

TV9 BHARATVARSH INDIA'S NO.1 HINDI NEWS CHANNEL

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16.3%



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SOURCE: BARC (IND TV), TG: NCCS ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: HSM (U+R), WEEK 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, SHARE% OF TOP 14 NATIONAL HINDI NEWS CHANNELS BASIS AMA 000S

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CRORE

TV9 NETWORK CONTINUES TO BE NO.1 NEWS NETWORK OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY



15.7
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SOURCE: BARC IND (TV), TG ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: INDIA (U+R), WEEK 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, WEEKLY AMA IN CRORE OF GEN & REGIONAL NEWS NETWORK



EV9 Leadership FACTS

FACT # 1/9

INDIA'S NO.1 HINDI NEWS CHANNEL. PERIOD.



16.3%

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EV9 भारतवर्ष	12.9%	11.5%	11.3%	10.3%	10.7%
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SOURCE: BARC (IND TV), TG: NCCS ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: HSM (U+R), WEEK 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, SHARE% OF TOP 14 NATIONAL HINDI NEWS CHANNELS BASIS AMA 0005

FACT # 2/9

LEADING BY THE WIDEST MARGIN

26% AHEAD



9.2 CRORE

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7.3 CRORE

SOURCE: BARC (IND TV), TG: NCCS ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: HSM (U+R), WEEK 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, AMA IN CRORE

FACT # 3/9

THE NO.1 CHOICE OF URBAN VIEWERS



14.3%


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EV9 भारतवर्ष	13.8%	11.7%	11.3%	10.8%	10.6%
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SOURCE: BARC (IND TV), TG: NCCS ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: HSM URBAN, WEEK 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, SHARE% OF TOP 14 NATIONAL HINDI NEWS CHANNELS BASIS AMA 0005

FACT # 4/9

THE NO.1 AMONGST PREMIUM VIEWERS



13.7%


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EV9 भारतवर्ष	12.5%	12.1%	12.0%	11.7%
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SOURCE: BARC (IND TV), TG: 15+ NCCS A, MARKET: HSM, WEEK 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, SHARE% OF TOP 14 NATIONAL HINDI NEWS CHANNELS BASIS AMA 0005

FACT # 5/9

RULING THE EVENING PRIME TIME FROM 6 TO 11 PM



16.9%


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EV9 भारतवर्ष	13.3%	12.8%	11.8%	10.3%	10.2%
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SOURCE: BARC (IND TV), TG: NCCS ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: HSM (U+R), WEEK 44'23, DP-1800-2300 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, SHARE% OF TOP 14 NATIONAL HINDI NEWS CHANNELS BASIS AMA 0005

FACT # 6/9

EVERY FOURTH HINDI NEWS VIEWER TUNING AT 8 PM



24.0%


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EV9 भारतवर्ष	14.2%	11.8%	11.5%	9.8%	11.1%
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SOURCE: BARC (IND TV), TG: NCCS ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: HSM (U+R), WEEK 44'23, DP-2000-2100 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, SHARE% OF TOP 10 NATIONAL HINDI NEWS CHANNELS BASIS AMA 0005

FACT # 7/9

THE NO.1 NEWS NETWORK OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY



22.0 CRORE

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EV9 NETWORK	15.7 CRORE	9.3 CRORE	8.9 CRORE	8.1 CRORE	7.9 CRORE
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SOURCE: BARC IND (TV), TG ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: INDIA (U+R), WEEK 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, WEEKLY AMA IN CRORE OF GEN & REGIONAL NEWS NETWORK

FACT # 8/9

40% AHEAD OF THE RUNNER-UP



22.0 CRORE

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15.7 CRORE

SOURCE: BARC IND (TV), TG ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: INDIA (U+R), WEEK 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, WEEKLY AMA IN CRORE OF GEN & REGIONAL NEWS NETWORK

FACT # 9/9

NO.1 NEWS NETWORK FOR 112 WEEKS AND COUNTING

1

- THE HINDI NEWS LEADER
- THE FOREVER TELUGU SUPERSTAR
- THE KING OF KARNATAKA
- THE ULTIMATE LEADER OF MAHARASHTRA
- THE SARDAR OF GUJARAT
- THE CHOICE OF BHADRALOK

SOURCE: BARC IND (TV), TG ALL 15+ YRS, MARKET: INDIA (U+R), WEEK 15'20 TO 44'23, DP-0600-2400 HRS, 4 WEEKS ROLLING AVERAGE, WEEKLY AMA IN CRORE OF GEN & REGIONAL NEWS NETWORK

AN INVESTIGATION BY THE INDIAN EXPRESS
WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF INVESTIGATIVE
JOURNALISTS - PART THREE

Country's reputation on the line, will probe: Cyprus President

EU lawmakers say close loopholes in bloc's financial system; Putin biography sales put on hold

Confidential stories, President Nikos Christodoulides pledged to launch a government probe in response to the investigation "within a specified timeframe." He added that the country's reputation was on the line.

"Everything that has come to light will be investigated," Christodoulides said. "The reputation of our country, the credibility of our country, you understand, is crucial."

Cyprus Confidential, led by the ICIJ and Paper Trail Media, was based on a leak of 3.6 million files from six Cyprus financial services providers and a corporate-data website. Powered by more than 270 reporters from 69 media partners, the investigation revealed how Cypriot financial enablers scrambled to help Russian oligarchs and Putin allies shield their assets and avoid Western sanctions, despite Russia's military aggression against Ukraine in 2014 and full-scale invasion in 2022.

Cyprus Finance Minister Makis Keravnos also responded to the investigation. He told reporters that the country has been working with the UK gov-



Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides

ernment since March to strengthen regulation of the island's financial industry and to tackle money laundering. Keravnos said initial outcomes were expected to be announced by the end of November, according to Cypriot news outlet Kathimerini.

A number of European Union lawmakers said the Cyprus Confidential findings highlighted the need for stronger anti-money laundering rules within the bloc and urged all member states to close loopholes that allow dirty money to flow into the European financial system.

In a statement published on **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



AUSTRALIA-INDIA FINAL SUNDAY

Australia defeated South Africa by 3 wickets in the second semi-final of the ODI World Cup at Kolkata's Eden Gardens Thursday. They will meet India in the final Sunday. Partha Paul **PAGE 20**

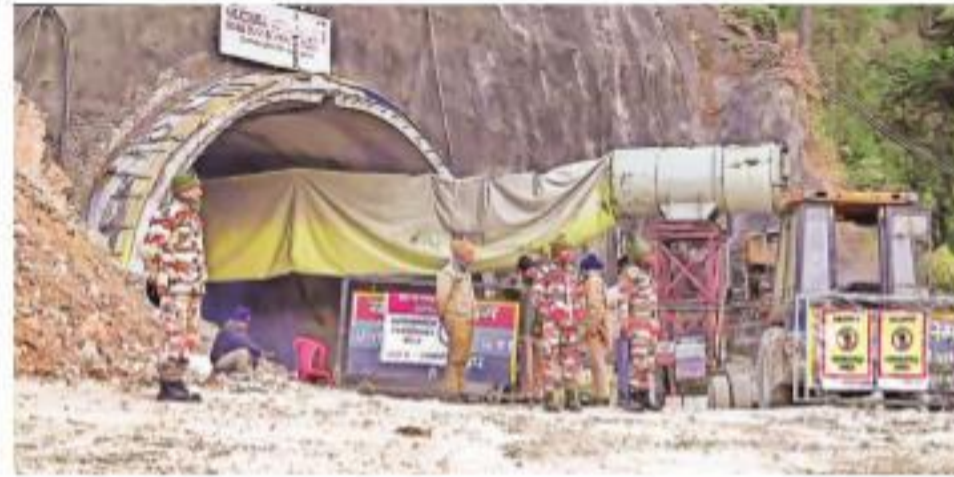
Uttarkashi, Day 5: Rescuers inch closer to men trapped in tunnel

AVANEESH MISHRA
UTTARKASHI, NOVEMBER 16

EFFORTS TO rescue 40 workers trapped in an under-construction tunnel in Uttarkashi appeared to get back on track Thursday as a high-capacity machine, flown in from the national capital, started the drilling process. The men have been trapped there since 5.30 am Sunday.

According to information provided by the Uttarkashi District Emergency Operation Centre, the operation began around 10.30 am Thursday, and by 4.30 pm, the machine had drilled through 9 metres of debris and was still going.

Though the workers are safe — they are being provided oxy-



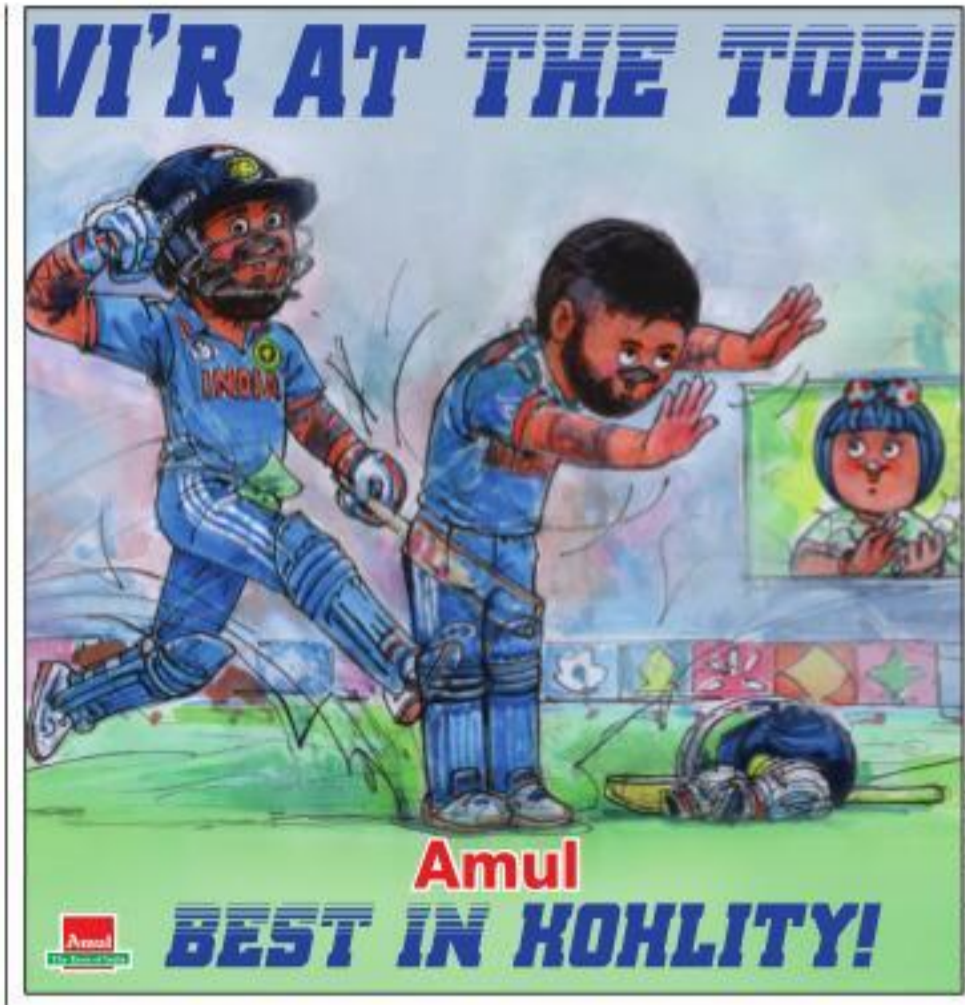
Outside the tunnel in Uttarkashi on Thursday. **P71**

gen, food and water through a pipe — the rescue operation has not been without hiccups.

In the first two days, attempts to clear the rubble using large digging equipment failed since every time debris was removed,

more would fall and take its place.

On Tuesday, rescuers abandoned the traditional method, and adopted a "trenchless" technique of digging, using an auger **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



TN Governor returns 10 Bills, state govt calls special session

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 16

DAYS AFTER the Supreme Court expressed "serious concern" about Governors not acting on Bills, Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi on Thursday returned 10 pending Bills to the state government. The DMK-led government, which has had public disagreements with Ravi several times over the past year, has called a special Assembly session on Saturday.

One of the important Bills Ravi has returned is on the power of the state government to appoint university vice-chancellors. The Bills, passed between January and April this year, cover a range of issues from anti-corruption measures and the early release of prisoners to filling **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi

EXPLAINED State vs Centre

THE STANDOFF highlights a constitutional dilemma about the role and powers of Governor. While a Governor is expected to approve Bills passed by the Assembly, returning Bills en masse raises questions about the balance of power between the state, Centre.

DECISION 2023

Chhattisgarh (Phase 2)
Seats: 70 (Out of 90)
Voters: 1.63 crore

2018 RESULTS

INC	68
BJP	15
JCC(J)	5
BSP	2

*Phase 1 held on Nov 7 for 20 seats

Madhya Pradesh
Seats: 230 seats
Voters: 5.6 crore

2018 RESULTS

INC	114
BJP	109
BSP	2
Others	5

RESULTS ON DEC 3

BJP enlists face of Rajasthan's fight against 'paper leak mafia'

HAMZA KHAN
SHAHPURA, NOVEMBER 16

ON DECEMBER 24, 2022, 22-year-old Sonu Sharma rushed to appear for the general knowledge paper of a teacher recruitment examination conducted by the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC).

"The government had made bus travel free for students who were appearing but then the public buses did not let us in at all. So we had to climb (the buses), hitch a ride ... the sole aim being to reach the centre in time any way possible," says Sharma, standing alongside a group of youngsters underneath



Rajasthan Berozgar Ekikrat Mahasangh's Upen Yadav



DECISION 2023 RAJASTHAN

a tree in the middle of Shahpura's Devan village, about 90 minutes north-west of Jaipur.

For every examination, it was the same story for Sonu. And for the GK paper, he somehow reached the centre in time. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

BJP poll promise: Will form unit to probe anti-Bharat sleeper cells

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 16

RELEASING ITS manifesto for the Rajasthan Assembly elections, the BJP promised Thursday a string of measures if voted to power including a special cell to investigate "sleeper cells" of "anti-Bharat forces" and a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate "scams" of the Congress government led by Ashok Gehlot. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

4 decades ago, an assassination that put Mumbai in heart of Israel-Palestine feud

ZEESHAN SHAIKH
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

EARLY ON November 27, 1984, Percy Norris left his office in Mumbai. Less than 500 metres from Mantralaya, the administrative headquarters of the Maharashtra government, his car slowed down. Suddenly, two men in "blue tracksuits and running shoes" fired shots — four in



Percy Norris, the British deputy high commissioner, was killed on Nov 27, 1984

all, of which two hit their target. Norris, the British Deputy High Commissioner for Western India, was dead. And Mumbai had been dragged into the heart

of the age-old Israeli-Palestinian feud. Norris was killed by suspected Palestinian militants affiliated to Abu Nidal.

Abu Nidal — 'Father of the Struggle' in Arabic — was the nom de guerre for Sabri al-Banna, the leader of a renegade group allegedly responsible for a string of attacks across the world in the 1980s and 1990s. The US State Department had **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

BUSINESS AS USUAL
By UNNY

Given your symbol, Kejriwalji, this is your chance to look suitably inspired.

The sleeper hit this World Cup: A simple, informal show from Pakistan

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

SANDEEP DWIVEDI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

FOUR FORMER Pakistan captains, one of them a living legend, an endearing anchor, a rudimentary set, no complicated data-crunching, no over-philosophising analysis, no raised voices and no hero-worship.



Misbah ul Haq, Fakhr-e-Alam, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan and Shoaib Malik on the sets of 'The Pavilion'

rich-in-content talk show featuring cricket's renowned pundits from Pakistan — Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Misbah-ul-Haq, Shoaib Malik — along with a pleasant presenter, Fakhr-e-Alam, with an entertainment background, has cut through the clutter and proved to be a sleeper hit.

The Pavilion, a flagship free-streaming show of A Sports, part of Pakistan's largest media network ARY, is fast approaching the 1000k subscriber mark with most of its hour-long video **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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• TN Governor returns 10 Bills

vacancies in the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. Speaker M Appavu said these Bills would be taken up during the special session and there would be no discussions on the SC's observations, Governor or President. The special session will be held under Assembly Rule 26. Once the Assembly passes these Bills again, the Governor is bound to approve them. Appavu cited the examples of the Bill prohibiting online gambling and the draft legislation on the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, which were also initially returned by the Governor. The TN government filed an affidavit against the Governor on October 31, accusing him of neglecting constitutional duties and deliberately hindering governance. The writ petition alleges not only significant delays in legislation and crucial appointments but also a "systemic undermining" of the state's elected machinery, asserting that the situation is leading to a "constitutional deadlock". Apart from TN, Kerala and Punjab recently moved the top court against their Governors for allegedly sitting on pending Bills. Telangana filed a similar affidavit in the Supreme Court against its Governor in March.

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Country's reputation on the line, will probe, says Cyprus President

the Greens/EFA party's website, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, a member of the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, said that ICJ's investigation "shows that only one weak link in the chain can undermine the fight against corruption, money laundering and oligarchs hiding their wealth in the EU." "More transparency is essential to ensure that oligarchs cannot hide behind shell companies and dodgy offshore structures to conceal their dirty money," Delbos-Corfield said. Kira Peter-Hansen, a European parliamentarian and member of the EP's subcommittee on tax matters, also called for more transparency within the bloc to prevent criminals or sanctioned individuals from using opaque financial structures to hide their assets and elude sanctions. ICJ's data analysis, which matches names found among

millions of documents against public records and private databases, found a total of 96 sanctioned Russians in the Cyprus Confidential files who were clients of Cyprus firms. Reacting to the investigation, the Socialists and Democrats Group called for an investigation into global accounting giant PwC and the firm's work for oligarchs linked to offshore companies and trusts. As part of Cyprus Confidential, ICJ uncovered how PwC's Cyprus arm partnered with small firms specializing in creating shell companies and providing frontman directors to dozens of Russians with ties to the Kremlin. An ICJ review of the records shows that before Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, PwC Cyprus' client roster already included 12 Russians who were under sanctions around the world due to their involvement in their government's illegal 2014 annexation of

Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and military aggression in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. In June, in response to ICJ's Pandora Papers, European lawmakers called for greater scrutiny of PwC and other global accountancy firms for their assistance to Russian oligarchs. The Cyprus Confidential investigation is the latest in a decade of scandals and dust-ups for the Big Four firm. In response to questions from ICJ, PwC's spokesperson said that the firm complied with EU and United Nations sanctions before Russia's February 2022 invasion and has since severed ties with 60 clients as a result of the company's new Russia-related sanctions policy. German publisher Hoffmann und Campe said it stopped selling books about Russian President Vladimir Putin by German journalist Hubert Seipel after ICJ and Paper Trail Media revealed that he agreed to re-

ceive about \$700,000 from a shell company linked to now-sanctioned oligarch Alexey Mordashov. In response to questions from Paper Trail Media, Seipel acknowledged the "sponsorship" agreement but defended the legitimacy of his work. Mordashov did not comment on the deal. At home, Seipel, an award-winning television journalist, author and former magazine correspondent, has cultivated an image of a "Putin connoisseur." He is known for producing a 2012 documentary about the Russian autocrat, which has been viewed by nearly 2 million people in Germany. NDR, the public broadcaster for whom Seipel produced the film and an exclusive 2014 interview with Putin, said it had launched an investigation and that it was considering legal action against the reporter, according to the Associated Press. —ICJ

• Uttarkashi, Day 5: Rescuers inch closer to trapped men

Patil told *The Indian Express*. He added that the machine is capable of smashing through these impediments, but it is better to avoid them altogether. The machine, said Patil, is seldom used in these kinds of operations. He said that giving an exact timeline of the rescue operation would not be possible as the speed of drilling could increase or decrease. He said they do not have a machine to look inside the debris and determine what is in it. Earlier on Thursday, Union Minister VK Singh visited the spot and took stock of the rescue operations. He talked to those trapped inside and assured them of the administration's attempts to rescue them. Addressing a press conference, the minister said: "The new machine, with more power and speed than the previous one, is at work. We are aiming to complete the task in two-three days. It could be done sooner, but we have set an outer limit so that obstructions can be addressed. We are using all possible options. Whatever is suggested to us, we study its technical feasibility and try that option. We are also taking the help of international experts." On Wednesday, speaking to *The Indian Express*, Bhupendra Singh, DGM, Rail Vikas Nigam

Limited (RVNL), said that if the current plan does not work, the final option will be using conventional drilling using the pipe roof umbrella method. Under that, the rescuers will build an entire tunnel and it will take five to six days to reach the men. "However, we are sure it will not come to that and the second plan will work," he said. Meanwhile, talking about the tunnel and if the incident could have been avoided, he said that in the last four-and-a-half years since the tunnel has been under construction, there was no indication of any complications. "We had been doing 3D monitoring and data monitoring continuously, and we did not find anything that could suggest this was a crash zone or that it could collapse. We started the reprofiling with a lot of caution and thought process. We completed the 2.3 km (of the tunnel, from the Silkyara side) with great speed," he said. Patil informed that the 4.5 km long Silkyara-Barkot tunnel used the New Austrian Tunneling Method, which is a combination of drill and blast. "The primary thought process is to continuously monitor the deformations. More deformations, more caution, more rock bolts, and more primary support are required," said Patil.

• BJP enlists face of Rajasthan's fight against 'paper leak mafia'

Then came the shock: "After reaching the centre we got to know that the paper had been leaked and thus cancelled," he says. For this particular examination, 3.9 lakh persons had registered. Since 2019, eight examinations conducted by the RPSC have had to be cancelled due to paper leaks. This has led to at least 15 FIRs and the arrest of at least 273 people. For cheating, 160 more FIRs were filed in the same period. However, the scale of the number of people affected is more accurately gauged from the number of registrations for these eight examinations: 33,31,698, although several people register for multiple exams. During this period, there was a single, most credible voice from among the youth themselves who championed their cause, and campaigned against the "paper mafia" and the never-ending court cases — 33-year-old Upen Yadav. So, when Yadav's cavalcade rolls into Devan, Sonu Sharma says he will vote for Yadav, who the BJP has fielded from Shahpura. A small crowd of party workers and locals greet him even as his supporters hand out a pamphlet to rekindle their memory. It states that in 11 years and 8 months, Yadav led 300 cam-

paigns and 12 hunger strikes. "He has devoted a third of his 33 years to the unemployed," the pamphlet proclaims. On the back, there are images from his protests: his bloodied forehead, on the hospital bed, sleeping on the road, police forcibly taking him into custody, and sitting inside a police van. As Yadav hops on the cemented chabutra around the tree and takes the microphone, he terms his 12-year struggle as *vandavas* (exile). "In these 12 years, I have faced police and been trained to deal with IAS officers and get things done. I took beatings with a lathi, sustained injuries, and was admitted to hospitals. But all of it helped me mature as a person." With the Gehlot government not facing a major corruption scandal, the BJP fell back on issues such as paper leaks, women's safety, and law and order to target the Congress. And Yadav did the heavy lifting for the Opposition even though he was not a member of any party at the time, lending more credibility to his campaign. The issue of paper leaks is mentioned in almost every rally by top BJP leaders. The December 2022 leak itself is being examined by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which arrested, among others, RPSC member

Babulal Katara two months ago and has conducted several raids. Resonating as poll issues Paper leaks and unemployment have resonated here so much that Yadav's team says that with 9.7 lakh followers, he is now the seventh-most followed Rajasthan politician on X, behind leaders such as Gehlot, Sachin Pilot and Vasundhara Raje. Part of the reason why the issue has resonated with the Rajasthan youth is high unemployment and over 22.7 lakh first-time voters aged 18-19 years. As per the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the unemployment rate in Rajasthan (28.5%) was next only to Haryana (37.4%) among all the states for December 2022. As of February 2023, the number of unemployed persons registered with the state government was 18,40,044, of whom 14,40,916 were graduates and 1,01,956 were post-graduates. Between 2018 and February 2023, the state government handed out Rs 1,927 crore of unemployment allowance. Yadav, who has been campaigning barefoot "to feel the pain of locals due to poor roads in Shahpura", claims that there are 40-50 lakh educated unemployed

in the state. As a result of the direct intervention of his organisation Rajasthan Berozgar Ekikrat Mahasangh, 2.5 lakh government jobs have been given, he claims. But paper leaks were a problem during BJP rule too, something he had raised then. Asked about one of his old videos where he is seen addressing a press conference alongside Congress leader Pawan Khera and others ahead of the 2018 elections, he says, "I have seen both Congress and BJP rule so I know which one is better for the youth. I have done a *tulnatmak adhyayan* (comparative study) and concluded the BJP is better as under the Congress government, Congress leaders and ministers themselves are complicit in paper leaks. Moreover, since the BJP is coming to power, I will be able to raise the issues better." This is also one of Yadav's selling points. He keeps underlining that he will be able to ensure government jobs are delivered in time since the BJP will form the government in Rajasthan and he will be part of the "double engine" government. This seems to convince quite a few people, especially the youth. First-time voters Lalit Kumar Sharma, 19, and Himesh Kumar, 18, say that Yadav "supports the youth and no one raised

the issue of paper leaks like him". For some others, the BJP candidate is merely a medium. Gautam, 21, and Ashish, 22, say that they support BJP and would have supported any other candidate put up by the party. Tough contest But winning Shahpura is an uphill task for Yadav who faces the Congress's Manish Yadav and sitting MLA Alok Beniwal, an Independent, apart from candidates of the Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). Jats are the biggest community here followed by Yadavs, upper castes, and then there are the voters from Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC) groups. While Beniwal is expected to corner the majority of the Jat vote, the RLP, which is seen as a party of Jats, will hope to upset Beniwal's plans. And so Yadav too is at pains to point out the "Chaudharys" in his team and among his well-wishers. But then the OBC vote is also expected to be divided between the Congress and the BJP. While Yadav's chances may be uncertain, the BJP is likely to reap the benefit of fielding him beyond Shahpura. Perhaps that is what the BJP was counting on all along.

• A killing that put Mumbai in heart of Israel-Palestine feud

once termed his group as "the most dangerous terrorist organisation in existence". In 2002, al-Banna was reportedly found shot dead in a flat in Baghdad, according to Palestinian and other sources. On the eve of his murder, 56-year-old Norris hosted a party for the visiting English cricket team, and with socialites and bureaucrats in attendance, at his residence in south Bombay. The diplomat, who had assumed charge only in October that year, held frequent gatherings at his Altamont Road residence for the who's who of the city. Also present at the glitzy reception on November 26, 1984, was the man who would eventually investigate his diplomat host's murder — Julio Ribeiro, the then Bombay Police Commissioner. Next morning, Norris was shot dead. Investigators said the car was fired at from close range. Of the four bullets fired from a 9-millimetre automatic weapon, two shattered the car's window and hit Norris — one in the head and the other in the chest. The Indian Express's Consulting Editor Coomi Kapoor, then reporting for India Today, wrote how, seeing his boss "slumped on the brown corduroy seat, his face and body covered with glass splinters from the shattered window, and blood all over", Morris D'Souza, Norris's driver, hopped the car to the High Commission office. Eyewitness accounts from then state that bullets were still being fired when D'Souza sped away from the spot. Rushed to Breach Candy Hospital from his office, Norris was pronounced dead on arrival. The assassins were described by eyewitnesses as "well built and tall with neatly cropped hair, ruddy complexions and faces which suggested they came from the Middle East", said Kapoor's article. After the assassination, eyewitnesses were quoted as saying that the attackers — "foreigners" — ran towards the Mantalaya building and melted into the hordes of early morning joggers. They were never seen or heard from again. In his memoir, *Bullet for Bullet*, Ribeiro recalled that he was the first to arrive at his Marine Drive residence when he was informed about a British diplomat being shot dead near Oval Maidan at 8 am. Ribeiro writes in his memoir that the initial evidence suggested that Norris's assassins had done a *reccé* of the area days before his murder. "The assassination was very professionally planned and executed and could not have been the work of casual contact men," Ribeiro said. According to Norris's bio, which the British Embassy put out posthumously, he was born in England's Twickenham and had served in the Royal Navy before joining the British Foreign Office. He also served in Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Brussels, Philadelphia and Dubai before moving to Bombay in October 1984. Based on Norris's earlier postings, the Bombay Police

started probing the role of Palestinian militants, the Irish Republican Army and even personal enmity stemming from Norris's stint in Dubai. Meanwhile, publications in the US and UK reported that an Arabic-speaking man had called up media agencies in London and Paris, warning that the "Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Moslems" would continue to "confront" Britain until the government stopped its "aggressive interventions and their detention and torture of (its) fighters". Taking forward the theory of British intelligence — that Norris was murdered by Palestinian militants — the local press linked his murder to the assassination attempt on Shlomo Argov, Israel's Ambassador to Britain, by a Palestinian terror group in London in 1982. Shot while leaving a black-tie dinner at the Dorchester Hotel in central London on June 3, 1982, a critically wounded Argov survived but was severely affected physically. He passed away in 2003. The Times of London said British authorities feared that Norris's assassination was a campaign to force Britain to free the three convicted Arab gunmen serving prison sentences of 30-35 years for Argov's attempted murder two years earlier. During the trial, prosecutors had said the three terrorists were members of the al-Banna-led Palestine National Liberation Movement, a breakaway faction of Palestine Liberation Organization. The newspaper claimed that the Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Moslems was a terror front floated by al-Banna. "It is thought to be a cover for the splinter group of Palestinian terrorists headed by Abu Nidal (al-Banna), the code name for a former lieutenant of Mr Yasir Arafat and founder member of the Fatah group, which has been responsible for at least a dozen murders around the world," The Times reported a day after Norris's murder. Ribeiro, the former commissioner, stated in his memoir, "The crime remained unsolved and we could never apprehend anyone for the murder. For me, in particular, and Bombay City Police, in general, the case was a reflection on our abilities to detect such murders. We used to pride ourselves on speedy and successful defections, but in this one case, whose resolution could have earned us a really good name, we were very unlucky." Coomi Kapoor said, "It was an early morning attack that was carried out so meticulously that no one had a clue. The case hit a dead end and was never solved. It came as a shock. It was after this incident that the security of diplomats in India was stepped up." On the diplomatic front, "those were very different times", Kapoor said, adding, "India had no formal ties with Israel (diplomatic ties were established only in 1992) and the Congress, which was in power then, had totally aligned itself with the Palestinian cause. Conductor Zubin Mehta was very upset because the Indian government refused to even grant visas to the Israeli musicians to play in India."

• In BJP manifesto, promise of a special cell to probe anti-Bharat sleeper cells

Other promises in the manifesto include measures to ensure the "honour of women", a plan to convert Rajasthan to a \$350-billion economy and doubling the per capita income. In his brief address, BJP president J P Nadda also said there was "intolerance and pseudo secularism" under Gehlot "where the holy places of some are bulldozed while slogans and rallies of some others are promoted for sarn se juda (decapitation)", without mentioning the name of Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal who was murdered

last year after his support for BJP leader Nupur Sharma over her remarks on the Prophet. Flanked by Rajasthan BJP chief C P Joshi and former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, Nadda highlighted figures for crimes against women in the state. The promises for women include a women police station with a women desk in every district; anti-Romeo squads; three women battalions under the Rajasthan Armed Constabulary (RAC); free education for poor girls from kindergarten to post-gradua-

tion; free scooter for meritorious girl students of Class 12; and LPG cylinders at Rs 450. The Rajasthan government is currently running the Devnarayan Scooty Yojana and Kalibai Bhil Medhavi Chhatra Scooty Yojana to give scooters to meritorious girl students. The state government provides LPG cylinder at Rs 500 after subsidy and has promised to increase the number of families receiving this benefit to over 1 crore. While the Congress is yet to come out with its manifesto, it has promised Rs 10,000 per an-

num honorarium for women heads of families. A flagship scheme of the BJP for women, if voted to power, would be the Lado Protsahan Yojana. As part of the scheme, the government will provide a savings bond of Rs 2 lakh at the birth of a girl child. Of this, Rs 6,000 will be given in Class 6, Rs 8,000 in Class 9, Rs 10,000 in Class 10, Rs 12,000 in Class 11, Rs 14,000 in Class 12, Rs 50,000 in her professional course and Rs 1 lakh when she reaches the age of 21. The next flagship measure, if

implemented, would be ensuring 33 per cent reservation for women in the police force. For youth, the party plans to provide 2.5 lakh jobs to youth in the next five years. Other announcements include setting up a Rajasthan Institute of Technology and a Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences each in every division, along the lines of IITs and AIIMS, and giving Rs 1,200 as Direct Benefit Transfer to economically weak school children to enable them to buy school bags, books and uniforms.

• The sleeper hit this World Cup: A simple, informal show from Pakistan

capsules securing close to one million views. Among the lakhs of Indians following the show are former India captains Kapil Dev and Sourav Ganguly, who have publicly applauded the efforts of their one-time rivals. The chief architect of The Pavilion says the show's unique free-flowing conversational format reflects their trust in the good old tradition of story-telling and their wish to sound different in the general cricket broadcasting din. "What we have managed to achieve with The Pavilion is a function of not trying to over-complicate things. We keep it simple, we tell stories, and we try to discuss matches the way one would discuss them sitting in their lounge with their friends and family," ARY Digital Founder and CEO Salman Iqbal shares with *The Indian Express*. Giving the uncomplicated show the feel of a lounge full of family and friends is the chemistry between the five men on the screen. Akram, Moin, Misbah and Malik go back a long way. On the show, the stalwarts wear their intellect lightly, they come across as warm, cheerful and quippy friends enjoying a game of cricket. With years of experience behind them, they catch the nuance of the game and discuss it threadbare. Showing succinct and self-depre-

cating wit, they crack jokes and pull each other's legs. They drop their guard and be themselves. Akram shares his trade secret with *The Indian Express* — being original always works. "I have been doing this for 20 years now and eventually, it is simple math — be true and add natural humor where you can. One has to be original. Basically, just be yourself," he says. In the mostly Urdu-English show, Akram often switches to Punjabi, mostly when he is annoyed. After Pakistan's loss to India, he came down heavily on South African coach Mickey Arthur. On the issue of foreign coaches demanding assistants from abroad, Akram lets it fly. "Shaam ko in logon nu galaan bhi kadhni hoti hain na (They hire assistants from their country since they have to shoot the breeze in the evenings)." The ever-smiling Malik says Rohit Sharma's all-out attack on the Pakistan bowling unit reminds him of his "Arabi teacher". "He would spare no one in our class. Same is true with Rohit, he is equally harsh on all the bowlers," he says. Malik keeps his cricketing analysis easy. Within hours of the heavily cramping Aussie all-rounder Glenn Maxwell playing the inning of his life, the Pakistan all-rounder was ready with an explainer. He takes a bat in the hand

and imitates Maxwell's swing and compares it with a golfer teeing off. Suddenly, for a lay fan, everything fell in place. The Aussie, a regular on the green, had awakened the inner golfer in him when he had foot cramps. "I love breaking down plays from a technical point of view, but we always try to keep it conversational and something that people find easy to understand," Malik says. Akram credits the backroom boys for the atmosphere in the studio. He names channel owner Iqbal, TV executive Jerjees Seja and Imran Ahmad Khan, a former Pakistan Cricket Board official, for the bonhomie between the five who the world watches. Those in the know give a sneak peak of what goes behind The Pavilion. All through the game, the five men are huddled together in front of the television. They discuss the twists and turns of the game, share meals and have friendly fights over orders. Misbah's alleged capacity to consume mini-mountains of rotis is often the reason for the team's meal-time chuckle. It is also the time for the senior broadcaster Akram to tell others about the ills of having biscuits when commenting. He demonstrates how moving the tongue to wipe out the biscuit leftovers around the gums isn't a pleasant sight for

the viewers. On off-days they play cricket and train together. Before the semis, they went scuba-diving. When on air, they coax each other to repeat lines and acts that had triggered laughs in the green room. Akram pulls his tongue out like a snake, to depict a Pakistan actor *naag* for his role as a deadly "knoo". Moin provides the hissing noise in the background. Shoaib and Fakhr are in splits. In the "ask the expert" section, a fan wants to know if Misbah could fly his flowing jet-black beard. "Meri daadhi, meri dye, tainu ki (My beard, my dye, what's your problem)," he says. More laughs. Fakhr, a veteran sports broadcaster, is a trained pilot and an award-winning actor. The fifth Beale of this hit act, he has a long association with the four international players. He is the trusted safety net for the players as he knows where to draw the line. "Sometimes, I have to rein them in because the boys are naughty and tend to get carried away. Subtle moments when the host becomes a class monitor. We do push boundaries and sometimes we eat humble pie," he says. But with close to 200 million overall views for their show and critical acclaim pouring from around the world, at The Pavilion they are having their cake and eating it too.

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2020 RIOTS Devangana Kalita moves Delhi HC, seeks videos of CAA-NRC protests

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE DELHI High Court Thursday sought the Delhi Police's stand on two pleas moved by Devangana Kalita seeking certain videos and WhatsApp chats in two cases, including the UAPA "larger conspiracy case", pertaining to the 2020 riots.

A single-judge bench of Justice Amit Bansal issued notice to the police in both petitions and listed the matters on January 17, 2024. The court, however, refused to stay the trial court proceedings, observing that there is no question of granting a stay until both sides are heard.

Special Public Prosecutor Madhukar Pandey, appearing for the police, argued that the petitions were not maintainable. He submitted that the investigation was ongoing and the video footage was not part of the chargesheet.

Appearing for Kalita, advocate Adit S Pujari argued that the police had commissioned certain persons to take videos of the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens in February 2020. He said these videos have been seized by the

police and seizure memo has been filed, and argued that the videos be supplied before the arguments on charge/discharge proceeds before the trial court.

Pujari said his client wants to exercise her "valuable right of getting discharged". "The videos will demonstrate that during that time, February 22-26, 2020... we were protesting peacefully..." he said.

Pujari said in one of the petitions, there is a case of murder against his client. "I'm said to be part of the people who were protesting under the Jafrabad flyover where the videos were recorded. But those videos were not provided. Three years and nine months have gone by. They (police) claim to be under the garb of further investigation and don't want to provide the videos to me, claiming that videos don't form part of the chargesheet. They seize videos and take certain screenshots and then they say videos are not part of the chargesheet," he said.

Pujari argued that the videos existed, were "exculpatory" and should be provided to his client.

With respect to the petition pertaining to the larger conspiracy case, apart from videos, content of certain WhatsApp chats has been sought in its entirety.

CHHATH PUJA POLITICS: BJP HITS BACK UP to blame for toxic foam on Yamuna: Atishi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

SPECIAL BOATS laden with food-grade enzymes have been deployed by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to tackle the poisonous foam floating on the surface of the Yamuna, Revenue Minister Atishi said Thursday.

Inspecting government preparations for Chhath Puja festivities, which begin Friday, at Burari's Indraprastha Colony, she blamed the Uttar Pradesh government for sending polluted water the city's way. "The DJB has been sprinkling food-grade enzymes on the river from last night... 10 boats have been deployed so far. The foam (at Kalindi Kunj) will completely vanish over the coming two days," she said.

"But I would also like to request the Uttar Pradesh government to do something about the foam that flows into the city through the UP Irrigation barrage at Kalindi Kunj. For the time being, we are making adequate arrangements to ensure Delhiites don't face any issues... but I also request the UP government not to send polluted water our way," she added.



Workers spray chemicals to reduce foam in the river ahead of Chhath Puja, at Kalindi Kunj, Thursday. ANI

Hitting out at Atishi, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor called the minister "a master at jugglery" and alleged that the Revenue department had totally failed the Purvanchali community settled in Delhi in providing Chhath ghats and other puja facilities. "The Delhi government has developed one sample Chhath ghat at ITO West and Minister Atishi has tried to showcase it, but she has failed in misleading Purvanchalis," he alleged.

According to Atishi, however, there was no shortage in preparations for the festival and all MLAs

and government departments concerned were on the ground as per the directions of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. "The Chhath Mahaparv is a momentous celebration for the people of Purvanchal. Like every year, it is being organised with grandeur this time too. We are working on a war footing... The government has prepared more than 1,000 Chhath ghats in the city," she said.

"The BJP is making baseless accusations in the name of Chhath. The truth is it never organised any Chhath event to date," she alleged.

73-yr-old man, injured in brawl over parking in West Delhi, dies

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

A 73-YEAR-OLD man, who was allegedly beaten up by his neighbours last week over parking space in West Delhi's Rajouri Garden, succumbed to injuries. Police said they arrested the neighbour and his two sons.

On November 4, the victim, Amar Singh, was admitted to Maharaj Agrasen Hospital with severe injuries to his face, limbs and head.

Police received a complaint from his son, Abhishek Singh, about the alleged assault.

According to Abhishek, he and his brother had parked two cars near their house but a neighbour and his sons started arguing with them about this.

When his father tried to help, the accused allegedly beat him up and pushed him.

He alleged, "My father was very old... he was only trying to stop a fight. They pushed him very hard. He complained of chest pain but they kept hurling abuses at him and pushed him to the ground. For days, we waited at the hospital, hoping he would recover, but he died. I want justice for my father. They can't shut us down because we

Senior Air India pilot dies of cardiac arrest

New Delhi: A senior Air India pilot died after suffering a cardiac arrest at the Delhi International Airport, said officials Thursday. The pilot, Himmanil Kumar, was at a training session at the time.

Officials said he showed signs of discomfort during the session, which was held at the operations department of Air India at T3. Kumar, who was in his 30s, was taken to a hospital but died.

An official said there were no signs of major health issues during the initial training period, and he was declared "fit" in his regular medical test on August 23.

The airline said it is extending all possible assistance to the family. Air India in a statement said Kumar "was not on active flying duty," but "was undergoing conversion training to operate wide-body aircraft." ENS

BRIEFLY

Bribery case: Cop sent to 2-week CBI custody

New Delhi: A Delhi court Thursday sent sub-inspector (SI) Rajesh Yadav to two weeks CBI custody in a bribery case, wherein it was alleged that he took a bribe of Rs 4.5 lakh on behalf of another SI Varun Chichi. The CBI had on Tuesday sought Yadav's custody for three days to secure evidence against co-accused Chichi.

Child found dead in box bed

Gurgaon: A six-year-old boy was found dead in a bed box at his uncle's house in Faridabad Thursday, police said, adding that the latter was apprehended. "The accused, Balram, and the child's father had a spat years ago and the accused said he committed the offence due to this," said police spokesperson Sube Singh. ENS

Dead people can't be sued: Court to SBI

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16



A DELHI court earlier in November pulled up the State Bank of India (SBI) for trying to recover Rs 13.5 lakh from a person who had died two years ago.

The court said, "As far as the suit in hand is concerned, by virtue of Order 7 Rule 11 CPC, the suit is liable to be rejected in so far as under the Indian laws a dead man cannot be sued."


The defendant, Siya Nand, passed away two years before the suit was filed by the SBI. The bank was unaware that Nand was no more while they had filed the suit.

The court of Justice Surinder Rathi also advised bank officials to access national births and deaths database to ascertain whether the individual they were seeking money from was dead or alive. It mentioned a similar anomaly was corrected by the Punjab National Bank in a case where they sued a dead man after more than two years of his death.

The court also noted that SBI was the leading nationalised bank in the country and should lead other banks by being a "torchbearer of efficiency, professionalism, transparency and ethics." Accepting its mistake, the SBI told the court that action would be taken against the erring bank official. The bank also accepted the court's suggestion and stated that its officials would try and obtain access to the database of births and deaths.

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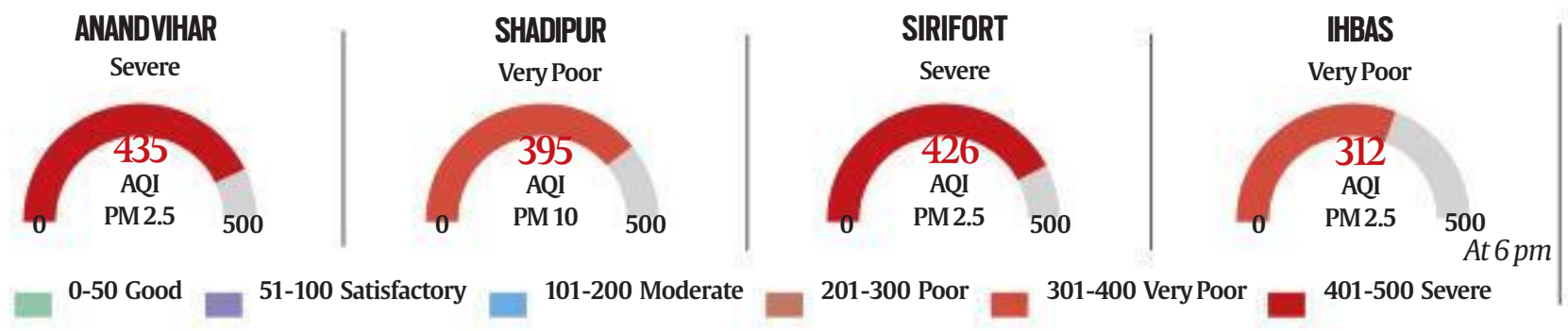
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WFH, odd-even: Highest GRAP level in place, measures missing on ground

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

LETTING PUBLIC, municipal and private offices work on 50% strength and the rest to work from home; closure of colleges and "non-emergency commercial activities"; allowing vehicles to run on odd-even basis — it has been 11 days since Stage IV of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was imposed, but these measures are yet to be enforced.

This, even as Delhi's air quality deteriorated further on Thursday — the AQI was 440 ('severe') at 10 pm.

This is also the longest stretch for which the most extreme restrictions under the plan have been suggested, at least from 2021 onwards. Last year, Stage IV — which comes into force when AQI levels are over 450 or the 'severe plus' category — was invoked by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on November 3 and revoked three days later. In 2021, it was invoked on November 3 and revoked on November 7.

The Act that constituted the CAQM for the NCR was passed in 2021. While it takes decisions on imposing stages of GRAP in the NCR, the steps are to be implemented by state governments.

While the odd-even scheme has not been implemented in



Delhi's air quality deteriorated further on Thursday — the AQI was 440 ('severe') at 10 pm. Amit Mehra

the city after an attempt in 2019, work-from-home for 50% of Delhi government staff was announced in November last year.

The Delhi government had earlier announced that the odd-even scheme would kick in from November 13 to 20, only to defer it after the Supreme Court had referred to it as "optics."

When contacted for a comment, the office of Environment Minister Gopal Rai said measures such as the odd-even scheme and 50% work from home in private and government offices are under consideration for implementation subject to the AQI reaching the 'severe plus' (more than 450) category. The transport sector, meanwhile, continues to remain a large contributor to PM2.5 levels in the city, going by data from IIT-Kanpur's real-time source apportionment study. At 38%, it was the single largest contributor to PM2.5 levels in the city on Wednesday, followed by 30% from secondary aerosols, and 23% from biomass burning.



Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, Research and Advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), said, "Evidently, restrictions are applied keeping in mind public reaction. On some measures, there is hesitation to implement action more aggressively. Some restrictions are in place, but keep in mind that at this moment, vehicles are the major contributor to pollution, so when you do have a smog episode, reducing the sheer volume of vehicles on the road is critical. That needs to be addressed during a severe smog episode, and they would have to find ways of dealing with it and implement measures that have already been included."

Meanwhile, Rai Thursday said a six-member special task force, including officials of the environment department, Traffic Police, MCD and PWD, has been constituted to implement GRAP-related restrictions.

Rai said 16,689 BS III petrol and BS IV diesel vehicles have been fined Rs 20,000 so far, and 6,046 trucks have been turned back from the borders. Challans have also been issued to 921 construction sites for violating norms, with construction and demolition activities remaining banned in Delhi.

Dwarka e-way land case: Govt asks CBI, ED to launch probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE DELHI government has written to the directors of the ED and CBI recommending an investigation into the alleged involvement of Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, District Magistrate (Southwest) Hemant Kumar, and Divisional Commissioner Ashwani Kumar for allegedly over-enhancing compensation for a land parcel to be acquired for the Dwarka Expressway.

As per government sources, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had directed Minister Atishi to take action following a preliminary probe by the Vigilance Department in the matter.

Sources said the communication to both agencies sought to underline that the "scale of the alleged corruption and prima facie establishment of the abuse of authority" by high-ranking officials brought it under the purview of the CBI's Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

Similarly, officials said the communication to the ED stated that 93% of payment of the 19-acre parcel of land "may have been done in cash" which might involve money laundering, making it a case fit for investigation by the agency.

Sources also said Atishi, after her preliminary inquiry, made the same observation since the land was purchased at only 7% of the circle rate in 2015.

Atishi said she had examined the allegations based on certified copies of relevant files provided by the Special Secretary (Vigilance) and none of these had been received from the office of Principal Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner despite her having asked for them.

Sources said Atishi had also mentioned that L-G VK Saxena already referred "certain aspects" related to the case to the CBI such as the action of IAS officer Kumar in "enhancing the land compensation exorbitantly". However, she was quoted by officials as having said

that the preliminary report showed the then-DM "may just have executed the unlawful directions of his superiors".

The report, according to sources, alleges "a conspiracy by senior officers of the Vigilance Department", including Chief Secretary Kumar, to undervalue the "scale of the scam" at Rs 312 crore when the actual compensation award "would have resulted in an illicit gain of Rs 850 crore to the beneficiaries".

As reported by *The Indian Express*, compensation against the acquisition of the plot in Southwest Delhi's Bannoli village was increased from Rs 41.52 crore to Rs 353.79 crore in May. This led to action against IAS officer Kumar following a complaint from a lawyer with the Centre and Delhi government, alleging that the son-in-law of one of the landowners is the director in a firm that employs the Chief Secretary's son.

Naresh Kumar termed the allegations and the inquiry an attempt by the government to "defame" and "malign" him.

Delhi, Punjab behind bad air, says Saxena

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

BLAMING AAP-RULED Punjab for playing truant when it came to addressing crop residue burning and accusing the Delhi government of "gross inaction" when it came to checking air pollution in the capital, L-G VK Saxena Thursday asked for a "look-inward" approach to tackle the problem.

Saxena also termed flagship AAP government schemes in Delhi such as odd-even and the "Red Light on, Gaadi off" programmes "over-hyped events" which were part of "politics of propaganda".

The AAP hit back, arguing that the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government had taken a slew of measures over the past several years which led to a "significant improvement in the air quality" in the city.

In its one-and-a-half-year tenure in Punjab, the AAP said a string of ex-situ and in-situ measures had been implemented resulting in "a near 50% decrease in farm fires".

In a string of posts on X, Saxena said: "We can do little to stop crop residue smoke from

other states, apart from pleading with them. Despite states, especially Punjab playing truant, we are, but petitioners for mercy, AQI yet hovers around 400, making the Capital gasp."

"Crackers certainly add to the menace. The most affected... are those who commute on roads to earn their daily bread. The poor & the hapless living in slums & unauthorised colonies whose lungs are frying because they can't afford to sit at home & buy air purifiers," he also posted.

The real solution for pollution in Delhi lies in Delhi itself, the L-G said, calling for mitigation of "choking smog" by reducing dust from unrepaved roads, unpaved pavements and construction sites and employing "effective means" to curb vehicular emissions. "Delhi needs action, not mere posturing. We can achieve sustainable goals within a fixed timeline. Let's do it. Politics can wait," he added.

AAP said "significant improvement in the city's air quality" was appreciated in the Economic Survey 2022-2023 tabled in Parliament. "Further reduction (in farm fires) can be achieved if the Centre accedes to the demand of subsidy...", it stated.



Delhi's average AQI so far this November is also worse than it was over the same period last year. Archive

Most polluted NCR cities: Delhi, Gr Noida chart toppers

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AS DELHI recorded its eighth 'severe' air day of the month so far, data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) indicates that the national capital remained the most polluted among 18 major NCR towns and cities so far this month.

The average AQI for Delhi from November 1-16 was 378, the worst compared to the average for the same period for 17 other towns and cities in the NCR, including Noida, Gurgaon, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Jind and Rohtak.

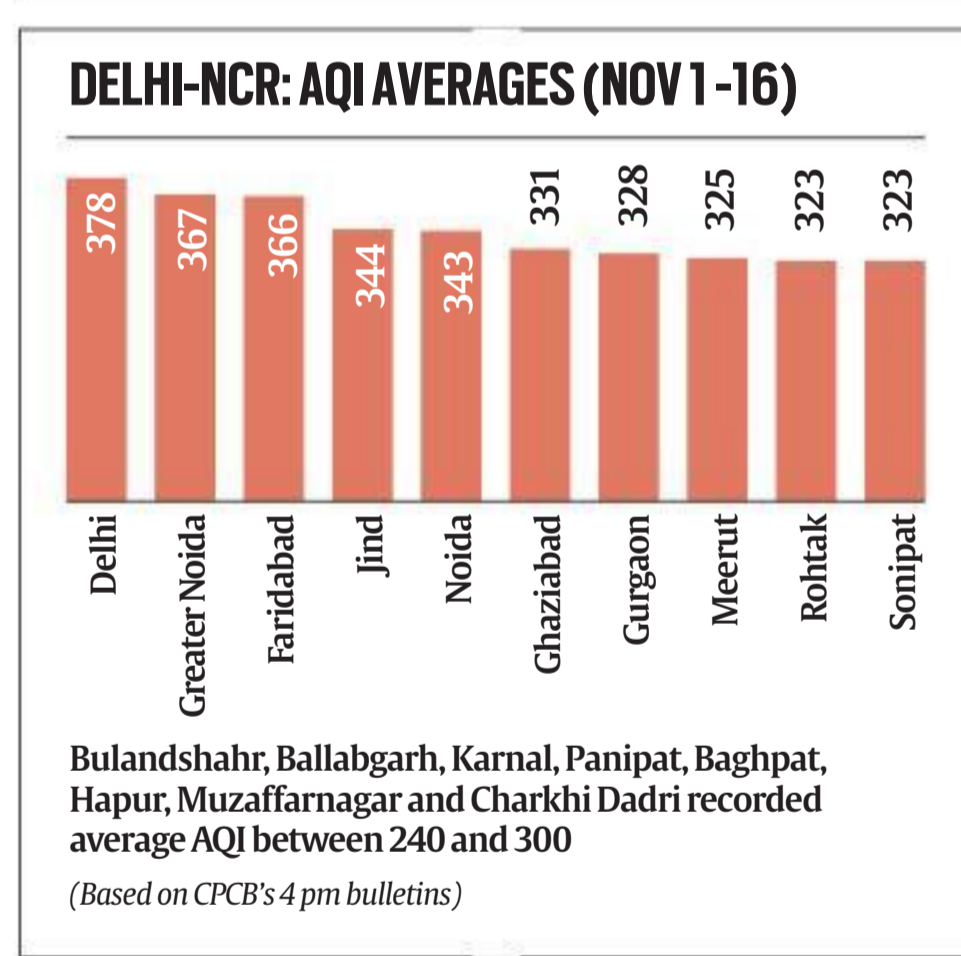
The average AQI for Delhi from November 1-16 was 378, the worst compared to the average for the same period for 17 other towns and cities in the NCR, including Noida, Gurgaon, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Jind and Rohtak. AQI averages based on CPCB's 4 pm bulletins show Delhi's average AQI for November so far was followed by Greater Noida with a figure of 367, Faridabad with an average of 366, Jind 344, Noida 343, Ghaziabad 331, Gurgaon 328, Meerut 325, and Rohtak and Sonapat 323. (see box) Of all these places in NCR, Delhi has the largest air quality monitoring network — 40 stations.

Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, Research and Advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), said, "If you consider the landscape of NCR and Delhi, Delhi becomes the epicentre of the problem given the sheer size and demography, and concentration of activity. This is a combination of Delhi's own very high local pollution and this being aggravated by regional influence. This means Delhi has to do more to be able to control pollution and its own action needs to get deeper, but action will also have to be tightened across NCR."

At 4 pm on Thursday, the national capital's 24-hour average AQI was 419 ('severe'), and deterio-



Delhi recorded its 8th 'severe' air day of the month. Amit Mehra



ated further to 438 by 9 pm, going by CPCB data. In NCR, Rohtak and Faridabad also recorded AQI in the 'severe' category.

Winds over Delhi are expected to remain calm Friday morning and evening, and for most of the day on Saturday and Sunday, going by a forecast issued by the Air Quality Early Warning System on Thursday.

The early warning system, which is a project by the Indian

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

OVER 2.85 lakh Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUCs) were issued in Delhi over the last 15 days, according to transport department records, with stricter enforcement on the ground in view of the grim situation in regards to air pollution.

Mandatory for vehicles plying on the road and supposed to be renewed at regular intervals, PUCs cost between Rs 60 and Rs 100 but not having one results in a fine of Rs 10,000 — something which over 3,300 drivers aboard vehicles across categories without a valid PUC found out the hard way between November 1 and 15.

More than 38,000 vehicles were subjected to random checking leading to fines totalling above Rs 3.33 crore during the period, as per transport department data.

Government sources said not having a valid PUC was among the most common violation that had surfaced since the imposition of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) provisions, with hundreds of teams deployed to check vehicular violations.

"The central VAHAN database recorded that an estimated 22 lakh vehicles registered in Delhi of the around 75 lakh vehicles in the city did not have valid PUCs at the beginning of this month — that is those which have not been de-registered after reaching the end of their lifecycle," a government official said.

As part of its Winter Action Plan to tackle pollution, the department's enforcement drives have picked up across the city, with a special focus on 13 hotspots.

Enforcement teams are also deployed at 22 stretches of the Inner and Outer Ring Road in two shifts between 4 am and 12 pm, and from 12 pm to 8 pm.

Mobile patrolling teams have also been deployed to check PUC violations from 9 am to 6 pm.

Don't just aim for MNC gig, contribute to country's growth: L-G to DTU grads

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ADDRESSING THE 10th convocation of Delhi Technological University (DTU), L-G VK Saxena said the varsity has been committed to quality education and has a legacy of producing great engineers, researchers, and entrepreneurs.

"Year after year, this university has been keeping the flame of academic excellence alive with relentless efforts and hard work," the L-G, who is also the Chancellor, said.

Saxena presided over the event along with DRDO Director General Suma Varughese and Education Minister Atishi.

"It is heartening that over the years, DTU has become an eminent institution in the domains of academia and research... However... there is always scope for improvement. To my mind, the goal should be reaching the top and any ranking achieved would be considered worthwhile only if you were to become a hub that creates intellectual capital that adds to the nation's knowledge resources," he said.

Adding to the university's achievements, he said it "has exhibited an unparalleled placement record over the last many years". He said in the 2022-23

session, 335 companies visited the campus and offered 2,116 jobs to students, which included 12 international offers. "The highest domestic package offered at DTU was Rs 82.5 lakh per annum," he said.

Saxena Thursday wrote on X that "6,320 students were awarded UG, PG & PhD degrees" by the varsity.

While addressing students, Atishi said, "It is important for everyone to make decisions independently" so as to have responsibility for one's own decisions. "Today, as you are graduating, your achievements should not be limited to yourself. You must think about how you can make the country number one and a better place by working hard in your career," Atishi added.

Saxena also encouraged students to not just aim for a career in a multinational company but be contributors to the country's growth.

Earlier in the day, Atishi inaugurated two new state-of-the-art academic blocks at DTU. The new blocks are each eight-storied and equipped with "world-class modern facilities", Atishi said. These academic blocks will serve as an example where students will have all the necessary amenities to help shape their careers, she added. (With PTI inputs)



L-G VK Saxena and Education Minister Atishi at DTU's convocation ceremony, Thursday. Source: X

MEN CALLED TO CAFES, MADE TO PAY INFLATED FOOD BILLS

Dating app scam: Accused hard to track down, cops have hands full

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

A HOOKAH, two cocktails and nachos — a simple order on a first date turned into a nightmare for a 26-year-old man. The East Delhi resident received an "unrealistic" bill of around Rs 10,000 and when he complained about it, he was thrashed and brutally assaulted by restaurant staffers. The man was also allegedly sexually assaulted and blackmailed to pay Rs 8,000 and give his car keys and phone. The incident, which took

place on July 27, appears to be the capital's latest online scam — dating app extortion scam.

On Thursday, the Delhi Police said they had arrested the café owner and two bouncers in connection with the case in August. "We found that the woman (the date) is also involved in the incident and will chargesheet her as well. This wasn't an isolated incident as there have been three-four similar incidents at the same café where men complained of high bills and were forced to pay. Their date later left them or blocked them," said a senior police officer in the East district.

Police said they have received at least 5-10 complaints in West and East Delhi and are in touch with officials from different dating apps to check IDs and details of the women involved.

However, they underlined several challenges in such cases. A senior police officer, who requested not to be named, said, "We have received several requests and complaints online about such cases. We are checking them, but immediate arrests can't be made since the men paid the bill of their own will. Also, the criminality for hiking prices isn't arrest. Such cases can

be pursued in court." Investigators told *The Indian Express* that while none of the women have been identified yet, they aren't using fake credentials and had only "blocked" the victim, which isn't a crime.

"The incidents are complex... The only crime here is the inflated bill. Unlike other scams, persons involved aren't hiding under fake names, committing forgery, or robbing money from an account. They simply push the person to pay more. Most complainants don't fight about the bill at the restaurant and later realise they've been scammed," said the officer.

What complainants say

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, the man who was assaulted said he had met a woman, 'Riya', on a dating app. "She claimed she was a DU student and we started talking over the phone. Three-four days later, she called me to a café in Preet Vihar... she was very different in person. She asked for a hookah and two wine cocktails, which I ordered... When I asked for the bill, I was shocked to see it was Rs 10,000... The waiters started harassing me. Riya also refused to help... she shouted at me and even slapped me," he alleged.

In the next 10-15 minutes, he was allegedly taken to an isolated spot by bouncers, sexually assaulted, and robbed.

A 27-year-old man from Noida also alleged he lost more than Rs 11,000 at a West Delhi café in August. He said, "I met a woman online... she asked to meet me and picked a place... she ordered two vodka drinks and chicken pasta. We later ordered two more drinks. The bill, to my shock, was around Rs 11,000... I asked the woman to come to the counter with me but she refused and stood up to leave... The staff was rude and pushed me to pay

the bill. I had to ask a friend to send the money," he said.

The man said he hasn't told his family about this since he recently got a job and lost money. He also alleged the woman later blocked him. The man has filed a complaint on the cyber crime reporting portal and is awaiting the FIR. Police said they are processing the complaint. Police said another complaint was received from a Delhi-based journalist who alleged on social media that he lost more than Rs 15,000 on a date. He has refused to comment on the matter.

Gurgaon: Vehicle rams into PCR van, injures two

Gurgaon: Two police officers were injured after their car was hit by an unidentified vehicle while patrolling in Gurgaon in the early hours of Wednesday, police said.

According to police, driver CT Satish, EHC Deepak and SPO Balvany Singh, were patrolling near Farrukhnagar bypass when a speeding vehicle hit their PCR van around 1.30 am. Deepak, who suffered injuries in the back, is undergoing treatment at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak. "We were patrolling the area when a vehicle hit us. I couldn't check the registration number..." he told *The Indian Express* over the phone. ENS

NATIONAL EPILEPSY DAY

Genetics and epilepsy



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EPILEPSY is a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures, and while its causes are multifaceted, genetics plays a pivotal role in unravelling this complex condition. Understanding the genetic basis of epilepsy has far-reaching implications for diagnosis, treatment, and even prevention.

Genetic Variants: Researchers have identified numerous genetic variants associated with epilepsy. Some of these are inherited, while others arise spontaneously. Mutations in genes related to ion channels, neurotransmitters, and synaptic functions can disrupt normal brain activity, increasing the risk of seizures.

Complex Inheritance: Epilepsy of-

ten exhibits complex inheritance patterns. This complexity makes genetic testing and counseling essential for affected individuals and their families.

Personalized Medicine: Genetic insights enable personalized treatment plans.

Early Detection: Genetic testing can aid in early diagnosis, allowing for timely interventions.

Research Advancements: Ongoing studies are uncovering new genes and pathways associated with the condition, shedding light on its underlying mechanisms.

By deciphering the genetic underpinnings of this condition, we can improve diagnosis, treatment of epilepsy.

Overcoming challenges



EPILEPSY is a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures. While significant progress has been made in understanding and managing epilepsy, numerous challenges persist.

Stigma associated with epilepsy

Misconceptions and fear surrounding seizures can lead to social isolation and discrimination. Raising awareness and dispelling myths is crucial in addressing this stigma.

Access to proper healthcare

Not everyone has access to affordable healthcare. Making affordable health care is important for patients and their families.

Education and employment barriers

Discrimination in schools and workplaces can limit opportunities and perpetuate socioeconomic disparities. Inclusive policies and awareness campaigns are essential to overcome these challenges.

Despite these challenges, there is hope. Wearable seizure detection



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devices and smartphone apps can provide valuable data for treatment optimization and safety. Support groups and online communities offer connections and shared experiences for those affected by epilepsy.

Epilepsy presents significant challenges; however, with increased awareness, advocacy, and research efforts, we can work towards a brighter future for individuals with epilepsy.

Bathroom safety in epilepsy



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door instead of locking it.

■ Routinely check that the bathroom drain works properly before taking a bath or shower.

■ If you fall during seizures, consider using a shower or tub seat with a safety strap.

■ Install non-skid strips in the tub.

■ Use a hand held shower nozzle while seated in the tub or shower.

■ Install tub rails or grab bars.

■ Place protective covering on faucets, edges of countertops and heating units or radiators

■ Set water temperature low so that you will not be burned if you lose consciousness while hot water is running.

■ Avoid using electrical appliances such as a hair dryer in the bathroom or near water.

■ Use shatterproof glass for mirrors and shower doors.

HANG bathroom doors to open outwards instead of inwards so that if you fall against the door it can still be opened.

■ Put extra padding under carpeting in the bathroom.

■ Hang an "occupied" sign on the outside handle of the bathroom

Triggers in epilepsy



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threshold, making individuals more susceptible to seizures.

Stress and anxiety

Emotional turmoil can disrupt brain activity. Managing stress through relaxation techniques, therapy, or medication may help reduce seizure frequency.

Alcohol and drug use

These substances can disrupt brain function and interfere with medication efficacy. It is essential for individuals with epilepsy to limit or avoid alcohol and illicit drugs.

Flashing lights

These can trigger seizures in a small percentage of people with epilepsy. Avoiding intense visual stimuli or using protective measures like sunglasses can help.

Other triggers

Hormonal changes, such as those during menstruation or pregnancy can affect seizure frequency. Skipping meals can also provoke seizures.

Recognition of epilepsy triggers is vital for development of personalized trigger management plan.

SEIZURES are caused by abnormal electrical activity in the brain. Understanding and managing these triggers is crucial for individuals with epilepsy to minimize the frequency of seizures.

Sleep deprivation

Irregular sleep patterns, lack of sleep, or poor sleep quality can lower the seizure

Medication management in epilepsy



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ANTIEPILEPTIC drugs (AEDs) are the primary medications used to manage epilepsy. The selection of an AED depends on various factors, including the type of seizures, age, and potential side effects. It is essential for individuals with epilepsy to work closely with their healthcare providers to find the most suitable AED and dosage.

Adherence to medication

Skipping doses or stopping medication abruptly can lead to breakthrough seizures. Patients should maintain a consistent schedule and communicate any concerns about side effects or effectiveness with their healthcare team.

Regular monitoring

It is essential to evaluate the effectiveness of AEDs and adjust the treatment plan as needed.

In some cases, epilepsy surgery or other treatment options may be considered if medications alone do not provide sufficient control.

Medication management plays a pivotal role in the management of epilepsy. By collaborating with physicians, adhering to medicines, and participating in monitoring, individuals with epilepsy can achieve better seizure control and an improved quality of life.

Epilepsy & it's awareness

What is Epilepsy?

People who have epilepsy are more likely to experience recurrent unprovoked seizures. Epilepsy is a neurological disorder affecting the brain. People of various ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds are affected by this disorder of the neurological system, which is one of the most prevalent. Nearly 3 million Americans have epilepsy, and 200,000 more in the country are diagnosed with it each year, according to the CDC.

Symptoms of Epilepsy

Seizures can disrupt any process that your brain coordinates since epilepsy is caused by unusual brain activity. Seizure symptoms and indicators may include:

■ Temporary perplexity

■ A prolonged period of staring

■ Muscle tenseness

■ Jerking movements of the arms and legs that seem uncontrollable

■ Fear, anxiety, or a sense of déjà vu are examples of psychological symptoms.

When to see a Neurologist?

Seek emergency medical attention if



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any of the following events occur:

■ The convulsion lasts more than five minutes.

■ After the seizure stops, neither breathing nor consciousness returns.

A second seizure immediately follows.

You have a high temperature.

You're expecting a child.

You are diabetic.

You continue to suffer seizures despite using anti-seizure medicine.

Stress management in epilepsy

EPILEPSY can be challenging to manage, both physically and emotionally. Stress is a common trigger for seizures in individuals with epilepsy, making stress management an essential aspect of their care. Here are some strategies for effectively managing stress in epilepsy:

Regular Medication: Skipping doses can increase the risk of seizures and stress.

Healthy Lifestyle: This includes getting enough sleep, eating a balanced diet, and staying physically active.

Stress Reduction Techniques: Practicing relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, meditation, or yoga can decrease stress.

Regular Exercise: Engaging in regular exercise releases endorphins, which can improve mood and reduce stress.

Seeking Support: Epilepsy can be isolating, so it is important to seek support from friends, family, or



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support groups. Talking about your experiences and concerns can alleviate stress.

Managing stress is vital for individuals with epilepsy to minimize seizure frequency and improve overall quality of life. Time management, avoiding triggers, learning about epilepsy and making a well-defined seizure response plan can be helpful.

Epilepsy - "Awareness is the key"



EPILEPSY is a neurological condition that affects millions of people worldwide. It's essential to raise public awareness to dispel myths and reduce stigma surrounding epilepsy.

Epilepsy is not contagious, and those who have it should not be discriminated against. With proper treatment and support, many individuals with epilepsy can lead full and productive lives.

Understanding the basics of epilepsy is crucial. It's characterized by recurrent seizures, which can vary in intensity and frequency. Seizures can happen to anyone, at any age, and can be caused by a wide range of factors, from genetic predisposition to head injuries.

Creating a seizure-friendly environment and knowing what to do during a seizure can be life-saving. Simple actions like guiding the person to the ground, cushioning their head, and staying with them until the seizure ends can make a world of difference.

Education and empathy are key. Let's work together to promote understanding and inclusivity for those with epilepsy. By doing so, we can help individuals with epilepsy live without fear of discrimination and ensure they receive the support they need. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of those affected by epilepsy.



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Epilepsy in women



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EPILEPSY in women presents unique challenges and considerations, particularly related to reproductive health, hormonal fluctuations, and social aspects.

Hormonal Fluctuations: Women experience hormonal changes throughout their lives, including puberty, menstruation, pregnancy, and menopause. Hormonal shifts can influence epilepsy. For some women, seizures may worsen during their menstrual cycle due to hormonal imbalances.

Pregnancy: Managing epilepsy during pregnancy is crucial. Some antiepileptic drugs (AEDs) can pose risks to the developing fetus, so women with epilepsy must work closely with healthcare professionals to find a safe treatment plan. Seizures during pregnancy can also harm both the mother and the unborn child.

Birth Control: Certain AEDs can interact with hormonal birth control methods, reducing their effectiveness.

Menopause: Menopause can affect seizure frequency.

Psychosocial Aspects: Epilepsy-related stigma, depression, anxiety, and body image issues can affect quality of life.

A multidisciplinary approach involving healthcare providers, family support, and self-education can empower women with epilepsy to effectively manage their condition and lead fulfilling lives.

A Public Awareness Initiative

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If BJP wins Rajasthan, it'll end welfare schemes, help the rich: Rahul

Rs 40,000 crore a year: What Cong promises may add up to

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HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 16

ADDRESSING HIS first rallies in Rajasthan in the election season, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday praised the welfare schemes of the Ashok Gehlot government while warning that if the BJP is elected to power here, it will pull down the welfare net stitched by his party. Rahul addressed three rallies in Churu, Hanumangarh, and Ganganagar districts. In all his addresses, he compared a Congress government for the poor, the farmer, the backward, and the youth with a Narendra Modi government "which works for *arabpati* (billionaires)".



Rahul Gandhi, Bhupesh Baghel, and TS Singh Deo at a paddy field in Kabirdham district. *Twitter*

Farm loan waiver to grants for women, the party has rolled out several promises, and been matched by BJP in some

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 16

A FARM loan waiver, Rs 15,000 to women every year, subsidies on gas cylinders at Rs 2 per kg, a promise to back the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) with a law. He said that if the BJP returns to power it will stop all of this and start helping billionaires.

farmer policies of the Congress which have seen the number of registered farmers go up from 15.77 lakh in 2017-2018 to almost 25 lakh now.

Questioned by the media earlier on this, Baghel had said, "If Rs 14.50 lakh crore of industrialists are waived off, then why can't we waive off loans of farmers?" Another 3.55 lakh landless farm labourers will get Rs 10,000 per year, costing the state Rs 355 crore per year. Then, there are loan waivers for self-help groups of women, estimated to cost approximately Rs 250 crore, and the waivers for transport businessmen, of another Rs 726 crore.

During the campaign, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said they will announce the loan waivers in the very first Cabinet meeting if voted to power. Rahul also said that as part of the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojna, the state gave Rs 23,000 crore to farmers as input subsidy, by buying 15 quintals of paddy at Rs 2,500, including MSP, which increases every year. Now, the Congress has promised to buy 20 quintals of paddy at Rs 3,200 (including MSP).

In the present financial year, around Rs 8,700 crore were spent to buy 1.7 crore metric tonnes of paddy. Given the increased number of farmers and additional paddy procurement promise, a minimum of Rs 10,000 crore per year would be needed. The monetary benefit of Rs 15,000 per year to women, assuming a future Congress government does not set conditions on it, will have to be given to 1.02 crore women. This adds up to Rs 15,385 crore per year. The Rs 500 subsidy on gas cylinders can cost the government Rs 250 crore assuming the 50 lakh families covered buy just one gas cylinder every year.

The Congress has made other promises such as free electricity up to 200 units, which will cost the state exchequer a minimum Rs 3,000 crore per year. The free electricity to farmers costs another Rs 1,000 crore per year.

Then there are promises such as free bus service for all students, free education from "KG to PG (kindergarten to post-graduation)", conversion of all schools to English medium, additional money for forest produce, and bonus for tendu leaves. About 12.94 lakh families collect tendu leaves, which means Rs 517 crore will be spent every year as bonus amount and Rs 776 crore will be spent on tendu collection.

The government has also announced free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh for the poor and up to Rs 5 lakh for Above Poverty Line families, free treatment for any accident injury, Mukhya Mantri Awas Yojana for 17.5 lakh people and subsidy for starting businesses. Experts caution that the welfare schemes should be planned better and targeted towards the needy. Ravindra Brahme, professor at Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, said: "The state treasury must not be burdened by providing freebies to those who do not need it."

Congress communications head Sushil Anand Shukla said it was wrong to see the promises as just freebies, and that these were meant to make a strong Chhattisgarh. "The policies are needed as we have just come out of the pandemic, and when the country is suffering from rising prices and Central government taxes."

The BJP too has rolled out promises such as Rs 12,000 per year for married women, paddy price of Rs 3,100 for 21 quintals per acre in one time payment, and gas cylinders for Rs 500.



Aspirants protest in Bhopal after the Patwari (revenue officer) recruitment exam was alleged to have been rigged. *File*

Trail of broken exams, unregulated colleges leave MP youth seething

ANAND MOHAN J
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 16

HAILING FROM a conservative neighbourhood in Jabalpur, 22-year-old Karuna Vishwakarma has been resisting the pressure from her family to get married. Even though her parents have stood by her side, they ask her one question: when will her exams finally be conducted?

"I am supposed to be in the final year of her BSc Nursing course and yet remain in the first year. My family has paid Rs 70,000 in my first year in 2020. I don't understand why the exams stopped. I now work at a diagnostic centre and earn Rs 8,000. If things head this way, the young people of Madhya Pradesh will become beggars. How will the state move forward?" she asks.

This is because her college is under CBI investigation into alleged irregularities in more than 600 nursing colleges. Both the BJP and the Congress have tried hard to reach out to young voters, of whom 22.36 lakh will exercise franchise for the first time. In a state where a big chunk of the economy is agrarian, the young usually migrate to big cities in hopes of a job. This makes unemployment, which has fuelled resentment among these young voters, a major electoral issue. Adding to their anger are a broken examination system and unregulated colleges.

According to data on joblessness presented in the MP Assembly in March, 39,93,149 people registered themselves at employment offices in the state. To tackle unemployment, the BJP is banking on schemes it recently introduced such as the Seekho Kamao (learn and earn) scheme

for unemployed youths that offers stipends based on qualification. Among the Congress's promises to young voters are an IPL cricket team, an artificial intelligence centre, an unemployment allowance, and skilled development programmes.

For many young voters, exams are a crucial lifeline to prosperity, and for some doubts about their veracity can set them back. Atul Yadav, 25, did not get enough marks to qualify for the Patwari examination. But the question mark raised about the examination has broken his spirit. Coming from a family of farmers from Morena, he is now resigned to a life as a security guard. "Everyone grows up and becomes a security guard or a farmer. I am getting the same. I had a different dream but do not want to pursue it anymore. *Sab fixed hai, kya fayda* (everything is fixed, what's the point)?" he says.

Deepesh Namdeo, 27, from Chhindwara got 142.4 marks in the Patwari exams. But he is not waiting for a broken system to be fixed. "I took the MP police exams and am confident of getting through. You should not expect anything from the government. The only hope is that they streamline the process so that from exam to appointment takes place in nine months and doesn't get stuck for three years."

Devender, 28, from Sehore lost out on the Senior Agricultural Extension Officer exam by a few marks. "There is no family support at my home. I am getting old now. If the government changes and does something, I will try or do a private job. The government should work on vacancies, why should two lakh people apply for 3,000 jobs?"

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Amid buzz over OBCs, upper castes dominate Telangana party lists

PUSHKAR BANAKAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THOUGH THE campaign for the Telangana elections has also been revolving around Other Backward Classes (OBCs), three key parties in the fray – the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Congress and BJP – seem to have preferred a large number of upper caste candidates, mainly from the politically influential but numerically much smaller Reddy community. In case of the BRS and Congress, the share of upper caste candidates is higher than OBCs in their list.

The BJP, for instance, which has promised to install an OBC chief minister if it came to power, has fielded 30 Reddy candidates (27%) among a few other upper caste candidates. The party is contesting 111 of the 119 seats, leaving the rest for actor-turned-politician Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party.

The Congress, on the other hand, has been facing pressure from its OBC leaders, who are seeking more representation. Following the release of the party's first list on October 15 which was dominated by Reddys, party leaders had demanded a total of 51 seats for OBCs.

However, the party has still allotted tickets to 26 Reddy (25%) candidates among 11 other candidates from the upper castes. The BRS, which has faced fre-



BRS has given tickets to 24 OBC (20%) candidates and 35 Reddy (29%) leaders

quent attacks from the Opposition over its government's neglect of OBCs, too has preferred upper castes, with many as 35 Reddy (29%) candidates getting the nod. Moreover, the party has allotted tickets to 16 other candidates from the other upper castes, like Velama (KCR's caste), Kamma and Brahmins. The KCR-led party is contesting all 119 seats.

With regard to OBCs, the BJP with 39 (35%) has allotted the highest number of tickets to candidates from the communities in the group. The ruling BRS has given tickets to 24 OBC (20%) candidates while the number stands at 20 (18%) for the Congress.

Telangana's population, according to the 2014 household survey, comprises 52% OBCs while the Reddys make up around 7% of the population.

NUMBER SPEAK

MADHYA PRADESH CANDIDATES: A DEEPER LOOK

Total candidates: 2,534

CANDIDATES WITH CRIMINAL BACKGROUND	Total Seats	Reserved for SCs	Reserved for STs
Criminal cases* 472	230	33	45
Serious cases 291			

*Party wise breakup: (INC: 121; BJP: 65; AAP: 26; BSP: 22)

Total Women candidates	Total Crorepati candidates
253 (10%)	727 (29%)

Party	INC	BJP	JCC (J)	AAP	INC	BJP	BSP	AAP
Assets	18	15	11	5	196	200	54	39

Partywise average assets of candidates
INC: ₹13.69 cr; BJP: ₹10.46 cr; AAP: ₹2.76 cr; BSP: ₹1.96 cr

Source: ADR, Election Commission

CANDIDATES FOR CM CHAIR

As Rajasthan brightens for BJP, these leaders may find a place in the sun

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

AMID RISING hopes within the BJP of a victory in Rajasthan, which votes on November 25, party circles are abuzz with speculation over who could be the next chief minister.

While former CM Vasundhara Raje remains the BJP's most popular face in the state, sources said the prospects of her return to the post for a third time are bleak if the party gets a clear majority in the 200-member Assembly and the central leadership has its way completely. Raje has an uneasy relationship with the high command and a clear win will mean it won't be under any obligation to humour her. However, should the BJP get only a thin majority in the tight contest, it may fall back on her to rally its troops. Even in the latter scenario, sources say, the BJP leadership is

now confident about tackling Raje, having managed to run the show in the state without completely isolating her. The central leadership has reportedly conveyed the need for this "pragmatic approach" down the ranks, with senior leaders told to give Raje due respect but not take instructions from her.

Sources said that a ticket to Raje from her seat Jhalrapatan and to most of her supporters was a way of keeping them happy while ensuring that they remain confined to their constituency, reducing the opportunity for trouble-making.

Sources said the Rajasthan BJP leadership was also told to get decisions and steps cleared with the centre, to keep an eye on what was happening, with Home Minister Amit Shah monitoring the state campaign closely. A senior BJP leader said there was a clear message in the central leadership ensuring that there was no talk of chief ministership

til after the election. The major requirements when it comes to that will be caste, equations with the central leadership and the ability to keep the state unit strong. "But, at the same time, it would be someone who can be controlled from Delhi. With Raje at the helm, the party could not do that," a BJP leader said.

If the OBC factor outweighs others, in light of the Opposition's campaign, one leader who has quickly emerged as the dark horse is Mahant Balaknath, the incumbent MP from Alwar who is contesting from Tijara. Apart from his OBC credentials, Balaknath is seen as having the blessings of Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath. (The two belong to the same Nath religious sect.) Should the BJP seek to merge a Hindutva face with the promise of "strict" law and order – exemplified by Adityanath – Balaknath would fit the bill. The Alwar MP is already branding himself as "Rajasthan's Yogi".



While Balaknath's Yadav community might not be numerically powerful in Rajasthan – at less than 2% of the state's population – the party will hope for spillover gains in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, where the Yadavs can make or break elections. A BJP MP said Balaknath's bachelor status is also a plus. "Like Yogi, he will be able to dedicate his entire time to governance." However, there is one thing that sets Balaknath apart from Adityanath, and could be a deterrent. Compared to



Adityanath's five terms as Lok Sabha MP before he became CM, Balaknath is a novice. Plus, the BJP might eventually decide against having two similar faces heading states that are geographically not far apart. Those in the know say that the BJP central leadership's first choice is Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who enjoys the trust of both PM Narendra Modi and Shah. Shekhawat, who has deep roots in the RSS, has helped crucial projects such as the



(From left) Balaknath, Vasundhara Raje, and Gajendra Shekhawat could be considered for the top job

Union government's flagship Jal Jeevan Mission and steered the electioneering in Punjab in the BJP's first polls there after a split from ally Akali Dal. Sources said that the only misgiving against Shekhawat, was that he was not fielded by the party in the election after initial speculation, is his name being linked to the alleged Sanjivani Credit Cooperative Society scam in the state. Plus, he is a Rajput, and the BJP may not want to pick another leader from the upper

caste to head a state – after Adityanath in UP and Pushkar Dhami in Uttarakhand.

Leader of Opposition Rajendra Singh Rathore and former Union minister Rajyavardhan Rathore, who is in the Assembly race this time, could also find the Rajput factor going against them. Should the BJP be looking at Dalit faces, there is Arjun Ram Meghwal, an emerging face now elevated as Union Law Minister. He is believed to enjoy the confidence of PM Modi and has administrative experience. While he hasn't been fielded either, like in the case of Shekhawat, that won't be a consideration in the party making its choice, sources said. Another BJP leader said to be in contention is former state party chief Satish Punia, whose Jat community has a presence in at least 40 Lok Sabha seats in the northern belt and several Assembly constituencies.

There are some who don't rule out Jaipur royal Diya Kumari, pointing to the decision to field the Rajsamand MP from Vidyadhar Nagar, one of the BJP's safest seats. However, the majority view is that being a Rajput is a handicap for her and she might instead be made a minister. If it comes down to a "consensus" choice, two names outweigh the others: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and state BJP chief C Joshi. Birla is an MP from Kota, Rajasthan, and by virtue of his role as Speaker, he has earned the gravitas that could be needed in a tight spot. Joshi is seen as a leader who tries to take everyone along and does not pick fights with anyone.

Finally, there is one more name that keeps popping up, that of Union Railway and IT Minister Ashwani Vaishnav. He has barely spent any time in Rajasthan but his star is on the rise as one of the faces to look out for in the Modi Cabinet.

Ajit absence, continuing war of words add to talk of rift in ruling alliance

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16



Ajit Pawar has not been to secretariat for 20 days now

A CONTINUING war of words between the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) led by Ajit Pawar and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, and Ajit's absence from the state secretariat for almost three weeks have ensured that the speculation about a rift in the ruling alliance in the state has continued to simmer.

Not one to skip office, Ajit has not been to the Mantralaya for 20 days now. Since recovering from dengue, he has travelled to Delhi to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah and attended the cricket World Cup semi-final match between India and New Zealand on Wednesday. But on Thursday he again gave the secretariat a miss. Last week, it again became apparent all was not well between the Sena and the NCP as the CM expressed displeasure about infighting among ministers.

A senior official who works for a department assigned to a minister in Ajit's group said the tussle between the two sides had taken

such a proportion that the state administration had chosen to go into a wait-and-watch mode. "The situation is exactly like it was in the last days of the MVA (Maha Vikas Aghadi). Nobody knows whether to move ahead with a certain proposal because there is no guarantee that all sides will agree to it," said the bureaucrat.

A senior leader in the Ajit camp said issues such as Cabinet expansion and allotment of minister of state portfolios are among points of friction between the two sides. With Ajit and his group of MLAs joining the ruling alliance on July 2, the members of the Shiv Sena became uncomfortable as the BJP from then on was no longer dependent on them for the survival of the state government. Handing over the finance portfolio to the NCP leader widened the fissures as it made the Sena's min-

isters dependent on Ajit and also shrunk the pie for his group.

This history is repeating, with sources saying each side is trying to undercut the other. After the distribution of portfolios, Ajit held several review meetings of infrastructure projects. But infrastructure war room in-charge Radheshyam Mopalwar gave these meetings a miss. Next, Ajit held review meetings of the health department, which is with the Sena's Tanaji Sawant. This saw the CMO step in and in September the government cancelled a resolution passed by the Ajit group-controlled Women and Child Welfare Department issued on a year-long campaign for women's empowerment.

Ajit then took umbrage at the CMO's delay in appointing guardian ministers. After the Deputy CM cancelled a few meetings saying he had a throat infection, Shinde and Fadnis rushed to Delhi in early October to meet Shah. The redistribution of guardian ministries was announced the following day.

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Govt tells Visva-Bharati to replace plaques with ones that have Tagore's name

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 16

NEARLY A MONTH after controversy broke out over the plaques commemorating UNESCO's award of the World Heritage Site tag to Santiniketan, the Union government has asked Visva-Bharati University to replace them with new ones with only Rabindranath Tagore's name inscribed on them.

Last month, three plaques commemorating UNESCO's honour were installed at different places on the campus of Visva-Bharati with names of then vice-chancellor Bidyut Chakraborty and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the chancellor of the central university, inscribed on them.

It led to a furore since the plaques didn't mention Rabindranath Tagore, the founder of Santiniketan and Visva-Bharati.

While directing the university to remove the previous plaques, the Union Education Ministry has also sent the format and the content which should be inscribed in the new plaques. As per the Ministry, the plaque should have the government logo at the centre with the UNESCO Heritage status logo on its left. Below it, "World Heritage Site Santiniketan" should be written, followed by: "Santiniketan has been inscribed upon the World Heritage List of the convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage". The plaque should also carry a "brief description" of the place.

No. S-19022/1/2023-SD-1
Government of India
Ministry of Steel
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi 110011
VACANCY
Ministry Of Steel invites applications for the post of Director, National Institute of Secondary Steel Technology (NISST), Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab in the level E-8 scale of pay (Rs. 120000-280000). The last date for receipt of applications is hereby extended upto December 17, 2023. For more details please visit www.steel.gov.in or www.nisst.org.
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Under Secretary
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No. Agri/PMFBY/64/TIP-TENDER/2023-24/18
Corrigendum

The following Corrigendum is made against the Notice Inviting Bids No. Agri/PMFBY/64/TIP-TENDER/2023-24/11 Dated - 02-11-2023 by The Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara, Ghy-22, Assam for the selection of Technology Implementation Partner (TIP) for implementation of Yield Estimation System based on Technology (YES-TECH) under PMFBY in Assam.

Bid Document Section/Clause	Existing	Modified
Annexure III Financial Bid	Currently, Cluster wise Season wise financial bids are asked from empanelled companies.	The BoQ for financial bid format will be revised to call for district-wise season-wise rates for both seasons Rabi 2023-24 and Kharif 2024 separately. One agency is to be selected for the entire state on the basis of L1.
Criteria of Work Section 8 (II)	Any TIP who has prior experience of using ensemble model for yield estimation in a pilot project for any government agency shall be given preference to work in the state	Any TIP who has prior experience of using ensemble model for yield estimation in any project for any government agency/reputed organization preferably should participate in this Bid.
Performance Security Section 12.2	The amount of performance security may be paid through Account Payee DD to "The Director of Agriculture Assam PMFBY" payable at Guwahati	The amount of performance security may be paid through Account Payee DD to "The Director of Agriculture Assam PMFBY" payable at Guwahati or in the form of Bank Guarantee.

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Jaishankar raises Khalistan issue with UK leaders

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON, NOVEMBER 16



S Jaishankar concluded his visit to the UK on Wednesday

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar has raised India's long-standing concerns about pro-Khalistan extremism in the UK during his meetings with the country's top leaders, stressing that they should be on guard against the misuse of freedom of expression and speech.

Jaishankar concluded his five-day visit to the UK on Wednesday, which he described as "timely" after a series of cross-party engagements amid "substantial progress" on the ongoing free trade agreement negotiations. India's concerns regarding pro-Khalistan extremism in relation to the safety of its diplomats in the country were among the topics that came up during his meetings with UK Home Secretary James Cleverly and National Security Adviser (NSA) Tim Barrow.

"We have long-standing concerns about extremist and sometimes even violent activities of various forces, including those who propagate Khalistan," said Jaishankar.

"We have been trying to get the government here to understand that while we as a fellow democracy certainly understand the importance of freedom of expression, and of speech, they should be on guard against the misuse of these freedoms," he said.

With reference to the violent protests at India House in March, he said the "gravity of

the situation is sharply recognised" and India's expectation is that its diplomatic mission would be provided requisite protection to conduct their activities in an unrestricted way and there would be a "firm stance against the advocacy of violence and extremism".

During his meeting with Home Secretary Cleverly, the two leaders "underscored the need for close collaboration on combating violent extremism and radicalism and agreed to deepen and expand dialogue on these and other shared concerns," the MEA said. At his meeting with British PM Rishi Sunak, Jaishankar conveyed best wishes on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sunak and Jaishankar expressed satisfaction at positive momentum in enhancing the India-UK relationship.

They reviewed implementation of Roadmap 2030 and discussed ongoing negotiations for a India-UK Free Trade Agreement. During a media interaction, he shared insights from his discussions with the UK Cabinet ministers.

His last engagement was an in-conversation session entitled 'How a billion people see the world' organised by Wilton Park in London.

Jailed TN minister in hospital, undergoes tests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 16

Jailed Tamil Nadu minister V Senthil Balaji was taken to the government-run Omandurar multi-specialty hospital after he complained of discomfort Wednesday evening.

Balaji, arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in June in connection with a money-laundering case and now serving as a minister without portfolio, was shifted from the central prison in Puzhal to Government Stanley Medical College and Hospital first. The doctors there referred him to the Omandurar hospital.

News agency PTI noted that Balaji went through echocardiography and electrocardiography (ECG) tests, which did not indicate any major variations, and quoted a doctor at the hospital as saying that the minister was advised to undergo an angiogram. The ward where Balaji is admitted is heavily guarded by the police. As per reports, since he was

arrested on June 14, Balaji visited the Stanley hospital twice following complaints of discomfort and for further treatment.

Balaji was arrested under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with the cash-for-jobs scam that surfaced in 2015 in the Tamil Nadu transport department when he served as the minister in the erstwhile AIADMK government led by the late J Jayalalithaa.

Days after his arrest, Balaji was hospitalised and underwent a bypass surgery at Chennai's Kauvery hospital. He reportedly had a history of cardiac issues. He was shifted to Puzhal prison later in July.

In the second week of October, the Madras High Court rejected Balaji's bail plea on medical grounds. The court observed that Balaji's health condition was not one that could be taken care of only if he was released on bail. Balaji approached the Supreme Court seeking bail, and the apex court adjourned the hearing on October 30.

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No. F.1 (101)/P&P-I-DSSSB/2023/2792 Dated 10/11/2023

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ADVERTISEMENT NO.03/23

IMPORTANT NOTE:- Only online applications will be accepted. Applications received through any other mode shall stand summarily rejected. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

The opening date and closing date for receipt of online applications are as under:

Opening Date for Submission of Online Applications:- 21/11/2023 (21st November, 2023)

Closing Date for Submission of Online Applications :- 20/12/2023 (20th December, 2023)

Online Applications are invited for recruitment to the following posts under different Departments/ Local/Autonomous Bodies under Govt. of NCT of Delhi-

S No	Post Code	Name of the Post	Name of Deptt.	Group	Vacancy (Incl. Backlog Vacancies)											
					UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total	PwBD (incl.)	ExSM (incl.)	SP (incl.)			
1	72/23	Pharmacist (Homeopathy)	Directorate of Ayush	C	16	12	3	7	4	42	5	0	0			
2	73/23	Technical Assistant (Lab. Group-III) (CARDIOLOGY/CTS/NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY/RESPIRATORY LAB/EEG/EMG/ERG/CCU/ICU/POW/CCI)	H&FW	C	6	4	3	1	1	15	0	2	0			
3	74/23	Junior Radiotherapy Technician	H&FW	C	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0			
4	75/23	Technical Assistant Group IV in PCR Hepatitis	H&FW	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
5	76/23	Sub Station Attendant (Grade II) [Reserved for Male Only]	Delhi Transco Limited	C	38	24	13	6	9	90	0	9	0			
6	77/23	Asstt. Electric Fitter	Delhi Transco Limited	C	26	13	4	4	6	53	0	5	0			
7	78/23	Junior District Staff Officer/Junior Instructor (Home Guard) Instructor Civil Defence	DGHG	C	5	3	2	1	1	12	0	1	0			
8	79/23	Draftsman	DGHG	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
9	80/23	Wireless / Radio Operators	DGHG	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
10	81/23	Scientific Assistant	DPCC	B	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-			
11	82/23	Senior Laboratory Assistant	DPCC	C	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0			
12	83/23	Junior Lab Assistant	DPCC	C	3	2	1	0	1	7	0	0	0			
13	84/23	Preservation Supervisor	Deptt. Of Delhi Archives	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
14	85/23	Assistant Microphotographer	Deptt. Of Delhi Archives	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
15	86/23	Xerox Operator	Deptt. Of Delhi Archives	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
16	87/23	Junior Librarian	Deptt. Of Delhi Archives	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0			
17	88/23	Book Binder	Deptt. Of Delhi Archives	C	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0			
18	89/23	Library Attendant	Deptt. Of Delhi Archives	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
19	90/23	Nurse Grade - A	New Delhi Municipal Council	B	37	26	11	6	10	90	4	-	-			
20	91/23	Special Education Teacher	New Delhi Municipal Council	B	11	5	3	1	2	22	1	-	-			

S No	Post Code	Name of the Post	Name of Deptt.	Group	Vacancy (Incl. Backlog Vacancies)											
					UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total	PwBD (incl.)	ExSM (incl.)	SP (incl.)			
21	92/23	Architectural Assistant	New Delhi Municipal Council	B	3	2	1	0	0	6	0	-	-			
22	93/23	Physiotherapist	New Delhi Municipal Council	B	3	1	1	0	0	5	1	-	-			
23	94/23	Assistant Dietician	New Delhi Municipal Council	B	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-			
24	95/23	Radiographer	New Delhi Municipal Council	B	1	2	1	0	1	5	1	-	-			
25	96/23	Computer Lab / IT Assistant	New Delhi Municipal Council	C	11	5	3	1	2	22	1	2	1			
26	97/23	Operation Theatre Assistant	New Delhi Municipal Council	C	4	1	0	1	1	7	0	0	0			
27	98/23	Dental Hygienist	New Delhi Municipal Council	C	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0			
28	99/23	OT Assistant for Veterinary Hospital	New Delhi Municipal Council	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
29	100/23	Plaster Assistant	New Delhi Municipal Council	C	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
30	101/23	Assistant Section Officer	SCERT	B	8	3	1	0	1	13	0	-	-			
31	102/23	Foreman (Works)	Department of Archaeology	C	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0			
32	103/23	Laboratory Attendant	Delhi Jal Board	C	18	6	6	3	4	37	2	4	0			
33	104/23	Chlorinator Operator	Delhi Jal Board	C	0	0	4	2	1	7	0	1	0			
34	105/23	Scientific Assistant (Chemistry)	Forensic Science Laboratory	C	3	3	0	0	1	7	0	0	0			
35	106/23	Assistant Information Officer	Directorate of Information & Publicity	B	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	-	-			
36	107/23	Manager	DSIIDC	B	10	5	2	1	2	20	1	-	-			
37	108/23	Work Assistant (Horticulture)	DSIIDC	C	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0			
38	109/23	Draftsman Gr. III	Irrigation & Flood Control	C	5	1	1	0	0	7	1	0	0			
39	110/23	Librarian	Legislative Assembly Secretariat	B	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-			
40	111/23	Assistant Superintendent	Delhi Prisons	C	3	6	8	2	0	19	0	2	0			
41	112/23	Matron [Reserved for Female Only]	Delhi Prisons	C	13	27	17	3	2	62	0	6	3			
42	113/23	Warder [Reserved for Male Only]	Delhi Prisons	C	164	21	18	26	42	271	0	27	14			
43	114/23	Senior Scientific Assistant (Chemistry)	Drugs Control Department	B	3	1	0	0	1	5	1	-	-			
44	115/23	Electrical Overseer / Sub-Inspector	Labour Department	C	7	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0			
TOTAL VACANCIES					428	173	104	65	93	863	21	59	18			

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8 GOVT & POLITICS

Jyotiraditya hits back at Priyanka: 'She should look herself in mirror'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

CONGRESS GENERAL secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia have traded firewords in the course of their campaigns for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls scheduled for Friday.

Hitting back at Priyanka, who called him a "traitor" for "betraying people by toppling the elected Congress government", Scindia called her a "part-time leader" who should "look in the mirror" herself before targeting him.

In a post on X in Hindi, the senior BJP leader, while making a comparison between the Scindia family and the Nehru-Gandhi family, said he did not expect a "part-time" leader like Priyanka to have the "ability to understand the differences between these two traditions".

He stated: "Before teaching a lesson about arrogance, someone that measures ability with height, please take a look at yourself in the mirror."

PM MODI TO CHAIR INAUGURAL SESSION

India to host 2nd Voice of Global South Summit today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

INDIA WILL host the 2nd Voice of Global South Summit Friday in a virtual format, in what will be the second time since January this year. The second summit will start with an Inaugural Leaders' Session chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the morning.

The Ministry of External Affairs said that India had hosted the inaugural Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS) on 12-13 January 2023 virtually. This unique initiative brought together 125 countries of the Global South to share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform.

Throughout its G20 Presidency, the MEA said India has "worked to ensure that the concerns of the Global South receive due cognisance and that the priorities of the Global South

were duly factored in finding solutions to the most pressing global challenges".

"The 2nd summit would focus on sharing with countries of the Global South the key outcomes achieved in various G20 meetings over the course of India's Presidency. The challenges posed by global developments are also likely to be discussed. Further, the summit will serve as a platform to discuss ways to sustain the momentum generated towards our common aspiration of a more inclusive, representative and progressive world order," it said.

According to MEA, the 2nd summit will be structured into 10 sessions, the inaugural and concluding sessions would be at Head of State / Government level, and hosted by PM Modi. The theme of the Inaugural Leaders' Session is "Together, for Everyone's Growth, with Everyone's Trust" and that of the Concluding Leaders' Session

is "Global South: Together for One Future".

In addition, there will be eight Ministerial Sessions, with the following themes: Foreign Ministers' Session on "India & the Global South: Emerging Together for a Better Future", Education Ministers' Session on "Making Human Resources Future Ready", Finance Ministers' Session on "Financing People-Centric Development", Environment Ministers' Session on "Sustainable Solutions for Climate Resilience and Climate Finance".

It will also include Foreign Ministers' Session on "Global South and One Development", Energy Ministers' Session on "Affordable & Inclusive Energy Transition for Sustainable Development", Health Ministers' Session on "Solutions from the Global South for One Health" and Commerce / Trade Ministers' Session on "Global South & Resilient Supply Chains".

The eight ministerial sessions will include two Foreign Ministers' Sessions; one Ministerial session each of Education, Finance, Environment, Energy, Health & Commerce Ministers and a Concluding Leaders' Session in the evening.

Sources said that countries from across the world would be participating - Pacific Islands in the East to Latin America in the West. "The key focus would be to share the beneficial outcomes and progress achieved in the concerns/priorities of the Global South during India's G20 Presidency. Also to deliberate on the way forward for the Global South to achieve common objectives," the source said.

The theme for the first Voice of Global South Summit was "Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose" and had a total of 10 sessions, and sought to seek inputs from the Global South for the agenda of 'Bharat G20 Summit'.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the ASEAN Defence Ministers meet in Jakarta on Thursday.

Rajnath stresses on unimpeded lawful commerce in int'l waters

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

INDIA IS committed to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in international waters in accordance with international laws, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Thursday, in an indirect reference to China's growing claims over the South China sea.

In his address at a meeting of 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus) in Jakarta, he underlined the importance of dialogue and diplomacy to ensure enduring peace and global stability.

The defence minister also held bilateral meetings with his Indonesian and Vietnamese counterparts on the sidelines of the ASEAN meeting in Jakarta, where they spoke about deepening cooperation in multiple areas, including the maritime domain.

The ADMM-Plus comprises 10-nation ASEAN and its eight dialogue partners including India,

China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States. India became the dialogue partner of ASEAN in 1992. Indonesia is the current chair of ADMM-Plus.

Singh said India is committed to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in the international waters in accordance with international laws, including United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982.

He reaffirmed India's message to the world at large, that "this is not an era of war", and spoke about the imperative to give up the "us versus them" mindset.

He spoke about India's resolve to work with the ASEAN and its partner countries to ensure peace, prosperity and security in the region, citing Mahatma Gandhi's quote: "There is no way to peace, peace is the only way".

The defence minister's comments came a day after Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar had said the fragile security situation in the South China Sea, in addition to vi-

olations of established Codes of Conduct or Confidence Building Measures, poses a clear and present danger to good order and discipline at sea.

Rajnath described terrorism as a serious threat to international peace and security and called for concerted efforts to deal with it.

Speaking about ASEAN's centrality and its role in promoting dialogue and consensus in the region, he called for regional security initiatives that are consultative and development-oriented, adding that they should reflect the larger consensus among various stakeholders. He added that India is committed towards nurturing practical, forward-looking and result-oriented cooperation with ADMM-Plus for enhancing maritime security in the region.

He spoke about the consequences of conflicts, highlighting the "terrible toll" in terms of human lives and livelihoods and adverse implications for food and energy security.

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COUNTERPOINT

THE THRUST of the BJP election campaign in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana has been to counter the guarantee schemes promised by the Congress party. The party wanted to "prove" that the guarantee programmes in Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan have not worked. The party has given the responsibility to highlight this to former Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur. During his tours in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, Thakur held multiple press conferences and gave presentations backed by figures, charts and graphics to prove that the welfare schemes proposed by the BJP have been effective in states ruled by it, but failed in those ruled by the Congress.

GIFT & RIFT

UNION MINISTER Smriti Irani sent more than one lakh Diwali gift packs to her constituency, Amethi, for distribution among a cross-section of people, including BJP workers and local leaders of the rival political parties. The gifts included sweets, casseroles, water bottles, sarees and fabric for shirts and pants. Mobile phones were also given to some 'key' party workers. Senior Congress leader and Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi, who had lost the seat to Smriti, too, sent gifts to party workers and social workers in Amethi. His gift packs included sweets, earthen lamps and cloth material for shirts and pants.

Time for PCI to not show teeth, but to bite, says Dhankhar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

ADVOCATING "QUICK action" against those deliberately spreading fake news, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday said it was not "the time to show teeth but a time to bite". He was addressing a National Press Day event organised by the Press Council of India (PCI) in New Delhi.

Dhankhar also said it is the moral duty of the media to tell the truth "and nothing but the truth". He cited a recent incident about a newspaper in Telangana publishing that the V-P's Twitter handle carries a fake photograph of a parliamentary committee. He also cited another incident from the past, when as Governor of West Bengal, he "suffered" when a senior journalist alleged he was summoning the Chief Minister of West Bengal every day.

I&B Minister Anurag Thakur, Minister of State for I&B L Murugan, PCI chairperson Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retired) were also present at the event.



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, PCI chairperson Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd) and Union Minister Anurag Thakur at Vigyan Bhawan Thursday. ANI

be strong because those who are serving with high ethical standards must be encouraged only by those not doing so being visited with exemplary consequences," he said.

Dhankhar noted that the expression "fake news" has never been heard so loudly before as it is these days. The role of editors, he noted, has become more challenging and important as they have to act as gatekeepers and remove any doctored and false information "before it poisons the sea of information".



PRESIDENT'S BODYGUARD HONOURED

President Droupadi Murmu Thursday presented the new 'standard of the bodyguard' and the 'renewed regimental standard' to the President's Bodyguard at Rashtrapati Bhavan. She praised the regiment for their military traditions and professionalism. PTI

Israel-Hamas conflict: India again calls for de-escalation

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

WITH ISRAEL'S military offensive in retaliation to last month's attacks by Hamas reaching one of the major hospitals in the Gaza Strip, India Thursday called for de-escalating the situation and underlined the need for observing international humanitarian law in the face of increasing civilian casualties in the conflict.

Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, when asked about New Delhi's view on Israeli troops undertaking an operation at the Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City, said the issue is not about one par-

ticular facility and that India has always underlined the need for following international law.

"The issue is not about one facility or a specific facility. India has always underlined the need for civilian casualties to be avoided, for humanitarian law to be observed, and to encourage any efforts to provide humanitarian relief to those caught in the conflict," he said.

"We have also, on the larger issue, talked about efforts to de-escalate the situation, deliver humanitarian assistance, our concern at the humanitarian (situation and) increasing civilian toll," he said.

Israel troops continued their operation at the Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City on Wednesday

night. Israel has been maintaining that the hospital was being used as a base by Hamas.

He also said that India is looking at sending more humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people.

"We had also talked about how India had sent 38 tonnes of humanitarian relief materials. We are looking to send more assistance," he said.

Bagchi said that India strongly condemned the attacks by Hamas on Israel.

"We had also strongly condemned the horrific terrorist attack on October 7 and our zero tolerance for terrorism and the need for immediate and unconditional release of the hostages," he added.

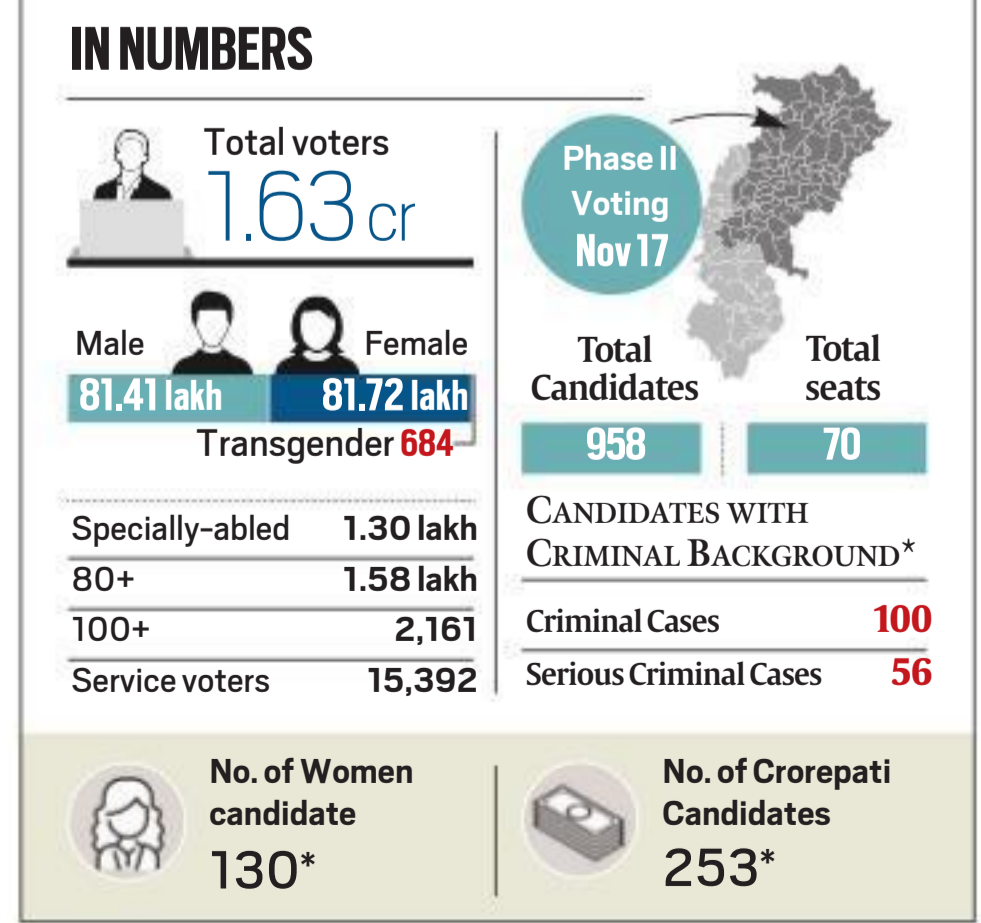
Chhattisgarh: CM Baghel sets narrative as 70 seats across 4 divisions vote in phase 2

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 16

IN THE second phase of the Assembly elections for Chhattisgarh on Friday, 958 candidates will contest for 70 of the total 90 Assembly seats that remain after the first phase. These are spread across 22 districts of four revenue divisions - Surguja, Bilaspur, Raipur and Durg.

Voters will choose between repeating the Bhupesh Baghel-led Congress government that spent a huge chunk of loans it took in its five years on pro-farmer policies and welfare schemes, and the BJP, whose campaign was based on a string of corruption charges against the ruling party. In 2018, the Congress had won 68 seats, up from 39 in 2013, while the BJP tally had fallen to 15 from 49 in 2013.

Though 'rice politics' set the narrative for this election, major issues people face in the predom-



Source: ADR, Election Commission

*No. of candidates analysed: 955

inantly agricultural state are unemployment, lack of water supply, quality education and the

ownership of jal, jangal aur zam-een (water, forest and land). While Congress leader Rahul

Karnataka BJP meets today, may name LoP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 16

MORE THAN six months after BJP's disastrous performance in the Karnataka polls, the party is expected to appoint a Leader of Opposition (LoP) Friday.

Newly elected BJP state president BY Vijayendra has scheduled a meeting of the legislature party at a private hotel in the city. It is expected the meeting will draw curtains on who will be LoP in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. According to speculation, former deputy CM R Ashoka, who hails from the Vokkaliga community, is considered a front-runner for the LoP post.

Other names doing the rounds include former ministers CN Ashwath Narayan (Vokkaliga) and V Sunil Kumar (OBC). With Vijayendra, a Lingayat, at the helm of state party affairs, BJP is expected to elect either a Vokkaliga or OBC as LoP, keeping caste equations in mind. While Ashoka is considered part of ex-CM B S Yediyurappa's camp, the two others are associated with BJP national general secretary B L Santhosh's camp.



Polling officials at a distribution centre of EVMs in Bhopal ahead of the Madhya Pradesh polls, on Thursday. PTI

Congress banks on anti-incumbency as MP votes today

ANAND MOHAN J
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 16

AFTER WEEKS of a high-voltage campaign featuring top leaders of the ruling BJP and the Congress across Madhya Pradesh, the stage is set for polling for all 230 Assembly seats on Friday, which will decide the political future of four-time CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and his Congress challenger Kamal Nath, the former CM, besides that of their several senior colleagues.

In the keenly-contested elections, a resurgent Congress is hoping to wrest the heartland state from the BJP again, seizing on "anti-incumbency" and a "fatigue factor" against the state's longest-serving CM Chouhan.

The BJP has also been reeling from factional feuds. To energise the party cadres and project multiple CM faces to neutralise anti-incumbency being faced by Chouhan, the BJP leadership rolled out its several high-profile leaders and MPs - including three Union Ministers, Narendra Singh Tomar (Dimani seat), Prahlad Patel (Narsinghpur), and Faggan Singh Kulaste (Niwas) - and national party general secretary Kailash Vijayvargya (Indore-1).

Also in contention are three BJP MPs, including Rakesh Singh, Ganesh Singh and Riti Pathak. Chouhan had been the CM continuously from 2005 to 2018, and returned to power in early 2020 after then senior Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia's rebellion brought down the Kamal Nath-led Congress government, which had come to power after the grand old party had beaten the

BJP to emerge as the single largest party with 114 seats, just 2 seats short of a simple majority, in the 2018 Assembly polls.

After three consecutive terms in power, the BJP had then ended up with 109 seats. However, following the rebellion of Scindia, the scion of the erstwhile Gwalior royal family and current Union Minister, the BJP has 128 seats as against the Congress's 98 seats in the outgoing Assembly.

However, this time, waiting in the wings is Kamal Nath, who spearheaded the Congress's campaign across the state, which was firmly backed by his senior colleague and long-time friend Digvijaya Singh, the two-time CM.

While Chouhan is again contesting from his home turf Budhni, Kamal Nath is fighting from his Chhindwara bastion. Digvijaya's son and ex-minister Jaivardhan Singh and Congress stalwart late Arjun Singh's son Ajay Singh are contesting from their traditional Raghogarh and Churhat seats, respectively, on the party's tickets.

The Congress would also hope for an improved showing in the tribal seats again, as in the last elections it won 30 as compared to the BJP's 16.

Although the MP elections have always been a bipolar battle between the BJP and the Congress, other parties such as AAP, BSP and SP, among others, have also fielded their candidates in many seats. With both the BJP and the Congress beset with rebellions by disgruntled ticket aspirants, the smaller parties may play a key role in determining the outcome of several seats, especially since the polls are expected to be a close affair across the state.

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI
Waste disposal 'challenge' for smart cities

New Delhi: The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry Thursday launched the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) 2.0 challenge for Smart Cities to access a total Rs 1,866 crore for funding integrated solid waste management projects. The 100 Smart Cities will be able to propose projects aimed at creating a circular economy till February 28, 2024 and 18 of them will be selected to receive the funds, the ministry said. **ENS**

ED summons Singham in NewsClick probe

New Delhi: The ED has sent fresh summons to Shanghai-based American millionaire Neville Roy Singham in connection with its money laundering probe into the business operations of NewsClick. Sources said the summons were sent last week through the letter rogatory route to China, asking Singham to join the probe. Sources said the agency has even contacted Singham over email and requested him to join probe and explain his links with NewsClick, and the purpose of his investments with it. **ENS**

ASSAM
Man held over death threat to minister

Guwahati: A man was detained Wednesday in Assam for issuing a death threat to state cabinet minister Atul Bora in the comments section of a social media post. Nip Pratim Baruah, 31, is a resident of Bamun Moran Gaon in Sivasagar district. The comment in Assamese read: "A plan has been made to plant a bomb in Atul Bora's residential quarter. We in the ULFA are doing everything. He will not live for very long." **ENS**

After new UGC rules, foreign varsities look to open campuses

VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

WITH THE University Grants Commission (UGC) recently unveiling its final regulations, providing a comprehensive framework for foreign universities ranked among the world's top 500 to set up branch campuses in India, a number of prominent institutes are planning to establish their own campuses in India. The application portal went live last week.

A prominent name in the headline to set up campuses in India is Italy's Istituto Marangoni. Ranked among the world's top 100 art and design institutes, Istituto Marangoni is likely to apply under the new regulations of the UGC to establish a branch campus in India.

The Indian Express has learned that representatives of Istituto Marangoni have been in touch with the higher education regulator, exploring potential sites for the campus, with options including Mumbai, Delhi or Gurgaon. The institute however only offers certificate courses.

Stefania Valentini, managing director of Istituto Marangoni said, "UGC regulations are a welcome move. It will help students from India and from the neighbouring countries in the long term." Western Sydney University (WSU), ranked 375th globally, is also keen on establishing campus in Bengaluru by 2025. Apart from that, six Australian universities are planning a joint campus in India. Flinders University (ranked 380th globally), Griffith University (ranked 243rd), James Cook University (415th), La Trobe University (242nd), University of Canberra (421st), and WSU are expected to collaborate, it is learnt.



LAST RESPECTS

Funeral procession of businessman Subrata Roy being taken out from Sahara Shahr in Lucknow on Thursday. (Right) Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, Congress leaders Raj Babbar and Pramod Tiwari were among those who attended the cremation. Roy died at a Mumbai Hospital on Tuesday. Vishal Srivastava

UP Madrasa Board chief urges CM to accredit unrecognised institutions, says 7 lakh affected

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 16

THE UTTAR Pradesh Madrasa Board chairman on Thursday requested Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to provide recognition to the madrasas found to be unrecognised in a survey undertaken by the state government, stating that the education of over 7 lakh students studying in these institutions had been affected.

In a letter to the Chief Minister, board chairperson Iftikhar Ahmed Javed said that 90-95 per cent students who were studying at these "8,449 unrecognised madrasas belong to the Pasmanda community, which the Prime Minister also has a special eye on".

This comes nearly a month after the state government formed a special investigation team (SIT) to probe sources of funds received by madrasas in the state from abroad.

Javed also asked Adityanath to take action so that "these students can be part of the mainstream and the Prime Minister's vision of 'Sabka saath, sabka



Iftikhar Ahmed Javed

vikas, sabka vishwas' could be strengthened".

On November 15 last year, the state government after a two-month survey had maintained that 8,449 madrasas were functioning without securing recognition from the state Madrasa Education Board. According to the survey, the highest number of unrecognised madrasas were found in Moradabad district.

It was the Madrasa Board, headed by Javed, also the national secretary of the BJP's Minority Front, which had recommended the survey of madrasas across the state.

In Thursday's letter to the Chief Minister, Javed wrote, "This is to bring to your notice that in 2022, after a proposal from the UP Madrasa Board, the government undertook a survey of unrecognised madrasas. In the sur-



Nazrul Islam's grandson urges Pippa makers to remove song

SANTANU CHOWDHURY
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 16

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Speaking to The Indian Express, Javed said, "The government has been delaying this process. What will the madrasas do? What will the students do? The survey was highlighted so much, but what was the result? What is the fault of those madrasas and 7.5 lakh students? The honourable Prime Minister is saying that the Pasmanda community is being brought to the mainstream. Then why is this being done?"

Last month, the state government had formed a three-member SIT headed by an ADGP-rank officer to probe the funds received from abroad by madrasas running in the state.

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Speaking to The Indian Express, Nazrul Islam's grandson Arindam Kazi, who is the younger brother of Anirban Kazi, said: "Right now, we cannot take any legal action against the producers as licence agreement was made to use the song. We can only make an appeal to drop the AR Rahman's version of the song from the film."

FROM PROCURING RAW MATERIAL TO RETAIL

New IT platform to track medicines end-to-end

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE INTEGRATED IT platform that apex drug regulator the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has been working on to bring in transparency and uniformity in all its processes — and create confidence in domestic and international markets — will be able to track products right from the stage of procuring raw material, to supply chain, and finally patterns of consumption categorised by quantity, area, and season. Apart from manufacturers, distributors and retailers will also need to upload their invoices on the portal for this end-to-end tracking to become possible.

According to a document detailing the requirements, the portal will create provisions to capture information from various stakeholders routinely "similar to ITR returns and GST filing".

The government has called for software service providers to develop the system. Once operational, all other portals used by drug regulators will be discontinued. The portal will become a single window for all drug regulatory activities.

"The idea to create a unified portal was first proposed during

EXPLAINED
One portal for drug control

THE UPCOMING portal will have separate dashboards for separate stakeholders, allowing them access to custom reports on a need to know basis. One of the portal's requirements is to have enough parameters to make the data searchable. Once operational, all other portals used by drug regulators will be discontinued.

a Chintan Shivir (brainstorming session) with stakeholders earlier this year. Now, a team has been formed that is dedicated to working on developing the portal and get it up and running," a senior official in the know said.

The brainstorming session in February brought all stakeholders together to discuss ways to improve the regulatory framework after a series of incidents came to light where Indian manufactured syrups were found to be contaminated and were even linked to deaths of children in the Gambia and Uzbekistan. At

the same meeting, it was decided that the global standard for good manufacturing practices will be made mandatory for all Indian companies. The government has already asked around 8,000 smaller companies that do not comply with it to do so.

Another important function of the portal will be to share information about spurious and not of standard quality medicines with state regulators to tackle the problem of the movement of these drugs across state boundaries. Investigations and prosecution launches will also be done through the portal in such cases. It will also help track all types of court cases for prosecution and convictions.

The platform will bring online activities that are still done physically like periodic safety updates, show cause notices, adverse event reporting and post approval changes.

The portal will help improve inspections by assigning inspectors at random to various sites in a masked manner, randomised allocation of work such as processing applications for licenses and approvals, and assigning QR codes to samples collected and reports to allow verification at every stage of the process. It will also automatically generate officials' performance reports.

Frame policy for online sale of drugs within 8 weeks: Delhi HC to Centre

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE DELHI High Court Thursday granted one last opportunity to the Centre to frame policy for the online sale of drugs within eight weeks after observing that it had five years to do the same.

The high court was hearing a batch of pleas, including a 2018 PIL moved by one Dr Zaheer Ahmed seeking a ban on "illegal" sale of drugs and medicines online. The PIL further claims that the sale of drugs through e-pharmacies increases the risk of self-medication, the sale of drugs without a prescription, as well as the sale of psychotropic substances.

A division bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Mini Pushkarna noted the submission of the Centre's counsel who said that "deliberations are still ongoing with respect to a draft notification of August 28, 2018, relating to online sale of

drugs". The bench, thereafter, said, "This court is of the view that more than five years have lapsed and the Union of India has had sufficient time to frame a policy."

However, in the interest of justice, the court granted "one last opportunity" to the Centre to frame a policy "within eight weeks". The high court further said if the policy is not framed within the given time, the joint secretary dealing with the subject should be personally present in court on the next hearing date. The batch is next listed on March 4, 2024.

In December 2018, the high court passed an order staying the online sale of medicines by e-pharmacies since the same was not permitted under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

In the same batch, another plea filed by South Chemists and Distributors Association seeks the closure of online pharmacy companies offering drugs and

prescription medicines through websites. The plea contends that the sale of drugs and prescription medicines online is illegal and without any mandate of law.

Sale and purchase of drugs are regulated by various legislative enactments and rules, such as the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940; Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945; Pharmacy Act, 1948; Pharmacy Practice Regulations, 2015; Indian Medical Act, 1956; Code of Ethics Regulations, 2002; and Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act, 1954.

However, "The online pharmacies are not following any of the provisions and are allowed to operate freely," the petition states. The plea contends that the same was in violation of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India as it resulted in the denial of a level playing field between the online and the offline pharmacies.

India for cessation of fight between Myanmar forces, anti-junta groups

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

INDIA ON Thursday called for cessation of fighting between Myanmar's military and anti-junta groups near the Indo-Myanmar border that has triggered an influx of Myanmar refugees to Mizoram.

Hostilities have been mounting between Myanmar's anti-junta groups and government forces in several key towns and regions near the border with India in the last few weeks, fuelling concerns in the Indian military establishment about the possible spillover effect.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi expressed deep concerns

over the incidents of violence close to the Indo-Myanmar border. "As a result of the fighting, in the Rihkhawdar area in Chin State, opposite Zowkhathar in Mizoram on the India-Myanmar border, there has been movement of Myanmar nationals to the Indian side," he said.

"We are deeply concerned with such incidents close to our border. Our position on the ongoing situation in Myanmar is very clear — we want cessation of the violence and resolution of the situation through constructive dialogue," Bagchi said. He said India is for the return of peace and stability in Myanmar.

"We reiterate our call for return of peace, stability and democracy in Myanmar. Since the

current conflict started in 2021 in Myanmar, a large number of Myanmar citizens have been taking refuge in India," Bagchi said.

"Local authorities in the concerned neighbouring states have been handling the situation appropriately on humanitarian grounds. We have also been facilitating the return of those who wish to go back to Myanmar," he added. Myanmar has been witnessing widespread protests demanding restoration of democracy since the military seized power in a coup in February 2021.

According to reports, a group of resistance fighters took control of two military camps at Rihkhawdar Monday following intense fighting with Myanmar troops.

Goa govt forms panel to study 3rd district proposal

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
PANAJI, NOVEMBER 16

THE GOA government has formed a committee to examine the proposal to create a third district in the state. The seven-member committee will assess the need for creating a third district in Goa and submit a report to the government in three months.

A gazette notification issued on Thursday said the committee will assess whether creating a third district will lead to development and welfare of the people in general and backward talukas in particular.

The notification read, "The Committee will also suggest the boundaries of the district after considering the various aspects such as population, economic status, availability of infrastructure and public opinion. The commit-

tee will evaluate the benefits and also the costs involved in creation of a new district."

The committee, headed by the chief secretary, includes the principal secretary (finance), resident commissioner, secretary (revenue), collector (North/South), director, directorate of planning, statistics and evaluation and an advisor to the chief minister.

In February 2020, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had said that the government was considering forming a third district in the state, in view of increasing population and the need for overall development. At the inauguration of an administrative building in Dharbandora, Sawant had said Dharbandora taluka would come under the third district. He had added that the move was required for people's convenience and to ensure infrastructure was created for the growing population.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC COURT-IV AT BENGALURU
CRL. MISC. No. 25/2022
BETWEEN: Mrs. T. Asma Kousar ...Petitioner
AND: Syed Mohammed Shahid Anwar ...Respondents
Mrs. Kousar Peerwin D/o Mohammed Anwar, W/o Late. Ashraf Jamil, Aged about 65 years, R/At. House No.2135A, Block E, Palm Vihar, Gunugram, Landmark: Near Global Foyer, Haryana-122017. ...RESPONDENT No.2
PUBLIC SUMMON
Whereas, the above Petitioner have filed above case under 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (43 of 2005), bearing Cr.Misc. No. 25/2022 pending on the file of the Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court-IV at Bengaluru and as for the order of this Hon'ble Court for the purpose of summons to Respondent No.2 this substitute summons, hence this public summons is issued in the above cause title to the Respondent No.2 is hereby warned to appear before this Hon'ble Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court-IV at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the 1st Day of December 2023 at 11.00 A.M in forenoon to show cause against the suit. Failing which where-in the matter will be heard and determined as ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 17th day of October 2023.
By Order of the Court, Sheristadar, Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court-IV, Bengaluru, Shahida Khanam J, Advocate Rahman & Hashmi Associates
Office No. FF13A, H.H.S. & H.M.S. Complex Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560002

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DELHI SUBORDINATE SERVICES SELECTION BOARD
(P & P-1 Branch)
FC-18, INSTITUTIONAL AREA, KARKARDOOMA, DELHI-110092
No. F. 1(39)/P&P-1/DSSSB/2023/2793 Dated: 10.11.2023
Notice to the candidates under post code 90/09, Grade-II (DASS)
In continuation to the Board's notice dated 29.06.2022, the special link for inviting online application from the 61278 candidates to whom admit cards were issued earlier by the Board for the Tier-I examination held on 29.06.2014 for the post of Grade-II (DASS) under post code 90/09 will be opened between 21.11.2023 to 20.12.2023 (11:59 PM) on the website <https://dsssonline.nic.in>. In case of non-receipt of online application from the candidate, it will be construed that the candidate is not interested to apply again for the post of Gr-II (DASS) under post code-90/09 and no further opportunity will be extended to him/her and any correspondence in this regard will not be entertained.
Interested candidate is required to apply for the post code 90/09 through the special link provided at the website dsssonline.nic.in. Candidate has to fill the details of application ID and DOB for registration for the post code 90/09. Then click on register yourself for OARS, fill the details of 10th roll no. and 10th passing year. The data provided by the candidate will be matched with the previous data, if data is matched then the candidate has to upload any one document from the list and submit. After this a message will pop up that document uploaded successfully. Then the candidate has to apply for the post through sign-in for applying for the post code. Any candidate who has never registered himself on OARS is required firstly to register himself/herself as a new user at the website dsssonline.nic.in. After successful registration, candidate is required to apply for the post code 90/09 through the special link provided at the website dsssonline.nic.in. Candidates are also advised to fill up the online application well before the closing date. Candidates may contact in person at helpdesk in DSSSB or communicate through the e-mail ID helpdesk.pnp.90.09@gmail.com, any problem/ technical issue in filling of online application on OARS. The above helpdesk and e-mail ID will remain functional during the opening period of the special link.
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The rest of the contents of Advt. No. 004/2009 shall remain unchanged.
This issues with the prior approval of Competent Authority.
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DSSSB
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— SACHIN TENDULKAR

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Gesture politics

BJP is selective in its approach to Scheduled Tribes. It skirts critical questions of tribal language, religion, land



VIRGINIUS XAXA

BIRSA MUNDA'S BIRTH anniversary was celebrated on November 15 as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, and this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the tribal freedom fighter's birthplace to pay tribute. On the occasion, PM Modi launched the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra — to ensure the last-mile delivery of government services and schemes. He launched the PM Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan, a programme to empower and protect the most marginalised among the tribes, the Particularly Vulnerable Tribes. He also unveiled projects worth around Rs 7,200 crore related to coal, petroleum, railways, roads, education.

Tribal communities, no doubt, take great pride in their traditions, culture, and history, including historical icons. The BJP has aptly acknowledged this aspect of the tribal psyche and has translated it into an important agenda of politics and to showcase government action and interventions. Accordingly, a lot of resources are earmarked for tribal research institutes, museums, research fellowships, residential education, etc. This gives an additional edge to the BJP as a champion of the tribal cause, as such issues have remained outside the agenda of other political parties and have thus remained unattended to and unaddressed.

This may well go down as an important move in tilting the tribal votes in favour of the BJP in the election. Further, the focus on issues such as these is quite in sync with the glorification of the past that anchors the values and ideology of the BJP and RSS. Needless to say, in doing so, they claim to have greater empathy, concern, and interest, in addressing tribal causes and issues.

Yet there are layers and fissures within this project. The BJP has been selective in its approach to the culture and history of the tribes. It engages with only those that do not lead to rupture between tribes on one hand and the BJP and RSS on the other. Moreover, it does not address the most critical question

of tribal language and tribal religion.

Tribal identity is primarily rooted in language and secondarily in religion and other cultural practices. Yet these hardly figure in the cultural engagement of the BJP and RSS with tribal populations since these are a pointer of the diversity that is antithetical to the agenda of the BJP and RSS. The BJP's focus is on Hindi and regional languages. These languages have been instrumental in the erosion of tribal languages, many of which have become extinct while others are in the process of extinction. Similarly, the BJP is wary of the distinct tribal religious identity.

Such an identity was acknowledged in the census under the British, but relegated in post-Independence India. Rather, tribes in India have been by and large treated and delineated as Hindus, except the tribal Christians or tribal Muslims. However, there have been assertions and movements among tribes for the inclusion of their distinct religious identity in the column of the census. The BJP and RSS have remained silent on this question of articulation of tribal identity.

In focusing on issues such as the culture and history of tribes, the BJP overlooks the core issues that afflict tribal populations, at the root of which lie BJP politics and its governments' policies. This concerns dilution of pro-tribal protective laws, rules, and regulations. There have been recurring instances under the current NDA regime of attempts to do away with provisions in the acts that secure tribal interests. An attempt was made, for example, to amend the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act through ordinance and later through the bill introduced in Parliament in 2015.

Acquisition Act of 2013, bringing back the crucial clauses related to the consent of affected families and social impact assessment following sustained Opposition pressure. After such an attempt at amendment at the Centre, the Fifth Schedule state with the BJP in government, Jharkhand, brought an ordinance and later a bill to amend the pro-tribal land tenancy acts such as the Chota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas Tenancy Act.

The bill was passed but did not receive assent from the governor following the massive resistance by tribal communities in Jharkhand. Again, the NDA regime introduced a new environmental impact assessment-draft notification in 2020, replacing the 1994 notification and its 2006 amendments, reducing public participation in all the steps of the environment clearance process "by lessening the notice period for public hearings and doing away with them for a large category of projects". Such recurring initiatives are seen as a pointer to the attempt to throw tribes out from the land, forest and other resources on which they are dependent.

Despite the stated concern for their development reflected in various targeted programmes and schemes all through the post-Independence era, the tribal people started out at a higher poverty level than the rest of India, and have then fallen behind the rest. Hence, the reduction of those below the poverty line has always been the critical agenda of tribal development.

The size of the population living below the poverty line is higher in the case of states and tribal areas that have witnessed development projects related to mines, industries, dams, irrigation, power (thermal and hydraulic) through the decades. Jharkhand, Odisha, and other neighbouring states are illustrative of this.

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WHEN XI MET BIDEN

Bilateral meeting between US and Chinese presidents, in a tense global moment, opens up tentative possibilities

IT IS TEMPTING to either overestimate the significance or underplay the importance of the bilateral meeting between US President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, in San Francisco on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit on Wednesday. The first meeting between the two leaders since the G20 Bali summit a year ago can be described as a success, given the context of the acrimonious rhetoric between the two powers in the recent past. On its part, New Delhi needs to keep a close eye on Beijing's ties with Washington and ensure that India continues to protect and consolidate its interests vis a vis America.

The two countries have resumed military-to-military communications, which China had ended after then House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan last year. China agreed to crack down on the manufacture and export of Fentanyl, a deadly drug and adulterant in narcotics. The leaders reportedly also spoke about the conflict in Palestine and on the Taiwan question and the meeting also showcased other fundamental differences between the two countries. By all accounts, the US has managed to bring China to the table while giving relatively little in return — trade and military restrictions, for example, have not been withdrawn. Over the last decade or so, the US has also made strategic gains and cemented partnerships in Asia — through the Quad, AUKUS and deepening of ties with old allies like Japan. The meeting could be seen as a confidence-building measure between two powers locked in a proxy conflict.

For New Delhi, the most pressing concern is China's wooing of American business. Speaking to corporate leaders after he met with Biden, Xi said: "The door of China-US relations cannot be closed again now that it's open... We need to build more bridges and pave more roads." The statement is one of China's many recent overtures to US and global capital, including at the Global Financial Leaders Summit in Hong Kong earlier this month. This is not surprising given that corporate America has traditionally been a champion of China. Recently, though, geopolitical tensions, unreasonable Covid restrictions and a slowing Chinese economy have dented much of that faith: In 2023, US business's optimism about China fell to its lowest since 1999, according to the American Chamber of Commerce. It is estimated that the Indian economy could greatly benefit from a potential flight of capital and investment from China. However, Xi's outreach shows that Beijing is willing to set aside some of its political rhetoric for the sake of business. India, then, must continue to firm up its diplomatic and strategic ties with the US, even as it does more to become a more attractive investment destination.

SUNDAY MUSINGS

Indian cricket looks like an unstoppable juggernaut. And there's the delicious wait for what Sharma, Kohli, Shami could do next

IT'S A DREAM that 11 on the cricket field, and countless outside, are living together. At Wankhede, late in the semi-final, New Zealand had tried to pinch the faithful awake with their resistance, but India's magnificent World Cup campaign continued undeterred. Turning up at nine World Cup venues, the team led by the starter par excellence, Rohit Sharma, who sets the tone without fail, has lit up every match they played. Sharma rams out of the starting blocks, Shubman Gill is carrying forward a rich batting legacy and Virat Kohli is promising to become an all-time great. Kohli reached his 50th ODI 100 to go past the Master, in front of Sachin Tendulkar, in what was a setting of cricketing perfection, to take India into the final. Shreyas Iyer has racked up rollicking middle order runs, KL Rahul is ever-dependable, and Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj are giving India moments of pure, unadulterated joy, running through batting lineups with pomp and splendour.

India are looking like an unstoppable juggernaut, the strongest fielded in the World Cups. Not even the 1983 or 2011 Cup winning units carried the aura that this bunch does with its boldness of approach and conviction in strategy. This Indian team might well finish on par with Clive Lloyd's Windies and any of the champion Australian units from the past. India of 2023 could end up as one of the all-time great teams that blends entertainment with success. This will be a redemption arc for both captain Rohit Sharma who wasn't picked for the 2011 edition and for Rahul Dravid whose earnest efforts from 1999 through to 2007 came a cropper. India's jinx in ICC knockouts for the last 10 years, could end with a glorious Cup at home.

The fans have been packing the stadiums across the country to celebrate; Indian wins were already normalised half-way through the tournament. And that's how the unbeaten script ran in the semi-final too. It has all felt like one big party and now just the final remains. There's anticipation in the air about reaching the pinnacle of dominance this Sunday, where India don't just win another World Cup, but stomp their way like the game's biggest superpower. At Ahmedabad, Rohit Sharma's men promise to not just win India its third World Cup and match the iconic Kapil Dev and MS Dhoni. There's also the delicious wait for what Sharma, Kohli and Shami could do next.

SUM OF ALL FEARS

'Hallucinate', Cambridge Dictionary's word of the year, points to the perils of AI

THERE'S NO SUBSTANCE abuse involved here, only a confirmation of a niggling concern. In addressing what has increasingly become one of the prime concerns of data scientists and technocrats, Cambridge's word of the year, "hallucinate", leads the mind to wander to some worryingly plausible directions — of AI providing misleading or fallacious information. Consider this: Earlier this year, an image of Pope Francis wearing what appeared to be a puffer jacket from a luxury fashion brand went viral. Only, it was discovered later, that it wasn't the Pope in a Balenciaga. It was an image generated by AI. Closer home, a video purportedly showing actor Rashmika Mandanna turned out to be a deep fake.

The ever-expanding reach of Open AI, and its tools such as Chat GPT, Google Bard or Microsoft's Copilot, has been one of the talking points of the year and its reflection can be seen across dictionaries. Collins Dictionary announced "AI" as its word of the year. Cambridge's addendum to the traditional meaning of "hallucinate" ("to seem to see, hear, feel, or smell something that does not exist, usually because of a health condition or because you have taken a drug") now broadens its scope to also mean "When an artificial intelligence (a computer system that has some of the qualities that the human brain has, such as the ability to produce language in a way that seems human) hallucinates, it produces false information". This is in addition to the inclusion of other AI-related terms.

Built using huge amounts of data, AI's essentiality across fields is now a reality. But the "intelligentisation" of AI posits real and clear danger, manifest already in politics and public life. Disinformation — when data is deliberately manipulated to serve specific ends — and misinformation — wrong or misleading information — can have far-reaching consequences for events such as elections, wars or disasters. Cambridge's word of the year foregrounds the complications of AI, from the realm of the imaginary to one of possibility.



SUBHRAKANT PANDA

INDIA'S ECONOMIC RISE, especially over the past decade, is both envied and admired. At a time when global growth has slowed down, the world's fastest-growing large economy is moving towards the five-trillion dollar mark and third spot in the pecking order before the end of the decade. A combination of a large domestic market, sustained reforms, and favourable demographics is the foundation on which a remarkable transformation is taking place with a clear aim to become a developed nation by 2047.

There is, however, more than just an economic angle to India's transformation. Given its rich history and diverse culture, not to mention new-found confidence, the nation's "soft power" is taking rapid strides, too. This is visible across domains.

While a successful G20 Presidency set high standards and delivered a joint declaration in a complex geopolitical environment, India's recent performance in various sporting events has also been a source of pride. Even as leading nations of the world look to engage with us through FTAs, our movies — not just from Bollywood — are capturing people's imagination. Similarly, the Quad and Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF) serve to further our national security and economic interests while the celebration of World Yoga Day is an ode to our traditions which are relevant even today.

Sports in our country used to largely mean cricket: Today, it is not just the Indian

MORE TO INDIA'S POWER

India's rise offers hope to not just our own citizens but the rest of the world

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Premier League (IPL) which grabs eyeballs but also the Indian Super League (football), Pro Kabaddi League, Premier Badminton League, and Hockey India League, among others, which see large footfalls and have substantial budgets. The Centre and state governments have invested heavily in sports infrastructure as well as supporting and incentivising sportspeople to pursue medals on the global stage. The country's first gold medal in athletics at an Olympic Games — Neeraj Chopra's stupendous performance in javelin throw — was unthinkable just a few years ago. India is now seriously considering a bid to host the world's foremost sporting competition to showcase its rise.

India's film industry is among the oldest and produces the largest number of films, many of which are world-class. Cultural exports such as 'Naatu Naatu' from RRR (2022) — the first Indian movie song to win an Oscar — have taken our stories into homes around the world and will serve as a bridge to connect different perspectives across societies.

Early in his first term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pitched the celebration of International Yoga Day to the UN General Assembly. He said, "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world, and nature". The proposal was approved by 193 nations, and on June 21 every year, yoga takes centre stage. PM Modi then introduced the concept of 'Lifestyle for the

Environment' (LiFE) at COP26 in Glasgow, calling upon the global community to start an international mass movement to protect and preserve the environment. By following through on various commitments related to addressing climate change, India has acquired immense credibility as we step up to a leadership role on the global stage.

Active participation in global discussions and strong advocacy for equitable solutions has seen India emerge as the voice of the Global South. Our experience in addressing developmental challenges through technological advancements, such as digital public infrastructure, offers valuable insights to other nations. Today, India is seen as a voice of reason even as we firmly protect our national interest while helping shape the international agenda on issues like sustainability, energy security, and resilient supply chains.

The responsibility to build and capitalise on this influence cannot be that of the government alone. It requires collective effort from all sections of society such as business leaders, artists, sportspeople, and academicians. The diaspora, too, plays a vital role in promoting our culture and values. India's economic rise offers hope to not just our own citizens but the rest of the world; it also contributes to our rising influence on the global stage. As we step into the spotlight, capitalising on "soft power" will enable India to be a force for positive change.

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NOVEMBER 17, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

TRIPARTITE TALKS

AT THE END of a long, heated debate on Punjab in Parliament during which the opposition and the treasury benches accused each other of insincerity in finding a solution, the Home Minister, P C Sethi, offered to resume tripartite talks. He sought the cooperation of the opposition to bring Akali Dal leaders to the negotiating table.

QUEEN'S INDIA VISIT

THE CAPITAL IS all set to receive the British queen, with the entire VIP area in New Delhi spruced up for the occasion. The route from

Palam to Rashtrapati Bhavan was being gaily decorated with welcome arches at several points. The Union Jack was flying resplendently alongside the Indian tricolour. A large number of hoardings and billboards carrying the lifesize photographs of the queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have been put up.

BADDAWI CAMP FALLS

THE LAST STRONGHOLD of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat fell to Syrian-backed rebels after savage fighting while in eastern Lebanon Israeli planes made a revenge raid against pro-Iranian Muslim militants. The Israeli attack hit the Lebanese base of the Shia

"Islamic Amal" movement, which was blamed for the recent truck-bomb attacks on Israeli US and French troops in Lebanon. Eyewitnesses reported that Arafat's last stronghold in the Baddawi refugee camp fell.

INDIA FAVOURS CYPRUS

INDIA HAS TAKEN an unequivocal stand in favour of Cyprus and deplored the unilateral declaration of independence by the Turkish Cypriot in its northern territory. Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou talked to Mrs Indira Gandhi soon after the Turkish-held northern territory of Cyprus declared itself independent.

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Her knock on closed doors

Forty years after the introduction of the domestic violence provision in the Indian Penal Code, women are still at risk of having their complaints dismissed or disbelieved by police and judiciary



AUDREY DMELLO AND FLAVIA AGNES

problem of the large number of women dying in their homes. This is not to say that prior to this, women did not have legal provisions. Sections 319 to 338 of the IPC deal with assaults and grievous hurt in various forms. But the police refused to apply these general provisions to cases of domestic violence. Hence, there was a need to introduce a special section. One part of Section 498A IPC addresses the subjection of any woman to cruelty (whether mental or physical) of such a nature that is likely to drive the woman to commit suicide or to cause grave injury or danger to life, limb or health. The other part deals with unlawful demand for any property or valuable security.

Forty years later, the reluctance of the police to file FIRs even in grave incidents of domestic violence is shocking. The police are responsible for recording crimes and investigating a case. However, when it comes to recording FIRs in cases of domestic violence, burking (refusal to record FIRs) is done with a sense of righteousness — go for counselling and resolve the matter; save your marriage and family, what are you going to achieve by filing a criminal complaint; we cannot just file an FIR without talking to both the parties; the case will take very long and you won't get anything; we can't file a case in family matters, go to court. That women have gone through endless counselling by family members, elders and NGOs and have finally reached the doorstep of a police station seems to be completely lost on them.

When women are turned away at this stage, they lose all hope and some of these cases end in suicide or murder.

While the police's apathy towards recording FIRs in cases of domestic violence stems from a patriarchal mindset, one cannot negate the impact of demeaning comments by the Supreme Court and the various high courts. A casual internet search on Section 498A throws up reams of posts with comments by the judiciary about how women are misusing the law. The media has also been instrumental in sensationalising the issue.

In the recent case of *Rakesh and Reena Rajput v The State of Jharkhand* the Jharkhand High Court stated, "There is a phenomenal increase in matrimonial disputes in recent

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years and it appears that in many cases, the object of Section 498A IPC is being misused and the said section is used as weapon rather than shield by disgruntled wives." In media reports about the case, there were headlines like "Disgruntled wives are using S 498A IPC as a weapon rather than a shield". The said case was filed by the husband's sister and her spouse for quashing criminal proceedings against them. The facts of the case as reported in the judgment are that the woman was married in 1998 and several articles and cash were given. There were two minor children from this marriage. The said criminal case was filed fifteen years later. One of the incidents mentioned in the FIR was that on April 2, 2013, the husband's sister and father assaulted her and tried to burn her face. The woman also stated that they wanted her father to provide money for her husband's new business as his previous venture had failed. The court held that the allegations against the husband's sister are general and omnibus and that there were inconsistencies in the date as the sister had tickets to prove she was travelling on April 1, 2013.

Both these errors, if at all, seem to be the responsibility of the police and not the woman. It is the police who record the victim's statement, investigate the matter and file the chargesheet. If the police were not convinced of the facts, why did they not file a "B summary" report and close the case? Why did the magistrate take cognisance of the case? Why were Section 41 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and guidelines from *Armesh Kumar v. State of Bihar* regarding arrest not followed by the police and court? Instead of pulling up the police and magistrate for these oversights, the court placed the onus on the woman and then went on to make the sweeping comment that "women are misusing the law". Such comments send out a dangerous message to all the implementing agencies and will only serve to snuff out the hopes of women approaching the law to address the serious issue of domestic violence.

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The little master & his student

Tendulkar made centuries a celebration, Kohli normalised them



VENKATA KRISHNA B

IT WAS AT the Eden Gardens that Virat Kohli, upon reaching a 50 in a World T20 game against Pakistan in 2016, would bow down to Sachin Tendulkar. Five years after that iconic "it is time we carried him on shoulders" words, Kohli was still not finished with his tributes to the legend who made him take up the game. "I have seen Sachin paaji do that for India for years together and seen how people shout for him. I have gotten a chance to do it in front of him and he is celebrating. I cannot explain that feeling as a youngster who has grown up playing cricket because of him. To be able to do it in front of him and give him happiness; I am very grateful for it and it is a very emotional moment," he would say.

Seven years later, at the World Cup, having spent the good part of the last decade playing down the comparison with Tendulkar, Kohli climbed above the Little Master, with ODI century No 50. As he soared high after completing two runs on a

humid day, fist-pumping in the air with loud cries before going down on his knees, the entire Wankhede was on its feet. So was Tendulkar, showing his approval by clapping with his hands placed over his head from the stands. And Kohli, like he did at Eden Gardens, bowed down again. "It feels like a dream. Too good to be true. Picture perfect if there is one," Kohli said.

With 50 ODI centuries in just 279 innings, Kohli has gone where no human has before, overtaking Tendulkar, who took 451 innings to make 49 hundreds.

Tendulkar evolved a lot as a batsman over 25 years. Kohli's trajectory has been the opposite. Of course, he has matured a lot as a batsman, but his evolution lies in how successful he has remained without changing his game. If it is ODIs, you know what Kohli's blueprint is. From his maiden century at the Eden Gardens in 2009 to his latest one at the Wankhede on Wednesday, you know what Kohli's blueprint is.

Mention the numbers 134, 141, 143, 163, 175, 186, and 200 to cricket fans, they are likely to recollect when, where and against which team Tendulkar made those centuries. But, they would struggle to make similar associations about most Kohli hundreds. This isn't a criticism of Kohli. It is more about how mechanical he turned the art of scoring centuries in ODIs. Tendulkar made centuries a celebration, Kohli normalised them. He made victories more common.

For a generation that suffered many a heartbreak in the Tendulkar era, Kohli has ensured such instances are a thing of the past. There is a reason why even before he matched Tendulkar's tally, Kohli was regarded as the GOAT (Greatest of All Time). Kohli has been a mean machine, who finishes off matches. Once he gets his eyes in a run chase, he seldom misfires.

The 117 against New Zealand in the semi-final too was straight out of Kohli's template. No risks — just simple, effective batsmanship

that got the job done. Kohli's batting may not be as thrilling as Tendulkar's, but it has been the most effective, winning more matches than anyone else. Forty-three out of Kohli's 50 centuries were made in games the Indian team won, while only 33 of Tendulkar's ended with India on the winning side. There is another significant number. Twenty-one of Kohli's centuries were scored away from home, which just shows how he has been an all-weather batsman.

When Tendulkar hung up his boots, it looked improbable that anyone would get close to his tally in the ODIs. But Kohli has jogged past it with ease. Tendulkar surpassed the benchmark set by Sunil Gavaskar. Kohli has surpassed Tendulkar. In a format that appears to be dying every passing year, Kohli's tally looks set to last. With age by his side, Kohli will continue to stretch it, and the time has come to enjoy the ride.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Cyprus Confidential has exposed the role of those employing or benefiting from services in the country and raised uncomfortable questions for people much closer to home. They should consider the conduct of their organisations, be accountable where things have gone wrong on their watch..." — THE GUARDIAN

A limited choice in Dhaka

Bangladesh's legacy of confrontational politics and dichotomy in goals and values will be in focus during its national elections in January



SANJAY K BHARDWAJ

THE QUESTION OF freedom and fairness in the 12th Jatiya Sangsad elections (national elections) in Bangladesh, to be held on January 7, has a patchy electoral legacy. The National Awami League Party (AL) was widely popular in erstwhile East Pakistan, winning the majority of the parliamentary seats in the national elections of Pakistan in 1970. But power was not democratically transferred to the elected leader, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, by the military regime in Pakistan at the time. Independent Bangladesh has followed a similar pattern when it comes to the transfer of power through free and fair elections. The polity has been afflicted with coups, counter coups, assassinations and military rule, leading the country towards a politics of confrontation, electoral violence, intolerance towards opposition and hartals (bandhs).

The ethos of secularism, democracy, socialism and Bengali nationalism that constituted the spirit of 1971 was soon nullified with the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975. The military rule of Ziaur Rahman that followed led to the amendment of the original constitution of 1972. The fifth constitutional amendment of 1979 noted that any proclamation passed by the martial law authorities from August 15, 1975 to April 9, 1979 would not be questioned or held invalid before any court or tribunal. The amendment also inserted "Bismillah-ar-Rahman-ar-Rahim (Absolute trust, and faith in the Almighty Allah)" into the preamble. The spirit of Bengali nationalism was replaced by Bangladeshi nationalism based on the essentiality of religion. Additionally, social justice based on the tenets of Islam replaced the term "socialism". An article proclaiming "special solidarity with the Islamic world" was also inserted. Lastly, and most importantly, the phrase "historic struggle for national liberation" was replaced by "a historic war for national independence" to strengthen the credentials of Ziaur Rahman and undermine the contributions of Mujibur Rahman.

"Liberation" has been a key theme in Bangladesh's politics. The ruling AL has managed to bring liberation into the current political discourse through laws and the quest for justice, sending war criminals to the gallows, banning Jamaat-e-Islami and keeping the pro-liberation and anti-liberation dichotomy alive. The centre-to-left political constituents, led by AL leader Sheikh Hasina, sustain political discourses within the "liberal-secular-cultural" construct, whereas centre-to-right forces (adherents of 1947, the old Muslim Leaguers), led by Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP, founded by Ziaur Rahman) leader Begum Khaleda Zia, have a huge stake in religious nationalistic tendency.

Militarised politics remained a major factor even after the restoration of democracy in 1991, when the BNP came to

power constitutionally.

In 1996, the AL demanded that a neutral caretaker government take charge so that it could conduct the sixth national elections. After a prolonged confrontation, the 13th Constitutional amendment introduced the institution of caretaker government (CTG). In the seventh national elections in 1996, AL came to power. But even with this, stability remained out of reach. Following the 2011 Supreme Court judgment on the question of misuse of the CTG provision, the ruling AL amended the constitution to abolish the caretaker government. The BNP, which itself has a poor democratic record, involving subjugation of institutions, challenged this step.

The question here is whether the 10th and 11th national elections, conducted during AL's tenure, were free, fair and constitutional. The Awami League survived anti-incumbency amid allegations of poll rigging. In fact, the ruling party has effectively defanged the opposition by attributing Sheikh Hasina's victory to economic policies that turned Bangladesh from one of the least developed nations to a developing one, which had also left behind other South Asian nations in its progress on various social indicators.

In the process of ensuring regime security and electoral victory, dichotomisation of goals and values has been the main agenda of the leading political alliances, with the Bangladeshi people being made to choose one out of two options — political democracy or economic development, political participation or national integration, liberty or equality.

It seems like in the 2024 elections too, the ruling party will survive anti-incumbency due to its economic performance and comparative political stability. The opposition BNP alliance is still weak and does not have much against the ruling party. All it can do is question the democratic credentials of the AL and the electoral process, which were even worse during the BNP regime. It should be noted, though, that in Bangladesh presently, there are restrictions on opposition rallies. The BNP is demanding that the ruling government step down and a neutral caretaker government be set up to hold free, fair and meaningful elections.

One way out of this situation is through international actors. Leading powers and global institutions can help, but their actions often emerge from certain strategic calculations. For instance, the involvement of the US in Bangladesh can be judged through the pressure it has been putting on the government through sanctions on officers of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), non-issuing of visas — which betrays the double standards of the US considering how it behaved during the violation of human rights in 1971. Another example of such strategic double standards can be seen in the US inviting Pakistan for a virtual summit for democracy (2021) and not Bangladesh.

Thus, the fault lines in the elections of Bangladesh can be traced back to following dominant factors: Confrontational politics and animosity between BNP and AL, dichotomisation of goals and values, weak democratic institutions and the role of extra-regional powers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GLARING INEQUALITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A wider gap' (IE, November 16). India's record high trade deficit of 31.5 billion US dollars reflects massive divergence from the export-import trend. This is because of the near doubling of gold imports from \$3.7 billion to \$7.2 billion. The resultant devaluation of the rupee relative to the US dollar will have a ripple effect on future imports. India's 80 crore citizens dependent on the government for free ration might ask why import so much gold? This is an example of the uneven distribution of fruits of development.

L.R. Murmu, New Delhi

IN THE OPEN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The cost of ambivalence' (IE, November 16). The physical, social, and emotional aspects associated with alcohol consumption have to be at the core of any policy on alcohol. Educational institutions have to be open about discussing the impact of alcoholism on individual health, families, and the larger society. Policy on alcohol shouldn't be about filling the state coffers at the cost of the socioeconomic burden the society is damned to face due to alcohol consumption.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

US VERSUS THEM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Necessity of empathy' (IE, November 16). The clamping down of critical voices once again manifested itself in the resignation of Ranjit Hoskote. The disquiet and dissent across the world in support of Gazans have constantly been turned down or called anti-Semitic, which once again highlights the ill-conscious concerns shown by so-called aid providers. Israel's war against Hamas has even reached al-Shifa, which is already lacking life support resources. The world needs to reflect on the humanitarian crises that have erupted. This crisis has to be above politics.

Shubham, Jammu

ROY-OBEROI LEGACY

THIS REFERS TO the articles, 'The extraordinary host' and 'Great Gatsby of Hindi media' (IE, November 16). India lost two magnificent personalities in one day. Both P.R.S. Oberoi and Subrata Roy made a mark in the industry. Oberoi was instrumental in making the Indian hospitality sector one of the best in the world. Roy built his business through services for people on the lowest rung of society. It was said that every village in north India had at least one Sahara associate who went to each member's house to collect daily deposits as low as Rs 10. He played a key role in inculcating the habit of institutional savings among the poor.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

Train catches fire in Etawah, 21 hurt

Etawah: Twenty-one people were injured in a fire in a coach of a passenger train Thursday, just hours after a blaze in an express train in Uttar Pradesh's Etawah district. The fire was reported around 2:40 am when the Delhi-Saharan Vaishali Express was passing through an area under the Friends Colony police station, Etawah Superintendent of Police (SP) Sanjai Kumar said. Fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the fire in the train's S-6 coach was doused, police said. The 21 injured passengers were taken to different hospitals for treatment, according to the Office of the Uttar Pradesh Relief Commissioner. PTI

TMC panchayat member murder: Four more held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 16

FOUR MORE persons, including a purported leader of the CPI(M), were arrested on Thursday in connection with the murder of a Trinamool Congress panchayat member in the Joynagar area of West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district, police said. Saifuddin Laskar, also the husband of the local panchayat pradhan and the TMC's area president, was shot dead allegedly on Monday when he was on his way to a local mosque at Bamangachi. Among the four arrested are Anisur Laskar, whom the police claimed is a CPI(M) leader, and Kamaluddin. The CPI(M), however, claimed that Anisur doesn't hold any position in the party and could just be a supporter. This led to heated arguments

Sena factions come face to face at Bal Thackeray memorial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

A RUCKUS erupted at the memorial of Bal Thackeray at Shivaji Park in Mumbai Thursday evening as hundreds of workers of both the of Sena factions came face to face when Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited the site to pay homage to the late Sena founder. Shinde, along with leaders from his party, had reached the site on the eve of Bal Thackeray's death anniversary and left the site after paying floral tribute. However, sources said, some of the Shinde Sena workers including MLA Sada Sarvankar remained there and some leaders and workers from the Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena also gathered at the site claiming that they had come to look after the preparation for the death anniversary. This led to heated arguments



Factions of Shiv Sena clash during the visit of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde at Shivaji Park on Thursday. PTI

Attempted IED attack on Assam Rifles in Manipur, banned group claims responsibility

SUKRITA BARUAH GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 16

AN ASSAM Rifles patrol was targeted in an attempted improvised explosive device (IED) attack, claimed by the banned People's Liberation Army (PLA), in Manipur's Tengnoupal district on Thursday. None of the personnel - around 10 - in the targeted vehicle were injured, officials said. The incident took place at around 8.15 am in the general area of Saibol in Tengnoupal district, an area with a mixed population of different communities. An Assam Rifles official stated that the attack had been carried out by "unidentified insurgents". A patrol of the 20 Assam Rifles Battalion from the company operating base in Saibol was out on a routine area domination patrol that had begun early Thursday morning when the incident took place. "At around 8-8.15 am, a group of unidentified insurgents attempted to attack the patrol while it was moving in a mine-protected vehicle, and there was an IED blast. There were also bursts of small arms fire. The

Assam Rifles personnel retaliated immediately," said the official. Subsequently, search operations were launched to find and "neutralise" the assailants. The PLA said in a statement on Thursday evening that it carried out the attack on the patrol. It is one of the seven "Meitei Extremist Organisations" on which the Union Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday extended a ban under the UAPA for another five years. This attack on security personnel comes more than six months after violence first broke out in Manipur on May 3, and the state continues to have a heavy presence of central security forces and the Army. There are a total of 23 Assam Rifles battalions deployed in Manipur since May 3 in areas based on "operational necessity". Through the course of the ongoing conflict, the Assam Rifles has found itself at loggerheads with different stakeholders from the Meitei-dominated valley, which have made demands for their removal from the state, alleging that they have been acting in a partisan manner in favour of the state's Kuki-Zomi community.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER CENTRAL IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR 'e' Procurement Notice No. ACECIC - 14/2023-24

JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, H.E.C. Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834 004 Letter No. JSRRDA-790/2023- 2160Ranchi, Dated - 14.11.2023 CORRIGENDUM TO PR No.: 309833

कार्यालय नगर पंचायत डसना गाजियाबाद पत्रांक: 454/नपडा-ई-निविदा/2023-24 दिनांक: 14-11-2023 अतिअल्प कालीन पुनः ई-निविदा सूचना

Ex-Armyman killed, two 'assailants' lynched in Bihar Patna: A former Armyman was shot dead in a village in Bihar's Rohtas district on Wednesday and the two men who allegedly killed him were lynched by a mob while trying to escape, the police said.

Pune barber feeds wife capsules refilled with blades; surgery saves her A 42-YEAR-OLD Pune woman was rushed into emergency surgery after her husband gave her calcium supplement capsules refilled with pieces of a razor blade several times in an attempt to kill her, police said on Thursday, adding that they had arrested the man, a barber, on the charges of attempted murder and domestic violence.

KIND ATTN. RAIL PASSENGERS! IMPORTANT NOTICE In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Railway's have decided to run the following additional Festival Special Trains as per details given below:- Train No. 05073/05074 Gorakhpur-Anand Vihar(T)- Gorakhpur Special

Bihar State Power Holding Company Limited (Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Patna) GST No. 10AAFCB2394A22D CIN No. U4010BR2012SGC018495 Website: www.bspchl.co.in, E-mail: dba.bspchl@gmail.com Contact: 9031515666

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर टॉन्समिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड निम्नलिखित ई-निविदाएं अधिकृत एवं अनुमोदी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/ फर्मों से, जो जी.एस.टी. में पंजीकृत हो, ई-टेंडर के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। विस्तृत विवरण प्रतिलिखित समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित के उपरान्त ई-टेंडर की वेबसाइट www.etender.up.gov.in एवं विभाग की वेबसाइट www.upptcl.org पर उपलब्ध रहेगा।

Uttarakhand to host paragliding festival this month New Delhi: The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) Thursday announced that the inaugural Tehri Acro Festival will be held from November 24 to 28. Touted as India's first international aerial acrobatic show, the event will see participation of over 150 paragliders, including around 35 international athletes.

Train No. 05041/05042 Chhapra Kacheri Amritsar-Chhapra Kacheri Special Train No. 05041 ARR. DEP. STATION ARR. DEP. 14:00 --- Amritsar --- 17:45

विज्ञापन सूचना -01/2023 महिला एवं बाल विकास निगम, बिहार (समाज कल्याण विभाग, बिहार सरकार) दारोगा राय पथ, आरओ ब्लॉक, रोड नं-02, पटना-800001

योजना एवं विकास विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल, गोपालगंज आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-40 SBD /2023-24 ई-टेंडर (केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

महिला एवं बाल विकास निगम की स्थापना महिलाओं के कल्याणार्थ सोसाइटी रजिस्ट्रेशन एक्ट 1880 के अंतर्गत की गई है। यह महिलाओं कल्याणार्थ संचालित योजनाओं के लिये नोडल एजेंसी के रूप में कार्यरत है। निगम द्वारा राज्य में बालिकाओं एवं महिलाओं के सशक्तिकरण हेतु कई नीतियों एवं योजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन किया जा रहा है।

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 284, Imperial Building, S.N. Road, Firozabad- 283203

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Geeta (Borrower), Dharm Datt (Co Borrower) LBAGR00004980454	House No.137, Bihari Nagar, Sukhmal Pur Nizamabad, Distt. Firozabad, UP. Area: 598 Sq Ft	Rs. 23,30,398/- (as on November 7, 2023)	Rs. 7,11,000/- Rs. 71,100/-	December 07, 2023 from 03:00 PM-04:00 PM	December 14, 2023 from 12:00 Noon-01:00 PM
2.	Mr Vinod Kumar (Borrower), Charn Singh (Co-borrower) LBAGR00004798847, LBAGR00005063631	Plot Bearing Nagar Nigam No. 50, Mohalla Rathore Nagar Mauza Aashfabad Tuti Puliya Dr Javed Wali Gali Firozabad, UP Area-1045 Sq Ft	Rs. 28,44,944/- (as on November 07, 2023)	Rs. 12,15,000/- Rs. 1,21,500/-	December 07, 2023 from 02:00 PM-03:00 PM	December 14, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com)** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 13, 2023** before **05:00 P.M** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at: **ICICI Bank Ltd, 284, Imperial Building, S.N. Road, Firozabad 283203** on or before **December 13, 2023** before **05:00 P.M** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **December 13, 2023** before **05:00 P.M** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at: **ICICI Bank Ltd, 284, Imperial Building, S.N. Road, Firozabad 283203** on or before **December 13, 2023** before **05:00 P.M**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at **Firozabad**.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** On **9372730494/8584874809**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1.M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt Ltd** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**
Date: November 17, 2023
Place: Firozabad

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Army Institute of Technology
Dighi Hills, Pune - 411 015

TENDER ENQUIRY

Army Institute of Technology is interested in Procurement of Public Address (PA) Systems for Raman Theatre

Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/-, EMD: Rs. 25,000/-
Last Date of Submission: 01 Dec. 2023
Refer www.aitpune.com for details
email: project@aitpune.edu.in Tele.:- 7249250184/185

I-HUB QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION, IISER PUNE
First Floor, Main Building, IISER Pune Campus, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune 411 008
Tel: 020-2590847 Email: jobs@quantech.org.in Website: www.quantech.org.in

RECRUITMENT: CEO

Online applications are invited from Indian nationals having excellent academic record and relevant work experience for the position of Chief Executive Officer, purely on temporary and contractual basis.

For detailed advertisement, please visit quantech.org.in and click on the 'Opportunities' header.

The last date for submission of applications is: 30-11-2023.

Adv. No: 04/2023, Dated: 16/11/2023 PROJECT DIRECTOR, I-HUB QTF

भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, पुणे
Indian Institute of Information Technology, Pune.
(An Institute of National Importance, by an Act of Parliament)
Survey No. 9/1/3, Ambegaon Budruk, Sinhgad Institute Road, Pune - 411041

RECRUITMENT NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF VACANT POST ON TEMPORARY BASIS

Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Pune is an Institute of National Importance, established under Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode under an Act of Parliament, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates against the advertisement No: IIITP/AAP/Faculty/Adv/2023/4316 dated 16-11-2023.

Post	Department	Qualifications	No of Post
Adjunct Asst. Professor (AAP)	Computer Science & Engineering	M. Tech in Computer Science / Computer Science & Engineering or equivalent. Both Graduation & M. Tech should be with First Class or Equivalent Grade.	5
Adjunct Asst. Professor (AAP)	Electronic & Communication Engineering	PhD and M. Tech in Electronics / Electronics & Communication Engineering / Information Technology and equivalent. Both Graduation & M. Tech should be with First Class or Equivalent Grade. AND / OR Ph.D. in relevant discipline from reputed University / Institution,	2
	Humanities and Social Sciences	Minimum qualification: BA in English & MA English or equivalent.	2

Detailed advertisements are available on the Institute website "www.iiitp.ac.in". Any updates or amendments will be published on the Institute website only.

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Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC) at RIS is a research institution and a policy advisory organisation under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPS&W), Govt. of India. The Centre invites applications for Consultants. The applicant should at least hold a Master's degree in Economics/Commerce/Public Policy/MBA in Shipping and Logistics. Experience with law firms would also be an added advantage.

CMEC expects candidates to have an interest in research and policy related work.

The initial appointment shall be as on probation for three months and will then be extended further depending on assessment of overall performance.

For details please visit RIS website at www.ris.org.in/openings.

Interested candidates may send their applications along with CV and supporting documents as stated in the detailed advertisement to RIS by email latest by 1 December 2023 at recruitment@ris.org.in.

GOVT. OF BIHAR
BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD
L.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14.

POST GRADUATE DENTAL ADMISSION COUNSELLING (PGDAC)-2023
for MDS in Govt./ Private Dental colleges of Bihar

Adv. No.- BCECEB(PGDAC)-2023/15 Dated : 16.11.2023 bceceboard.bihar.gov.in

Notice for Special Stray Vacancy Round Online Counselling

In the light of MCC Notice Ref. F.No. U-12021/2023-MEC dated 14.11.2023 for conduction of Special Stray Vacancy Round of PG Counselling - 2023 for AIQ and State Quota seats of MD/MS/MDS/ DNB Course, Fresh Online Registration and submission of Application form are invited from such qualified, eligible & interested NEET(MDS)-2023 candidates for appearing in the Special Stray Vacancy Round Online Counselling of Post Graduate Dental Admission Counselling (PGDAC)-2023, who are not admitted in any Dental Colleges of India and do not come under the conditions of para 3 below on the vacant seats of Government/ Private Dental Colleges of Bihar.

- Special Stray Vacancy Round Counselling will be conducted Online.
- The candidates who fall under below mentioned conditions are not eligible to participate in Special Stray Vacancy Round Counselling of PGDAC-2023 based on NEET(MDS)-2023 :
(a) Admitted through PGDAC-2023 Round 1 / Round 2 Counselling.
(b) Admitted through AIQ on the basis of NEET(MDS)-2023 Round 1 / Round 2 / Round-3 Counselling.
(c) Admitted through NEET(MDS)-2023 Round 1 / Round 2 / Round-3 / Stray Vacancy Round / Special Stray Vacancy Round Counselling conducted by Other States.
(d) Allotted through AIQ on the basis of NEET(MDS)-2023 Stray Vacancy Round / Special Stray Vacancy Round Counselling.
(e) Allotted through PGDAC-2023 Round-3 / Stray Vacancy Round Counselling.
If any candidate duly submits fresh Online Application form by providing wrong information, his / her Security Deposit amount paid for participating in Special Stray Vacancy Round Counselling will be forfeited and he/ she will become not eligible for Special Stray Vacancy Round Counselling as Data will be scrutinized before preparation / publication of Merit List.
- The online Registration and submission of Application Form will start from **18.11.2023 and close on 21.11.2023 (10.00 P.M.)**.
- Eligibility criteria for counselling, Fee payment procedure, instructions and other details are available in the prospectus of PGDAC-2023 and the related detailed Advertisement No. BCECEB(PGDAC)-2023/14 Dated 16.11.2023 which can be downloaded from the Board's website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in.

Controller of Examination

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1.	Mr Nasruddeen (Borrower), Asma Jahan (Co-Borrower) LBMBD00005352988, LBMBD00005511561	Plot No. 63, L.I.G. Sitapuri Das Saray Yojna, Tehsil and District Moradabad, Up. Area- 645.65Sq Ft	Rs. 24,50,240/- as on November 07, 2023	Rs. 15,20,000/- Rs. 1,52,000/-	November 23, 2023 from 12:00 Noon-01:00 PM	December 14, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

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Date: November 17, 2023
Place: Moradabad

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF AYURVEDA (AIIA)
(An Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Ayush Govt. of India)
Gautampuri, Sarita Vihar, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110076
E-mail: director@aiaa.gov.in

A-17001/10/7/2019-AIIA/ 15th November, 2023

The Institute invites applications for the following posts to be filled up on contractual basis through "Walk-in-Interview".

S. No.	Posts	No. of Posts/ Category	Place of Posting	Monthly Remuneration
1.	Medical Officer	1 (Male)	Ayurveda Wellness Centre at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand	1,00,000/- (consolidated)
2.	Medical Officer	1	Ayurveda Wellness Centre at Arogya Van, Ekta Nagar, Kevadia Forest Division, SOUADTGA, Gujarat	1,00,000/- (consolidated)
3.	Pharmacist	1	Ayurveda Wellness Centre at Arogya Van, Ekta Nagar, Kevadia Forest Division, SOUADTGA, Gujarat	30,000/- (consolidated)

For details of qualification, experience, prescribed format of application, and terms & conditions, please visit AIIA's website <https://aiaa.gov.in>. Walk-in-Interviews will be held on **22nd November, 2023** at AIIA, New Delhi campus.

CBC-17201/11/0008/2324 **Director**

Office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, CAMPA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
Van Bhawan Doranda, Ranchi-834002
e-mail : apccf-campa@gov.in, Phone : 0651-2481466 (O)

TENDER NOTICE
RFP No: 01/2023 dated 09-11-2023

Proposals for "undertaking research and studies on vulnerability assessment at the block level and preparation of district level climate change adaptation strategies for the State Climate Change Centre, at the office of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, CAMPA, dept. of Forests, Environment and Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand".

Proposals are invited for "undertaking research and studies on vulnerability assessment at the block level and preparation of district level climate change adaptation strategies for the State Climate Change Centre, at the office of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, CAMPA, Government of Jharkhand" under budgetary support from Department of Science & Technology Govt. of India under National Mission of Strategic Knowledge of Climate Change (NMSKCC).

The proposal may be submitted to **Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, CAMPA, Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002**.

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 22.11.2023 at 11.00 hrs.

The Last date of Submission of technical proposal is 12-12-2023 at 15.00 hrs. and opening of technical proposal at 15.30 hrs.

The authority reserves right to reject any/all proposal without assigning any reason thereof.

The said details with Terms & Conditions can be downloaded from our Official website <http://jharkhandforest.gov.in> and IPRD website <http://prdjharkhand.in>.

Sd/-
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, CAMPA
Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change
Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002, Jharkhand

EAST BOUND FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway has planned to run the following East Bound Festival Special Trains from 17.11.2023 to 19.11.2023 in addition to normal regular trains as per schedule given below:-

EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 17.11.2023 (FRIDAY)

Spl Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Raebareilly, Amethi, Pratapgarh, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations
04012	New Delhi	19:20	Darbhanga Jn	16:45	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur Jn., Narkatiaganj, Raxaul & Sitamarhi Stations
01678	New Delhi	08:10	Gaya Jn.	00:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Bhabua Road, Sasaram & Dehri-on-Son Stations
02250	New Delhi (Rajdhani Exp. Special)	19:10	Patna Jn.	07:30	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC	Kanpur Central Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations
02246	New Delhi (Gati Shakti)	23:45	Patna Jn.	15:50	3 Tier AC Economy Class	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya., Buxar & Ara Stations
02260	New Delhi	18:15	Bhagalpur	15:15	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patna, Kiul, Abhaypur, Jampaipur & Sultanganj Stations
04004	New Delhi (Unreserved Special)	00:10	Sitamarhi Jn.	23:30	General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjehanpur, Sitapur, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj & Raxaul Stations
05072	New Delhi	10:00	Chhapra	04:15	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Aishbag, Gontingar, Barabanki, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria & Siwan Stations
04048	Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)	15:30	Purnea Jn.	16:05	General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria, Mansi & Katihar Stations
04052	Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)	22:45	Saharsa Jn.	03:30	General	Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhaktiyarpur Stations
04070	New Delhi	00:20	Purnea Jn.	02:40	AC 3 Tier Economy Class	Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn., Mokama Jn., New Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Saharsa Jn., Dauram Madhepura, Banmankhi Jn. & Purnea Court Stations
02262	New Delhi	23:55	Darbhanga Jn.	18:15	AC 3 Tier Economy Class	Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn. stations

EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 18.11.2023 (SATURDAY)

Spl Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
04080	New Delhi	19:20	Varanasi Jn	09:45	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Lucknow & Pratapgarh Stations
04488	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Gorakhpur	14:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC & Sleeper	Ghaziabad Moradabad, Chandausi, Bareilly Cantt., Sitapur, Gonda & Basti Stations
03576	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:55	Asansol Jn.	10:20	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Sasaram, Dehri-On-Sone, Gaya, Koderma & Dhanbad Stations
04490	New Delhi	19:35	Darbhanga	16:45	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj, Raxaul & Sitamarhi Stations
04146	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:15	Prayagraj Jn.	20:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Aligarh, Tundla, Etawah, Govindpuri & Fatehpur Stations
02248	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Patna Jn.	16:30	1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations
04018	New Delhi	14:55	Bapudham Motihari	12:15	3 Tier AC Economy Class	Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Paniya Hawa, Narkatiaganj, Bettiah & Sagauli Jn.
04058	Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)	08:30	Jaynagar	07:00	General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations
04028	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:00	Bapudham Motihari	23:30	Sleeper, General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjehanpur, Sitapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Paniya Hawa, Narkatiaganj, Bettiah & Sagauli Jn.
02246	New Delhi (Gati Shakti)	23:45	Patna Jn.	15:50	3 Tier AC Economy Class	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya., Buxar & Ara Stations
05316	Delhi Jn.	14:00	Chhapra	13:20	3 Tier AC, Sleeper, General	Delhi Shahdara, Ghaziabad, Hapur Jn., Amroha, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn., Aonla, Shahjehanpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Ayodhya Cantt., Akbarpur, Shahganj, Jaunpur, Kerakat, Dohi, Aurnihar, Gazipur City, Yusufpur & Ballia.

EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 19.11.2023 (SUNDAY)

Spl Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
04062	Delhi Jn.	08:05	Barauni Jn.	06:30	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Aligarh, Tundla, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra & Hajipur Stations
05284	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn.	07:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur & Hajipur Stations
03228	Anand Vihar Terminal	09:30	Ara	04:00	Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Dildamagar, Gahmar, Buxar, Dumraon & Bihya Stations
02250	New Delhi (Rajdhani Exp. Special)	19:10	Patna Jn.	07:30	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC	Kanpur Central Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations
02246	New Delhi (Gati Shakti)	23:45	Patna Jn.	15:50	3 Tier AC Economy Class	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya., Buxar & Ara Stations

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US Defense Secretary with Indonesian Defence Minister

INDONESIA
US, Southeast Asia defence officials meet amid crises

Jakarta: Defence ministers and officials from United States, China, Russia and Southeast Asia gathered in Indonesia on Thursday for a meeting where they are expected to discuss geopolitical crises in and outside the region. Defence ministers in Southeast Asia's regional bloc ASEAN called for a ceasefire in Gaza and a solution in Myanmar, as conflicts are deepening. Among those attending are US Defense Secretary, Russia's Deputy Defence Minister and Jing Jianfeng, China's deputy chief of staff of Joint Staff Department of Central Military Commission. **REUTERS**

SPAIN
Sanchez secures one more term, ending deadlock

Madrid: Spain's parliament voted to make Pedro Sanchez prime minister for another term on Thursday, ending a protracted deadlock after an inconclusive general election in July. His Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) reached separate deals with a number of regional parties to earn their backing, including a contentious bill on amnesty for Catalan separatists that has sparked protests across Spain. Sanchez had 179 votes in favour and 171 against, with no abstentions. **REUTERS**

PAKISTAN
Three constables taken hostage by armed men

Balochistan: Heavily-armed men have taken three police constables hostage after they attacked a security checkpoint in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, officials have said. The incident took place on Wednesday at the police checkpoint in Turbat. The armed men, besides taking three constables hostage, also took away their official submachine guns and ammunition. There were around 6-8 heavily armed men who attacked the checkpoint, officials said. However, no one has claimed responsibility for attack. **REUTERS**

SOUTH KOREA
First mask-free college exam since pandemic

Seoul: Half a million South Koreans sat for the annual nationwide college entrance exam on Thursday, the first time in four years that the exam, often considered life-defining in the highly competitive society, has taken place free of pandemic rules. This year, nearly 505,000 high school students, graduates and others signed up to take the single-day, five-session College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT) held at 1,279 test sites across the country, the education ministry said. Test-takers were not required to wear face masks, unlike the previous three years. **REUTERS**

DISCONNECTED FROM REALITY, MEANINGLESS: ISRAEL'S UN AMBASSADOR

UNSC adopts resolution calling for pauses in Gaza, Israel says no

15-member bloc votes 12-0 with US, UK and Russia abstaining

DITH M. LEDERER
UNITED NATIONS, NOVEMBER 16

THE UN Security Council on Wednesday adopted its first resolution since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war, calling for "urgent and extended humanitarian pauses" in Gaza to address the escalating crisis for Palestinian civilians during Israel's aerial and ground attacks. Israel immediately rejected the resolution.

The vote in the 15-member council was 12-0 with the United States, United Kingdom and Russia abstaining.

The US and UK abstained because of the resolution's failure to condemn Hamas' surprise cross-border attacks into Israel on October 7, and Russia because of failure to demand a humanitarian ceasefire, which Israel and the United States oppose.

The final draft watered down language from "demands" to "calls" for humanitarian pauses, and for "the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas and other groups."

Still, the resolution, which was sponsored by Malta, managed to overcome the serious differences that had prevented the council from adopting four previous resolutions.

The vote was five countries in favour, the US opposed, and nine abstentions. It was not adopted because it failed to get the minimum nine "yes" votes.

Israel's UN Ambassador Gilad Erdan issued a statement saying the resolution "is disconnected from reality and is meaningless."

He criticised the council's failure to condemn Hamas, claiming the militants were allowing the humanitarian situation to deteriorate so the United Nations would pressure Israel to back off of Gaza.

"It will not happen," Erdan said. "Israel will continue to act until Hamas is destroyed and the hostages are returned." **AP**

A Palestinian woman bakes bread in Rafah, Gaza Strip, on Thursday. **AP**

Israel orders Gazans to leave South

NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI & EMILY ROSE
GAZA/JERUSALEM, NOVEMBER 16

ISRAEL ORDERED civilians to leave four towns in the southern part of the Gaza Strip Thursday, raising fears its war against Hamas could spread to areas it had told people were safe.

In the north of the Hamas-ruled Palestinian enclave, Israel said its forces were still present at Gaza's biggest hospital, Al Shifa, but gave no further details of their operations since the previous day when they entered the facility culminating a days-long siege.

Leaflets dropped overnight from aircraft told civilians to leave the towns of Bani Shuhaila, Khuzaa, Abassan and Qarara, on

Getting harder to update toll: Gaza officials

Ramallah: Palestinian health authorities said it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain accurate casualty figures from Gaza due to the collapse of the hospital and health system in parts of the Israeli-besieged enclave. Palestinian health ministry has been issuing an updated total of the casualties from the bombardment of Gaza, launched in the wake of the attack on Israel by Hamas gunmen on October 7. **REUTERS**

A Palestinian cancer patient brought to Turkey by plane at Esenboga Airport. **Reuters**

the eastern edge of Khan Younis, main southern city. The towns, collectively home to more than 100,000 people in peacetime, are now sheltering tens of thousands more who fled other areas.

Sheltering in South

100,000+

The towns, collectively home to over 100,000 people in peacetime, are now sheltering tens of thousands more who fled other areas.

Israel has already ordered the evacuation of the entire northern half of Gaza before sending in its ground forces at the end of October.

Long processions of people clutching a few possessions have made their way south each day under eyes of Israeli soldiers during six-hour "tactical pauses" to allow to leave. **REUTERS**

Russia loads missile with nuclear-capable glide vehicle into launch silo

REUTERS
MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 16

RUSSIA'S ROCKET forces loaded an intercontinental ballistic missile equipped with the nuclear-capable "Avangard" hypersonic glide vehicle into a launch silo in southern Russia, according to a defence ministry TV channel broadcast on Thursday.

President Vladimir Putin announced the Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle in 2018, saying it was a response to US development of a new generation of weapons and a US missile defence system that it could penetrate.

As it approaches its target, the Avangard glide vehicle detaches from the rocket and is able to manoeuvre sharply outside the trajectory of the rocket at hypersonic speeds of up to 27 times the speed of sound 34,000 km per hour.

The 'Zvezda' television channel owned by the Russian defence ministry showed a ballistic missile being transported to a launch silo, slowly raised into vertical position and then lowered into a shaft in the Orenburg region near Kazakhstan.

Russia installed its first Avangard-equipped missile in 2019 at the same Orenburg facility.

Cameron meets Zelenskyy in first trip abroad as UK Foreign Minister

REUTERS
KYIV, NOVEMBER 16

BRITAIN'S FOREIGN Secretary David Cameron, on his first trip abroad in his new role, met Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv and also travelled to the southern port city of Odesa, a regular target of Russian air strikes.

Cameron, a former British prime minister who was appointed foreign minister on Monday, stressed London's continued support for Ukraine, now in its 21st month of war with Russia and with no end in sight.

"What I want to say by being here is that we will continue to

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with Britain's Foreign Secretary David Cameron. **Reuters**

give you the moral support, the diplomatic support... but above

all the military support that you need not just this year and next year, but however long it takes," Cameron said in a video posted by Zelenskyy's office Thursday.

Zelenskyy thanked Cameron for his visit, which comes amid a conflict in the Middle East that the Ukrainian leader said had drawn global attention away from his country.

On Thursday, the second day of his visit to Ukraine, Cameron travelled to Odesa, the country's major Black Sea port.

Cameron also announced financial support to communities directly affected by Russia's invasion and volunteer organisations working in Ukraine. **REUTERS**

US President Joe Biden with his China counterpart Xi Jinping at the Filoli Estate in Woodside, California. **AP**

Xi, Biden meet, agree to resume military contact, set up hotline

TREVOR HUNNICUTT & JEFF MASON
WOODSIDE, NOVEMBER 16

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping agreed on Wednesday to open a presidential hotline, resume military-to-military communications and work to curb fentanyl production, showing tangible progress in their first face-to-face talks in a year.

Biden and Xi met for about four hours on the outskirts of San Francisco to discuss issues that have strained US-China relations. Simmering differences remain, particularly over Taiwan.

In a significant breakthrough, the two governments plan to resume military contacts that China severed after then-House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan in August 2022.

"We're back to direct, open clear direct communication on a direct basis," Biden said. In addition, Biden said he and Xi agreed to high-level communications. "He and I agreed that each one of us can pick up the phone call directly and we'll be heard immediately."

But in a comment likely to irk the Chinese, Biden told reporters later that he had not changed his view that Xi is a dictator.

EXPLAINED
Rocky ties

BIDEN AND Xi came into the talks looking to smooth over a rocky period in relations that took a turn for the worse after a suspected Chinese surveillance balloon transited the United States and was shot down by a US fighter jet in February. White House raised areas where it has concerns, including detained US citizens, human rights in Xinjiang.

"Well, look, he is. I mean, he's a dictator in the sense that he is a guy who runs a country that is a communist country," Biden said. Xi told Biden that the negative views of the Communist Party in the United States were unfair, a US official told reporters after the meeting.

Xi told Biden as they began their talks a lot had happened since their last meeting a year ago in Bali, citing the impacts of the COVID pandemic, and calling the US-China relationship "the most important bilateral relationship in the world." **REUTERS**

Myanmar orders civil servants, ex-military to prepare for emergencies

REUTERS
NOVEMBER 16

MYANMAR'S MILITARY rulers have ordered all government staff and those with military experience to prepare to serve in case of emergency, an official said on Thursday, after the junta reported "heavy assaults" from insurgents in several places.

The junta had orders all government staff and former military personnel to form units to respond to emergency situations, said Tin Maung Swe, secretary of an administrative council in the capital, Naypyitaw.

"If necessary, such a unit might be required to go out and serve for natural disasters, and security," junta's council said in an order.

Tin Maung Swe confirmed the order while stressing that the

situation in the capital, in central Myanmar, was calm.

"This is the plan to help in the event of an emergency," he said. A parallel government formed by pro-democracy politicians to oppose the military, and allied with some insurgent factions, has launched a "Road to Naypyitaw" campaign which it says is aimed at taking control of the capital.

Junta spokesperson Zaw Min Tun said the military was facing "heavy assaults from a significant number of armed rebel soldiers" in Shan State in the north-east, Kayah State in the east and Rakhine State in the west.

Myanmar's military has battled ethnic minority and other insurgencies for decades but a 2021 coup has brought coordination between anti-military forces that are mounting the biggest challenge to the army in years.

IT IS STILL SPRING, YET HEAT INDEX HAS ALREADY HIT 58.5°C IN RIO AS OF TUESDAY

Not yet summer, but dangerous heat wave is sweeping Brazil

ELEONORE HUGHES & DIANE JEANTET
RIO DE JANEIRO, NOVEMBER 16

IT'S STILL spring in Brazil, but a dangerous heat wave is sweeping across large swathes of country, forcing Rio de Janeiro's vendors off the streets due to health alerts and driving up energy demand amid reports of power outages.

Most Brazilian states face "great danger" from the heat, according to the National Institute of Meteorology. The institution issued a red alert for the center-west, southeast and parts of the north warning of "a high probability of major damage and accidents, with risks to physical in-

Forests burning widely

947,000

Amid the heat, wildfires are burning widely in Pantanal biome, world's biggest wetlands. An area about size of Cyprus, or over 947,000 hectares, has been ravaged.

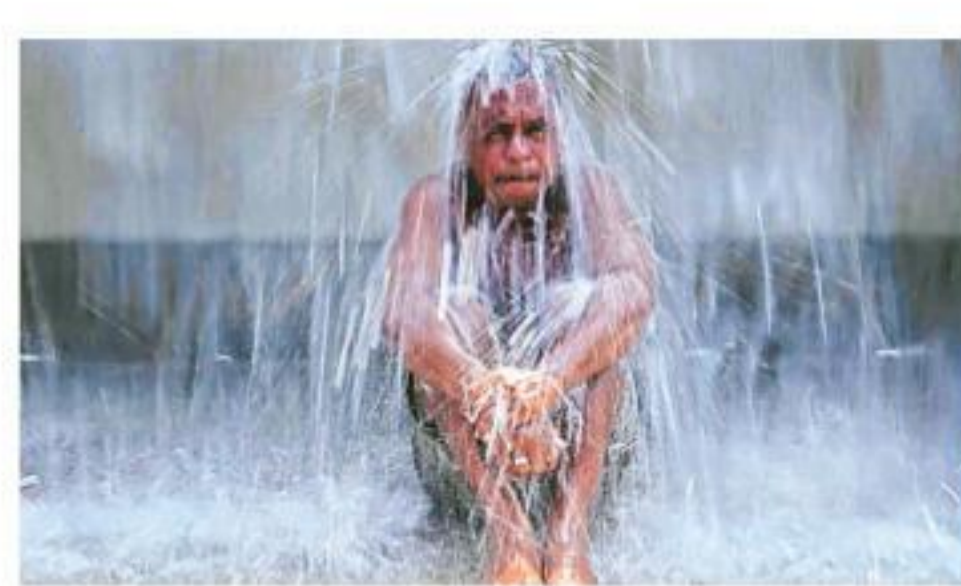
tegrity or even human life." The heat index — a combination of temperature and humidity — hit 58.5 degrees Celsius — hit 58.5 degrees Celsius Tuesday morning in Rio, the highest index ever recorded there. Actual temperatures

dropped slightly on Wednesday, but were forecast to rise again to 40 degrees Celsius on Thursday.

Cariocas — as residents of Rio are known — have always seen sun, heat and the beach as part of their identity, said Nubia Bery, coordinator of Rio de Janeiro Federal University's GeoClima laboratory. But this is too much even for many of them, she said.

"Cariocas come home from work in buses without air conditioning. Street vendors cannot work because they sometimes faint. The heat kills," Bery said.

Extreme heat can affect breathing, kidneys, and the heart, with the very young and elderly particularly at risk. "Maximum 39°C and it's not

At the Madureira Park in Rio de Janeiro, Wednesday. **AP**

even summer yet," Rio's city hall said Tuesday on X. The mayor's office recommended eating fruit

and vegetables and keeping an umbrella handy for shade. In Sao Paulo, temperatures

reached 37.7 degrees Celsius, just short of a record, according to meteorology company MetSul. Mato Grosso do Sul state, in the nation's interior, recorded 43 degrees Celsius last week — the record for actual temperature during this heat wave, according to country's institute of meteorology, known by Portuguese acronym Inmet.

Brazilians turned to fans, air conditioners and dehumidifiers to cool down, with utilities reporting record energy demand. Power outages were reported in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Amid the heat, wildfires are burning widely in the Pantanal biome, world's biggest wetlands spanning parts of Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Sul states.

The fires have ravaged an area about size of Cyprus, or over 947,000 hectares, according to the Environmental Satellite Applications Laboratory of Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

Temperatures across South America are affected by climate phenomenon El Niño, a periodic event that warms surface waters in the Equatorial Pacific region. But this year, ocean temperature rose extremely quickly — in a couple of months, said Danielle Ferreira, a climatologist at Inmet.

In Brazil, El Niño has historically caused droughts in the north and intense rainfall in the south, Ferreira said. This year, the impacts of the climate event have been particularly dramatic. **AP**

Unsecured credit surges, RBI tightens norms on personal loans, credit cards

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

STEPPING IN to address the build-up of risks and institute safeguards to stave off stress in the banking system, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Thursday increased the risk weights on the exposure of banks to consumer credit, credit card receivables and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) by 25 percentage points up to 150 per cent.

Indian banks have seen a sharp rise in unsecured loans — mostly personal loans and credit cards — that has outpaced the overall bank credit growth of about 15 per cent over the past year, catching RBI's attention.

Risk weight refers to the capital banks keep aside as provisioning to cover any loan default. The latest RBI move is expected to dissuade banks from targeting high growth in these sectors as it will become costlier for banks to maintain high credit growth.

On October 6, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das cautioned banks and NBFCs about the high growth in the personal loan segments. He said certain components of personal loans are recording very high growth.

The RBI increased the risk weights for consumer credit exposure of commercial banks and NBFCs (outstanding as well as new), including personal loans, by 25 percentage points to 125 per cent. Housing loans, education loans, vehicle loans and loans secured by gold and gold jewellery are excluded from this hike.

The central bank increased

OUTLIER GROWTH, WARNING SIGNS

On October 6, while unveiling the monetary policy, RBI Dy Governor J Swaminathan said over the last couple of years, growth in retail credit has been close to 30 per cent in most institutions and unsecured retail credit has grown by 23 per cent on an average. In comparison to a 12-14 per cent credit growth in the other segments, growth in unsecured retail credit looks to be an outlier.

Defaults in credit card segment are rising. Gross non-performing assets in the credit card segment of banks rose by ₹951 crore to ₹4,073 crore in FY23 from ₹3,122 crore in FY22, according to the latest data obtained from the RBI under the RTI Act.

The risk weights on credit card receivables by 25 percentage points to 150 per cent and 125 per cent for commercial banks and NBFCs, respectively. Credit card outstanding of banks had shot up by 29.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis to Rs 2.17 lakh crore as of September 2023.

The RBI also increased the risk weights on banks' exposures to NBFCs by 25 percentage points in

all cases where the extant risk weight as per external rating of NBFCs is below 100 per cent. This is over and above the risk weight associated with the given external rating. For this purpose, loans to housing finance companies, and loans to NBFCs which are eligible for classification as priority sector in terms of the extant instructions will be excluded, the RBI said.

In another significant move, the RBI said all top-up loans extended by banks and NBFCs against movable assets which are inherently depreciating in nature, such as vehicles, should be treated as unsecured loans for credit appraisal, prudential limits and exposure purposes.

Das had advised banks and NBFCs to strengthen their internal surveillance mechanisms, address the build-up of risks, if any, and institute suitable safeguards in their own interest. The governor had said: "The need of the hour is robust risk management and stronger underwriting standards."

The high growth seen in consumer credit and increasing dependency of NBFCs on bank borrowings were also highlighted by the RBI governor in the interactions with heads of major banks and large NBFCs in July and August 2023, respectively, the RBI said Thursday.

On November 7, the Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning, set up by the RBI, had raised concern over the rise in the bank financing for non-banking finance companies. Following the market correction prompted by the IL&FS default and a brief pause due to the pandemic, bank financing for NBFCs has begun to rise again, it said.

Not out of woods yet, miles to go: RBI report on inflation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

WHILE FESTIVAL demand remains "ebullient" and consumer sentiment is "upbeat", India has "miles to go" and is "not out of the woods yet" on inflation, according to a report in the Reserve Bank of India's monthly bulletin.

"We are not out of the woods yet and have miles to go, but readings of around 5 per cent and 4.9 per cent in September and October, respectively, are a welcome relief from the average of 6.7 per cent in 2022-23 and 7.1 per cent in July-August 2023," the State of the economy article in the bulletin said. Headline inflation came down to 4.9 per cent in October from the average of 6.7 per cent in 2022-23 and 7.1 per cent in July-August 2023.

"Festival demand is ebullient. In urban areas, consumer appliances are in strong demand, especially in the mid- and premium segments. Consumer sentiment is upbeat," the article said. Close to 80 per cent of purchases of consumer durables are reported to be through consumer financing schemes spiced up with attractive equated monthly instalment (EMI) offers. Entry-level segment demand is relatively subdued as 'premi-



Inflation readings of around 5 per cent and 4.9 per cent in Sept and Oct, respectively, are welcome relief: RBI

misation' shows clear signs of developing into a consistent trend, the article said.

Investment demand appears to be resilient with the government's infrastructure spending, an uptick in private capex, automation, digitalisation, and indigenisation providing a boost it said.

The report said a combination of monetary policy action and supply side interventions guided inflation down from the high reaches to which it had climbed through the first seven months of 2022-23. In fact, November 2022 was the first month when headline inflation dropped back into the RBI's tolerance band in the whole calendar year, it said.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

India, EU close to settling \$600-mn WTO dispute

RAVI DUTTA MISHRA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

INDIA IS close to resolving its most contentious trade dispute, involving information communications technology (ICT) products, with its second largest trade partner, the European Union (EU), a senior government official said.

This comes on the heels of India settling all seven trade disputes at the World Trade Organization (WTO) with its largest trade partner, the US.

Brussels had dragged New Delhi to the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism in 2019 challenging its levying of import duty on a wide range of ICT products including mobile phones and components, base stations, integrated circuits and optical instruments claiming that the duty was inconsistent with global trade norms and was hurting €600 million worth of its tech exports to India.

The dispute assumes significance as it was feared to affect India's efforts to boost electronic products manufacturing — a strategic sector in which India is trying to cut its reliance on China. An adverse final ruling could have also meant disruption of the flagship production-led in-

ELECTRONIC GOODS EXPORTS UP 50% IN FY23

Table with 2 columns: Financial year, Electronic goods exports (in \$ bn). Data: FY23: 23.57, FY22: 15.58, FY20: 11.7, FY19: 8.82, FY18: 6.39

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Note: Data for FY21 is not available

centive (PLI) scheme due to the rolling back of duties.

The imminent resolution of the dispute comes as India had told the EU that it was facing a similar quantum of losses due to the EU's restriction on Indian steel after the latter fixed specific quotas for steel imports beyond which the items attract additional import duties of 25 per cent. The key reason behind the restriction was to avoid the diversion of exports from the US market to the EU market in the backdrop of controversial tariffs on steel under the Donald Trump administration.

A likely mutual settlement follows the high-level Trade and Tech Council (TTC) meeting between India and the EU that was set to discuss a number of outstanding issues between the two

countries in the absence of a functional dispute resolution mechanism at the WTO. TTC with the EU assumes significance as the EU has a TTC only with the US. The council aims at forging technology partnerships with like-minded countries amid rising tensions with China.

India imposed higher duties on ICT products as it looks to boost the manufacturing of electronic products with the help of the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme. The current strategy has also paid off as India's electronic products have been on the rise even as broader goods exports have declined during the current fiscal.

Earlier this year, India questioned the legality of the WTO dispute resolution body's order which was in favour of the EU.

SEBI set to consider new delisting norms, trading reforms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

SECURITIES AND Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch Thursday said the regulator would review new proposed delisting regulations and trading plan reforms at its board meeting soon.

SEBI had earlier said it may allow companies to delist shares at a fixed price as against the current reverse book-building process. Certain constituents in the market, in anticipation of the delisting, acquire shares and jack up the price of shares at unsustainable levels. Because of the way in which it (reverse book-building process) is formulated and because of the 90 per cent threshold, there is a possibility of misuse by certain operators who are specialists in the delisting of shares.

SEBI is also considering the possibility of extending trading hours for the cash market, following the submission of a proposal by the NSE for extended trading hours in the futures and options (F&O) segment.

The NSE's phased plan suggests a gradual approach to extending trading hours. In the initial phase, it proposes extending trading hours for Index F&O from 6 pm to 9 pm. The second

SAHARA CASE TO CONTINUE: BUCH

Mumbai: SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch Thursday said the Sahara matter will continue for the regulator even after the death of the group's founder Subrata Roy. Roy died Tuesday at 75. Buch said the issue was about an entity's conduct and that it will continue regardless of whether an individual is there or not. The case involved alleged illegal mobilisation of over Rs 24,000 crore from three crore individuals via two Sahara firms. ENS

phase suggests Index F&O trading be extended till 11.30 pm. Finally, in the third phase, the plan is to extend cash market trading hours until 5 pm.

Addressing the 20th Annual Capital Markets Conference (CAPAM2023) organised by industry body FICCI, Buch underscored India's advancements in the financial sector and its role as a pioneer in setting global standards, highlighting that the country is increasingly being looked upon for best practices in capital market regulation and innovation.

MoS: Platforms won't have legal immunity on biased AI content

JATINGROVER & RISHIRAJ NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

ANY INSTANCE of bias in the content generated through algorithms, search engines or AI models of platforms like Google Bard, ChatGPT and others will not be entitled to protection under the safe harbour clause of Section 79 of the Information Technology Rules, Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar told FE. Safe harbour provision gives social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc, legal immunity against content shared by users on the platforms.

Disclaimers which several intermediaries put below such AI generated content that it's experimental, will not suffice. "Intermediaries have no busi-



Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar

ness to put out any experimental content to the public," he said.

The minister said that the government is working on a Digital India Bill, which will address AI regulations in detail, but that does not mean that currently there's a vacuum. "There are rules and guardrails in place which address misuse of AI, be it deepfakery or bias in search engines, algorithms,

etc. The IT Rules apply to intermediaries and any violation by them on any content, including AI will be dealt with through these rules," Chandrasekhar said.

However, the minister said that in a change of approach the government is now telling aggrieved parties to file an FIR. "Under the IT Rules if the government asks the intermediary concerned to take down any misleading or biased content, then people say that the move is against freedom of speech and expression. So, we are encouraging citizens to file FIR so that the matter can be dealt by the courts," Chandrasekhar said.

Earlier in the day, through a post on X, the minister had told a user that search bias, algorithmic bias and AI models with bias are violations of the safety and trust obligations placed on platforms under the IT Rules. FE

Domestic air passenger traffic up 11% in Oct

New Delhi: Domestic air passenger traffic recorded an annual growth of nearly 11 per cent to 1.26 crore in October, according to data released Thursday.

The traffic stood at 1.14 crore passengers in October 2022 and at 1.22 crore in September this year.

The data released by aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation showed that IndiGo carried 79.07 lakh passengers, garnering a domestic market share of 62.6 per cent in October. The market share was lower compared to 63.4 per cent registered in September.

Last month, Air India's domestic share rose to 10.5 per cent from 9.8 per cent in September while that of Vistara and AirAsia India (AIX Connect) declined to 9.7 per cent and 6.6 per cent, respectively, in October. PTI

UCO Bank 'erroneously credits' ₹820 cr to account holders, recovers ₹649 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16

PUBLIC SECTOR UCO Bank on Thursday said the bank has been able to recover around ₹649 crore out of ₹820 crore, which is about 79 per cent of the amount "erroneously credited" to the accounts of some customers due to a technical issue in the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS).

"The bank has initiated requisite actions to recover the balance amount of ₹171 crore and the matter has also been reported to the law enforcement agencies for necessary action," the bank said in an exchange filing.

During the period from November 10 to 13, the bank observed that due to technical issue in IMPS, certain transactions initiated by holders of other banks have resulted in credit to the ac-

count holders in UCO Bank without actual receipt of money from these banks, UCO bank said in another filing. Money is instantly transferred in the IMPS system from one account to another.

"The bank, as a precautionary measure, has made the IMPS channel offline and is working closely with the stakeholders to resolve the issue and restore the IMPS services at the earliest," it said. "The bank re-iterates and assures that all other critical systems are operational and available. The bank continues to provide safe and secured services to customers," it said.

The financial impact, if any, due to the development is yet to be ascertained and the bank will endeavour to intimate the ascertainment, the bank said. UCO Bank shares were trading one per cent lower at ₹39.43 on the BSE on Thursday.

IREDA, Tata Tech to raise ₹5k cr via IPO

Mumbai: Two companies — Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and Tata Technologies — will raise over ₹5,000 crore through initial public offerings (IPO) next week.

The ₹2,150 crore IPO of IREDA, which is under the administrative control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, will open for subscription on November 21. The PSU miniratna will offer its shares in the range of ₹30-32 per share. The lot size is 460 equity shares. The three-day bidding process will conclude on November 23. It is also India's largest pure-play green financing NBFC in India. IREDA is the issuer of the first debt security (green masala bond) in India listed on IFSC exchange.

Tata Technologies, the first company from the Tata Group launching an IPO in nearly two decades, has set the price band for its maiden public issue at ₹475-500 per share. The Tata issue will open on November 22 and the closing date will be November 24. ENS

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BRIEFLY

JSW Infra to develop port in Karnataka

Bengaluru: JSW Infrastructure, India's No.2 commercial port operator, said Thursday it won an order worth ₹4,119 crore to develop a port in Karnataka. The port at Keni will have an initial capacity of 30 million tonnes per annum, the JSW Group company said. The Keni port will be equipped to handle bulk carriers used for transport of coal & ores. REUTERS

Hero logs highest-ever festival sales

New Delhi: Hero MotoCorp

Thursday said it saw record sales in a festive season by retailing more than 14 lakh two-wheeler units in the 32-day period this year. Riding on robust demand across rural markets as well as steady retail off-take in key urban centres, the company saw a 19 per cent growth over the last year. PTI

Windfall tax on crude oil, diesel exports cut

New Delhi: The government on Thursday cut the windfall profit tax on crude oil produced in the country and on exports of diesel in line with softening international oil prices. The rates came into effect from Thursday. PTI

EXPLAINED GLOBAL

WILL ANTI-IMMIGRATION TURKISH IMMIGRANT BE NEXT DUTCH PM?

THE NETHERLANDS heads to polls on November 22, with one of three candidates likely to succeed Prime Minister Mark Rutte. Coming from distinct backgrounds, the three have made contrasting promises.

Dilan Yesilgoz, Conservative
 Yesilgoz, 46, has a shot at becoming the Netherlands' first woman prime minister. Although from Rutte's VVD party, she has distanced herself from incumbent. Born in Turkey herself, she has campaigned to limit immigration, arguing that nowadays there are too many asylum seekers, not enough housing and little integration, which is unfair to both Dutch society and refugees. She currently serves as Justice Minister, and is seen as more media savvy than a policy expert.



Yesilgoz narrowly leads polls. Reuters

Frans Timmermans, Left
 Known for overseeing the EU's Green Deal as European Commission Vice President, Timmermans, 62, returned to Dutch politics in August. Running on a combined Labour-Green Party ticket, he has positioned himself as the elder statesman and a viable left-wing alternative to the current government. Timmermans has made climate change the central point of his campaign, along with attempts to win back support of blue-collar workers for Labour. He started his political career in the Dutch Labour party in the 1990s and served as foreign minister between 2012 and 2014. He is currently third in the polls. REUTERS

Pieter Omtzigt, Centre-Right
 Omtzigt, 49, is a policy wonk who founded his own NSC party in 2021. As a parliamentarian, boasted of in-depth knowledge of complex political questions, as well as a willingness to challenge ministers of his own party. He has positioned himself as a centrist: conservative on immigration and climate change but leftist on reducing poverty and improving healthcare. Seen as a politician of integrity, he says his party's top goal is to reform lawmaking and policy. NSC narrowly trails VVD in current polls.

EXPLAINED FOREIGN POLICY & STRATEGY

India and the US-China truce

While there are always concerns in India about a 'G-2' or a Sino-American collaboration in Asia, the San Francisco summit between Biden and Xi was about organising a truce in a conflictual relationship rather than restoring the kind of strategic partnership that seemed possible at the turn of the century



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AS THE leaders of the United States and China try and arrest the steady decline in bilateral relations, India has little reason to worry about a structural shift in the most consequential great power relationship in the world today. Since the variations in the US-China relationship affect all major powers and regions, there has been global interest in this week's summit between the US President Joe Biden and the Chinese leader Xi Jinping in San Francisco on the margins of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit. Biden and Xi met for four hours on Wednesday, talking, having lunch, and taking a stroll in a garden at a Californian country estate. The meeting did not resolve any substantive issues between the countries, but both the leaders struck a broadly conciliatory tone afterward.



Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping with their aides at the Filoli Estate in Woodside, California, on Wednesday. AP

compliant about India's attractiveness. Productive engagement with the Western capital should remain a high priority for New Delhi.

...And on the Indo-Pacific
 India will also need to monitor the follow-up from the conversation between the two leaders on regional security issues in the Indo-Pacific, the current crisis in the Middle East, and the Ukraine war in Europe.

There was no sign of any major breakthrough in this regional security dialogue, especially on Taiwan that China sees as the "most sensitive issue" in bilateral relations. Xi Jinping wants the US to stop supporting "Taiwan's independence", while Washington wants Beijing to renounce the use of force to unite Taiwan with the Peoples' Republic.

China, somewhat muted
 The decision to renew high-level political and military communications between the two sides is, arguably, a success for the US in setting the terms of engagement with China. Having confronted relentless economic and military pressures from the US over the last few years, and faced with an economic slowdown at home, Xi appears to be toning down the recent triumphalism on China's ineluctable rise and America's terminal decline. The Chinese leader now insists the two

countries can't afford to turn their backs on each other. He also declared in San Francisco that the world is "big enough for both China and the US".

Xi sought to reassure Biden that China has no intention to surpass or replace the US as the dominant power in the world. In return, he wants the US to stop containing China.

For US, gains and worries
 Through the last three years, the Biden Administration has insisted that the vigorous competition with China must be backed by a dialogue on preventing the contestation from spinning out of control. As Washington pressed for a dialogue on "guardrails" to stabilise the relationship, Beijing demanded that the US lift the variety of restrictions it has imposed on economic and technological cooperation with China.

For now, the US restrictions remain in place, and the focus of the Biden-Xi summit was on confidence building measures. The Biden Administration has made major geopolitical gains in Asia over the last three years. These include stronger bilateral alliances with Japan, Korea, and Australia, the creation of a trilateral strategic framework with Tokyo and Seoul, a revitalised alliance with the Philippines, and new strategic partnerships with India and Vietnam.

Further, the US has elevated the Quadrilateral forum with Australia, India, and Japan to the summit level, and created a new forum called AUKUS with Australia and the UK. Yet, the US faces major crises in Europe, where the West is struggling to reverse the Russian invasion of Ukraine and in the Middle East, where the war in Gaza is threatening to upend the regional order. Engaging China and keeping the relationship reasonably stable is likely to remain a major objective to the US in the days ahead.

India has its task cut out

While it must continuously assess changes in great power relations, especially among the US, China, and Russia, India's emphasis should be on taking advantage of the new possibilities to strengthen its ties with the US, maintaining its long-standing ties with Russia, and managing the difficult ties with China. India's own rise in the international system allows it to effectively handle any sudden shifts in great power relations. For now, the word from San Francisco is that the prospect for any dramatic change in US-China relations is remote.

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THIS WORD MEANS

HALLUCINATE

Chosen as Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2023, it has seen novel usage in context of AI

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 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

"TO SEEM to see, hear, feel, or smell something that does not exist, usually because of a health condition or because you have taken a drug." This was the older definition of 'hallucinate' in the Cambridge Dictionary. But as generative AI tools such as ChatGPT capture the world's imagination, 'hallucinate' has taken on additional meaning — "when an artificial intelligence hallucinates, it produces false information," according to the Cambridge Dictionary.

In the nascent years of generative AI, hallucinations are all too common. Sometimes utterly nonsensical while seemingly plausible other times, they differ in form — but at their core are falsehoods spouted confidently by AIs.

Why AIs hallucinate

Generative AI takes actions based on past data. When given a prompt — a piece of text, an image, a piece of computer code — the AI generates a response based on the information it has been trained on. Popular tools such as ChatGPT and Bard use large language models (LLMs), which learn from ginormous data. Effectively, they (attempt to) recreate human thought and linguistic expression by 'learning' from millions of

(human-created) sources. "At their best, LLMs can only be as reliable as their training data," Wendalyn Nichols, Cambridge Dictionary's Publishing Manager, said. "AIs are fantastic at churning through huge amounts of data to extract specific information and consolidate it. But the more original you ask them to be, the likelier they are to go astray," she said. AIs can learn from factually inaccurate sources, or produce inaccuracies themselves while processing the information. Either way, hallucinations have some real world consequences. For instance, a US law firm used ChatGPT for legal research, which led to fictitious cases being cited in court. The judge fined the firm \$ 5,000.

Why the word 'hallucinate'

The Cambridge Dictionary Word of the Year has been published every year since 2015. A team makes the decision based on data on words that saw popular usage in the year and their cultural salience. "The...team chose hallucinate...as it recognised that the new meaning gets to the heart of why people are talking about AI," the company said on Wednesday. "Generative AI is a powerful tool but one we're all still learning how to interact with safely and effectively — this means being aware of both its potential strengths and its current weaknesses," it said.

For India, an eye on AI...

While there are always concerns in India about a 'G-2' or a Sino-American collaboration in Asia, the San Francisco summit was about organising a truce in a conflictual relationship rather than restoring the kind of strategic partnership that seemed possible at the turn of the century. New Delhi, however, needs to pay close attention to some of the new areas of US-China engagement — such as regulating artificial intelligence (AI) — that Biden and Xi discussed on Wednesday. Potential US-China understandings are bound to have a major impact, over the long term, on the evolution of the global rules on AI. In the near term, though, the Indian government and business must note the serious bid by President Xi to woo back US business leaders, who in the past were the biggest champions of China in Washington. India can't bet that the 'China option' is no longer viable for Western businesses, or get

'Crime' of adultery: What SC ruled and why

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 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE PARLIAMENTARY Committee on Home Affairs has suggested that adultery should be re-instituted as a crime in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, the proposed law to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860.

What is the legal position on adultery now?

Until 2018, the IPC contained Section 497, which defined adultery as a criminal offence that attracted up to five years in prison, or a fine, or both. However, only men could be punished under Section 497, not women. The section read: "Whoever has sexual intercourse with a person who is and whom he knows or has reason to believe to be the wife of another man, without the consent or connivance of that man, such sexual intercourse not amounting to the offence of rape, is guilty of the offence of adultery...In such case the wife shall not be punishable as an abettor."

In *Joseph Shine vs Union Of India* (September 27, 2018), a five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court led by then Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra, and comprising current CJI D Y Chandrachud, and Justices A M Khanwilkar, R F Nariman, and Indu Malhotra, unanimously struck down Section 497 on grounds that included discrimination.

What has the House panel recommended?

The 350-page report on the BNS, 2023, which was adopted by the Committee on November 10, said that adultery should be reinstated as a criminal offence, but it should be made gender-neutral — that is, both men and women should be punished for it. The Committee expressed the view that "the institution of marriage is considered sacred in Indian society and there is a need to safeguard its sanctity".

What is the problem with this?

The discriminatory nature of Section 497, and its "manifest arbitrariness" in punish-

ing only men for adultery, was just one of the grounds on which the court had struck down the provision. The judgment went much farther.

Section 497 was violative of Articles 14, 15, and 21 of the Constitution (which protect the fundamental rights to equality, non-discrimination, and life respectively) the Bench ruled.

The court underlined the autonomy of women as a facet of human dignity. Writing for himself and Justice Khanwilkar, CJI Misra declared that the husband is neither master of his wife, nor does he have legal sovereignty over her — and that "any system treating a woman with indignity...invites the wrath of the Constitution". Also, the CJ said, if adultery "is treated as a crime, there would be immense intrusion into the extreme privacy of the matrimonial sphere. It is better to be left as a ground for divorce". Justice Chandrachud, who disagreed with the judgment of his father, former CJI Y V Chandrachud's 1985 ruling in *Sowmithri Vishnu vs. Union of India*, which upheld adul-

tery as a crime, described Section 497 as a relic of Victorian morality that "proceeds on the notion that the woman is but a chattel; the property of her husband".

Can the Supreme Court's decision be undone?

A ruling of the Supreme Court is the law of the land. Parliament cannot simply pass a law that contradicts a ruling of the top court. However, it can pass a law that removes the basis of the court's judgment. Such a law can be both retrospective and prospective. In *Madras Bar Association vs. Union of India* (2021), the SC said: "The test for determining the validity of a validating legislation is that the judgment pointing out the defect would not have been passed, if the altered position as sought to be brought in by the validating statute existed before the Court at the time of rendering its judgment. In other words, the defect pointed out should have been cured such that the basis of the judgment pointing out the defect is removed."

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Troubled history of Documenta, art show that Ranjit Hoskote has quit

VANDANA KALRA
 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

ON NOVEMBER 12, cultural theorist and curator Ranjit Hoskote resigned from the Finding Committee of Documenta, perhaps the world's most prestigious art exhibition.

Hoskote quit two days after the Israeli artist, philosopher, and theorist Bracha Lichtenberg Ettinger resigned her position on the Committee after her request to delay proceedings due to the war in Gaza was rejected. Hoskote resigned after the German daily *Süddeutsche Zeitung* accused him of "anti-Semitism" and sympathising with the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement, which argues against Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory. The newspaper recalled that Hoskote had signed a BDS India petition in 2019, protesting against a discussion hosted by the Consulate General of Israel in Mumbai on "Zionism and Hindutva". Documenta said the petition had "explicitly anti-Semitic content".

Exhibition and significance

The art exhibition takes place every five years in the city of Kassel in central Germany. The fifteenth edition was held in 2022. The 100-day event has a budget of more than \$40 million, and is funded partly by the city of Kassel, state of Hessen, and the German Federal Cultural Foundation. Documenta is less market-driven than the biennales (also large-scale international contemporary art exhibitions that are non-commercial and take place in cities around the world), and prides itself on inviting artists who might not necessarily be well-known in Europe, but have done substantive and exceptional work. Some of the most powerful people in art attend, and participation brings great prestige and assures a spotlight on the artist.

EXPLAINED CULTURE

Participants and selection

A selection panel of experts from around the world invites pioneering figures in contemporary art to apply to be Artistic Director of Documenta's forthcoming edition, and to pick the most promising format from the concepts presented. After Ettinger's and Hoskote's resigna-



Hoskote and (left) an image from Documenta 15. Archive: @documenta15ffteen



Hoskote and (left) an image from Documenta 15. Archive: @documenta15ffteen

tions, the Finding Committee for Documenta 16, to be held in 2027, has Gong Yan of the Shanghai Institute of Visual Art, Paris-based writer and curator Simon Njami, Vienna-based curator Kathrin Rhomberg, and Colombia-born curator María Inés Rodríguez. The last edition, in 2022, was curated by the Indonesian artists' collective ruangrupa, the first Asian curator of Documenta. At Documenta 14 (2017), Indian modernists were represented by Nilima Sheikh, Ganesh Haloi, Amrita Sher-Gil, Chittaprosad Bhattacharya, Binod Behari Mukherjee, and

K G Subramanyan, and contemporaries Amar Kanwar, Gauri Gill, and Nikhil Chopra. **History of Documenta**
 The exhibition was founded in 1955. It was conceptualised by the Kassel-based painter and professor of art Arnold Bode "to bring Germany back into dialogue with the rest of the world after the end of World War II, and to connect the international art scene through a 'presentation of twentieth century art,'" according to the Documenta website. Nazi Germany had removed the works

of several internationally renowned artists from museums, allegedly because they were an "insult to German feeling". The first edition of Documenta showcased major movements in art including Fauvism, Expressionism, Cubism, the Blaue Reiter, and Futurism, and works of artists such as Pablo Picasso, Max Ernst, Henri Matisse, Henry Moore, Paul Klee, and Oskar Schlemmer.

Sensitivity on anti-Semitism

The founding premise of the exhibition notwithstanding, research has flagged its early Nazi connections — including the finding that the art historian Werner Haftmann, who guided Bode, was a member of the *Sturmabteilung*, abbreviated as SA, literally 'Storm Troopers', the original paramilitary wing of the Nazi Party. A 2021 exhibition titled 'Documenta: Politics and Art', at Berlin's *Deutsches Historisches Museum*, studied Documenta's political associations and agenda. A statement on the museum's website says: "Almost half of those who participated in the organisation of the first documenta had been members of the Nazi party, the SA or the SS (*Schutzstaffel*, the Nazi paramilitary that was the most re-

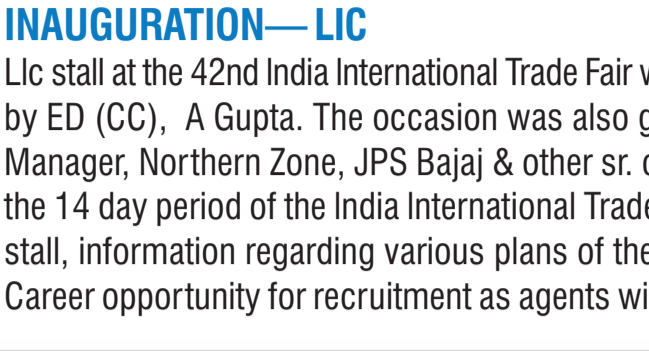
sponsible for the murder of some 6 million Jews and millions of others). By contrast, works by Jewish or communist artists who had been persecuted or murdered were not present at documenta..."

Sabine Schormann, general director of Documenta 15 (2022) stepped down after the exhibition was accused of featuring anti-Semitic imagery. Some Jewish groups accused Documenta of anti-Semitism after a Palestinian collective was included in Documenta 15.

The edition saw the removal of an artwork titled "People's Justice" by the Indonesian art collective Taring Padi that featured a soldier-like figure, wearing the Star of David, a scarf, and a helmet with "Mossad" written on it, who was depicted as a pig. Another figure was depicted with the sidelocks associated with orthodox Jews, fangs and red eyes, and wearing a black hat with an SS insignia. On Twitter, Israel's embassy in Germany said Documenta was promoting "Goebbels-style propaganda". A report by a commission of experts to investigate the allegations against Documenta 15 said it was "an echo chamber for Israel-related antisemitism, and sometimes pure antisemitism".



DIVIDEND—NBCC NBCC and its subsidiary HSCL paid Dividend of Rs.60 Cr & Rs.5.89 Cr respectively to the GOI for FY 2022-23 on Nov. 14, 2023. The Dividend cheque(s) were handed over to Hardeep Singh Puri, MoHUA & Petroleum & Natural Gas by K.P Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC and Chairman, HSCL in the presence of Manoj Joshi, Secretary (MoHUA).



INAUGURATION—LIC Lic stall at the 42nd India International Trade Fair was inaugurated by ED (CC), A Gupta. The occasion was also graced by Zonal Manager, Northern Zone, JPS Bajaj & other sr. officials. During the 14 day period of the India International Trade Fair, in the LIC stall, information regarding various plans of the Corporation & Career opportunity for recruitment as agents will be available.



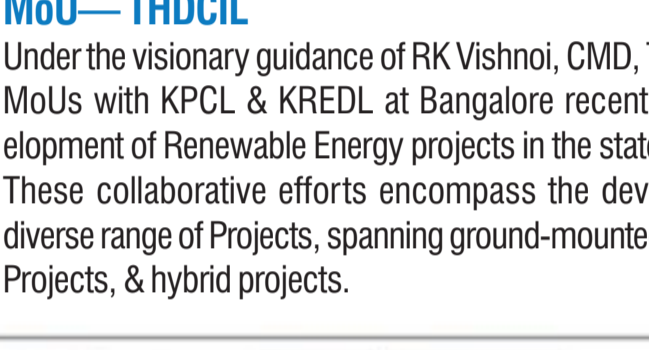
MoU—REC REC signed an MoU with RailTel recently to extend financial assistance upto Rs. 30,000 Cr for Infrastructure Projects to be executed by RailTel in next 5 yrs. These projects encompass a wide range of areas, including Data Center products and services, Telecom & IT products & services, Railways & Metro projects, & the KAVACH Train Collision Prevention System.



SAMVAAD—BHEL BHEL organised BHEL SAMVAAD 3.0 - the third edition of its dialogue with domestic business partners, industry associations, academia, research institutes, government organisations and other ministries like CEA, DoE, DPIIT, & MoP, MoSteel & MeitY, etc. at Bharat Mandapam. The theme of the event, organised under the aegis of Ministry of Heavy Industries, was 'Development powered by Research and Innovation.'



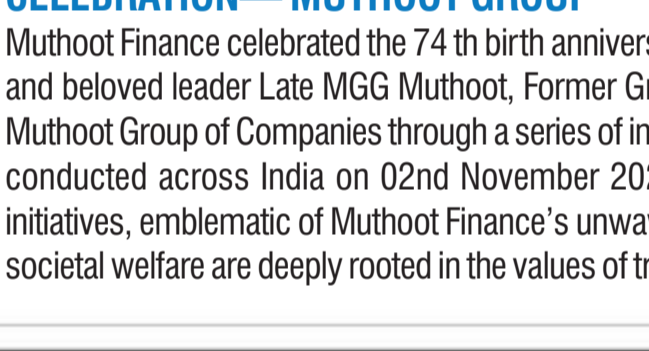
MEETING—NBCC NBCC is actively exploring business opportunities in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. An e-meeting was held under the chairmanship of Jt Secy., (HFA), M/o Housing & Urban Affairs on cooperation in Housing & other infrastructure. The meeting was attended by A Altawil, Dy Minister, Real Estate Development, Saudi Arabia, representatives from the NHC, Saudi Arabia and senior NBCC officials.



MoU—THDCIL Under the visionary guidance of RK Vishnoi, CMD, THDCIL signed MoUs with KPCL & KREDL at Bangalore recently for the development of Renewable Energy projects in the state of Karnataka. These collaborative efforts encompass the development of a diverse range of Projects, spanning ground-mounted, floating solar Projects, & hybrid projects.



MoA—REC The REC Foundation, CSR arm of REC Ltd., signed a MoA with ALIMCO to provide assistance of Rs.10.00 cr for the project "Distribution of aids & assistive devices to persons with disabilities" in 25 locations across the country. The MoA was signed by Bhupesh Chandolia, Senior GM & HoD, REC Foundation & Ajay Chaudhary, GM Marketing, ALIMCO.



CELEBRATION—MUTHOOT GROUP Muthoot Finance celebrated the 74th birth anniversary of their legendary and beloved leader Late MGG Muthoot, Former Group Chairman of The Muthoot Group of Companies through a series of impactful CSR activities conducted across India on 02nd November 2023. These significant initiatives, emblematic of Muthoot Finance's unwavering commitment to societal welfare are deeply rooted in the values of trust and humanity.

CORPORATE BRIEFS



AWARD—GAIL GAIL gets two prestigious awards at the Asian Oil and Gas Awards event held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The coveted "the Innovation Award - India" was given to GAIL for reduction in LNG Shipping cost & emissions through Ship-to-Ship transfer of LNG with backhauling. Another top notch award "Midstream Project of the Year - India" has been given for the installation of the first floating Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station at Varanasi. The Award recognizes the most outstanding players in Asia's oil and gas sector. GAIL charter hired LNG vessel Al Gharrafa from QatarGas in Gibraltar and transferred cargo from Castillo De Santisteban into Al Gharrafa through STS transfer. This is the world's first STS between a large conventional LNG vessel and a Q-Flex LNG Vessel. Qatar Gas Vessel proceeded to Dahej to discharge the Cargo originally planned to be discharged by GAIL's Vessel and the vessel returned back from Gibraltar to the next loading port.

INAUGURATING—ITPO The India Trade Promotion Organisation deserves all appreciation as this edition has been organised with larger participation than the previous editions. Every year, IITF is growing in size and scale, and it is hoped that the next editions of such events will be held with more participation. ITPO is consistently delivering IITF as a world-class event as stated by Mrs. Anupriya Patel, Minister of State, Commerce & Industry while inaugurating the 42nd edition of the IITF of ITPO at a well-attended function held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Present on the occasion were Som Prakash, MoS, Commerce & Industry, Mauro Mendes Ferreira, Governor of Mato Grosso, Brazil, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Industries Minister, Govt. of Delhi, Kundan Kumar, Resident Commissioner Govt. of Bihar, Ajit Kumar, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Kerala, Pradeep Singh Kharola, CMD, ITPO & Rajat Agarwal, ED, ITPO, foreign delegates, participants and media persons.

FOUNDATION DAY—TMB The Bank celebrated its 102nd Foundation day on this day in a grand manner at Thoothukudi. The bank had invited Dr.Smt. Tamilasi Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana & Lt. Governor of Puducherry, as the Chief Guest for the function. She declared open the Bank's 545th branch at Belur, Salem District through video conference. During the event, she also launched the new digital lending platform of the Bank called "Do it yourself", a lending platform in which MSME customers can apply and know their loan eligible value online instantaneously. While the chief guest delivering her presidential address, she conveyed her wishes to the Bank, its Founders' family members, Board of Directors and all staff members. As a part of the celebration, the Bank had carried out many social welfare activities on this day. Conducted various Blood Donation camps and Eye camps at various locations including Thoothukudi. The Bank distributed the required essentials to various schools, orphanages, old age homes and to needy poor individuals for their livelihood.

INAUGURATION—BANK OF MAHARASHTRA Bank of Maharashtra a premier public sector bank in the country, has inaugurated its 66th Branch of Noida Zone at Noida West Sector-16B, in UP State at the hands of honourable ED Rohit Rishi. Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Zonal Manager (Noida Zone), Sujet Jha, Deputy Zonal manager (Noida Zone) along with Branch Head Smt. Shivangi Yadav is also present in the event. With the opening of Noida West Sector-16B Branch, BoM now has a total no 127 branches in Uttar Pradesh state and Bank is further planning to open more Branches to extend its footprints across the state.

GAIL On the Occasion of Diwali, GAIL Gas Ltd. has reduced CNG and PNG prices for Industrial & Commercial Units GAIL Gas Ltd., a City Gas Distribution Company for Dehradun has reduced its CNG Prices by Rs 1 per kg & Industrial PNG Prices by Rs. 10/SCM. Earlier the Prices for industrial PNG were Rs. 65/ SCM and after the reduction, the prices will be Rs. 55/SCM. However, the New CNG prices w.e.f from 10th of Nov., 2023 will be Rs 91/Kg In line with the company's commitment to promote cleaner fuels and supporting India's transition towards a gas-based economy, GAIL Gas is passing on the benefits of lower international LNG prices to the end users.

SAIL has declared its financial results today for the quarter & half year ending 30th Sept., 2023. The Company has achieved its best ever performance in production & sales for H-1 & Q2 of the current financial yr. The crude steel production & sales volume have registered a growth of 9.7% & 17.4% respectively during H1 FY'24 over CPLY. Similarly, in Q2 of this yr, crude steel production and sales volume have increased by 11.6% & 13.3% respectively over CPLY. The consistent efforts by the Company towards increasing its volumes have had a positive impact on the financial performance despite the significant decline in the price realization in the market.

LIC The Board of Directors of LIC approved and adopted the standalone and consolidated financial results for the 6 months ending Sept. 30th, 23. Below are key highlights of our standalone results. The Profit after Tax for the half yr ended Sept. 30th, 2023 was Rs.17,469 cr. The current period profit includes an amount of Rs.13,768 cr (Net of Tax), pertaining to the accretions on the available solvency margin, transferred from Non - Par fund to shareholders account. The PAT for similar 6 month period ended Sept. 30th,2022 was Rs.16,635 cr is not comparable since it included an amount of Rs.4,542 cr (Net of Tax) pertaining to the accretions on the Available Solvency Margin for the last quarter of FY 2021-22 which was transferred from Non-par fund to shareholders account on Sept. 30th 2022. For 6 months ended Sept. 30th, 2023,

ACADEMICS



ANTI CRACKER DRIVE With an aim to spread awareness about firecrackers causing environmental pollution and numerous health hazards, the students of Sarla Chopra DAV Public School, Noida, on 8th November 2023, took the initiative to aware everyone about celebrating a clean & green Diwali. The school Principal, Mrs. Chitra Kant appreciated the efforts of these enthusiastic planet pals in showcasing their concern for the harmful effects of cracker to health and environment.

DIWALI CELEBRATION



Interact Club students of Sarla Chopra DAV Public School, Noida, celebrated Diwali with the students of Saksham School, Nithari on 9th Nov. DAV students presented sweets, biscuits, candles etc. as gifts to the children and exchanged greetings in presence of Interact Club Incharge Ms. Geetu Sabharwal, Junior Wing Incharge Mrs.Renu Chhibber, Mrs.Priya Arora, Mrs. Rachna Singh (Interact Club & Rotary Committee President), Mrs. Tyag Rajan (Senior Rotarian). On this occasion, DAV Principal Mrs. Chitrakant wished everyone a happy and prosperous Diwali.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD NAGAON & HOJAI ROAD CIRCLE, NAGAON
No. SE/NRC/TB/NIT/12/2021-22/67
PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Superintending Engineer, PWD, Nagaon & Hojai Road Circle, Nagaon on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bid from Assam PWD registered contractors for the work 'Road safety Measures on SH/MDR/ODR/RR under Hojai District Territorial Road Division which connect NH-54 for the year 2023-24 under Hojai Territorial Sub-Division under 966 -road safety works amounting to Rs.62.85 Lakhs (approx.). Details may be seen at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, PWD
Nagaon & Hojai Road Circle, Nagaon
JANASANYOG/CF/3683/23/17-NOV-23

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 **Shivam @ Himanshu S/o Sanjay** R/o H.No.127 near Balmiki Chopal Vill. Naharpur Sec-07, Rohini, Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No. 209/22, U/s 25/54/59 A.Act.**, has been registered at **P.S. North Rohini, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Shivam @ Himanshu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Shivam @ Himanshu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Shivam @ Himanshu** of **FIR No. 209/22 U/s 25/54/59 A.Act.**, registered at **P.S. North Rohini, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **05.01.2024**.
By Order
Ms. Deepali Srivastava, MM,
Room No.107, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
ACCIDENT ENQUIRY NOTICE
SHRI JANAK KUMAR GARG, CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAY SAFETY, LUCKNOW, MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, WILL HOLD A STATUTORY ENQUIRY AT OFFICE OF THE STATION SUPERINTENDENT, ETAWAH FROM 10:00 HRS. TO 18:00 HRS. ON 17.11.2023 IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE INCIDENT OF TRAIN NO. 02570 NDLS - DBG HUMSAFAR CLONE EXPRESS AT SARAIBHUPAT STATION OF TUNDLA ETAWAH SECTION OF PRAYAGRAJ DIVISION ON 15.11.2023.
ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAVING KNOWLEDGE/ INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INCIDENT MAY SUBMIT THE SAME DURING INQUIRY ON ABOVE DATES OR MAY SEND WRITTEN INFORMATION, PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS ETC. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAY SAFETY, AT OFFICE OF THE STATION SUPERINTENDENT, ETAWAH OR FOLLOWING ADDRESS.
Sh. Janak Kumar Garg,
Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety Hazratganj, Lucknow, 226 001
Office of the Station Supdt.
Etawah
(Maneesha Goel)
Dy. Chief Safety Officer
For Prin. Chief Safety Officer
North Central Railway
Prayagraj
1668/23 (ADM)
North central railways | @CPNCR | @northcentralrailway | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 9520232024 Dated: - 14-11-2023
Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/ North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13.30 hrs. on 06.12.2023. The details of the Tender are as under: -

Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx Cost of work (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)
258	Feasibility study survey and preparation of DPR for construction of ROB/RUB in lieu of 9 level crossings in CNB-GZB section in PRYJ division of NCR.	6871677.12	137400

Completion Period: 06 months, Date of Opening of tender: 06.12.2023, Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Any Consultancy services involving Joint Feasibility Report (JFR) / Details Project Report (DPR) of ROB/Bridge/RUB/ROR. OR Any Consultancy Services of ROB/Bridge/RUB/ROR
(1) E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (2) The complete information along with tender document of above E-TENDER is available on Website www.irops.gov.in upto 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e., 06-12-2023. (3) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (4) The tenderers shall submit a copy of certificate as given in tender document in standard format, without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. (5) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (6) The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC April 2022 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as incomplete offer and accordingly shall not be considered.
1861/23(AN)
North central railways | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in | @northcentralrailway | @CPNCR

SEARCH FOR SUSPECTED PERSON
General Public is hereby informed that a unknown person (photos depicted) are suspected as per recording of CCTV footage. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 266/22 u/s 379 IPC, dated 31.08.2022** has been registered at **P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi**
The descriptions of the suspects are as under: -
Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: 30 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round,
Wearing: Red Colour T-shirt,
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the suspected person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this persons may please be informed to the undersigned and contact on following numbers:
SHO
P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi
DP/13099/SE/2023 Ph.: 011-24356565, 8750870929

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that this boy namely **Anshu Kumar**, S/o Jitender Shah, R/o 3/28, Geeta Colony, Delhi, is missing/kidnapped since 10.11.2023 at 08:00 PM from his house. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 650/2023, dated 10.11.2023**, has been lodged at **P.S. Geeta Colony, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/ kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far.
The description of the missing/kidnapped boy is as under:
Gender: Male, Age: 11 years, Height: 4'5", Complexion: Sallow, Wearing: Red t-shirt, cream jeans, sandals in feet.
If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped boy, kindly inform to the following:
E-mail: c/c@cbi.gov.in SHO
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Geeta Colony, Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. No.: 7065036026
DP/12983/SHD/2023 E-mail: sho-geeta@nic.in

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE
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NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Sibian Road, Bathinda - 151003 (PUNJAB)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tenders are invited in Two Part Bid through GeM for following items:-

NIT No.	Description of Items	Estimated Cost
GEM/2023/B/4184511	To provide Non-Chromate, Ortho-phosphate-Zinc, based Cooling Water Treatment Package for the Ammonia, Urea & CPP Cooling Towers of Natural Gas based Ammonia Plant at Bathinda	147.77 Lakhs (inclusive of GST)
GEM/2023/B/4183420	Design, engineering, manufacturing, assembly, stage testing, inspection and testing, inspection and testing at manufacturer works, packing forwarding to site, unloading and thereafter erection of erection, commissioning, testing and successful handover of Oil Filled Transformers of rating 10000 kVA, 2000 kVA and 1600 kVA.	258.71 Lakhs (inclusive of GST)

Cost of Tender (Rs.): NIL EMD (Rs.): 1,00,000/-
Due date for submission/opening of bids: 17.12.2023
For further details, visit our Website www.nationalfertilizers.com, CPP portal www.gem.gov.in. Any amendment/corrigendum will be displayed on these website only.
Chief Manager (Materials)
Corporate Office: A-11, Sector-24, Noida-201301

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, खूँटी
सूचना
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, खूँटी अन्तर्गत Construction of H.L. Bridge over Bartoli Nala in 15th KM of Karra More (Torpa) to Karra Road का ई-निविदा प्रसंग संख्या:- RCD /KHUNTI/858 दिनांक 14.10.2023 P.R. 309195 Road (23-24) D & P.R. 309376 Road (23-24)#D को अपरिहार्य कारण से निविदा रद्द की जाती है।
कार्यपालक अभियंता
पाणिगिरी, पथ प्रमण्डल, खूँटी
PR311475 (Road)23-24*D

U.P. PROJECTS CORPORATION LTD.
(ISO 9001: 2015 Certified Company)
Gomti Barrage, Left Bank, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow
Notice No.: 33/GM-4/UPPCL/2023-24/E-Tender Dated: 16.11.2023
Short-Term e-Tender Notice
U.P Projects Corporation Limited (A. U.P. Government undertaking) invites percentage rate Tenders (Two Envelope System) From eligible contractor/firms registered with U.P Projects Corporation Ltd. (Category specified in column 9) for following work. Bidders are advised to note minimum qualification criteria.

Lot No.	Name of Work	Approx. Estimate cost (In Lac) including GST	Bid Earnest Money (Rs. In Lac)	Tender Processing Fee	Time of Completion	Address of Zone /Unit	Address of Tender Receiving Officer	Category of Registered Contractor
1.	Tourism Development work of Batehsvar Nath Mandir Complex Phase-II in District Agra (U.P.)	Rs. 2161.31	Rs. 43.23	15000.00+ 18% GST	18 Months (Including rainy season)	Project Manager,(Unit-4) U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. 98, Bajrang Nagar, Sikandra, Agra	General Manager (Zone-4) U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. 98, Bajrang Nagar, Sikandra, Agra	"A+"

The tender document can be downloaded from the website [www.http://etender.up.nic.in](http://etender.up.nic.in) during the period 06.12.2023 to 20.12.2023. The tender should be submitted up to 02:00 pm on 20.12.2023. The technical bid shall be opened on same day at 03:00 pm. Pre bid meeting will be held on 13.12.2023 at 11:00 am at the office of General Manager Zone-4 U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. Agra.
Prospective bidders are advised to regularly check through U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. Web site www.upprojects.org and e-tendering web site www.http://etender.up.nic.in for all other terms and conditions, qualifying criteria, corrigendum / amendments etc., if any, separate advertisement will not be made for the same. For any clarifications / queries the prospective bidders may contact office of the person given in col. No.7 & 8. Undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.
General Manager, Zone-4
U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. Agra.

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि०
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल
132 केवी विद्युत उपकेंद्र, ओडपुर, हाथरस - 204101
अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना
निविदा सं० 125/2023-24 - विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सारणी के अन्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड प्रथम सिक्कन्दराक के क्षेत्र में "पूर्ण जमा योजना" से लाइनों का निर्माण कार्य। (घरोहर राशि रु० 4000.00) निविदा सं० 126/2023-24 - विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सारणी के अन्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड प्रथम सिक्कन्दराक के क्षेत्र में "पूर्ण जमा योजना" से लाइनों का निर्माण कार्य। (घरोहर राशि रु० 3000.00) निविदा विक्रय तिथि एवं खुलने की दिनांक 04/12/2023 अन्य सम्बन्धित जानकारी ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।
पत्र संख्या:- 7752/ विधि(हा.)/निविदा अधीक्षण अभियंता
दिनांक:- 16/11/2023 विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हाथरस
"सुनहरा भविष्य बनाएँ, राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएँ"

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
(एनएचएसएल का स्वतंत्र उपकेंद्र) (A Navratna Undertaking of Govt. of India)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
CONCOR invites E-Tender in Single Packet System of tendering for the following work:-
Tender No. CON/EPIA-I/BarhiRE/2023/80330
Name of Work Repair to track embankment between Rajugarhi Railway station to CONCOR gate at MLMP Barhi, Sonapat
Estimated Cost Rs. 64.02 Lakhs
Completion Period 05 Months
Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 1,28,000/- (through e-payment)
Cost of Tender Document NIL
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable) Rs. 4,000/- plus GST (as applicable) through e-payment
Date of Sale of Tender (online) 17.11.2023 (11:00 hrs.) to 07.12.2023 (upto 17:00 hrs.)
Date & Time of submission of Tender 08.12.2023 upto 17:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Tender 11.12.2023 at 11:30 hrs.
For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc, please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.com, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderzard.com/CCIL only. Further, Corrigendum / Addendum to this tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.com, www.tenderzard.com/CCIL and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.
Group General Manager (P&S)
Phone No: 011-42122500

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER
On behalf of President of India, Divisional Railway Manager (Mech.), South Eastern Railway, Adra invites e-tender for the following work: **E-Tender No.: M-716-ROH-Wagon-BKSC, Date: 14.11.2023.**
Name of work: ROH of 2500 wagons at ROH Depot, Bokaro. **Departmental Value:** ₹ 4,25,07,875 (including GST).
The Closing date and time of e-tender is on 14.12.2023 at 15.00 hrs. and opening of tender will be done on 14.12.2023 after 15.00 hrs. Details of e-tender may please be seen at website: www.irops.gov.in (PR-821)

STORES E-PROCUREMENT
E-Tender No: NB235582A, Date: 10-11-2023, E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Item Description:** Supply of Cummins make Diesel Engine, Model: KTA1A-19G10 along with its accessories Rating: 587HP @1500RPM gross continues with 10% Overload Capacity Suitable for EOG LHB Power Car conforming to Latest CPCB Emission Norms, with noise reduction features complete as per the standard scope of supply of RDSO/P/SPEC/AC/0084-2008, Rev-1/Make: Cummins India Limited. **PL No.** 472000210018. **Qty:** 3 Nos. **Consignee:** SSE/AC/POH/NBQ/NFR (Assam). **Estimated Value:** 98,99,685.12. **Earnest Money:** ₹1,97,990.00. E-tender will be Closed at 14.30 hrs. on 11-12-2023. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.irops.gov.in.
Dy.CMM/D/NEW Bongaigaon
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
Serving customers with a smile

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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, SUNIL KUMAR S/O DHARAM PAL R/O 78, Village Qazi Pur, South West Delhi-110073, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SUNIL KUMAR YADAV in my PPO No.-D/8/14/B-08633/2001 (Spash PPO No.-601200202465) under Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension). The actual name of mine is SUNIL KUMAR, which may be amended accordingly. 0070874340-1

T,ARVIND KUMAR, S/O,HARDWARI LAL, H.NO-363,DDA-JANTA FLAT PUL PRAHLAD PUR,SOUTH DELHI-110044,changed my name to ARVIND KUMAR GUPTA, for all,future purposes. 0040699287-4

I,satyendra kumar S/o ramchandr singh,house.no.193 chand nagar Tilak Nagar West Delhi-110018,have changed my name to satyendra singh, for all,future purposes. 0040699287-12

I,hitherto known as RAM NIWAS DIXIT alias RAM NIWAS,S/O TIKA RAM residing at 2/1404 Gurjinder-Vihar AWHO Plot.No.1, sector CHI 01,Greater-Noida,Gautam Budha-Nagar, Uttar-Pradesh-201310,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAM NIWAS DIXIT. 0040699286-8

I,YADWINDER SINGH (Old Name),S/o-Sudesh Kumar,R/o-Village-Ranga,PO-Bhanga, Teh- Mukerian,Hoshiarpur,Punjab-144036,Change My First Name is YADWINDER and My Surname is SINGH Permanently. 0040699305-1

I,Soniya Safaya,D/O Sh.S.N. Safaya,W/o Sh. Sanjay Jalla,R/o Flat.No.S-1,Plot No.133,Sec-6, Vaishali,Ghaziabad,U.P. 201010,have changed my name to Soniya Jalla,for all,future purposes. 0040699285-8

I,SANJAY NARAIN SINGH,S/O- RAMA SHANKAR SINGH,R/O-A-209,FIRST-FLOOR GALI.NO-6,NAMARDA-COLONY SHAKTI-VIHAR, MOLAR BAND-EXTENSION,DELHI-110044,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SANJAY NARAYAN SINGH. 0040699285-2

I,Raghav Kamalakar Voruganti, S/o Murali Krishna Voruganti, R/O C-9/3,First-Floor, Block-C,Ardee City, Sector-52,Gurgaon (Haryana),have changed my name to Raghav Kamalakar. 0040699286-2

I,Radhani Rani,W/o Mohan Lal Sanduja,R/O H.No.2392, Sector-3, H.B.C.Ballabgarh, Faridabad (Haryana)-121004,have changed my name to Radhna Rani Sanduja. 0040699287-8

I,RAKESH KUMAR JAIN,S/O AMAR NATH JAIN,R/O B-1001,First-Floor,Chander-Nagar, Suryanagar,Ghaziabad(UP)have changed my name to RAKESH JAIN,for all purposes. 0040699305-2

I,RACHITA GARG,W/O RAJAT GARG,R/O D-17, FIRST FLOOR,GREATER KAILASH ENCLAVE-2,GREATER-KAILASH, NEW DELHI,DELHI-110048,have changed my name to RACHITA GUPTA. 0040699285-6

I,Pooja Voruganti,W/o Raghav Kamalakar R/O C-9/3,First-Floor,Block-C,Ardee-City, Sector-52,Gurgaon(Haryana), have changed my name to Pooja Gupta,for all Purposes. 0040699286-3

I,PRAJAPATI NITIKA MAHENDRABHAI,W/O-AJAY,R/O-VILLAGE DULOTH AHIR-DISTRICT MAHENDRAGARH HARYANA-120299,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRAJAPATI NITIKA. 0040699285-3

I,Mohan Lal,S/O J.R. Sanduja,H.No.2392, Sector-3,H.B.C.Ballabgarh,Faridabad (Haryana)-121004,have changed my name to Mohan Lal Sanduja. 0040699287-7

I,Puneet Kumar Singh S/o Kamlesh Singh Rajput,R/O 937/3f,1st-Floor, Sector-3, Vaishali,Ghaziabad,have changed my name to Puneet Kumar Singh. 0040699285-5

I,MR BABLI KINNAR,S/O ASGAR KHAN,residing at,PLOT.NO-24/C,PVT.NO-24/C,KHASRA NO-5/6, STREET.NO-3, GROUND-FLOOR,VILLAGE-WAZIRABAD, DELHI-110084, have changed my name to HIDAYAT KHAN,for all,future purpose. 0040699286-5

I, MOSKAN,D/O,KALIM,ADD-105,G/F NIZAM NAGAR HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN, SOUTH EAST-DELHI changed my name to MUSKAN, for all,future purposes. 0040699287-5

I,MOHINDER PAL SINGH,S/O-RAJA SINGH,R/O-26,CHURCH ROAD,BHOGAL,NEW DELHI-110014,have changed my name from MOHINDER PAL SINGH,to MAHENDER PAL SINGH,for all purposes. 0040699305-3

I,MAASKOOR,S/O,SAMIR KHAN,H.NO-B-177, GALI.NUMBER-2,INDIRA-VIHAR,GOKAL-PUR,NORTH EAST-DELHI-110094,changed my name to MAASKOOR KHAN,for all,future purposes. 0040699287-3

I,Kanchan Gulati W/o Subhash Gulati R/O N-56, Sham Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Sunita Gulati 0070874356-1

I,Kum.Jyoti Kumari Bhatra W/o Amit Kumar Sharma,R/O,RZ-H-729-A, Flat No. 104/F/F, Gali.No.14,Behind Kennedy School, Palm Colony,Raj Nagar Part-2,Delhi-110077,have changed my name to Jyoti Sharma. 0040699287-6

T,Khushi,D/o Sh.Anil Kumar Sharma,R/O,C-503,New Kanchan-Junga Plot-No.01, Dwarka Sector-23,Delhi-110077,have changed my name to Khushi Sharma. 0040699287-9

T,Khushi D/o Sh.Anil Kumar Sharma R/O,C-503, New Kanchan-Junga Plot-No.01,Dwarka Sector-23,Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Khushi Sharma. 0040699286-1

T,Kamala Devi,w/o Madan Mohan Lal,R/O RZF-760 A/40 Gali.No-3 Raj Nagar-2,Palam Colony,New Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Kamla Sharma and my date-of-birth-20/01/1955,for all purposes. 0040699285-7

T,Janki Bisht w/o-Peeyush Kushwaha,R/O K-15-C,Street No-2 Mahalpur-Extn,New Delhi-110037,have changed my name to Janki,for all purposes. 0040699285-1

T,Jagruk Mahant,S/O, Mr.Girish Mahant, resident of,C-32,first-floor. Bhagwan Das-Nagar,East Punjabi Bagh,New-Delhi 110026,have changed my name to Jagruc Mahant. 0040699286-7

T,JUNED,S/O GULZAR ALAM,R/O L-302, VVIP ADDRESSES,RAJ NAGAR EXTENSION,GHAZIABAD,UTTAR -PRADESH changed my name to JUNAID GULZAR. 0040699286-6

T,Farha W/o Atnan Alam,R/O H.No.A31/61-B, Gali.No.3, Jamalul Ka Bagh,Maujpur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Farha Alam, for all purposes. 0040699285-1

T,Fakeha Firdous,W/O Tahir Zafar,R/O-7/1 Second-floor Front-side Joga Bai-Village Chaupal Wali Gali Jamia-Nagar, New Delhi-110025, Have changed my name to Fakeha Firdous,Permanently 0040699286-4

I,hitherto known as Karishma Gulati alias Karishma Gulati Trehan d/o Kamal Kishore Gulati, w/o KARAN TREHAN residing at G-61/62, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KARISHMA GULATI TREHAN. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040699271-1

I,Yatin, with DOB 4/5/1999, s/o Krishan Lal, residing at c-52 Sudarshan Park, New Delhi, 110015, have changed my name to Yatin Makkar 0040699223-1

I,Jagjeet Kaur W/O Jaspal Singh,R/O C-574 Majlis Park Adarsh,Nagar Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur 0040699287-1

I,Siddhartha Natu S/o Shri Deepak Natu R/O D-7/7235, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi, Delhi-110070. My daughter is a minor and her name has been mentioned in the passport as DISHITA SIDDHARTHA NATU while as the name mentioned on the 10th School Certificate and aadhar is DISHITA NATU. That both the name DISHITA SIDDHARTHA NATU and DISHITA NATU are pertaining to one and the same person. 0040699238-1

I,Sh. Ajaya Singh (Army No-JC532679M) S/O, Ram Chander Singh, R/O VIII-Kaptilang Goun, PO.-Naugoun Khul, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand-pin code-246162, have declare that in my service record my wife Smt. PUSHPA DEVI date of birth is wrongly written as 09-07-1977 instead of correct 09.09.1977. 0070874358-1

I, Saroj Ray S/o Ram Naresh Ray R/O 526/A, 3rd Floor, Near Railway station, Prem Nagar Patel Nagar New Delhi-110008 have changed my name from Saroj Kumar to Saroj Ray infuture for all Purposes. 0070874374-1

I, SAUMYA S/O Rohit Srivastava R/O Flat No. J-226, Jalauya Vihar, Sector-25, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., have changed my name to SAUMYA SRIVASTAVA for all purposes. 0040699230-1

I, SANTOSH W/O CHANDER BHUSHAN LAKRA R/o House No.-664, Mundka Village, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to SANTOSH LAKRA permanently. 0040699229-1

I, Rubina Husain W/o Mr. Shahnawaz Khan, presently residing at 1418, Vasto-I, Mahagun Mansion, Vaibhav Khan, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed my name from Rubina Husain to Rubina Khan for all future purposes. 0040699272-1

I, Megha Bansal W/o Rahul Bansal R/o A-22, Rampuri Near Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad U.P. have changed my name from Megha Bansal to Megha Agarwal for all future purposes. 0070874353-1

I, Krishna Devi Mother of No. 10316292 N NK Mangal Singh unit 124 Fl. B. (TA)Sikh A/056 APO S/O Mahender Singh R/O 368/29 Ram Nagar Colony Rohark Road Jind. Pin-126102 Ht. have changed my name to Krishna for all Purposes. Affidavit No 09AA535702 0070874341-1

I, Kaveri W/o Piyush Yadav R/o H.No. 1225, Sector-4, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 have changed my name to Kaveri Yadav for all purpose. 0070874372-1

T, Bandana Agrawal W/o Prabhakar Kumar And D/o Ram Gopal Agrawal, R/O WZ-622 A, Gali No-9, Ramgarh Colony Ramdesh Nagar Delhi-110015. Have Changed My Name From Rajni Agrawal to Bandana Agrawal for all purposes. 0040699236-1

T, Aayush Jain S/o Jivesh Kumar Jain R/O R-81, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92, have changed my name to Ayush Jain for all future Purposes. 0070874371-1

T, Zarina Khatoun W/o Munna R/O 242, Vishunapurawa, Karmaini, Premwalia, Kushingagar, UP-274402 have Changed my name Jareena khatoun to Zarina Khatoun for All Purpose. 0040699270-1

T, Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Mohan Singh R/O C-2/188, Block-C-2, New Ashok Nagar, Akbari Masjid, Vasundhri Enclave, East Delhi, Delhi-110096 have changed my name to Sunil Chauhan for all purposes. 0040699225-1

T, Naghma D/O, Javeduddin R/O R-235/ St.10, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi have changed my name to Naghma Khan. 0040699232-1

T, Javed S/O, Azeemuddin R/O R-235/ St.10, 2033 Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi have changed my name to Javeduddin. 0040699233-1

T, YOTI SHARMA, W/O, PARUL, ADD-1/37, LALITA PARK LAXMI NAGAR EAST-DELHI 110092, changed my name to JYOTI, for all, future purposes. 0040699287-2

It is for general information that I, Panyam Narasimha Murthy S/O Panyam Venkata Ramana Sharma residing at E-7, Type 4, Tower 4, Kidwai Nagar East, New Delhi-23 declare that in official Service Book my name is mentioned as P. Narasimha Murthy S/O Sh. Venkata Ramana Sarma where as my actual name is Panyam Narasimha Murthy S/O Panyam Venkata Ramana Sharma. 0040699235-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Lokesh Kumar Singla S/o Sajjan Kumar Singla R/O RB-7, Inderpuri Central Delhi-110012 have lost my Builder Buyer agreement & Possession letter of Flat.No.2252, Tower Magnolia, Gaur Saundrayam, Sector-techzone-4, Greater Noida U.P. 0070874355-1

I, Sudhakar Kumar Sehgal, S/o Jagdish Raj Sehgal and Ramon Sehgal,W/O-Sudhakar Sehgal both,R/O Flat No.0854, ATS Village, Sector-93A, Expressway, Noida,Gautam Budh-Nagar,UP-201304, have lost the property documents-Possession Letter, Allotment-Letter, Builder Buyer Agreement of related property. If anyone found pls cont:9958608015. 0040699286-10

I,lost the Original-Deed of Special-Power of Attorney of my Prop.No.C-18,Hazara Park,Gali No.3, Shivpuri, Delhi-51,Registered on.16.03.1971 by Surinder kumar Duggal in the Court of Bombay,NCR is lodge on 13.11.23.If found pls contact:VASDEV DEWAN, Ph.No.987329379. 0040699286-9

Lost Original Property Documents i.e. Relinquishment Deed in respect of WZ-215A, Plot No. G/C5 G-Block, Hari Nagar, New Delhi having duly regd. as document No. 5199 in addl Book No. 1, Volume No. 8818, on pages 68 & 69 Dated:20/06/1997, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Delhi. An FIR in this effect has been Lodged vide LR.No.1136642/2023 dated: 15/11/2023.Founder inform at above address.

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PUBLIC NOTICE My clients 'GOWARDHAN' LAL GULATI S/O LATE SH. SURAJ PRAKASH GULATI AND HIS WIFE MRS. SURINDER GULATI BOTH R/O M-3111, MODEL TOWN-II, DELHI-110089 hereby discovered and debarred their SON 'ROHIT GULATI S/O CHITRAN LAL LUV SMRITY GULATI from all movable- immovable property/assets, due to their misbehavior/misconduct. My clients will not be responsible for their future acts. Sd/- ARUN SAROHA En: 11992013 ADVOCATE CH.No. 402, 4th Floor, ROHINI COURTS, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE My Clients Smt. Kashmiri w/o Late Mahender Singh R/o Plot No. 30-A, Khazra No. 626, Sector No. 16 B, Near Gurudwara Anand Pur Dham, Karala, North West Delhi, Delhi-110081 hereby severed all relations with her son Harsh and his wife Komal and disowned them from all their moveable and immovable properties due to their hostile behaviour if anybody dealing with them my client will not be responsible. Sd/- Rajesh Aggarwal (Advocate) Enr. No. D/5046/16

PUBLIC NOTICE My Client Sh. Surinder Singh S/o Lt. Sh. Hemraj, R/O H. No. A-26 Bari Nagar Extension Part II, Badliapur, Jaitpur, Delhi-110044 has severed all relations with their son and daughter-in-law namely Manjeet Singh & Uppasana and also debarred them from all their movable properties i.e. H.No.-25 Hari Nagar Extension Part II, Badliapur, Jaitpur, Delhi-110044 and other if any and also from immovable properties due to their misconduct and behavior. My client shall not be responsible from their acts. ADVOCATE (Advocate) Enrolment No. D/5256/17 Chamber No. X-154, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi, Mob: 9999984734

PUBLIC NOTICE My Client intends to buy Northern Side Portion of Industrial Property No.16, built on land measuring 900 Sq. Yds. (Bottom to top), situated at Rajashahi Co-op. Ind. Estate, known as Rajashahi Udyan Nagar, G.T. Karnal Road, Delhi, from (1) Mr. Lalit Kumar Jain & (2) Mr. Pradeep Kumar Jain both sons of Late Shri Lakshmi Chand Jain both R/O C-1728, Safdarjung Development Area, Hauz Khas, Delhi. Both, Mr. Lalit Kumar Jain and Mr. Pradeep Kumar Jain assumed my client that they are the absolute owners of the said property. Any person/institution/company/remaining legal heirs of Shri Lakshmi Chand Jain have any sort of objection and/or have any claim in the said property then he/she shall file their objection or claim in writing at advocatemehesh.chawla@gmail.com within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of this Notice. After thirty days, such claim or objection shall be treated as null and void. Manish Chawla (Advocate) Office. No. 4, RJ-Block DDA-Market, Pitampura, Delhi, Mobile: 9811139896

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the public at large that my client Sh. Oshkar Dadaal S/o Late Sh. Bhagwan Singh Dadaal and his wife Smt. Davinder Dadaal, R/o Flat No. 9896, Pocket-26, Sector-24, Rohini Delhi-110085 have out of their own volition and have discovered their son Sahil Dadaal & his wife Bharti Dadaal and their son Kabir Dadaal and Daughter Jesika Dadaal due to their bad habits, cruelty and misbehavior. Both of my above named clients have also disowned and debarred his said son and his family from all their movable/immovable properties, and they shall have no claim in the said property. My clients shall not be responsible for any act or deed of dealing done by Sahil Dadaal & his wife Bharti Dadaal and their son Kabir Dadaal and Daughter Jesika Dadaal in any manner. Sd/- Sanjay Gupta Advocate Enr. No. 218, Rohini Courts, Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my Clients SH. AJAY KUMAR S/O SH. PHOOL SINGH & SMT. ANITA RANI W/O SH. AJAY KUMAR BOTH R/O A-22, RAM GARDEN EXTN, SHAKTI NAGAR, DELHI-110031 have severed all their relations and connections with their son Anasudh Kumar and his wife Smt. Sheela Singh and have debarred and disowned them from all their moveable and immovable properties with immediate effect due to acting beyond control, disobedient, showing unfamiliar and irresponsible behavior, having got into affairs outside their marriage and they are out of control of my clients. Whosoever deals with them in any monetary form or in any other nature shall do so at her/his/their own cost, risk and responsibility. Sd/- RAJAN MAHAJAN Advocate Office: 306, 307, Transport Authority Building District Centre, Janak Puri, N.D.-58

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Ram Veer Yadav, S/o Late Shishu Pal Yadav and Smt. Manita Yadav, W/o Sh. Ram Veer Yadav, both R/O H.No. 5-181, Pandya Nagar, East Delhi-110092 have severed all their relations with their son Sh. Sagar Yadav due to his bad habits and misbehavior. My above named clients have also disowned and debarred his said son from all of their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with above named Sh. Sagar Yadav will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients would not be responsible for any such acts, deed of dealing done by Sh. Sagar Yadav. Sd/- LALIT KUMAR (Advocate) Ch. No. 12, Old Lawyer's Chamber, Supreme Court of India, Thak Marg, New Delhi-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE The my clients, SH. SANJAY PANDIT S/O SHRI RAM SAGAR PANDIT AND SMT. SUNITA W/O SH. SANJAY PANDIT, both R/O - B-45 Vikas Vihar, Mohan Garden, Utam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110019 have discovered their son Aniket Kumar & his legally wedded wife namsee BHARTI KUMARI (Daughter-in-Law) of my clients from all movable and immovable properties due to their irresponsible acts towards the interest and dignity of the family. If anyone has any kind of transactions with them, my clients shall not be responsible for the same. That my clients have also disconnected their entire relations with their above-said son and his wife (Daughter-in-Law) of my clients. Sd/- RAHUL KUSHWAHA Advocate Chamber No. 42, D-Block, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court, New Delhi-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients SH. SANJAY KUMAR S/O SH. R.K. Sharma and Smt. Kaparna W/O Sh. Sanjay Kumar S/O R/O A-23, Second Floor, Ramprastha Colony, District Ghaziabad, U.P. have disowned and debarred their son Sh. Akanksha Sharma and his Aakanksha Sharma from all their movable and immovable properties including property No.-23, Second Floor, Ramprastha Colony, District Ghaziabad, U.P. and property No.F-1403, Express Greens Apartment, Sector-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P. which are the self acquired properties of my client Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sharma and nobody shall have any right over these two properties. My clients shall not be responsible for any act or acts of above said their son Sh. Sakar Sharma and his wife Smt. Aakanksha Sharma in any manner. Sd/- SANJAY GUPTA ADVOCATE Enr. No. 218, Rohini Courts, Delhi-85 Seat No.D-1, 1st Floor, Karkardooma Courts, Shahdara, Delhi-110032

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC AT LARGE IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT SHREYAS KUMAR W/O SHRI VIKRANT VIJAY AGARWAL S/O LATE SHRI C.V.L. R/O HOUSE NO. 97, GROUND FLOOR, KAILASH HILLS, NEW DELHI-110085, HAVE SEVERED ALL HIS RELATIONS WITH HIS SON SH. MAYANK VIJAY 40 YEARS AND HIS WIFE MRS. POONAM VIJAY AGE 39 YEARS DO SO AS HIS/HER/THEIR OWN RISK AND RESPONSIBILITIES. My clients shall not be responsible for any act or acts of above said their son Sh. Sakar Sharma and his wife Smt. Aakanksha Sharma in any manner. Sd/- SANJAY GUPTA ADVOCATE Enr. No. 218, Rohini Courts, Delhi-85 Seat No.D-1, 1st Floor, Karkardooma Courts, Shahdara, Delhi-110032

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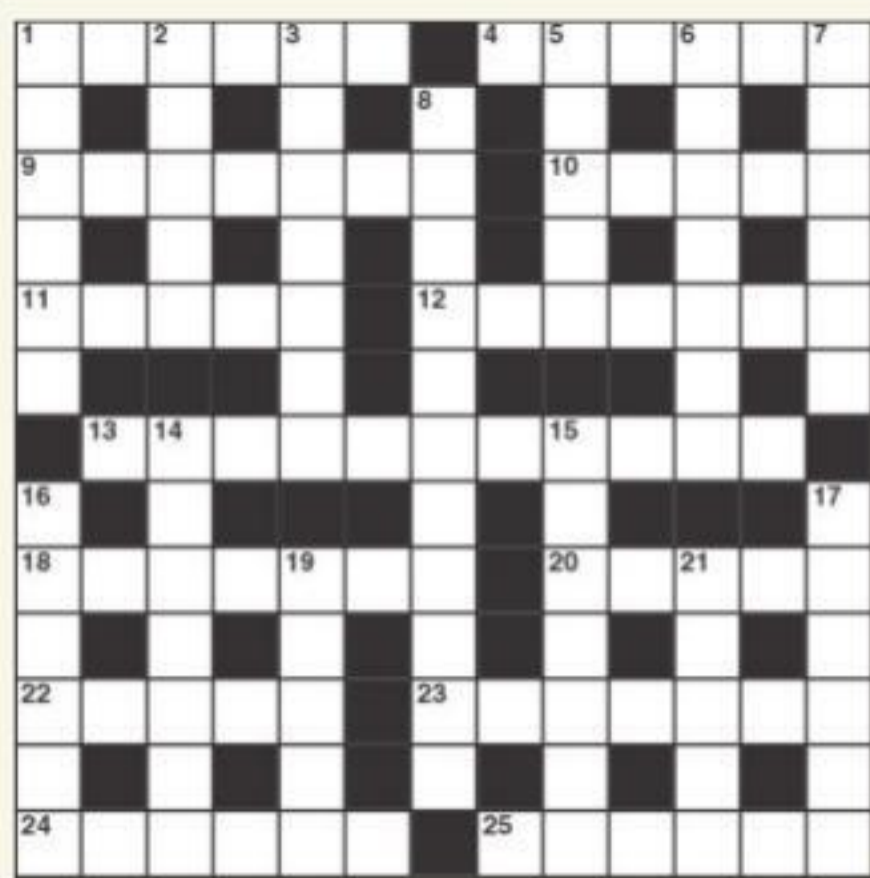
PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that my clients SHRI RISHI BANHRI MALIK SON OF LATE SHRI SUDERSHAN LAL MALIK and his Wife Smt. RAJNI MALIK Both residents of 493, 5/26/1KUNJ APARTMENT, Sector-13, Rohini, DELHI-110085 have severed all their relations with their Son SHRI ARJUN MALIK and his Wife Smt. ALISHA BATRA and their Son AARISH MALIK due to their bad habits. Both of my clients above named have disowned and debarred their son SHRI ARJUN MALIK and his Wife Smt. ALISHA BATRA. Anybody dealings with SHRI ARJUN MALIK and his Wife Smt. ALISHA BATRA will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients will not be responsible for any kind of acts, deeds, dealings or misdeeds etc. done by SHRI ARJUN MALIK and his Wife Smt. ALISHA BATRA. Sd/- ROSHAN LAL Advocate CHAMBER NO. S-60, NEAR GATE NO. 13, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-110054

SITUATION VACANT Urgently required a dynamic, self motivated, work oriented, Vice Principal (independent charge) for a Sr. Sec. CBSE affiliated school located in New Delhi. Qualifications: Post graduate in any field B.Ed/M.Ed as per CBSE norms with minimum 15 years experience in education, teaching & administration, with good command over English language and good communication skills. may apply within 10 days with complete resume alongwith a recent passport size photograph. Existing qualified school staff may also apply. Contact - Lt. Col. Mehr Lute Alkhes Senior Secondary School, Paschim Vihar # 011-25268053, 011-25275108.

NATIONAL CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION (Constituted under Consumer Protection Act, 1986) UPB/KOTA/NAVY BHUWANI, F-Block, General Post Office Complex, N.A. New Delhi-23 REVISION PETITION NO. 1812 OF 2023 Against the order dated 12.04.2023 in First Appeal No. 106 of 2023 of The Delhi State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. The abovesaid Revision Petition is pending before the National Commission, New Delhi. Whereas this Commission has ordered vide order dated 15.07.2023 to effect service upon you by this Commission returnable on 07.07.2023. THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby directed to appear before this Commission in person or through your counsel/authorized representative on 07.12.2023 at 10.30 a.m., failing which the Petition will be disposed of ex-parte orders. Defect to the 6th Section OFFICE OFFICER

In the Court of Sh. Shiv Kumar Addl. District Judge-02, West, Delhi, Room No. 127, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi PC No.-7/2023 RAJESH ARYA VS STATE & ORS. Citation Under Section 233 (2) of Succession Act, 1925 Whereas an application

CROSSWORD 5211



ACROSS
1 Check provided in extreme case (6)
2 Poisoner catches general unawares (6)
3 Jury members have been given run-down in what's wrong (5,2)
10 Note basic education contains nothing but fault (5)
11 It lends support to an artist's views (5)
12 Let care be arranged for female in tragedy (7)
13 An unlucky boxer may get it in the neck (6,5)
18 Capital bank to find about midnight, all right? (7)
20 They grow down from the torso (5)
22 Writer who was quick to ridicule? (5)
23 He doesn't like giving a new grading (7)
24 Beat time (6)
25 Make quite clear it's a cause of tension (6)

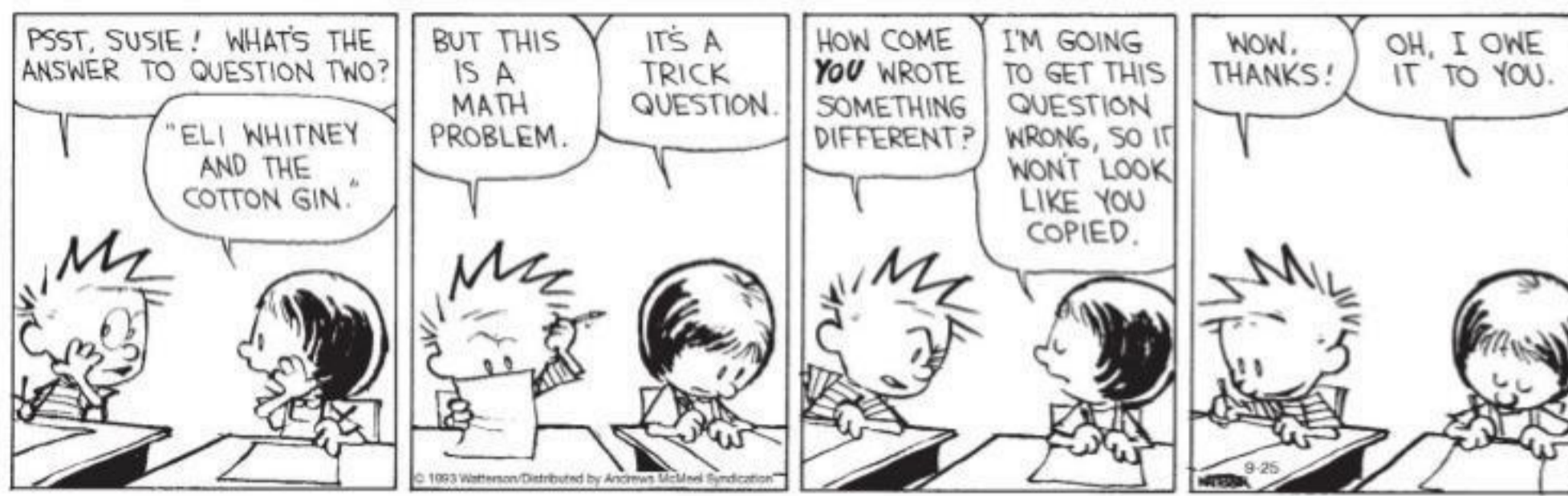
DOWN
1 Craft in which wives seldom excel (6)
2 Castles in the air? (5)
3 Cool beat from the backing group (3,4)
5 Nasty demonstration is a bit of an act (5)
6 Wandering man about desert (7)
7 Left a number at the gate (6)
8 Business offering no hope of revival? (11)
14 Night in France breaks into any kind of income (7)
15 Just a piano? (7)
16 He reviles a blockhead employer (6)
17 Remarks we're not supposed to hear as the team comes in (6)
19 Incomplete sauce boat (5)
21 Give an address or a note (5)

Solutions Crossword 5210 Across: 1 Envious, 5 Cramp, 8 History master, 9 Rates, 10 Ensured, 11 Danish, 12 Dog fox, 15 Cohabit, 17 Paste, 19 Blunt question, 20 Lists, 21 Strings Down: 1 Ether, 2 Visiting hours, 3 Oboists, 4 Styles, 5 Class, 6 After a fashion, 7 Paradox, 11 Decibel, 13 Opposer, 14 Struts, 16 Butts, 18 Emes

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
As a result of recent social encounters you now seem to be torn between new associations and a natural duty to those who are confused. With careful juggling, you may be able to satisfy your social desires and fulfil other commitments.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
The Sun is a complex planet. Western astrologers emphasise its power over life, but their eastern colleagues point to a harsh, uncompromising face. This is why you may now feel both optimistic, yet uneasy. It's good to have doubts, because that means you'll be covering all angles.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
We are now in the run-up to the next major lunar alignment. The significance for you is that pleasant social events are likely to combine with certain intense encounters over the next week. Family gatherings could bring surprises - including pleasant ones.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Between now and the end of the year you will be sowing the seeds of a domestic upheaval, possibly even a move of home. Remember this trend as you manage your personal affairs, and see to it that events suit your long-term plans. Also, consider any and all options.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Whatever takes place on the work front now needs to be viewed with a certain amount of caution or even scepticism. You have too much to gain to squander everything for the sake of some personal dispute or other. It will help matters if you understand that partners don't necessarily agree with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
A financial or practical problem is obviously not going to disappear overnight. However, the stars are about to do something very curious, making you believe that such questions have indeed disappeared. But have they really gone? Or will they return in a different form?

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The more sensitive among you may now be aware that children, and interests connected with children, are likely to assume a greater than average place in your thinking over the next few days. Pleasurable events and a change of attitude are on the cards.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You are well used to long-term planetary influences bringing nothing but strain. However, the planets are now adopting a favourable pattern which will enable you to deal with major underlying issues in all spheres. In particular, there are some very useful financial trends on the horizon.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Unfortunately, any disagreements or difficulties with relatives or colleagues are likely to become even greater over the coming few days. But so, by the same token, are developments which are deeply pleasurable and optimistic. You'll be walking a real tightrope - so, good luck.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You've been waiting and wondering, but so much more should now begin to fit into place. What is especially at stake now are professional and worldly ambitions, and your deep desire to achieve immortality by making your unmistakable mark on the wider world.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You have a powerfully curious side to your character. Over the next five days your ability to search out the truth, uncomfortable as it may be, will be at its strongest. Keep on your current track and you'll combine solid success with remarkable ideas.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Is there any way in which you can schedule a holiday, preferably an overseas trip, over the next month? You will enjoy putting yourself in situations which are adventurous, and which will prompt you to broaden your horizons and widen your experience.

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.

How beggarly appear arguments before a _____? - Walt Whitman (7,4)

PTEEE
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BEIDDN
[] [] [] [] [] [] []

PRAIT
[] [] [] [] [] [] []

ELTYDF
[] [] [] [] [] [] []

SOLUTION: TEEPE, TAPIR, BIDDEN, DEFTLY
Answer: How beggarly appear arguments before a deft hand?

Difficulty Level 1s
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

SUDOKU 5384

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 5383

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Letter No. JSRRDA-790/2023- 2169Ranchi, Dated - 14.11.2023

CORRIGENDUM to PR No.: 309849 e-Tender NIT No. 117 / 2023-24

The NIT issued vide PR No. 309849 dated 25.10.2023 regarding e-tender for Strengthening and Maintenance for package number JH-M-RAN-03 / 2023-24 in District Ranchi, under MMGSY is amended and should be read as follows in the bidding document which is available in website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in:-

Sl. No.	In place of	Read as
1.	Last date and time for Receipt of e-Tender - 14.11.2023 at 1700 hrs	Last date and time for Receipt of e-Tender - 22.11.2023 at 1700 hrs
2.	Date and Time for opening of Bid - 16.11.2023 at 1530 hrs	Date and Time for opening of Bid - 23.11.2023 at 1700 hrs

All other terms and conditions will remain same.

Chief Engineer JSRRDA, Ranchi
PR311401 (Rural Work Department)23-24'D

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Letter No. JSRRDA-790/2023- 2171Ranchi, Dated - 14.11.2023

CORRIGENDUM to PR No.: 306205 e-Tender NIT No. 122 / 2023-24

The NIT issued vide PR No. 306205 dated 04.09.2023 regarding e-tender for Strengthening and Maintenance for package number JH-M-GAR-13/2023-24 in District Garhwa bidding document which is available in website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in:-

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2.	Date and Time for opening of Bid - 16.11.2023 at 1530 hrs	Date and Time for opening of Bid - 23.11.2023 at 1700 hrs

All other terms and conditions will remain same.

Chief Engineer JSRRDA, Ranchi
PR.NO.311403 Rural Work Department(23-24):D

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Letter No. JSRRDA-790/2023- 2175 Ranchi, Dated - 14.11.2023

CORRIGENDUM to PR No.: 304905 e-Tender NIT No. 128 / 2023-24

The NIT issued vide PR No. 304905 dated 18.08.2023 regarding e-tender for Strengthening and Maintenance for package number JH-M-SIM-03 / 2023-24 in District Simdega bidding document which is available in website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in:-

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All other terms and conditions will remain same.

Chief Engineer JSRRDA, Ranchi
PR 311407 Rural Work Department(23-24):D

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
Phone no. 0674-2431253, e-mail: info@bmc.gov.in

XXXX-11-SWMPM - 12-2023-24

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

C-1856 Notice No. 54354 /BMC, dtd. 15-11-23 /

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation invites Sealed tenders, in a two part bidding process (Qualification Bid & Financial Bid) from eligible bidders for Design, Built, Finance, Operate & Transfer of 50 TPD Bio-CNG Plants on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for a period of 20 years in 4 (four) separate packages across different locations of Bhubaneswar as follows:-

Package no.	Location	Estimated Cost
I	Rokat	Rs. 2530.59 lakhs
II	Meherpalli	Rs. 2530.59 lakhs
III	Kochilapur	Rs. 2530.59 lakhs
IV	Basuaghai	Rs. 2530.59 lakhs

- A bidder may submit bid (s) for one or more Packages. However, a bidder shall be awarded no more than 2 Packages. Each bidder shall submit its technical and financial proposal separately for each of the above packages.
- Bids are invited for the Project on the basis of "Best Quote" i.e. either of lowest quoted Subsidy per Kg output of Bio-CNG or highest quoted Royalty per Kg output of Bio-CNG in the Financial bid. For avoidance of doubt the Royalty shall be termed as a preferred bid over subsidy for arriving at the best quote.
- A Bidder will be required to deposit, along with its Bid, a sum of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) in the form of Demand Draft from a Scheduled Commercial Bank as "Document Fee" and a "Bid Security" of Rs. 25,30,590/- (Rupees Twenty five lakhs thirty thousand five hundred and ninety) only in the form of a bank guarantee acceptable to the Authority.
- The RFP document and the Draft Concession Agreement shall be downloaded from the website of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation i.e. <https://www.bmc.gov.in/>.
- The detailed conditions of eligibility along with scope of work and other terms & conditions shall be as provisions mentioned under the RFP documents and the Draft Concession Agreement
- The pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held on 29.11.2023 at 12:00 noon in 4th Floor Conference Hall of BMC-ICOMC Building, Unit-IX, Bhubaneswar-751 022

Sd/-
Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation)
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
PUBLIC WORKS ROADS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (EAP)
ARR&TI COMPLEX FATASIL AMBARI GUWAHATI-25 ASSAM
Email: as-ce.adrharpd@assam.gov.in

REOI No.: CE/ADRHARDP/01/2023/39

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Name of Project: Assam Disaster Resilient Hill Area Road Development Project (ADRHARDP)
Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for Preparation of Feasibility Study and Detailed Project Report for Improvement & Upgradation of about 350 Km Roads under Assam Disaster Resilient Hill Area Road Development Project (ADRHARDP).

- The Government of Assam through Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Assam Disaster Resilient Hill Area Road Development Project (ADRHARDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consultancy Services ('the Services').
- The Chief Engineer, (EAP) PWRD Assam Fatasil Ambari now invites eligible consulting firms (the Consultants) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experiences to perform the services.
- The Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Quality Based Selection (QBS) method set out in the Consultants Guidelines of the World Bank.
- Details of Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) and the Terms of Reference (TOR) will be available at <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in>.
- The Consultancy services shall be for a period of Twelve (12) months from the date of commencement.
- Further information may be obtained at the address below during office working hours from 10:00 hours to 17:00 hours (IST)
- Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) must be submitted online in the e-tendering system <https://assamtenders.gov.in> only on or before December 8 2023 upto 14:30 hours (IST).

Chief Engineer, (EAP) PWRD
JANASANYOG/CF/3714/23/17-NOV-23
Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-25

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD
NAGAON & HOJAI ROAD CIRCLE, NAGAON
No. SE/NRC/TB/NIT/12/2021-22/65

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Superintending Engineer, PWD, Nagaon & Hojai Road Circle, Nagaon on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids from Assam PWD registered contractors for 4 (Four) nos of work for Construction and improvement of roads for ensuing Asom Sahitya Shabha Eleventh Special Annual Conference, 2024 at Barapujia under SOPD for the year 2023-24 under Nagaon-Batadrava & Raha LAC amounting to Rs. 544.41 Lakhs (approx.).Details may be seen at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Note: The work order will be issued after receiving of the Administrative Approval from Govt. otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, PWD
Nagaon & Hojai Road Circle, Nagaon
JANASANYOG/CF/3702/23/17- NOV-23

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS)
ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-3
No. CE/STBR/RIDF-XXIX/NIT/23/23-24/16

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Re-Bid)

The Chief Engineer, PWD, (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Ghy-3 on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites Re-Bids online for Roads & Bridge projects in Tinsukia LAC of Assam from eligible registered Contractors for 2 (Two) No. of Packages under Mukhya Mantrir Unnoto Pakipath Nirman Achari under RIDF- XXIX of NABARD for 2023-24 for an amount of **Rs. 443.23 Lakhs (approx)**. Details may be seen at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned (State Bridge Design Branch) during office hours.

Note: 1. The Scheme is being sanctioned from competent authority. In the event of non-sanction of the Scheme, the bids may be cancelled and no claim what so ever on this account shall be entertained from the bidders.
2. The approximate N.I.T. Value is inclusive of GST, L.C. etc.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer PWD (Roads),
Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.
JANASANYOG/CF/3695/23/17-NOV-23

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS)
ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-03
No. CE/CW/20/2023-24/6

PRESS NOTICE RE-INVITING TENDER

The Chief Engineer (Roads), PWRD, Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 re-invites bids on behalf of the Governor of Assam from approved & eligible Contractors registered with PWRD, Assam for construction of roads and drains under **Mukhya Mantrir Nagariya Paki Path Nirman Achari (MMNPPNA)** for the year 2023-24 for **10 (Ten)** groups amounting to **Rs. 1591.824 lakh (approx.)** within Guwahati Municipal Corporation area in Kamrup (Metropolitan) district of Assam.

Details along with packages for the works may be seen from **20.11.2023** at website www.assamtenders.gov.in and also at the office of the undersigned in the "City Works Cell". Amendment / Addendum to the SBD, if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor / bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWRD, Assam website www.assamtenders.gov.in.

Schemes are not yet sanctioned by the competent authority. In the event of non-sanction of the schemes, the bids may be cancelled and no claim what so ever on this account shall be entertained from the bidders.

Note: NIT Value is inclusive of GST (12%), Labour Cess (1%), etc.

Chief Engineer PWD (Roads)
Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati - 3
JANASANYOG/CF/3711/23/17-NOV-23



How South Africa dropped the semifinal

Not defending a big score, the Proteas needed to hold every chance that came their way. But they spilled several catches to let the Aussies off the hook



OVER 11.1:

COETZEE TO HEAD, AUS 77/1

Reeza Hendricks, on as a substitute, did brilliantly at the deep point boundary to run around and dive forward towards the ball. But having got there, he had too much momentum going forward and couldn't hold on.

OVER 13.3:

SHAMSI TO HEAD, AUS 101/2

Heinrich Klaasen, at first slip, started moving to his left a little early and the edge from Head was too fine for him to recover. The ball flew quickly but a more solid base could've helped Klaasen pouch it.

OVER 17.4:

SHAMSI TO SMITH, 116/3

Quinton de Kock picked up a skier eventually to dismiss Smith but he was guilty of spilling a chance earlier. It was a sharp chance as the ball deviated significantly off the edge, and didn't quite loop off the South African's leg.

OVER 37.6:

COETZEE TO STARC, 188/6

Coetzee brought South Africa back into the match with his late spell, and if he had managed to hold on to this chance, it would have been one of the catches of the tournament. The ball looped back from Starc and evaded a diving Coetzee.

OVER 44.2:

MARKRAM TO CUMMINS, 204/7

De Kock and Proteas would regret this one perhaps the most. When nerves were jangling, the wicket of Cummins would have given them a fresh lease of life. But the inside edge was put down by de Kock.

Oz belief trumps SA hope... again

Proteas falter in early exchanges with bat & ball with Australia getting home in tense game to set up title showdown with India

SANDIP G
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 16

ELEVEN BROKEN men walked scattered at the Eden Gardens; two joyous men leapt in delirium. This one shot, at the end of a nerve-battering semifinal between Australia and South Africa, captured the beauty and cruelty of the sport.

For South Africa, a dream lay broken in the crushed grass of the historic arena. The 11 tired men in dark green had their bodies drained and minds defeated. This was supposed to be the oasis, the jinx-breaker, the narrative-shifter, but the dream they had dreamt for six weeks now lay in tatters. Not far from them, two good friends in yellow were rushing towards their equally ecstatic teammates. In the Australian dug-out, a dream was revived, the old order was restored. In a knockout World Cup game, they would invariably prevail over South Africa, even if it's by merely three wickets. It's an unbreakable truth of our times.

It was a game scripted in the past, like an old director, running out of ideas mishmashing his old narratives, just replacing the old actors with new ones, forcing a tweak or two, but around the thread built over the old narrative arcs. All the slapstick confusion and unusual dilemmas, all the melodrama and pathos, all the laughter and tears. In the end, the cold reality was that Australia did Australia things, and South Africa did South Africa things. The country would forgive the defeat, unlike the tie in 1999, but it would not be forgotten.

This would hurt them, perhaps not haunt them as much. A regret but not a scar. Eden Gardens was a toned-down version of Edgbaston, both in drama and quality.

The difference between both teams, then and now, was that Australia believed and South Africa merely hoped. Australia seized the moments, South Africa wished for moments. Like a callous anti-hero, hope lingered till the end for South Africa. Every time the game seemed to drift irreversibly from their grasp, a ray of hope arrived: Like when Aiden Markram disarrayed David Warner's stumps to end a steaming opening stand of 60 runs in six overs. Like when Tabraiz Shamsi ripped out the wickets of Marnus Labuschagne and Glenn Maxwell and tore into a spontaneous sprint; or finally when Gerald Coetzee dismissed Steve Smith and then toe-crushed Josh Inglis.

Buoyed by hope, driven by a sense of destiny, they fought and hoped till the end. Every sinew was strained, every drop of sweat was dropped, every trick was tried, every path travelled. Yet, in the end, they stood defeated, deflated. Australia, on the other hand, believed. Even when they lost Labuschagne and Maxwell in quick succession, or when Inglis departed, with Australia 21 runs adrift of the target, they did not panic, or resorted to something silly. Pat Cummins, composing yet another serene knock, and Mitchell Starc knew how to handle the situation. Perhaps, it was experience (as Cummins would later



Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins celebrate as a desolate Keshav Maharaj looks on after Australia beat South Africa in the second semifinal in Kolkata on Thursday. PTI

say), or belief, or will, or ruthlessness (as Temba Bavuma would compliment the Aussies). All these traits, Australia showed more than the South Africans.

But it was a defeat that they would pine over, barrage their mind with what ifs. What if they had fielded first? What if they had weathered the new ball without losing four wickets? What if they had not gifted wickets to Travis Head? What if they had reviewed the caught behind verdict against Gerald Coetzee? What if they had clung to the catches of Travis Head early, and Steve Smith later? All the ifs and buts, bits and scraps would torment the Proteas for years to come. As it has for the best part of their post-apartheid era.

Desire and determination

But in the end, Australia were sheer bloody-minded. At the bottom of their win was their desire, their preternatural capacity to seize moments, to cut a wound deeper and deeper, to cherish even half a gift that comes their way. A moist pitch, gloomy skies and two shining

new balls. Starc and Josh Hazlewood would have pinched themselves to confirm that it was not a dream. Both tucked into the conditions, hitting the perfect length, full but not full enough to drive, and the precise line, whistling past off-stump. The movement was not wicked, but just enough to keep South Africa's batsmen uncertain, for them to stab and prod unsurely at the whirling white ball.

It's a sign of South Africa's gumption that they fought back from hopeless situations. But that would rarely suffice against Australia. They were both stronger and braver.

Later, when Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller had resurrected them with a 95-run stand, came along Travis Head with a combined haul of 16 wickets in 63 games. He would grab two in two balls to send the Proteas down the road to perdition. He would subsequently reel out 62 runs off 48 balls to kickstart their chase. Every game, Australia has unearthed new heroes. It was Head's turn to shine.

When Australia's turn came to bat, they knew exactly how to hunt down the target.

David Warner and Head hoisted 60 runs in six overs, merging classical stroke-play with calculated risks. The pitch had changed and they knew South Africa's spinners would be influential as the night dragged on. The movement off the surface had disappeared but there was more turn for the spinners. The early assault meant they could afford to play out the trio Keshav Maharaj, Tabraiz Shamsi and Aiden Markram. The three combined to leak only 89 runs in 28 overs and took four wickets. Some wickets they knew they would lose, but the early onslaught, both with the bat and ball, ensured that Australia did not lag in the end. Look not beyond the first 10 overs of each innings to understand how and when South Africa lost. The rest was only for the sake of dramatics.

Thus, rather than breaking the well-worn cliches, the game only embellished them. The result of the match firms up the idea of Australia as a team of believers and South Africa as one of hoppers. Belief trumps hope, as Australia, South Africa and the world came to know, yet again.

That's nothing even remotely close to a choke: S Africa coach Walters

SAYAK DUTTA
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 16

MIDWAY THROUGH the South African innings, the word 'chokers' was trending on social media as the Proteas suffered a less-than-ideal start to their World Cup semifinal against Australia, being reduced to 24/4 in the 12th over. Whether they like it or not, the 'chokers' tag has been the albatross around South African necks for decades, and Friday was another occasion when they tripped over at the knockout hurdle.

Head coach Rob Walters, however, refused to acknowledge the tag, saying, "You need to define what choking is. For me, a choke is losing a game which you were in a position to win. Here, we were behind the 8-ball right

from the word go and actually fought our way back into the competition and put up a score that gave us a chance, and then they got off to a flier. So, how we fought and put ourselves back into the game, for me, that's nothing even remotely close to a choke out there. Just a serious contest between two good teams."

The result was the latest in the long list of close encounters in the World Cup that South Africa will have nightmares about, joining the likes of the 1999 tied semifinal against Australia, the 2003 DLS debacle where they went out of the tournament at home in the group stage, losing in the 2007 semifinals and 2011 quarterfinals to Australia and New Zealand respectively. In the 2015 semifinals, they lost to New Zealand again while they failed to qualify for the knockout stage in 2019.

LONE WARRIOR

Miller's valiant hundred in losing cause embodies Proteas' tragic tale

SANDIP G
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 16

THE MOST enduring David Miller image featured none of the five sixes or eight fours he bludgeoned. Or the wild shriek that accompanied his hundred. It came the ball that ended the innings that would define his career, one that would embody the tragicness of a South African batting hero and his doomed pursuit of an elusive goal.

Miller watched in agony his hit — the bat had slipped off his palms at the point of impact — nestle in Travis Head's palms. Distraught, he slammed his helmet with the bat, as he staggered back to the pavilion, in the sweat of an attritional hundred and in the tears of failing to guide his team to a bigger score than the 212 they mustered.

Some of his adversaries shook hands; some put their arm around him, the crowd squealed his name. Impassively, he lifted the bat and passed through a cavalcade of hugs and handshakes. A shower later, he would return to the dug-out and watch the replays of his dismissal. He was not satisfied with a hundred, when he could have perhaps stretched the innings further. He kept shrugging his head, his face still sombre, his mind inconsolable.

It was a rare sight, because Miller is seldom expressive. His father Andrew had once

told this newspaper: "You don't know whether he has scored a hundred or gone for a duck. He won't brag about a hundred or mourn a zero. He takes both as part of life and moves on."

But this was different, the stakes were higher than probably any of the games he had ever played. Against Australia. In a World Cup semifinal. The millstone of underachievement tied around the team's neck and pulling them down with the force of gravitational pull. He was battling the past. The present too — the bowlers and elements, which were tough enough.

When he united with Heinrich Klaasen with South Africa tottering at 24/4 after 11.5 overs, the overhead conditions were sinisterly grey. Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc were whipping up an apocalypse. Miller would have returned to the pavilion first ball, but for the outside edge that fell tantalisingly short of first slip. A few balls later, he almost spooned a catch to Hazlewood at mid-on, but for the ball to drop in front of the fielder and dribble for another four. Pat Cummins grimaced; David Warner snarled. Miller would feel like it was an inescapable crucible of fire.

But he didn't waver, he didn't flinch. He knew he is not so much an accumulator as he is an aggressor. But he didn't let the pressure of dot balls pile on him. He was like a patient birdwatcher, spending hours behind the binoculars, waiting for the bird he



David Miller (101 off 116 balls) scored nearly half of South Africa's runs. Reuters

wanted to spot. Off the first 28 balls he faced, 18 were dots, but he was still striking at a rate of 95 or thereabouts. His logic in the direst hour was simple — wait for the right ball to strike. Strike he would, eight fours and five sixes, that is 62 off his 101 runs.

Calm and composed

None of the strokes were wishful swipes, but crisp, methodical strikes, accentuated by the most brutal of bat-swings. He coils onto the back-foot and uncoils those muscular arms of his, the path of the bat

from the back-lift to the flourish traversing a swift straight path. He has arguably the most potent bat-swing in cricket. To go by his father Andrew's reminiscences, he was born to swing the bat straight. The senior Miller had gifted him a plastic golf set when he was three and gently rolled a rubber ball to him, and with a fluid straight swing of the miniature club, David swung it over his father's head. He would repeat it to his startled father's joy.

But it was a quote of his father that went into stereotyping him as just another slugger of the cricket ball. After his son's early exploits in the IPL, he would say: "If it's in the arc, it's out (of) the park."

However, Miller has often proved that he was more than just a lusty striker of a cricket ball. He has the nous, nerve and skill to hold an innings together, ride a storm and then whip up one of his own. The succession of wickets on Thursday perhaps shackled him from transforming into a full-blown storm, but he latched onto even the slightest of mistakes from Australia's bowlers. A trifle full, as Adam Zampa often was, and he would thump it down the ground. A wee bit short, he would lunge on the back-foot and flex the forearms to belt it through mid-wicket. He could not manipulate the gaps for singles, but ensured that he did nothing silly and survived.

He alone frustrated Australia, for he beat

every plan of theirs, either with his flashing blade or his impenetrable defence and grit. He emphasised that the soul of his batting is power, but it is not power alone that makes him a dreaded batsman. His coach Bechet hates the word "power".

"It's explosiveness," he would say. Explosive and adaptable too. Miller has scored runs in Australia, England, New Zealand, West Indies and the subcontinent. He has adeptly dealt with the varied challenges that confront a middle- and lower-order batsman. At No 4, he averages 41.5; at 5, 49; and at 6, 40. Yet, he is widely unsung and pigeonholed as white-ball biffer. Biffing alone cannot have yielded him 4,446 runs at 42.84.

But in the mind of the 45,000-odd crowd he was still the Miller of the IPL, the supposed dasher. So they would get impatient when he blocked or ran a single at the start of the innings. But gradually, they would come to appreciate the circumstances of this knock, and they would fully get behind him. And they burst into a collective roar when he completed his hundred, smearing Cummins over mid-wicket. He would celebrate with a roar himself. An attempted repeat next ball ended in the hands of Head and Miller's helmet thrashing, plunging him into misery. But the knock would be stuff of South African cricketing folklore, despite him ending up as a tragic-hero.

Kane Williamson's coach since age 10 talks to *The Indian Express* about what makes him this gracious and level headed in victory and defeat, his pursuit of excellence, and how he overcame a couple of dark episodes in his life



DAVID JOHNSTON

I REMEMBER Kane coming back home from that heart-breaking World Cup final in 2019. He was utterly gutted. I wouldn't say he was pretty hollow, but was numb for a long time. It wasn't because he was angry at the loss - it was just difficult to process that strange game. New Zealand didn't lose the game; yet they lost the World Cup.

The overthrows from Ben Stokes' bat, the boundary count playing a role - it was difficult for him, for us, to process it. I remember it took him a while to get back to himself; I was careful not to talk about it too much but I know he spent a lot of time dwelling about it. He is not the sort to show emotions that way, but I knew deep down that was a hard one to take.

I have known him from when he was 10. More than him, his father, who was in greater disbelief. The whole team, I would say, struggled a while to handle that game. They had done everything, yet it had slipped away. I believe that memory was what made him make this remarkable comeback for this World Cup.

In some ways, I would say this is his greatest achievement - how soon he came back from that nasty injury at the IPL. Normally, it takes at least 9 months. He played for New Zealand in 6 months. I saw his daily grind, and was wowed at his commitment. He would do the rehab exercise at the gym, set a gym at his home in that period, and I am sure he drove his wife Sarah mad.

Every moment he got, he would be there, strengthening his legs and lower body. When he could walk, he came over to the nets and started by batting against a tennis ball without moving his legs. As he couldn't, in the batting sense. Even later when he was ready, he didn't want to take any chances. He checked in a clinic in England that specialises in ACL injuries, and spent 10 days so that he could be at his very best for the World Cup. The entire effort, the passion, the hard work staggered me. I knew that the 2019 World Cup memory drove him to have one more crack at it, this time in India.

I am not surprised at the grace he showed in the media interaction after the semi-final loss to India on Wednesday night. This loss was easier to understand, cricketing wise. This Indian team was too good, and it was a loss on the field. That he can handle. The Lord's one was crazy for all of us.

India is a place that he has always liked. I remember his first Test tour as a New Zealand player to India. Growing up, his favourites were Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid, and he would say later that he just watched them intently all through that tour. I remember a net session when he came back home, and he played a couple of un-Kane like

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON



New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson taught himself how to play the guitar and music is what relaxes him.

shots. I said, 'what's that?' And he would say with a shy smile, 'I saw Sachin try this'. Or 'I saw David try this'.

I have been occasionally asked whether there is another side to him. Something darker! And I have always had to disappoint people. He has always been like this. Respectful, humble, lovely sense of humour, and at ease with 90-year olds or one-year old. The perfect son, in many ways.

I remember the moment when I understood his personality. He was 12-years-old. He had scored three 100s in a row and his dad, who was the coach, swapped the batting order for the next game, sending his son down at No. 6. Kane hit a century to take the team out of trouble, batting with the no.10 in a match-turning partnership. When they walked off the field, all the boys came out and clapped in admiration. "He saw that, stopped, let the other kid walk first and clapped him off the field. When I saw that, right then, I understood his character. The sensitivity in a 12-year old to realise the other young boy might feel left out, the need to put

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his team ahead - that was a defining moment for me. He isn't just a good batsman but a good person.

He still keeps working hard at his batting. Knowing hard work makes you luckier. When he made it into the New Zealand team as a 19-year old, I know his lengthy net session would make his team-mates go 'Oh! Kane is off to the nets again!'. His work ethic, I believe, changed the work ethic of the national team. The others got inspired by him, realised the hard work needed as a profes-



sional, and the team became a better unit. And he was a teenager. The time he first played Daniel Vettori, who was an international player then, also sticks in my mind. Kane was 15 then. I was the selector in that game and a bit worried whether I had played him too early. What if a failure scarred

him? The first ball he played off Dan, he whipped off the legs and it hit the short-leg on the shoulder. Second ball, he fell lbw for a duck, trying that whip again. As he walked in, I checked on him to see if he was alright, and he goes, 'That was good fun playing an international player. I played the right shot but needed to play it better' - He wasn't crestfallen, he had already done his analysis, summed it up, I just nodded and went back to sit.

The thing with him is that he isn't scared of failure. He is not worried or won't let himself be defined by success or failure. If he misses a ball, it's gone. He stays in the moment. Success doesn't change him. That ability to stay in the moment is what makes him special. Good technically, very, very good mentally.

I remember one episode during his early years that left him down and sad. A newspaper article had picked up from some blogger, claiming to be Williamson, talking himself up and how great he would be in the future. Without checking, the article was carried. Kane was pretty down by it. It was ridiculous and he said they made him 'look like a gangster'; it embarrassed him. It left him a touch guarded for a while.

He can be a private person when he wants to be. But he has this amazing thirst of knowledge that he constantly seeks out - not just about batting or the tactical side of the game but about life. On tours, he would always travel out. He is not a hotel-room resident. In the West Indies, he was hunting down details about Bob Marley. In India, as we saw even in this World Cup, he was out meeting the Dalai Lama. I saw that photo and said, "I wonder who is more calm and cool: the Dalai Lama or our Kane!"

Music and guitar

He relaxes with music. He has taught himself to play the guitar and he and Trent Boult have a lot of discussions about music. Boult believes he is the better guitarist! Kane loves the 70's, 80's music but also listens to modern-music as well. 'Easy-listening' genres, I would say. His wife Sarah is from Glastonbury region in England and Kane is a regular visitor to that Glastonbury music festival. The couple have two loving children, and he dotes on them. He loves animals, has a golden Labrador that he is very fond of.

All his life, he has only competed with himself. If he becomes a better player than he was last season, he will be happy. He never talks himself up or knocks others down. That's not his style. But I remember before he made his debut, saying that he is going to become the best batsman New Zealand has ever produced. He was that good. I had no doubts.

He doesn't think on those lines, he has immense respect for what the greats like Martin Crowe have done. He never considered himself in that league. All he has been interested in is becoming better than he was. And that's his greatest strength. That drives him. A year before he died, Martin Crowe wrote an article "We are seeing the dawn of New Zealand's greatest batsman". Great batsman, greater human being, that's Kane. (David Johnston is Kane Williamson's childhood coach. He spoke to *Sriram Veera*)

'India is the best team in the world'

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NEW ZEALAND captain Kane Williamson doffed his cap to pacer Mohammed Shami and the India team after his side was outplayed in the World Cup semifinal here, saying that the bowling stalwart was one of the best in the world and Rohit Sharma's side the "best team".

India crushed New Zealand by 70 runs to book their place in the final to be played on Sunday, with their opponents in the summit clash to be decided after the Australia-South Africa showdown in Kolkata on Thursday.

New Zealand could only manage 327 in 48.5 overs chasing 398, with Shami producing a magical seven-wicket spell for his unprecedented third five-wicket haul in World Cup matches. "He (Shami) has been incredible. He has only played probably half the games and he might be close to top wicket-taker (position) and coming on first change, behind two outstanding new-ball bowlers," Williamson told the media after the loss.

"He is, without a doubt, one of the top operators in the world and the way he moves the ball and he keeps bringing the stumps into play. It has been quite phenomenal, really, the amount of wickets he has got in such a small amount of games in this tournament.

"That Indian team in all departments are firing without a doubt and I am sure they will be looking forward to their next opportunity in a few days' time," the Kiwi skipper added.

Termining India as the "best team in the world", Williamson said it is "tough" on the opposition to see all home team cricketers playing their best cricket.

"They are the best team in the world and they are all playing their best cricket, so that is tough. They have not missed a beat really," he said. "To come into a semifinal, you go through your round-robin and you try and get to the stage and it starts again but the way they came out and played, yeah, shows the mindset that they have and the space that they are in," he added.

With Virat Kohli entering the record books by notching up his 50th ODI century and surpassing Sachin Tendulkar in the process, Williamson said it was tough to find words to describe the modern-day great's brilliance.

"(I am) trying to find the words to describe it really, and not just that, actually the way he goes about it, it is about winning games for his team and he is getting close and there is a lot of attention and that comes with a lot of success," he said.

"He is the best, isn't he? And he seems to be getting better, which is a worry for opposition all around the world, but you admire it," he added.

Williamson brushed aside the controversy around the pitch on which the match was played on Wednesday.

"It was a used wicket, but a pretty good surface really, as we saw. I mean, they got plenty (of runs) out of it in the first half of the match," he said.

Pandya set to miss white-ball series against Australia, SA

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16



ALL ROUNDER Hardik Pandya will be out for at least another two months because of the ankle injury sustained when he tried to stop a ball off his own bowling in the World Cup league game against Bangladesh.

The *Indian Express* understands that Pandya will miss the upcoming T20I series at home against Australia and is also likely to miss three T20Is and three ODIs in South Africa.

The Baroda all-rounder lost his balance while trying to stop a shot from Bangladesh opener Liton Das and dragged his right boot while landing on the pitch. He got up and looked in discomfort as he stood on his haunches. Pandya was later rushed to the National Cricket Academy for rehabilitation and then ruled out from the ongoing World Cup.

The medical team is yet to take a call if Pandya needs a surgery.

Two weeks ago, Pandya was asked to bowl in the nets with strength and conditioning coaches advising him to increase speed slowly. The support staff didn't want him to put too much pressure on his ankle. It is learnt that Pandya didn't face any problem in the first three balls he bowled. He decided to increase the intensity of his bowling for the next delivery. It was during the fourth ball that he felt a bit of pain in his leg. Pandya informed the support staff about the pain he felt on his right ankle. The NCA medical team decided to get another round of scans done.

Pandya had penned a heartfelt message on the X: "Tough to digest the fact that I will miss out on the remaining part of the World Cup. I'll be with the team, in spirit, cheering them on every ball of every game. Thanks for all the wishes, the love, and the support has been incredible. This team is special and I'm sure we'll make everyone proud. Love, always, HP".

WC qualifiers: Manvir's goal gives India win over Kuwait

SHASHANK NAIR
NOVEMBER 16

ACROSS MANVIR Singh's football career coaches have chosen to value his towering presence in an Indian team usually devoid of height. When Igor Stimac raised the issue of the lack of height his boys were going to suffer from against Kuwait in their first World Cup qualifier Round 2 game on the road, Manvir was once again the band-aid that would have to be applied.

On late Thursday night, the Mohun Bagan forward gave his height, gave his presence as a holding man for the forward line and gave India the only goal of the game to make a winning start to their Fifa 2026 World Cup qualification campaign.

Almost like home

Of all the expatriate communities in Kuwait, India's numbers of just under 10 lakh people living in the Middle East country is the largest demographic of immigrants. That demographic represented itself over the Kuwaiti fans, who were outcheered by the Indians present at the 60,000-seater Jaber Al-Ahmad International Stadium. Those cheers became loud when India had the ball and even louder when Sahal Abdul Samad, the Indian attacking midfielder who played his formative years in Kuwait, had the ball.

This was the third time both teams were meeting this year, with the first clash between the two known for its quality and the second for the fiery battles that ended with India winning a penalty shootout to take the SAFF Cup. Thursday was a lot more lacklustre with Kuwait taking control for large parts of the game but never really threatening Gurpreet Singh's goal and India managing to control any forays from their opponents but not showing the technical acumen to keep a hold of the ball and string quality passes together.

The first half saw a solitary chance for India where a Nikhil Poojary cutback was skied by skipper Sunil Chhetri over the crossbar. The chance was created out of yet another Indian high-press, a way of playing that was borne



Indian players celebrate after scoring against Kuwait on Thursday. AIFF

and bettered over the first half of this year and has become a constant of the national team.

Kuwait began the second half brighter, but that burst of impetus died a quick death. What they made for in keeping the ball, they immediately lost in the lack of quality with it. Cramps started to build within their legs and suddenly India were in with time on the clock ticking down and the opportunity to steal a late goal.

Soon that chance came in the 75th minute. A run on the left flank from Akash Mishra saw him glide past the Kuwaiti midfield and produce a pass for Lallianzuala Chhangte. The Mizoram winger, who usually plays out of the right and was brought on as a substitute, threaded a ball into the middle of the Kuwait box. Manvir, who had just that one step on left-footed Sultan Al-Enezi, lifted his left foot and guided the ball into the near post of Abdulrahman Kameel to mark a return to the national setup.

India came out with a win that gives them a cushion further into the group. They next face the defending Asian Champions Qatar at home in Bhubaneswar. Qatar defeated Afghanistan, the other member of Group A, 8-1 in a sound thrashing in an earlier match on Thursday. India now faces that challenging Qatar test in another four days.

Fans of Satwik-Chirag, Taarini-Shravani inching towards choosing doubles

NITIN SHARMA
PANCHKULA, NOVEMBER 16

FOUR YEARS ago, when the then 12-year-old Taarini Suri of Mumbai and Shravani Walekar of Nasik competed in a state-level tournament, their coaches decided to pair the youngsters together in girls' doubles matches. On Thursday, the pair of Suri/Walekar won their girls' doubles second qualification round match 21-15, 21-3 against the pair of Bhakti and Ditya Jakhar of Haryana. They moved into the main draw of the Yonex Sunrise 30th Smt Krishna Khaitan Memorial All India Junior Ranking prize money tournament being organised by Express Shuttle Club Trust at Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex.

Post that, the Maharashtra pair headed to the practice area to listen to their favourite music tracks.

"We had not thought about competing in the doubles event before our coaches met and decided to pair us together seeing each one's respective strengths," says Walekar while speaking with *The Indian Express*. "Since then, it's all about our camaraderie on and off the court and it has worked for us. While I play singles too mostly on the domestic tour, we have been pairing up for doubles and have been winning on the U15 as well as U17 level. Competing at the U-19 level gives us a lot of confidence and that's why we are here."

While Walekar comes from a family of doctors, Suri was born to a banker in Mumbai. Walekar started playing the sport on the insistence of her father and Suri would learn the sport seeing her parents play badminton at the housing society in Mumbai. In their first year of pairing in 2019, the pair reached the U-13 final in one All India Junior Ranking tournament apart from reaching semi-final in another All India tourney.

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They would also become the U-13 Maharashtra champions the same year and then won the U15 and U-17 state titles. The last three years have seen the pair reaching the U17 quarters in the Junior Nationals last year apart



Maharashtra pair of Taarini Suri (left) and Shravani Walekar. Jasbir Malhi

from reaching the final in the U17 semifinals in the Junior ranking tourney in Goa the same year as well as three final appearances in All India Junior Ranking tournaments this year.

"While I train at CCI, Mumbai, Shravani trains at Nasik and Bengaluru and whenever we compete in a tournament, we make sure that we book our tickets to stay in the city for 2-3 days more. It gives us much needed time to train together," says Suri.

While Walekar has been doing well on the U-17 and U-19 singles' ranking tournaments too, Suri's focus has been mostly on doubles. The Mumbai youngster had paired up with England's Dillon Chong to reach the mixed doubles final in the All England Junior Championships this year apart from winning the title along with Chong in the Valamar Open in Croatia this year.

"Reaching the All England Junior mixed doubles final apart from winning the title in Croatia made me believe harder to put all my fo-

cus on doubles. There is a different mindset for the doubles and the more we play together, it will benefit us," says Suri.

Former Asian Games bronze medallist Hufish Nariman, who coaches Suri, believes that the sooner and more the pair trains, the better they will get.

"Things have changed post Ashwini/Jwala winning and now with Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy winning big on the international circuit. It's all about recognising the players and then getting their mindset first to think like a doubles player solely. Taarini understands this fully and Shravani surely will make a decision soon. We have to find a way to make them train together for most part of the year," said Nariman.

Fans of Rankireddy/Shetty, the Suri-Walekar duo also make Instagram reels while dancing. "That's one thing which binds us off the court as well," says Walekar before signing off.

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