost of item (s) is Rs. 1.30 crores (Per Exam). Details may be seen in the Bidding Document on the website of the State Public Procurement Portal : http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.uniraj.ac.in UBN : URA2324SLOB00127, NIB : URA2324A0043

Registrar

THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE WOOL PROCUREMENT AND MARKETING FEDERATION LTD.,
BLOCK NO. 23, S.D.A. COMPLEX, KASUMPTI, SHIMLA-171009.
Phone No.0177-2622837, Fax: 0177-2620981
Email- gmwoolfed-hp@nic.in Website – https://himachal.nic.in/woolfed

E-TENDER NOTICE
[TENDER No. HPWF/51/LS/SML/2023]

E-tenders under two bid system are invited for the Supply of approximately 36444 goats of different breeds on F.O.R. basis anywhere in H.P. including Tribal areas and against rate contract to be kept valid for 545 days from the date of contract. The interested parties may download the Tender Document containing the Technical Specifications, Terms and Conditions, Timelines, Application Form and other details etc. from the official portal https://hptenders.gov.in **w.e.f 09.10.2023 (effective 3.00 PM) to 03.11.2023 (up till 5.00 PM).** The cost of the tender document is ` 5900/- including GST which is required to be remitted alongwith the Bid.

All the future notifications/ corrigendum/s, memorandum/s etc. in connection with this tender, if any, will be published only on the official portal https://hptenders.gov.inand will not be conveyed individually or published in newspapers etc.

-Sd/-
0724/HP Managing Director

IN THE COURT OF FAST TRACK IV METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT GEORGE TOWN; CHENNAI

C.C. No: 314 Of 2021

M/S. KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED, Samson Towers, 5th Floor, No.402 L, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008, Represented by its Vice-President Mr.T.Ponraj Thangadurai. **...Complainant**

-VERSUS-

1. M/s. Happy Acoustics Pvt Ltd Represented by its **Director** Amarjit Singh Kalra Having its **Regd Office at**: WZ-15, Ground Floor, Uggarsain Market, Ashok Nagar, New Delhi-110018
2. Mr. Amarjit Singh Kalra Director M/s. Happy Acoustics Pvt Ltd., R/o C-130, Mansarovar Garden, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015
Also at WZ-15, Ground Floor, Uggarsain Market, Ashok Nagar, New Delhi-110018
3. Ms. Surinder Kaur Kalra Director M/s. Happy Acoustics Pvt Ltd., R/o C-130, Mansarovar Garden, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 **Also at** WZ-15, Ground Floor, Uggarsain Market, Ashok Nagar, New Delhi-110018 ... **Accused**

Please take Notice that the above said complaint has been filed by the complainant against all of you. When the above said complaintcame up for hearing before the Hon`ble Fast Track court – IV Metropolitan Magistrate at George Town Chennai, on 27.09.2023 for service of notice in the above saidComplaint. The Hon`ble court has pleased to order notice to the Accused through paper publication returnable by 30.11.2023. Hence be present before the said Hon`ble court on 30.11.2023 at 10.30. A.M.Failing which the above said Complaint may be decided in your absence.

M. Arunachalam Advocate
Counsel for the Complainant

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE TIME	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN EASTERN SIDE OF RAILWAY LINE FROM WARD NO-01 TO 07 UNDER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SONIPAT AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT+ 2 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 03.11.2023	673.02 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01302260100 xen2pankaj@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1	HSAMB BHIWANI	CONSTRCTION OF FROM VILLAGE MANDHI KEHAR TO JAGRAMBASS IN BADHRA CONSTITUENCY DISCTRICT CHARKHI DADRI (ID-9913)	CLOSING DATE 25.10.2023	114.36 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664242782 eebhiwani2024.hsamb @gamil.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

21721/HRY

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,राँची

अतिअल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या

RDD/SD/RANCHI/21/2022-23 Re e-tender (3rd Call) iwoZ dk (i) P.R. No. 293960 Rural Development (22-23) D & (ii) P.R No. 296683 Rural Development (23-24) D

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणीः

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू0 में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू0 में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
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2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – दिनांक 11.10.2023
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 12.10.2023 से दिनांक 17.10.2023 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 19.10.2023 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक।
5. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि जमा करने का स्थान :–
   i) ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची के लिए जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची।
   ii) ग्रामीण विकास विशेष अंचल, राँची के लिए जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची।
   iii) e-procurement Cell, मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ0एफ0पी0 भवन, धुर्वा, राँची।
6. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि जमा करने की तिथि को यदि राज्य में सरकारी अवकाश घोषित होता है, तो उक्त तिथि एवं समय अगले कार्यदिवस तक स्वतः विस्तारित समझी जायेगी।
7. निविदा खोलने का स्थान :– कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची।
8. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– 20.10.2023 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे।
9. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता – कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची।
10. ई0–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0 – 9504917888
11. निविदा शुल्क राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निर्गत ड्राफ्ट या बैकर्स चेक जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची के पदनाम से देय हो देना होगा।
12. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है, तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,राँची

PR 308664 Rural Development(23-24).D

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(A Government of Maharashtra PSU)

4th Floor, NaMTTRI Building, Adjoining New MMRDA Building, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051. Website : https://mahatenders.gov.in. / www.mmmocl.co.in

e-TENDER NOTICE

Maha Mumbai Metro Operation Corporation Limited (MMMOCL) invites open e-Tenders from eligible Bidding Entities for the following work:

Licensing of OFC Installation & Operations Rights for Commercial Use at Mumbai Metro Lines 2A & 7	
License Period	15 Years
Bid Document Fee	Rs. 5,000 + GST (non-refundable)
Bid Security (EMD)	Rs. 5,00,000/- (refundable for unsuccessful bidders)
Sale of Tender Document	From 10-Oct-2023, 17:00 hours to 21-Nov-2023, 17.00 hours on e-tendering portal https://mahatenders.gov.in
Last Date & Time of Submission	21-Nov-2023, 17:00 Hrs
Date & Time of Opening of Envelope A & B	22-Nov-2023, 12:00 Hrs

Bidding Entities to note that tender is being invited through e-procurement. Tender documents can be obtained online from MMRDA e-Tendering Portal: **https://mahatenders.gov.in**. For detailed information and subsequent Addendum/ Corrigendum (if any), please log on to above e-Tendering Portal.

For any additional information & help for uploading & downloading the e-Tender, please contact MMRDA's e-tendering service desk at the following address:
support-eproc@nic.inor call on 0120-4001002/005.

In case of any query/ clarifications, Bidding Entities are requested to contact **Shri Prashant Visoriya, Manager (Commercial) at email: mgco@mmmocl.co.in**

Sd/-
Date : 10/10/2023 **Director (Finance)**
Place : Mumbai **MMMOCL**

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EXPLAINED GLOBAL

DEIF, WHEELCHAIR-BOUND, SHADOWY HEAD OF THE HAMAS MILITARY WING

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

VIOLENCE HAS been raging ever since the Palestinian militant organisation Hamas launched an unprecedented attack on Israel on Saturday. Mohammed Deif, the leader of Hamas's military wing Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, said "Operation Al-Aqsa Storm" had been in launched in response to the 16-year blockade of Gaza, the Israeli occupation, and recent incidents that heightened Israeli-Palestinian tensions.

Deif has been the head of Hamas's military wing since 2002.

Who is Mohammed Deif?

Deif has been the head of Hamas's military wing since 2002. According to a recent profile in the *Financial Times*, he was born Mohammed Diab Ibrahim al-Masri in the Khan Younis refugee camp in Gaza during the 1960s.

The report said either Deif's uncle or father had taken part in the 1950s raids by armed Palestinians into the same area that Hamas fighters infiltrated in Israel on Saturday. Deif later went on to join the Islamic University of Gaza.

What role has Deif played in Hamas?

Hamas was founded in the late 1980s, after the beginning of the first Palestinian intifada, or uprising, against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

According to *FT*, Deif was in his 20s around the time of the first intifada. He was later jailed by the Israelis, who held him responsible for the death of dozens of people in suicide bombings, including a wave in 1996 that killed more than 50 civilians. "Deif is said to have studied under Yahya Ayyash, a bombmaker with the nickname "Engineer" who was assassinated by Israel in 1996," the *FT* report said. Around this time, Deif became further involved in the Qassam Brigades.

Why is he on a wheelchair?

According to the *BBC*, although he took over as commander of Hamas's military wing in July 2002, Deif had been at the top of Israel's "most wanted" list for years, and has narrowly escaped the Israeli army's efforts to kill him on several occasions.

The US State Department has designated him as a terrorist.

In 2014, Israel confirmed that it tried to assassinate Deif with a targeted strike on a house, in which his wife and seven-month-old son were believed to have been killed.

The many attempts have reportedly left him in a wheelchair after losing an arm and a leg, according to *FT*, while other organisations have claimed he has also lost an eye.

THIS WORD MEANS

THIRD INTIFADA

Some observers have referred to the current war in southern Israel as the beginning of the Third Intifada

ARJUN SENGUPTA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

INTIFADA IS an Arabic word that means to "shake off". It came into popular usage in December 1987, with Palestinians using it to describe their uprising against the Israeli presence in the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinian-American scholar Edward Said, in a 1989 essay titled *Intifada and Independence*, described the intifada as the response of a people pushed to the wall by the "bare-knuckled" Israeli attempt to rob them of their history, land, and nationhood.

The First Intifada lasted from 1987 to 1993, and the Second Intifada from 2000-05. These were popular uprisings spearheaded by Palestinian youth against powerful Israeli settlers on Palestinian land.

Tensions between Israel and the Palestinians have continued after the end of the Second Intifada as Israel has continued to expand its presence in Palestinian territories while Palestinian organisations such as the Hamas and Palestinian Liberation Front have stepped up terror attacks and bombings.

Many have for years predicted a Third Intifada, especially amidst the rise of the ultranationalist far right in Israel with its extreme position on Palestine. The American think tank Council on Foreign Relations has noted that "2022 marked the most conflict-related deaths for both Israelis and Palestinians since 2015, and violence has continued to escalate in 2023, with the West Bank on track for its deadliest year since 2005 amid almost daily Israeli incursions."

Israel has also carried out multiple raids of the holy Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem this year, heightening tensions and eventually leading to Hamas's latest operation, named after the mosque.

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EXPLAINED PAST & PRESENT

Gaza, a history of war

A century ago during the Great War, Indian lancers distinguished themselves in the sliver of land hugging the Mediterranean. Gaza has seen many wars since then, but none as dramatic and lethal as the one that is now raging between Hamas militants and the Israeli military. Deep uncertainties lie on the road ahead

RAKESH SINHA

IN JANUARY 2018, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu joined Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Teen Murti Chowk in the heart of New Delhi to pay homage to Indian soldiers who fell in the Battle of Haifa in Israel a century ago.

The chowk was renamed Teen Murti Haifa Chowk, its three statues commemorating the heroism of the lancers from Jodhpur, Mysore, and Hyderabad who were part of the Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade, and had distinguished themselves in the Sinai and Palestine campaign during World War I.

Before Haifa, Gaza

Ten months before Haifa, the lancers and Gurkha riflemen played a key role in another battle, fought south of Haifa in a land hugging the same Mediterranean coastline. The Third Battle of Gaza in November 1917 became the turning point in the Palestine campaign.

The Indians fought alongside the Empire's forces against the Ottomans under German General Kress von Kressentstein and the Yildirim Army Group led by Erich von Falkenhayn, who had been the Prussian Minister of War and Chief of the German General Staff. This Ottoman unit contained elements of the German Asia Corps.

The Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade cut through Gaza and advanced up to the north-east end of the Gaza Strip. Intense manoeuvres and engagements later, the Ottoman forces retreated.

20-lakh Patti

Indians call the Gaza Strip the Gaza *patti*. And it is just that — a sliver of land between Israel and Egypt, the Mediterranean to its west, home to more than 20 lakh Palestinians in an area barely 365 sq km in size, one of the most densely populated regions on the planet.

The Gaza Strip and West Bank constitute the State of Palestine, and India became one of the first countries to grant it recognition in 1988. Eight years later, India opened a representative office in Gaza, which was shifted in 2003 to Ramallah, a city in the West Bank and the *de facto* capital of the State of Palestine.

In February 2018, a month after he hosted Netanyahu in New Delhi, Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Palestine, where he was received by President Mahmoud Abbas and laid a wreath at the mausoleum of Yasser Arafat in Ramallah.

The puppet state

Occupied by the British in 1918 after the defeat of the Ottomans in the Great War, Gaza passed into Egyptian hands following the 1948 Arab-Israeli War at the end of the British Mandate for Palestine. An All-Palestine Government functioned as an Egyptian puppet regime, but that pretence ended in 1959 when it was dissolved by Gamal Abdel Nasser and Cairo's military rulers seized control of the Strip.

In June 1967, threatened by a coalition of Arab states, Israel launched preemptive airstrikes against Egyptian airfields and military facilities. Its ground troops overran the Gaza Strip and Sinai Peninsula, seizing it from the Egyptians. It also took the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, from the Jordanians and the Golan Heights from the Syrians. The Six-Day War ended in a decisive Israeli victory.

Victory & realisation

The Yom Kippur War of October 1973, in which Israel again defeated the Arab coalition after being surprised on the Jewish holy day, was to shape the course of the present. There was realisation even in Israel that a state-of-war preparedness could not go on forever.

As the Egyptians moved out of the Soviet constellation, efforts were stepped up to negotiate a peace process. The Camp David Accords of 1978 changed politics in the region — Israel agreed to pull out of Sinai if Egypt were to establish diplomatic ties. Part of the framework of the Accords was to recognise the rights of the Palestinian people and the formation of an autonomous governing body in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

The Accords led to the Nobel Peace Prize for President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel in 1978. The Egypt-Israel peace treaty followed next year, which agitated the Palestinians and prompted the Arab League to suspend Egypt. In 1981, Sadat was assassinated by the Egyptian Islamic Jihad as he watched a military parade to mark eight years of the crossing of the Suez by the Egyptians during the Yom Kippur War.

Bibi's brother

That was also the war in which Netanyahu's elder brother Yonatan, known to all as Yoni, led a special forces unit called Sayeret Matkal against the Syrians in the Golan Heights. In 1976, Yoni was killed — he was the only Israeli casualty — in the successful commando raid on Entebbe in Uganda where Palestinian and German militants were holding passengers of a hijacked Air France aircraft.

The Oslo Accords of 1993 and 1995 led to the creation of the Palestinian National Authority with the Fatah-controlled administration controlling parts of the West Bank and, until 2006, the Gaza Strip. That year, Hamas, the militant Palestinian organisation founded in 1987 with the aim of armed resistance to Israeli occupation, won the elections. A year later, they ousted Fatah — which was co-founded by Yasser Arafat in 1959 and which is now led by President Mahmoud Abbas — from Gaza, and took full control of the Strip.

Gaza exit plan

Two years before Hamas seized control, the government of Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon unilaterally dismantled 21 Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip and four in the West Bank, an action that generated considerable heat and talk inside and outside Israel.

In August 2005, Netanyahu, who was Sharon's main challenger in the Likud Party, resigned from the government as it gathered to approve the first phase of the pullout, saying he could not be part of any unilateral plan that offered nothing in return.

He told a press conference that it would embolden Hamas and Islamic Jihad to tighten their grip on Gaza and pose a danger for Israel in future.

Under the disengagement plan, Israeli settlements were dismantled, some 9,000 settlers were evicted, and the troops pulled out. Palestinians were told that under the Oslo agreements, Israel would continue to control the airspace over Gaza and the territorial waters.

The Strip had seven border crossings for movement of goods and people. Following a blockade in 2007, only the crossings at Rafah on the Egyptian end, and Erez at the Strip's northern end with Israel, can be used by people. Israel has rejected criticism that it has turned the Strip into an open-air prison.

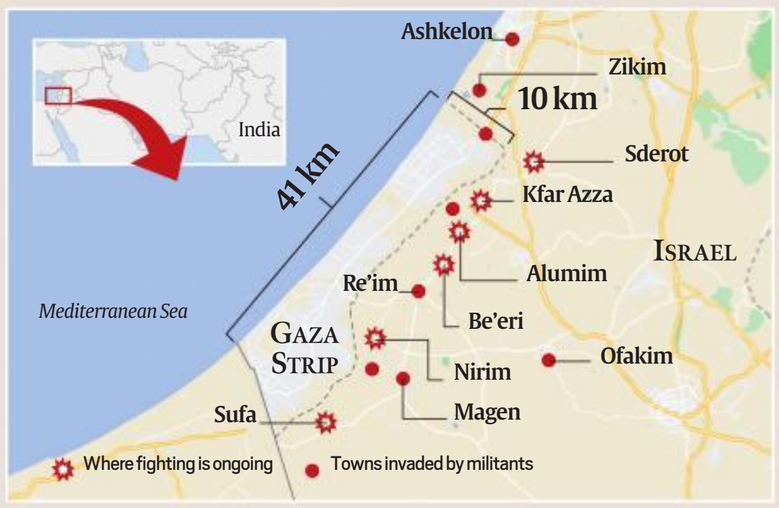
The uncertain road

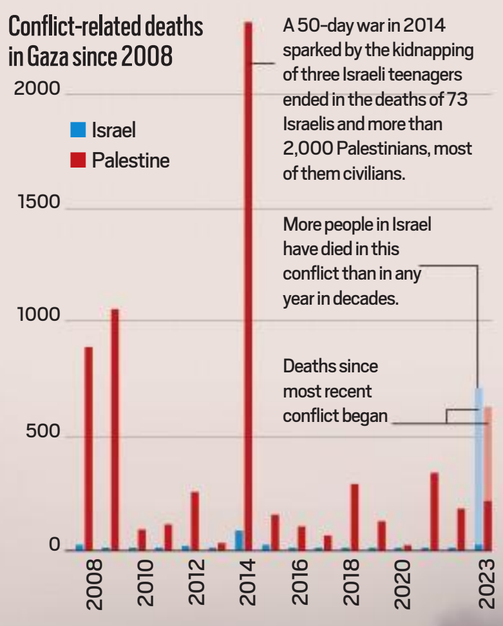
The Hamas raids inside Israel, the killings and the rocket barrage over the weekend, have turned the spotlight on Netanyahu and his government. While Israeli aircraft have been carrying out strikes in Gaza as troops and armour mass, what remains to be seen is how far the Israel Defense Forces go.

A ground offensive could lead to considerable bloodshed and engage troops in urban warfare that may not end quickly.

The Hamas and its Al-Qassam Brigades, on the other hand, would like to widen the conflict, hoping to fire anti-Israel sentiments across the region, and derail the Abraham Accords, US-mediated bilateral "normalisation" agreements signed by Israel with the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan in 2020 and 2021.

Sliver of land, theatre of war





365 sq km
Area, one-fourth the size of Delhi

2.3 million
Population; 700,000 in Gaza City

6,300/ sq km
Population density, among world's highest

45%
Unemployment rate

5%
Gaza water safe; Israel has blocked food, water, fuel supplies

Data: UN agencies

Data until October 8. Sources: UN, Israeli foreign ministry, Gaza health ministry. Map and graphic: The New York Times

Smoke rises following Israeli airstrikes on Gaza on Monday. *Reuters*

ECONOMICS NOBEL 2023

How marriage, parenthood, and the pill impact women in the workforce

UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

CLAUDIA GOLDIN, Professor of Economics at Harvard University, has won the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel for 2023 — popularly referred to as the Nobel prize in Economics. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which adjudicates on the matter, stated that Goldin has been awarded the prize "for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes".

Before her, only two women scholars — Elinor Ostrom in 2009 and Esther Duflo in 2019 — had won this honour since 1969, when this award was instituted. This is only the 26th time when this prize has been awarded to a single laureate. The award carries a prize money of 11 million Swedish kronor (or Rs 8.3 crore).

Who is Goldin?

Winning the economics Nobel might be her biggest honour yet but Goldin has been a trailblazer in the field. In 1990, she made history when she became the first woman to be awarded tenure in the economics department of Harvard University. Getting tenure implies having a permanent appointment as a university professor that can be terminated only under extraordinary circumstances.

Goldin has been a pioneer in studying the role of women in the economy and has written several books on the topic, such as *Understanding the Gender Gap: An Economic History of American Women* (Oxford, 1990), and *Career & Family: Women's Century-Long Journey toward Equity* (Princeton University Press, 2021).

Why has she won the award?

While explaining why the Academy chose Goldin, the jury noted that Goldin had provided "the first comprehensive account of women's earnings and labour market participation through the centuries. Her research reveals the causes of change, as well as the main sources of the remaining gender gap."

The fact is that world over, women are vastly underrepresented in the labour market. In other words, compared with men, a lower percentage of women come out of home demanding work and a lower percentage hold jobs. Moreover, when they do join the workforce, they end up earning less than men.

Harvard professor Claudia Goldin after winning the Economics Nobel at her home in Massachusetts. *Reuters*

What explains these results? What causes women to join the workforce and what causes them to leave it? Is it a linear relationship between economic growth and women's involvement in the labour market? In other words, does the proportion of women with jobs always rise when an economy grows, or can it fall as well? What about the role of education, marriage and child birth? Similarly, how and why does the pay structure differ between men and women?

All these are important questions for any economy and its policymakers.

To answer these, Goldin started looking at historical data in the United States. "Claudia Goldin has trawled the archives and collected over 200 years of data from the US, allowing her to demonstrate how and why gender differences in earnings and employment rates have changed over time," said the Academy. What she found fundamentally changed the world's understanding.

For instance, before Goldin's path-breaking book was published in 1990, it was widely believed — based only on data from the 20th century — that there was a clear positive association between economic growth and the number of women in paid employment. But Goldin's study showed this was not true.

"Goldin showed that female participation in the labour market did not have an upward trend over this entire period, but instead forms a U-shaped curve. The participation of married women decreased with the transition from an agrarian to an industrial society in the early nineteenth century, but then started to increase with the growth of the service sector in the early twentieth century. Goldin explained this pattern as the result of structural change and evolving social norms regarding women's responsibilities for home and family," said the Academy.

Similarly, Goldin demonstrated that access to the contraceptive pill played an important role by offering new opportunities for career planning.

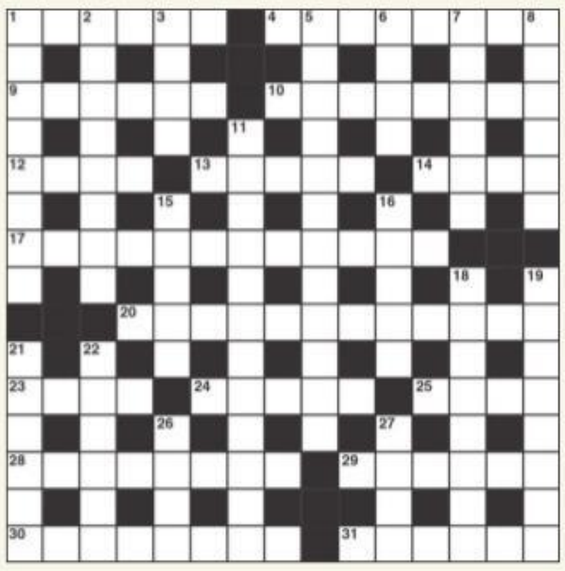
On the topic of the earnings gap between men and women, data show that despite modernisation, economic growth, and rising proportions of employed women in the 20th century, for a long period of time the earnings gap hardly closed.

"According to Goldin, part of the explanation is that educational decisions, which impact a lifetime of career opportunities, are made at a relatively young age. If the expectations of young women are formed by the experiences of previous generations – for instance, their mothers, who did not go back to work until the children had grown up – then development will be slow," the Nobel citation said.

Historically, much of the gender gap in earnings could be explained by differences in education and occupational choices. However, Goldin has shown that the bulk of this earnings difference is now between men and women in the same occupation, and that it largely arises with the birth of the first child.

"Understanding women's role in the labour market is important for society. Thanks to Claudia Goldin's groundbreaking research we now know much more about the underlying factors and which barriers may need to be addressed in the future," said Jakob Svensson, Chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences.

CROSSWORD 5178



ACROSS

1 On wrought-iron artist (6)
4 Stifling in the finish (8)
9 He takes great interest in your need for cash (6)
10 Not agreeing on project (5,3)
12 Welshman's building a platform (4)
13 Words used to describe schooldays (5)
14 Food produced in layers (4)
17 A monster novel (12)
20 Don't interfere, with the water supply? (3,4,5)
23 See keys goes to the agent (4)
24 Mum on mum's bankruptcy (5)
25 Not a sign of fatal wounds (4)
28 Fragments I've fitted in (8)
29 Opera for motorists (6)
30 Languages master? (8)
31 Isn't over-generous with the work allotments (6)

DOWN

1 Complete cancellation of a golf match? (5,3)
2 It's to do with ships in actual trouble (8)
3 To be crossed with a goat (4)
5 Occasion when victory must be obtained quickly? (2,4,2,4)
6 A good reason for sacrifice (4)
7 Possibly goes to the help of a comedian (6)
8 Dislike notes before exam (6)
11 Pool enthusiasts? (4,8)
15 He controls runners in winter sports (5)
16 Medical man investing in a foreign currency (5)
18 Train a chap to be a driver (8)
19 Supports what you lose when you're lost (8)
21 Container ship? (6)
22 Love to point out there's a choice (6)
26 Fellows get top-class dishes (4)
27 List of slang (4)

Solutions Crossword 5177 Across: 1 Reach, 4 Student, 8 Tim, 9 Wholesome, 10 Tessera, 11 React, 13 Switch, 15 Shades, 18 Owner, 19 Nursery, 21 Hurricane, 23 Sea, 24 Redress, 25 Speck **Down:** 1 Rotates, 2 Admission, 3 Hawse, 4 Slogan, 5 Unearth, 6 Ego, 7 Treat, 12 Addressee, 14 Carmine, 16 Skylark, 17 Annals, 18 Other, 20 Reels, 22 Rod

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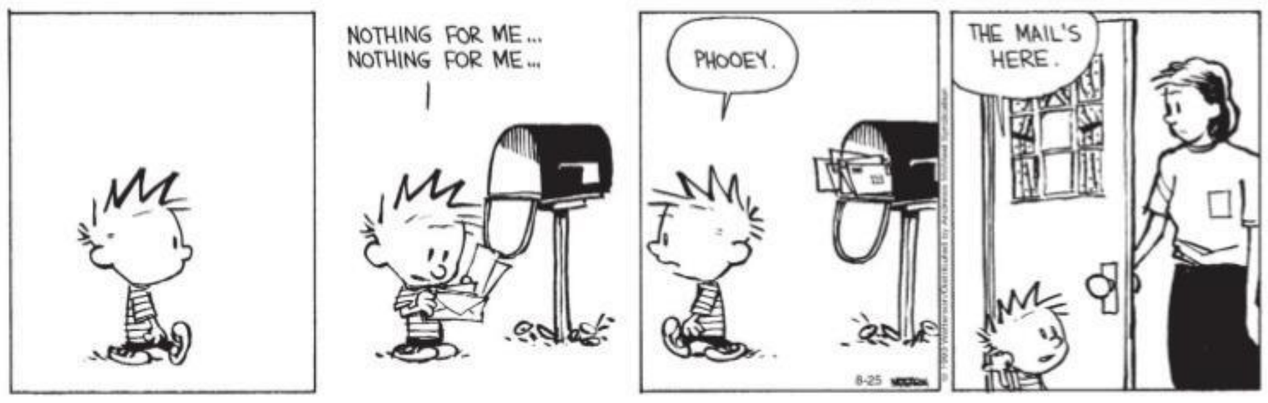

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
In common with quite a number of other signs, you should view this as an ideal day for thought and communication. So get talking, now. Whatever you've been sitting on or keeping to yourself should now be revealed to the world.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Check out your financial situation. It's likely that your choices might be greater than you think, both in terms of what you can do to maximise your earnings, and what can be done to pick up a bargain or two. One thing is certain, and it's that you need respect. Will it come? It depends on you.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
By the time you wake up this morning the Moon should have embarked on a new and beneficial cycle. Above all, try to get a fix on events at home, and insist that your wishes be obeyed. Partners who think that they can get away with anything.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Over the next forty-eight hours you should aim to spend as much time as possible by yourself. The aim is not just to be alone, but to give yourself the space for your imagination to drift off and come back with the answer to a current dilemma. At work, look after all those little facts, or you'll miss a vital detail.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You could be increasingly troubled by vague fears and imagined spectres. Some may have a grounding in reality, but all will be largely shaped by your imagination. Such worries will be dealt with all the more easily if you admit that they are there and bring them out into the open.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Choices, choices, choice. How tired you get of having to make up your mind, and then make up other people's minds for them as well. Unfortunately, it does seem inevitable that you must now decide between two completely different ways of putting your ambitions into action.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Travel looms. That's not to say that you'll be going anywhere at the moment, but if you can plan a future journey now, you'll be doing yourself a big favour and setting yourself a target to work towards. But you've still got your secrets.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
The financial sector of your solar horoscope has been in an inspired, if dubious, situation for some years now, so it should come as no surprise to find that once again you're heading for a monetary roller-coaster. This time you should know what to do about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
The golden rule in business is always to think first, and spend later. Your tendency at the moment is to act impulsively, taking only instant impressions into account, but at a time when there could be so much at stake, you should be a little more cautious.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
In all personal relationships the rule is to trust other people only when they've shown what they're made of. This is not because anyone is out to mislead you, but because appearances are not what they seem. Your intuitive antennae should be working overtime.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
The best approach to professional and organisational hassles is to be as creative as possible. This means being prepared to break with routine and insist that your own personal skills take precedence over traditional ways of doing things. But will other people listen? I hope so.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Home is often the best refuge, a place where you can indulge your Piscean fantasies. This is how it should be today, although domestic seclusion looks set to alternate with bursts of manic socialising over the coming days. Partners still have the advantage, by the way, so do what you're told.

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.

____ is news that stays news - Ezra Pound (10)

CPAEE

EOSUTT

HWIRR

FINXLU

SOLUTION: PEACE, WHIRR, OUTSET, INFLU
Answer: **Literature** is news that stays news - Ezra Pound

SUDOKU 5346

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

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		5	3		7	4		
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 5345

5	2	6	3	4	8	1	7	9
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9	7	4	5	8	1	2	3	6
1	5	2	6	3	7	9	4	8

CORPORATE BRIEFS

EDUCATION

CELEBRATION—ICSI

ICSI celebrated its 55th Foundation Day recently at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in the august presence of President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, & Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. The event also witnessed the presence of Manoj Govil, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, & BK Shivani - recipient of the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar.

AGREEMENT– AMITY

Amity University, Noida signed a Technology Transfer Agreement with APS Life Tech Pune, a fast-evolving biotech company that is focused on drug discovery, Consulting & Contract Research Organization (CRO) Services, for transferring the technology "AI based software for Male Fertility Detection", developed by Dr. Priyanka Narad & Dr. Abhishek Sengupta from Amity Institute of Biotechnology.

GRADUATION CEREMONY – MATES

Maharaja Agrasen Technical Education Society (MATES), organised a campus panel discussion on the topic ""Empowering your Finances: Strategies for a Better Tomorrow." in collaboration with Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd. The event was organised to celebrate IOSCO's World Investor Week 2023 which was held in conjunction with India's G20 Presidency.

EVENT— UPES

World-renowned social psychologist, Prof. Ramadhar Singh, enlightened students at UPES, motivating them to pursue top-notch research. Prof. Singh conducted a four-day refresher program for young students. These immersive and engaging sessions delved into the fundamental aspects of research, followed by insightful discussions on research processes involving individuals and groups. He is the first Indian Social Psychologist featured on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the SPSP.

ACHIEVEMENT– SRI CHAITANYA

Infinity Learn by Sri Chaitanya, India's only EdTech platform delivering outcome-based learning at scale is proud to announce its remarkable financial achievement, solidifying its position as the most promising start-up in the EdTech industry. It is the first company in the industry to have become PAT +ve (100 crore+) even before series A Funding. Commenting on the results, Founding CEO of Infinity Learn by Sri Chaitanya, Ujjwal Singh expressed, "Navigating the ever-evolving EdTech landscape, Infinity Learn has soared with remarkable growth this year. In just over two years, we've not only upheld our relentless dedication to excellence but have also championed responsible growth.''

EVENT– KIET

The Technology Business Incubator at KIET Group of Inst, Ghaziabad has been selected as a Partner Incubator by the iDEX program under the Directorate of Indigenization, M/o Defence, GOI. The announcement was made during a ceremony that was graced by the presence of the Raksha Mantri, Rajnath Singh, & other top-ranking Defence officials.

CELEBRATION – LBSIM

The nation celebrated on 2nd October 2023, the 119th birth anniversary of the late PM Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri. Amongst those who visited the Samadhi to pay homage were President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, VP Jagdeep Dhankhar, PM Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Lt. Governor of Delhi Vinai Kumar Saxena, Deputy CM of Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjuna Kharge, MPs and MLAs.

CONFERENCE—JAMIA HAMDARD

Jamia Hamdard successfully organized one Day International Conference on the theme of "Diversity and Conformity: Defining India" recently. Prof. (Dr.) M. Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard pointed out in his Presidential Address that the people of India were facing the challenge of striking the right balance between accepting diversity and promoting a national identity.

CELEBRATION – I.T.S DENTAL

I.T.S Dental College, Ghaziabad celebrated "International Day for Older Persons" recently. I.T.S Dental College, Ghaziabad celebrated this occasion by making oral health services accessible, affordable & sustainable with an onus on maintenance of dental prostheses for good general health & well being of the elderly people of the society.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

7 October, 2011

Head Constable(GD) Dharmeshwar Nath | Constable(GD) Dileesh Chathuroli | Constable(GD) Praveen P | Constable (DVR) Vivek Kumar Yadav

"Sashastra Seema Bal" fondly remembers the selfless and valiant act of the bravehearts Head Constable(GD) Dharmeshwar Nath, Constable(GD) Dileesh Chathuroli, Constable(GD) Praveen P and Constable(DVR) Vivek Kumar Yadav of 41st Bn SSB, who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives for Nation in the line of duty.
They attained martyrdom in the I.E.D. blast carried out by Anti- National elements at Dantewada, Chhattisgarh on this day in the year 2011. Their gallant act will continue to inspire us all. They will always be remembered for their courage, valour and supreme sacrifice for the Nation.

"SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL"

10th October, 2015

Constable(GD) Sanjeet Kumar

"Sashastra Seema Bal" fondly remembers the selfless and valiant act of the braveheart CT(GD) Sanjeet Kumar of 18th Bn SSB, who made the supreme sacrifice of his life for Nation in the line of duty.
He attained martyrdom on this day during SSB personnel were on area domination patrol with Jharkhand police in Kathaldih village of Godda district. During that naxals opened fire on patrol party. Displaying highest order of bravery and selfless devotion to his duty, CT(GD) Sanjeet Kumar charged and led his colleagues into taking advantageous positions. Unfortunately, CT(GD) Sanjeet Kumar sustained a bullet injury on the left side of his chest.
In recognition of bravery and display of mighty courage, he was posthumously awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry in 2017.
He will always be remembered for his courage, valour and supreme sacrifice for the Nation.

"SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL"

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Suraj, S/o Munna,** R/o H.No. 42/24, Billochpura, PS Loha Mandi Agra, Uttar Pradesh has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No. 130/2017 dated 12.02.2017 U/S 323/325/34 IPC** PS Pul Prahladpur, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Suraj** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Suraj** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Suraj** of **Case FIR No. 130/2017 dated 12.02.2017 U/S 323/325/34 IPC** PS Pul Prahladpur, New Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 11.12.2023.

By Order
Shri Himanshu Tanwar
Metropolitan Magistrate-10 (South-East District)
Room No. 307, 3rd Floor, Saket Court, New Delhi
DP/11329/SE/2023

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Karan Sharma

General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Karan Sharma, S/o: Ashvani, R/o: H. No. RZ-29, Khasra No. 270, Hans Park, Near Arya Samaj Mandir, Sagarpur, New Delhi has been reported missing since 14.07.2023 at 03:51 PM from his home. In this regard DD No. 72 A, Dated 14.07.2023, has been registered at P.S. Sagarpur, New Delhi.**
The description of missing male is as under:
Name: Karan Sharma, Age: 31 Years, Height: 6', Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Unknown Colour Jeans and Dark Colour Shoes in Feet.
If anyone have any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Sagarpur, New Delhi.
Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
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Police Station Sagarpur, New Delhi
Ph: 011-25035356, 7065036228
DP/11341/SW/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Smt. Rijwana D/o Sh. Asif** R/o 66. Kot Khurja, Bulandshar U.P. have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **ct. cases. No. 5180/18 U/s 138 NI Act.,** has been registered at **P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Smt. Rijwana** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Smt. Rijwana** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Smt. Rijwana of under ct. cases No.5180/18 U/s 138 NI Act., registered at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **08.11.2023.**

By Order
Sh. Arjun Kirar, MM, NI Act.
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/11340/CD/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Azim @ Lalu, S/o. Tasleem, R/o.** Dr. Khalil Wali Gali, House No. 177, Gali Bazaria Chowk, Meerut, U.P., **Also At:** Sher Singh Wali Gali, Chamar Darwaja, P.S. Braham Puri, District Meerut, U.P., has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR 255/2016 dated 02.05.2016 U/s 379/34 IPC** registered at P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Azim @ Lalu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Azim @ Lalu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Azim @ Lalu** accused of **FIR 255/2016 dated 02.05.2016 U/s 379/34 IPC** P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.11.2023**

By Order
Sh. Vinod Kumar,
Metropolitan Magistrate-03,
Central District, Room No. 150,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
DP/11363/CD/2023

TODAY'S MATCHES

England vs Bangladesh, 10.30am
Pakistan vs Sri Lanka, 2pm
Live on Star Sports network

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Delhi's Little Kabul divided

Feelings are mixed among Afghan students in Delhi's mini Kabul, Bhogal, ahead of India versus Afghanistan match — for some cricket is a 'Talibani sport' while for others, it is an emotion that provides entertainment and joy

"We (him and Gurbaz) grew up in Khost, and played cricket together... I met him during the IPL earlier this year. This is the best I could do for my brother."

HASEEBULLAH SIDDIQI
RAHMANULLAH GURBAZ'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND

PRATYUSH RAJ
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

COUPLE OF days before Afghanistan's game against India in Delhi, the Afghans in the capital are yearning for their roots. At a post-graduate men's hostel in Delhi University's North Campus, Haseebullah Siddiqi, who fled Afghanistan in August this year before the Taliban regime took over, was taking recipe instructions from his mother.

Haseebullah, actor in Punjabi movies, is preparing a feast for his childhood friend Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Afghanistan's wicket-keeper-batter.

"We grew up in Khost, and played cricket together. I met him during the IPL earlier this year. This is the best I could do for my brother," he gets emotional. He drops his mobile and cusses in Pashto.

While Haseebullah is piecing together his dismantled phone his friend Mohammad Rafi shares a back story. Rafi too is an actor, he played small roles in Akshay Kumar starrer *Housefull 3*. "He hates it when Afghanistan lose a game. He smashed his phone multiple times when Afghanistan lost a close match against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup."

In another room at the hostel, Nazamudin Asar is drenched in sweat after playing badminton for two hours. Sipping his Afghan tea in a 12x12 ft room, he pipes up, "Are tickets available for India vs Afghanistan match? I have been trying for the past few days." He smiles as he adds, "*muskil hoga nahi* (It will be difficult, right?)".

Asar, 28, hails from Kandahar and has been living in India for nine years and is in the final stage of writing his PhD thesis on the India and Afghanistan trade route over the years. "I love badminton. I fell in love with the sport after I moved to Delhi in 2014. But cricket back home has grown popular because of this team. It's an emotion, a feeling, that provides entertainment to the people who don't know what the future lies for them."

Little Kabul

Mohammad Usman, a second-year Political Science (H) student from Dayal Singh College, helps his father run a grocery shop in Jangpura's Bhogal area, also known as mini Kabul, and can't wait to get a glimpse of his idol Mohammad Nabi. But he is unsure whether his abbu will allow him to go and watch the match.

"If *abbu* agrees, then I will go and watch the match. My friends are going. But I don't think I will be able to go. I am the eldest in my family. My younger siblings have exams and I will have to be here at the shop," he says with a smile.

Usman's family moved to India in 2016 from Jalalabad after his father, he says, received constant threats from the Taliban. Since then he has managed to study and also help his father set up a shop. He wants to become an IAS officer.

"For us, it's easy to juggle between work and study. We are pathans, we never get tired. It's in the DNA. Back in Afghanistan, we have to learn things quickly. You have to look out for yourself and your family. Political Science is an easy subject (laughs). I want to do a masters from JNU or Jamia and then will go for public service exams," he says with a glint in his eyes.

Usman loves Indian cricket and cricketers. He is a fan of Rishabh Pant because he hits sixes on demand and loves the aggression of Virat Kohli.

'It's a Talibani sport'

Amidst the excitement about seeing their stars in flesh and blood, there are some mixed feelings as well. Musa Khan, who runs a dry fruit shop with Haji Zahir calls it a Talibaani sport and has no interest in going or cheering for them.

"I hate cricket. It's a Talibani sport. I love football and swimming. I was in the third year of my engineering course in Kabul. Our college was run by the South Korean government. In 2021, I was supposed to go to Seoul for my internship. Now here I am in India, without a visa, running a shop with my future in the dark," he says.

On August 15, 2021, Javed Lala was on a flight to Amsterdam to present his paper "Reestablishment of Democracy in Afghanistan with the failure of American policy." It was only when he touched down and opened his phone he got to know about the Taliban taking over Afghanistan. Since then he has lived in Amsterdam, working in an Afghani restaurant as the Indian government is not giving visas to the Afghanistan citizen.

"I have one year left to complete and submit my PhD. My professors at DU have tried hard but it is futile. The Indian government is not giving visas to us," Javed tells this newspaper from Amsterdam. "And there are thousands more like me."

He explains why cricket was never a sport in Afghanistan and how it has prospered in his country.

"Cricket is a Talibani sport. It was never popular in Afghanistan. You have seen the movie *Khuda Gawah* (starring Amitabh Bachhan and Sridevi), the movie shows a sport, 'Buzkashi,' where the horse riders battle it out for a goat. It is our national sport. It's a kind of battle of tribes, who is superior. Yes, with the Russian invasion, football also became popular but cricket was never a sport.

"You see all the cricketers. They have grown up in refugee camps in Peshawar. The Afghanistan Cricket Board was founded during the first regime of the Taliban. People in the UK media were going gaga over the fact that they have kept cricket. Boss, that's their baby.

"Apart from tribal sports and football, hockey used to be a big thing during the 1970s. It was because of Zahir Shah, the last ruler of the Afghanistan Kingdom. Helmand is now the most dangerous place in Afghanistan but it used to be a hub of hockey. They used to have a girls team. Zahir Shah has studied in Dehradun and used to play hockey a lot. That's the reason it was a popular sport. Now it is an authoritarian state like Iran and Saudi Arabia," he says.

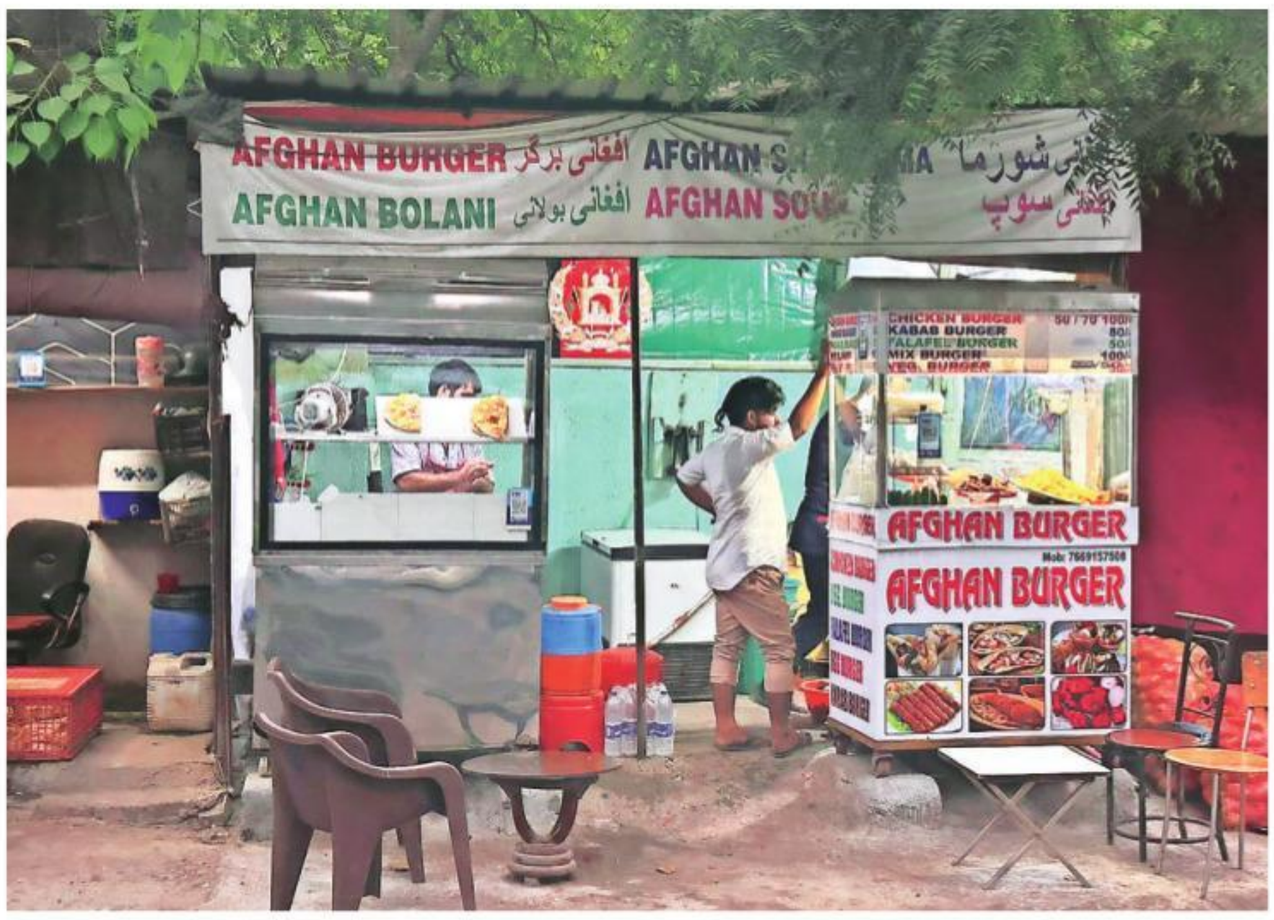
Lawyer selling burgers

Raissuidin Haidri runs a burger shop in Lajpat Nagar with his friend Mohammad Almas. Haidri was a Supreme Court lawyer in Kabul who was in India during the Taliban's takeover. He has not seen his son, who was born a month later in Kabul.

"I have twin daughters and one son. I have not seen them for two years. I am stuck here. I came here for a legal workshop and now I am selling burgers. Do you think I give a f*** about cricket."

Meanwhile, Almas was a journalist in Herat and left Afghanistan in 2018. He has not spoken with his parents and is worried about their safety, since his village is worst affected by the earthquake that hit his country on Sunday.

"I spoke to a relative; he said my father and mother are safe," he says. "I have watched Afghanistan's match against Ireland in Noida. It was fun, and tickets were cheap. I will try and get a ticket in black on Wednesday as well. I love my country and I will support them throughout the World Cup," he hands over a burger to a customer.



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RAISUDDIN HAIDRI
FORMER SUPREME COURT LAWYER, RUNS AN AFGHAN BURGER SHOP

(Top) An Afghan burger shop in Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi; Afghanistan players during their World Cup opener against Bangladesh in Dharamsala on Saturday. *Pratyush Raj/PTI*

HPCA blames rain and relaid grass for 'poor' outfield at venue

RAHUL PANDEY
DHARAMSALA, OCTOBER 9

IT'S THE snow capped mountain behind the college end of the The HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala that most would've expected to be the lead image of the 2023 ODI World Cup arriving in town. Ahead of the second game at the venue though, it's the quality of the outfield that has become the focal point. When asked if he had any reservations about the Dharamsala outfield where his team takes on Bangladesh on Tuesday, England's captain Jos Buttler would reply, "Yeah, a few."

"It goes against everything you want to be as a team. You want to dive through a row of houses to save a run. That's obviously not ideal, the way the surface is, the outfield. We won't use it as an excuse but it's certainly going to hold yourself back from a place you want to be as a team."

Responding to the criticism, an HPCA official told The Indian Express that the state of the field has been owing to constant rains in Dharamsala in the preceding months which put the ground staff in a race against time to prepare ahead of the marquee tournament.

"(Other than IPL in April-May) This is also the best time to host the games. There were record-breaking rains in Dharamsala this time," the official said before stating that the outfield should improve by the time India play New Zealand on October 22.

The outfield at the HPCA Stadium was brought under the scanner after both Afghanistan and Bangladesh team slipped in their attempts to run after the ball in the first game at this venue.

Afghanistan's coach Jonathan Trott would term Mujeeb Ur Rahman as 'lucky' to have escaped a serious injury during his diving attempt in the deep that saw his knee get stuck.

The HPCA official responded to the Mujeeb incident: "Some 20-22 players dived before that but nothing happened. He (Mujeeb) slid on the wrong foot and got stuck. Games have been played in worse outfields than this. This is nothing. Look at the matches that were played in Sri Lanka recently. Look at the grounds in the West Indies."

Having received an 'average' rating for the game, the outfield was deemed good to go for the England-Bangladesh game after an inspection by the ICC's independent pitch consultant Andy Atkinson in consultation with the match referee for the next game, Javagal Srinath on Sunday.

"Injuries can happen anytime. But it's definitely a surface where you're going to want to be even more careful, which isn't what you want to be doing for your country. You want to put your body on the line. Guys tearing in and needing to bowl fast, they need that confidence."

"But we're professionals so we'll adapt," Buttler said. "Naturally, you see a ball, you want to dive for it. It's unique I think to be honest. I know it's going to be the same for both teams. Hopefully, fingers crossed no one on each side picks an injury."

Earlier this year, the third India-Australia Test during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy was moved from Dharamsala to Indore after HPCA had relaid the entire outfield in the lead up to the game but failed to prepare it in time for the Test.

"It was at that time that the cross marker was struck against the ground. The grass was still growing at the time and hadn't even taken roots. The entire outfield was made sand based," the local official told this newspaper.

Dharamsala is scheduled to host four more games at the ongoing World Cup and has also been named among the five venues for the India-England Test series next year

NEW STAR ON THE HORIZON

Newcomer Shakeel already instilling hope in Pakistan middle order

SANDIP G
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 9

IN THE ask-the-panelists forum of SAMAA TV, the agitated anchor reads out the question that has been jamming her inbox. "One good innings and people are already asking if Saud Shakeel could be the next Pakistan captain."

Shahid Afridi, one of the experts on the panel, dismissively shakes his head. Mohammad Yousuf, a more restrained character, implores the fans to "leave him alone and let him focus on his batting." He tries to drill some sense: "He has had a good start in the World Cup, and let him bat peacefully. When the time for captaincy comes, we will think."

Ironically, the talk show itself is titled 'Babar versus Saud: Who is the next captain of Pakistan?'

But it's only five minutes into the 12-minute slot, after an intense debate and lament about pitches in Pakistan losing their character, that Shakeel swirls into the panel.

On Express News channel, former captain Aamir Sohail strikes a philosophical note: "Only if you have cried for something, you will know about its value when you finally achieve it." Salman Butt takes a dig at the selection process: "In other countries, you play Tests first and then ODIs. In Pakistan, you play T20s and the ODIs. Ajeeb hain yeh."

He has been advocating picking Shakeel for some time. "If you are a good Test player, you could be good in other formats too. Look at Virat, Rahul, Babar, they are all good Test players and good in other formats too."

Shakeel has excited Pakistan, even though he is only six innings old, spread across two years, in this format.

Much of it owes to Pakistan's flimsy middle order. Since the departure of Yousuf, Misbah-ul-Haq and Shoaib Malik, their middle order has looked both confused and unstable.

A raft of players flung in and out of the team, spin-bowling all-rounders Shadab Khan and Mohammed Nawaz too auditioned.

In the series against Afghanistan, they dallied with three different combinations. In the first two games, Salman Agha batted at No 5; in the third Shakeel was tried. Salman was restored for the first three games of the Asia Cup, before they resorted to Mohammad Haris in the final match of the difficult tournament.

The crisis meant that Pakistan became a top-heavy side — between 2019 and 2023, the top three have accounted for nearly 60 percent of the runs the team has made and accounted for all the 12 hundreds in this span.

Even though he is only six innings old in ODIs, young middle-order batsman Saud Shakeel has impressed in Pakistan colours. *PTI*

Giant shoes to fill

Shakeel has some Javed Miandad qualities — his manipulation of field is immaculate; the junctures he chooses to counter-attack are timely; the avenues he chooses are wise. He has the wits and smarts about him. But he is no Miandad.

But then, every time someone shows some promise at number four or five, Miandad creeps in subconsciously. Miandad is a high bar for any youngster to scale.

But given the shortage of quality middle-order batsmen the country has produced in recent times, the hype around Shakeel is understandable.

Little wonder then that many, including Mohammed Rizwan, believe he is a superstar in the making. "If Saud maintains the hard work he's doing, Pakistan will have found themselves another superstar," he says, with Shakeel beside him on a couch.

The latter shuts his eyes and looks down, expressionless, as though he was deaf to the praise.

In their match-defining stand against the Netherlands, picking up Pakistan from 43/3, the trait that impressed Rizwan the most was Shakeel's shrewdness. In the 22nd over of the game, Shakeel spotted that there was an extra man outside the ring.

He did not point this out to the umpire then, because he knew that if didn't, he couldn't be given out even if he got out, for the ball would be judged a no-ball.

So, he chipped down the track and lifted Roelof van der Merwe for a four between long-on and midwicket. Then, he had a chat with the umpire, who signaled a no-ball and free-hit. He duly despatched it into the stands.

"The awareness he showed is what I liked the most about him, " Rizwan would say. He would again talk up his superstar potential: "He has gifts that make him a different kind of superstar!"

PCB asks Pak govt to get involved to redress visa delays for scribes, fans

VENKATA KRISHNA B
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 9

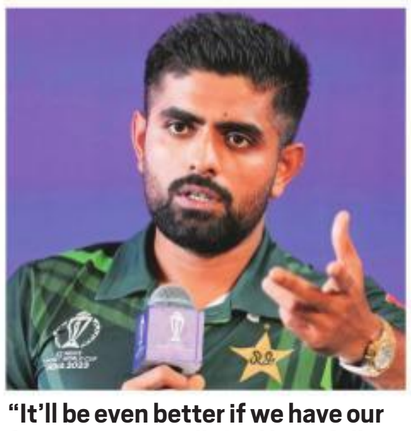
WITH PAKISTAN set to play their second World Cup fixture against Sri Lanka on Tuesday without any journalists or fans from their country, the government in Islamabad has been asked to get involved in the matter to expedite the visa process.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has called on the country's foreign secretary to step in and solve the ongoing impasse. According to PCB spokesperson Umar Farooq, the board's management committee chairman Zaka Ashraf met Pakistan foreign secretary Syrus Sajjad, raising concerns about the visa delays faced by their journalists and fans for their travel to India.

This meeting comes three days after the PCB first wrote to the International Cricket Council (ICC) flagging concerns about the delay faced by journalists and fans from Pakistan. "The chairman also requested the Foreign Secretary to take up the issue with India's Home Ministry through the Pakistan High Commission Office in New Delhi. PCB is extremely disappointed to see that journalists from Pakistan and fans are still facing uncertainty about obtaining an Indian visa to cover Pakistan games in ICC World Cup 2023," Farooq said in a statement to *The Indian Express*.

Pakistan are playing their first tournament in India since the 2016 T20 World Cup. Back then, *The Indian Express* had reported, quoting Home Ministry officials, that they would be issuing 250 visas for each match for Pakistani fans. Since Pakistan played their matches only in Kolkata and Mohali, a multi-city visa was issued for their fans who could provide match ticket and accommodation details.

Last week as it became evident that no Pakistani journalist would be able to travel to Hyderabad for their opening fixture against the Netherlands, the PCB had written to the ICC about the delay in visas being issued and cited the Members Playing Agreement (MPA) signed by the cricket boards for the World Cup, which mandates issuing visas for travelling journalists and fans.



"It'll be even better if we have our fans come as well. And hopefully, we get that kind of support in every match and at every ground, so looking forward to it."

BABAR AZAM, PAKISTAN CAPTAIN

It is learnt that the PCB had reminded the ICC about their obligations and members' agreement last week.

This paper reported that Mohammad Bashir, better known as Chicago Chacha in cricket circles, was the only Pakistan fan at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad for the team's warm-up game against Australia. Bashir holds a US passport.

Official response

When asked about the delay in visas being issued to journalists from Pakistan and the MPA, an ICC spokesperson said, "This is an obligation of our host (India) and they are working hard on it with our full support. Every effort is being made to get this sorted."

The Indian Express reached out to the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs, but hasn't received a response yet.

A top BCCI official told this paper that a communication channel was open with the government on the 'visa issue' for Pakistan journalists and fans.

"The BCCI is following up on visas to fans and journalists with the Indian government. We are hopeful a solution will be found soon," the BCCI official said.

It is learnt that around 60 journalists from Pakistan have been granted accreditation by the ICC. "Since e-visas are not given to Pakistan journalists, most of us applied for the visa (after submitting the passport) in the first week of September," a senior journalist from Pakistan told *The Indian Express*. "But so far, we have not received any confirmation from the Indian High Commission here. Hopefully, we will receive it next week."

As Pakistani journalists could not travel, they had to cancel hotel bookings in Hyderabad and air tickets.

Even before the World Cup began, the Pakistan team faced visa issues which led to them cancelling their two-day boot camp in Dubai. They received their Indian visas 48 hours before they were to travel for the tournament.

Journalists from Bangladesh also initially faced delays in procuring visas.

"This sort of delay has never happened," a senior journalist from Bangladesh, who has travelled to India multiple times in the past, said. "We had to write to the Indian High Commission 6-7 times, which has never happened in the past. Eventually, the Bangladesh Cricket Board, with the help of our foreign ministry, put in a request on October 1 and on October 3 evening, few of us got the visas," the journalist said.

Cricket, squash all set to be included at 2028 Olympics

CRICKET IS one of the five sports that have been recommended to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for approval by the Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee, as reported on the Olympic Games official website on Monday.

The recommendation will first be considered by the IOC's Olympic Programme Commission, and after approval will then be sent to the IOC Executive Board. If the EB accepts the recommendation, the proposal will be sent to be ratified at the 141st IOC session, set to take place from October 15-17 in Mumbai.

Apart from cricket, the other four sports recommended for inclusion are baseball-softball, lacrosse, squash and flag football.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the sports are likely to be approved. "In building the Olympic sport programme, we were willing to challenge the status quo and think differently about what's possible for the Games in Los Angeles," LA28 CEO Kathy Carter said in a statement.

"We've landed on a bold and balanced proposal that will energise the Games with culturally-relevant competition and boundless possibility."

Of the five sports, three have never been included in an Olympic programme. Flag football, squash and lacrosse would make their Olympic debuts, if approved. "We are one huge step closer to a monumental milestone for our sport and international community," said World Lacrosse, the sport's governing body, in a statement. "We are on a path of ascendancy, and will be a great partner for LA28 and the IOC."

Cricket would return after appearing once at the 1900 Games, following the tremendous success for women's cricket at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. "Whilst this is not the final decision, it is a very significant landmark towards seeing cricket at the Olympics for the first time in more than a century," International Cricket Council Chairman Greg Barclay said in a statement.

Michael Payne, a former marketing and broadcast rights director of the IOC, had earlier told *The Indian Express* that the IOC was looking to tap into the Indian market and felt cricket would be the ideal vehicle.

ENS/REUTERS

Kiwis crush *Oranje* to pulp

Santner and Ravindra give New Zealand great all-round strength as Dutch outclassed by 99 runs

SANDIP G
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 9

JUST BEFORE the toss, in the sweltering heat of Hyderabad, Kane Williamson strolled into the ground for a pitch-peep. The scant crowd went wild, yelling wildly to gather the attention of the Sunrisers Hyderabad captain. Williamson acknowledged with a warm wave and their day was already made. The buzz then was whether the recovering-from-injury captain would feature in the match. He did not.

But for New Zealand it did not seem to matter, as they rolled over the Netherlands without much strain, trumping them by 99 runs, headlined by Mitchell Santner's all-round heroics.

Suddenly, with two thumping wins in as many games, hopes of them walking one step further than they had in the last two editions is swelling. It is not a mere illusion. For, they are getting stronger by the day, even without Williamson and seamer Tim Southee. Against the Dutch, came back their middle-over enforcer and death-over destroyer, Lockie Ferguson. Returning from a niggle that confined him to the bench against England, he reproduced the usual bark and bite.

Though he went wicketless, he looked the most penetrative of New Zealand's seamers, pounding the deck as hard as he could. He mostly shaped the ball into the right-hander, but made the odd ball seam away, much to the dread of the Dutch batsmen. After repeatedly being beaten, they started throwing the bat at him, crease-tied, and were beaten for pace.

Even without Southee, the pace firm looks fearsome. Trent Boult swung the new ball both ways, bowled the left-handed Vikramjit Singh with a corker that bent in before holding the line; Matt Henry hustled them with extra bounce and pace. Southee's spot, even if he is fully fit, would be uncertain. Were there ever any doubt about the quality of this attack, skilled and experienced as they are?

A more pressing concern would have been the form of the spinners. The only specialist is Ish Sodhi; Mitchell Santner is the typical utilitarian bowler-batsman; Rachin Ravindra is more a batsman than a bowler, though his coaches in Wellington swear that he is a more natural bowler than he is a batsman.

Both are typical economy-over-strike rate bowlers, their first purpose is to save runs rather than purchase wickets. Neither have eye-popping variations. Santner has the standard left-arm orthodox spinner's away-spinner, an undisguised arm-ball (just watch the arm-speed and release). The carrom-ball that he christened "crack" has hardly been spotted these days.

Left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner finished with figures of 5 for 59 against The Netherlands in Hyderabad. *AP*

Santner has picked seven wickets in two games, besides crunching a rope-a-dope 17-ball 36 not out that included a pair of sixes in the last two balls.

But he does his job, keeps tight length, shuffles pace, keeps the batsman glued to the crease and on surfaces with an ounce of help, he could make the ball grip off the surface. He would later elaborate on his craft: "You could be a bit more aggressive on these tracks with a bit more help, especially with the field settings. I had a mid-on up for most of the time. The lines too was more attacking than I would have back home. It's about adjusting."

In his first spell—which began in the ninth over—he coerced considerable side spin. The textbook double-bluff fetched the first of his five wickets—he would spin a few away from the New Zealand-born Max O'Dowd and then rip in the snappier arm ball. O'Dowd merely planted his front-foot and was duly adjudged leg before the wicket. Deception does not come easier.

But thereafter, before the wicket-flurry at the death, Santner lost his fabled control that reflects on his overall economy rate of 4.86, often erring on the shorter side. He leaked 5.9 runs an over, but he would swap it any day for a five-wicket haul. Besides, he had held himself firmly against a progressive England (2/37 in 10 overs). But like two friends standing up for each other in duress, Rachin Ravindra bowled thriftily and pumped pressure at the other end.

He is considerably quicker (with a quicker action too) and flatter than Santner, gets more skid but less side-spin than him. If he was wayward against England, conceding 76 in his 10 overs.

The pair furnished ludicrous balance to the team. Rachin bats at No 3, has scored a hundred and half-century in two innings, bowled 10 overs in both games and snared three wickets.

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One breathes top-oder stability, the other offers death-over ballast. Williamson would not wait to make his comeback—he would be jumping on his bed, Santner chimes in—and weave a net of invincibility around them. The captain would make one more appearance to thank the ground from the boundary ropes.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND vs NETHERLANDS
RAJIV GANDHI STADIUM , HYDERABAD
Toss: Netherlands elected to field

NEW ZEALAND

D Conway c Leede b Merwe	**32** (40b)
W Young c Leede b Meekeren	**70** (80b)
R Ravindra c Edwards b Merwe	**51** (51b)
D Mitchell b Meekeren	**48** (47b)
T Latham st Edwards b Dutt	**53** (46b)
G Phillips c Edwards b Leede	**4** (4b)
M Chapman c Merwe b Dutt	**5** (13b)
M Santner not out	**36** (17b)
M Henry not out	**10** (4b)
■ **Extras** (lb 3, nb 2, w 8)	**13**
■ **Total** 50 Ov (RR: 6.44)	**322/7**

■ **FoW:** 1-67 (Devon Conway, 12.1 ov), 2-144 (Will Young, 26.1 ov), 3-185 (Rachin Ravindra, 32.2 ov), 4-238 (Daryl Mitchell, 40.1 ov), 5-247 (Glenn Phillips, 41.4 ov), 6-254 (Mark Chapman, 44.1 ov), 7-293 (Tom Latham, 48.4 ov)

■ **Bowling:** Aryan Dutt 10-2-62-2, Ryan Klein 7-1-41-0, Paul van Meekeren 9-0-59-2, Roelof van der Merwe 9-0-56-2, Colin Ackermann 4-0-28-0, Bas de Leede 10-0-64-1, Vikramjit Singh 1-0-9-0.

NETHERLANDS

V Singh b Henry	**12** (20b)
M O'Dowd lbw b Santner	**16** (31b)
C Ackermann c Henry b Santner	**69** (73b)
B Leede c Boult b Ravindra	**18** (25b)
T Nidamanuru run out †Latham	**21** (26b)
Scott Edwards c & b Santner	**30** (27b)
S Engelbrecht c Conway b Henry	**29** (34b)
R Merwe c Henry b Santner	**1** (6b)
R Klein lbw b Santner	**8** (15b)
Aryan Dutt b Henry	**11** (20b)
P Meekeren not out	**4** (3b)
■ **Extras** (lb 1, nb 1, w 2)	**4**
■ **Total** 46.3 Ov (RR: 4.79)	**223**

■ **FoW:** 1-21 (Vikramjit Singh, 5.6 ov), 2-43 (Max O'Dowd, 10.5 ov), 3-67 (Bas de Leede, 16.4 ov), 4-117 (Teja Nidamanuru, 25.4 ov), 5-157 (Colin Ackermann, 32.5 ov), 6-174 (Scott Edwards, 34.5 ov), 7-180 (Roelof van der Merwe, 36.3 ov), 8-198 (Ryan Klein, 41.1 ov), 9-218 (Sybrand Engelbrecht, 44.6 ov), 10-223 (Aryan Dutt, 46.3 ov)

■ **Bowling:** Trent Boult 8-0-34-0, Matt Henry 8.3-0-40-3, Mitchell Santner 10-0-59-5, Lockie Ferguson 8-0-32-0, Rachin Ravindra 10-0-46-1, Glenn Phillips 2-0-11-0

New Zealand have got a quality bowling attack. You are not going to chase down 320 with 40s and 50s...we needed to bigger partnerships. We will speak about that with the boys. There's definitely going to be some positives; we need to rectify our errors in the next seven games. For us, it's another game and we'll play our best game and try to win."

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NETHERLANDS CAPTAIN

PERFECT PAIRING

Behind success of Satwik-Chirag: Un-pushy parents and clever coaches

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FOR CHANDRASHEKHAR Shetty, his son Chirag had made him absolutely proud, the day he won the Nationals. His friends in Mumbai often told him badminton was no sport to make a great career in, there was only cricket. But a young Chirag absolutely adored badminton, so the father decided he would support that hobby, without ever pressuring him on the ambition to be a world-beater. The National title brought contentment to the Shettys.

The World No 1 ascent on Tuesday - October 10 official rankings - will be a culmination of international title wins accumulated over the past year.

"Everything above the National title is a bonus for me as a parent. He was good for me the day he won Nationals. Chirag and Satwik have been doing well for themselves for 3-4 years now. The Asian Games gold was for India. My son wanted to play doubles badminton so I backed his decision and supported him," Chandrashekhar Shetty tells this newspaper.

For Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, the most challenging phases of his journey were when he was rehabbing his way out of injuries, missing the Asian Mixed Team event even. Biding his time as the bones and tendons healed, he would slip into darkness whenever he was away from the sport. A bout of covid during the pandemic had also dragged him down, as he slowly learnt to cope with resting, when away from the adrenaline of the sport.

It got tough when he was alone in the Hyderabad home, dealing with an injury at the start of the year. His parents Kasi Viswanath and Rangamani would travel from Amalapuram and keep him company to get through those phases. His brother Ramcharan is his bouncing board ahead of tournaments, and is known to cook his comfort food when he first lost and subsequently won the French Open in the course of this journey.

National coach and mentor Pullela Gopichand has often talked about how Kasi Viswanath, himself a state level player and international umpire, ceded the crucial decision-making to Satwik's coaches, never interfering and trusting him when he told the father that his son ought to play doubles, not singles.

Gopichand had his hunch that Satwik had the game for the long haul in doubles, and the conviction to persuade Viswanath that it was the right decision - this at a time when Saina, Sindhu and Srikanth were at the top, and the visible posters.

Through personalised attention in their physical strengthening which is a bedrock of their game at the turn of their 20s, and by getting them the right technical expertise, the coach also knew when to step back, and let Mathias Boe, take over.

Chirag Shetty (R) and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy after winning the Asian Games gold. The duo will become the No.1-ranked pair in the world on Tuesday. *File*

Lasting piece of advice

While Boe is the brains and backbone behind the duo and they acknowledge the sacrifices he makes by staying away from Denmark to accompany them, the Malaysian coach Tan Kim Her left a lasting piece of advice too besides bringing them together. Chandrashekhar Shetty recalls, "Coach Tan told them very early that they need to be friends off-court first before their on-court chemistry kicks in, and that has stayed with both," he says. They worked on the bonding with meals together, and sharing rooms and trading music and food tastes, getting past the early language barriers.

While Satwik was shepherded towards doubles early by Gopichand, Chirag's start of the doubles journey saw coach Uday Pawar keep him in the right lane. The Mumbai coach even sent an inimitable and stern message to Shetty after the semifinal win at Hangzhou, when the World No 1 was almost confirmed and they were celebrating entering the gold medal final. "They looked far too happy after the semis, lying down and hugging and I told Chirag the final is yet to be won. So don't relax, stay focussed and keep the fire," he recalls.

Pawar would also text Boe urging him to stay on till he made them 'complete players', not merely winning the World Championships or Olympics.

He had waited until 4-5 days after they returned from World Championships without a medal, to connect with Shetty. "I messaged him, Call me when free. And he rung up in 30 seconds. We talked about different conditions in Europe," he says, about honest debriefings that keep the two on their toes.

Till 15, Chirag hadn't won much in juniors, but what struck Pawar was just how much of a belief he had in himself. He might be all fiery and fire on court, but the boy was calm and courteous off it. "He's always been a fighter with great self-belief. There's no hero worship in him, and he's never in awe of anyone which made him a good player even back then."

Pawar recalls a junior meet in Panchkula where Shetty had progressed deep in u17 singles, u17 and u19 doubles. A match against Chirag Sen, Lakshya's brother, saw Shetty tire out, and he would lose the u17 doubles to a UP pairing.

"After the Maharashtra state selection, I had asked him 'are you happy being quarter-finalist in singles' as he was ranked No 8. But playing all those singles matches left him stiff and tired for doubles. After losing in singles quarters, I told Chirag to come to practice courts 45 minutes before the u19 doubles and start their knocking. They went on to beat top seeds and I convinced him he would have to work thrice as much harder to win singles titles. So he shifted."

Shetty wasn't sure initially of moving to Hyderabad as Coach Tan wanted him and partner, MR Arjun from Kerala, to camp at one centre. Pawar would persuade him to try for six months. The next important decision was swapping partners as Tan felt two tall, strong guys with skills could wind up into something massive and 'SatChi' came into being.

The duo overcame a lot of jagged edges and jarring notes to make it work. On the final ascent, Boe has bolstered their defense, made their attack premium, and taught them the endgame sorcery - for there were matches they once lost from 20-17 up. They barely needed to hit the high gears winning Asiad gold, but the Olympics will see the Indonesians and Chinese strike back.

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