





# ED searches premises linked to AAP MLA Amanatullah

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Tuesday conducted searches at premises linked to AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan as part of a money laundering investigation against him and others. According to ED officials, searches were conducted at several places under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Last year, Khan, the Aam Aadmi Party MLA from Okhla, was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) of the Delhi government in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi Waqf Board. A complaint regarding "illegal" appointments, violation of rules, and misappropriation of funds in the Waqf Board was filed against Khan and the FIR was registered in 2020. An investigation has been going on since then. The Delhi ACB reports to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.

The ED has taken suo motu cognizance on the basis of the



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ACB's FIR against Khan and others, related to alleged corruption linked to illegal appointments in the Delhi Waqf Board.

According to allegations made by a person called Hafiz Irshad Qureshi, 33 people were recruited by the Board on a contractual basis without following rules or regulations. It was alleged that some of those appointed to the board were related to Khan and most were from his constituency, Okhla. "The then CEO of Delhi

Waqf Board had clearly given a statement and issued a memorandum against such illegal recruitment," ACB chief Madhur Verma had said then.

Former ACB chief SK Gautam had earlier written to the Lieutenant Governor Secretariat, asking that Khan be removed from the post of Waqf Board chairperson as he was "obstructing free and fair investigation and preventing witnesses from coming out against him".

# WOMAN WAS DECLARED PROCLAIMED OFFENDER IN 2000 30 years later, Delhi Police tracks down human trafficking accused

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IN 1993, a 30-year-old woman was accused of pushing young girls into prostitution and "selling them off" to men across Delhi-NCR. A team of Delhi Police registered a case after one of the victims lodged a complaint at a local police station stating she was abducted, raped, and sold off to multiple men by the accused and her gang members. However, despite all efforts, the accused, Logona Jatav, could not be traced. The fact that the police station where the case against her was registered — Shri Niwaspuri police station — had shut down did not help matters either.

However, a recent initiative by the Delhi Police to track down proclaimed offenders (POs) led to the reopening of the case. And after thirty years, Jatav, now 60, was arrested. She

had been hiding in Uttar Pradesh's Badaun — 255 kilometres from the Capital.

Investigators said it was an input from an informer that the woman was living in a small town with her distant cousin which led police to the accused.

DCP (Shahdara) Rohit Meena said Jatav was declared a PO by the Patiala House Court in 2000.

"In 1993, a case of abduction, rape, and human trafficking was lodged against the woman. She used to work actively in South Delhi areas where she targeted young women. Her gang abducted these women and sold them to their clients. After she found she was on police radar, she absconded. The court observed that she had been missing for 7-8 years and declared her a PO."

Police teams looked for Jatav for years. An officer said they gave up after realising that she was nowhere to be found and all her associates were



The accused (left) was held in Badaun.

missing as well.

"Soon, the police station where the case was registered also got shut. There's no Shri Niwaspuri station. However, we recently started working to arrest absconding POs," said the DCP.

Another officer said the team worked for months to trace

Jatav's relatives. They said her immediate family members — children, spouse, parents, and siblings — are either dead or don't live with her.

"The team later found an aunt whom she was in touch with. The aunt was traced but she also didn't reveal Jatav's location. However, we started checking their calls and messages. Within days, Jatav's location was traced to Badaun," said the officer.

Sources said they sent teams to the Western UP district who conducted multiple searches in Ghillor village and other districts. Police said the woman would change her location every two to three years and was living under a false name and identity.

After several searches, the police found the woman at her cousin's house. She was promptly arrested. Police said they would now question her about the cases in which she was named as an accused.

# Chadha moves HC after trial court order on bungalow

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AAM AADMI Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chadha has moved the Delhi High Court against a trial court's action vacating an interim order that stopped the Rajya Sabha Secretariat from dispossessing him from the Type VII bungalow allotted to him last year.

Chadha's counsel mentioned the matter for urgent listing before Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula Tuesday, stating there was an apprehension that Chadha would be asked to vacate since the stay had been removed. The bench allowed the listing of the matter on Wednesday.

A Delhi court, in an order on October 5, noted that Chadha had no vested right to continue to occupy the premises after its allotment had been cancelled.

# NewsClick founder-editor, HR head sent to 10-day judicial custody in UAPA case

NIRBHAY THAKUR  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

A DELHI court Tuesday sent NewsClick founder-editor Prabir Purkayastha and its HR head Amit Chakraborty to 10-day judicial custody in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Among allegations detailed by the Special Cell in its FIR against Purkayastha are attempts to show Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as "not parts of India", discrediting the Indian government's fight against Covid; funding the farmers' agitation; and "putting up a spirited defence of legal cases" against Chinese telecom companies such as Xiaomi and Vivo. Apart from Purkayastha, the FIR is



Prabir Purkayastha being brought to the court. *PTI*

also against rights activist Gautam Navlakha, under house arrest in the Elgaar Parishad case, and US-based businessman Neville Roy Singham.

After police said Purkayastha and Chakraborty's custody was not needed, Judge Hardeep Kaur sent them to judicial custody.

Objecting to the judicial custody, advocate Arshdeep Khurana, representing NewsClick, said the offences in the FIR were not made out against the accused. He said: "What terrorist act have I committed? How can an act of unbiased journalism be considered terrorism?"

On reporting of the government's Covid policy, he said, "The country is not the government."

Referring to the allegations in the new FIR, Khurana argued that these matters had already been investigated in a previous FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EoW) against NewsClick. He said the RBI had given the accused a clean chit in the case. Khurana further said he had protection from the High Court in this case, and police had filed the latest

FIR solely to circumvent this protection.

Responding to allegations on NewsClick's association with Navlakha, Khurana said mere association with someone who is facing UAPA charges cannot be considered an offence. "I've not funded a penny to the farmers' protest. Neither has a penny come from China. Show me 1 rupee which has come from China to NewsClick," said Khurana.

Arguing on behalf of Chakraborty, his counsel said: "I have not been involved in any news publication. I'm not a journalist or a writer."

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Centre opposes CPR petition to allow using part of funds in FD

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THE CENTRE on Tuesday opposed Centre for Policy Research's (CPR) contention that the release of 25% of unutilised amounts in its accounts will include fixed deposits during a hearing of the think tank's interim stay application in the Delhi High Court...

following a February 27 order by MHA suspending its registration certificate. A single judge bench of Justice Subramonium Prasad listed the matter Wednesday, asking the Centre's counsel to show the dictionary meaning of the word utilisation.

Appearing for CPR, senior advocate Arvind Datar pointed to Section 13(2)(b) FCRA which states that every person whose certificate has been suspended shall utilise, in the prescribed manner, the foreign contribution in his custody with prior approval of the Centre. Datar said that the high

court has to interpret the expression "in his custody" and as per him it would mean funds over which one has "control/dominion". "...Many NGOs you may get a grant at the start of the year but you may not use it immediately so part of it you may put in fixed deposits..." he said. Centre's counsel said, "An FD account is what you do when you have a surplus amount which you don't require regularly. If you are parking money in FD, you are utilising it for earning money."

GUJARAT BRIDGE COLLAPSE

SIT indicts pvt firm, Morbi municipality chief officer of lapses

SOHINI GHOSH AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 10

THE FINAL report by the special investigation team (SIT) probing the Morbi bridge collapse, which led to the deaths of 135 people in 2022, has broadly blamed the Morbi municipality chief officer and the Orevra company for various technical and administrative lapses, leading to the accident.

It added that the three also took "no concrete decision" on whether the municipality wanted to renew the contract.

The SIT report noted that the chief officer of Morbi municipality, Sandeepsinh Zala, was responsible for the signing of the MoU with Orevra "without proper authorisation" from the general board of the Morbi municipality and he "did not put up the agreement for subsequent approval of the board".

Advocate General Kamal Trivedi, representing the state, told the division bench of Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Aniruddha Mayee Tuesday that departmental proceedings had been initiated against the chief officer and he has also been charged sheeted.

The SIT report accused Orevra Company of several technical lapses. It said the company did not prepare a detail project report, no assessment of main cable or suspenders of the bridge were carried out, condition of pulley was not assessed and there was no documentation on the structural capacity of the deck. Neither were methodology or techniques to be adopted for repair work was studied, the report added.

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# Four arrested in Vivo money laundering case

**NIRBHAY THAKUR**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Tuesday arrested four persons, including a Chinese National and the managing director of Lava International mobile company, in connection with a money laundering probe against smartphone maker Vivo.

In its remand application, the ED alleged that the accused had cheated the government by entering India in a "disguised and fraudulent manner to set up an elaborate Chinese-controlled network throughout the country... carrying out activities prejudicial to the economic sovereignty of India".

The four arrested — Hari Om Rai, MD, Lava International Company, Chinese national Andrew Kuang, and chartered accountants Nitin Garg and Rajan Malik — were sent to three-day ED custody by Additional Sessions Judge Devender Kumar Jangala.

It was further alleged by the ED that Vivo employees worked without appropriate visas and were acting in a way that was in

grave violation of the employment visa rules for entry into India. Charged with criminal conspiracy, cheating, using forged documents and money laundering, the ED accused the four of concealing Chinese control over Indian entities from the government of India. It was further alleged that the accused used forged documents to open bank accounts.

The ED alleged that the Chinese control of the company was revealed via the email — @Vivoglobal.com — which China gave to its Vivo employees. A company called GPICPL (Grand Prospect International Communication Pvt. Ltd.) was made to conduct fraudulent activities, the agency alleged. According to the ED, GPICPL is "not reported to be a subsidiary of Vivo in official records but projects itself publicly to be a subsidiary of Vivo".

According to the ED, its investigation revealed that "huge sums were siphoned out of India". The agency further alleged violations of FDI norms by Vivo from 2014 to 2018. It said that since wholesale cash and carry businesses don't require government approval un-

der the 100% automatic FDI route, Vivo "under the garb" of a wholesale cash and carry business concealed its ownership. The ED found out during its investigation that remittances over Rs 1 lakh crore were allegedly transferred outside India to "trading companies" so that Vivo couldn't be noticed by the government of India. It was noted by the agency that zero profits were shown from 2014 to 2020 and no income taxes were paid in India. The ED entered the probe following a complaint lodged by the Corporate Affairs Ministry alleging that GPICPL and its shareholders used "forged" identification documents and fake addresses at the time of its incorporation in 2014.

In July last year, the ED raided Vivo in relation to money laundering offences. The ED had then alleged that Rs 62,476 crore was "illegally" transferred by Vivo to China in order to avoid payment of taxes in India — this figure was almost half of their turnover. These transfers, according to the ED, were made to show losses and to avoid paying taxes in India.

## RAJASTHAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION

# Coach booked for rape, molestation of five, including minors

**DEEP MUKHERJEE**  
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 10

A RAJASTHAN Rifle Association coach in his late 30s has been accused of raping and molesting at least five women shooters, including minors, over a period of around three years, police said Tuesday.

According to the police, an FIR was lodged against the coach on Sunday. He has been booked under IPC provisions, including Section 376 (rape), and relevant sections of the POCSO Act.

"It has been alleged that he had been committing the offences for a period of three years. All the victims are shooters. According to the FIR, the offences took place in Jaipur as well as in other places where the shooters would go for tournaments," said DCP (Jaipur East)

## Woman held for killing 2 sisters

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
ETAWAH, OCTOBER 10

Police have arrested a 20-year-old woman for allegedly killing her two minor sisters after they found her getting intimate with her partner, police said on Tuesday.

The accused also tried to destroy evidence, they said. The bodies of the children, aged seven and four, were found in separate rooms of their residence on Sunday.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The General Public is hereby informed that M/s. Ashiana Realtech Pvt. Ltd. which has been granted a Licence No. 20 of 2012 dt. 15/03/2012 for setting up a Group Housing colony on the land measuring 9.3925 acres at Sector -23, Dharuhera, Distt. Rewari (Hr.) having Rera Registration no is HRERA-PKL-RWR-39-2018 Dated 20.08.2018, has changed its name to Movish Realtech Pvt. Ltd. and has also changed its registered address from 203-205, Progressive Chamber, D-3 Block, Commercial Complex, Prashant Vihar, Delhi-110085 to KD-162, Pitampura, Delhi-110034. It is therefore requested to all concerned to take note of the above said change in the name & registered address of M/s. Ashiana Realtech Pvt. Ltd. for all future communication, legal intents & purposes.  
For M/s. Movish Realtech Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly known as Ashiana Realtech Pvt. Ltd.) DIRECTOR

# Two UP tribal women 'beaten, hair cut' over 'affair'; 3 arrested

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 10

THREE MEN belonging to Scheduled Tribes (ST) were arrested for allegedly beating two women of their community and shaming them by cutting their hair in public in a village in Kushinagar district on the suspicion of both having affairs with men from other villages, police said on Tuesday.

Police said the mother of one of the women approached them on Monday evening with a complaint about the incident.

She accused five persons, including a woman from her village, of beating her daughter (in mid 20s) and a married

woman (in her 30s) in her neighbourhood. The complainant alleged that the accused beat up her daughter and her neighbour for allegedly allowing men from other villages to enter their houses, police said.

"The complainant alleged that the accused dragged both the women to a place in the village. When the women objected, the accused thrashed them and cut their hair. The matter was resolved when some locals intervened," the area police station officer said.

A case was registered under sections 354 (sexual harassment and punishment for sexual harassment), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 147 (rioting)

of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Police said after registering a complaint, a team was sent to the village to verify the charges. During the preliminary inquiry, it came to the fore that locals suspected both women allegedly having affairs with men visiting their houses, police said.

Kushinagar SP Dhawal Jaiswal said, "The incident took place on Sunday, but police were informed on Monday. We arrested the three accused on Tuesday. Efforts are on to arrest the other two. We are recording statements of the villagers to check whether there were any ulterior motives behind the incident."

# Internal probe into Palestine support march at AMU, 4 booked

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MEERUT, OCTOBER 10

THE ALIGARH Muslim University (AMU) authorities said on Tuesday that an internal inquiry has also been ordered after four students of the university were booked by the police on Monday for allegedly taking out a march on the campus in support of Palestine amid that country's ongoing conflict with Israel.

The Aligarh police's move came after political leaders raised objections as videos of the purported march surfaced on social media platforms since Monday morning. Sub-Inspector Azahar Hasan at the AMU police outpost registered a First Information Report (FIR) at the Civil Lines police station on Monday.

"Four students have been named and several others who are yet to be identified were booked under IPC sections 153 A (promoting enmity among different groups), 188 (disobedience to order promulgated by public servant) and 505 (statements conducting to public mischief) for taking out the protest march on an international issue without seeking prior permission from the authorities concerned at AMU. No arrest has been made yet as our investigation is ongoing," said Mrigank Shekhar Pathak, Superintendent of Police, Aligarh.

AMU proctor Mohammed Wasim Ali said the march was held without prior permission. "The AMU stands by the stance that our country has taken in connection with the ongoing war. We cannot allow any indiscipline on a sensitive international issue on the campus," said Ali. "Action will be taken against all those who have violated the rule of law," he said. Ali added that they were informed that dozens of students carrying placards gathered on Sunday evening at Duck Point and marched towards the Bab-e-Syed gate. He said they raised "pro-Palestine" slogans.

**पंजाब नेशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank**  
CIRCLE SASTRA, Circle Office: ARA, Arrah, Hotel Regal, Second Floor, District-Bhojpur, 802301

**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)**

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle SASTRA, Arrah, Hotel Regal, second Floor, Ara-802301 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 01.07.2023 calling upon the Borrower, M/S Aditya Cement and Hardware, Prop. Sh Guddu Kumar Prasad, and the Guarantor Sh Raj Kumar Prasad, both the S/O late Mathura Prasad, R/O at Vill+PO- Saraiya, PS- Krishnagadh, Barahra, Dist- Bhojpur, Bihar-803017 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs 26,22,033.69 (Rupees Twenty-Six Lakh Twenty-Two Thousand Thirty-Three and Paise Sixty-Nine Only) and interest and charge there on from 01.07.2023 within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 05<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank for an amount of Rs. 26,99,388.69 (Rupees Twenty-Six Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and Paise Sixty-Nine Only) as on 30.09.2023 along with future interest and expenses from 01.10.2023 until payment in full.

**The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.**

**Description of immovable Property**

**All the Part and Parcel of Immovable Property Situated at- Mauza- Saraiya, Thana No 43, Khata No- 951, Khesra No- 3653, Thana- Barahra, Dist- Bhojpur, Bihar,**  
Area-4.6875 Decimal  
Deed No- 288 dated 09.01.2015  
Owner/ Mortgagor- Sh Guddu Prasad, S/O late Mathura Prasad  
Boundary- North- Jyoti Prakash & Others, South- Tribhuvan Gond & Others, East- Khushilal Sonar & Others, West- Kachi Road

**All the Part and Parcel of Immovable Property Situated at- Mauza- Saraiya, Thana No 43, Khata No- 1328, Khesra No- 3454, Thana- Barahra, Dist- Bhojpur, Bihar,**  
Area- 0.2 Decimal  
Deed No- 3540 dated 08.04.2015  
Owner/ Mortgagor- Sh Raj Kumar Prasad, S/O late Mathura Prasad  
Boundary- North- Plot No 3452, South- Road, East- Triveni Sonar, West- Part of Plot No 3454

**All the Part and Parcel of Immovable Property Situated at- Mauza- Saraiya, Thana No 43, Khata No- 1328, Khesra No- 3450, Thana- Barahra, Dist- Bhojpur, Bihar,**  
Area- 0.8 Decimal  
Deed No- 3541 dated 08.04.2015  
Owner/ Mortgagor- Sh Raj Kumar Prasad, S/O late Mathura Prasad  
Boundary- North- Jaynath Mahto & Others, South- Plot No 3451, East- Triveni Sonar, West- Part of Plot No 3450

DATE: 05/10/2023  
PLACE: Bhojpur  
Authorized Officer  
Punjab National Bank

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER: PWD: BUILDING:**  
**ASSAM: CHANDMARI: GUWAHATI-3.**  
No. T/TB-1/150/2022/  
**PRESS NOTICE**

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Bldg.), Assam on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids for the following work under P.W.D. (Bldg.), Assam from eligible contractors having requisite experience in similar nature of work. Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal website [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. bid Value (Rs. in lakh)	Time of completion	Bid security	Tender Cost (Rs.)
1.	Construction of 3 storied R.C.C. gym building, covered gallery on Northern side, brick boundary wall and construction of surface drain around the foot ball ground of the Chamata Anchalik Kriya Sangha, Chamata in Nalbari District (Phase-II)	1131.00921	18 (Eighteen Months)	(2% on bid value for General & 1% for Reserve Category)	20,000.00

Note:-  
1. Value of work may vary during uploading of DNIT for which no claim will be entertained.  
2. The Press Notice will form a part of the Bidding Document.

S/-  
Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Bldg.), Assam,  
Chandmari, Guwahati-3

JANASANYOG/C/10963/23/11-OCT-23

# A day after allowing it, SC puts abortion on hold

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

A DAY after it allowed a woman to terminate her 25-week-old pregnancy, the Supreme Court on Tuesday asked All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) authorities to put it on hold for now.

A bench presided by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud noted that "AIIMS doctors are in a very serious dilemma" as they were of the view that the fetus is "currently viable" meaning that it will show signs of life and has a strong possibility of survival.

On Monday, a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Hima Kohli had allowed the woman, a mother of two, to undergo the procedure after she complained that she is suffering from 'lactational amenorrhea' and depression due to which she is "unwilling to continue with the pregnancy".

The directive had AIIMS doctors in a quandary and they reached out to Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati for a clarification of the SC order. In a communication to the ASG, they said, "as the baby is currently viable (will show signs of life and have a strong possibility of survival), we will need a directive from the Supreme court on whether a feticide (stopping the fetal heart) can be done before termination. We perform this procedure for a fetus which has abnormal development, but generally not done in a normal fetus".

The communication added, "if feticide is not performed, this is not a termination, but a preterm delivery where the baby born will be provided treatment and care. A baby who is born preterm and also of such low birth weight will have a long stay in the intensive care unit, with a high possibility of immediate and long term physical and mental disability which will seriously jeopardise

the quality of life of the child. In such a scenario, a directive needs to be given as to what is to be done with the baby? If the parents agree to keep the child this will take a major physical, mental, emotional and financial toll on the couple".

It also said "if it (newborn) is to go for adoption, the process needs to be spelt out clearly as it needs to be clear that the baby who comes into the world will have a better chance at life if the delivery happens after at least eight weeks".

Bhati brought this to the attention of the CJ bench. She pointed out that the MTP was allowed despite medical opinion not favouring it. The court quickly realised the seriousness of the matter and put the procedure on hold. The CJ asked the Centre to file a formal application for recall of Monday's order and said he will list the application for hearing before the same two-judge bench.

**सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Central Bank of India**  
Regional Office, Mauryalok Complex, Patna-1

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
Under Rule 8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002. The Authorized Officer issued a Demand Notice on the dates noted against account as mentioned herein after, calling them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against account. The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Central Bank of India for the amount and interest thereon mentioned against account herein below.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account/ Borrower/ Guarantor	Name of the Owner & Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of Demand Notice	Amount outstanding as on date of Possession Notice
1.	Central Bank of India, Buxar Branch, Buxar	Borrower : M/s Sheraj Bag House (Prop. Sadab Hussain) & Guarantors- Sheraj Ahmad, Aarif Ahmad	Description of the Immovable Property (Land & Building): Name of the Mortgagor: Sadab Hussain S/o Ahmad Hussain, Address of the Mortgagor: Hanuman Fatak, Near-Munim Chowk, Dist-Buxar-802101. Full particulars of Property:- Sale Deed No.4354, Area-1.5 katha, Thana No-333, Khata No.-(New)87/ (Old)52, Khesra No.-(New) 747/ (Old) 520, Dist-Buxar. Location of the Property:- Mauza-Sarimpur, PO-Sarimpur, Buxar, Boundary:- North: Anu ki Patni Kabaledar, South: Imrofa Kabaledar Nasima Khatoon, East: Rasta, West: Heera Rawat	15.10.2022	05.10.2023	₹ 11,79,758/- (Rupees Eleven lakhs seventy nine thousand seven hundred fifty eight only) with future interest and incidental charges.	₹ 12,01,152/- (Rupees Twelve lakhs one thousand one hundred fifty two only + applicable interest) as on 05.10.2023 and interest thereon.

Date : 10.10.2023  
Place : Patna  
Authorised officer  
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AWARD—POWERGRID POWERGRID has been conferred with the Dun & Bradstreet PSU Award 2023 in the Power Transmission category.

CONCLAVE—OIL INDIA In response to the global imperative to address Environmental, Social, & Governance (ESG) aspects, & in recognition of the increasing importance of ESG considerations, OIL organised a two-day ESG Conclave, at Duliaganj.

AWARD—DMRC DMRC's Managing Director Dr. Vikas Kumar and Principal Executive Director Anuj Dayal with awards won by Delhi Metro as the 'Most Admired Company in the Infrastructure Sector (Metro)'

MoU—POWERGRID NR-1 POWERGRID Northern Region-1, Faridabad has signed an MoU with District Commissioner, Gurugram recently for providing financial assistance towards procurement of medical equipment

AGREEMENT—RECPDCL RECPDCL, a wholly owned subsidiary of REC Limited specializing in power sector consultancy, has inked Implementation Contracts & Direct Debit Facility Agreements with Advanced Metering Infrastructure Service Providers IntelliSmart & Aprava Energy.

DIVIDEND—BHEL BHEL has paid a final dividend of Rs.88 Cr for the yr 22-23 to the GOI. To this effect, a cheque towards the final dividend on the equity (63.17%) held by the GOI, was presented to Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, M/o Heavy Industries by Dr. Nalin Shinghal, CMD, BHEL.

INAUGURATION—IREDA Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, the Deputy PM of Malaysia, inaugurated IREDA pavilion at the AtoZero (Accelerate to Net Zero) ASEAN Summit, being organized from 4 to 6th October 2023 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE—MUTHOOT Paying Shramanjali to Mahatma Gandhi & honouring the call of our PM Narendra Modi for Swachhta Shramdan, the Staff of Corporate Office North led by AG Muthoot, JMD, participated in the mega cleanliness drive, Swachhta Shramdan.

CORPORATE BRIEFS



ACQUISITION—POWERGRID POWERGRID has acquired Bhadla III Transmission Ltd. from PFC Consulting Ltd. under Tariff Based Competitive Bidding for establishment of Transmission System for evacuation of power from REZ in Rajasthan (20GW) under Phase-III Part B1.

ANNUAL DAY—IRCTC IRCTC has made significant strides in the fields of Hospitality, Tourism, & service sectors, while also unlocking new opportunities. The dedicated & sustainable efforts of its staff and officers have consistently played a pivotal role in IRCTC's success story.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE—CWC CWC performed the activity under Swachhta Hi Seva, "EkTaarik, EkGhanta, 10 Bajie" at Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Pkt-2, Delhi. The campaign was led by Amit Kumar Singh, MD; Anuj Kumar, Dir (F) & Ms. Sangeeta Ramrakhyani, Dir (P) along with CWC staff and their family members.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE—NHPC NHPC organized a Shramdaan programme for cleanliness campaign under Swachhta Pakhwada—Swachhta Hi Seva 2023 on 1 October 2023. Under the leadership of Uttam Lal, Dir. (Personnel), NHPC, senior NHPC officers and employees performed Shramdaan by running a cleanliness drive in the historic Mughal Bridge over Budhia Wala Nala, Santosh Nagar & surrounding areas in Faridabad.

APPOINTMENTS

CONCOR Sanjay Swarup on Sunday took over as the CMD of Concor. An Indian Railway Traffic Service officer of 1990, Swarup holds a BE (Hons) in Public Policy & Management from IIM Bangalore.

PNB Bibhu Prasad Mahapatra assumes charge as the ED on the Board of PNB in terms of Dept. of Financial Services, M/o of Finance, GOI, with effect from Oct. 09, 2023 for a period of three yrs or up to the date of his attaining the age of superannuation.

MoU—POWERGRID NR-1 POWERGRID NR-1, Faridabad has signed an MoU with District Commissioner, Jhajjar recently for providing financial assistance towards procurement of 02 numbers Advanced Life Support Ambulances for the use of District Hospital Jhajjar.

AWARD—REC REC has been conferred with the "Best Central PSU" in the Financial Services category at the Dun & Bradstreet PSU Awards 2023. The award was received by ED, TSC Bosh on behalf of REC.

FOUNDATION DAY—WWEPC Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council joyously commemorates its 59th Foundation Day on Oct. 6, 2023 in the vibrant city of Ludhiana, a hub for India's Woollen industry.

IIFCL is one of the major financiers of airports in India & has supported airports with a total project outlay of about Rs. 74,000 Cr. To provide a platform for the stakeholders from the airport and civil aviation sector, airport developers, banks & financial institutions and to deliberate on the future prospects & enormous potential of the sector, IIFCL organized a Roundtable Conference on Airport sector on 7th October 2023 at New Delhi.

CDEIC A month-long "Poshan Maah" celebration commemorated at CDEIC, PDUNIPPD on 5th Oct., 2023 with a powerful theme: "Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat, Sashakt Bharat." This initiative highlights the importance of nutrition & holistic development, especially for children under 6 yrs.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Jasvinder, S/o. Sh. Gulab Singh, R/o. RZ-D-97, Bhagat Singh Chowk, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. EX-197/2022 U/s 12 D.V. Act registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Jasvinder cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Jasvinder has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

UJVN Limited HO "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006. e-Tender Notice Office of the Executive Engineer (M&G), Sharda Power House, Lohiahead, Khatima, invites online bids from interested parties.

EdCIL (India) Limited Invitation for Bids EdCIL (India) Limited, A Mini Ratna Category-1 CPSE, Govt. of India invites Bids from eligible bidders for the following work:

Central Warehousing Corporation Notice Inviting Tender CWC invites on-line e-tenders from professionally competent and financially sound interested parties FOR UTILISING WAREHOUSE ON DEDICATED BASIS AND RAIL SIDING FACILITY ON CO-USER PERMISSION BASIS AT CENTRAL WAREHOUSE BASE DEPOT ANAND NAGAR, KHANDWA, MADHYA PRADESH.

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL DELHI CANTT SADAR BAZAR ROAD, DELHI CANTT-110010. TENDER NOTICE 1. Sealed Tenders are invited from firms/contractor/vendor for providing security services with professional expertise at Army Public School Delhi Cantt-10.

SCRAP FOR SALE (E-AUCTION) E-Auction forms are invited from intending buyers for disposal, strictly on "As is Where is" basis, on lot basis of damaged/fire effected rolls of different types of papers, plant & machinery & misc. items excluding taxes.

CENTRAL RAILWAY NOTICE INVITE TENDER Dy. Chief Material Managers' Office, Matunga, Mumbai-400 019. Tender Notice No. CWE/MTN/85231927/2023

भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान मोहाली (भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान द्वारा आयोजित) INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH MOHALI

यू.पी. प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि. (अनुपम विकास संस्थान का प्रभुत्व) कार्ययोजना मद्रास, जिन-2, 14-बन्धुशेखरनगर कासोनी, तुला शेरपुर, संवत्सर्जन बाईपास, बरेली-243122. ई-मेल: gnm2.uppcbly@gmail.com

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि० कार्यालय, अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल 132 केवी विद्युत उपकेंद्र, ओडपुरा, हाथरस - 204101

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY NOTICE OF INVITING E-TENDER DRM (S&T) North Western Railway / Jaipur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-Tenders from registered tenderer/bidders for the following work:

UJVN LTD. H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006. Letter No. 984 e-Tender Notice Dated 10.10.2023

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE FAMILY COURT, THIRUVALLA O.O. (Div) No. 187/2023 Between Petitioner: Reji K Elias, Aged 60 years, S/o Rajan John, Alunkal House, Puramattom PO, Thiruvalla Taluk, Pathanamthitta District. And Respondent: Jibi George, D/o P.M.George, Peace Cottage, Faizerpur Shanthi Nagar Ward, Jaizalpur P.O, Basthar District, Chathisgad State, Pin-494001

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr. P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Gaurav Sharma S/o Sh. Neeraj Kumar R/o- 253, Gali No 6, Daulat Ram Colony Daurala (Rural) Meerut, UP-202211, Mob No-8006589598, also at Event Gaurav Daulat Ram Colony 253, Arya Samaj Road Daurala Gali No 6, Meerut, M No- 7417707436 has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide Case No. 4123/2020 U/s 138 NI Act PS Subzi Mandi, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Gaurav Sharma cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Gaurav Sharma has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Tender Notice Details are available on www.dgvc.com (for view and download tender documents) and https://tender.nprocure.com (for view, download and online tender submission).

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE Sr. No. 1 NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BAHADURGARH NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER CONST. OF CC STREET GALI NO 10 AND 15 VIKAS NAGAR PHASE 1 BARAH ROAD WARD NO. 1, MC BAHADURGARH. + 1 WORKS

By Order Sh. Bhujali Metropolitan Magistrate-01 NI Act (Central) Room No. 201, 2nd Floor, Court Building Annex-II Tis Hazari Court, Delhi DP/11375/N/2023 (Court Matter)

Girl's death puts govt-run schools in Jharkhand under scanner

ABHISHEK ANGAD  
RANCHI, OCTOBER 10

THE DEATH of a 15-year-old student of a Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Gumla in September, and subsequent allegations of negligence by school authorities, has prompted authorities to conduct health checks of all students of such schools in the district who "appeared" ill. The test results showed that 50 per cent of those tested were at least "mildly" anaemic, it is learnt.

The family of Karishma Kumari (15), who as per records died due to "liver complications", has accused the Gumla KGBV authorities of neglecting her condition. Another class 9 KGBV student, this time in Garhwa district, died last week after falling ill. District authorities accused the school of negligence and said they did not take her to hospital immediately after she became ill. It was not yet clear what the cause of death was.

Jharkhand has more than 200 KGBVs, which are residential schools for girls run by the central government, and around the same number of residential schools run by the state welfare department.

After Karishma's death, the Gumla district authority tested the haemoglobin levels of 1,053 students who "appeared" to be ill. While 504 were found to be "normal", 398 were "mildly anaemic" (haemoglobin levels below 11 gram per decilitre), 149 were found to be "moderately anaemic" (haemoglobin levels between 9gm/dl and 7gm/dl), and two were "severely anaemic" (haemoglobin levels less than 7gm/dl).

The test reports are in line with the National Family Health Survey-5 data, which states that 65.3 per cent of women in Jharkhand in the 15-49 age group are anaemic. Gumla Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi said the decision to conduct the haemoglobin tests were triggered by Karishma's death. The school warden, has since been transferred.

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## Bogus work, forged bills in MGNREGS irregularities go beyond Bengal: Reports

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WHILE WEST Bengal is currently in the spotlight due to alleged irregularities in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme (MGNREGS) implementation, resulting in funds being stopped by the Centre, the National Level Monitoring (NLM) reports available with the Union Ministry of Rural Development show irregularities in implementing the rural job guarantee scheme across several states.

The reports also have a list of works where work done using MGNREGS funds could not be found existing on the ground. According to the reports, these works were reported as "ongoing or completed" as per the NREGS MIS (Management Information Systems) but could not be "seen/found existing on the ground" during NLM visits.

According to NLM guidelines, the Rural Development Ministry can depute NLMs in three conditions—regular monitoring of

### SPECIAL MONITORING COVERAGE

	Phase-I (Jan-22)	Phase-II (May-22)	Phase-III (Aug-Sept-22)
States	11	26	25
Districts	90	115	114
Blocks	360	345	341
Gram panchayat	1,080	1,380	1,360
Works inspected	4,534	6,538	6,600
Workers interviewed	5,393	6,899	6,799

major schemes, special monitoring of an individual scheme and in cases of complaints or enquiries. A special monitoring of MGNREGS was conducted in three phases during 2022-23 across the country, three separate reports of which have been compiled by Delhi-based CMI Social Research Centre.

The first report of the special monitoring of MG-NREGS by NLMs, finalised in January 2022, gives details of onsite verification. The report states, "The selection of Gram Panchayat (GP) for this Special Monitoring was done at the Ministry level how-

ever the works to be verified were to be identified by NLM Teams on a random basis. Largely, in almost all the districts, the assets created under the works verified were found existing on ground."

However, the report highlights that of 55 MGNREGA works selected at random from the NLMs in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district, 23 were found to be "not existing". "NLM report for district Jhalawar (Rajasthan) has some very startling observations in this regard. The NLM Teams in 12 GPs have verified 55 MGNREGA works, selected randomly

and out of them 23 works were found 'not existing'.

NLM has observed that most of these works were Water Conservation and Water Harvesting activities like earthen check dams/bunding/pond/desilting of pond etc. whereas some works of other categories were also found not existing," the report said.

"The NLM findings also suggest that the expenditure incurred on these works was bogus, fake bills have been produced and wages paid to the workers has been siphoned by the functionaries at different levels," the report said. The report shows two MG-NREGS works were found "missing" on ground in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.

"Work sanctioned for plantation was for beneficiary name Shri Nonigopal Sarkar and the NLM Team on visiting the site found that no work has been undertaken. The beneficiary Shri Sarkar was absolutely unaware of the workers named in the muster roll. He accepted that only 18 no. of saplings were provided to him which he intends

to plant himself on his field," noted the report.

The second report, finalised in May 2022, noted that out of 6,538 worksites inspected, no work had been initiated at 23 of these. "All of these works have been reported as ongoing or completed as per the MIS," the report said. Of these 23 works, 6 were in Karnataka, 5 were in Bihar, 4 each in Punjab and Rajasthan, two in West Bengal, and one each in Himachal Pradesh and Jharkhand. Citing an example from these 23 missing works, the report noted, Gravel Road Construction found missing... On inspection of the above work site by NLM, it was found that MR [Muster Roll] has been generated on this work and a total of 1993 persondays of employment is booked against which a payment of Rs. 431 Lakh has made. It was found that no work/activity has been undertaken on this site. The Village Development Officer and Sarpanch of the GP failed to provide any clarification and admitted that no work has been actually undertaken," the report said.

## Hamas will pay a price that they cannot even imagine: Israel envoy

AMID THE ongoing attacks in the latest chapter of the decades-long Israel-Palestine conflict, **KOBBI SHOSHANI**, Consul General of Israel to Mumbai and official representative of the state of Israel in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Goa, spoke to **NAYONIKA BOSE** and **SANDEEP SINGH** about the current on field situation in Israel, his state's plans for the war and his thoughts about Hamas among other subjects. Excerpts:



Kobbie Shoshani, Consul General of Israel

### What do you think of the latest attack by Hamas on the state of Israel?

From Saturday morning 6.30, we are at war... They are not just terrorists, but animals on two legs. What they have done to civilians, kids and the elderly people, they touch our historical nerves. They will pay a price that they cannot even imagine. Like India, Israel is a country that is connected to its history very deeply. The scenario that we have seen against Israel against the civilian population will not be forgiven. They will pay a big price for it.

### Has the Israeli area been cleared of the infiltrators now? What about the civilians who have been kidnapped, has there been any bargaining?

Our first aim was to clear the area, which we have managed. Right now, we have controlled the southern parts... Thousands of terrorists have entered the state of Israel and it is possible that a few of them could still be hiding. But over hundreds of them have been killed and some of them have been captured as well.

As for the kidnapping of Israelis, it's a war against humanity. They have captured young children, women, elderly, some with dementia and other medical issues. This is something that we will not allow to be passed without long retaliation... they will pay an extraordinary, heavy price, which they have never seen before.

### Besides the request, have there been any ongoing talks between the state of Israel

### and Hamas in terms of getting the kidnapped hostages back?

As far as I know, there is a connection between the leadership of these terrorists and other countries. Right now, in Gaza, there has been no electricity, no running water as well as no internet for hours. Most of the Hamas leadership, instead of fighting outside, are now down in the tunnels under Gaza while leaving their own people without a shelter. This does not surprise us.

### When you say that Hamas will pay a heavy price, how far will Israel go in terms of retaliation? What do you aim to achieve this time, that has never been done before?

I agree with our Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, that we should change the way of thinking in the Middle East, after this event. This is the only solution and the only retaliation... They (Hamas) and all other terrorists in the area, around us, have to understand that such things cannot happen again in Israel.

### Have you been looking at the recent attack as the failure of your own intelligence and surveillance, at some level?

We are not even trying to hide it, it was a failure on our part. But right now, we are only concentrating, first of all, on bringing back our casualties and retaliating and bringing peace to the southern part of Israel as well as making these brutal animals pay an extremely heavy price for what they have done.

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### BATCH OF 70 STUDENTS FINALISED

## IIT-M Zanzibar campus to be operational early Nov

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HAVING FINALISED the first cohort of 70 students, the first off-shore campus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras in Zanzibar will commence operations in early November, Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday.

The two were speaking at the ceremony of the conferment of Honorary Doctorate upon Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu, at JNU. "This institute will prove to be a milestone in educational cooperation between two nations and continents by pro-

viding students from Tanzania and other African countries access to world-class engineering and technology education, which will help in nation building and drive economic growth, technology, development and research and innovation in Africa," Pradhan said.

Speaking after Pradhan, Jaishankar said, that the first cohort of seventy students have been finalised "reminds me of my time in JNU as those years were also the years of inception of the University," Jaishankar said. The Zanzibar campus is expected to offer a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Data Science and AI, or a two-year Master of Technology degree in Data Science and AI.

## Tanzania Prez becomes 1st woman to be awarded honorary doctorate by JNU

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TANZANIAN PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan was conferred an honorary doctorate by Jawaharlal Nehru University on Tuesday, becoming the first woman to be bestowed with the honour for her "pivotal role in fostering stronger India-Tanzania relations, promoting economic diplomacy, and achieving success in regional integration and multilateralism".

The event took place at Kaushal Bhawan in Delhi's New Moti Bagh and was attended by Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of External Affairs Dr S Jaishankar. While ad-



Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives an honorary doctorate from Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and JNU V-C Santishree D Pandit on Tuesday. Foreign Minister S Jaishankar was also present. @X

ressing the audience on this occasion, Dr Hassan, acknowledged herself as a "product of Indian education", attributing it to her ITEC training at NIRD, Hyderabad.

"India is an extended family

member simply separated by a coastline, a strategic ally, a dependable partner and a friend for all seasons... India has remained truthful and loyal to the cause of the Global South and developing countries", she said.

### Curfew relaxation lifted indefinitely from Manipur's border town

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CURFEW WAS imposed in the border town of Moreh and the Manipur government issued an order against the encroachment of properties of displaced people after alleged attempts in the town to level structures used by Meitei residents.

Tengnoupal district magistrate lifted curfew relaxations indefinitely from Moreh town with immediate effect from Monday citing "likelihood of gathering of public." The order stated that for the rest of the district, the existing curfew relaxation from 6 am-5 pm will remain in place.

The state home department Tuesday issued an order reiterating an order issued by the Supreme Court on September 25 regarding encroachment of properties.

## Chintan Upadhyay gets life term for conspiring to murder wife, lawyer

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A SESSIONS court in Mumbai Tuesday sentenced artist Chintan Upadhyay to life imprisonment for abetting and conspiring the murder of his estranged wife artist Hema Upadhyay in 2015, concluding that the conspiracy resulted out of the matrimonial and property dispute between them.

The court also sentenced three others — Vijay Rajbhar, Pradeep Rajbhar, and Shivkumar Rajbhar — to life imprisonment on charges of murdering Hema and her lawyer Harish Bhambhani. While the prosecution had sought the death penalty against Chintan and three other accused on Saturday, the court said that even though the offence was brutal, it did not fall into the category of being a "rarest of rare" case.

"It is... seen that the flat where



Chintan Upadhyay at Dindoshi court in Mumbai on Tuesday. Amit Chakravarty

deceased Hema and accused Chintan were residing was jointly owned by them. In case of death of Hema the property would go to Chintan. It is further seen that the petition for divorce on the ground of cruelty was filed by Chintan and the trial court has granted decree in favour of accused Chintan. But, Hema challenged the said order before the Hon'ble High Court and thus, Chintan was required

to wait till the decision of Hon'ble High Court. These two circumstances are sufficient to infer the motive of accused Chintan to kill Hema," additional sessions judge Shrikant Y Bhosale said in his order.

During the trial, 50-year-old Chintan had claimed in his defence that the police took advantage of their matrimonial dispute and falsely implicated him as they were unable to solve the case. The bodies of Hema and her lawyer found on December 12, 2015. The court observed that if there was no conspiracy to kill Hema, then the three other accused had no "independent motive" or reason to murder her.

The court also said that there was no conspiracy to murder Hema's lawyer Bhambhani. "However, he was murdered only because, unfortunately, he accompanied Hema and found himself in a trap led by the accused," the court said.

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## MHA asks NIA to probe Kuki, Zomi militant groups for Manipur unrest as talks continue

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THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency is probing at least three Kuki militant groups and one Zomi militant group as forces behind the unrest in Manipur. The agency started the probe on instructions from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) which has said these groups intend to hive off an independent Chin-Kuki-Zomi state out of Manipur, Bangladesh and Myanmar. Two of these groups are under suspension of operation (SoO) agreement with the government.

Sources said the instructions had been passed on in July and the agency has been probing the link between these militant groups and the violence in Manipur. The militant organisations have been identified as Kuki National Army (KNA), Zomi Revolutionary Army (ZRA), Kuki

National Front (Nehlung faction) and United Kuki Liberation Army.

Both KNA and ZRA are under SoO agreement. The MHA has been holding talks with the representatives of their political wings for several years. Before violence broke out, these talks focused on achieving a peace deal with tribal groups in the hills of Manipur. Since May, these talks have focused on establishing normalcy in the state and finding a political solution to the crisis. An NIA probe into their activities could put significant pressure on the groups.

NIA had similarly booked NSCN-IM for terror funding even as the Centre signed the Framework Agreement with the group for further talks on sealing the Nagapace deal. Notably, over a month before violence broke out in the state, the Manipur government had in March decided to withdraw from the suspension of opera-

tion (SoO) agreements with KNA and ZRA. However, the Centre did not follow suit.

Sources said MHA has also told NIA that these groups are getting support from People's Defence Force (PDF) in Myanmar. PDF has been fighting against military Junta in Myanmar since the 2021 coup.

"It has been learnt that some Manipur-based Kuki militant groups are being provided funds from Chin-Kuki-Zo groups in Myanmar to perpetrate violence in the Imphal Valley. They have been asked to procure weapons and ammunition which are coming from Myanmar and some other north east states. They are supposed to create a separate Chin-Kuki-Zo state by hitting off areas from Manipur, Bangladesh and Burma," an official said summarising the communication sent to NIA.

An MHA official said these groups have allegedly been pro-

viding training to local people and armed men have been pushed to the foothills to target people in the Valley. "They have also been targeting security forces in sniper attacks," the official said quoting the MHA communication.

In an interview with *The Indian Express* on Tuesday, Manipur CM N Biren Singh also spoke about a trans-border conspiracy. "The current situation isn't a dispute between two communities. It is very clear from the report of the NIA, the highest investigative agency of our country, that there is a hand of external forces. The present crisis should have settled if it wasn't for their meddling," he said.

KNA is the military wing of the Kuki National Organisation, one of the key political organisations representing Kukis in Manipur. The Zomi Revolutionary Army is an armed Zomi nationalist insurgent group formed in 1997.

## Nipah & Covid carriers? Bad omen? Bats are beautiful, say researchers

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THE BIBLE says they're unclean. Dante draws an analogy between their wings and those of Lucifer's. Women were burnt in the past when these creatures were spotted over their houses. They are often perceived as harbingers of death, evil and bad omens.

Such beliefs, however, have never bothered Bhargavi Srinivasulu. About 30 years ago, she gifted a dead bat to Chelmalma Srinivasulu, her classmate in the BSC course.

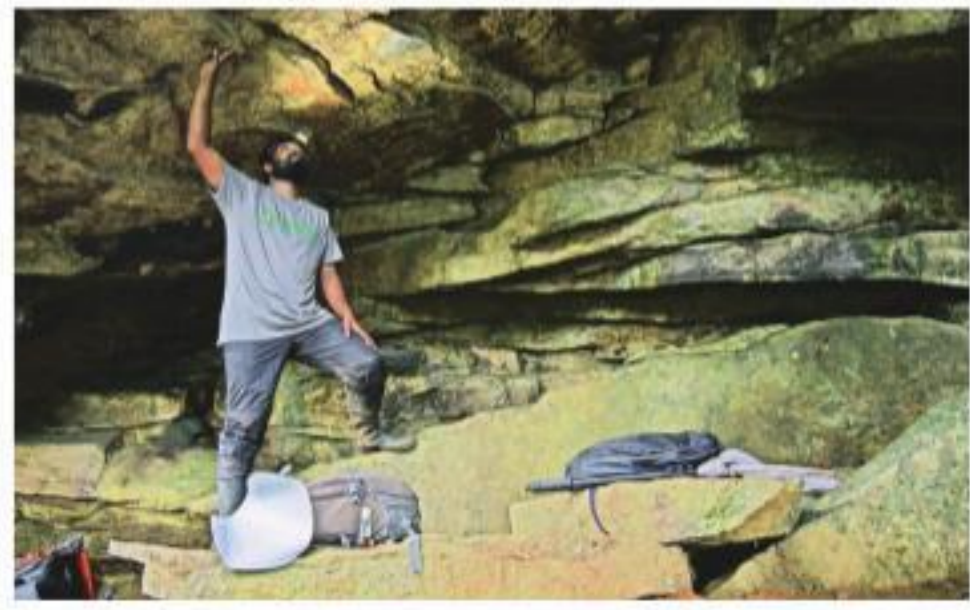
"I saw a big bat electrocuted on an electric wire one day and asked my father to pull it down. I thought he (Chelmalma) might be interested in studying it (since he

was fascinated by bats). I put the bat in a huge packet and took it to his house. I did it partly to impress him too," she says.

It was the beginning of not just their love story, but also the couple's lifelong association with the nocturnal mammal. While Bhargavi is an independent researcher who works on insect-eating bats, Chelmalma is a professor of Zoology at Osmania University, Hyderabad, who specialises in fruit-eating bats. Their son, Aditya, too is a bat researcher at University of Reading in the UK.

Given the family's shared interest, bats are a common topic of discussion at the dinner table. But not everyone is as charmed by bats as the Srinivasulus.

The "bad" reputation of bats worsened after the pandemic.



Nithin Divakar, a PhD scholar at Kerala Forest Research Institute, has been studying bats since 2013; and (right) researcher couple Bhargavi and Chelmalma Srinivasulu.

Scientists know that SARS-CoV-2, the pathogen that causes the illness, is part of a family of viruses

found in a type of insect-eating bats, mostly found in tropical or subtropical areas, including



China, where the first case of the coronavirus disease was reported. Although scientists are yet

to determine how the first victim was infected, a crusade to kill bats was launched in several parts of the world soon after the pandemic began.

Most recently, bats grabbed headlines when six people tested positive for the Nipah virus (NiV) in Kerala and two of them died in September. Fruit-eating bats are the natural reservoir for NiV. But experts like Srinivasulu say bats alone can't be blamed for the outbreak.

Chelmalma says: "Fruit-eating bats feed and mostly drop half-eaten fruit on the ground." Stating that these half-eaten fruits mostly contain bat saliva, which could be carrying NiV, he says: "Either someone consumed such fruit without washing it or an animal such as a pig ate it,

through which the virus jumped to humans, leading to the outbreak."

Like other organisms, bats too are natural hosts for pathogens like rabies and Ebola. They shed more virus particles when they are sick or under stress, increasing the chances of spreading the disease to humans or domestic animals.

And that is why many researchers in India usually didn't wear gloves while handling bats until 2016. Chelmalma says they would pick only healthy bats for examination by observing their behaviour.

"When you go into a cave, you see bats that are not as active as the others and we know they are diseased. We don't handle them, although they are easier to catch.

General understanding tells us that they have diseases that could be detrimental to our health," he adds.

These days, however, researchers take full precaution. Apart from getting rabies vaccination and immunity boosters, they wear surgical masks and gloves. Scientists use hard cloth gloves to handle big bats like the Indian flying fox. To hold small bats, they use nitrile gloves, which are made from synthetic latex.

Nithin Divakar, a PhD scholar at Kerala Forest Research Institute, Thrissur, who has been studying bats since 2013, says, "If we hold small bats while wearing hard gloves, there is a chance of damaging their wings."

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### REBUILDING TRUST

CM Biren Singh's acknowledgement of need to reach out to all communities is welcome. He has much to make up for

IN THE FIVE months since Manipur has been roiled by ethnic violence that has claimed more than 170 lives, the state's chief minister, N Biren Singh, has invited criticism and been found wanting on several fronts. As people turned on neighbours and communities fled their homes, the government fumbled in dousing the fires. At times, it appeared partisan. Singh seems to recognise, now, the imperative of rebuilding trust between the state's ethnic groups. In an interview to this newspaper, the Manipur CM has said that his "top priority is to initiate dialogue with all affected communities, including the Kukis and Meiteis", even as the state continues its efforts for "resettling displaced individuals" and "rebuilding damaged homes". "I want my people to feel confident and secure," the Manipur CM said. In the coming days and weeks, he will be tested for his resolve in translating those words into action. Disturbingly, however, Singh blames the crisis in Manipur largely on "illegal migrants", or on Manipur's "outsider" problem.

Like most northeastern states, Manipur is a patchwork of cultures, faiths and ethnicities, many of which have complicated histories. The situation is made more fraught by landholding patterns and the continuing impact of colonial policies that segregated the state's tribal-dominated hill areas from the Meitei-dominant Imphal Valley. As Singh has rightly pointed out, in the last two decades, the state has been confronted by a serious drug addiction problem. But his accusation that the drug mafia "exploited the vulnerabilities of sections in the peripheral areas to create unrest" glosses over other political and administrative failures. The Manipur government has done well to crack down on drug dealers. But that should have been accompanied by measures to improve livelihoods in a state which had the lowest per capita income in the northeastern region in 2021-2022 — it ranked the highest in the early 1990s. The CM has, instead, sought to give an ethnic dimension to poppy cultivation — he has linked the problem to "illegal migrants" from across the Myanmar border with whom the hill people share a common ethnicity.

In September, Singh requested the Centre to revoke the Free Movement Regime (FMR) which allows people residing close to both sides of the India-Myanmar border to venture 16 km deep inside the two countries without any documents. While experts agree that the FMR needs regulation, given the significance of trans-border commerce in Manipur's economy, they also caution against the complete fencing of borders. Singh's harping on the outsider-infiltrator spectre does little to assure hill tribes that his government is above the identity politics that has already pushed the state to the brink. Rebuilding trust in Manipur requires interventions at multiple levels — economic, social, political, and administrative. The state government has its work cut out, and it has no time to lose.

### MARKETS & MINEFIELDS

Fallout from flaring of West Asia conflict is being felt across markets. Policymakers must tread carefully

THE REVERBERATIONS FROM the ongoing conflict in West Asia are being felt in markets across the world. On Monday, Indian markets also exhibited weakness, ending the day down 0.7 per cent. Foreign portfolio investors pulled out close to Rs 1,000 crore. Crude oil prices rose around 4 per cent as fears of instability in the region gained traction. While Indian stock markets recovered on Tuesday, continuing conflict in the region is only likely to add to the prevailing uncertainty in global markets already weighed down by tighter financial conditions.

Of particular concern is the implication for crude oil prices. In September, prices were hovering around \$97 per barrel after Saudi Arabia and Russia had announced the extension of their production cuts. Prices had eased thereafter, falling to roughly \$85 before the attack by Hamas. However, on Monday, Brent crude oil was trading at around \$88 a barrel, while on Tuesday prices had edged marginally lower. There is a concern that an escalation in the conflict engulfing the region could push prices higher. For an oil importing country like India which imports more than 80 per cent of its requirement, higher prices could impact the current account deficit and inflation, and possibly have fiscal implications as well. To put the current prices in perspective, in its latest monetary policy report, the RBI had factored in crude prices at \$85 per barrel for 2023-24. Higher prices could push up inflation above the RBI's estimate of 5.4 per cent for the full year, which is lower than the World Bank's recent estimate of 5.9 per cent. However, it is also possible that retail prices may not see a complete pass through of higher crude oil prices — since May 2022, retail prices of petrol and diesel have remained unchanged — as the burden of higher prices could be borne by the oil marketing companies and the government.

Higher crude oil prices will also have implications for the current account deficit. As per some analysts, the deficit is expected to rise in the second quarter from 1.1 per cent of GDP in the first quarter. To what extent it rises further in the second half of the year will depend on how high prices go and for how long they remain elevated. Alongside, this conflict may also have implications for the recently announced India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. During this period of acute global uncertainty, policymakers in India must be guided by the objective of preserving macroeconomic stability.

### IN SPACE WITH PRADA

The fashion behemoth's collaboration with NASA's Artemis III mission marries style with practicality

GIVING THE IMAGE of the astronaut-as-a-geek a chic twist, Italian fashion behemoth Prada has announced a tie-up with Texas-based Axiom Space, pioneer in spaceflight services, to design spacesuits for NASA's Artemis III mission in 2025. The human mission to the lunar South Pole has other firsts to its credit — it is the first human mission to the moon since 1972 and its four-member crew includes the first person of colour, as well as a woman. For the Milan-headquartered Prada, too, it is an experience quite unlike their runway accomplishments. It draws upon their work with composite fabrics for America's Cup sailing competition, where the sailing suits are integral to how well a competitor performs.

As in water, so in space. Here, the rustle of silks and the confidence of colours that rule runways and catwalks hold little meaning. What matters is careful engineering, where the properties of individual materials are worked on to create a distinctive fabric integral to maximising mobility, safety and comfort in space. The clothes astronauts wear on missions involve two basic outfits — the first is worn inside spacecrafts; the second kind, named Extra-vehicular Activity (EVA) suits by NASA, is used specifically for spacewalks. Silhouette remains key. Shaped like a human body and equipped to maintain the same conditions as in a spaceship to protect the astronauts from extreme temperatures, fluctuating pressure, radiation and other environmental vagaries, EVAs are crucial to the success of the mission. It is the latter, dubbed the Exploration Extravehicular Mobility Unit (xEMU), that Prada will be working on as part of the collaborative effort, which hopes to enhance the "much-needed human factors considerations" of the traditional design.

But for the moment, forget the technology or the fact that the spacesuits will not likely look dramatically different when the astronauts go about in space. Imagine instead the confidence that comes from being turned out in sharp suits perfect for the occasion. After all, clothes maketh the man, and on a mission intent on creating history, Prada might just be the best accessory to scientific achievements.

# New Delhi, new Tel Aviv

PM Modi's political ownership of relationship with Israel is guided by changed geopolitics, India's interests



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IT WAS NOT surprising that the Hamas attack on Israel over the weekend quickly acquired a domestic political dimension in India. Over the last few days, this newspaper has reported on the Congress Party's difficulty reacting to the terror attack on Israel. If the main opposition party has flipped and flopped, the ruling BJP has been unambiguous in condemning the attack and expressing solidarity with Israel. That lent a new wrinkle to the political sparring between the two parties on the commitment to fight terror.

The political dynamic between India and the Middle East cuts deeper. Geopolitics of the Middle East in the 20th century inevitably intersected with the international relations of South Asia and acquired a more intensive character after Partition. However, the nature of that interaction has been changing in the 21st century. As the region evolved in recent decades, so has Indian thinking. But the changes in Indian policy on the Middle East have been more consequential during the tenure of PM Narendra Modi. Five broad changes stand out.

The first was the PM's decision to bring India's relationship with Israel out of the closet and signal full political ownership. To be sure, it was Congress Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi who ended the policy of keeping a distance from Israel. PV Narasimha Rao followed through by establishing full diplomatic relations with Israel. Atal Bihari Vajpayee built on the foundation and ended Delhi's reluctance to host the Israeli Prime Minister. But the UPA government, under pressure from the left and Congress's confusion over the Middle East, went back to pious posturing and drawing the veil over deepening security ties. Modi discarded Delhi's traditional inhibitions on acknowledging the growing convergence of interests between India and Israel. He also became the first Indian PM to visit Israel.

Second, the NDA government has sought to align India's position closer to ground realities. While Congress continues to believe that Delhi must bear (or pretend to) the cross of the "Palestinian cause", the NDA government has come to terms with the fact that several Arab countries have begun to make

their peace with Israel without preconditions. The violent religious extremism of Hamas and other forces threatens not only Israel but also moderate Arab states. These shared concerns have opened space for co-operation between Israel and several Arab states. It's a pity that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's extremist politics prevented Israel from taking full advantage of the possibilities to build a "New Middle East" in partnership with Arabs.

The divisions within Palestine, too, have become deep between the Palestine Authority (PA) in Ramallah and the Hamas in Gaza. Contrary to widespread perception, the NDA government is not abandoning Palestine. It maintains solid ties with the PA, and Modi travelled to Ramallah in 2018. The NDA continues to support a two-state solution to the crisis in Israel-Palestine. The Modi government is unwilling, though, to fudge the question of terror as the Congress Working Committee did on Monday or hide behind "root causes" (the Palestine question) to stay silent on the Hamas attack. "Root causes", it might be recalled, is also part of Pakistan's argument that there can be no peace with India (and no end to cross-border terror) until the Kashmir question is resolved (to its satisfaction).

Third, the political focus on India's current solidarity with Israel masks the transformation of Delhi's ties with the Arab world in the last decade. For all its rhetoric, the UPA government struggled to modernise the relationship with Arab countries. Under the NDA, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt have emerged as strategic partners. If India was hobbled by its mercantilist approach to the oil-rich Gulf in the past, the Khaleeji capital today promises to contribute to economic growth.

Fourth, the NDA government ended India's traditional anti-Western stance in the region. Limiting the Anglo-American role in the Middle East was among the main objectives of Indian diplomacy in the Nehru years. As Indian foreign policy acquired a more radical orientation in the 1970s, bashing the West passed off as policy. Today, India partners with the US, Israel, and the UAE in the I2U2 grouping. Delhi has teamed up with the US, Europe, Saudi

Arabia, and the UAE to build a corridor between the Subcontinent and Europe through the Arabian Peninsula. India's critique of Hamas terror puts it on the same side as the West, even as Russia, China and much of the Global South offer a wishy-washy "two-handed" reaction to the terror attack. The clarity of India's response underlines its interest-driven foreign policy. If the refusal to condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine was shaped by the need to protect Delhi's long-standing equities in Moscow, staunch support to Tel Aviv is rooted in the centrality of the terror question in India's security calculus.

Finally, the biggest change in India's Middle East policy under Modi remains understated. It is the de-linking of India's regional diplomacy from religion. Partition and Pakistan's quest for mobilising support in the Middle East in the name of Islamic solidarity severely complicated India's engagement with the region. This was further muddled by Congress's claim for the Muslim vote at home. If Congress's reaction to developments in the Middle East continues to be shaped by the religious question, many on the Hindu right, too, tend to view the region through the prism of faith. Shared religious identity with the Middle East also dominates the political discourse in Pakistan. The region's recent history shows how nationalism, ethnicity, tribalism, and sectarianism continue to trump presumed Islamic solidarity. If the pragmatic pursuit of common interests with the Arab world has produced many gains for Delhi in the last few years, the framework of religious kinship has yielded little dividend for Pakistan.

As the current tragedy propels the politics of the Middle East into a new and dangerous moment, one thing is certain — the region demands greater Indian contribution to its stability and prosperity. The Indian political class, in turn, must shed its self-referential discourse without respect for structural trends in the Middle East and build a new national consensus on engaging the region.

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SURYAKANT WAGHMORE

BHARATIYA VEGETARIANISM OF purity, segregation and hierarchy is under considerable duress. Not all vegetarians are obsessed with separate cutlery, cooking arrangements, dining and living arrangements. Not all express disgust at the sight and smell of meat-based food. A lot is changing in the ethics and aesthetics of food consumption. The caste basis of Indian vegetarianism is facing some erosion. Chicken, for instance, has become the most sanitised meat — a middle-path option that vegetarians do not mind being served in the same space where they consume food.

Meat has transgressed boundaries in homes, too — vegetarian parents increasingly allow their children to experiment with meat-based foods. These changes are usually gendered, as men experiment more outside their homes while women keep the private familial spaces pure by sticking to a *satvik* diet.

However, this mild erosion of hierarchical values and caste ethics in food consumption is not a linear process. Militant vegetarians seek to sustain the traditional ethics of segregation and hierarchy in food consumption. They occasionally appropriate the argument of compassion for animals and the environmental impact of mass meat production for political gains — turning the pure-vegetarian nationalist project into an environmental one.

Not surprisingly, the Director of IIT Mandi recently remarked that the cloud bursts and landslides in Himachal Pradesh were linked to meat eating. While he was criticised for his

comments, IIT Mandi does not practice or encourage segregated dining in hostels. Vegetarians and meatarians dine together, a sign of a new post-caste sociality.

Two recent incidents in Mumbai underline the vegetarian and meatarian divide. The first is of Trupti Devrukhkar who was denied office space in a Gujarati society. In a video of the incident, a society member can be heard saying that Maharashtrians are not allowed. This incident has been linked to the vegetarian vs meatarian divide in Mumbai's real estate, with allegations that "pure vegetarian" Gujaratis look down upon those who eat meat, including Maharashtrians. Another incident was in IIT Bombay, where a student was fined for consuming meat at a table earmarked for vegetarians, violating a student council rule. He has been accused of causing disharmony through his act of protest.

Rules of segregation based on food preferences cannot be formally institutionalised in public spaces or even housing societies. There can only be informal social pressures and regulations. A productive comparison can be made between the prescriptions and proscriptions around the consumption of meat in India and menstrual cycles — there are surprising similarities. In "vegetarian" localities, meat is usually packed in black polythene bags, similar to how sanitary pads are hidden by pharmacists. Both meat and sanitary pads are associated with shame and guilt.

Mixed eating public spaces are mostly sen-

sitive to the religious sentiments of Muslims and Savarna Hindus as neither beef nor pork is served. Despite some progress, nothing divides us like food. There is also hidden anxiety among many vegetarian parents that their children are attracted to meat-foods, which leads to aggressive demands for the abolition of meat from all possible spaces.

Such militant vegetarianism is a social illness that seeks segregation and hierarchy and even leads to violence. The violence is not only against the other but also oneself. Unlike veganism, which may emerge from compassion, the foundations of militant vegetarianism lie in *varnashrama dharma* and graded inequality. The hegemony of vegetarianism over the last century has institutionalised disgust against beef eaters, particularly against "out-castes", Christians and Muslims. Parvis Ghassem-Fachandi's study of anti-Muslim violence in Gujarat points to the role of vegetarianism, sacrifice, and bovine nationalism.

Academic spaces too are increasingly turning into conservative sites for the politics of militant vegetarianism. These seemingly cosmopolitan bubbles should instead invest in scientific temper and higher learning that celebrates diversity, not hierarchy. Experiencing and practising equality in public life is essential for cultivating civic virtues among younger generations and mixed dining is a minimal sign of such higher living beyond caste.

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## OCTOBER 11, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

### S KOREA'S SUSPECT

SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT Chun Doo-Hwan blamed Korea for the explosion in Rangoon which killed 19 people, including four South Korean ministers, and injured 48 others and pledged to take every possible retaliatory measure against violence. "No one in the world would doubt that the crime was their (North Korea's) product," he said.

### HOME MINISTRY ALERT

THE HOME MINISTRY has alerted almost all states to take precautionary measures and en-

sure that the recent happenings in Punjab would have no repercussions in their states. Citing incidents in Punjab in which eight persons were killed, the Home Ministry has asked states like UP, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh with a concentrated population of Sikhs to keep a close watch.

### BJP'S DELHI BANDH

THE DELHI BANDH organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party in protest against the killings in Punjab was almost total where markets were concerned. A majority of them remained closed. No untoward incident was

reported. However, a few shopkeepers in Janpath and Panchkuin road alleged that they had been forced to close their shops by people carrying hockey sticks.

### CPI(M) WORKER DEAD

A WORKER OF the Communist Party of India (Marxist) was killed and another injured when some members of the Kashtakari Sangathana fired at them in the Adivasi-dominated Kasa village of Thane district, state Home Secretary BK Chougule said. Chougule said the firing was in retaliation to the burning down of the hut of a Sangathana worker.



# 13 THE IDEAS PAGE

## Women in the House

Female MPs from the ruling party are asking more questions, have demonstrated a significantly higher level of scrutiny towards their own government, and hold ministries accountable



SHAMIKA RAVI

EXTENSIVE COVERAGE HAS been dedicated to the policies implemented by the Narendra Modi government that have had a substantial positive impact on women across the country. These encompass the benefits arising from increased accessibility to LPG cooking fuel, which has significantly improved women's health and well-being, as well as the implications of enhanced toilet accessibility on the health and safety of women. Furthermore, the fact that a majority of the beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana are women account holders, and very crucially, ownership of houses under PM Awas Yojana is with women heads of families, has further contributed to the economic empowerment of women across India. There are also "silent revolutions" quietly taking place that have received relatively little attention. Among these, we examine the achievements and contributions of women leaders in India's Parliament in recent years.

The primary role of leaders in a democratic system is to represent the interests of their constituents and advocate for government accountability. Consequently, a crucial aspect of parliamentary democracy is that elected members of Parliament (MPs) must question the government, irrespective of their political affiliation, caste, gender, and so on. This practice serves as a check on government power and ensures that the government remains accountable to the will of the people. While conventional methods for assessing women's political empowerment have been limited to counting the number of women in Parliament and legislative assemblies, our approach involves evaluating their participation in both houses compared to their male counterparts. The central question is whether women MPs, regardless of their political alignment, possess the same empowerment as their male counterparts when it comes to questioning the government during parliament sessions.

The political empowerment of women plays a vital role in reinforcing civil and human rights (United Nations 2011). In this context, scholarly research, both globally and within the Indian context, has predominantly focused on disparities in the representation of women in Parliament, the impact of women as political leaders on societal outcomes, and the increasing influence of women voters, which we originally referred to as a "silent revolution" in India in our writings more than a decade back. Today, these are well-recognised and widely appreciated phenomena across political circles. However, there has hardly been any discussion regarding whether a female political leader elected as an MP has the authority to raise concerns on behalf of her constituents who are often from marginalised sections of society such as women and children. In fact, the commonly held belief is that women MPs have limited voice and meekly follow their party line on the floor of the House.

So how do women MPs perform compared to their male counterparts? To conduct our analysis, we utilised publicly available data from the 15th Lok Sabha (from May 18, 2009, to May 18, 2014) and the 16th Lok Sabha (from May 18, 2014, to May 23, 2019) obtained from PRS Legislative Research (PRS). This data tracks comprehensive information about the activities of MPs in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya

FIGURE 2: DIFFERENCE IN QUESTIONS RAISED BY FEMALE & MALE MPS TO MINISTRIES

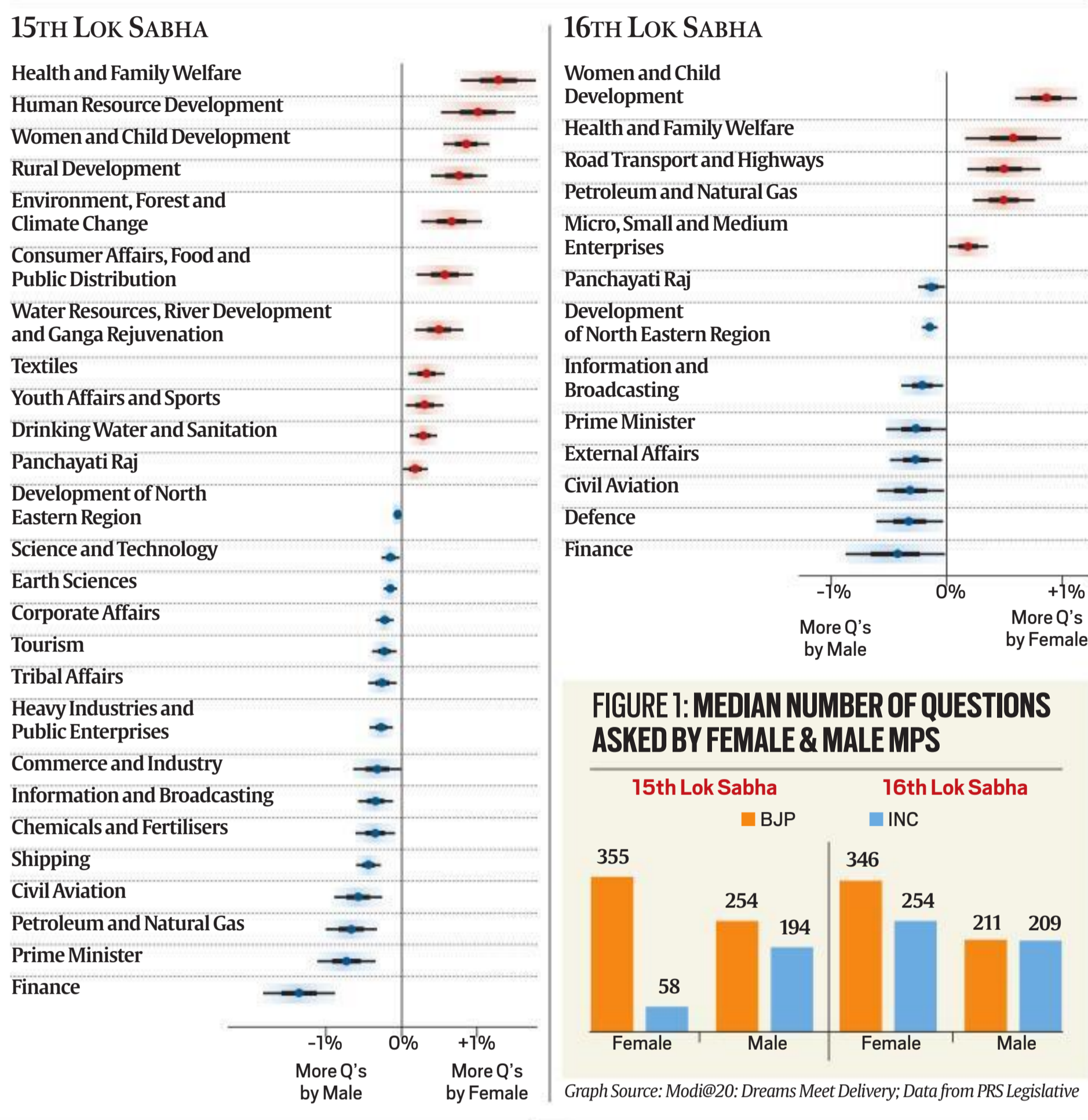
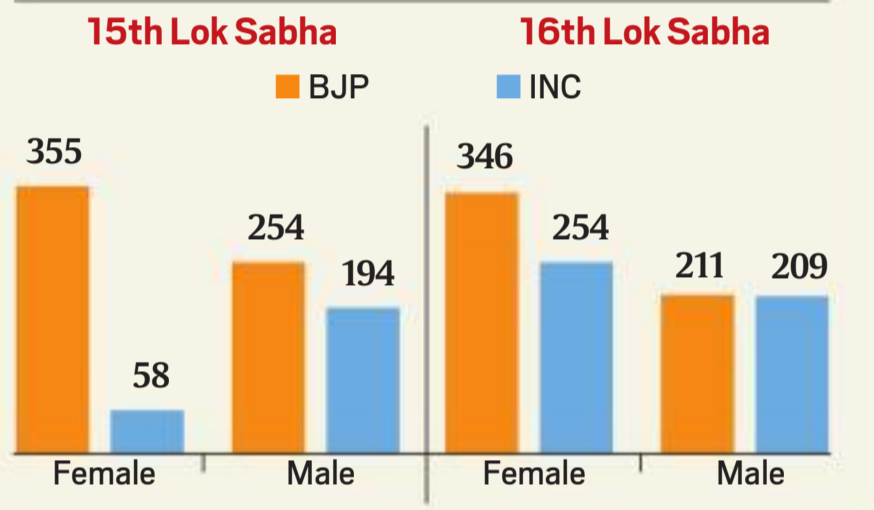


FIGURE 1: MEDIAN NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ASKED BY FEMALE & MALE MPS



Graph Source: Modi@20; Dreams Meet Delivery; Data from PRS Legislative

Sabha, including their gender, age, state, constituency, political party affiliation, attendance in Parliament sessions, the number of questions asked, participation in debates, and the introduction of private members bills. Our primary focus was on the number of questions raised by MPs, and we compared the median number of questions asked by MPs based on gender and political affiliation (Bharatiya Janata Party vs Indian National Congress).

During the 15th Lok Sabha, there were 64 women MPs, with 14 belonging to the BJP (approximately 12 per cent of BJP MPs) and 25 from the Indian National Congress (approximately 12 per cent of INC MPs). In the 16th Lok Sabha, there were 68 women MPs, with 32 from the BJP (around 11 per cent of BJP MPs) and only four from the INC (8 per cent of INC MPs).

Our findings reveal (Figure 1) that during the 15th Lok Sabha, women MPs asked significantly fewer questions than their male counterparts (135 versus 250). However, in a remarkable contrast, their level of engagement in the 16th Lok Sabha was on par with male MPs (218 versus 219). A closer examination of these results based on the party affiliations of women MPs reveals a striking trend. Specifically, the median number of questions raised by women MPs from the BJP, the leading opposition party in the 15th Lok Sabha, was 355. In contrast, the median number of questions asked by female MPs from the INC, the leading ruling party in the 15th Lok Sabha, was merely 58.

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The most remarkable finding from this analysis, however, is that after the assumption of power by the BJP in the 16th Lok Sabha, female MPs from the BJP posed the most substantial number of questions (346) to their own government. An essential implication drawn from these findings is that there is an underlying empowerment and encouragement of female MPs within the BJP, particularly under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, when it comes to their engagement in the Parliament. Female MPs from the ruling party have demonstrated a significantly higher level of scrutiny towards their own government, holding their own ministries accountable.

Another lesser-known fact is that women MPs focus on issues which are fundamentally distinct from their male counterparts. As the evidence shows (Figure 2), female MPs focus particularly on critical matters of healthcare, education, roads, and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) which affect the most vulnerable segment of our society; whereas male MPs mostly focus on finance, defence, external affairs, the prime minister's office etc.

These are extraordinary features of the political state of affairs in India today and auger well for the future of this great nation as it traces women-led democracy with the historic women's reservation bill.

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## Chief minister in the dock

N Biren Singh government's decisions in Manipur have failed to address hostility among communities, prolonged current impasse



THONGKHOHAL HAOKIP

LAST MONTH, MANIPUR Chief Minister N Biren Singh requested the central government to revoke the Free Movement Regime (FMR) agreement with Myanmar in order to curb the influx of the so-called "illegal immigrants", allegedly responsible for the ongoing violence in the state. Earlier, in September 2022, the FMR was temporarily suspended in the wake of the coup in Myanmar in February 2021 and the inflow of refugees into Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland.

The temporary suspension of the FMR is explicable, given the acute political unrest and fragile security situation in the neighbouring country from where large scale inflow of refugees has become exigent in Mizoram. But, India and Myanmar have never had a history of violent boundary disputes. Most of these boundary settlements were largely arbitrary—the concerns of local people were hardly kept in mind before the boundary lines were drawn or settled. These borderlands are cultural spaces where people from the same ethnic stock inhabit contiguous areas. In times of trouble, ethnic ties are much stronger than state-imposed borders and laws, which Mizoram has demonstrated in the last two years. Manipur shares a border of about 390 km with Myanmar. Only about 60 km of this stretch has been taken up for fencing by the central government while the rest continue to remain porous. In the increasingly security-centric border management, the FMR has been a recognition of the lived realities of borderlands.

The border between Manipur and Myanmar was formalised by the boundary commission of 1881, which corrected the errors of the one drawn by R B Pemberton in 1834, and placed it on the foothills of the eastern slopes of the Dingpi ridge in Manipur or the western foothills of the Kabaw valley in Myanmar. The border line passes through or just misses several villages as these foothills were one of the preferred locations for settlement. Many of these villagers on the Indian side of the border depend on the economic activities in the Kabaw valley for livelihood. The lack of all-weather roads on the Indian side of the border forces them to walk a few metres east, across the porous border and on to the India Myanmar Friendship Road, linking Moreh-Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewa, to travel to Moreh via Tamu, and then to Imphal and other parts of the country.

The lack of proper medical facilities in many villages in the extreme southeast of Manipur has also forced villagers to avail the nearby facility in Khampat, a small township mainly of Kuki-Chin inhabitants in Myanmar. As an informal practice, the Myanmarese authorities would allow such travel after a ca-

sual identity check to ascertain whether they were from the so-called "border villages". Such an informal border regime has been the practice since the early days of Independence. In fact, those belonging to the border villages were hardly even aware of the FMR, until recently.

The Kuki insurgent groups, who are engaged in peace negotiations with the Centre, demand the extension of FMR up to 80 km (aerial distance) on both sides of the Indo-Myanmar border and 120 hours or five days stay with visa-less entry and movement for the Kuki people. The call for a permanent revocation of the FMR by the Manipur government, therefore, makes the situation more precarious in the light of the five-month-long unrest, that has deepened the chasm between the politically dominant Meitei community—mainly settled in the heart of state—and the trans-border Kuki community. This is especially so when the crisis of food and medical supplies in the borderland deepens due to the continuous blockade in Imphal valley.

The recent extension of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the hill areas of Manipur, while excluding 19 police stations in Imphal valley, is another manifestation of how the two geographical areas of the state are treated differently and unequally. The continuation of the "disturbed area" tag of the hill areas under AFSPA, despite the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-IM) signing the ceasefire agreement with the government of India in 1997 and the Kuki insurgent groups since 2008, is a stark contrast to the Valley, despite most of the Valley-based insurgent groups still fighting against the Indian state. This apparent favouring of the Valley area also contributes to the animosity between communities.

Similarly, the attempt to segregate population in the Manipur-Myanmar border appears to be an ad hoc approach. Despite the segregation of the population on ethnic lines, this conflict is not permanent. Given the dependence of the communities on each other, there will have to be discussions on better ways to co-exist. In contrast to the usual state-centric approach, the lived experience in the borderland—which, in the words of the Mexican sociologist Jorge A Bustamante, is a space where "broad scenes of intense interactions in which people from both sides work out everyday accommodations based on face-to-face relationship"—has to be taken into account.

The demand of N Biren Singh for the revocation of the ceasefire between Kuki insurgent groups and the government of India, instead of demanding a quick settlement, and his continuous blaming of Kuki insurgents as responsible for the present crisis in Manipur irk many. The allegation of "illegal immigration" causing violence, without evidence, and the attempts at doing away with the FMR may serve his interest, but the central government should not easily fall into the trap of a particular narrative.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### FIVE STATE RACE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Five to go' (IE, October 10). The five states due to go to the polls in November account for one-sixth of the voters of India. So the November elections can be an indicator of the nation's mood ahead of the 2024 general elections. Particularly in focus is the Congress' fate as there is much at stake for the party. It is striving to retain power in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. Its demand for a caste census and an OBC quota within the women's quota could potentially alter the electoral matrix. The BJP is banking on anti-incumbency though it bears the same burden in MP. The infighting plaguing the Congress and the BJP could upset their calculations.

SS Paul, Nadiya

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Five to go' (IE, October 10). As ever, with any Indian election, the logistics are tedious. Over 16 crore voters would be on the voters' list and could vote in one of the over 1.77 lakh polling stations. The fate of these five states would be decided by over 8.2 crore male voters and over 7.8 crore female voters, including over 60.2 lakh first-time voters. Let us all look forward to another round of democratic face-off, in which voters will hopefully participate in great numbers, vote freely and fairly, oblivious to allurement. In the end, let us hope only the best leaders and parties win.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

### FULFILL PROMISES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The wait

continues' (IE, October 10). The Women's Reservation Bill received the support of almost all political parties meaning thereby, barring any hidden agendas, that they intend to implement it sooner or later. Who stops them from implementing it suo motu in some form or the other in the forthcoming state and Lok Sabha elections? They will be at liberty to give tickets to women for the seats of their choice rather than any mandated by the state. Even if they are not prepared for 33 per cent reservations right now, let them at least double the number of tickets given to women in the last elections. The test is ahead. Will they pass it?

RK Vijay, Jaipur

### ACT NOW

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A straw in the whirlwind' (IE, October 10). The macabre nature of attacks and ensuing massacre of civilians and soldiers calls for more than "reviving the Arab Peace Initiative" that demands Israel withdraw from Gaza, the West Bank and surrounding regions in lieu of recognition of Israel by Arab states and peace. Rather, an immediate step can be taken by United Nations Security Council which has so far been a spectator rather than an intervener. The Middle East has already suffered at the hands of tragic events like Covid, the 2020 Beirut explosion and the earthquake in Turkey, apart from the continually occurring tensions on Israel's borders and territories.

Sagar Borade, Jagdalpur

## Stay the heavy hand

Three principles law enforcement agencies must bear in mind



VIVEK KATJU

IF ANY MEDIA outlet, think tank or non-governmental organisation is genuinely suspected of breaking a law, it must be investigated. If these investigations reveal a criminal act or illegal actions, it must be charged and prosecuted in a court of law. The principle that these entities need to follow the law is obviously as applicable to them as to any individual or group. At the same time, law enforcement agencies have to bear in mind three propositions that are rooted in our democratic process. These propositions are so intrinsic to our democracy that one does not have to be a lawyer, which this writer is not, to state them.

One, the more draconian the law invoked against these entities, or any individual or group for that matter, the more care has to be exercised by senior members of the police and the security services that the material on which action is being taken will stand up to judicial scrutiny. It is unconscionable that individuals are locked up for years only to be ultimately released by the superior courts. It is equally reprehensible that organisations or media outlets are asked to close shop but the courts later find no legal justification for such drastic action.

Two, every step has to be taken to limit collateral damage. If there is a charge of illegal

funding and of using those funds for actions against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of the state, then the net cannot be spread so wide as to involve persons who cannot prima facie be involved or have a knowledge of these activities even if they have an association with an organisation. This is especially so with regard to media outlets. A pervasive atmosphere of fear is contrary to the values and tenets of the Republic. It is necessary for senior members of law enforcement agencies to uphold the foundational values of the Republic even while combating those who seek to harm the state.

Three, enforcement agencies and the judiciary must ensure that matters pertaining to those laws in which bail is not easily available are decided very early. It can be rightly argued that there are thousands of undertrials in the country who are languishing in jail and their matters deserve to be expedited too. Hence, there is no need to give special consideration to those who are charged under stringent bail-denying laws. There is merit in this argument but there is a distinction between laws where bail is denied in the normal case and where official apathy or poverty leads to people being kept unnecessarily in jail.

All these issues have surfaced in a recent

case where arrests have been made and a couple of scores of suspects belonging to or associated with a media organisation have been questioned. The process is ongoing. The accusation is that the media outlet received funds from organisation/s which are arm/s of the Chinese propaganda machinery. The premise is that a media organisation which took "tainted funds" will necessarily take positions inimical to the national interest on some sensitive and controversial issues. The media outlet has denied these charges and has asserted that whatever it has published can be examined to assess if it has pushed a pro-China line.

The fact is that all countries seek to influence other countries' attitudes, approaches and actions in one way or another. That is the game that nations play. Some elements of this game are above board and covered by international instruments relating to diplomacy, including in its cultural variant which involves attempts to spread soft power. Other aspects are not covered by global agreements and are subterranean but are undertaken by all countries. They are also countered by countries that are targets. Put crudely, it is a cat-and-mouse international game which is going on all the time.

The subterranean game covers a wide

range: From straightforward espionage to the spread of influence through funding of undercover bodies which seek to subvert organisations and individuals. A net of not-so-open advantages is also spread. Certainly, media outlets, NGOs and think tanks should exercise every care that they do not wittingly or unwittingly take funds from sources that are ultimately controlled by agencies or institutions of foreign governments. The very acceptance of funds can infringe the law but ultimately, such issues are to be decided by the courts. The problem in India is that the legal process takes so long that the process in many instances itself becomes the punishment.

India's open society has been the envy of many developing countries. All diplomats of this writer's generation can testify to this fact. This has been a great aspect of India's soft power. Naturally, it is necessary to fight terrorism of any variety with all the might of the state but it is possible to do so and also preserve India's essential democratic and constitutional values and social harmony. This is, of course, the responsibility of the entire political class but is no less an obligation of the civil services, especially of its senior echelons.

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## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**I, Praveen Sharma S/O Mr. Krishan Gopal Sharma R/O Flat no B-8 Parivahan Apartment sec-5 Vasundhara Ghaziabad has changed my name to Praveen Kumar Sharma as per affidavit IN-UP3675550344824V dt 09.10.2023 0070867792-1**

**I, Praveen Kumar S/O Mr. Prakash R/O E-7/141, Sultan Puri, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Praveen for all future purposes. 0040693050-1**

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**I, Neeru Jain W/o Anil Jain, R/O-174, 1st-Floor, Residential Gujarawala-Town, Part-2 Delhi-110009, declare that my husband name wrongly mentioned as Jain Anil Devraj in my passport.No.F3435598, the actual name of my husband Anil Jain. 0040692983-3**

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**I, Arun Pushkarna S/O Vishwa Nath Puskarna R/O-303, New-Modern Apartments, Sector-9 Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Arun Kumar Pushkarna, Permanently. 0040692983-2**

**I, Dharendra Kumar KHANSALI, S/O Dinesh Chandra, R/O A-637/3RD-FLOOR, GD COLONY, MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-III, DELHI-110096, have changed my name to DHIRENDR KUMAR KHANSALI for all purpose in future. 0040693107-9**

**I, ARPITA CHAKRABORTY VERMA w/o MANISH VERMA r/o Flat A-105, Assotech The Nest, Crossings REPUBLIK, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201016 have changed my name ARPITA CHAKRABORTY permanently. 0040692980-1**

**I, Varadani W/O, Brijju Singh R/O, H.No. 443, Panchsheel Vihar, Malviya Nagar South Delhi, Delhi-110017 have changed my name to Jayvardhani Devi. To correct the MCD document. 0040693050-1**

**I, Komal D/o Sh. Nihal Chand R/o Khasra No.6/9, Gali No.14, Block-J, Bhatta Road, Swaroop Nagar, Badli, North West Delhi, Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Aditi for all purposes. 0040692968-2**

**THaseen Ahmed Qureshi S/O Rafiq Ahmed Qureshi R/O 1247, 3rd Floor, Gali Jamun Wali, Kalan Mahal, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002 declares that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as Hasen Ahmed and Sajida Fauzia in the school records of my minor son namely Mohd Sohail aged 14 years. The actual name of mine and my wife are Haseen Ahmed Qureshi and Sajida Fozia, which may be amended accordingly. 0040692968-3**

**TGulabati Biswas W/O Pratap Kumar Biswas R/O C-486, Gali No. 16, Shri Ram Colony, Khajoori Khas, Delhi-110094. Have changed my name to GOLAPI BISWAS 0040692979-1**

**TGaurav S/o Sh. Tulsi Guliani R/O 1756, First Floor, Near Dynasty School, Sector-28, Faridabad, Haryana-121008 have changed my name to Gaurav Guliani for all purposes. 0040692968-1**

**TChandan Kumar S/O Chulai Shah R/O-1-149/17 Sangam Vihar New Delhi Khanpur South Delhi-110062 Have Changed my name to Chandan Kumar For All Future Purposes. 0070867764-1**

**TARUN RAGHAV S/O SH PREMPAL SINGH RAGHAV R/O C-6/370, YAMUNA VIHAR DELHI 110063. DO HERE BY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR'S DAUGHTER NAME FROM AGRIMA SINGH TO AGRMAA RAGHAV. SHE WILL BE KNOWN AS AGRIMA RAGHAV IN FUTURE. FOR ALL PURPOSE. I ALSO DECLARE THAT AGRIMA SINGH AND AGRIMA RAGHAV ARE THE SAME AND ONE PERSON. 0040693058-3**

**T, Tarika, W/O Kartik Khanna, R/O, House, No- D-103, East Of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, Have Changed my name to Tarika Mahendru Khanna, Permanently. 0040693066-3**

**I, Subhash Yogi, S/O-Prabhari Ram, House No. 802, 8th-Floor, BLK-1, Belure Heights-Appartments plot-1, close to venkateshwar hospital, Dwarka sec-18A, South-West-Delhi-110078, changed my name to Subhash Chand Yogi. 0040693066-2**

**I, Sonu S/O Mahvir R/O RZF-179, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Sonu Kanaujia. 0040693102-2**

**I, Kavita D/O No. 64 84786-Y RANK EXNK KUNDAN KUMAR SINGH R/O H.No.902, Sector 05, R.K. PURAM, NEW DELHI. 110022 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAVITA CHILWAL VIDE AFFIDAVIT Dt. 10/10/2023 BEFORE DELHI 0070867762-1**

**I, 153701 892 RANK EX HAV LEYAQAT ALI R/O N-141/2, 3rd Floor LANE NO. 5. NEAR MAZEER RESTAURANT ABUL FAZAL ENCLAVE, JAMIA NAGA. DELHI-110025 HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON'S NAME FROM FAISAL KAIYAN SALAFI TO FAISAL RAIYAN VIDE AFFIDAVIT TO 10/10/2020 BEFORE DELHI 0070867758-1**

**We, ANIL KUMAR, SATISH KUMAR and SMT.SUMAN,W/O-Late Vinod Kumar, S/O-Late Raj Bahadur, 1587, Kotla Mubark pur, ND-110003, hereby declare that our mother name before marriage "BHOO DEVI" and after marriage her name was "BHAGWANTI GUPTA". We further declare "BHAGWANTI GUPTA" and "BHOO DEVI" is same and one person name. BHAGWANTI GUPTA died on 22.05.2001 & her husband Sh. Raj Bahadur Gupta was already died on 30.08.1993 at New Delhi. 0040693055-7**

**I, Shiv Dev Kaur wife of Ravinder Singh Residing at-71, C-Block, Arya Samaj-Road, Uttam Nagar, West-Delhi, Delhi-110059, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as SHIV DEV KAUR HARI in my service-records. The actual name of mine is SHIV DEV KAUR, which may be amended accordingly 0040693053-1**

**I, Rachita Gilani, D/O Inder Prakash Kohli, R/O-23 A/10-A, First Floor, Tilak Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Rachita Kohli, for all purposes. 0040693107-3**

**I, Rajeeta Yadav, S/O Subhash Yadav, R/O H.No.1071, Mahalakshmi Garden, Near Railway Station, Gurugram (Haryana), h ave changed my name to Pritam Yadav. 0040693058-1**

**It is for general information that I, Ram Nath Nagpal S/O Hari Chand Nagpal R/O House No-1118, Block C2, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Ram Nath and Hari Chand respectively in my Passport No-18752103. The actual name of mine and my father is Ram Nath Nagpal and Hari Chand Nagpal respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0070867790-1**

**I, hitherto known as SINU, W/O-DEEPAK RATHORE, R/O-H.No.-1-7, KRISHAN VIHAR, Delhi-110086, have changed my name and shall, hereafter be known as HEERA RANI. It is certified that I, have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040693107-8**

**I, hitherto known as ASHOK, S/O- Hukam Singh, R/O-H.No.61, Ambedkar Chowk, Old Karam Puri, Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall, hereafter be known as ASHOK KUMAR. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040693107-7**

**I, YOGESH SINGH, R/O H.No.12, KH.No.23/8/2, MAJOR BHOLA RAM ENCL, NEAR NANJIT VIHAR, VILLAGE POCHANPUR, DWARKA, SECTOR-23, SOUTH WEST, DELHI, DELHI-110077, inform that YOGESH SINGH and YOGESH SINGH is one and the same person. My correct name is YOGESH SINGH, for all future purposes. 0040693066-4**

**I, Manmohan Singh S/O Gurdial Singh R/O 1402, Kholi Bazar, Amritsar, Punjab-143001, have changed my name to Manmohan Singh Sethi. 0040693102-2**

**I, Manjiv W/o Gurdeep Singh Sabbarwal R/O BM-43, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Manju Sabharwal. 0040693107-1**

**I, Maninder Singh, S/O- Bhupinder Singh Rekhli, R/O, R-6, 2nd-Floor, Masjid-Road Bhogal Jangpura, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Maninder Singh Rekhli, for all purposes. 0040693066-7**

**I, Mahinder Kumar S/O Naraïn Dass R/O B-18, Shankara Acharya Marg, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Mahinder Kapoor. 0040693055-8**

**I, MOHAMAD YOUSUF ALI/MOHAMMED YOUSUF ALI/MO MOHAMMED EKRAM, H.NO.96, JINDAL-COLONY, SAMALKHA SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110037, changed my name to MOHD YOUSUF ALI, for all, future purposes. 0040693069-3**

**I, MAN SINGH, S/O-RANVEER SINGH SOLANKI residing at GALI NO-08, AMBEDKAR-COLONY, OLD SHIV BARI-ROAD, BIKANER, RAJASTHAN-334001, changed my name to MAN SINGH SOLANKI, permanently. 0040693058-2**

**I, MALA W/O-ROHIT VERMA R/O-918/4, GALI.No.1, ARJUN NAGAR, GURUGRAM-122001, HARYANA, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME MALA TO MALA RANI, FOR ALL PURPOSE, IN FUTURE. 0040693055-6**

**I, MADHU RANI BHATIA W/O, CHANDER PRAKASH BHATIA, R/O I-D BLOCK U & V SHALIMAR-BAGH NORTH WEST DELHI-110088, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MADHU BHATIYA. 0040693066-1**

**I, Karan Vijay Mahla, S/O-Ram Dass Mahla R/O, H.No.228, Sector-51, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Karan Vijay Singh Mahla. 0040693058-5**

**I, Jail Singh, R/O RZ-99, J-Block, Dharam-Pura, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my minor daughter name, from Charu to Chahat Rondhwal, for all, future purposes. 0040693058-3**

**I, Huma, W/O Abrar Hussain, R/O A-105, Gali No-02, Shri Ram Colony, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to HUMA BEE., Permanently. 0040693071-6**

**I, Hanuman Parshad S/O Late Jogi Ram Mittal R/O A4/26, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110085, inform that in my Passport my father name was written as Jogi Ram, whereas his correct name is Jogi Ram Mittal. 0040693055-9**

**I, FARHIN, W/O, MOHD YOUSUF ALI, H.NO-96, JINDAL-COLONY, SAMALKHA SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110037, changed my name to FAREEN ALI, for all, future purposes. 0040693069-4**

**I, Deepak, S/O Mänge Ram, H.No.231, Kankrola (128), Gurugram (Haryana)-122505, have changed my name to Deepak Yadav. 0040693071-3**

**I, Danial S/O-Ram Kumar Dass, R/O 86-31, No. 4A, 11/rd Top-Floor, Krishna-Nagar, Safdarjung-Enclave, Delhi-110029, have changed my name to Danial Dass. 0040693066-9**

**I, Arun Kumar S/O Raja Ram Maurya R/O, House No-1189-A Third-Floor, Rani-Bagh, New Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Arun Kumar Maurya. 0040693102-5**

**I, REETA W/O Shiv Kumar R/O E-401, ACE Aspire, Amrapali Leisure Gr. Noida, have changed my name to REETA SINGHAL for all future purposes. 0070867778-1**

**I, DEEPAK S/O-Rajbeer Singh, r/o 4th-floor, .property.no.17 and-18A, Jain-Colony Part-II, T-EXT, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Deepak Rajbeer, for all purpose 0040693055-4**

**I, Balvinder Singh, S/O Tarlok Singh R/O A-888, DDA Colony, Chaukhandi, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Balvinder Singh. 0040693069-1**

**I, Aarti Kumari D/o Shri Surinder Kumar Sharma W/O Shrikant Raj R/O House No. 1480 E-53, Molarband Extension, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044, declare that Aarti Sharma, Arti Sharma and Aarti Kumari names are one and the same person i.e. me. 0040693071-7**

**I, ANIL KUMAR, S/O Shri. PREMPAL SINGH R/O C-88/89, Flat.No.13, Parvathanagar Complex, Saidulajab, New Delhi-110020, have changed my, son's name from JAYADITYA to JAYADITYA SINGH for all future purposes. 0040693072-6**

**I, Zahinuddin, S/O Hasmuddin, R/O P-73, Street.No.-18, Bhrampuri, Delhi-110053, have changed my name, from Zahinuddin to Zahiruddin, for all future purposes and documents. 0040693071-5**

**I, Yudhisthar Kumar Dhali S/O Khem Chand R/O-24/364, New Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Yudhister Dhali. 0040693102-1**

**I, Yogesh Kumar Shrivastava S/O Shyam Swaroop Shrivastava R/O J1782, Gaur City-1, G.Noida have changed my name to Yogesh Kumar Shrivastava. 0070867777-1**

**I, Vivek Kumar Shukla S/O, Lt. Vidya Sagar Shukla R/O Tower-A-603, Civitech Sampriti Sector-77-Noida-201301 have changed my name to Vivek Shukla for all purposes. 0040693068-1**

**I, Vinod Kumar Singh S/O Bhikhan Singh R/O Sarkari School Dhanolti (Khera), Dayanatpur Gautam Buddh Nagar UP201315 have changed my name to Vinod Kumar for all future purposes. 0070867784-1**

**I, Vijay Laxmi w/o Jitendra Sethia, R/O 7B, MIG Flats, Rampura, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Vijay Laxmi Sethia, for all purposes. 0040692844-3**

**I, Ishan S/O Samar Singh, R/O, H.No.789/21, Kailash-Colony, Rohtak (Haryana)-124001, have changed my name to Ishan Saharan. 0040693058-7**

**I, Sunil Kumar S/O Satish Chandra R/O Flat.No.B-70, Kendriya Vihar, Sec-51, Noida UP-201301, have changed my name to Sunil Belwal for all future Purposes. 0070867732-1**

**I, Shiv Kumar S/O E-401, ACE Anant Prakash R/O E-401, ACE Aspire, Amrapali Leisure Gr. Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar U.P.-201306, have changed my name to SHIV KUMAR for all future purposes. 0070867780-1**

**I, Satish Chander S/O Geeta Ram R/O 119J, Pusp Vihar, Sec-4, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Satish Chandra for all future Purposes. 0070867731-1**

**I, Sarvjit Kaur mother of Naib Sub Gurdeep Singh resident of VPO-Shekhupur Kalan, Teh-Malerkotla, Dist-Sangrur (Pb) have changed my name from Sarvjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur vide affidavit No. IN-D178920839966607V dated 10.10.2023 before Notary Public at New Delhi. 0070867801-1**

**I, Rekha W/O Mahender Chaudhary, R/O-H.NO-1061/B-24-A, Ward.No.7, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030, have changed my name as Rekha Mahender Chaudhary, for all future purposes. 0040692983-4**

**I, Preeti W/o Sunil Belwal R/o Flat.No.-B70, Kendriya Vihar, Sec-51, Noida UP201301, have changed my name to Preeti Belwal for all future Purposes. 0070867733-1**

**I, hitherto known as GYANWATI alias GYAN WATI TRIPATHI, W/o Shatanand Tripathi, R/O A-28/2, Gali, no.2, Bamba Colony, Burari North Delhi, Delhi-110084, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GYANWATI TRIPATHI. 0040693072-4**

**LOST & FOUND**  
I Ritika Garg W/o Sh. Sushil Garg R/O 203, AGCR Enclave, Opp. Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110092 have lost my Original Payment Receipt executed on 30.07.1974 by Madan Mohan Singh in favour of Ram Parii W.R.T. Property No. 44-A & 44-B, Sharnagar, Delhi-110051. Finders may contact at above address. 0040692968-4

**I, Sanjay Kumar Trivedi, S/O-Bheru Lal Trivedi, have Lost Demand-Cum Allotment Letter, Bank Chellan, No-Objection Certificate, Site-Possession Slip & Possession-Letter of Property, No.D-127, DDA flat Green Valley Apartment, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-Finder Contact-Personally. 0040693069-10**

**Lost my original Share-Certificate.No.339 of Apartment In The Rafi Ahmed Kidwai CGHS(Happy Home Apartment)Sector-7.Finder contact:Rakesh Khera, S/D/W/O-Shri G.L.Khera, C-30/2, Happy Home, Sector-7, Plot, no.12A, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075. 0040693055-10**

**Our original documents (the red book), of Flat No. 610, Kailash Building, 26 K Marg, New Delhi-110011, has been misplaced, vide FIR #0294, 13/07/2020, Okhla Industrial Area (P.5), S.P. Chaudhry & Sons HUF please Contact @ 9810699100 0040692985-1**

**Tom Prakash Gupta S/O Sh. Ram Chand R/O C-3, Gali No.11, Brij Puri Extn., Parwana Road, Delhi-110051 have lost my Agreement to Sell & Receipt executed on 24.07.1973 executed by Rafuddin in favour of Alauddin and Agreement to Sell executed on 12.11.1973 in favour of Krishna Devi W.R.T Property No.3, Brij Puri Extn.No.2, Delhi-110051. Finders may contact at above address. 0040692968-5**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public in general is hereby informed that my client Mr. Gopal S/O Chhara Ram, R/O Block No. H.N. 485, Dakshinpur, Ext. Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, South Delhi, New Delhi-62 has disowned/debarred his son namely Mr. Anand and their family or and their legal heirs, from all his movable & immovable Properties, lient interest etc. acquired by my client in past, present and future. My client and his family members shall not be responsible for any civil and criminal acts and deeds done by them as they have become totally disobeident. If anybody deals with them, he/she shall deal at his own risk. 0040693071-2

**Agar Khan (Advocate) Ct. No.434 Saket Court New Delhi-17**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is for information of general public that my client Sh. Surendra Pal Singh S/O Sh. Sohan Singh Premi, who is the absolute owner in possession of the Freehold built-up property being H.No. Y-19, Third Floor, Green Park, New Delhi-110016 and terrace rights over and above third floor as well as proportionate rights in land underneath, has represented that the Originals of Deed dated 11-07-1962 in favour of Sh. Manohar Lal Wadhawan registered as Document No. 3291, Will dated 17-01-1960 of Sh. Manohar Lal Wadhawan, Power of Attorney dated 29-12-1962 executed by Smt. Dhanwanee Devi in favour of Sh. Surendra Kumar, Sale Deed dated 04-07-1962 in favour of Smt. Darshan Mala Jain registered as Document No.5108 and Sale Deed dated 23-06-1964 in favour of Major C.K. Desai and Major M. S. Datta, Warman registered as Document No. 4596 pertaining to the Plot of Land being Y-19, Green Park, New Delhi are deemed missing/irrecoverable. If any person/s finds the above-stated documents, it is requested to hand over the same to the undersigned. And if any person/s finds the above-stated documents with respect to the above-stated property, he/she is required to give notice of the same to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, together with copies of documents forming basis of such claim, failing which it shall be concluded that there is no claim whatsoever against the above said property and my client can proceed with his intended object pertaining to the above-stated property. Date: 10/10/2023, Place: New Delhi. Advocate S.K. Vasishth, Advocate C-117B, Rama Park, Uttam Nagar New Delhi-110059, 9818947341 adv.namrata@navs@gmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to all that, my clients MD. ZUBAER & NAZREEN BEGUM W/o Md. Zubair R/O House No.182 Gali No 8 Sector -5, Saket Enclave, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59 have disowned their son MOHD. AHMAD & daughter in law MUSKAN PARVEEN, although their legal heir severed all their relations social and financial with them due to their disobedience. They have debarred them from inheriting their properties movable and immovable. My clients shall not be responsible for any of their acts, deeds and things. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own risk. Ashish Kumar (Advocate) B-5, Sunjea Tower-1, District Center Janakpuri, New Delhi-110055

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The general public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Abhey Gupta S/O Sh. Yudi Raj Gupta has entered into an agreement to sell to purchase property bearing Plot No. 16, Block A-3, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 (measuring 676 sq. mts.) on 26/09/2023 from its owner Smt. Radha Sangal. If any person is having any rights, title, claim or interest, encumbrance etc. in the above mentioned property or part thereof by the way of agreement to sell, exchange, possession, succession, mortgage, lease, transfer of title, beneficial interest, or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to supporting documents within 15 days from the date of publication or else no claim shall thereafter be entertained and my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner. Sd/- S.K. VASISHT (Advocate) Enrol. No. D-66/80 Chamber No. 623, Dwarka Courts, Sector -10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 75

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Pooja Garg acquired Third Floor with roof rights built on Plot No. 2016, Land area 100 sq. ynts. Kharsa No. 43/24, Village Hasteel, Delhi Colony Mohan Garden in Block-3, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi vide registered dt. 12/06/2002 executed by Mrs. Shiweta Jain and Mrs. Mona Singla along with A/S & Will and Now Mrs. Pooja Garg is the undisputed owner of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right to respect the said property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal or otherwise or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice of notice period, the claims, if any of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client. Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H.No.20, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
All concerned are hereby informed through this Public Notice that my client, Smt. Manju Bh

**EXPLAINED CLIMATE CHANGE**

# What hottest Sept says about climate change

September joins several other months of 2023 in breaking temperature records. Why has this year been so warm, and what is expected in the months ahead?



AMITABH SINHA

IN KEEPING with this year's trend — when almost every month so far has broken one or the other temperature record — September has turned out to be the hottest September ever, by a big margin. And though there are three more months to go in the year, it is looking increasingly probable that 2023 will emerge as the warmest year ever, overtaking the record set in 2016.

The extraordinary streak of record-breaking temperature events this year has not come as a surprise. Scientists had been expecting this year to be very warm, mainly because of the development of El Niño in the Pacific Ocean, even though individual events could not be predicted. The remaining three months of the year are also forecast to be warmer than usual.

**Latest in a series**

The record-breaking temperatures in September come on the back of several sim-

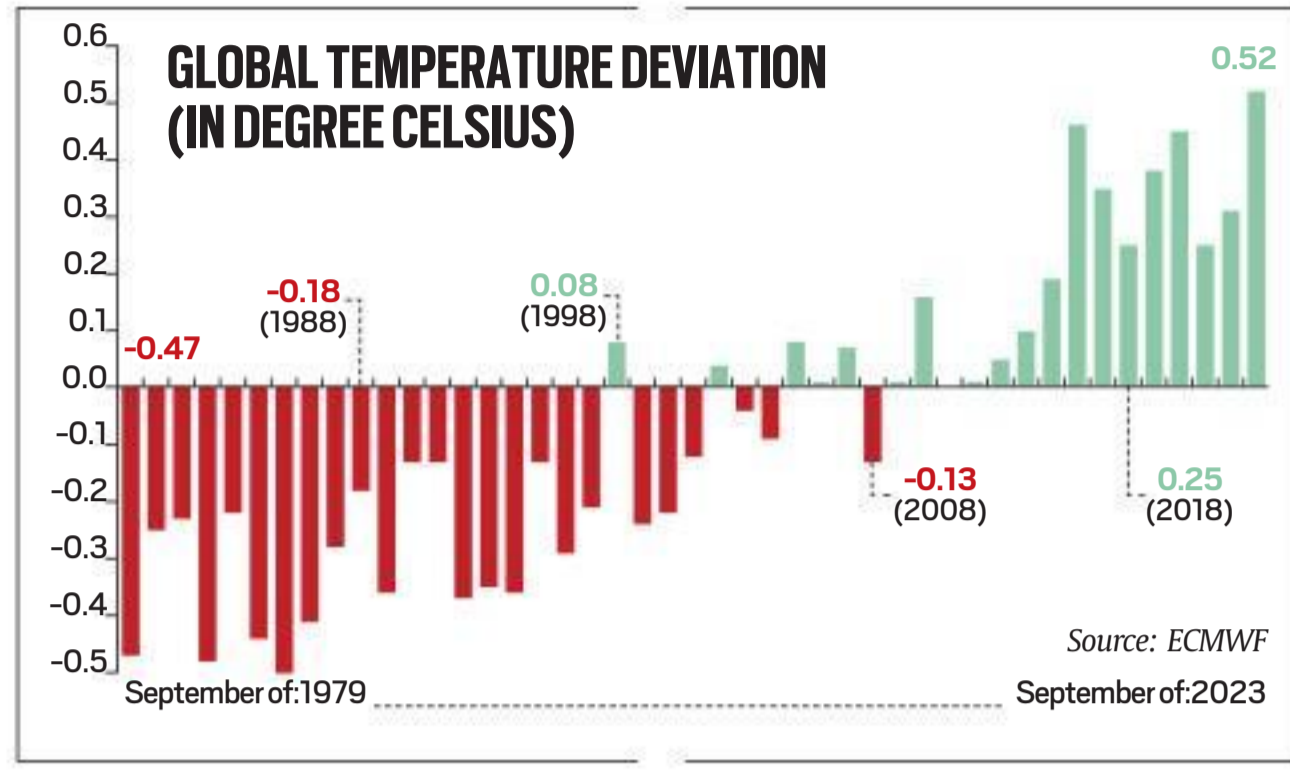
ilar records for other months this year. In fact, July this year was not just the warmest July, it was the warmest for any month. That means that the average global monthly temperature has never been as high as in July this year, since measurement records have been kept. Several days in that month broke the daily temperature records.

Before that, June was the warmest June ever, while February, March, April and May all recorded average temperatures that were in the top-five highest ever brackets for those respective months.

In addition, the three-month period between June and August was the warmest ever on record, during which temperatures everywhere across the world — not just the global average — reached levels that were made at least two times more likely by climate change.

Even in this grim scenario, September managed to carve out another dubious distinction. The average global temperature for September was 1.75 degree Celsius warmer than the average of the 1850-1900 period, the pre-industrial time that is usually considered the baseline for measuring temperature changes. No other month, not even July this year, showed such a large deviation from the pre-industrial average.

September was very warm even when compared to a more contemporary baseline — 0.93 degree Celsius hotter than the average



of the 1991-2020 period.

"Since June, the world has experienced unprecedented heat on land and sea. The temperature anomalies are enormous — far bigger than anything we have ever seen in the past. The Antarctic winter sea ice extent was the lowest on record for the time of year. What is especially worrying is that the warming El Niño event is still developing, so we can expect these record-breaking temperatures to continue for months, with cascading impacts on our environment and society," said Secretary-General of World

Meteorology Organisation, Petteri Taalas.

The reason scientists are expecting 2023 to emerge as the warmest year ever is that the average temperature of the first nine months is already higher than the corresponding period of 2016, which is the warmest year on record so far. Average temperature for the year 2016 was 1.28 degree Celsius higher than the pre-industrial times. And it is feared that 2023 might breach the 1.5 degree Celsius mark for the first time.

"The average global temperature for the

first nine months of 2023 (January-September) is 0.52°C higher than the corresponding 1991-2020 average, and 0.05°C higher than the nine-month average for 2016, currently the warmest calendar year on record," a statement from the Copernicus Climate Change service, run on behalf of the European Commission, said.

**Little to do in the short term**

The series of record-breaking temperature events this year has attracted huge attention in the scientific community, which has been repeatedly flagging it as something completely abnormal even when seen in the context of steadily rising temperatures in the past few years. Many of the heat-wave events this year, including one in the unlikely month of April, have been attributed to climate change by scientific studies.

But this hasn't triggered any policy response from countries, in the form of strengthened climate actions.

To be sure, there is little that human beings can do to bring down the temperatures next month or next year. There is no climate action that can arrest the rise of temperatures, or prevent the recurrence of such warming events, in the short term. Only a massive global disruption, something like the one caused by the Covid pandemic, is capable of making any appreciable deviation in the current trend over a short period of time.

But the extraordinary warming events of this year have not been able to instil any special sense of urgency in the planet's plan of action to deal with climate change. The world is almost certain to breach the 1.5 degree Celsius target in the next four years, according to an assessment by the World Meteorological Organisation, if not this year itself.

The only clear deliverable from the climate discussions this year has been the promise to triple the renewable energy installed capacity, from its current levels, by 2030. This was one of the outcomes of the G20 meeting in New Delhi last month. The International Energy Agency estimates that this single measure could result in an avoidance of 7 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions by 2030. But this, even if achieved, would be too little. Assessments show that greenhouse gas emissions in 2030, according to current trajectories, would exceed the 1.5 degree Celsius compatible levels by at least 24 billion tonnes by 2030.

At the annual climate change meeting, scheduled to be held in Dubai this year, countries are supposed to do a stock-take exercise of the global climate action, and assess its adequacy in the context of the 1.5 and 2 degree Celsius temperature goals. The big gaps likely to be revealed by the stock-take exercise are expected to spur some more energetic climate action from countries.

**EXPLAINED WAR IN GAZA**

## In assault, Hamas may have targeted Israel-Saudi deal

ALIND CHAUHAN  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

TENSIONS BETWEEN Israel and Hamas have repeatedly flared up in hostilities, but one reason the Palestinian militants attacked now could be to disrupt ongoing negotiations, mediated by the United States, for the normalisation of ties between Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The two countries are on the cusp of signing an agreement that could potentially mark a tectonic shift in the political landscape of the Middle East. But this deal, if it comes through, will also show that the support for an independent Palestinian state is no longer a priority for the Arab world.

**What is the potential deal?**

The specifics are yet to be decided, but the broad contours of the agreement are known. Saudi Arabia will recognise Israel for the first time since the latter's establishment in 1948. More than resolving the Palestinian question, Riyadh now wants security guarantees from the US — specifically, protection against arch rival Iran.

The deal includes US support for a Saudi civilian nuclear programme, and approval for the sale of sophisticated weapons to the kingdom. Technologically advanced Israel will help Riyadh move its economy beyond oil.

**What does Israel stand to gain?**

A formal relationship with the richest and most powerful of Arab countries will bring economic benefits to Israel, and legitimacy in the mostly-Muslim region. For Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the deal will shift the focus to national pride and unity at a time when his government's far right policies, including attempts to muzzle Israel's judiciary, has split the nation, and he himself stands indicted for fraud and bribery.

**What's in it for US?**

The US is looking at the growing Chinese influence in the region — and hopes that



President Joe Biden with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in 2022. Reuters

giving security guarantees to Saudi Arabia will stop the kingdom from getting closer to Beijing which, in April, flexed its power-brokering muscle by successfully mediating a detente between Riyadh and Tehran.

The Americans also want to improve fraught relations with the Saudis, with whom they have had several confrontations of late, including over the murder of US journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents.

**What about Palestinians?**

It's difficult to say what they might get. Saudi Arabia has said it remains fully committed to the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative, in which Arab nations offered Israel normalised ties in return for a statehood deal with the Palestinians, and full Israeli withdrawal from territory captured in 1967. The kingdom's officials, however, have indicated that a deal is possible even if it falls short of providing Palestinians an independent state.

The Palestinians are not directly involved in the negotiations, even though, unlike in the US-brokered 2020 Abraham Accords, which helped Israel gain recognition from the UAE, Bahrain and Morocco,

they haven't been completely sidelined.

**What is the likely impact on the deal?**

The war has thrown the deal timeline off-track. It has also triggered sympathy for the Palestinians in the wider Arab world.

On the day the attack began, the Saudi foreign ministry blamed Israel, saying the Saudi government had repeatedly warned "of the dangers of the explosion of the situation as a result of the continued occupation, the deprivation of the Palestinian people and their legitimate rights and the repetition of systemic provocations against its sanctities".

The statement took President Biden and his aides by surprise and angered American lawmakers, who have supported the deal. It also cast a shadow over the chances of finalising the agreement any time soon.

And this is probably exactly what Hamas, and possibly Iran, wanted. Although there is no concrete evidence of Iran being involved in the attacks, many believe Tehran egged on the militants to launch the onslaught.

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## Why Gandhi was against a Jewish state in Palestine

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"PALESTINE BELONGS to the Arabs in the same sense that England belongs to the English, or France to the French," Mahatma Gandhi wrote in *Harijan* on November 26, 1938.

Gandhi's article, 'The Jews', has been a subject of intense debate over the years. It has been cited as evidence of his naivete by some, while others have seen it as further proof of his deep commitment to non-violence, regardless of the consequences.

The *Harijan* was a weekly magazine founded by Gandhi in which he expressed his views regularly on a range of subjects.

**His sympathy for Jews**

Gandhi was acutely conscious of the historical persecution of the Jewish people for their religion, and he was deeply sympathetic to them.

"My sympathies are all with the Jews... They have been the untouchables of Christianity. The parallel between their treatment by Christians and the treatment of untouchables by Hindus is very close. Religious sanction has been invoked in both cases for the justification of the inhuman treatment meted out to them," Gandhi wrote in 'The Jews'.

He also wrote that "the German persecution of the Jews seems to have no parallel in history", and expressed his concern with Britain's policy of placating Adolf Hitler at the time (before the beginning of World War II in 1939).

"If there ever could be a justifiable war in the name of and for humanity, a war against Germany, to prevent the wanton persecution of a whole race, would be completely justified," Gandhi wrote.

**His concern for Arabs**

And yet, the Mahatma did not support a Zionist state in Palestine (which was already



Gandhi (left) with his two Jewish confidants in South Africa, probably in 1913: his secretary Sonja Schlesin (standing) and Dr Hermann Kallenbach. Wikimedia Commons

being planned).

"It is wrong and inhumane to impose the Jews on the Arabs... It would be a crime against humanity to reduce the proud Arabs so that Palestine can be restored to the Jews partly or wholly as their national home," Gandhi wrote.

His opposition was based on two principal beliefs.

First, that Palestine was already home to Arab Palestinians, and the settlement of Jews, which Britain actively enabled, was

fundamentally violent.

"A religious act [of Jews returning to Palestine] cannot be performed with the aid of the bayonet or the bomb," he wrote. Gandhi felt that Jews could settle in Palestine only "with the goodwill of Arabs", and for that they had to "forgo the British bayonet".

Second, Gandhi felt that the idea of a Jewish homeland was fundamentally antithetical towards their fight for greater rights elsewhere in the world.

"If the Jews have no home but Palestine, will they relish the idea of being forced to leave the other parts of the world in which they are settled?" Gandhi wrote, adding that the Jewish claim for a national home afforded "a colourable justification for the German expulsion of the Jews".

**India's foreign policy**

Like the Mahatma, leaders across the Arab world and anti-imperialists beyond were appalled by Britain's administration of Palestine, and the Balfour Declaration of 1917, which promised Jews a homeland in the British Mandate.

The British author Arthur Koestler, a Jew himself, wrote about the Declaration: "One nation solemnly promised to a second nation the country of a third."

Gandhi's opinions had a profound impact on Jawaharlal Nehru, and that, along with Nehru's own anti-imperialism, was responsible for shaping independent India's foreign policy for decades. India voted against United Nations Resolution 181 (II) which partitioned Mandatory Palestine between Jews and Arabs, and which was adopted by the UN General Assembly in November 1947.

While India did recognise the state of Israel in 1950, official diplomatic relations were not established until 1992, when P V Narasimha Rao was Prime Minister.

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# Why is Israel an attractive destination for caregivers from India?

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AS ISRAELI forces took back control over areas bordering the Gaza Strip and promised a crushing retribution for the Hamas invasion in which at least 900 Israelis were killed and about 150 taken hostage, there is concern in India about its expatriate population in Israel.

An estimated 18,000-odd Indians are employed in Israel. The vast majority of them, perhaps up to 14,000 men and women, are caregivers to the elderly. There is no information yet of any Indians in Gaza.

**Indian caregivers in Israel**

As Western countries age, nursing offers career opportunities for Indians around the world. What makes the job of a caregiver in Israel attractive is the pay and other benefits, some of which are not available in other countries. Interviews with caregivers from Kerala who have worked in Israel, and with agents in-

involved in their recruitment, and state government documents suggest the following:

A caregiver in Israel can expect a take-home salary of at least Rs 1.25 lakh a month. Their food, accommodation, and health care are free. They are paid extra for overtime work. On Sabbath, from Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon, caregivers are entitled to leave as per government norms.

Normally, a caregiver visa for Israel is issued for a period of four years and three months. The visa can be extended or renewed. When the visa runs out and the caregiver has to leave, they are paid a one-time amount, which depends upon the duration of their work in Israel.

Typically, a caregiver would have to spend the entire day at the home of the elderly. They are treated well, and have their own facilities in the client's home. Most caregivers in Israel are required to look after only one person, whereas their counterparts in other countries often have a heavier workload.

If the caregiver's client dies, the caregiver is free to look for a new employer. Even otherwise, they are free to change the employer

after a year of employment. Also, a job seeker with a valid visa can fill short-term vacancies created by caregivers going home on annual leave.

**Qualifications needed**

Caregivers must be professionally qualified nurses, but they need not be a nursing graduate (BSc Nursing). A person who has completed an ANM (Auxiliary Nursing and Midwifery) or GNM (General Nursing and

Midwifery) course can apply to be a caregiver in Israel.

Caregivers must complete a short-term, mostly one-month, course to learn the basics of Hebrew. While nursing professionals scouting for jobs in other countries have to often clear IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or OET (Occupational English Test), these English-language proficiency tests are not required for Israel.

The Israeli embassy in India conducts a

language proficiency test before the final recruitment. Scores of agencies and institutes offer short-term courses in Hebrew.

**Recruitment process**

The flow of migrants as caregivers to Israel began in the mid-1990s, after the government enacted a law in 1986 under which the aged and disabled were entitled to receive home care, or care that would supplement that provided by family caregivers, who were bound to care for elderly family members.

The process of recruitment of a caregiver starts when an Israeli elderly citizen or his/her family raises a demand for a caregiver with their local government authorities. Anyone who needs care or support can make the demand. Would-be clients can be indispensed, disabled, someone who has lost their life partner, and requires support in their day-to-day living.

Once the government ratifies the demand for a caregiver, the family/person concerned approaches the designated agencies, who take the process overseas through re-

ruitment agencies, who are their sub-agents. Apart from Indians, nurses from the Philippines constitute a large proportion of caregivers in Israel.

Indian caregivers in Israel are mainly from Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra. The caregivers are paid directly by the employers. Almost all Israel citizens are covered by health insurance, which too can pay the salary of the caregiver.

Indian nursing professionals often get meagre salaries in Indian hospitals. Many of them are women who, after taking a break from the profession after marriage, find it difficult to get back in with a reasonable salary in Indian hospitals. Also, those with ANM or GNM certificates are not in demand in hospitals in India, especially in Kerala, where there are large numbers of nursing graduates in the job market.

A nursing professional seeking to work in Israel may have to spend around Rs 8 lakh on agents at various levels and other expenses, but they are often able to recoup the money after some time.

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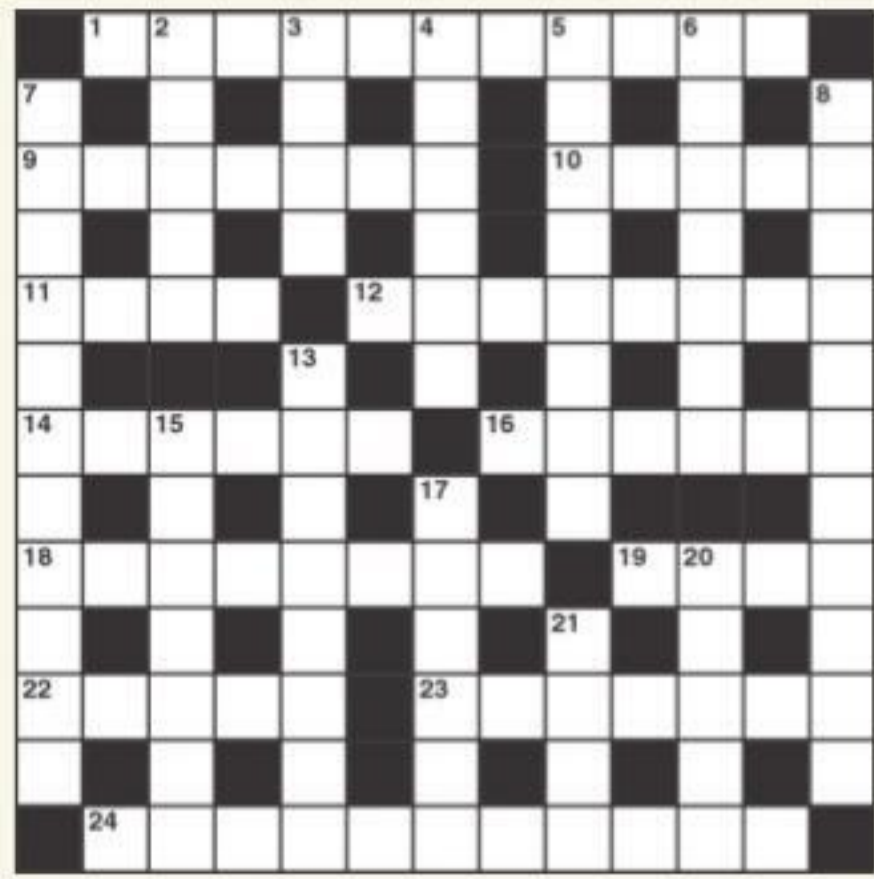
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 1 Look at and study the working pattern (11)  
 9 A strange odd pet taken in by the family (7)  
 10 It conveys a sense of courage (5)  
 11 It takes little space in the newspaper (4)  
 12 Crimes one flies from perhaps (8)  
 14 Mother's returned a kitchen utensil, it's junk (6)  
 16 Fear of finishing last by mistake (6)  
 18 Unusually apt due to being right in fashion (2-2-4)  
 19 Form of transport levy that's imposed on one (4)  
 22 Set method of communication (5)  
 23 Settle a row on a river (7)  
 24 A tailor may make his mark with it (6,5)
- DOWN**  
 2 Over one ounce of oxygen (5)  
 3 He opposed Stalin and lived to write about it (4)  
 4 New demand put out of one's mind (6)  
 5 Capital fellow; extremely single-minded (8)  
 6 Row about stray dog (7)  
 7 However you view it, it adds up to the same thing (5,6)  
 8 It takes liquid refreshment and leaves (3,8)  
 13 A worker has fallen but pass on (4,4)  
 15 He produces his pass when he's being charged (7)  
 17 New act with hat and stick (6)  
 20 Abolish article from a yearbook (5)  
 21 Chief means of support (4)

Solutions Crossword 5178 Across: 1 Renior, 4 Enclosed, 9 Usurer, 10 Stand out, 12 Dais, 13 Terms, 14 Eggs, 17 Frankenstein, 20 Let well alone, 23 Espy, 24 Smash, 25 Scar, 28 Shivered, 29 Carmen, 30 Linguist, 31 Struts Down: 1 Round off, 2 Nautical, 3 Ilex, 5 No time to lose, 6 Lant, 7 Stodge, 8 Detest, 11 Keen swimmers, 15 Skier, 16 Diner, 18 Coachman, 19 Bearings, 21 Vessel, 22 Option, 25 Menu, 27 Cant

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
 You are now moving into the very heart of a period of potentially gigantic improvement at home or at work. It is difficult to see to what extent your personal feelings will be involved but, in any event, you know just how vital it is to keep a dialogue going.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
 You are beginning to feel the strain at work, and at home, as the need to balance opposing desires, commitments and people begins to tell. It will do you good to cease basing your actions on self-interest. Also, make sure to be ethical.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
 In all personal relationships one of the most important considerations is how other people value you. It is more than likely that you have been taken for granted, and this must now be stopped. Try to improve relationships with children, you should find them particularly responsive.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
 You have thought long and hard about what you need from a particular relationship, and it may finally be time to see if you are going to get it. Once you swing into action you must be prepared to change your plans at a moment's notice, so stay alert.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
 By now you must be aware that your financial situation is in a state of flux. The best advice may be to allow the process of change to continue and not to attempt any fresh arrangements until you are absolutely certain that events have come to rest.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
 Probably the most sensible thing you can do is to pay very careful attention to criticism and comments from friends and partners. It may be painful to admit you were wrong, but essential nonetheless. Plus, partners will respect your honesty. And about time, too.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
 With a little luck you will soon come that much closer to understanding exactly what it is that makes someone else tick. It's no use taking surface appearances seriously, for what is truly essential will be concealed from view. You're about to take an important decision, so keep a clear head.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
 Whatever the uncertainty or confusion you face at the moment, it is essential to keep a track of details today. Everything that happens and every word that people speak, contribute to the larger picture, so you must stay awake. A legal problem should be settled, soon.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
 One of the most useful things you can do at the moment is make a careful note of any strange dreams. The plain truth is that your unconscious mind is in turmoil, digesting and processing changes in your everyday life including, for many of you, developments at work.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
 Although this is a reasonable moment for speculation, it is the worst possible time to gamble. Your judgment will be so coloured by vague hopes and fears that it will be impossible to make a reasoned decision. Concentrate on developing the poetry in your soul.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
 Socially you seem to be returning to the past. It is almost as if you have unfinished business, perhaps from long ago, which now needs to be attended to. Certainly, a sentimental journey could help you establish your roots, and restore a link with the past.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
 You look all set to defy whatever reputation you have left for being a shrinking violet, or even for being a wallflower. Social and romantic adventures lie ahead, and you need to start planning now, so get your diary out and don't double-book yourself.

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 clue. Laughter is by definition — Doris Lessing (7)

ZAAEM      EMRUHY  
 FOYLT      ARTTWH

SOLUTION: AMAZE, LOTRY, PHEMRY, THAWRY, LAUGHTER

**SUDOKU 5347**  
 Difficulty Level 5s  
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**MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LIMITED**  
**REQUEST FOR BID - MRVC/W/MUTP-3A/KYN-BUD/257**  
**(Two-Envelope/Packet Bidding Process with IREPS)**

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. (MRVC) having its corporate office at second floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai - 400 020, invites e-Bids for the "Construction of New Suburban Railway Station along with other allied works at Chikhli in connection with proposed 3rd & 4th line between Kalyan and Badlapur stations of Mumbai Division, Central Railway. App. Cost of work ₹ 81.93 Cr (Excluding GST). Details of Bid and Bid document are available on website <https://ireps.gov.in>. The last date for completed e-bid submission at <https://ireps.gov.in> website is 23/11/2023 upto 14:00 hours. Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the web site only.

**MUMBAI METROPOLITAN REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
 (A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking)  
 7th Floor, MMRDA new Building, Plot Nos. C-14 & 15, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051. Tel. 022-2659001/04 Fax - 022-26594182  
 Web: <https://mmrda.maharashtra.gov.in>

**e-TENDER NOTICE**

Name of Work: MMRDA/MP/MLG/CA-209 : Construction of Depot Infrastructures comprising Stabling Yard, Depot Control Centre and Administrative building, Maintenance and workshop buildings, Auxiliary substation, Finishing, Plumbing, Earthworks for land development, Compound wall, Road, underground utility duct, Storm water Drainage System, ETP/STP, Rainwater Harvesting, Essential Staff Quarters etc. complete [Including Architectural finishing works] for Car Depot at Kanjurmarg for Metro Line- 6 (Swami Samarth Nagar to Vikhroli (EHR)) of Mumbai Metro Rail Project of MMRDA.

Estimated Cost of Work (₹)	Cost of Bank Tender Form (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Bid Documents Download Date/Time (From)	Bid Documents Download Date/Time (To)
₹ 508,57,17,297/-	₹10,000/- + GST (as applicable) (non refundable)	₹ 5.09 Cr.	16/10/2023 (1100 hrs)	30/11/2023 (1500 hrs)

• Last date of online submission : 30/11/2023 (up to 18.00 hrs)  
 • Contract Period : 30 Months including monsoon plus DLP period 24 months.  
 Contact Details : Shri. Prafula Jamadar, Superintendent Engineer, Metro-PIU, MMRDA  
 Tel : 022-2659 5973 Fax: 022- 26594182 Email: [prafula.jamadar@mailmmrda.maharashtra.gov.in](mailto:prafula.jamadar@mailmmrda.maharashtra.gov.in)  
 Note: The e-tender can be downloaded from MMRDA e-Tendering Portal : <https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicep/app>. Any additional information, Corrigendum & help for uploading & downloading the e-tender may be availed by contacting MMRDA's e-tendering service desk at the following id : [support-eproc@nic.in](mailto:support-eproc@nic.in) or call us on 022-2659 4151/ 5973.  
 Date : 11/10/2023  
 Place : Mumbai  
 Director (Projects), Metro-PIU, MMRDA

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, ड्रेनेज मण्डल, गाजियाबाद**  
**सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उ०प्र०, विकटोरिया पार्क, मेरठ**  
**अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - 04/एच.ई./2023-24**

महानगरीय राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदा (<https://etender.up.nic.in>) सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्गीकृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 20.10.2023 को अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/ टेक्निकल बिड अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, ड्रेनेज मण्डल गाजियाबाद के कार्यालय में मुख्य अभियन्ता (यमुना) ओछला द्वारा गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा दिनांक 20.10.2023 को अपरान्ह 3:30 बजे खोली जायेगी, इसके अगले कार्यदिवस में, यदि इस सम्बन्ध में कोई आपत्ति हो तो, इस कार्यलय में आपत्ति प्राप्त की जायेगी। प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/ टेक्निकल बिड में क्वालिफाईड पाये गये ठेकेदारों की ही फाईनेंशियल बिड खोली जायेगी। कार्यलय बन्द होने अथवा अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदा अगले कार्यदिवस में उसी समय खोली जायेगी। अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा दिनांक 13.10.2023 को अपरान्ह 2:00 बजे से दिनांक 20.10.2023 को अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है। कार्य का विवरण निम्नवत् है :-

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (बिना जी.एस.टी.) लाख रु में	धरोहर धनराशि लाख रु में	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	सम्बन्धित खण्डीय कार्यालय का नाम	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य + स्टेशनरी का मूल्य + जी.एस.टी. + वेबसाइट हेडरिंग चार्ज (रुपये में)	पंजीकरण श्रेणी
1	समानांतर ट्रेन्च का शीयर पैज के बिजो. 7.410 से बिजो. 10.810 के मध्य राशिवा रोड के गड्डामुक्ति नदीतीरकरण का कार्य।	89.89	1.79	30 दिवस	अधिशासी अभियन्ता, समानांतर ट्रेन्च का शीयर पैज, रुडकी	300+ 500-144- 898 = ₹= 1842.00	ए एवं उच्चतर

विस्तृत अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना का विवरण एवं नियम व शर्तें उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की वेबसाइट (<http://upgovt.up.nic.in/infotech>) तथा सिंचाई विभाग की वेबसाइट की (<http://www.idup.gov.in>) पर उपलब्ध है। उपरोक्त उचित सूचना तथा वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित सूचना में यदि कोई भिन्नता होती है तो वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित सूचना ही मान्य होगी। यह अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना बिना किसी पूर्व सूचना के निरस्त किया जा सकता है। इसके लिए किसी प्रकार का कोई दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

UPID-195526 Date- 09.10.2023  
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**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH**  
**DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
**ITANAGAR**

No.HTE 17/3/2021  
 Dated Itanagar the October, 2023  
**RE-ADVERTISEMENT**

Owing to administrative reason the post of the Chairperson and Member of APPEIRC has been re- advertised and applications are hereby invited from the citizens of India for filling up the following post on tenure basis in the Arunachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission under the Department of Education, Directorate (Higher & Technical Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar as per the details given below and in the appended proforma:

Sl. No.	Name of the post	No. of post	Pay Scale (As per 7th CPC)
1.	Chairperson	01 (One)	Rs. 2,25,000+ other allowances as admissible as per existing State Govt. Rules
2.	Member	02 (Two)	Rs. 2,05,400+ other allowances as admissible as per existing State Govt. Rules

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**  
 The applicants of both the above post should invariably be person of eminence in the public life or in the field of Higher Education or who have remained Secretary or above to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh or held equivalent posts in the Government of India (GoI) for a period of not less than 3 (three) years. The Chairperson and the Members shall not be from the same field of specialization as mandated explicitly in the Section 4, Sub-Section (1) of "Arunachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions (Regulatory Commission) Act, 2017".

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**  
 The Chairperson and Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the State Government on the recommendations of a Search Committee for a period of 3 (three) years or until he or she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier, and such Chairperson or Member may be eligible for a second term subject to the upper age limit of 65 years. After the expiry of the term of office, the Chairperson or the Members, as the case may be, shall not be eligible for further employment or any assignment in any of the Private Educational Institutions within Arunachal Pradesh or their associate offices or Companies within or outside Arunachal Pradesh for a period of three years as mandated explicitly in the Section 4, Sub-Section (2) of "Arunachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions (Regulatory Commission) Act, 2017".

The applications along with all testimonials/documents supporting the candidature should reach to the office of the Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, ESS Sector, Itanagar, 791111 within 21 days from the date of the notification in the newspapers via hard copy as well as e-mail: [dhearunachal@rediffmail.com](mailto:dhearunachal@rediffmail.com). In complete applications and the applications not in the prescribed format will be rejected summarily.  
 NB: Those who have already applied earlier against Advertisement No. HTE-17/3/2021 dated 23.11.2022 & 04.07.2023 for the same posts need not apply again.

**PROFORMA OF APPLICATION**

1	Name of the Applicant (In block letters)				
2	Father's / Husband's name				
3	Date	Month	Year	Age as on date	
4	Permanent address				
5	Present address				
6	Contact details				
7	Religion / Caste				
8	Educational/Professional qualification.	Qualification	Name of Board / University	Year of passing	% of marks
		Matriculation			
		Class XII/ HSLC/ PUC			
		Graduation			
		Post Graduation			
		Doctorate			
9	Any other qualification / training etc.				
10	Present occupation				
11	Brief of service particulars / experience etc.				
	From	To	Post held	Organization & Station	
12	Additional information if any (achievement / eminence etc.)				

{\*All supporting documents and testimonials (self-attested) for the above-mentioned information must be submitted with the application.}

Enclosure:-  
 Dated:-  
 Signature of the applicant  
 (Alik Jongkey),  
 Director,  
 Higher & Technical Education,  
 Government of Arunachal Pradesh,  
 Itanagar.

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(From right) Ruchir Sharma, Chairman of Rockefeller International and Founder of Breakout Capital, with Shyamal Majumdar, Editor, Financial Express, and Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group

## ‘Digitisation and direct benefits are making people less angry with the government’

**A**t a recent Express Adda, Ruchir Sharma, Chairman, Rockefeller International, and Founder of Breakout Capital, spoke on why a country cannot be successful if domestic businesses are bearish, the 2024 Lok Sabha elections playing out as Modi vs Modi, and India’s growing digital economy

### On the economy

This is really the fourth wave we have seen of great foreign interest in India. My only cautionary tale is that the fourth wave has been such that India today is the most expensive stock market in the world. So it just tells you what the expectations are out of India, because when you have the most expensive market in the world, it means valuations are very high. When your valuations are very high, it means expectations are very high. So I can’t find too much wrong with the Indian economy today. I think it’s in very good shape, the macro numbers look great, demand is doing very well, profitability of companies is doing very well. But as an investor, you’re always trained a bit to think of, ‘Okay, how much is priced in, what can possibly go wrong?’ I was just mapping it in my head — fourth big wave, the most expensive market in the world. The last time we had this honour was December 2007. We just have to be a bit mindful of where we are today.

way they imposed sanctions on Russia last year. When you impose sanctions that way, you may be completely morally correct in doing it but when you’re weaponising the currency to do something like that, I think it leads to a lot of governments around the world thinking that if the US can throw Russia off the dollar standard, we better protect ourselves from being thrown off the dollar standard. So that, I feel, is a key strategic mistake that America has made. Its consequences will be played out over time.

### On India and re-globalisation

If you look at the data, you will see that there is a very clear shift which is going on in the supply chains around the world. But India is not the only beneficiary. India is one of the beneficiaries. (There is) Vietnam, Indonesia, Mexico, in terms of being very close to what’s happening to the US, and then in Eastern Europe, (there are) countries like Poland.

We have to be careful in India of a couple of things — we are not the only country; there are options people have, markets like Indonesia, Mexico, Vietnam and others. The policy on the ground and the macro numbers look good. If you look at the FDI numbers in India, those have really fallen off quite significantly. Why is that happening? We need more FDI to come. Why is private capex in India not picking up more in the way it should be? These are some of the answers



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### On whether we are growing slowly into a post-dollar world

So far it is all talk because if you look at the dollar itself, it is still very strong. In its 50-year history, the dollar today is at the top end of its range compared to most currencies. The post-dollar world is because, I think, America made one very key strategic mistake, which is the



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Business Growth Officer, FRR Immigration



**YATIN SHAH**  
Co-Founder, 360 One Wealth



**SAMEER BAISIWALA**  
Executive Director, Morgan Stanley

that I hope our policymakers also think about rather than take it for granted... The data on the ground today shows that yes, India is benefiting from the ‘China plus one’ strategy but it’s not just India, there are other countries too which are trying to pick up the pieces and do this... some doing it more quietly, some with more fanfare.

### On whether the incremental reform mindset will change

It’s very difficult in India because even if we look at the state elections, the big risk is that we get into competitive populism. Right? Because every state is announcing more and more measures about what to do. And this is not just a budget deficit impact, it’s a cultural impact that if you put up a welfare state too prematurely, you prevent people from moving from rural areas to urban areas, which slows down the transition, and

the work culture gets a bit distorted. These sound like very heartless comments to make, but if you look at China, as an example, it had no welfare state. China, in its public sector enterprises in the 1990s, fired 70 to 80 million people. You can’t have these kinds of policies in India. So you have to be mindful of what is the DNA of a country, what are the societal factors. Even now, there is a lot of statism because in India, it’s impossible to privatise anything... That’s the way India functions, which is that there is very little deliberate policy action, and things happen almost by neglect and that’s how the private sector grows.

### On whether we give too much importance to foreign capital

I think there are two factors — first, in general, India has structurally got a current account deficit. So the math is that if you







