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KEJRIWAL SKIPS ED SUMMONS, TELLS MP ROADSHOW: 'NOT AFRAID OF JAIL'

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CHHATTISGARH

Days before polls, ED seizes about Rs 5 cr cash, links it to Mahadev app



The ED seized Rs 4.92 cr in cash in Raipur, Bhillai. P11

JAYPRAKASH SNAIDU KONDAGAON, NOVEMBER 2

WITH JUST five days to go for the first phase of Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, the Enforcement Directorate Thursday said it made seizures worth Rs 14.92 crore, including Rs 4.92 crore in cash in Raipur and Bhillai.

Confirming the raids and seizures, the agency claimed the cash was meant for use by a political party for elections.

When contacted, an ED official said, "Acting on an intelligence input that large amount of cash is being moved in Chhattisgarh by the promoters of Mahadev app in relation to Assembly Elections, a search operation is going on from Thursday afternoon."

"The ED intercepted a (human) courier of the Mahadev app who was sent from the United Arab Emirates, especially to deliver large amounts of cash for election expenses to a political party," the official said.

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had alleged that two central agencies — CRPF and ED — may be used by BJP in the state, to influence voters.

The Mahadev book maintained a number of websites to facilitate illegal gambling and betting. While the app began its operations in 2017, it caught the fancy of people in 2020 during the pandemic. Sources in the ED said the app's promoters in Dubai may have amassed as much as Rs 5,000 crore.

Sourabh Chandrakar, 28, and Ravi Uppal, 43, who hail from

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RESERVES VERDICT ON ELECTORAL BOND SCHEME

Difficult to accept voter has no right to know source of funding: SC to Govt

Flags 'serious deficiencies' in existing scheme, asks EC to submit in 2 weeks details of all contributions via poll bonds

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

RESERVING ITS judgment on petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Electoral Bond Scheme-2018, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court said Thursday it is "slightly difficult to accept" the government's contention that voters do not have the right to know the source of funding of political parties.

The Bench, presided by Chief

Justice of India DY Chandrachud and comprising Justices Sanjeev Khanna, B R Gavai, J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, suggested that a better poll bond scheme can be formulated taking care of the "serious deficiencies" in the present scheme.

It directed the Election Commission of India to submit in two weeks the details of contributions received by political parties by way of electoral bonds until September 30, 2023.

"Why not make everything open?... As it is, everyone knows

about it (donation through electoral bond). The party knows about it. The only person who is deprived is the voter. Your contention that voters do not have the right to know, after the number of decisions of this court, is slightly difficult to accept," Justice Khanna said.

He made these remarks as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, submitted that under the 2018 scheme, the party which receives the funds via bonds

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Six years in limbo to six sessions over three days

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

IN THE six years since the first petition challenging the electoral bonds scheme was filed, six Chief Justices of India took office and twice — in 2019 and 2021 — the Supreme Court declined to stay the legislation.

"All that we would like to state for the present is that the rival contentions give rise to

weighty issues which have a tremendous bearing on the sanctity of the electoral process in the country. Such weighty issues would require an in-depth hearing which cannot be concluded and the issues answered within the limited time that is available before the process of funding through the Electoral Bonds comes to a closure, as per the schedule noted earlier," the Supreme

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Delhi AQI 'severe', primary schools shut, curbs on construction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

WITH THE Air Quality Index (AQI) breaching the 400-mark on Thursday, entering the "severe" category, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said all primary schools will remain closed for the next two days.

Invoking Stage-III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) also banned non-essential construction activities and imposed restrictions on certain categories of vehicles.

The transport department said a fine of Rs 20,000 would be imposed on BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel vehicles. The restric-

tions on these vehicles will be applicable in the surrounding areas of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Gautam Buddha Nagar too.

Barring projects related to the Railways, Metro, airports, healthcare facilities, defence and national security, sanitation and water supply, highways, flyovers, pipelines and roads, all other construction and demolition activities will be banned in the National Capital Region (NCR). Painting, polishing and varnishing work, loading and unloading of construction material, stone-crushing, mining and associated activities will also be banned.

The AQI deteriorated to 418 by 9 pm on Thursday, from 364

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Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj with teammates at the India-Sri Lanka match at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium. Sri Lanka were bundled out for 55. P11

The Great Indian Swag, powered by country's greatest pace trio

India beat Sri Lanka by 302 runs, enter World Cup semis

SRIRAM VEERA MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 2

"THIS INDIAN team is scary," Bangladesh's Sri Lankan coach Chandika Hathurusingha had said before their game a couple of weeks back, using an adjective that was never associated with the Indian cricket team. It may have been used to describe the West Indies of the 1970s and early '80s, and Australia later, but

not for India, that too in a World Cup. However, Hathurusingha was right, intimidation is certainly in the Indian air this tournament.

The swagger is unmistakable. They don't need to depend on marketing personnel to create hype. They can just announce "come watch India bowl", and the fans will come in droves. They had shot out Sri Lanka for 50 in the Asia Cup final; they gave away just five runs more on

Thursday. This was after Indian batsmen had brought the house down. Shubman Gill (92), Virat Kohli (88) and Shreyas Iyer (82) seemed set for hundreds, but missed. But that didn't matter, with India winning by 302 runs — the fourth-highest ODI victory margin ever. It was another Indian triumph — 7 from 7 games, making the home team the first to book a semi-final slot.

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IIT-BHU student molested on campus, protests break out

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 2

A PROTEST broke out at the Indian Institute of Technology-BHU in Varanasi on Thursday morning after a student complained that she was molested on campus by three unidentified men on a motorcycle who ambushed her. The student alleged the men forcibly kissed her and recorded a video of her after taking her clothes off.



Students protest outside the IIT-BHU director's office in Varanasi on Thursday. P11

The incident took place late Wednesday night, and on Thursday morning, hundreds of

students gathered in protest at the institute director's office demanding better security on campus. On Thursday night, the protest was called off after the institute assured students that it would take steps to enhance security.

A case has been lodged at Lanka police station against unidentified men under IPC sections 354-B (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to disrobe), 506 (criminal

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GOVT & POLITICS



CONG BUSY WITH ASSEMBLY POLLS, OPP BLOC LOSING STEAM, SAYS NITISH

MARATHA QUOTA ACTIVIST ENDS FAST, GIVES GOVT TWO MONTHS PAGE 8

BLOW TO FREE AND FAIR POLLS: COMPLAINANT

Husband chairs meeting that puts wife on shortlist for AMU V-C job

Spouse not a bar in selection meeting, say rules; no conflict, say Principal Khatoon, husband and acting V-C Mohammad Gulrez

SHYAMLAL YADAV NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

ALIGARH MUSLIM University has shortlisted its prestigious Women's College principal for the job of Vice Chancellor — she could become the university's first woman V-C — but the selec-



Prof Mohammad Gulrez

tion process has invited complaints and questions of propri-

ety and conflict of interest. For her husband chaired the meeting that included her in the list.

On October 30, the 27-member Executive Council (EC), the university's highest decision-making body, chose five names of the 20 eligible — there were a total of 36 applicants for the post

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Rajiv opened locks at Babri site, let's not forget history: Kamal Nath

Govt ke paise se banaya hai: MP Cong chief on construction of Ram temple

VIKAS PATHAK BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 2

CONGRESS MADHYA Pradesh chief Kamal Nath has said that the BJP can't claim credit for the Ram temple in Ayodhya, and that Rajiv Gandhi's role should not be forgotten. "Taala khola... Rajiv Gandhi got the locks (of the temporary Ram temple at the disputed Babri Masjid site) opened. Let us not forget history," he said, in an interview to

The Indian Express here, in the midst of the campaign for the coming Assembly elections.

Kamal Nath, who has taken a Hindutva line matching the BJP in its aggression, added: "The Ram temple (in Ayodhya) does not belong to any one party or person, but to the country and to every citizen. The BJP wants to usurp the Ram temple as its property... They were in government, they built it. Apne ghar se toh banaya nahin hai. Government ke paise se banaya

hai (They haven't built it with their own money. It's the government's money)."

Seen as the Congress's de facto CM face, the veteran leader and nine-time MP also said that the party would keep its promise of re-summing the construction of a Sita Mata temple in Sri Lanka. "It is the duty of every citizen to work for culture and faith. We had begun the process of construction of a Mata Sita temple in Sri Lanka in our previous government. The Shivraj government stopped the process... All this has been done by due

process in the past."

Asked about the soft Hindutva tag attached to him, particularly over his projection of himself as a Hanuman devotee, Kamal Nath said: "I do not comment on terminology like Hindutva, soft Hindutva and super Hindutva. For us, religious faith is a matter of conduct and thought, not propaganda. Fifteen years ago, I got a 101-foot-tall Hanuman statue installed in Chhindwara... The Congress allocated Rs 455 crore for a grand Mahakal and Omkareshwar temples."



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'IF BJP IS ASHAMED TO PROJECT SHIVRAJ AS CM, THERE MUST BE A REASON'

KAMAL NATH MADHYA PRADESH CONGRESS CHIEF

The Ayodhya issue has been a politically uncomfortable topic for the Congress, which was in power at the Centre when the Babri Masjid was demolished in 1992. Then prime minister P V Narasimha Rao's failure to pro-

tect the structure was seen by many as deliberate.

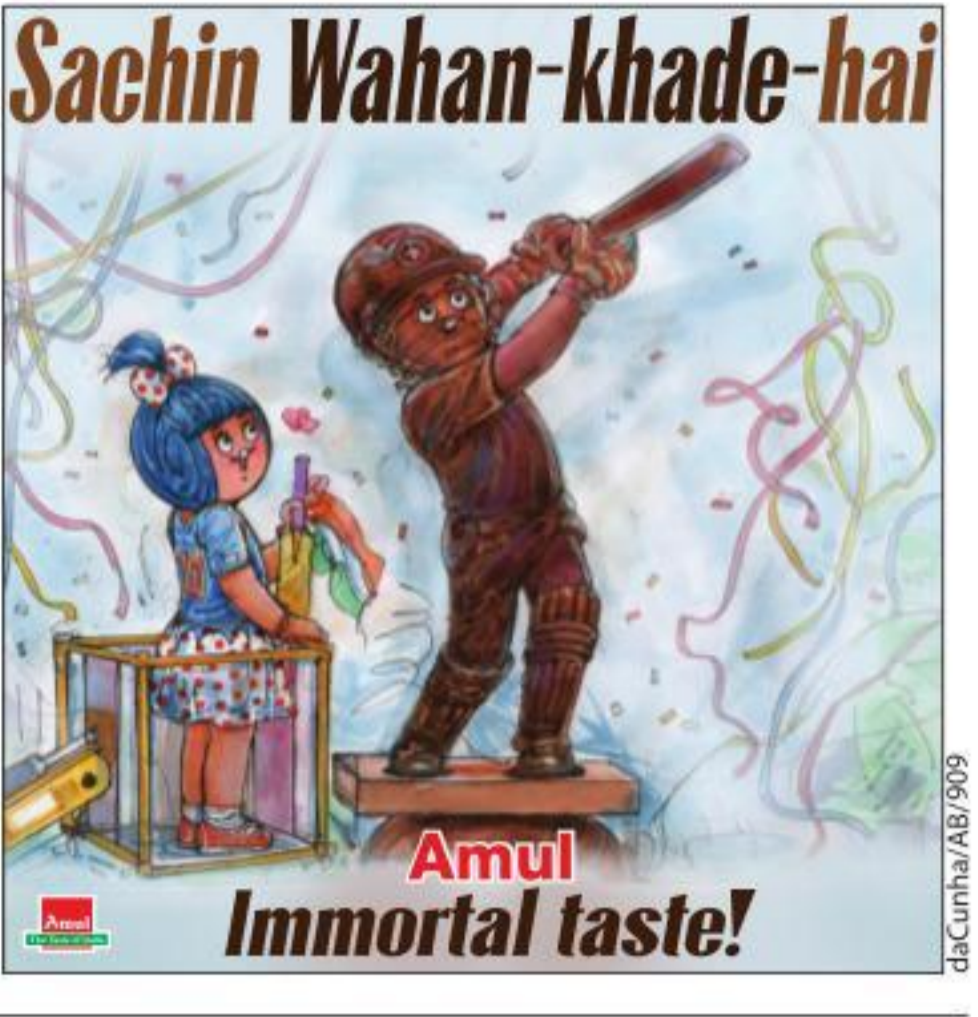
Before that, in 1986, the Rajiv Gandhi government had allowed the opening of the locks of the Babri Masjid, in what was seen as a balancing outreach to-

wards Hindus, after the Centre had passed a law overturning the Shah Bano verdict, to appease many in the Muslim community. Three years later, as the BJP stepped up its Ram temple campaign, the Rajiv government had permitted shilanyas at the Babri site.

Rajiv then began his campaign for the 1991 Lok Sabha elections from Ayodhya, promising to usher in "Ram Rajya". The party's manifesto said it was for construction of a temple at the disputed site, without damage to the mosque.

After the 1992 demolition of the mosque led to widespread

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CASH-FOR-QUERY ALLEGATIONS

My vastraharan at meeting, panel chief conduct shameful: Moitra to Speaker

Walks out with Opp; ethics panel chief says she did not cooperate

MANOJ CG & LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

THE MEETING of the Lok Sabha's Ethics Committee witnessed stormy scenes Thursday after TMC MP Mahua Moitra, who had appeared before the panel to give oral evidence in connection with the cash-for-query allegations levelled against her by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, walked out with Opposition members, accusing chairman Vinod Kumar Sonkar of putting "undignified questions" to her.

Hours later, Moitra alleged that what transpired at the meeting was an "orchestrated cheer-haran (disrobing) designed to humiliate" her.

"I walked in as one of 78 woman MPs in a country of 1.4 billion people, ready to assist a Parliamentary committee on ethics on the discovery of truth based on facts and evidence to back it up. Instead, I was subjected to a vastraharan, a disrobing, a witch-hunt of the worst kind. There were sordid, indecent and personal comments



MP Moitra after walking out of the meeting Thursday. ANI

such as who I speak to, how many times late at night, and if I can give my call details, why a certain friend X is dear to me, what does his wife feel about it, which hotel I stayed in the last five years and with whom, etc," Moitra told *The Indian Express*.

"Despite being repeatedly warned by the committee members to stick to propriety and the relevant line of questioning, he (the chairman) insisted on a written text which was obviously supplied to him by an interested party. The questions were so cheap, so intrusive, so

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WAS CALLED FOR QUESTIONING IN EXCISE POLICY CASE

CM skips ED summons, goes to MP: 'I am not afraid of jail'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal skipped the Enforcement Directorate's summons for questioning in the excise policy case Thursday, saying it was "vague, motivated and unsustainable in law". He went to poll-bound Madhya Pradesh instead, where, addressing his supporters in Singrauli in the afternoon, he asserted that he was "not afraid of going to jail".

"I don't know if I will be in jail the day the results of the elections are announced, but wherever I am, I want to hear that Kejriwal had come to Singrauli and the people granted him a historic win... They can arrest one Kejriwal, but how will they arrest the lakhs and crores of Kejriwals. They can arrest us, we don't care, Kejriwal is not afraid of going to jail," he said, during a roadshow for his party's candidate.

The ED had issued summons to Kejriwal on Monday. AAP sources said the decision to skip the summons was taken after the party sought legal opinion on the matter.

He returned to Delhi on Thursday evening, but is scheduled to address rallies in Chhattisgarh on Friday and Saturday, and in Haryana on Sunday.

The AAP's former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, MP Sanjay Singh, and communications in charge Vijay Nair have already been arrested in the case linked to the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy.

Questioning the validity of the summons, Kejriwal wrote to the ED on Thursday.

"The said summons is not clear as to the capacity in which



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in New Delhi on Thursday, before leaving for Madhya Pradesh. *Abhinav Saha*

I am being summoned i.e. as a witness or a suspect in the above-mentioned case... (It) does not specify whether I am being summoned as an individual or in my official capacity as Chief Minister of Delhi or as National Convener of AAP and appears to be in the nature of a fishing and roving inquiry," he wrote.

"The summons appears to be motivated and issued for extraneous considerations. Simultaneous to the summons, in the afternoon of 30.10.2023, BJP leaders started making statements that soon I would be summoned and arrested. By the evening of that day, I received your summons," he wrote.

"It is thus apparent that the said summons was leaked to select BJP leaders to malign my image and reputation, and has been issued at the behest of the ruling party at the Centre," he wrote.

Demanding the "recall" of the summons, he wrote: "I am the incumbent Chief Minister of... Delhi and National Convener of AAP... The fact that there are five states in the coun-

try, i.e. Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Telangana, which are going to elections shortly... Being the National Convener and a star campaigner of AAP, a national party, which is contesting elections, I am required to travel for campaigning and to provide political guidance to my field workers..."

Meanwhile, Delhi's BJP leadership sat on a dharna at Raj Ghat demanding Kejriwal's resignation and questioning why the AAP convener was "afraid of inquiry" in the excise policy case.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva alleged that Kejriwal did not appear before the ED to evade investigation.

"He will have to pay for his misdeeds... the fight on this issue is not over... The people of Delhi now want Kejriwal's resignation and will take it," Sachdeva said. Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said that the BJP had maintained from the beginning that Kejriwal was "the real mastermind of this liquor scam" and this had now been proven.

Home of AAP minister Anand searched by ED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate conducted searches across 12 places, including the premises of Delhi Cabinet Minister and AAP leader Raj Kumar Anand, as part of a money laundering probe.



Raj Kumar Anand

On Thursday morning, multiple teams of the ED in a coordinated manner began searching the premises at 7 am. ED teams were escorted by a CRPF team.

Anand, 57, is an MLA from Patel Nagar and minister for social welfare among others in the AAP government.

The probe pertains to a chargesheet filed by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on charges of false declarations in imports, which came from China, for customs evasion of more than Rs 7 crore, besides international hawala transactions, an official said. A local court recently took cognizance of the DRI prosecution complaint after which the ED lodged a PMLA case against Anand and his aides. The probe against Anand is being undertaken as per provisions of the PMLA.

30-YR-OLD KILLED AFTER ACCIDENT IN SOUTH DELHI

'Dropped out to study filmmaking... was the careful one': Friends remember Pal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

AN ENGINEERING student with a passion for filmmaking, a 'careful' bike rider, always prepared for the worst — this is how friends and family described 30-year-old Piyush Pal, who was killed after meeting with an accident in South Delhi's Panchsheel Park.



Piyush Pal died on Tuesday

Pal is survived by his parents, who run a puja shop in CR Park, and siblings. The family lives in Kalkaji. Pal's friends said he always had a passion for documentaries and dropped out of college to study filmmaking at Manav Rachna University.

"... we worked on several projects for clients such as WHO and UNICEF. He made films about the pandemic, the 'Saving the Girl Child' initiative and dif-

ferent events. We saw the CCTV footage (of the accident) — he was not speeding. He was also wearing a helmet. We are all shocked by the public apathy, that he lay there for more than half an hour and nobody helped him. I don't understand how people can shoot videos and not help someone in need," said Pal's friend, Swarnendu Bose.

He recalled how Pal was the "careful" one among the friends.

He always kept an extra bag with a phone, a water bottle and a few other items. His friends said he didn't believe in using plastic and always carried glass bottles.

On Saturday night, Pal was returning from a swimming class when his bike allegedly collided with another bike and crashed into a tree. The incident took place at 9.45 pm, going by CCTV footage from the spot. While several passersby had gathered around the busy road, not one of them took him to a hospital or called police. Someone from the crowd even stole his belongings — his GoPro camera, a bag and phone.

For the next 30 minutes, Pal lay bleeding on the road until a good samaritan finally stopped and rushed him to a hospital.

Pal's family said he was only able to reach the hospital at 11 pm. By the time he was admitted, he had already lost a lot of

blood, said doctors. He died of injuries Tuesday.

Pal's sister, who refused to be named, said the family is grieving. "We don't need any compensation. We just want justice. We are shocked that police have done something so bizarre... My brother's bike was hit from the back. The other person should be arrested."

Abhishek Haldar, another friend, said, "Piyush worked as a cinematographer for Carrot Films. He made several documentaries... His phone was active till 9.50/10 pm. We think someone robbed it and switched it off later..."

Meanwhile, police said they lodged an FIR on the complaint of a man named Buntty who was on the other bike. Police said after Pal's death, they are checking CCTVs again and conducting an enquiry.

Delhi to soon get an institution to preserve Kashmiri language, school being explored too

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

IN A bid to preserve, promote and propagate the language, literature and, in effect, the culture of Jammu and Kashmir in the capital, Delhi has taken its first steps towards creating an institution for the purpose — with a little help from the administration of one of the youngest Union Territories of the country.

According to government officials, during celebrations to mark the foundation day of Ladakh and J&K at Raj Niwas Tuesday, L-G VK Saxena was in-

formed by representatives of the J&K diaspora in the city, mostly displaced migrants, that there was no school in Delhi that taught Kashmiri and no institutional support was provided to the language which was "slowly dying".

"The L-G assured them that to start with, an Academy for Kashmiri and Dogri languages will be immediately set up and a school on the lines of various schools run by state associations like Tamil Nadu, Bengal, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh among others will be explored," officials said.

According to officials, Saxena, on Thursday, discussed the matter with his J&K counterpart,

Manoj Sinha, who assured him of providing manpower in the form of teachers and linguistic experts as well as other provisions such as study material.

Sunil Shakkher, who hails from J&K and made the request to Saxena, said the move would benefit over 1 lakh members of the community residing in and around the capital.

"When we eventually return home... we need to ensure that the younger generations who have come into being in the decades away from our roots are able to embrace it

wholly along with its language and culture. Both have to be kept alive till then," he told *The Indian Express*.

JNU notice to student for 2019 protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

JNU issued a notice to PhD student Aishe Ghosh on October 30 regarding a 2019 protest against fee hike, asking her to appear for a Proctorial enquiry hearing.

The notice said, "A complaint dated November 6, 2019, was received in the Chief Proctor's Office... As per the said report, you were involved in a protest in front of the Administrative Building on November 5, 2019 at 1.24 pm. This act is in violation of the order of the Hon'ble HC..."

It also said, "This is your last opportunity to explain your position. You are directed to appear before the Proctor on November 9 at 2 pm... to explain your position. You may bring any evidence in support of your defence."

Sources at JNU told *The Indian Express* that the notice has been issued now as it is part of an ongoing inquiry into the incident.

Ghosh took to Facebook and said, "The administration has found newer ways of bulldozing student voices. A 4-year-old case is being re-opened... While the then Ministry clearly stated that no student should be punished for their democratic right of protesting against the arbitrary fee hike illegally imposed, JNU administration is on a spree to disobey the orders and punish students."

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EXTRACT OF THE UN-AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 (₹ in Crore)

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE RESULTS				CONSOLIDATED RESULTS					
		FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED 30.09.2023 (Un-Audited)	FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED 30.09.2022 (Un-Audited)	FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30.09.2023 (Un-Audited)	FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30.09.2022 (Un-Audited)	FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED 30.09.2023 (Un-Audited)	FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED 30.09.2022 (Un-Audited)	FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30.09.2023 (Audited)	FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30.09.2022 (Audited)		
1.	Total Income from Operations	2,190.40	1,970.68	4,109.74	3,948.98	8,103.40	2,194.87	1,986.34	4,117.71	3,980.33	8,169.12
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items and Share of net profit/(loss) of joint ventures)	476.43	402.21	797.62	792.29	1,554.98	481.76	395.67	800.71	790.15	1,542.05
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax, Share of net profit/(loss) of joint ventures (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	476.43	402.21	797.62	792.29	1,553.73	481.76	395.67	800.71	790.15	1,542.05
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	357.70	302.80	601.82	594.11	1,169.08	368.49	303.80	613.68	600.63	1,173.47
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	356.51	302.48	608.02	593.47	1,198.83	367.32	303.47	619.87	599.94	1,202.86
6.	Equity Share Capital	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year					10,940.33					10,921.38
8.	Earnings per Share (of ₹ 5/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -										
	i. Basic (₹)	5.87	4.97	9.88	9.75	19.19	6.05	4.99	10.07	9.86	19.26
	ii. Diluted (₹)	5.87	4.97	9.88	9.75	19.19	6.05	4.99	10.07	9.86	19.26

The Standalone and Consolidated Financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2023 have been reviewed by Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on **2nd November, 2023**. The statutory auditors of the Company have carried out limited review of the above results for Quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2023.

NOTE: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter and half year ended Financial Results for 30th September, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and Half Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges Websites www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on company's website www.concorindia.co.in

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‘Difficult to accept voter has no right to know source’

knows who has donated, and that “there cannot be a system where the donor and donee do not know (each other)”.

Responding to the query on making “everything open”, Mehta said that would defeat the confidentiality built into the scheme to protect the donor from victimisation. The other option, he said, would be to go back to the previous regime under which cash flows were allowed and, in turn, encouraged black money.

But CJI Chandrachud said, “It’s not like that. We are not for a moment saying that. There are three or four important considerations which are very important. 1. The need to reduce the cash element in the electoral process; 2. The need to encourage use of authorised banking channels for that purpose; 3. Incentivising the use of banking channels – this should result in greater confidentiality. But there is a fourth consideration: the need for transparency. And there is a fifth consideration that this should not become a legitimisation of quid pro quo between power centres, whether in the states or in the Centre, and people who are really in that sense benefactors of that power.”

“So when the balance is drawn, it has to be by the Legislature, not by us. But it’s not, therefore, that there is an either-or – that either you do this or go back entirely to cash. You can design another system which does not have the flaws of this system – they put a premium on opacity. You can still devise a system which balances out in a proportional way. How it is to be done, it’s up to you to decide, that’s not our arena,” he said.

“These five considerations you must read in the perspective of how it has been implemented. First, there was a cap that your donation must be related to a percentage of your net profits – this meant the company must be in a position to have net profits... Now you say it has nothing to do with net profits or not. So a company may have zero profits/turnover, but it gets certain revenue only for the donation... That passes muster,” he said.

Mehta clarified that only a profit-making company can donate as otherwise it would lead to the setting up of shell companies which the government was trying to eliminate.

The CJI asked if the government would bring an amendment in the Companies Act to clarify that.

Mehta said that “amending is a legislative function, I cannot make that statement”. He said the court may instead read the provision accordingly.

Referring to a situation where a company makes Re 1 profit, the CJI asked why would such a company donate through electoral bonds. “The reason why these caps were introduced (in the older scheme) and they stood the test of time were for a very legitimate reason – because you are a company. Your purpose is to carry business, not to donate to political parties. And if your purpose is not to donate to political parties, you must donate only a small portion of your net profits,” he said.

Mehta said “experience shows, in most cases, whoever donates... they donate for what kind of government they want... The idea was, instead of shell companies and cash, let clean money come into the system. And whether we like it or not, the industrial house, commercial sector have immensely helped in the development of the nation. Everyone doesn’t pay as kickbacks. To assume that they need electoral bonds to be used to influence the decision-making

would be shutting an eye on the reality. Some... companies may misuse... But good companies do decide to donate, based on their experience, whether in this regime of the political government, our investment is safe or not, whether the country is going forward or backward.”

Justice Gavai asked, “What about the voter’s right to know?”

Mehta said policies have to be based on practicalities. “Voter’s right is to know what party gets what information. I would not choose to vote for A party because Mir X, a contractor, has given electoral contributions to A party. That’s a utopian dream. That’s an idealistic dream. We have to formulate a policy based on the practicalities involved... Your Lordships have a heavy responsibility, that is encouraging clean money to come into the system.”

With the SG were senior officials of the SBI, the only bank through which the bonds can be purchased. Mehta said the court could interact with them in the chamber if it needed to clarify doubts on the integrity of the system. The Bench, however, declined, saying it did not want to do something which the other side would not have access to.

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My vastraharan at meeting, panel chief conduct shameful: Moitra

violate of the right of privacy guaranteed by the Constitution and to my dignity as a woman that I would have been doing my role as a woman MP a great disservice if I had sat there for one minute longer and subjected to this orchestrated cheer-haran designed to humiliate me,” she said.

Moitra also released a letter she wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, alleging that she was subjected to the “proverbial vastraharan” (disrobing) by Sonkar in the presence of all members of the committee. She said the chairman “insisted on following the most sordid line of questioning... in which he asked me detailed and extremely personal questions about my life.”

“Instead of asking questions pertinent to the subject, the Chairman exhibited a pre-conceived bias by maliciously and

clearly in a defamatory way questioning me, so much so that 5 of the 11 members present walked out and boycotted the proceedings in protest at his shameful conduct,” she said.

Sonkar told *The Indian Express* the questions that he asked were related to allegations against her. “The objective of this committee is to investigate the charges of unethical behaviour levelled against the MP. But she persistently tried to avoid answering the questions. She did not cooperate. Then she got angry and walked out, accusing the chairman and the committee of using unparliamentary language,” he said.

Sonkar said “all questions were regarding the charges made against her (businessman Darshan) Hiranandani and the allegations made against her by the complainant.”

Before the uproar, a report which claimed that nearly 47 log-ins to Moitra’s parliamentary account were made from Dubai were also shown to the members. Congress member N Uttam Kumar Reddy claimed that Dubey had tweeted about the report on Wednesday and asked how he had access to the report.

Finally, Opposition members walked out of the meeting along with Moitra. Those who walked out were Congress’s Uttam Kumar Reddy and V Vaithilingam, BSP’s Danish Ali, CPM’s P R Natarajan and JD(U)’s Giridhari Yadav. “We found the Ethics Committee chairperson’s questions to Moitra undignified and unethical,” Reddy told reporters after the walkout.

“The line of questioning appeared to be prejudiced and biased against her. Despite all of us raising objections, the ques-

tions were like who did she travel with, who did she stay with etc. We found it was not appropriate and was objectionable. So we walked out,” he said.

BSP’s Danish Ali said they “could not tolerate the way the panel chairman was questioning Moitra in an indecent and inappropriate way”. “Only the chairman was asking questions and the questions were indecent and inappropriate. We did not want to be part of that meeting in which a woman MP was put through that. She may have been standing in the witness box, but she is a woman Member of Parliament,” Ali told *The Indian Express*.

Dubey told reporters that Moitra tried to create a wrong narrative about the proceedings. “No power can save Moitra after all evidence provided by me and others against her,” he said.

Husband chairs meeting that puts wife on shortlist for AMU V-C job

of V-C. In the shortlist of five, is Naima Khatoon Gulrez, wife of acting V-C Prof Mohammad Gulrez. A PhD in psychology from AMU, she was appointed as a lecturer in the same department in 1988, before being elevated as professor in 2006. She continued there before joining as principal of the Women’s College in 2014.

Apart from Khatoon, the other names recommended by the EC are: legal scholar and former V-C of Nalsar, Hyderabad, Faizan Mustafa; biochemist and V-C of Srinagar’s Cluster University Qayyum Husain; noted cardiologist and AMU professor M U Rabbani; and Jamia management professor Furqan Qamar.

Of the 27 members of the EC, 20 showed up for the October 30

meeting, and, sources said, 19 – including the acting V-C – voted. It is learnt that Mustafa got nine votes; Khatoon and Husain got eight votes each while Rabbani and Qamar got seven each.

This list of five was sent to the AMU Court, a 193-member body – there are 94 vacancies – that includes 10 MPs and five Vistor’s nominees.

The AMU Court will then prune the EC’s shortlist to a set of three and send it to the President of India who, as Visitor of the University, will pick the final one. Minutes of the EC meeting, reviewed by *The Indian Express*, show that one of the EC members did suggest to the acting V-C Gulrez that he may abstain from voting since his wife is a candidate, and another member concurred

with this view. To this, the minutes state, the “Chair (acting V-C) responded that there was no conflict of interest.”

When contacted by *The Indian Express*, Prof Mohammad Gulrez suggested that because he wasn’t a candidate, there was no problem. He cited a Department of Higher Education order: “In case the Vice-Chancellor or any other Member(s) of the Executive Council who are desirous to be the candidates for the post of the Vice-Chancellor, attend such meeting of the Executive Council, they shall be deemed to be disqualified as candidates for the post of the Vice-Chancellor.”

He said that, hence, there was no need to recuse himself and there is no conflict of interest.

“One of the elected EC members has also given a statement to the media on camera wherein he categorically stated that there was no conflict of interest involved. More so, it is an established principle in the eyes of law that the husband and wife are legally independent,” he said.

Naima Khatoon Gulrez, when contacted, said, “There is nothing wrong with it. Circulars of the Department of Education clearly state that if the V-C himself is a nominee, he has to recuse himself, but there is nothing about the spouse or any other relative of the V-C in those circulars. All these circulars were read before the EC before taking a decision.”

Indeed, Clause-6 of Chapter-V of AMU Ordinances (Executive) bars a selection committee mem-

Six years in limbo to six sessions over 3 days

Court said in 2019 in its first interim order.

Yet, when the case was finally heard by a five-judge Constitution Bench, it only took six sessions – spread across three days – for the Court to conclude the hearing and reserve verdict.

“We should point out at the threshold that there cannot be repeated applications seeking the same relief, merely because the interim relief sought, relates to something that is to happen at periodical intervals of time,” the

Court had said in 2021, declining to stay the scheme for the second time.

The case was first heard on October 3, 2017 when a bench of the then Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra, Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud issued notice to the government.

In these six years, the case represented the sharp criticism of “judicial evasion” – that the delay in hearing crucial cases involving the government tacitly benefitted the

government. Other high-stakes cases for the government including challenge to the Aadhaar scheme, abrogation of Article 370, demonetisation policy saw a significant delay in hearing.

One crucial part of the challenge – the question of whether the law could have been introduced as a money Bill – was not argued since that issue is pending before another 7-judge Constitution Bench.

The money Bill issue would

impact several key legislations, apart from electoral bonds, including Aadhaar and key amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Delays in setting up Constitution Benches cases are not uncommon since it requires at least five judges to sit for days, putting other regular cases on hold. The last such Bench, which heard the challenge to the abrogation of Article 370 in August, took 16 days. The marriage equality case was heard for over 10 days.

IIT-BHU student molested

intimidation) and under the IT Act.

The student, in her police complaint, stated: “I am a resident of a hostel at IIT-BHU. On November 2, around 1.30 am, I left my hostel for a walk. I met a male friend... We were walking together when... a motorcycle with three men approached us from behind. They parked their motorcycle there and separated my friend and me. They shut my mouth tightly and took me to a corner, kissed me forcibly, took off my clothes and recorded photos and videos. When I shouted for help, they threatened to kill me. They let me go after 10-15 minutes. When I ran towards my hostel, I heard the sound of the motorcycle. Then, I hid at the residence of a professor, who took me to the security officials.”

Varanasi Police Commissioner Mutha Ashok Jain told *The Indian Express* that the SHO of Lanka police station, Ashwani Pandey, was “attached to police lines” following the incident. “We have not made any arrests so far. Multiple police teams are working on the case,” he said.

UP Special Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said, “The investigation is on... Police force has been deployed at the institute’s campus for maintaining law and order.”

In a statement, IIT BHU Students’ Parliament said that in light of the events, they were “launching an institute-wide protest”. “We are boycotting all academic activities and holding a sit-in protest at DG Corner and the Director’s Office from 10 am on November 2,” they said.

“This is a heinous crime that has shaken the very fibre of our in-

stitution. It is not the first time such an incident has occurred on campus. Students have repeatedly raised concerns about security on campus, but the administration has failed to take adequate action,” they said.

The student body demanded “night barricading to restrict entry of outsider vehicles inside the campus with a single point entry/exit, centralised CCTV system, and legal action on violent offenders”. A varsity official told *The Indian Express* that at least 2,000 students participated in the protest.

On Thursday night, the BHU administration issued a statement to the students, saying, “This is to apprise you that the (Divisional) Commissioner, Varanasi has informed that he had discussed with the Ministry of Education about construction of a boundary wall for the Institute campus. A joint committee of CPWD and IIT BHU professors will be constituted and entrusted with the task of surveying the institute campus for construction of a boundary wall... The committee shall submit its report within a week’s time and thereafter the Commissioner Varanasi shall forward the same to the government for appropriate approval and funding... The Commissioner has also informed that CCTV cameras at sensitive locations, including girls hostels, will be installed at the earliest.”

Following the statement, a student, who was part of the protesters’ meeting with the institute’s officials, said, “Our demands have received a positive response from the authorities. We have put the protest on hold.”

ber from participating in the voting process if 15 of their listed relatives are in contention but these do not mention a spouse (wife or husband).

Naima, who is an ex-officio member of the EC, added, “I did not attend the meeting.” Her selection for the shortlist has been opposed by an applicant whose name was not chosen and by a former member of the AMU Court.

In a letter to President Droupadi Murmu, Prof Mujahid Beg, one of the 36 applicants, whose name was not picked by the EC, called for setting aside the panel and “re-initiate the process” afresh. “Surprisingly the V-C not only chaired the meeting of the EC but also voted for his wife. Another blow to free and fair elections... The V-C did not declare his impartiality in respect of

the candidates, so as to dispel any justifiable doubt about his independence and the impartiality of the proceedings, as his own wife is one of the candidates staking her claim for the post of Vice-Chancellor.” When contacted, Beg confirmed he had written to the Visitor, Department of Education and the UGC but declined to comment. Said a university official close to Gulrez: “A woman V-C will be historic... even if her husband hadn’t voted for her, she would have been among the top five.”

However, in a letter to the AMU Court, a former member, Anwaruddin Khan, said the body should “reject this panel and order the EC to form another panel of five candidates with transparency and in accordance with the AMU Act and Representation of Peoples Act”.

ED seizes about Rs 5 crore cash

Bhilai, are the main promoters of Mahadev Online Book, and are running their operations from Dubai. On Thursday, ED officials said they caught a suspect in a hotel in Raipur and seized Rs 3.12 crore in cash from his vehicle. Another Rs 1.8 crore in cash was found at his hideout in Bhilai.

The ED officials said a few benami bank accounts of Mahadev app were also found in which around Rs 10 crore is lying and seized. “We suspect the role of

some government servants in this,” the source claimed, adding search operations were on at the time of going to press on Thursday night. According to Baghel, while everything was being checked, big boxes bought by CRPF in vehicles were not being checked. “Let ED do its work. But I want to tell the Election Commission that it must check their (CRPF) vehicles too because BJP has accepted defeat and this is their last bid,” he told media persons.

The Great Indian Swag

Some of the older followers of Indian cricket may be unprepared for this all-new cricketing experience. There were faces of disbelief in the stands, not sure how to take it all in. It seemed too good to be true. Nerves may jangle before the semi-finals, but even there, the fretting is likely to be more about the law of averages catching up rather than cricketing implosion.

Mumbai’s Wankhede crowd certainly lapped it all up, in the company of Sachin Tendulkar. The morning had begun with them chanting “Sacheen, Sacheen”, as he walked up to place the glittering trophy for their eyes. The evening would progress with full-throated gasps and joyous cries as Indian bowlers blew away the neighbours.

At one point during the dramatic denouement, the cameras caught Tendulkar sitting with former teammate Ajit Agarkar, who is the current chief selector. Tendulkar was mimicking a bouncy delivery, his fingers dramatically whipping the ball down, the kind of stuff children do while bowling imaginary balls as they go about their daily lives. And the crowd oohed and aahed when they caught the visuals on the big screen.

Tendulkar has played with Kapil Dev and Manoj Prabhakar, Javagal Srinath and Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan and Ashish Nehra, but had never shared the dressing room with a bowling unit quite like this.

Harbhajan Singh too has been in dressing rooms with Srinath, Nehra and Zaheer; he too has seen serious pace from close quarters. But Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Mohammed Shami have blown him away. “I have never seen an Indian pace bowling unit like this. All of them bowling at 140 kph. They have speed, swing and seam. It’s a luxury. We used to say Pakistan produces pacers, now it’s India,” he said.

The intimidation of this Indian pace unit is enticingly cerebral and skillful. It is similar to the West Indian greats. Michael Holding had once told *The Indian Express*: “They thought all we needed to do was run up and bowl fast or short or whatever. That’s what irks me the most. I tell them to go check the scorebook: how many were LBW, bowled, caught in slips or whatever. It’s as if they don’t want to credit our thinking. I have never seen more intelli-

gent and craftier bowlers as Andy (Roberts) and Malcolm (Marshall).”

Indians won’t face such dismissive stereotypes; their skills are being talked about and will continue to be discussed for years to come. Bumrah’s first delivery was proof enough. The front arm, as ever, extended way ahead than other bowlers and at an inward-angle, pushing the ball in, towards Sri Lankan opener Pathum Nissanka.

Understandably, the angle and the trajectory made Nissanka prepare himself for an incoming delivery. But he missed the trickery of Bumrah’s fingers. It darted away, leaving Nissanka in an awkward tangle. Opened up, squared up, he was a silent witness as the ball trapped him in front.

Siraj’s first delivery was a rip-snooper. The left-handed Dimuth Karunaratne clearly wasn’t prepared for the wizardry right away. The full length and the late inward movement rendered him immobile, and he was a frozen duck as the ball pinged his pads.

Since his rise as India’s top pacer, Shami – who became India’s most successful bowler in World Cup history on Thursday – has made children across India act like tailors, raving about the shiny thread that seams up the ball together. Shami’s fourth wicket, which ended Sri Lanka’s lone resistance in Angelo Mathews, was worth watching on loop. It was a full-blooded curling inswinger that whooshed past like a wave to rattle the stumps.

Siraj summed up his fast-bowling colleague’s skill nicely: “Shami bhaki baat mat karo... woh toh legend hai... unko neend se uthao toh bhi line or length pe dalenge... hum beat kar rahe hain aur woh aake punja nikal diye (Don’t talk about Shami bhai. He is a legend. Wake him up from his sleep and he will still bowl the perfect line and length. We were just beating the batsmen and he grabbed five wickets).”

Captain Rohit Sharma put their performance concisely: “Back-to-back performances show what the seamers are capable of, they move the ball both ways. When there is something from the pitch, they are quite lethal.”

Bottle the bowling unit’s skill, sprinkle the batting audaciousness on it, and sell it as the Great Indian Swag, the biggest box-office hit going around the country.

Delhi AQI ‘severe’

on Wednesday afternoon. Measures under Stage-III of GRAP are to be invoked at least three days ahead of the AQI turning “severe”, based on the “dynamic air quality forecast system” to be provided by the IMD/ IITM (India Meteorological Department/ Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology). However, the IITM’s air quality early warning system on Thursday morning did not forecast “severe” conditions for the day. It said the air quality was likely to be in the “very poor” category, and would remain so from November 3 to

5. The outlook for the subsequent six days said it would be in the “very poor” to “severe” category. In a communication, the CAQM said “unfavourable meteorological conditions, sudden increase in farm fire incidents and northwesterly winds moving pollutants into Delhi are the major causes for the sudden spike in AQI”. As per GRAP Stage-III, which recommends intensifying public transport services and introducing differential rates to encourage off-peak travel, the Delhi Metro will add 20 extra trips across its network starting Friday.

Rajiv opened locks at Babri site’

declared it was in favour of construction of a Ram Temple. However, it made no mention of the Babri Masjid, the rebuilding of which Rao had publicly committed to in 1993. In the last few years, the Congress has been openly

flirting with political Hinduism. Its government in Chhattisgarh, for instance, has developed a tourism circuit, ‘Ram Van Gaman Paryatan Paripath’, along the route that Ram is believed to have traversed in Chhattisgarh during exile.



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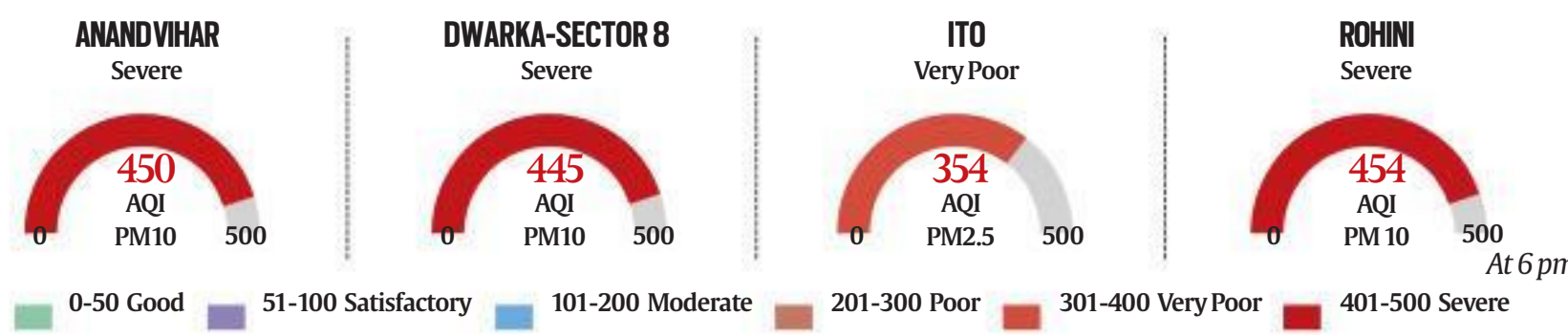
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ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

WHAT'S IN CAPITAL'S AIR? SMOKE, DUST AND A DOSE OF FUMES



Pollutants suspended in the air gave the city a sepia tint on Thursday, keeping visibility poor all day. Abhinav Saha

FOR THE first time this season, Delhi's air quality plummeted to hit the 'severe' category on Thursday. A cocktail of factors — low wind speed and intrusion of smoke from stubble burning — added to the impact of local emissions. This resulted in the air quality consistently worsening through the day from an average of 351 at 10 am to touch 402 at 5 pm. By 9 pm, it had deteriorated further to 418.

Pollutants suspended in the air gave the city a sepia tint, keeping visibility poor all day.

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at the India Meteorological Department (IMD), said visibility at 7 am at the Safdarjung weather station was 500 m, with shallow fog. It improved marginally to around 700 m at 2.30 pm. At Palam, visibility remained around 1,000 m from 7 am to 3 pm.

Since fog is formed when water vapour condenses and relative humidity was high in the morning hours, shallow fog may have formed, Srivastava said. But humidity levels had fallen to around 55% in the afternoon. "Calm conditions are prevailing. At Palam, winds were from the northwest; at Safdarjung, there were easterly winds. The speed was just 2 to 3 kmph at both stations," Srivastava said.

Gufran Beig, founder project director SAFAR, and chair professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, said, "The contribution of stubble burning is high, with a high fire count. Weather conditions have also become favourable for accumulation of pollutants. Low visibility is on account of intrusion of particles. Winds are calm even at a height of half a kilometre from the ground, and that is resulting in the suspension of particles and low visibility... From around this time of the year, wind direction changes and becomes north-northwest. The temperature is not that low, but major factors now are transport level wind direction and speed that is bringing pollutants into Delhi — stubble-related emissions travel at half a km to one km above the surface."

Wind speed of 10-12 kmph can help disperse pollutants. But when the wind direction is from opposite sides, that can also result in pollutants not dispersing, officials said. With warm temperatures, the air tends to become warm and rises, resulting in dispersion of pollutants.

While strong winds or rainfall may have helped to clear the air, neither are on the forecast for the next few days. According to a forecast issued by the Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, wind speed is likely to be around 4 to 10 kmph on Friday with shallow fog in the morning, while it is likely to be around 6 to 8 kmph on Saturday and Sunday.

Other parts of the NCR also recorded AQI in the 'severe' category — at 5 pm, the AQI in Greater Noida was 414, while it was 415 in Jind.

Stubble burning share may rise

According to data from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, while Punjab saw 1,921

Shuttles to ferry public servants from home to office

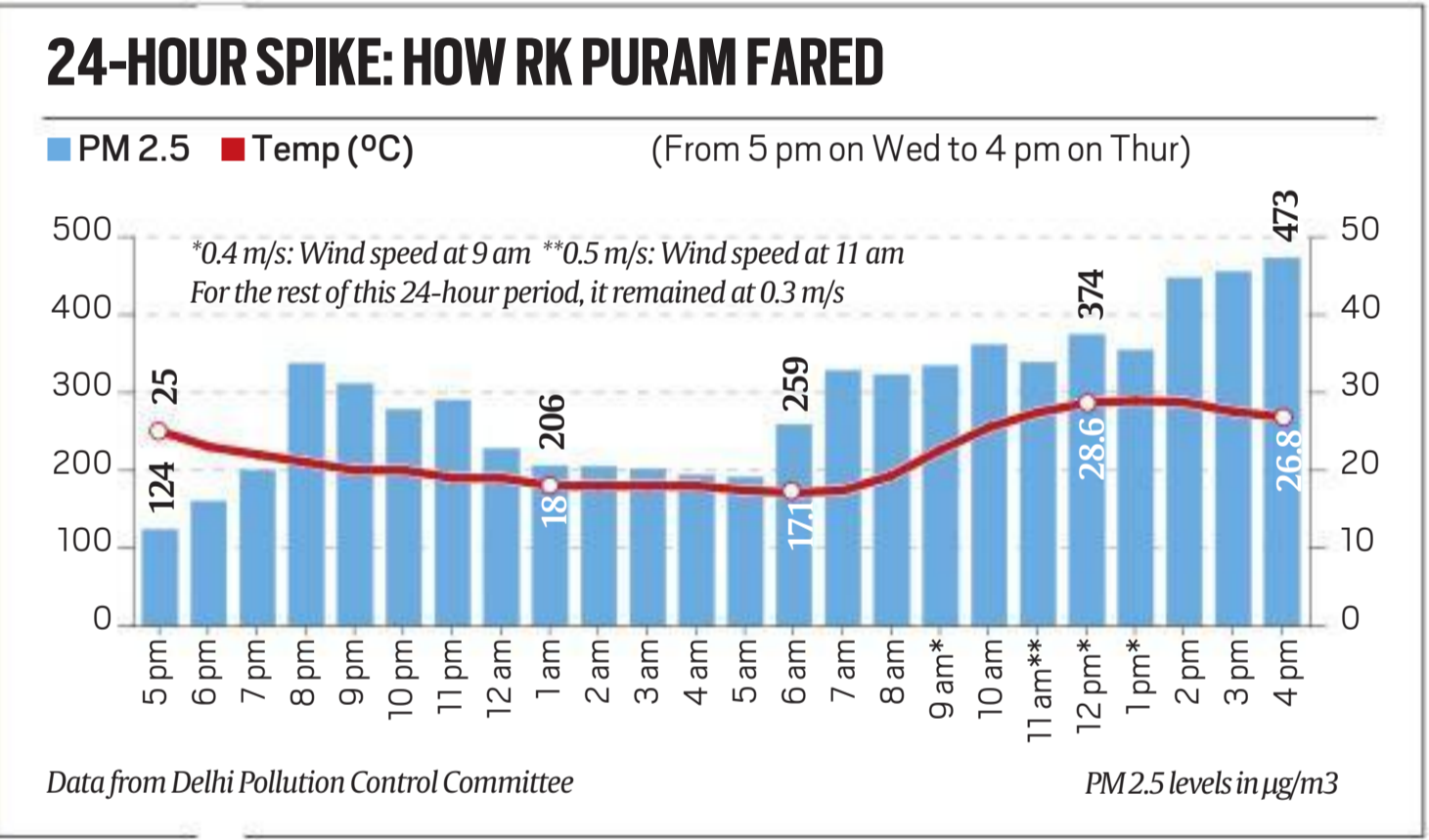
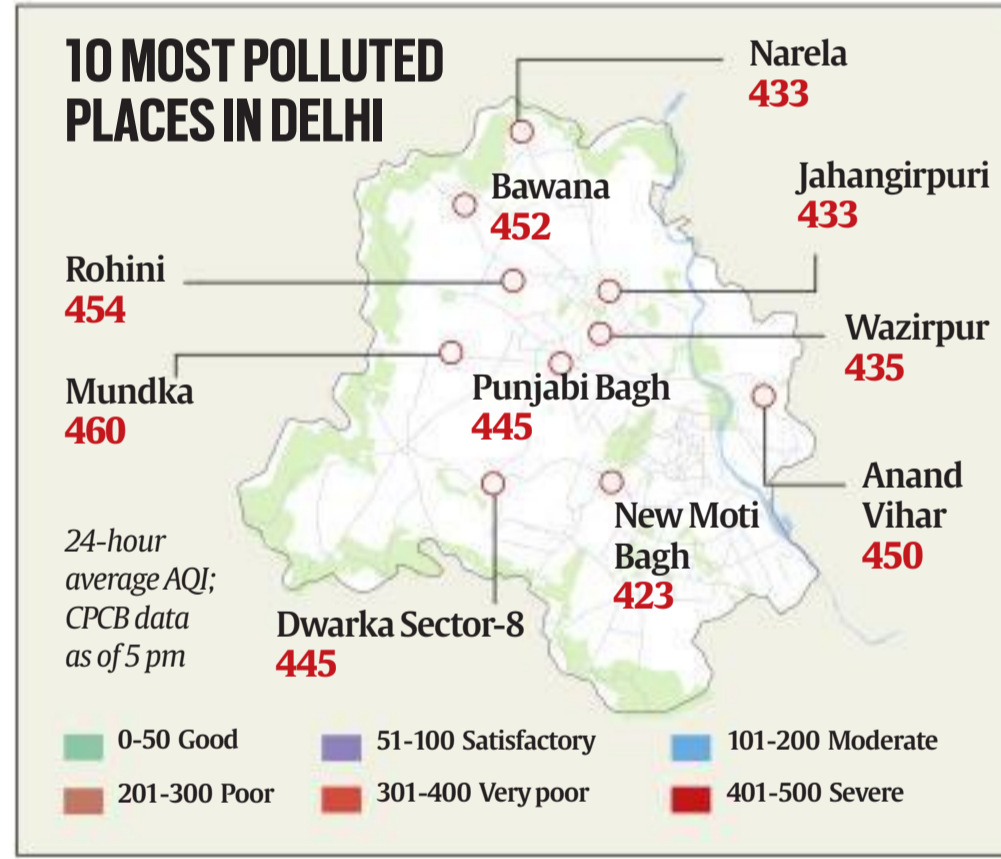
JATIN ANAND
 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

AMID THE capital's worsening air quality, the Delhi government has decided to operate an electric shuttle bus service exclusively for public servants from Friday. The move aims to wear them away from using private vehicles.

Electric buses, which are part of the service, will make multiple trips in morning and evening shifts, ferrying both Delhi and Central government employees from their doorstep to their offices, and back. "Special electric bus shuttle services to start from tomorrow from Kidwai Nagar and RK Puram for Central Secretariat for Central govt employees and from Gulabi Bagh to Delhi Secretariat for Delhi govt employees," Transport Secretary-cum-Commissioner Ashish Kundra said in a post on X.

For its initial phase of operation, the shuttle will operate between a pick-up point at Gulabi Bagh, where a significant chunk of Delhi government officials reside, to the Delhi Secretariat near ITO, and back. The service will be available for Central government employees residing between residential societies in Kidwai Nagar and RK Puram and various Central government installations such as Krishi Bhawan, Rail Bhawan, Shram Shakti Bhawan among others.

According to Kundra, initially, six buses will be plying and more would be added, as per demand.



15-20% increase in OPD patient load at major city hospitals

ANKITA UPADHYAY
 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

HOW DO pollution levels affect patient load at hospitals? The Centre-run Safdarjung Hospital is trying to find out if there is a co-relation between the two.

According to Dr Neeraj Gupta, head of the pulmonology department, the hospital has appointed a nodal officer who, along with an official from the National Centre for Disease Control, is compiling data on the number of patients coming to the OPD and the Emergency department with respiratory issues, if the numbers have increased, and whether their condition can be directly attributed to rising pollution levels.

"We are aware that pollution every year has an impact on the number of cases and their severity. Safdarjung Hospital is monitoring if AQI or air pollution has any direct impact on number and quality of patients," said Dr Gupta.

A recent study conducted at AIIMS had said exposure to nitrogen dioxide, even for a short duration, between zero and seven days, leads to an increase in the number of emergency room visits by 53%. This is alarming because an increase in the levels of the more familiar pollutant PM 2.5 pushed up patient load by 19.5% in comparison. "The particles lead to swelling and irritation in the

respiratory system and are associated more with wheezing and coughing," says Dr SK Kabra, corresponding author of the paper.

Hospitals across the city are seeing several patients, including those with chronic conditions, coming in. Doctors say it can be attributed to rising pollution levels and dipping temperature.

At Safdarjung Hospital, there has been a 20% increase in OPD patient load. Dr Gupta said patients started developing issues in the last one week and many are experiencing dry cough and burning sensation in eyes and throat as well as difficulty breathing.

According to Dr Anant Mohan, Head of the Department of Pulmonology at AIIMS, there has been a 10-15% increase in the number of patients with worsening symptoms over what is normally the case. "Most of them are chronic patients with lung issues and require tweaking of medications, increasing the doses or more medication. Some of them require hospitalisation as well. In the OPD, we tell them what they should do in the coming weeks to prevent this from worsening or happening again," he said.

At Lok Nayak Hospital, patients complained of headache and eye irritation. Dr Ritu Saxena, Deputy Medical Superintendent, said, "Numbers have not increased significantly but there is a slight rise. We'll know more in the coming weeks."

'Daughter warned by teacher to not play outside': US Ambassador on Delhi's air

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

UNITED STATES Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti on Thursday said that pollution in Delhi reminds him of Los Angeles back in the day. He also said his daughter at school was warned by her teacher to not go outside to play.

"On a day like this in Delhi, it brings back memories of growing up in Los Angeles where the air was the most polluted anywhere in America. Where like today, we were given warnings by our teachers that you cannot go outside to play, just as my daughter was given by her teacher today as I



US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti. PTI

dropped her off to school," he said at the Energy Transition Dialogues organised by Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet.

Los Angeles saw episodes of thick smog and polluted air, especially in the 1950s. The city's air was famously polluted till the 1990s and while improve-

instances of crop residue burning on Wednesday — the fourth day in a row that the count was over 1,000 — the Punjab Remote Sensing Centre said Thursday's report would be delayed.

The Decision Support System developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology said contribution of biomass burning to PM 2.5 levels in Delhi on Wednesday was 18.31%, up from 7.175% on Tuesday. It estimated that the contribution on Thursday is likely to be around 22%, that on Friday is likely to be around 21.32%, and that on Saturday could be around 15.115%. The Central Pollution Control Board identified PM2.5 as the main pollutant in Delhi on Thursday.

Data from SAFAR shows that last year, the daily peak contribution of stubble burning to PM 2.5 levels in Delhi was 34% on November 3, while it was 48% in 2021, 42% in 2020, and 44% in 2019. This year, data from SAFAR is not available.

losing her home hangs over her head. "I have not paid rent for three months now. My house owner has asked us to vacate our flat if we do not pay before November 7," she said, adding that she has not been paid her salary in five months.

A CDV since 2014, she was working as a bus marshal at the Dwarka Sector 2 depot, making around Rs 23,000 a month. Despite the financial hardships, Devi is determined that her two sons, in Class VIII XI, continue to study. "I didn't get an opportunity to study further, but I don't want my children to go through this. I am trying my best to pay their school fee on time," she said.

CIVIL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS STAGE PROTEST AGAINST DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICES

'I helped people, was an honest employee... this is the reward I get today'

VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA
 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

AT SHASTRI Nagar Chowk on Thursday morning, Bhagwan Das (40) was seen cleaning windshields of cars, wearing his civil defence volunteer (CDV) uniform, to make some money.

"My scooter stopped here on the way to the Delhi Secretariat. All I had in my pocket was Rs 30... I didn't know what to do. I cannot beg, so I thought I would clean a few cars at the signal and collect some money. Some gave Rs 10, others Rs 20... some even laughed at me. I filled petrol in my vehicle

with the little cash I collected and got to the Secretariat," said Das. He, along with hundreds of his colleagues, assembled at the Secretariat to protest against the Delhi government for throwing their lives in disarray — first by not paying them for months and then by discontinuing their services from November 1.

The Gulabi Bagh resident, who has been working as a CDV for the past five years, claimed he has not been paid for the past three months. He is to be paid Rs 840 for each day of work that often exceeds eight hours.

His wife and two children depend on his earnings. "This Diwali, there is no light in our

home. Yesterday was an auspicious day (karwa chauth) for us. My family was waiting for me to come back with sweets... Instead, I brought the worst possible news," he said.

Das said he has spent most of his work life on the ground, helping people in the city during crucial times like the pandemic and the July floods. "I was at the forefront, making sure people were safe when the city flooded this year. During the pandemic, I was on duty every day. I was an honest employee and this is the reward I get today," Das added.

For Reena Devi (35), a Class X graduate who moved to Delhi from Patna for a job, the fear of



(Clockwise from left) Bhagwan Das seen cleaning windshields of cars; Reena Devi and Neha Singh

EXPLAINED Behind the move

As per the Civil Defence Act, 1968, Civil Defence Volunteers are to be called out only to deal with situations such as hostile attack or for disaster management. As per the order on discontinuance of their services, CDVs were found to have been assigned duties in various govt depts which fell under neither category satisfying their "call out".

Others expressed concerns about repaying loans and EMIs. Neha Singh (27), a bus marshal, decided to become a CDV four years ago while pursuing a BA in Political Science from DU's School of Open Learning. Said Singh, "I had taken a loan of about Rs 1 lakh, at an interest rate of 5%, last month as it was getting difficult for us to run the house. Both my brother and father who work with an aviation firm have also not been paid in months... Without a job, how do I pay the loan?"

She is also set to get married next year and is worried about the expense. "So many people spent decades doing this job. Where will they go?" she asked.

iPhone snooping alert to Opposition leaders: Apple joins CERT-In probe

Government is determined to get to the bottom of this: Chandrasekhar

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

APPLE ON Thursday joined the CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team) — the government's nodal agency on cyber security — in connection with the probe into allegations of attempts to hack the iPhones of some Opposition leaders. The controversy erupted after some of the leaders who use Apple phones received warnings of "state-sponsored attacks" on their devices from the company.

The government, meanwhile, said the investigation is focused on "determining if the Apple products are secure and safe and can be trusted to protect the privacy of the consumers".

The IT Ministry had sent a notice to Apple, seeking an explanation on the alert sent to political leaders and a few mediapersons, warning them of "state-sponsored attackers who are remotely trying to compromise" their iPhones, said Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

"The government is determined to get to the bottom of this. Our investigation is focused on determining if the Apple products are secure and safe and can be trusted to protect the privacy of the consumers," Chandrasekhar told *The Indian Express*. "If Apple devices are safe... we want to know what those 'threat notification messages' were. We have asked them to explain. If their devices

are secure and safe, they should be transparent and disclose the vulnerabilities to their consumers and the government," the minister said.

The MoS said Apple should join the investigation. "Since the threat notifications have gone to 150 countries, it's important that Apple joins the investigation and explain honestly and transparently," Chandrasekhar added.

On Wednesday, Union IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told *The Indian Express* that the CERT-In has started an investigation. Sources in the government said that an Apple team joined the investigation on Thursday.

Several political leaders, mainly from the Opposition, including Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, TMC's Mahua Moitra and AAP's Raghav Chadha, as well as a few journalists, claimed to have received a notification from Apple about "state-sponsored attackers" remotely trying to compromise their iPhones. While Opposition MPs in the IT Standing Committee have sought a meeting of the panel to discuss the issue, CPIM MP John Brittas has written to the committee chairman Prapat Rao Jadhav, seeking a meeting.

However, BJP's Nishikant Dubey, who is a member of the panel, pointed out that the committee does not discuss "day-to-day issues". The CERT-In (Computer Emergency Response Team) had identified certain vulnerabilities in iPhone's operating system iOS and issued a formal advisory on October 27, just ahead of Apple launching its new products.

Kerala moves SC over pending nod to Bills by Gov

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

THE KERALA government has approached the Supreme Court against Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, complaining that the latter was sitting on as many as eight Bills that "involve immense public interest".

"Many of the Bills involve immense public interest, and provide for welfare measures which would stand deprived and denied to the people of the State to the extent of the delay," the plea said, adding that the Governor's conduct "threatens to defeat and subvert the very fundamentals and basic foundations of our Constitution, including the rule of law and democratic good governance, apart from defeating the rights of the people of the State to the welfare measures sought to be implemented through the Bills."

It said that keeping the Bills pending "is also manifestly arbitrary and violates Article 14 of the Constitution" and "defeats the rights of the people of the State...under Article 21 of the Constitution, by denying them the benefits of welfare legislation enacted by the State Assembly".

Earlier this week, the Tamil Nadu government, too, had moved the SC raising similar complaints against state Governor R N Ravi.

The state contended that the Governor's actions had led to a "constitutional deadlock between the Constitutional Head of the State and the Elected Government of the State" and urged the court to fix a timeline within which the Governor should give assent to Bills cleared by the state legislature.

Collegium recommends Justice Ritu Bahri as Uttarakhand CJ

New Delhi: The number of women High Court Chief Justices is set to go up to two with the Supreme Court Collegium on Thursday recommending the transfer of Justice Ritu Bahri as CJ of Uttarakhand HC. Currently, only Gujarat HC has a woman CJ — Justice Sunita Agarwal.

Justice Bahri is currently serving as Acting CJ of Punjab and Haryana HC. The three-member Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud also recommended CJs for the Orissa and Meghalaya HCs.

Patna HC Acting Chief Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh has been recommended as CJ of Orissa HC while Justice S Vaidyanathan from Madras HC has been recommended CJ for Meghalaya HC. **ENS**

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- अनुमंडल पदाधिकारी/कार्यपालक दंडाधिकारी द्वारा निर्गत विहित प्रमाण में इस आशय का शपथ-पत्र कि सभी प्रमाण-पत्र सही हैं। उम्मीदवार के विरुद्ध किसी धाना में अथवा न्यायालय में कोई मामला दर्ज/विचाराधीन नहीं है। अन्यथा का आवरण प्रतिकूल नहीं है।
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- प्रमाण-पत्रों की जाँच हेतु सम्मिलित होने वाले उम्मीदवारों को किसी प्रकार का यात्रा भत्ता अनुमान नहीं होगा।
- उम्मीदवार सभी शैक्षणिक एवं अन्य प्रमाण पत्रों की एक स्वच्छांतरित प्रति साथ लाना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

नोट- दिनांक-13.11.2023 एवं 14.11.2023 को अपरिहार्य कारण से अनुशंसित उम्मीदवारों के प्रमाण पत्रों की जाँच दिनांक-24.11.2023 को विज्ञान, प्राथमिकी एवं तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग, बिहार, पटना में किया जाएगा।

अगर उम्मीदवार अपेक्षित मूल प्रमाण-पत्रों के साथ जाँच हेतु निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार उपस्थित नहीं हो पाते हैं तो उनकी उम्मीदवारी के संबंध में अलग से विधिसम्मत निर्णय लिया जायेगा।

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PR-011234 (Sci & Tech) 2023-24 (गजेन्द्र कुमार मिश्रा) सरकार के संयुक्त सचिव।

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि०

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चित्रकूट

ई-निविदा सूचना

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"सुनहरी भविष्य बनाये, राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाए"

सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग

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PR. No. 011229 (GAD) 2023-24 (मो) सिराजुद्दीन अंसारी) सरकार के अवर सचिव

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Railways have decided to run the following Festival Special Express Trains as per details given below:-

04494/04493 Anand Vihar (T) - Lucknow - Anand Vihar (T) Gati Shakti Festival Special Trains Trips					
Train No. 04494		STATIONS		Train No. 04493	
Arr.	Dep.			Arr.	Dep.
--	08:30	Anand Vihar (T)		18:15	--
18:00	--	Lucknow		--	08:45

Days of Run: 04494 Ex Anand Vihar on 10.11.2023 and 04493 Ex Lucknow on 12.11.2023.
Accommodation: AC 3 Tier.
Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur Jn. and Hardoi stations

04498/04497 Anand Vihar (T) - Varanasi Jn. - Anand Vihar (T) Festival Special Express Trains Trips					
Train No. 04498		STATIONS		Train No. 04497	
Arr.	Dep.			Arr.	Dep.
--	08:30	Anand Vihar (T)		19:10	--
23:30	--	Varanasi Jn.		--	04:00

Days of Run: 04498 Ex Anand Vihar (T) on 11.11.2023 and 04497 Ex Varanasi Jn. on 12.11.2023.
Accommodation: AC 3 Tier Sleeper and General.
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HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA-171001 (PROCLAMATION OF SALE)

(Order XXI, Rule 66 of CPC, Schedule-I, Appendix-E, Form 29)
National Agricultural Co. operative Decree holder

Veecon Impex India & others Judgment debtors

Notice is hereby given that under rule 64 of Order XXI of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, an order has been passed by this Court for the sale of the attached property mentioned in the annexed schedule, in satisfaction of the claim of the decree-holder in the arbitration award mentioned in the margin, amounting with costs, and interest upto date of sale to the sum of Rs. 12,00,29,882/-.

The sale will be by public auction, and the property will be put up for sale in the lots specified in the schedule. The sale will be of the property of the judgment-debtors above named as mentioned in the schedule below, and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.

In the absence of any order of postponement, the sale will be held by The Collector Kullu, H.P. at the monthly sale commencing at where the property situate on at 10 O'clock. In the event, however, of the debt above specified and of the costs of the sale being tendered or paid before the knocking down of any lot, the sale will be stopped.

At the sale the public generally are invited to bid, either personally or by duly authorized agent. No bid, by or on behalf of the judgment-debtors above mentioned, however, will be accepted, nor will any sale to them be valid without the express permission of the Court previously given. The following are the further:

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The particulars specified in the schedule below have been stated to the best of the information of the Court, but the Court will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.
- The amount by which the bidding are to be increased shall be determined by the Officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lots shall at once be again put up to auction.
- The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot; Provided always that he is legally qualified to bid, and provided that it shall be in the discretion of the Court or officer holding the sale to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate to make it advisable to do so.
- For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the officer conducting the sale to adjourn it subject always to the provision of Rule 69 of Order XXI.
- In the case of moveable/immovable property, the price of each lot shall be paid for at the time of sale or as soon as after the officer holding the sale directs, and in default of payment the property shall forthwith be again put up and resold.
- In the case of immovable property, the person declared to be the purchaser shall pay immediately after such declaration a deposit of 25 per cent of the amount of his purchase money to the officer conducting the sale, and in default of such deposit the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold.
- The full amount of the purchase-money shall be paid by the purchaser before the Court closes on the fifteenth day after the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the fifteenth day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the fifteenth day.
- In default of payment of the balance of purchase-money within the period allowed, the property shall be re-sold after the issue of a fresh notification of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the same may, if the Court thinks fit, be forfeited to Government and defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claim to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 20th day of October, 2023.

Schedule of property:-
(List of Property & Memo of parties are attached)

Sd/-
Deputy, Registrar (Judicial)
High Court of Himachal Pradesh At Shimla-1.

Memo of Parties.
National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing, Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) NAFED House, 1, Sidharth Enclave Ashram Chowk, New Delhi 110014 through its Branch Manager, NAFED D-392, New Subzi Mandi Azadpur Delhi 33.

Decree-Holder.
Versus
Mahadev Resorts Pvt limited, Village Rangari NH-21, Through its Director, Sh. V.K. Shrivastava, Shri J.K. Shrivastava, Shri Lalit K Shrivastava and F.S. Ziauddin.

Judgment Debtor
Schedule of Property of Jds
Khasra Nos. 3552/2179, 3548/2177, 3550/2178, 3549/2177 (old) corresponding to Khasra Nos. 1260, 1261, 1263, 1264, 1265 and 1266 (New) Kita-6, Jamabandi 718/1167, Khewat/Khatauni No. 199 min/265, Year 2001-02 situated at Up-Mahal Simsa, Tehsil Manali, District-Kullu, H.P. along with all the land, buildings, structures, appurtenances, fittings, fixtures, movable assets existing thereupon.

Department of Labour Resources

Directorate of Employment & Training (Training Wing)
Contact: 0612-2535142 (Phone & Fax)
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Website: <http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/labour>

Notice Inviting RFQ for Rate Contract

RFQ No: DET/TRG/03/2023-24

The date of submission of RFQ No: DET/TRG/02/2023-24 Date- 12-10-2023, eproc No- 45392 dated 13/10/2023 The Directorate of Employment & Training (Training Wing), Labour Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar (The Tendering Authority), invites e-Tenders from Registered Indian Manufacturers/Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM)/OEM Authorized distributors/dealers/Suppliers for RATE CONTRACT for Supply, Installation and Commissioning with AMC (If applicable) of machines / tools / equipment/Furniture etc as per the specified requirements and technical specifications of 14 new Trades started in different Govt ITIs of Bihar which is listed in NSQF syllabus of CTS trades provided by DGT has been extended upto 17/11/2023. Bidder must submit the bid for all the items for all trades.

Note: Only Registered Indian Manufacturers/OEM/OEM Authorized Distributors / Dealers / Suppliers can participate as bidder in this Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Rate Contract

Selection of agency or agencies under this RFQ will not guarantee allocation of work and tendering authority will assume no liability or cost towards it. The tendering authority makes no commitments, express or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction between anyone.

Document Fee and Tender Processing Fee: All Applicants have to pay a non-refundable Document Fee of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) and Tender Processing Fee as per Beltron (E-Proc2.0) through e-payment mode (i.e., NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc2.0 Portal.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): An EMD of amount Rs 50,00,000 (Fifty Lakh only) to be submitted only through e-payment mode (i.e., NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc2.0 Portal, failing which the bid will be rejected.

The Proposal has to be submitted through online mode on <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and can be searched by clicking the Tab "Tender Free View" on home page of above website and then going to Live Tender/ Hot Tender by searching Department Name as "Labour Resources Department"

The Proposal must be submitted in online mode containing following cover stage-

- Technical Bid Open Stage
- Financial Bid Open Stage

The application procedure, eligibility criteria, evaluation methodology, terms and conditions and the scope of work are detailed in this RFQ which can be seen or downloaded from the "e-Procurement Portal <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in>. The RFQ will be available to download from the above website from 13-10-2023. The Pre-bid meeting was held on 03:00 PM of 19-10-2023 at Directorate of Employment & Training (Training Wing), B-Block, 4th Floor, Niyojan Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna, 800001 and published on "e-Procurement Portal <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in>."

The Pre-bid meeting will be held on 03:00 PM of 09-11-2023 at Directorate of Employment & Training (Training Wing), B-Block, 4th Floor, Niyojan Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna, 800001. Response to Pre-bid queries will be published on "e-Procurement Portal <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in>."

The last date for uploading of proposal/bid is extended from 03-11-2023 to 17-11-2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Technical Bid will be opened post 16:00 Hrs. on or after 17-11-2023 . The Evaluation of Bids will be under Schedule Lowest-1 (L-1) System. Please refer RFQ document for complete details.

The undersigned reserves the right to issue addendum/corrigendum/modification or to accept or reject any or all proposal(s) or to cancel the whole of this RFQ at any stage without assigning any reason thereof and no bidder shall have any cause of action or claim against the undersigned for the same.

Director,
Employment & Training
Labour Resources Department,
Govt of Bihar.

PR-011242 (Labour) 2023-24

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8 GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



MoS for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar with Elon Musk in Milton Keynes, UK, on Thursday. ANI

NOBEL NAME

UNION MINISTER Rajeev Chandrasekhar, who is in London to attend the global AI summit, "bumped into" billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk at Bletchley Park. During the chat, Musk told him that his partner Shivan Zilis is half Indian and their son's middle name is 'Chandrasekhar'. When the minister asked him why he chose that name, the owner of social media platform X said he named his son after Indian American theoretical physicist Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar who won the 1983 Nobel prize for physics. The minister responded by saying his son's name is also Chandrasekhar.

NO POLITICAL BONDS

HEARING IN the electoral bonds matter on Thursday saw Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and senior advocate Kapil Sibal emphatically denying any link to the BJP and the Congress respectively. Leading to this was Mehta's reference to a hypothetical situation to illustrate how a contractor wanting to donate to the Congress would not want the BJP to know about it. As soon as he took Sibal's name in the example, the latter objected, albeit in a lighter vein, saying the S-G seemed to have forgotten that he was no longer associated with Congress. Mehta responded he had said so as Sibal was representing a Congress leader from MP. Sibal was quick to point out that the S-G too was appearing for the government but was not a part of the party. "Absolutely not", said Mehta. "So I am also not," replied Sibal.

CLEARANCE SALE

THE CENTRE has earned Rs 500 crore from disposing of office scrap in the past one year. Various ministries have been clearing scrap from their departments as part of the annual Swachhata campaign, which concluded October 31. MoS for Personnel Jitendra Singh said between 2021 and 2023, Rs 1,100 crore revenue was generated by disposing of office scrap. He said the campaign had been undertaken in 2.53 lakh sites and it resulted in freeing up of 154 lakh square feet of space for office use.

MARATHA ACTIVIST GIVES 2-MONTH ULTIMATUM TO GOVT

Patil ends fast, warns of 'choking Mumbai' if no quota by January 2

Decision after the activist met with a delegation comprising four state ministers

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 2

NINE DAYS after Maratha activist Manoj Jarange Patil began his fast-unto-death demanding reservation to the community under Kunbi (OBC) category, he withdrew his hunger strike, after agreeing to give time till January 2 to the government to complete the procedural requirements and meet his demands.

Before breaking his fast, the activist issued a warning that he would "choke Mumbai" if the government fails to provide reservation to all Marathas in two months.

The agitation had turned violent over the past week in various parts of the state with protesters resorting to torching of houses of MLAs and vandalising government properties. On Thursday, it was also decided that cases during the violence in Jalna district will be withdrawn in 15 days and those in the rest of the state will be withdrawn in a month.

The decision to break fast fol-



Manoj Jarange Patil at the protest site in Antarwali-Sarati village in Maharashtra's Jalna district. ANI File

lowed Patil's two-hour meeting with a delegation of four state ministers — Dhananjay Munde, Uday Samant, Sandipanj Bhumre and Atul Save — and two retired judges Justice Maroti Gaikwad and Sunil Shukre who went to the protest site in Antarwali-Sarati village in Jalna district. Independent MLA Bachchu Kadu, also a Maratha leader, who had been camping in Jarange's village since Wednesday, was also trying to convince Patil. Kadu had gone there as the emissary

of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. "This is not over and the agitation will not stop. Only fast-unto-death has been called off. We had given 50 days to the government earlier and can give additional two months... It has been agreed today that going forward, not just Marathas from Marathwada but any Maratha from the state will be provided with Kunbi certificate, if they produce the required documents," said Patil.

In October, the Maharashtra government had formed a com-

mittee headed by Justice (Retired) Sandeep Shinde to decide on the procedure to grant Kunbi (OBC) certificate to Marathas. The committee, which around 1.7 crore records and approved more than 13,000 records for offering Kunbi status, submitted its first report last week. The government has been seeking more time to complete the remaining work. With Thursday's development, the committee has two more months to complete the formalities.

Warning the ministers who had come to convince him, Patil said, "If the government fails to fulfil the promise by January 2, we will choke Mumbai beginning January 3. There will be economic, industrial blockage. No one will be allowed to come outside of their homes. Marathas from across the state will march to Mumbai..."

Earlier, retired Justice Gaikwad, who also headed the Backward Class Commission and based on whose report reservation to Marathas was extended in 2018, and Shukre held a discussion with Patil in the open, in the presence of other protesters.

BJP to form committee on OBC outreach

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

KEEN ON retaining its OBC support base in the Lok Sabha elections, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP chief J P Nadda held a high-level meeting of its senior leaders from various states in Delhi.

With the Opposition INDIA bloc, especially Congress, upping its pressure on the Centre to hold a countrywide caste census, the BJP leadership discussed the "advantages and disadvantages" of the party's position of not going for a caste count, sources said. The party decided to form a committee to frame OBC outreach programmes, sources said.

Various BJP CMs, including UP CM Yogi Adityanath, state chiefs and legislative party leaders attended the meeting.



PRADHAN IN UAE

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan with UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed in Abu Dhabi, Thursday. Pradhan said the master's course in energy transition at IIT-Delhi's Abu Dhabi campus will start in January. PIB

INDIA bloc losing momentum as Cong is preoccupied with Assembly polls: Nitish

SANTOSH SINGH & MANOJ C G
PATNA, NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

IN FRESH indications of the unease over the slow progress in the INDIA alliance, Bihar Chief Minister and JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar Thursday accused the Congress of failure to "keep up the momentum" on it, blaming it on the party's "preoccupation" with the coming Assembly elections in five states.

The Bihar CM was speaking at a rally organised by the CPI called 'BJP Hatao, Desh Bachao (Remove BJP, Save Country)'.

Taking a swipe at the Congress, the leading party in the



The Bihar CM was speaking at a CPI rally

INDIA bloc, Nitish said: "After Opposition parties came together to forge the national alliance against the BJP, we gained some momentum. But there has not been much progress as the Congress seems to be more interested in the Assembly elections in the five states. We had decided that the Congress would take a lead role in the INDIA alliance, but now it seems that the next meeting of our alliance can take place only after the Assembly polls are over."

The JD(U) supremo also reminded the audience that the national alliance was formed after he took the lead in holding the first INDIA meeting in Patna. Nitish may not be too off the mark, with Congress sources admitting that the party would prefer seat talks after the Assembly polls, as it hopes that a good performance will increase its bargaining power.

However, Nitish's remarks betray the growing unease among its INDIA partners over this stalemate, combined with the Congress yielding no ground to them in the Assembly elections. Of the five states, only in Telangana does an arrangement seem likely between the Congress and the Left.

Both the SP and JD(U) have expressed their disappointment with the Congress publicly. K C Tyagi, senior leader of the JD(U), which has fielded around 10 candidates in Madhya Pradesh, told *The Indian Express*: "It was purely up to the Congress to accommodate us, but it did not happen."

The SP is in the race in the state with 40-odd candidates, with its chief Akhilesh Yadav lashing out at the Congress alleging that he was kept hanging over seat-sharing. He warned that the Congress could face a similar treatment in Uttar Pradesh. Together, the SP, JD(U) and Aam Aadmi Party, which is also an INDIA ally, are contesting in 92 seats in Madhya Pradesh.

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PM Narendra Modi in Kanker, Chhattisgarh on, Thursday. PTI

PM takes '30% kaaka' jibe at Baghel over corruption, nepotism

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KONDAGAON, NOVEMBER 2

"AUR NAHI sahebo, badal kerahebo (won't tolerate [Congress government] any longer, will replace)", said Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a rally in Chhattisgarh's Kanker town of Maoist-hit Bastar division on Thursday, less than five days before the state witnesses the first phase of polling. "Development cannot take place where there is Congress," he said.

He targeted Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for "nepotism and corruption" and said if the BJP comes to power, the poor will be provided pucca houses and the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for millets will be hiked.

Modi began his speech saying the next five years are crucial for Chhattisgarh as it will complete 25 years of statehood; therefore the vote in this election will decide the future of their children. "In these five years of the current government, only children and relatives of Congress leaders benefited. What did tribals, poor and backward people get? Congress gave you bad roads, bad schools and bad hospitals. They created a new record in corruption and violence is at an all-time high," Modi said. "Till now 4 crore poor people

Maoists kill 3 civilians: cops

Kondagaon: Members of the banned CPI (Maoist) killed three civilians in Kanker district on Thursday, police said.

Police said Kulle Katlami, 35, Manoj Kovachi, 22, and Dugge Kovachi, 27, were killed between in Morkhandi village near the Maharashtra border.

"A Maoist pamphlet at the crime spot alleged the trio were informers for C60 special force of Maharashtra police," police said. **ENS**

have already got pucca houses in India. If we come to power, we will make pucca houses for all the poor under the Awas Yojna," he said, adding that the Congress government did not implement the Centre's housing scheme in the state just because the credit would go to him (Modi).

He targeted Baghel, saying the CM does people's work only after taking 30% commission. "30% kaaka (uncle which Baghel is referred to as), apna kaam pakka," said Modi.

Shah slams Opp bloc: Alliance of dynasts, set up to adjust their sons

SUKHBIR SIWACH
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 2

SLAMMING THE Congress as a party of "cut, commission and corruption", Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said the INDIA bloc, which comprises 27 Opposition parties, was an alliance of "parivarvadi (dynasts)" meant to "adjust their sons".

Shah was speaking in Karnal during an Antyodaya Sammelan, organised to felicitate the programme's beneficiaries and mark the 58th anniversary of Haryana's formation. Shah launched five schemes for Antyodaya families during the event. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh, state BJP chief Nayab Singh Saini and others were also present.

Launching an attack on the Congress, Shah said the party was synonymous with "corruption and casteism". He added, "The Congress is a party of cut, commission and corruption. The hand of Congress (the party's



Amit Shah with Haryana CM ML Khattar in Karnal. PTI

election symbol) is not with the public of Haryana."

Slamming the INDIA bloc, Shah said, "Afraid of the development work done by (PM Narendra) Modi and his work aimed at securing the country, a ghamandia (arrogant) alliance was formed recently. Twenty-seven political parties joined hands as INDIA alliance. What is their job? Someone has to adjust his son, someone has to make his son the prime minister, someone has to help his son escape from (government) agencies, while someone has to make his son the chief minister..."

Blinken and Austin to visit India next week for 2+2 meet

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

FOR THE first time since the Israel-Hamas war began, US Secretary of State Antony J Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd J Austin will be visiting India next week for the India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will host the two US ministers on November 9-10. Announcing the visit on Thursday, the US State Department said Blinken will travel to Tel Aviv, Amman, Tokyo and Seoul from November 2-10. "The Secretary will then travel to New Delhi to participate in the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, joined by Secretary of Defence Lloyd J Austin III. The delegation will meet with Minister for External Affairs S Jaishankar, Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh, and other senior Indian officials to discuss both bilateral and global concerns and developments in Indo-Pacific."

Blinken last visited India in March this year for the G20 for-



Antony Blinken; Lloyd Austin

eign ministers' meeting in Delhi. With the Russia-Ukraine war still continuing, the Israel-Hamas war escalating, and China's assertiveness continuing in the Indo-Pacific, the two sides have a lot to discuss.

India will be hosting the US ministers two months after US President Joe Biden visited India for the G20 leaders' summit on September 9-10. India has invited Biden for the Republic Day celebrations, as part of its plan to host the Quad leaders' summit in January. This meeting will also take stock of Biden's possible travel plans.

The 2+2 dialogue is the highest level of stock-taking, encompassing a wide range of issues — from defence to nuclear and visas.

Singur, 15 yrs on: 'Tatas awarded compensation, TMC got power, what about us?'

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & ATRI MITRA
SINGUR, NOVEMBER 2

OFF THE Durgapur Expressway on National Highway 2, the land is dotted with mounds of soil and concrete, wildgrass, and dilapidated drainage pipes. Only small patches of land show signs of agriculture. It is here that Mamata Banerjee once led an agitation against the Tata Motors Singur manufacturing plant that helped propel her party to power in the state. Fifteen years later, while the TMC continues its rule in West Bengal, and Tata Motors has been awarded a sizeable compensation, those who once farmed here say they are the only "losers".

Earlier this week, an arbitration tribunal awarded Tata Motors Ltd Rs 766 crore in com-

ensation — recoverable from the West Bengal government — for its capital investment losses in the stalled manufacturing plant.

For the farmers staying there, though, life appears to have come to a standstill. After Mamata became the Chief Minister in 2011, her first Cabinet decision was to return 400 acres of land to "unwilling farmers" — those whose land had been acquired by the erstwhile Left government but had refused compensation.

Among them is Laxmi Santra (67), a resident of Beraber village. Standing next to her two cows, she says, "We had a small piece of land here and, like everyone, I was part of the agitation. I get Rs 2,000 per month and 16 kg rice (government compensation for unwilling farmers started by the TMC government). But that's it. I can't identify my land among the tall

grass, water and bushes here. We are stuck here for years now. I do not know about Tata's compensation. What about ours?"

Laxmi's problem is not unique — after the Tatas took away their machinery, what remained were remnants of concrete structures and roads where farmland once stood. Amid the overgrown foliage, it's virtually impossible to distinguish one person's land from the others.

Standing with his bicycle on one such narrow concrete road, 65-year-old Ashok Porel says he was one of the farmers who gave up his land willingly for the Tata project. "I had five bighas of land. Then the company withdrew their project from Singur. All these years later, I am yet to identify my land as there are no demarcations. The government said they will return land which is cul-



Abandoned pipes at the site in Singur. Partha Paul

tivable; can you really cultivate anything you see here?" he asks. "As I was a willing farmer, I don't get the government doles that 'unwilling farmers' get. And I got my land only on paper. I still

believe industry is the only way out of the mess here," says Porel, who lives with his wife and son. His son, who worked as a jewellery artisan in Saudi Arabia, returned during the pandemic and

is yet to get a job.

Porel says he could only use 13 cottahs of land near his residence for cultivation. "That too after engaging earth movers to clear the land of concrete and iron chunks."

Carrying a load of grass meant to be used as cattle fodder, Becharam Patra, 78, says he used to be a sharecropper. "We did not own land but worked on what others had. We didn't get any compensation; only monthly doles from the state government, which also stopped a few months ago. So many years later, everyone now says industry should be set up since this land is unusable," said Becharam, who lives with his wife and son in Khaser Bheri.

Roughly 20 minutes from the project area, Dr Udayan Das sits at his private nursing home in

Singur town. Of the 13 acres of his land that was acquired for the plant, he has been able to retrieve only 3 acres for use.

"If you ask me who won after the Singur land agitation, I would say the TMC. Some efforts were made by the state government but the land is neither demarcated nor cultivable," he said. "We cannot develop or sell the land either — the concrete roads are too narrow and heavy vehicles cannot ply. And huge investment is needed if you want to make it suitable for agriculture."

The state government continues to give Rs 2,000 and 16 kg of rice to each of the 3,611 people in Singur who have links to the land — including owners, sharecroppers and farm laborers.

Failing to till the land, some farmers have tried ponds and

fisheries. Among them is Dilip Samanta. "It will take time, but we are hopeful it will work," says the 65-year-old, who was one of the "unwilling farmers".

"We have formed a society with five people and are rearing fish in a huge water body. On the embankment we will go for fruit trees (horticulture)... No one was against industry here. We wanted 600 acres to be industry and 400 acres of fertile land to be left out," he says.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Becharam Manna, minister of state for panchayat and rural development department, who was among the leaders of the Singur land agitation, says, "Farming has started in many plots of land. The work for making the rest of the land suitable for agriculture is going on. This is all I can say. I will not comment on Tata's claim."

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IN BRIEF

NEW DELHI
NewsClick editor sent to jail till December 1

New Delhi: A Delhi court Thursday sent NewsClick founder-editor Prabir Purkayastha and its HR head Amit Chakraborty to 30-day judicial custody until December 1 in connection with the case filed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Purkayastha and Chakraborty were arrested last month by the Delhi Police Special Cell, which had registered an FIR in August under sections of the UAPA and the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Prior to this, Purkayastha and Chakraborty had spent nine days in police custody as the police alleged new witnesses and devices had emerged in the investigation and the accused had to be confronted regarding the same. **ENS**

UTTARAKHAND
MoUs worth Rs 94,000 cr signed: Dhami

Dehradun: Ahead of the Global Investors Summit next month, the Uttarakhand government has signed investment MoUs worth around Rs 94,000 crores during various road shows in India and abroad over the past month. Talking to the media in New Delhi after participating in a road show organised in Ahmedabad, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said that many agreements have been signed with investors in the fields of tourism, health, education, and pharma. **ENS**

BIHAR
1.2 lakh job letters handed over by Nitish

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Thursday distributed appointment letters to 1.20 lakh school teachers who were recently selected by Bihar Public Service Commission. On the state government's decision to give opportunity to candidates from outside Bihar, the CM said: "It is one country. When people of Bihar get opportunity in other states, it is also our duty to give opportunity to people from other states. We welcome candidates from other states." **ENS**

Staff 'ordered' to join march seeking extension of V-C, Visva-Bharati denies charge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 2

A FRESH controversy erupted at Visva-Bharati in West Bengal's Santiniketan after a section of the university's multi-tasking staff alleged that they were ordered to join a proposed march demanding an extension for the serving Vice-Chancellor Bidyut Chakraborty.

The march was scheduled ahead of the VC's retirement on November 8. The university authorities, however, denied the allegation, claiming that no such march was planned.

Sources said members of the multi-tasking staff wrote to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan that they were directed by the university authorities to join the proposed march and that their salaries were also stopped.

Visva-Bharati Faculty Association secretary Sudipta Bhattacharya said, "We have no

connection with the multi-tasking staff. But they also sent a copy to our association of the email that they sent to the Union Education Minister alleging that they were being forced to join the march."

A senior faculty member of the university said, "It is true that Bidyut Chakraborty had planned to organise a march wherein the multi-tasking staff members were to raise slogans seeking to get an extension for him. But now it seems that the march will be cancelled after the email."

Recently, a controversy broke out at the university over the absence of the name of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore from the plaques put up by the institution's authorities after Santiniketan earned a coveted spot on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

At a press conference last week, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee issued an ultimatum to the university demanding that Tagore's name be put on the

plaques in a day or face protests by the Trinamool Congress.

Following this, the ruling party's Birbhum district unit started a sit-in at Santiniketan. Later, Banerjee wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the ex officio Chancellor of the university, requesting to get the mistake rectified.

Governor CV Ananda Bose on Wednesday said any instance of Tagore's memory being "obliterated or ignored" was not welcome. "There are certain values that we cannot compromise on at any cost. Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore is for everyone in Bharat who sings the Jana Gana Mana (National Anthem). Gurudev is an emotion felt in our blood and hearts," the Governor told the media.

BJP MLA and Leader of Opposition in Assembly Suvendu Adhikari has also condemned the varsity's move, saying, "There can be no Visva-Bharati without Rabindranath. The error should be rectified."

ED summons Rajasthan Cong chief's sons in paper leak case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 2

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has summoned Rajasthan Congress president Govind Singh Dotsara's sons Abhilash and Avinash next week in connection with the REET examination paper leak case, sources say.

The ED had conducted raids on October 26 on properties linked to Dotsara and his two sons, prompting a sharp reaction from the Congress. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had compared the ED to a "locust swarm that comes from Pakistan and eats our crop."

Apart from Dotsara, the ED had conducted raids on properties linked to Independent MLA Om Prakash Hudla who has been fielded by the Congress in the coming Rajasthan Assembly elections. While there was no official statement from the ED, the raids on Dotsara and Hudla were in connection with the 2021 Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET) paper leaks.

This was the first time that raids were conducted on the two.

A day after the raids, Dotsara had said ED officials did not ask him a single question or take his statement. He had said that they did not take away even Re 1 or find any illegal document. All that they seized was his and his sons' phones, and took away the email in a pen drive.

He said the ED came to search his house in connection with the paper leak case but "the search warrant was in the name of my son Avinash Dotsara, who is an Accounts Officer". Apart from Dotsara's Jaipur and Sikar residences and his political office, he said the ED also searched the residence of his two sons who live on the same premises.

He said people keep linking him and his family to Kalam Academy — a coaching institute which was raided by the ED in connection with the paper leaks earlier. But neither he nor his sons nor any of his family members and relatives have any connection with the institute, he claimed.

ED officer, his aide held for taking Rs 15L bribe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 2

THE RAJASTHAN Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday arrested an Enforcement Directorate (ED) officer, posted in Manipur, and his associate for allegedly taking a bribe of Rs 15 lakh for settling a matter related to a chit fund case, officials said.

As per ACB Additional Director General Hemant Priyadarshy, a person had lodged a complaint with the agency stating that Naval Kishore Meena, an Enforcement Officer (EO) with the ED in Imphal, Manipur had been demanding Rs 17 lakh bribe for not attaching his property and not arresting him in a chit fund scam in Imphal.

After verifying the complaint, a team led by Dr Ravi, the Deputy Inspector General with the ACB in



Naval Kishore Meena and (right) Babulal Meena

Jaipur, nabbed Meena and his accomplice Babulal Meena in Jaipur while they were accepting the bribe of Rs 15 lakh. Both Naval Kishore and Babulal Meena are natives of Bassi in Jaipur. The ED said Naval Kishore was on a private visit to Jaipur after taking leave. The two are being questioned and a case will be lodged under the Prevention of Corruption Act against them, Priyadarshy said.

Later in the day, the ED cited the ACB statement and suspended Meena.

Bhutan King arrives on week-long visit today, 1st stop Assam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 2

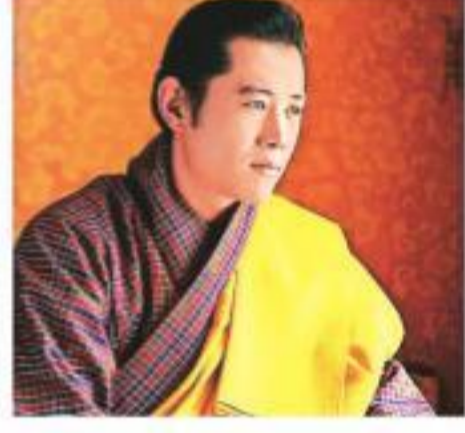
BHUTANESE KING Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck is coming to India on a week-long official visit, accompanied by senior officials of his government, on Friday. During the visit, which will conclude on November 10, he will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and other senior officials, as per a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs on Thursday.

Wangchuck will also visit Assam and Maharashtra during his visit, the MEA said, adding that the visit would provide an opportunity to both the sides "to review the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation and to advance the bilateral partnership across diverse sectors".

Significantly, the trip comes weeks after China and Bhutan held the 25th round of boundary talks in Beijing and signed an agreement on the "responsibilities and functions of the joint technical team on the delimitation and demarcation of the Bhutan-China boundary".

The Bhutanese King had also visited India earlier this year. The MEA said India and Bhutan enjoy unique ties of friendship and cooperation, characterised by understanding and mutual trust.

Wangchuck will make his first stop in Assam on Friday, the



Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. Wikimedia commons

first trip by any monarch of the neighbouring country to the northeastern state. He will arrive in New Delhi on Sunday for the next leg of his India trip. The queen will not accompany the monarch this time.

During his visit to Assam, Wangchuck will attend various programmes in the state and also visit Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its one-horned rhinos.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said India and Bhutan share a unique relationship which has strengthened with the passage of time. Ahead of the Bhutan King's visit, the Assam government on Wednesday approved the reservation of five seats for Bhutanese nationals in medical colleges in the state.

Assam shares a 265.8-km-long international border with Bhutan.

Delhi HC directs KV Sangathan to provide 4% quota for the disabled

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday directed Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) to provide 1 per cent reservation to deaf and hard of hearing people against total number of vacancies therein while noting that the body had not followed the mandate of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPWD).

A division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula said, "Not only this, the KVS shall provide 4 per cent reservation to the disabled persons in respect of total vacancies in the organisation — which is the mandate of law. The exercise of appointing disabled persons, including deaf and hard of hearing persons, be concluded within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this judgment".

The bench also observed that there is a mismatch between the understanding of different departments with regard to the mandate under the RPWD Act.

Whereas the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Nodal Ministry under RPWD Act) has upgraded the list of posts suitable for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), the thought had not percolated to the departments which conduct recruitment, the bench said.

The high court was hearing a suo motu petition and a petition filed by National Association of the Deaf.



LOOKING FOR LIGHT

People shop at a market in Vashi, Navi Mumbai, ahead of Diwali. Narendra Vaskar

A single vote & midnight recounting: SFI-KSU slugfest in a Kerala college

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 2

A STUDENT union election at Kerala Varma College in Thrissur, which which is managed by the Cochin Devaswom (temple) Board, has become the latest flashpoint between the LDF and the UDF. On Wednesday night, the Congress-backed Kerala Congress Union (KSU) candidate Sreekkuttan Sivadasan won the student union election by a single vote, ending the four-decade Students' Federation of India (SFI) rule in the college.

The KSU and the Congress cel-

ebrated this as a historic win. However, the SFI demanded recounting, and following this, leading to midnight, its candidate K S Anirudhan was declared the winner by a margin of 11 votes.

The KSU objected to the recounting, but the management gave the nod. The KSU boycotted the counting mid way, alleging that the returning officer was a member of a Left-affiliated teachers union and was acting in favour of the SFI. "When I was declared winner, the SFI demanded a recount. The power supply was cut on many occasions during recounting. We also doubt the role played by pro-Left teachers at the college in favour of the SFI. Several

invalid SFI votes were made valid. The number of ballots kept increasing. The management rejected our demand that recounting should be held in daylight," said Sreekkuttan, who is visually impaired.

SFI state president P M Arsho said the KSU had "boycotted the recounting realising that they were losing" and said they could take up a legal fight if they wanted to. Congress state president K Sudhakaran alleged that recounting was held four times at the college to help the SFI. "The party would support KSU in the legal fight," he said.

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SDM who summoned UP Governor in land case suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 2

THE SUB-DIVISIONAL magistrate (judicial) in Badaun district, who had summoned Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel in a land acquisition case, and his staff member have been suspended by the Uttar Pradesh government, officials said on Thursday.

District Magistrate Manoj Kumar said Badaun SDM (judicial) Vineet Kumar was suspended along with his 'peshkar' (staff member who presents files to the officer) on Wednesday in connection with the summons he had sent to the Governor.

A district administration official said the DM had a few days ago issued a warning to the officer and his official and that a report was also sent to the state government. Responding to the summons the Governor's office cited the constitutional immunity she enjoys against such actions.

The case was related to a land dispute petition filed by one Chandrasah, a resident of Loda Baheri village in the SDM court, making another person and the Governor parties. Chandrasah had alleged that a relative got the property of his aunt Katori Devi registered in his name. The land was later sold and subsequently acquired by the government after paying a compensation of Rs 12 lakh, Chandrasah claimed. While hearing the petition, the SDM issued summons in the name of the person, who had bought the land, and to the Governor.

Developing countries need at least 10 times more funds for climate adaptation: UN report

AMITABH SINHA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

DESPITE RAPIDLY increasing climate risks, which necessitate greater efforts to adapt, the money being made available to developing countries for adaptation measures has been declining and is nowhere close to the scale of requirement, a new UN report has revealed.

In 2021, just about USD 21 billion flowed to developing countries for adaptation projects, which was down about 15% from the previous years. However, a fresh assessment of the requirements show that developing countries, together, need at least USD 215 billion every year this decade to carry out meaningful adaptation work, the latest edition of Adaptation Gap Report, released by UN Environment Programme, says.

The Adaptation Gap Report is an annual publication from UNEP, released just ahead of the year-ending climate change conference, and presents the global situation of adaptation to climate change. This year's report focuses on adaptation finance.

Adaptation is crucial to saving lives and ecosystems, especially in

EXPLAINED
How gap in adaptation is assessed

THE ADAPTATION Gap Report assessed the current need for adaptation finance in two ways. It put together all the requirements put forward by the developing countries and that came to USD 387 billion every year this decade. Separately, it did a modelling exercise of the kind of adaptation that was required and the money needed for it. That exercise yielded a sum of USD 215 billion every year in this decade.

developing and most vulnerable countries with low resilience. Depending on their specific needs, countries have been taking a range of adaptation measures. These can be in the form of strengthening of coastlines, or building of sea walls, especially in island countries, experiments with newer temperature-resistant food crops, creation of climate-resilient infrastructure, securing sources of water, and a

whole lot of other efforts that help the local populations cope better with rising temperatures.

All these efforts require money. Under the international climate change architecture, developed countries are mandated to provide money, and technology, to help the developing countries adapt to climate change. Developing countries can do whatever they can with their own resources, but are entitled to seek international financial help.

Most developing countries have listed their adaptation requirements in their climate action plans, called Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The NDCs seek to document every country's 'contribution' to the fight against climate change.

"The adaptation finance gap — that is the difference between estimated adaptation financing needs and costs (USD 215 billion to USD 387 billion) and (existing) finance flows (USD 21.3 billion) — has grown. The adaptation gap is likely 10-18 times as great as current international adaptation finance flows — at least 50% higher than previous range estimates," the report says.

Efforts are being made to increase the finance flows, not just

for adaptation, but for all other kinds of climate needs, together called climate finance. Developed countries had promised in 2009 to mobilise at least USD 100 billion in climate finance every year from 2020 but even three years after the deadline, that amount has not been realised. The need for climate finance, meanwhile, has skyrocketed and is now assessed to be in trillions of dollars every year.

At the Glasgow climate conference in 2021, the developed countries had committed themselves to double the money for adaptation. Separately, there is also an agreement that a new climate financing goal, over and above USD 100 billion every year, would be set by 2025.

But the report suggests that the current ambition on raising climate finance would not be enough. "While the doubling of adaptation finance by 2025 and the new collective quantified goal for 2030 that is under deliberation will be instrumental in helping to close this finance gap, the increase in international public finance alone is unlikely to close it. For example, achieving the goal of doubling adaptation finance (by 2025) would only reduce the gap by 5% to 10%," the report says.

TN fact-checking unit to act against complaints, focus on social media

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 2

THE TAMIL Nadu government has ordered the setting up of a fact checking unit (FCU) to combat the spread of misinformation, hate speech and fake news.

According to a recent Government Order, the unit will comprise 80 staff members, and will be aimed at tackling misleading narratives across all media platforms, with special attention to social media. Categorized under the Special Programme Implementation Department, the unit will have autonomy to take proactive steps on complaints. It will have a Central Task Force headquartered in Chennai, and information analysts in all districts. Prominent Tamil YouTuber Iyan Karthikeyan, who runs a fact-checking channel, will head the unit. According to the order, the FCU will also disseminate fact-checked information through platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube. The Karnataka government has also set up a fact-checking unit.

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Branch : Patna (Main) Borrower-M/S Kunal Warehouse Prop. Mr. Kunal Singh at Village - Mohamadpur, Dhawalpura Mohali Road, Patna-800009 Date of Demand Notice: 26.07.2023 Date of Possession : 30.10.2023 Rs. 44,37,923.28-/(Rupees Forty Four Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Three and Paise Twenty eight Only) as on 22.07.2023 plus further Interest and charges w.e.f.23.07.2023	All that part and parcel of the property of Registered Mortgage of land measuring an area of 15 Katha situated at Mauza- Mohamadpur Baratpur, P.S- Didarganj, bearing plot no- 93, Khata no-164, Thana no- 35 and within jurisdiction of sub registry office Patna city vide Deed no- 8136 dated 26.07.2021 Dist- Patna Boundary: North - Punya Devi East-20ft wide road South -Rajkiya Kanya Uchh Vidyalaya West -Sanjay Marbari

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74,542

The highest margin in Rajasthan in 2018, when BJP's Kailash Mehwal defeated Congress's Mahaveer Prasad in Shahpura.

'YAHAN BHUPESH, WAHAN MODI'

BJP reels from absence of faces, banks on Modi, Yogi to strike a chord

A weak state BJP is being seen as giving an advantage to Cong despite graft allegations against Baghel govt



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a poll campaign event in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district in September. File

VIKAS PATHAK
RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 2

SITTING OUTSIDE his small house in Pantora village in Chhattisgarh, Pawan Kumar is having a chat with his family and friends. Pawan says the farm loan waiver promised by the incumbent Congress is an issue in the upcoming Assembly polls. Noting that elections are still some days away for him to take his call, he says Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is likely to win his seat.

When asked what would happen in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Pawan says, "Yahaan Bhupesh, wahaan Modi (Bhupesh in the state, Modi at the Centre)." Asked what he likes about the Prime Minister, Kumar smiles, saying "India came up from number 55 in the world to number 5 in the last nine years under Modi. The whole world is in awe of him. The country is moving forward at a quick pace under him." He is, however, unable to explain in what sense India rose from "number 55 to number 5".

The north Chhattisgarh region has the Sahu, Gond, Devangi (weavers) and Kurmi communities in significant numbers.

A little distance away from Pantora village, Ajay Chandrakar, an OBC Kurmi, appears to be unhappy with the administration under Baghel, who also belongs to the Kurmi community. He laments that there is no sunwai

(response) in the collectorate even in the CM's own constituency. He says the CM's nephew may put up a stiff fight and even spring a surprise.

Ajay then describes how the administration should ideally be. "No one hears us in the Chief Minister's constituency. Look at Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath. If there is any laxity there (UP), he (Adityanath)

knows how to act tough. Bulldozer *chalwa denge* (Adityanath will roll out the bulldozers)," he says.

In these talks in different belts weeks before the polls, people barely mention any state BJP leader unless asked about them. State BJP president Arun Sao, who is contesting the Assembly poll this time, was not mentioned even once. This ap-

plied even to Raman Singh, Chhattisgarh's longest-serving CM, who is considered as the BJP's tallest leader in the state.

While CM Baghel is mentioned, albeit not always in flattering terms, by many people in such conversations, the state BJP leadership seems to be missing from them altogether. If there is a perception that the BJP is stepping up to fight the Congress, which has an edge, it is due to local candidates, who are discussed instead of the state party brass.

Some BJP supporters in Kawardha, the hometown of Raman Singh, compared the local party candidate, Vijay Sharma, to Adityanath. "If you see the way Vijay Sharma talks in the collectorate on behalf of residents, it will remind you of the style of Yogi Adityanath," said Hansraj Sahu, a local farmer.

After the mention of PM Modi and CM Yogi, the BJP figures in public discourse through local candidates in their constituencies. Be it Vijay Sharma in Kawardha, who is taking on minister and sitting Congress MLA Mohammad Akbar — who

had won the seat in 2018 by 60,000 votes against the BJP's Ashok Sahu — or Ishwar Sahu, a "class 5-pass" BJP worker, the party's surprise candidate from Saja, whose son Bhuneshwar Sahu was killed during a communal riot in Biranpur in April. There appears to be sympathy among locals for Ishwar Sahu, in whom they see a common man.

That the state BJP leadership is not resonating with people is being seen as giving an advantage to the Congress despite allegations of misgovernance and corruption against the Baghel government.

The lack of its satraps in Chhattisgarh poses a formidable challenge to the BJP in this election, with even Raman Singh having kept a low profile on the political scene in the last five years. The party has also not projected any chief ministerial candidate, thus not offering a face the voters can talk about.

As regards the Lok Sabha polls though, there seems to be enthusiasm on the ground for Modi, which is also marked by a glowing reference to Adityanath.

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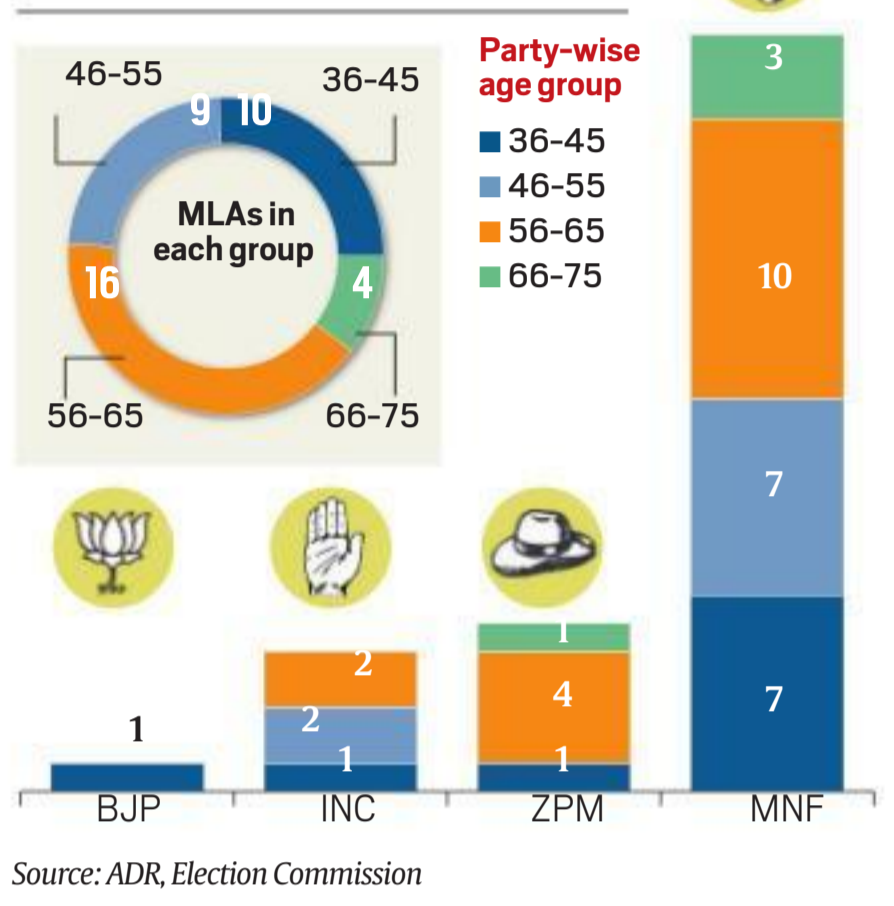
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'BJP has 12 leaders on its hoardings ... If it is ashamed to project Shivraj Singh Chouhan as CM, there must be a reason'

VIKAS PATHAK
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 2

IN THE three years since his government fell, Madhya Pradesh Congress president Kamal Nath, known for his political nous, has steered the party into serious contention for power, with him its undeclared CM face. In an interview, he speaks about the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government's welfare schemes, divisions within the Congress, and the party's soft Hindutva push. Excerpts:

changed its strategy. Go to the ground and see the condition of the Union ministers (fielded by the BJP).

You have given 59 promises and 101 main guarantees. Are these fiscally prudent?

India is a welfare state. Mahatma Gandhi always said we need to wipe the tears of the last person in the queue... I never promise anything that I cannot deliver. Whatever we have announced, we have already done the financial calculations for it... In our last government, when we announced a farm loan waiver, people asked where the money would come from, even officials wondered. But we found a way out and waived the loans of 27 lakh farmers. Had my government not fallen, the loans of other farmers would also have been waived off. We will do that this time. It all depends on how you control corruption and what your priorities are. Shivraj believes in television; I believe in vision...

The Congress tasted success in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka with similar poll guarantees. So is this going to be its template for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections as well?

Every election is different and every state is different. But it is certain that when we perform well... we will reap the benefits in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Why do you think the MP Congress has been a divided house for so long?

Had you spent 10 days in MP, you would have not asked this question. What so-called experts



THE EXPRESS
INTERVIEW
WITH
KAMAL NATH
MADHYA PRADESH
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Rajiv that included Gandhian values, and talked about his desire for a Ram temple.

Taala khola... Rajiv Gandhi got the locks (of the Ram temple at the Babri Masjid site) opened. Let us not forget history. The Ram temple (in Ayodhya) does not belong to any one party or person, but to the country and to every citizen. The BJP wants to usurp the Ram temple as its property... They were in government, they built it. *Apne ghar se toh banaya nahin hai. Government ke paise se banaya hai* (They haven't built it with their own money. It's the government's money).

Your relationship with Digvijaya Singh dates back to the 1980s. Now there are reports of differences...

The media need not worry about Digvijaya Singh and me. We keep indulging in casual banter. Even today we have been working together since morning and, after this interview, we will get together to complete the remaining work in the neighbouring room... The Congress is united.

INDIA allies Samajwadi Party, Aam Aadmi Party and JD(U) are contesting in MP.

This election is between the Congress and BJP, between the BJP's organisation and Congress. These small parties they understand *ki koi jaati ya rishiedari par vote de de* (that someone may vote on caste or kinship lines), (but) it is an election between the BJP and Congress.

FULL INTERVIEW ON www.indianexpress.com

and people in Delhi are seeing is not the ground reality. If there is infighting anywhere, it is in the BJP. It has photographs of 12 leaders on their posters and hoardings. Had they been united, they would have projected one face...

One of the things in Chouhan's favour is his schemes for women.

If Chouhan has indeed rolled out so many schemes for women, women of MP should certainly be aware of them. What we certainly know is that he has made MP No. 1 in atrocities against women.

Months after stepping down as CM in 2020, you issued an advertisement crediting the late Rajiv Gandhi with 'Ram



LOOKING BACK

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann at a roadshow in Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh, on Thursday. Earlier in the day, Kejriwal skipped an Enforcement Directorate summons for questioning in the liquor policy case. PTI

Raje confidant dropped, BJP names candidates against Gehlot and Pilot

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 2

THE BJP on Thursday released its third list of candidates for the Rajasthan Assembly elections, announcing names for 58 seats.

One of the major takeaways from the list released is the BJP choosing to not field Vasundhara Raje's close confidant Yunus Khan, a former minister, either from Deedwana that he has twice represented as MLA or Tonk from where the BJP fielded him in 2018 against Congress leader Sachin Pilot. The BJP has fielded Jitendra Singh Jodha from Deedwana. In 2018, Jodha was



Yunus Khan is an ex-minister

also the BJP candidate in the 2018 Assembly elections but lost to the Congress's Chetan Dudi.

From Tonk, the party has fielded former MLA Ajit Singh Mehta against Pilot, the incumbent MLA. Mehta represented

Tonk from 2013 to 2018 but was denied the ticket in 2018 when the party fielded Khan there.

From Jodhpur's Sardarpura seat, the BJP has fielded former Jodhpur Development Authority (JDA) chairperson Mahendra Singh Rathore who will take on Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. Gehlot has won the seat five consecutive times.

However, much like the second list, the third list of the BJP has many names from Raje's past council of ministers and her supporters, including Prabhulal Saini from Hindoli, Dhan Singh Rawat from Banswara, Gajendra Singh Khinvasar from Lohawat, and Ajay Singh Kilak from Degana.

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Former Rajasthan Deputy CM, Cong nominee from Tonk

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LIABILITIES:
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SOURCE OF INCOME:
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EDUCATION:
MBA from the Wharton Business School, US

TELANGANA Several BC leaders and old-timers in BJP third list

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 2

THE BJP's third list of 35 candidates for the Telangana Assembly elections, released on Thursday, include actor P Babu Mohan, former member of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Marri Sashidhar Reddy, state party vice-president Yendala Laxminarayana, former minister C Krishna Yadav, and ex-MLA NVSS Prabhakar.

With this list, the BJP has so far declared 88 candidates out of 119 seats for the November 30 elections. By keeping 31 seats pending, the BJP is keeping a few seats to placate any possible rebel candidates in the fray. It is also holding alliance talks with actor-turned-politician K Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party (JSP), whom it might allocate some seats.

The BJP's third list features 13 BC (backward classes), 3 ST (Scheduled Tribes), 5 SC (Scheduled Castes) and 14 OC (open category or general category) candidates.

Twenty of the BJP's 52 candidates in the first list belong to the BC communities. Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently promised to give a backward class CM if the party is voted to power.

C Sriatha Reddy is the lone woman in the third list. She will contest from Huzurnagar. The party has rewarded many long-time party loyalists with tickets.

SEEKING DIVINE HELP

When KCR presses pray: 3-day yagam for 'BRS victory, state benefit'

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 2

TIMED TO conclude as the nomination filing process begins Friday, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, who has in the past turned to rituals to pray for the formation of Telangana and for mitigating agrarian distress, is in the midst of a special three-day yagam for the "well-being of the state and his party's victory".

The Raja Shyamala Sahita Subramanyeswara Yagam, being conducted by the seers of the Visakha Sri Sharada Peetham, Swarupanandendra and Swatmanandendra, along with

170 Vedic priests from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, is being held at the CM's farmhouse at Erravalli village in Siddipet district.

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders said the CM is performing the yagam to "bring good fortunes to the state". "The yagam ensures victory to the performer or ruler," a BRS leader said.

On Thursday, a source said, three lakh raja shyamala mantras were chanted, along with a shatha chandi yagam conducted "for the state's well-being". The indra sukta homam and nava-graha sukta homam were performed for the "preservation of the whole world", they said.

This is the third time KCR, who has earlier changed layout of the Secretariat for Vastu reasons, is holding a yagam.

In December 2015, KCR had performed a five-day ritual called the Ayutha Chandi Maha Yagnam, involving 1,500 priests. KCR had hired choppers and chartered planes to personally fly down to invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, religious heads and seers for the event.

The scale of the event had attracted criticism from the Opposition, which accused the CM of resorting to religious rituals while the state was battling



Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao, or KCR, at a yagam at his farmhouse in the village of Erravalli in Siddipet district. Express

an agrarian crisis and at a time when 55% of the mandals in the state were facing water shortage.

He had held another yagam, on a much lower scale, in May 2011, for the early formation of Telangana.

The ongoing three-day ritual comes amidst an election where the Congress seems confident of giving it a tough fight, taking heart from its Karnataka win earlier this year. The BJP, which looked on course to replace the Congress as the main opposition after a string of poll victories in the state since 2020, has lost steam.

While KCR's yagam will wind up on Friday, others will be hoping to propitiate the gods. BJP

leaders T Raja Singh and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and Telangana PCC chief A Revanth Reddy are set to perform rituals at the Bhagya Lakshmi temple near Charminar before they file their nominations.

Sanjay Kumar, who is contesting from the Karimnagar seat, will also perform rituals at the Yadadri temple and pray for his party's victory.

Medak BRS MLA Padma Devender Reddy will go to the Edupayala Vana Durga temple and take a dip in the Manjeera river for her third consecutive victory; the BRS' Ramagundam incumbent MLA K Chander will go to the Trilanga Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple.

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6	Hockey	02	--
7	Handball	05	--
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10	Volleyball	02	--
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Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the total outstanding amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Since the below mentioned Borrowers having failed to repay the below stated amount within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule mentioned properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited and further interest and other charges thereon. 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 Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Symbolic possession taken date
1	BRANCH - Alwar LOAN NO - SEIBAWR0249154 BORROWER : MRS.SHAKIRAN Co-Borrower : MR.JAMALU, MR.SABIR	All that pieces and parcels of non-agriculture property being Residential Property Situated at Patta no. 020, Village Sherpur, Gram Panchayat Chidwa, Panchayat Samiti Ramgarh, Tehsil Ramgarh, District Alwar Rajasthan, admeasuring area 46 Sq.yards/ 414 Sq. feet with all present and future superstructure thereon. Four corners of the Said Property:- North : House of Fazu, South : House of Shamsu, East : Common Way, West : Self House. Admeasuring area 46 Sq. yards/ 414 Sq. Feet	27-04-2023 & 180610	30-10-2023
2	BRANCH - Rajsamand LOAN NO - SERJMNDO253056 BORROWER : MR.LALU RAM Co-Borrower : MRS.KAMLA	All that pieces and parcels of non-agriculture property being Residential Property having situated at R/o Resides at Khasra no.2247, House No.591, Village Kuthwa, Gram (panchayat) Kuthwa, Panchayat Samiti Amet, Tehsil Nathdwara District Rajsamand (Raj.) and measuring area 900 Sq.Ft. with all present and future superstructure thereon. Four corners of the Said Property:- East : Padat Lend & Public Way, West : Public Way, North : Padat Lend, South- Padat Lend Shiv Singh	02-05-2023 & 214346	02-11-2023
3	BRANCH - Bhiwara LOAN NO - EMFBLWAR0014599 BORROWER : MR.BHAGWAN LAL GADRI Co-Borrower : MRS.PANI GADRI	All that pieces and parcels of non-agriculture property being Residential Property having Parca No 365, Situated at Gadi Mohalla, Near Charbhujia ji Temple, Village Srinagar, Gram panchayat Kodu Kota, Panchayat Samiti Suwana, Tehsil and District Bhiwara Rajasthan, admeasuring are 184.89 Sq yard / 1664 Sq. Ft. with all present and future superstructure thereon. Four Corners of the Said Property North : Common Way South :Open Land East : House Of Nand Lal/Dhanna Gadri West : House of Kailsash Nath/Laxmannath Admeasuring Area 184.89 Sq.Yard.	06-07-2022 & 596068	31-10-2023

Date - 03.11.2023, Place - Rajasthan Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

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[कार्यालय जिला मजिस्ट्रेट (दक्षिण-पूर्व)]
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फार्म - V

फा० सं० एडीएम/एलएस/एसई/2023/04/655-भूमि अधिग्रहण, पुनर्वास और पुनःस्थापन का उचित मुआवजा और पारदर्शिता अधिकार अधिनियम 2013 की धारा 19 (1), भूमि अधिग्रहण, पुनर्वास और पुनः स्थापन का उचित मुआवजा और पारदर्शिता अधिकार अधिनियम 2013 (मुआवजा, पुनर्वास और पुनःस्थापन, विकास योजना) नियम 2015 के नियम सं. 10 के अनुसार] के अंतर्गत गांव नांगली रजापुर के खसरा संख्या 8/2/1 (2786.240 वर्ग मीटर) 13/2/1 (3512.197 वर्ग मीटर), कुल 6298.437 वर्ग मीटर, सराय कालेखां से मयूर विहार, नई दिल्ली तक बारापुला नाले के ऊपर एलिवेटेड रोड के तीसरे चरण के निर्माण हेतु भूमि के प्रस्तावित अधिग्रहण के संबंध में घोषणा ।
जबकि सरकार को ऐसा प्रतीत होता है कि लोक प्रयोजनार्थ सराय कालेखां से मयूर विहार, नई दिल्ली तक बारापुला नाले के ऊपर एलिवेटेड रोड के तीसरे चरण निर्माण हेतु ग्राम-नांगली रजापुर उपमंडल डिफेंस कॉलोनी, जिला दक्षिण-पूर्व दिल्ली में कुल 0.6298437 हेक्टेयर भूमि अधिग्रहित है।
इसलिए घोषणा की जाती है की उपयुक्त परियोजना के लिए अर्जन के अधीन एक भूखंड है जिसका क्षेत्रफल कुल 0.6298437 हेक्टेयर है जो ग्राम नांगली रजापुर, उपखंड डिफेंस कॉलोनी, जिला दक्षिण पूर्व दिल्ली में है एवं जिसका विस्तृत व्यौर निम्नलिखित है:

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						उ.	द.	पू.	प.
1.	8 मिन (नवीन खसरा संख्या 8/2/1)	निजी	कृषि (सैलाब नदी तटबंध)	0.2786240 (2786.240 वर्ग मीटर)	थोक हिरा सिंह और थोक रामवन्श उनके हिस्से अनुसार	खसरा संख्या .8/1	खसरा संख्या .8/2/2	खसरा संख्या No. 6/1/2	खसरा संख्या No. 13/2/1
2.	13 मिन (नवीन खसरा संख्या 13/2/1)	निजी	कृषि (सैलाब नदी तटबंध)	0.3512197 (3512.197 वर्ग मीटर)	थोक हिरा सिंह और थोक रामवन्श उनके हिस्से अनुसार	खसरा संख्या .13/1	खसरा संख्या .13/2/2	खसरा संख्या .8/2/1	अन्य भाग खसरा संख्या 1 मिन

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यह घोषणा हितबद्ध व्यक्तियों के आक्षेपों को सुनने और भूमि अधिग्रहण, पुनर्वास और पुनःस्थापन का उचित मुआवजा और पारदर्शिता अधिकार अधिनियम, 2013 की धारा 15 में यथा उपबंधित सम्यक जाँच करने के पश्चात की गयी है। भूमि अधिग्रहण के कारण पुनर्वासित होने वाले परिवारों की संख्या शून्य है और इसलिए पुनर्वास की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है। इसके अलावा, कोयला, लौह - पत्थर, स्लेट या अन्य खनिजों की कोई खदान नहीं है जिसे खोदा जाए या खोदने की अनुमति दी जाए।
भूमि की योजना का निरीक्षण कलेक्टर, दक्षिण-पूर्व के कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्य दिवस पर किया जा सकता है और यह मंडल आयुक्त (राजस्व) और जिला मजिस्ट्रेट, (दक्षिण-पूर्व) की वेबसाइट पर भी उपलब्ध होगा।
पुनर्वास एवं पुनःस्थापन योजना का सारांश संलग्न है।

पुनर्वास एवं पुनःस्थापन योजना का सारांश
1 परियोजना का नाम (खसरा संख्या 8/2/1(2786.240 वर्ग मीटर) 13/2/1 (3512.197 वर्ग मीटर), कुल 6298.437 वर्ग मीटर) पर एलिवेटेड रोड के निर्माण के लिए
परियोजना का तीसरा चरण, सराय कालेखां से मयूर विहार, नई दिल्ली तक बारापुला नाले पर एलिवेटेड रोड के निर्माण के लिए
संयुक्त सर्वेक्षण दिनांक 21.08.2023 के समय प्रस्तावित भूमि पासल में कोई कच्ची झोपड़ी या मोटे तौर पर निर्मित आश्रय नहीं पाए गए। किसी भी व्यक्ति का विस्थापन नहीं हुआ है। तदनुसार, परियोजना के लिए भूमि अधिग्रहण के संबंध में किसी पुनर्वास और पुनःस्थापन की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

आशिश कुंद्रा, भा. प्र. से. प्रधान सचिव (राजस्व)/मंडल आयुक्त

REVENUE DEPARTMENT [District Magistrate (South-East)] NOTIFICATION
Delhi, the 1st November, 2023
DECLARATION Form V

F.No. ADM/LAC/SE/2023/04/655.—The Declaration under Section 19 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 [in accordance with Rule 10 the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Compensation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Development Plan) Rules, 2015] regarding the proposed acquisition of land bearing khasra no. 8/2/1 (2786.240 Sqm.) (0.2786240 Hectares) & 13/2/1 (3512.197 Sqm.) (0.3512197 Hectares) total land measuring (6298.437 Sqm.) (0.6298437 Hectares) in village NangliRazapur for construction of 3rd Phase of Elevated Road on BarapullaNallah from Sarai Kale Khan to MayurVihar, Delhi.

Whereas it appears to the Government that a total land of 0.6298437 Hectares is required in the Village-NangliRazapur, Sub-Division Defence Colony, District South-East, Delhi for the public purpose, namely 3rd Phase of Elevated Road on BarapullaNallah from Sarai Kale Khan to MayurVihar, Delhi.

Therefore, the declaration is made that a piece of land measuring 0.6298437 Hectares for the above said project in the Village NangliRazapur.Sub-Division -Defence Colony, District South-East, whosedetailed description is as following:-

S. No.	Survey No./Khasra No.	Type of Title	Type of Land	Area under acquisition (in hectares)	Name/address of person interested	Boundaries			
						N	S	E	W
1.	8 Min (New Khasra No. 8/2/1)	Private	Agriculture (Sailab River Bund)	0.2786240 (2786.240 sqm.)	Thok Hira Singh & Thok Rambaksh as per their respective shares	Kh. No.8/1	Kh. No.8/2/2	Kh. No.6/1/2	Kh. No.13/2/1
2.	13 Min (New Khasra No. 13/2/1)	Private	Agriculture (Sailab River Bund)	0.3512197 (3512.197 sqm.)	Thok Hira Singh & Thok Rambaksh as per their respective shares	Kh. No.13/1	Kh. No.13/2/2	Kh. No.8/2/1	Part of Kh.No.1Min
Trees						Structure			
		Variety	Number			Variety		Number	
		Bakayan	01			Nil		Nil	

This declaration is being made after hearing of objections of person interested and due enquiry as provided u/s 15 of RFCTLARR Act, 2013 (30 of 2013). No objections have been received. The number of families likely to be resettled due to land acquisition is NIL and as such no Resettlement needed. Further, there are no Mines of Coal, Iron-Stone, Slate or other minerals which are to be dug or permitted to be dug.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector, South-East on any working day and the same shall also be available on the website of the Divisional Commissioner (Revenue) and the District Magistrate, (South-East), Delhi.

A summary of the Rehabilitation & Resettlement Scheme is appended.
Enclosure: As above.

SUMMARY FOR REHABILITATION & RESETTLEMENT SCHEME

1.Name of Project (Kh No.8/2/1 2786.240 Sqm.) & Kh No.13/2/1 3512.197 Sqm. Total 6298.437 Sqm.)	3rd Phase of the Project, for Construction of Elevated Road over the BarapullaNallah starting from Sarai Kale Khan to MayurVihar, New Delhi
2. In the proposed land parcel no kachcha huts or roughly built shelters were found at the time of joint survey dt. 21.08.2023. There is no displacement of any person. Accordingly, no rehabilitation and resettlement is required in connection with acquisition of land for the project.	

ASHISH KUNDRA, IAS Pr. Secy. (Revenue) / Divisional Commissioner

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WORDLY WISE
THE REAL OBJECTION TO THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CATS IS THEIR INSUFFERABLE AIR OF SUPERIORITY.
— P G WODEHOUSE

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Moment of reckoning

However Maharashtra government resolves Maratha quota issue, it will alter state's political landscape



GIRISH KUBER

STEADY PICKUP

With healthy growth in direct tax and GST revenues, Centre's fiscal arithmetic looks manageable

IN THE FIRST four months of the ongoing financial year, the central government's gross tax revenues had been fairly subdued. This had raised concerns over its fiscal math. However, collections picked up sharply in August, driven by direct taxes. Recent data released by the Controller General of Accounts shows that this surge has continued thereafter. In September, gross tax collections grew by a healthy 15.8 per cent. As a consequence, the Union government's tax revenue has grown at a robust 16.3 per cent in the first half of the year. This is in sharp contrast to the Union budget which had factored in tax revenues to grow at around 10 per cent. These are encouraging signs.

The disaggregated data show that direct tax collections, which include both corporate and personal income tax, continue to grow at a healthy clip, with the former growing at 27 per cent in September, reflecting healthy advance tax inflows. Overall direct tax revenues have grown at 25 per cent in the first six months of the year, roughly half of the full year's target. On the indirect tax side too, revenue has been healthy. Data released on Wednesday showed that GST collections rose by 13.4 per cent in September. With this print, GST collections have now averaged at Rs 1.66 lakh crore per month during April-October 2023, up 11.4 per cent from Rs 1.49 lakh crore during April-October 2022. This sustained increase in collections is not only indicative of the underlying momentum in the economy, the pre-festive push, but also a tightening of the tax systems to reduce evasion. Excise collections though remain below last year's levels. On the non-tax side, the higher than budgeted transfer from the RBI will provide some cushion. However, the subdued proceeds from disinvestment remain a matter of concern. As against a target of Rs 61,000 crore, collections have so far only touched Rs 8,000 crore. Alongside, tax devolution to states continues to grow at a fairly brisk pace. Till September, the Centre had transferred Rs 4.55 lakh crore to states, up 21 per cent from last year. To meet the budget target, the government has to devote Rs 5.66 lakh crore, roughly similar to that last year.

On the expenditure side, total central government spending was up 16 per cent in the first half of the year. Capital expenditure has continued to grow at a healthy pace, registering a growth of 29 per cent in September. In the first six months of the year, the Centre's capex has risen by a robust 43 per cent, touching almost half of its full-year target. While it is possible that expenditure on NREGA may end up exceeding the budget allocation, and that proceeds from disinvestment undershoot the target, higher tax and non-tax collections could provide some cushion. Considering these trends, the Centre's fiscal arithmetic looks manageable.

TRICKY TERRAIN

Cracking down on those who support Palestine, inviting Hamas to address a rally — both shrink the narrow space for diplomacy

TELL ME WHAT I did wrong?" The question by nonagenarian former Jan Sangh (the precursor to the BJP) MP Sheikh Abdul Rehman has special resonance in the aftermath of Hamas's horrific terrorist attack on October 7 and Israel's ongoing disproportionate response. Rehman was placed in "preventive detention" over a proposed solidarity meeting in Jammu for the victims of violence in Gaza. While Rehman's case stands out, protestors have been detained by police from Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka to Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. Such crackdowns are problematic on at least two levels. First, as Rehman pointed out, there is a fundamental problem with curbing the right to assembly and expression, especially because Prime Minister Narendra Modi, like all his predecessors, has expressed sympathy with Palestinians. Days after he condemned the terror attacks and affirmed solidarity with the people of Israel, he underlined support to the cause of the Palestinian state. Second, the detentions threaten to undermine the careful nuance that India's foreign policy has maintained on the conflict.

New Delhi has made subtle but essential distinctions between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority and condemned the attacks and kidnappings by the former while maintaining ties with the latter. There are also strategic and economic imperatives at play in the ties with Tel Aviv. Players in the region have recognised this complexity. In an interview to this newspaper, Jordan's ambassador to India Mohamed El Kayed said, "We think India has an important role to play concerning humanitarian aid and the historic Indian position regarding the problems Palestinians face for long." That's why UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's warning against "any activity contrary" to the views of the Centre on Israel-Palestine a day after a students' protest in Aligarh strikes many a discordant note. At the same time, the Jamaat-e-Islami's youth wing's decision to invite a former Hamas chief for a virtual address needs strong condemnation given the blood on Hamas hands. Similarly, the decision by the Indian Union Muslim League to practically boycott Shashi Tharoor after the Congress leader described Hamas as a "terrorist" organisation hardly does any service to the cause for peace in the region. Rehman's question of the Jammu and Kashmir police could well be asked by Tharoor of the Congress's ally in Kerala.

The complex legacy of strife and violence in Palestine should not be belittled by oversimplified political rhetoric. Nor should the rights of Indian citizens to express solidarity or protest be curtailed. The suffering of innocent children, women and men in Gaza needs all support, moral, political and material. A support that makes it clear that terror is no bargaining chip. Given the myriad fault-lines, this is no easy terrain to navigate. Using the Israel-Palestinian crisis in the wake of the Hamas's attack to sharpen the divides in domestic politics makes the terrain more tricky — and New Delhi's next steps more fraught.

READING A CAT

What goes on in the minds of these enigmatic creatures?
A new study may hold the key

FOR CENTURIES, CATS have been among human beings' closest companions. So, it was about time someone came along who could decode what exactly is going on in the minds of these furry little despots. Do they really want you to get up from that comfortable chair and open the door, or are they simply messing with you and will, as soon as you've closed the door, demand to be let in again? And do they really see something when they suddenly stare fixedly over your shoulder — when you know for certain that there is no one else in the house — or is this something that, in a human context, would be referred to as a "mind game"?

Ailurophiles would be happy to hear of a recent study by UCLA researchers, which claims to have cracked the facial code of cats. They've tallied 276 different feline facial expressions, with 45 per cent being "distinctly friendly", 37 per cent being "distinctly aggressive" and 18 per cent being "ambiguous". A noteworthy finding of the study is that cats may have picked up these facial cues from their human companions. This wouldn't be the only feline behavioural feature that has evolved as a response to their long association with humans. It has been argued that the meow is reserved for communicating with humans — cats usually "talk" to each other using non-vocal cues, involving their posture and tails — and may have developed as an imitation of a baby's cry (a sound few humans can ignore).

Animal behaviourists hope that the findings can be used to develop an app to help cat parents better understand the subtle cues of their beloved companions. That, as anyone who has lived with a cat can attest, would be a significant achievement. Because whatever else one might call a cat — Simba, Fluffy, Leo, Mr Mittens — inscrutability is its true name.

IN INDIA, PROMISING reservation to any caste or community is as daring an act as riding a tiger. Getting off the "reservation tiger" could be even more adventurous. The BJP in Maharashtra would have learnt this by now. Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange has ended his fast. But with over half a dozen supporters committing suicide in the last few weeks, the issue has turned into a fireball that could hurt the ruling party's ambitions.

Marathas, forming 33 per cent of Maharashtra's population, are the strongest of all communities in the state. Eleven of the state's 16 chief ministers have been Marathas. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar and half of the 29-member cabinet are Marathas. In the education sector, most major private and deemed universities in the state, like the Bharati Vidyapeeth, D Y Patil University and the Pravara Institute Of Medical Sciences, are founded and run by Marathas.

Despite a wide and strong political and social base, Marathas want reservation. The government cannot give it. This raises two questions. Why do Marathas need reservation and why is complying with their demand so difficult for the ruling alliance? To answer, one needs to dip into the state's social history.

The Marathas are not a state-wide homogenous community. They are a loose cluster of communities scattered across the state. Historically, they have largely been involved in agrarian activities in peacetime. During wars, they served the armies of the regional princely states. This is why Marathas like to portray themselves as a "warrior community". Warriors they were, but only during wars. The rest were essentially farmers, even farm labourers. The Maratha nomenclature, many historians have pointed out, came into being when the government enumerators clubbed all agrarian communities under this name.

All was going well for the community till a few years ago when agriculture was remunerative. But with families growing in size, land had to be bifurcated. Incomes dwindled and agriculture became increasingly less attractive. The decline of agriculture was not matched with the growth of industry, especially in the hinterland. The problem was compounded when in the post-Mandal era, poor Maratha families witnessed the dramatic rise

of poorer-than-them families from society's lower strata. They attributed the rise of Dalits and OBCs to reservation — rightly, in a way.

This was the first trigger for the Marathas who thought of reservation as the only panacea to their problem. It took a while for the demand to get the requisite momentum, especially with the state's political control still in the hands of people from their community. The BJP's new-age aggressive Hindutva that synchronised with the ascent of Devendra Fadnis, a Brahmin, in 2014, finally uncorked the genie. The BJP's efforts to discipline the co-operative sector were perceived as anti-Maratha — many district cooperative banks in the state are fiefdoms of Maratha leaders. Though it's a different story that Ajit Pawar has now been inducted into the saffron fold, he and a bunch of Maratha leaders provided the BJP the ruse for its anti-corruption facade. The BJP government also initiated investigations into various scams alleged to have taken place during the 15 years of Congress-NCP rule. The move was aimed at breaking the Maratha stronghold. It eventually resulted in many once-corrupt Maratha leaders finding salvation in the BJP.

The move had a political fallout. With dwindling agricultural income and shrinking political space, the frustrated Marathas lost hope. They took out marches all over the state. Though peaceful, around 50 marches over a period of a year showcased the Marathas' strength and also underlined the distress in the community. At this juncture, the BJP-SS government in the state resurrected the reservation card to lure the community — hitherto strong backers of Congress and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP. Though the Congress-NCP government first attempted Maratha reservation in 2014, it didn't pursue it. Hoping to win over the Marathas ahead of the 2019 state assembly elections, Fadnis took up the issue abandoned by the Congress-NCP. The move backfired: The Supreme Court struck down the Maratha Reservation law for exceeding the 50 per cent cap. The SC noted that there were no "extraordinary circumstances" to give reservation to the Maratha community over the 50 per cent ceiling prescribed in its Indra Sawhney verdict. The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress government also failed to convince the SC.

Thackeray was dethroned after Eknath

Shinde walked out of the Shiv Sena to form a government with the BJP. With the new government in office that had a Maratha, Shinde, in the saddle, the community came calling again, this time with a little more aggression. This came in handy for the Opposition led by battle-hardened Sharad Pawar and bruised Uddhav Thackeray. The BJP had accused Thackeray of inept handling of the Maratha reservation issue before the SC. It is now pay-back time for Thackeray who extended support to the agitating Marathas.

Besides these political machinations, the Maratha reservation issue has a social aspect that is equally, if not more, complicated. That the Marathas are a heterogeneous community complicates the matter. In Marathwada and Vidarbha, the Marathas are considered Kunbis, who are recognised as OBCs. But in western Maharashtra, they are not identified as Kunbis. Moreover, OBCs abhor the idea of sharing the already shrinking reservation pie with the dominant Marathas. Some OBC organisations have wasted no time in flexing their muscles to ward off any move for a Maratha quota. This leaves two options before the Shinde-Fadnis-Pawar government.

First, get the Narendra Modi government on board to amend the Constitution that will allow bypassing of the Supreme Court-set limit for reservation. That's easier said than done. A Pandora's box could open in an election year and lead to similar demands in other states.

The second option is to approach the SC with an appeal to review its order in the Maratha reservation case. It's anybody's guess which is the tougher proposition. This explains the state government's helplessness in handling the situation, which, if not handled deftly, threatens to create more rifts in an already divided society.

In a way, this could be Maharashtra's Babri mosque moment. After his ill-thought move to side with the Muslim orthodoxy in the Shah Bano case, Rajiv Gandhi decided to pacify the Hindus by opening the gates of the Babri Mosque for them in February 1986. This changed the country's political landscape permanently. Maharashtra may never be the same after the Maratha reservation issue is settled, whichever way.

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HOLDING EACH OTHER UP

Communities are crucial to the success of government innovation initiatives

DO YOU THINK Mohan from *Swades* or Bhuvan from *Lagaan* would have been able to sell a dream if there were not enough people to believe them? Would those films have made the same impact on viewers if it were one protagonist and not a community striving? In a land of 142.86 crore people, for any initiative to be successful, it is important for communities to own interventions meant for them. Fortunately, India is a champion of community-led movements.

We know the inspiring story of Amul, the community-based dairy cooperative society. Its success, which made India the world's largest milk producer, lies in building a strong community-based value chain. At the heart of Amul is rural communities who came together to produce and market their products.

Does this pattern apply to building an innovation ecosystem? Yes. India's jump to the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index (GI) — from 81 in 2015 — is not an accident. It is a testament to the public and private commitment, led by the Centre's push on aspects such as liberating innovation and entrepreneurship and innovation from the web of complex processes. It creates institutional mechanisms to promote innovation and nurtures young minds to become entrepreneurs.

Can we keep rising on the GI and strengthening our innovation ecosystem merely through top-down efforts? Perhaps not. Let's

take the Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs). They are innovation labs or "maker spaces" established in middle and high schools with the aim of cultivating one million children as "neoteric innovators" — those who keep pace with the rapidly changing world of technology to solve relevant problems. These labs are established under the Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission. The initiative aspires to instil in young minds the curiosity, creativity, and adaptive learning required to become entrepreneurs. So far, 10,000 ATLs have been established over six years engaging more than 75 lakh students.

But how does one ensure that such infrastructure remains efficient and evolving?

ATL-like maker spaces worldwide face the challenge of uniform and effective utilisation. Imagine this: When a 3D printer in a school breaks down, would it be easier to fix if the school is in Delhi or West Champaran in Bihar? On average, it is the city lab that is easier to operate and maintain. This is a problem for ATLs because 60 per cent of the 10,000 labs are in rural areas. How do we ensure such infrastructure serves our students effectively? Enter, the idea of building cooperatives of ATLs.

Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir are trying an idea called ATL Sarthi. Sarthi means a charioteer. The idea is to create clusters of existing ATLs overseen by a guidance committee involving students, teachers, principals and mentors.

responsible for making ATLs in their region and facilitating access to tinkering for schools.

In a cluster, there are 20-30 schools with ATLs, where typically two-thirds are performing well but one-third may be struggling. The ATL Sarthi experiment shows that by coming together as a cluster, where exemplary mentors help with both processes and learning, more than 90 per cent of schools demonstrate high teacher and student attendance, and more than 85 per cent begin to perform well.

Implementing ATL Sarthi comes with its fair share of challenges. It calls for a mindset shift, one where schools own the infrastructure created for them by the taxpayer. Doing so will require embracing community participation by sharing power, fostering dialogue and providing resources. It has driven home the timeless lesson we keep learning in the development sector — even though the government launches numerous initiatives, these efforts can only go so far. To truly unlock their maximum potential, it's crucial for communities to take ownership, no matter how modern the topic. This is when our nation will repeat the success of Green and White Revolutions in the age of innovations emerging from schools to startups.

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NOVEMBER 3, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO



TAX PROPOSAL OPPOSED
SEVERAL CHIEF MINISTERS expressed reservations on the twin proposals to replace sales tax by additional excise duty on selected items and levying tax on inter-state consignment of goods, in spite of assurances by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee that the financial interests of the states would be protected. There was total opposition from non-Congress (I) chief ministers, and states under Congress (I) governments expressed qualified support.

Grenadian island of Carriacou and recovered some weapons but found no Cubans. No shots were fired by the marines as they swept through the 33-sq-km island, 32 km north-east of Grenada, according to Pentagon officials who declined to be named. The marines landed because of US Intelligence reports that Cubans were on the Island.

Delhi last month. Available information suggests that the West German firm KKW — a subsidiary of Siemens International — will supply the spare parts.

TARAPUR PARTS
INDIA AND WEST Germany have exchanged notes stipulating West German agreement for the supply of spare parts for the Tarapur Atomic Power Plant. The notes were exchanged between the two governments in

US INVADES CARRIACOU
AROUND 300 US marines invaded the tiny

LOOTING IN PUNJAB
YET ANOTHER BANK was looted in Punjab and two hand grenades found in Amritsar near the shop of a retired police officer who had escaped death at the hands of terrorists two days ago. Six armed desperadoes struck at the State Bank of Patiala's branch at Shambhu barrier on the border of Punjab and Haryana on the busy National Highway No.1 and decamped with nearly Rs 35,000.

Return of the exile

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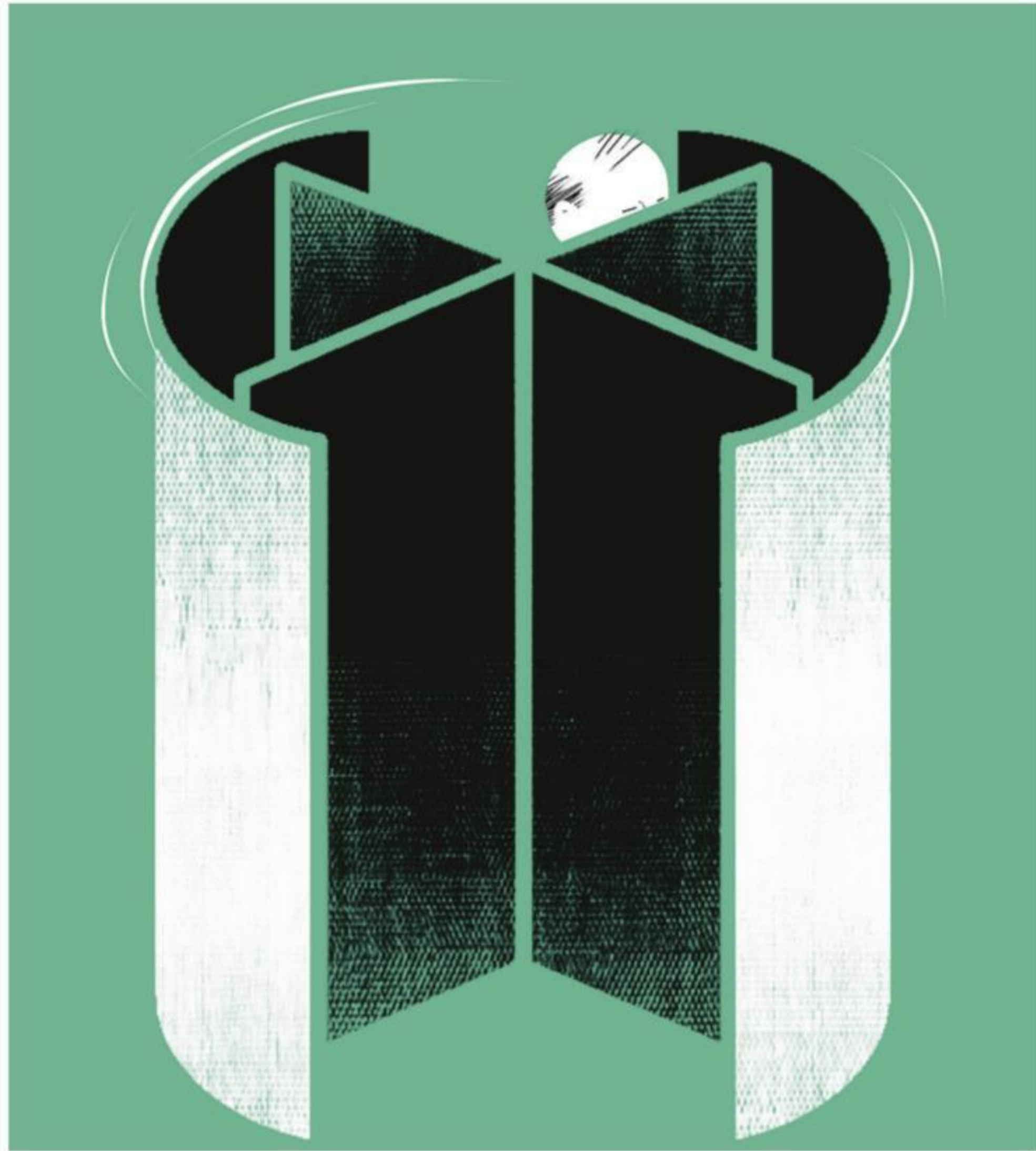
VIVEK KATJU

PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE (N) supreme leader and thrice the country's prime minister, Nawaz Sharif returned home on October 21 after living in "exile" in London since 2019. His presence in Pakistan is potentially significant for the country's politics but not its polity; nor is it likely to transform the contours of its foreign and security policies, especially its obsession with India. An examination of the three dimensions — politics, polity and foreign and security policies — will clarify these submissions.

Pakistan has been under a constitutionally mandated caretaker government led by Anwaar ul Haq Kakar since August 14, whose primary purpose is to assist the Election Commission to conduct elections. Under the law, these should have been held by mid-November. They have been delayed, for now, till January, ostensibly because of a delimitation exercise but, in fact, because the Pakistan army, under its current chief, General Asim Munir, wants to ensure that the former Prime Minister Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), which had gained substantial popularity in the Punjab province, is electorally buried in the coming elections. Khan is in jail and it is doubtful if he will be allowed to stand or campaign in the elections.

The army generals' group, of which Asim Munir was a part, fell out with Khan in autumn 2021 on account of the latter opposing the then army chief, General Qamar Bajwa, transferring Lt General Faiz Hameed from the post of DG ISI. The Pakistan army has never allowed prime ministers to intervene in its internal working or to become final decision makers in the country's security and critical areas of foreign policy. Any prime minister who has sought to take on the army and exercise his constitutional right in these spheres has fallen foul of it. So it was for Nawaz Sharif in his earlier avatars, even though he was a one-time protégé of the army. Clearly, Khan did not heed Nawaz Sharif's example. He felt secure because he had won the 2018 election, ascending to the prime minister's chair with the army's help. He also thought that the army had no choice but to go along with him because of its animus towards Nawaz Sharif. However, when he crossed the army's red lines, he had to go and so he did in April 2022. He did not do so easily. Indeed, he demonstrated, even after he was thrown out of office, that he was immensely popular in Punjab — politically and otherwise too — the country's most important province. That worried Munir but on May 9, PTI members and supporters openly took on the army and "defiled" its sacred monuments because of Khan's arrest. That led to a permanent rupture between Khan and Munir. Now, Munir obviously needed the PML (N) to succeed in Punjab and it is this that has led to Nawaz Sharif's return. His younger brother, Shehbaz (whom the army would have preferred) and who became the prime minister after Khan's ouster, does not have the older Sharif's charisma; Shehbaz led the multi-party Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government.

The military is the dominant institution in Pakistan's polity. For a decade and a half, it has not been directly in power and under Bajwa, it gave the assurance that it will play only its constitutionally mandated role. That pledge was meaningless, for the army believes that it alone can hold the country to-



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gether and keep India, the permanent enemy, at bay. Hence, it expects that on basic policy issues the elected leadership will bow to its wishes. The question is whether Nawaz Sharif has finally accepted this reality and will agree, if he returns to the Prime Minister's seat for the fourth time — as is possible — that security and India policy will ultimately remain with the army.

In the past, he convinced some of his Indian counterparts that he was trying to curb the army's "interference" in his governments' decision-making on India. He did so with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who met him for the first time in Colombo in July 1998 on the margins of the SAARC summit. I was Joint Secretary in charge of the Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran Division in the MEA and was present in Colombo. After Vajpayee's one-on-one meeting with Sharif, I crouched next to his chair and asked "Sir, kaisa laga Nawaz Sharif?" (Sir what did you think of Nawaz Sharif) He told me "Aadmi theek hai" (He seems a good person). And then added words which I would not like to reveal. Perhaps Prime Minister Modi developed a similar attitude towards Sharif which led to his positive policies towards Pakistan from 2014 to 2016. Both Vajpayee and Modi's endeavours with Sharif were destroyed by the Pakistan army which made it clear that it would never allow an elected leader to drive Pakistan's India policy.

Nawaz Sharif undoubtedly shares the army's strong feelings on Jammu and Kashmir. However, unlike the army, in the past, he believed that Pakistan could both pursue a hard line on J&K and normalise commercial and economic ties with India. The 2019 constitutional changes will make it difficult for him to pursue this line unless India at least restores statehood to J&K. Also, while Bajwa talked of geo-economics as more important than geo-politics for Pakistan's future, Munir has not given any indication that he thinks so. He seems to be cast in the army's typical anti-India mould.

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As of now the focus of both countries will become increasingly domestic. National elections will be held in the first half of 2024 in India, as also in Pakistan, even if they are delayed beyond January. Nothing should therefore be expected on the India-Pakistan front till after their conclusion.

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Nowhere to hide

Wilful ignorance of civilian tragedy is Israel-Palestine conflict's untold truth



PAOLA CARIDI

NOWHERE TO go. No safe place to go to. Nowhere else to go. Nowhere to bury the dead. It is a litany that is repeated relentlessly in Gaza and with increasing intensity in recent days since the Israeli retaliation to the October 7 Hamas attacks began. The Gaza Strip, perhaps the most uncharted place in the world, has been a small land completely closed off from the outside world for 17 years, ever since Israel imposed the blockade around its land and sea borders, leaving Egypt to manage the southern Rafah Crossing Point. Gaza is a small strip of land where people are born, live and die without ever leaving a prison without bars. Forty kilometres from north to south, less than 10 kilometres east to west, between the Mediterranean Sea and the border with Israel.

For a suffering humanity that has already swelled the ranks of the world's displaced, more than a million people setting out from their homes or rubble means putting something in a bag — a bottle of water, diapers for the children, something warm to cover themselves — and finding a means of transportation, a car, a cart, in which they can pick

up an elderly father who cannot walk. It means walking down a road already destroyed by bombs, dodging fighter plane raids, not having water, food, toilets or an electrical outlet to recharge the cell phone and communicate with the family.

It is an exodus on an unimaginable scale, of which we have very few images other than those that Palestinian journalists and cameramen in Gaza manage to dispatch, putting their lives at risk. No international or Western journalists have access to the Strip.

However, the "nowhere" has a direction, at least for those who are still alive. The south, toward the border with Egypt. It is not the way to a safe zone or to salvation. But it is the direction of the exodus. From Gaza, from Palestine, from nowhere, perhaps never to return. For Palestinians, the bitter taste that now runs from mouth to mouth is that of a new nakba, the ruination of Palestinian society that happened in 1948 and the persecution that followed. But 1948 is far away. In 2023, not one among the countries that frame Gaza wants the Palestinians to pass through the Rafah border. Not only because it would be unfair and unacceptable, not only

because it would be a new nakba, but because Egypt and Jordan, first and foremost, would jeopardise their already delicate systems of internal control in the name of a tragedy with no exit strategy.

In the opposite direction, to the north, other victims ask where to go to find their loved ones, the nearly 250 Israelis taken hostage by Hamas and taken who knows where inside the Strip. Nowhere to go, they too repeat, the families of the hostages. Who to ask for help? Where to go to find experienced negotiators and experts to free the hostages? For the time being, the "nowhere to go" is the Netanyahu government — now a government of national emergency — which has provided no answers and against which many of the hostages' families have been protesting.

There is nowhere to go. It is the "untold" truth of politics — Israeli, regional, American, European — that is unable to find a rational answer to get out of a tunnel inside which, for now, only the absolute protagonists of a tragedy of enormous proportions are paying. The victims, all the victims. The civilians, all the civilians. The more than 10,000 killed,

the innumerable wounded, if our conscience and values insist that we put Israeli and Palestinian victims in the same death toll.

Increasingly, in contemporary times, wars have civilians as the main targets. The thousand-day siege of the city of Sarajevo taught us an unforgettable lesson. This time, however, in this unprecedented war between Israel and Hamas, civilian casualties were, and are, the first undisputed protagonists, the first targets, and, at the same time, the only ones who receive no serious and reasonable discussion or prioritisation. No one, so far, has chosen to put them at the centre of this story, at the centre of this history. The full contours and scale of the tragedy for civilians remain unimaginable for the rest of the world. The politicians, all of them, on all sides, have thus far chosen not to deal with them, as if they were not already fodder for the slaughter, for the battlefield. As if they were an inescapable part of the conflict. This is unprecedented, unheard, unacceptable.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Government can intervene through a two-pronged approach: Incentivising alternative management of stubbles, and punishing the practitioners of stubble-burning... With proper guidance and sensitisation, it shouldn't be hard to convince farmers to adopt alternative methods..." — THE KATHMANDU POST

Clearing the dust, lifting the haze

Mumbai's municipality needs to catalyse innovation, sensitise builders, provide them with information to curb construction emissions



SREE KUMAR KUMARASWAMY AND MADHAV PAI

THE AIR quality of India's financial capital, Mumbai, has deteriorated in the last few weeks due to weather conditions and emissions from various sources. Dust emissions from construction activities have surfaced as a key contributor. Construction activities play a significant role in increasing the levels of PM10 — a pollutant with a diameter of 10 microns or less (one-tenth the diameter of human hair) — that can enter human lungs. In the last few weeks, PM 10 has been consistently responsible for the poor readings in the air quality index in Maharashtra's capital.

Mumbai is undergoing a massive transformation which requires the construction of infrastructure. A review of recent reports shows that construction activities in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) area have increased by 68 per cent since 2022 and 142 per cent compared to 2021. In the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), it has grown 36 per cent since 2022 and 98 per cent since 2021. With over 11,000 private building construction sites and public projects such as the Metro, Mumbai Trans Harbor Link (MTHL), Navi Mumbai Airport, roads and other utility infrastructure, the construction sector has emerged as a major contributor to dust emissions in the city.

Demolition and construction processes involve hammering, crushing, cutting, trimming, drilling, grinding, mixing, excavating, dumping, and transporting — vertically or horizontally — throughout the day. This leads to fugitive emissions, which, when not controlled, get dispersed in the atmosphere and deposited on surrounding surfaces. These settled dust particles get re-suspended due to wind flow, human activities, traffic movement and other external factors. When such construction sites are in residential areas, these emissions pose a threat to the health of vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly and people with lung diseases and associated comorbidities.

At the same time, managing construction dust offers a huge opportunity for reducing air pollution in Mumbai. We need to imagine a transition of the building industry from the current construction technologies and practices to clean-air-oriented practices where controlling emissions is at the centre of planning and execution.

Some measures can enable this transition. Mapping pollutant sources in air sheds (an area whose topography and meteorology limit the dispersion of pollutants) and creating detailed emission inventories can help identify hotspots. This can then inform a long-term coordinated action approach.

An institutional setup to enable regional co-ordination among cities holds the key. Engagement with all stakeholders in the ecosystem could help advance the agenda.

Standard operations procedures for builders and mitigation measures to help reduce emissions from construction activities can be mandated in regulations. The BMC is doing this to an extent by framing a mitigation plan. However, specific guidelines need to be established for large-scale infrastructure projects. The BMC's guidelines should be adopted by other municipal corporations and development authorities in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

The guidelines need to be enforced. This is where multi-stakeholder engagement becomes critical. The BMC has planned a task force to ensure enforcement. It needs to get access to real-time data. For this purpose, air quality data sensors can be installed at construction sites and connected to a central server at the municipality's office. This can help target high polluters.

Merely framing guidelines for builders may not yield results immediately unless they understand the new procedures. Builders, contractors, site engineers, architects and project management consultants need to be sensitised and the information required to implement the mitigation measures must be clearly communicated to them. This would require a commitment from all stakeholders to participate in learning activities.

Many of the products required to capture dust emissions from construction activities are not commonly available in the market. For instance, machines that simultaneously absorb dust while also serving cutting purposes are not commonly used in construction — such products, however, are used in industries. BMC needs to catalyse innovation and ensure market-ready construction technologies and equipment to reduce emissions from the sector. Builders and construction sites that are implementing mitigation measures should be recognised and their practices should be shared widely so that others can follow their lead.

As Mumbai undergoes an infrastructure transformation, a blanket ban on construction when air quality worsens is likely to come at an economic cost — the construction industry is the second largest contributor to India's GDP. The implementation of many of these measures will have to be gradual. In the first year, the municipality can focus on identifying solutions and building strategies towards achieving these goals. By the following year, stricter enforcement measures should be in place. Mumbai's vibrant real estate industry can support the city in becoming a leader in mitigating air pollution while also contributing to its economic growth. A clean construction transition that takes environmental considerations into account could pave the way for sustainable development in Indian cities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUSPICIOUS TIMING

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Apple alert' (IE, November 2). The government has asked for a probe into the Apple alert regarding "state-sponsored attackers trying to remotely compromise" the iPhones of prominent opposition leaders. But it should not end up like the Pegasus probe. The government was quick to cash on this politically. But the Supreme Court's statement that the central government did not cooperate in the Pegasus investigation was telling. One can only hope that the probe this time will be fair, independent and transparent, given that the alleged accused is the state itself.

L R Murmu, New Delhi

JOB CHALLENGE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The sarkari naukri' (IE, November 2). The employment elasticity has remained very low in India. The majority of the private sector jobs have been created in the urban sector and rural India remained aloof from formal employment. Mere skill training will not help youth get jobs if there are few formal employment options available. To some extent, people envisage private sector employment as a modern form of slavery where loose labour regulation led to exploitation of the workforce. Thus, government jobs are the only panacea for social status and financial stability for youth in the current situation.

Harsh D Shukla, Kalyan

HUSTLE CULTURE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The tyranny of productivity' (IE, November 2). Working 70 hours a week is akin to "karoshi" meaning death by overworking in Japanese. While Japan, a country infamous for its workaholic culture, is tightening the screws on a culture of 60 to 80 unpaid overtime hours and reverting to a work-life balance — we seem to be enamoured by long unhealthy hours in the belief that it will lead to greater creativity and productivity. With our population, we can fulfil a per capita productivity quota of 8 hours/day. A bullet train cannot transform a deep-rooted culture just as a nation should know how far it should go paying its dues to the corporate behemoths.

Subhash Vaid, New Delhi

Raja Bandopadhyaya, Vadodra

14 THE WORLD



USING HER NAME IN AD SCARLETT'S LEGAL ACTION AGAINST AI APP

Hollywood star Scarlett Johansson has taken legal action against an AI app after its advertisement featured her name and likeness without her permission. The advertisement was posted on X by Lisa AI: 90's Yearbook & Avatar.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Britain's PM Rishi Sunak at the UK AI Safety Summit. AP

UNITED KINGDOM Sunak hails declaration to tackle AI risks

London: Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who is leading the talks on Thursday at the AI Safety Summit convened by the UK, hailed the Bletchley Declaration as a "landmark" agreement between 28 countries, including India, on the shared responsibility to address the risks associated with artificial intelligence. The Bletchley Declaration on AI safety sees 28 countries agreeing to the need to collectively manage potential risks through a new joint global effort to ensure AI is developed and deployed in a safe, responsible way. PTI

UNITED STATES Stabbed Indian student still on life support

Washington: P Varun Raj, the 24-year-old Indian student who was stabbed at a fitness centre in the US state of Indiana over the weekend, continues to be in a critical condition and is on a life support, sources familiar with his ongoing treatment said. P Varun Raj, a Computer Science student, was stabbed with a knife into the temple by the assailant Jordan Andrade, 24, at the public gym on Sunday morning for reasons that the authorities are still investigating. AP

UNITED STATES US to offer aid for hosting migrants

Washington: The United States on Friday will announce new development financing for countries hosting migrants in the Western Hemisphere as part of an effort to curb migrant arrivals at the U.S.-Mexico border and expand economic cooperation in the region, senior US officials said. President Joe Biden will convene leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean at the White House to discuss economic issues and migration at the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity (APEP) Leaders' Summit. REUTERS

IRAN 419 in 7 months: Executions up 30%, says UN

United Nations: Iran is carrying out executions "at an alarming rate," putting to death at least 419 people in the first seven months of the year, the United Nations chief said in a new report. That's a 30 per cent increase from the same period in 2022. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in the report to the UN General Assembly that seven men were executed in relation to or for participating in nationwide protests, sparked by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who was picked up by the morality police for her allegedly loose headscarf. AP

400 FOREIGN CITIZENS LEAVE FOR EGYPT via the Rafah crossing on Thursday

ISRAEL SAYS IT HAS LOST 18 SOLDIERS since expansion of ground operations

Israeli troops at Gaza City gates, run into fierce Hamas resistance

Hamas using mortars and hit-and-run tactics in attacks from tunnels

REUTERS
GAZA/JERUSALEM, NOV 2

ISRAELI TANKS and troops pressed towards Gaza City on Thursday but met fierce resistance from Hamas militants using mortars and hit-and-run attacks from tunnels as the Palestinian death toll from nearly four weeks of bombardments mounted.

The war is closing in on the Gaza Strip's main population centre in the north where Israel has vowed to annihilate the Islamist group's command structure and told civilians to leave. "We are at the gates of Gaza City," said Israeli military commander Brigadier General Itzik Cohen.

Fighters of Hamas were emerging from tunnels to fire at tanks, then disappearing back into the network, residents said and videos from both groups showed, in guerrilla-style operations against a far more powerful army. "They never stopped bombing Gaza City all night," said one man living there. "But in the morning we discover the Israeli forces are still outside the city and that means the resistance is heavier than they expected."

Though Western nations and the United States in particular have traditionally supported Israel, harrowing images of bodies in the rubble and hellish conditions inside Gaza have triggered appeals for restraint and street protests around the world.

Though Israel has told Gazans to go south, that part of their ter-



A Palestinian boy, who holds an Egyptian passport, rests next to his family, as they wait for permission to leave Gaza at the Rafah border crossing with Egypt in southern Gaza Strip on Thursday. Reuters

ritory was not spared either. Three Palestinians died in tank shelling near the town of Khan Younis and an air strike killed five outside a UN school in Beach refugee camp, Gaza health officials said.

In central Gaza, an air strike destroyed clusters of houses in the Bureij refugee camp, residents and Gaza officials said, with 15 bodies pulled from the rubble.

Brigadier General Iddo Mizrahi, chief of Israel's military engineers, said troops were in a first stage of opening access routes in Gaza but were encountering

mines and booby-traps. "Hamas has prepared itself well."

With Secretary of State Antony Blinken again en route to the region after saying the US and others

were looking at options for Gaza's future, Hamas blasted outside meddling. "Our great Palestinian people and their valiant resistance will prevail over this fascist occupation," it added, demanding an independent state.

Gaza's Hamas-run media office said at least 195 Palestinians

were killed in the two hits on Tuesday and Wednesday, with 120 missing and at least 777 people hurt. With Arab nations vocal in their outrage at Israel's actions, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights said Israel's "disproportionate attacks" may constitute war crimes. Israel says it has lost 18 soldiers and killed dozens of militants since ground operations were expanded on Friday.

As international calls for a "humanitarian pause" go unheeded, Palestinians are suffering shortages of food, fuel, drinking water and medicine. Over a third of Gaza's 35 hospitals, including its only cancer facility, are not functioning. The United Arab Emirates offered to treat 1,000 children while Turkey offered to take cancer patients.

BRIEFLY

Pope says there are no real winners in war

Rome: There are no real winners in any war, Pope Francis said during a visit to a World War Two cemetery, with conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine on his mind. Francis has called for a ceasefire in Gaza. He also called for a two-state solution to the conflict.

US working on plan to combat Islamophobia

Washington: President Joe Biden's administration is developing a national strategy to combat Islamophobia as the White House faces skepticism from many Muslim Americans for its staunch support of Israel against Hamas in Gaza. Plans for the initiative, which the White House billed as the first of its kind, were announced on Wednesday. AP

Singapore tells foreigners to remain calm

Singapore: Amid the war between Israel and the Hamas, Singapore government warned foreigners living in the city-state to not use it as a platform to further their political causes. "It is important that we remain calm and not let these external events affect the religious harmony," it said. PTI

DEATH, DESTRUCTION

ISRAEL	PALESTINE
TOTAL DEAD	TOTAL DEAD
1,400+	9,061
TOTAL INJURED	TOTAL INJURED
5,431	20,000+

Relief for evacuees, frustration for those blocked at Rafah crossing

REUTERS
RAFAH, GAZA, NOVEMBER 2

PEOPLE HOPING to leave the Gaza Strip converged on the Rafah crossing to Egypt on Thursday, with those whose names were on an official list gradually passing through while others held up their foreign passports in vain.

The crossing was open for limited evacuations for a second day under a Qatar-brokered deal between Israel, Egypt, Hamas and the United States, aimed at letting some foreign passport holders and their dependents, and some wounded Gazans, out of the besieged enclave.

The desperation to escape from the densely populated territory was plain to see on the faces of those who were not authorised to cross to Egypt. Among them was Ghada el-Saka, an Egyptian national who was visiting relatives in Gaza. She wept and cried out in frustration as she waited in a holding area on the Gaza side of the Rafah crossing with her



Palestinians at Rafah border crossing on Thursday. Reuters

daughter, holding up her Egyptian passport. "Why are you doing this to us? We've seen death with our own eyes," she said.

On the Gaza side of the crossing exhausted people slumped on chairs, some with their heads between their knees. The Palestinian border authority published what appeared to be a list of those approved to leave on Thursday. It included 596 names, classified by country.

There were 15 countries in to-

tal. Those with the largest number of names on the list were the United States with 400, Belgium with 50, Greece, 24, Croatia, 23, the Netherlands, 20, and Sri Lanka, 17. "What is aired on TV is just 5% of what we go through in reality," said Shams Shaath, a US passport holder.

"We've seen people displaced, children who lost their parents, burnt and decapitated bodies. I'm one of the people who lost their houses," he said. AP

Opposition mounts in Arab countries

Rabat: Arab nations that have normalised or are considering improving relations with Israel are coming under growing public pressure to cut those ties because of Israel's war with Hamas.

Tens of thousands of people have taken to the streets of Rabat and other Moroccan cities in support of the Palestinians. In Bahrain — a country that almost never allows protest — police stood by as hundreds of people marched last month in front of the Israeli Embassy in Manama.

The demonstrations present an uncomfortable dilemma for governments. In Egypt, which has had ties with Israel for decades, protesters rallied in cities and at universities. A parliamentary committee in Tunisia last week advanced a draft law that would criminalise normalisation with Israel. In Morocco and Bahrain, the public anger has an additional dimension; activists are demanding the reversal of agreements that formalise ties with Israel. AP

COMMUNIST PARTY'S SOLUTION TO COUNTRY'S DEMOGRAPHIC CRISIS, SLOWING ECONOMY IS TO PUSH WOMEN BACK INTO TRADITIONAL ROLES

China's male leaders signal to women that their place is in the home

ALEXANDRA STEVENSON
SHANGHAI, NOVEMBER 2

AT CHINA'S top political gathering for women, it was mostly a man who was seen and heard.

Xi Jinping, the country's leader, sat centre stage at the opening of the National Women's Congress. A close-up of him at the Congress was splashed on the front page of the Chinese Communist Party's newspaper the next day. From the head of a large round table, Mr. Xi lectured female delegates at the closing meeting on Monday.

"We should actively foster a new type of marriage and child-bearing culture," he said in a speech, adding that it was the role

of party officials to influence young people's views on "love and marriage, fertility and family."

The Women's Congress, held every five years, has long been a forum for the ruling Communist Party to demonstrate its commitment to women. The gesture, while mostly symbolic, has taken on more significance than ever this year, the first time in two decades that there are no women in the party's executive policy-making body.

What was notable was how officials downplayed gender equality. They focused instead on using the gathering to press Xi's goal for Chinese women: get married and have babies. In the past, officials had touched on the role

women play at home as well as in the work force. But in this year's address, Xi made no mention of women at work.

The party desperately needs women to have more babies. China has been thrust into a demographic crisis as its birthrate has plummeted, causing its population to shrink for the first time since the 1960s. The authorities are scrambling to undo what experts have said is an irreversible trend, trying one initiative after another, such as cash handouts and tax benefits to encourage more births.

Faced with a demographic crisis, a slowing economy and what it views as a stubborn rise of feminism, the party has chosen to



Xi's speech indicated that women returning to traditional roles in the home was essential to "China's path to modernisation". Xinhua/NYT

push women back into the home, calling on them to rear the young and care for the old. The work, in the words of Xi, is essential for "China's path to modernisation."

But to some, his vision sounds more like a worrying regression. "Women in China have been alarmed by the trend and have been fighting back over the years," said Yaqiu Wang, the research director for Hong Kong, China and Taiwan at Freedom House, a non-profit based in Washington. "Many women in China are empowered and united in their fight against the twin repressions in China: the authoritarian government and the patriarchal society."

The party has failed to address many concerns, viewing some is-

suces raised by women as a direct challenge to its leadership. Bursts of discussion over sexual harassment, gender violence and discrimination are silenced on social media. Support for victims is often extinguished. Feminists and outspoken advocates have been jailed, and a #MeToo movement that briefly flourished in 2018 has been pushed underground.

The language used by senior officials at the Women's Congress in Beijing was another glimpse of how the party sees the role of women. At the congress, Xi encouraged female leaders to "tell good stories about family and guide women to play their role in carrying forward the traditional virtues of China." NYT

Putin withdraws Russia's ratification of CTBT, sparking fears of nuke test

REUTERS
MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 2

PRESIDENT VLADIMIR Putin on Thursday signed a law withdrawing Russia's ratification of the global treaty banning nuclear weapons tests, a step condemned by the organisation which promotes adherence to the landmark arms control pact.

The move, though expected, is evidence of the deep chill between the United States and Russia, whose ties are at their lowest level since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis over the war in Ukraine and what Moscow casts as Washington's attempts to stymie the emergence of a new multipolar world order.

Moscow says its deratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) is merely designed to bring Russia into line with the United States, which signed but never ratified the treaty.

Russia will not resume nuclear testing unless Washington does, say Russian diplomats.

Nor, they say, will the move change the nuclear posture of Russia, which has the world's largest nuclear arsenal, or the way it shares information about its nuclear activities as Moscow will re-

EXPLAINED No tests by US, Russia after 1992

POST-SOVIET Russia has not carried out a nuclear test. The Soviet Union last tested in 1990 and the United States in 1992. No country except North Korea has conducted a test involving a nuclear explosion this century.

main a treaty signatory.

But some Western arms control experts are concerned that Russia may be inching towards a nuclear test to intimidate and evoke fear amid the Ukraine war.

Putin said on Oct. 5 that he was not ready to say whether or not Russia should resume nuclear testing after calls from some Russian security experts and lawmakers to test a nuclear bomb as a warning to the West.

Such a move, if it did happen, could usher in a new era of big power nuclear testing.

Robert Floyd, head of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty Organization, condemned Russia's step.



Detained immigrants, who fail to provide legal documents, are transported by police in a bus in Karachi, Thursday. AP

Day after deadline ends, Afghans swamp border

REUTERS
PESHAWAR, NOVEMBER 2

THOUSANDS OF people swamped Pakistan's main north-western border crossing seeking to cross into Afghanistan on Thursday, a day after the government's deadline expired for undocumented foreigners to leave or face expulsion.

Pakistani authorities began rounding up undocumented foreigners, most of them Afghans, hours before Wednesday's deadline. More than a million Afghans could have to leave or face arrest and forcible expulsion as a result of the ultimatum delivered by the Pakistan government a month ago.

Scrambling to cope with the sudden influx, the Taliban-run administration in Afghanistan said temporary transit camps had been set up, and food and medical assistance would be provided, but relief agencies reported dire conditions across the border.

"The organisations' teams sta-

Pak polls on Feb 8

PAKISTAN'S GENERAL elections will be held on February 8, it was announced on Thursday after the election commission officials met President Arif Alvi at the directives of the Supreme Court, ending uncertainty over the polls in the cash-strapped country. PTI

tioned in the areas where people are returning from Pakistan have reported chaotic and desperate scenes among those who have returned," the Norwegian Refugee Council, Danish Refugee Council and International Rescue Committee said in a joint statement. Pakistan has brushed off calls from the United Nations, rights groups and Western embassies to reconsider its expulsion plan, saying Afghans had been involved in Islamist militant attacks and in crime that undermined the security of the country.

EXPLAINED CULTURE

UNESCO NAMES KOZHIKODE 'CITY OF LITERATURE': WHAT THIS TAG MEANS



A bust of Malayalam author SK Pottekkatt at Kozhikode's SM Street, the subject of one of his most popular works. Nandagopal Rajan

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
NOVEMBER 2

KOZHIKODE in Kerala was added to UNESCO's Creative Cities Network (UCCN) on Wednesday. Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh was also among the 55 new cities to join the network.

These cities have been handpicked to represent seven creative fields — crafts and folk arts, design, film, gastronomy, literature, media arts, and music. Kozhikode was included in the category of literature, and Gwalior in the category of music.

Creative Cities Network

The UCCN was created in 2004 to promote cooperation among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development. It includes 350 cities in more than 100 countries.

The network is aimed at leveraging the creative, social, and economic potential of cultural industries. It was launched to promote UNESCO's goals of cultural diversity and strengthen resilience to threats such as climate change, rising inequality, and rapid urbanisation. It encourages a culture of creativity in urban planning and solutions to urban problems.

Indian cities in the network

Apart from Kozhikode and Gwalior, Varanasi (music), Srinagar (crafts and folk arts) and Chennai (music) are part of the network.

Kozhikode's literature scene

The North Kerala city of Kozhikode is home to many prominent personalities of the state's literary and cultural world. The city, where several leading media houses are headquartered, has hundreds of publishing banners and several libraries enriching its literary tradition.

The first Malayalam novel, *Kundalatha*, was born in Kozhikode in 1887. It was authored by Appu Nedungadi. Several illustrious writers like SK Pottekkatt, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, Ur-oob, Thikkodiyar, NN Kakkad, P Valsala, Akbar Kakkattil, Punathil Kunjabdulla and MT Vasudevan Nair have brought

laurels for Kozhikode. The city has also produced many film and theatre professionals in the last half a century.

Objective of the UCCN

The UNESCO Creative Cities Network allows member cities to recognise creativity as an essential component of urban development, notably through partnerships involving the public and private sectors and civil society. It envisages to develop hubs of creativity and innovation and broaden opportunities for creators and professionals in the cultural sector. These cities have to achieve the UN agenda of sustainable development.

Areas of action

The objectives of the network are implemented both at the level of the member cities and at the international level, notably through sharing experiences, knowledge and best practices. There are professional and artistic exchange programmes, research and evaluations on the experience of the creative cities, among other activities.

The annual conference

A highlight of the network is the annual conference of mayors and other stakeholders of network cities, which offers a unique occasion to strengthen ties between creative cities from across the world. The main objective of the conference is to exchange practical information on policies and activities carried out by cities and stimulate inter-city collaborations.

The last conference was held in Santos, Brazil, and this year's conference was in Istanbul.

The next conference will be held in July 2024 in Braga, Portugal.

What members have to do

Every four years, member cities are required to submit a Membership Monitoring Report, with the aim of demonstrating their steadfast commitment towards the implementation of the UCCN Mission Statement. They present an action plan for the following four years, and provide insights into their achievements and lessons learnt, as well as the impact of the designation.

EXPLAINED TECH

Why global pact on AI matters

Major countries meeting at Bletchley Park in the UK, the codebreaking hub during World War II, have agreed to collaborate to minimise the potentially catastrophic risks from 'frontier AI'. It is a big deal

ANIL SASI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

BLETCHLEY PARK in Buckinghamshire near London was once the top secret base of the codebreakers who cracked the 'Enigma Code' that hastened the end of World War II. This symbolism was evidently a reason why it was chosen to host the world's first ever Artificial Intelligence (AI) Safety Summit.

The November 1-2 summit that has drawn in global leaders, computer scientists, and tech executives began with a pioneering agreement on the first day, which resolved to establish "a shared understanding of the opportunities and risks posed by frontier AI".

Twenty-eight countries including the United States, China, Japan, the United Kingdom, France, and India, plus the European Union, agreed to sign on a declaration saying global action is needed to tackle the potential risks of AI.

Bletchley Park Declaration

'Frontier AI' is defined as highly capable foundation generative AI models that could pose severe risks to public safety. The declaration incorporates an acknowledgment of the substantial risks from potential intentional misuse or unintended issues of control of frontier AI — especially cybersecurity, biotechnology, and disinformation risks, according to the UK government, the summit host.

These risks are "best addressed through international cooperation", the Bletchley Park Declaration says. As part of the agreement on international collaboration on frontier AI safety, South Korea will co-host a mini virtual AI summit in the next six months, and France will host the next in-person summit in a year from now.

Biden's executive order

On Monday, US President Joe Biden issued an executive order to safeguard against threats posed by AI, and to exert oversight over safety benchmarks used by companies to evaluate generative AI bots such as ChatGPT and Google Bard. The order is seen to be a vital first step by the US to regulate rapidly advancing AI technology. White House Deputy Chief of Staff Bruce Reed said it is "the strongest set of ac-



MoS for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar speaks at Bletchley Park on Wednesday. Reuters

tions any government in the world has ever taken on AI safety, security, and trust".

The order requires AI companies to share the results of tests of their newer products with the federal government before making the capabilities available to consumers. The developers' safety tests, known as "red teaming", are aimed at ensuring that new products do not pose a threat to users or the public at large. The order empowers the federal government to force a developer to tweak or abandon a product or initiative. "These measures will ensure AI systems are safe, secure, and trustworthy before companies make them public," the White House said.

Thus, a new rule seeks to codify the use of watermarks that alert consumers to a product enabled by AI, which could potentially limit the threat posed by content such as deepfakes. Another standard asks biotechnology firms to take appropriate precautions when using AI to create or manipulate biological material.

While the industry guidance has been prescribed more as suggestions rather than binding requirements, government agencies such as the Departments of Energy or Homeland Security have been directed to implement

changes in their use of AI, thus creating industry best practices that the administration expects the private sector to also embrace.

Varied approaches

Prompted by the explosive launch of ChatGPT, policymakers across jurisdictions have stepped up regulatory scrutiny of generative AI tools. The concerns lie under three broad heads: privacy, system bias, and violation of intellectual property rights.

The EU has taken a tough line, proposing to bring in a new AI Act that classifies artificial intelligence according to use-case scenarios, based broadly on the degree of invasiveness and risk. The UK is at the other end of the spectrum, with a decidedly "light-touch" approach that aims to foster — and not stifle — innovation in this field.

The US approach is seen to be somewhere in between, with Monday's executive order setting the stage for defining an AI regulation rulebook that will ostensibly build on the Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights unveiled by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in October 2022.

China has released its own set of meas-

ures to regulate AI.

All of this comes in the wake of calls this April by tech leaders Elon Musk (of X, SpaceX, and Tesla), Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, and more than 15,000 others for a six-month pause in AI development. Labs are in an "out-of-control race" to develop systems that no one can fully control, the tech leaders warned.

Musk was in attendance at Bletchley Park, where he warned that AI is "one of the biggest threats" and an "existential risk" to humans, who face being outsmarted by machines for the first time.

India's position

Union Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar, who is representing India at Bletchley Park, said at the opening plenary session that steps should be taken to ensure AI represents safety and trust.

"We are very clear that AI represents a big opportunity for us. We are extremely clear...about what we need to do in terms of mitigating all of the other downsides that AI and, indeed, any emerging technology can or will represent. We look at AI and indeed, technology in general, through the prism of openness, safety and trust and accountability," he said.

India has been progressively pushing the envelope on AI regulation. On August 29, less than two weeks before the G20 Leaders Summit in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called for a global framework on the expansion of "ethical" AI tools. This statement marked a shift in India's position from not considering any legal intervention on regulating AI to a move in the direction of actively formulating regulations based on a "risk-based, user-harm" approach.

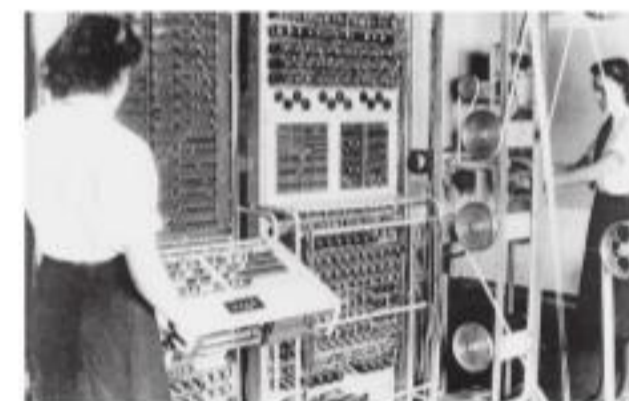
Part of this shift was reflected in a consultation paper floated by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India in July, which said the Centre should set up a domestic statutory authority to regulate AI using a "risk-based framework", and called for collaboration with international agencies and other governments to form a global agency for the "responsible use" of AI.

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Bletchley Park: Birthplace of modern computing



(Left) Bletchley Park. (Right) A Colossus Mark 2 computer being operated by Dorothy Du Boisson and Elsie Booker in 1943. (UK National Archives)



ARJUN SENGUPTA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

BLETCHLEY PARK, which played host to the world's first AI Safety Summit, is a Victorian country house and estate located in Milton Keynes, 80 km north of London. Considered by many to be the birthplace of modern computing, it witnessed crucial advances during World War II for the Allied war effort.

Cryptanalysis with machines

When the war broke out in 1939, Britain's Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS) was moved out of London, to escape the threat of German bombers. Bletchley Park was chosen due to its size (approx 58 acres), and rail, road and telephone connectivity.

As many as 10,000 people — up to 70 per cent women — worked at Bletchley Park during the War in complete secrecy, and with a singular objective: to decipher encrypted enemy communication and provide useful intelligence, most notably the 'unbreakable' Enigma code.

Nazis would encrypt radio messages using Enigma machines, which scrambled the

26 letters of the alphabet to create over a 150 quintillion combinations. Since settings were changed every 24 hours, there was simply not enough time to manually break the code.

To solve the problem, British mathematician Alan Turing came up with the 'Bombe', an electro-mechanical device that replicated the action of Enigma machines. The Bombe greatly expedited the process to identify the cipher, and was thus able to provide the Allies with actionable intelligence.

During the peak of the War, hundreds of Turing Bombes would be simultaneously operated, mostly by women in dingy rooms.

Another machine built at Bletchley Park was the Colossus. Designed by Tommy Flowers under Max Newman, it was created to break the Lorenz cipher, used by the German High Command.

Legacy beyond the war

Bletchley Park's contribution can be seen all over World War II, with intelligence it pro-

vided crucial in guiding Allied action. Historian FH Hinsley, considered the foremost authority on British intelligence during the War, contends that Bletchley Park's contribution shortened the war by two years.

But its legacy goes far beyond the war. The Turing Bombe was the forerunner of modern computers — indeed Alan Turing today is remembered as the 'Father of Computer Science'. Moreover, many regard the Colossus as the world's first programmable, electronic, digital computer, and an incredibly capable one for its time. "Colossus is so fast and parallel that a modern PC programmed to do the same codebreaking task takes as long as Colossus to achieve a result," Tony Sale, the man who rebuilt the machine from scratch, wrote in 1998. (*The Colossus Computer, 1943-1996: And how it Helped to Break the German Lorenz Cipher in WWII*)

In 2020, when the pandemic hit public attractions like Bletchley Park (now a museum), Meta donated 1 million pounds for its upkeep. "Facebook simply would not exist today if not for Bletchley Park," the company's statement said.

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EXPLAINED HISTORY

EXPLAINED FOREIGN POLICY & STRATEGY

Navy veterans sentenced to death in Qatar: options before India



SHUBHAJIT ROY

IN JUNE 2018, a court in Qatar sentenced a Nepalese worker to death by firing squad for murdering a Qatari citizen. This was Qatar's first execution in 15 years, the previous one having been carried out in 2003.

Last week, a Qatari court sentenced eight Indians — all former personnel of the Indian Navy — to death on charges of espionage.

This came as a shock to the Indian government, all the more so as Qatar rarely hands out death sentences.

The charges against the Indians were not made public by the Qatari authorities.

The background

The Indian nationals were all employees of Doha-based Dahra Global, and were working in their private capacity to oversee the induction of Italian small stealth submarines U212.

Captain Navtej Singh Gill, Captain Birendra Kumar Verma, Captain Saurabh Vasisht, Commander Amit Nagpal, Commander Purnendu Tiwari, Commander Sugunakar Pakala, Commander Sanjeev Gupta and Sailor Ragesh were taken into custody in August 2022.

The Qatari authorities, sources have said, never gave an explanation or the reasons for their arrest. According to a report in the *Financial Times*, the eight Indians had been charged with spying for Israel. There was no official word on the charges from the Indian side.

The Indian Embassy in Doha was informed about the arrests in mid-September, and on September 30, the eight men were allowed to speak to their families briefly over telephone. Deepak Mittal, former

Indian Ambassador to Doha, met the detainees thrice during their detention. Mittal is now in the Prime Minister's Office, and has been tasked with monitoring the case from New Delhi.

The legal process in Qatar

On October 1, 2022, India's Ambassador in Doha and Deputy Head of Mission met the eight Indians. On October 3, 2022, the first consular access was granted to the Indian embassy. On March 15, 2023, the last bail plea was rejected.

Then, on March 25, charges were filed against the eight. On May 30, Dahra Global closed its operations in Doha. All those working there — primarily Indians — have since returned home. On October 26, Qatar's court announced its verdict of death sentence against all the eight Indians.

The Indian response

In its reaction to the order on October 26, the Ministry of External Affairs said it was attaching "high importance" to this

case and exploring all legal options.

"Due to the confidential nature of proceedings of this case, it would not be appropriate to make any further comment at this juncture," it said.

This is not the first time that an Indian faces the death sentence overseas, and the Indian government has always lent its support to free such people. According to figures submitted by the government in 2019, there were 44 Indians on death row, spread across Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and UAE, some over drugs-related offences.

The most famous case in recent times has been that of former Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav, on death row in Pakistan's custody, also on charges of alleged espionage.

Three options before India

■ *First, the legal process.* The case is in what is called The Court of First Instance. Four hearings have taken place. The Indian government is going to help the Indians challenge the death sentence in higher courts, and seek reprieve from the death penalty.

■ *Second, a mercy petition.* The families have filed a mercy plea with the Emir of Qatar, who is known to give out pardons during Ramadan and Eid. This is also being pursued by the Indian government's help.

■ *Third, the political and diplomatic options.* The matter has been taken up by the Indian government at various official and political levels.

India's diplomatic efforts will be a test of its multifaceted ties with the tiny but powerful Gulf state, with whom it has worked to build friendly relations.

Considering Qatar's newfound heft in international diplomacy, developed over the last decade or so — from hosting the Taliban's global mission in Doha to its current role in securing the release of US hostages from Hamas — Delhi will make efforts to reach out to Doha. Both sides have high stakes in maintaining good relations.

The two countries have strong economic ties — LNG imports from Qatar is an important feature of these ties — and the investments by Qatar Investment Authority is

substantial in India's economy.

Defence ties with Qatar are also quite strong, and defence cooperation is an important pillar of the bilateral agenda.

Sources said Indians have a fair amount of goodwill in Qatar, with about 8 lakh Indian nationals working and living in the country. "They are seen as law-abiding, so we will also use the help of influential Indian community members to work the levers in the Qatar establishment," a source said.

In this, one of the workarounds could be the transfer of prisoners agreement that was signed in 2015 between India and Qatar.

Challenges

One of the major challenges could be how Delhi negotiates the allegation of spying for Israel. At a time when the region is polarised amid the Israel-Hamas war, India will have a tough task negotiating geopolitical sensitivities.

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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION-1, P.W.D MATHURA E-Tender Inviting Notice

Letter No :- 2211/A-9/2023-24 Date :-25-10-2023

1- The Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D. Mathura on behalf of Government of Uttar Pradesh invites the Percentage rate bids from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP, PWD, road work. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

Sr. No.	Dist.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of bid Documents	Times of Completion	Address of Executive Engineer/Executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer/Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Address of Chief Engineer/Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Category of Contractor
1	Mathura	Special Repair work of Mathura Sadabad to Nagla Kaji Road	16.60	1.66	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
2	Mathura	Special Repair work of Naypatra to Nagla Devkaran Road	24.80	2.48	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
3	Mathura	Special Repair work of Shahpur to Sihora Road	31.80	3.18	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
4	Mathura	Special Repair work of Garhi Bhoja Link Road	26.50	2.65	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
5	Mathura	Special Repair work of Baldev Jugana to Nagla Uday Singh Road	19.70	1.97	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
6	Mathura	Special Repair work of Rays Baldev to Bana Road	24.00	2.40	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
7	Mathura	Special Repair work of Rays Sadabad to Khutpuri Road	7.00	0.70	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
8	Mathura	Special Repair work of Mathura Sadabad to Dangheta Road	12.60	1.26	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
9	Mathura	Special Repair work of Rays Sadabad to Keangarhi Road	15.70	1.57	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
10	Mathura	Special Repair work of Rays Sadabad to Bihari Bharagharh Road	7.50	0.75	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
11	Mathura	Special Repair work of BKK to Kachna Road	13.70	1.37	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
12	Mathura	Special Repair work of Jadpur to Selkhura Road	17.80	1.78	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
13	Mathura	Special Repair work of BKK to Gukhroli Road	8.40	0.84	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
14	Mathura	Special Repair work of Daulatpur to Nagla Giridhar Road	18.40	1.84	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
15	Mathura	Special Repair work of Gadsohi to Baroli Road	10.00	1.00	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
16	Mathura	Special Repair work of Mathvan Bangar to Mathvan Khadar Road	4.70	0.47	680.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
17	Mathura	Special Repair work of BKK Jadpur Gadsohi Road	23.20	2.32	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
18	Mathura	Special Repair work of Rays baldev to Khiran Road	24.00	2.40	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
19	Mathura	Special Repair work of Kamore Taligathi to Mandora Kanjolith Road	9.00	0.90	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
20	Mathura	Construction of Drain at Mathura Sadabad Road to Gokal Brahmandghat via Rakshan Samadhi Road in Length 500mtr	6.50	0.65	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
21	Mathura	Special Repair work of Shahpur to Sihora Road	19.50	1.95	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
22	Mathura	Special Repair work of Garhi Bhoja Link Road	5.90	0.59	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
23	Mathura	Special Repair work of Daulatpur to Nagla Giridhar Road	11.40	1.14	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
24	Mathura	Special Repair work of Gadsohi to Baroli Road	14.20	1.42	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
25	Mathura	Special Repair work of Mathvan Bangar to Mathvan Khadar Road	16.30	1.63	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
26	Mathura	Special Repair work of Bajana Mangarhi to Chandpur Khurd Road	23.50	2.35	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
27	Mathura	Special Repair work of Khajur Talagari to Bhagyanagarh Road	22.20	2.22	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
28	Mathura	Special Repair work of Porsoli to Yamuna Expressway Road	11.30	1.13	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
29	Mathura	Special Repair work of Nahar Pul to Chhoata Alipar Road	12.20	1.22	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
30	Mathura	Special Repair work of Nagla Dani to Humnan Road	13.40	1.34	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
31	Mathura	Special Repair work of Ayrahera to Bhearsara Road	13.10	1.31	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
32	Mathura	Special Repair work of Managari to Khajpur Road	19.50	1.95	860.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
33	Mathura	Special Repair work of Bajana Mangarhi to Abhaypura Road	6.90	0.69	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
34	Mathura	Special Repair work of Sultanpur Inspection House Link Road	5.00	0.50	680.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D
35	Mathura	Special Repair work of Mant Naujeh Baroth to Salaka Road in km 2 400	11.50	1.15	770.00	One Month	Ex.Er.Construction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superintending Engineer Aggra Circle PWD Aggra	Chief Engineer Aggra Zone PWD Aggra	Class A to D

2- Time allowed for completion of above works is including Rainy Season.
3- Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://www.upgov.nic.in> and Prathi (<http://www.upgov.nic.in/Prathi>) from 04.11.2023 to 10.11.2023 upto 12:30 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://www.upgov.nic.in> in Prathi App with all documents as per G.O. No. 14/2020/3879 (1) 23-7/2020/176/mo/ on 03.01.2018. The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No. 742/78-2-2018-42, LT, 25.08.2020 on or before 12:30 Hours on 10-11-2023 Technical Bid received online will be opened 11.11.2023 at 01:00 Hours.
4- The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.
5- Contractor should Quote their rates without GST, which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.
6- Original MM-11 forms proof of royalty shall have to be produced at time of every running bill in accordance to Principal Secretary, Directorate of geology & mining under Pradesh Letter No-2146/96-2019-52(80)/2019 Dt. 30.09.2019, G.O. No-1158/196-2020 dated 15.01.2020 and other relevant Government orders, circulars for all the materials procured from the quarries.
7- The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No. 742/78-2-2018-42, LT, 25.08.2020 on or before 12:30 Hours on 10-11-2023 Technical Bid received online will be opened 11.11.2023 at 01:00 Hours.
8- The Defect liability period will be Two Years Calculated from the Completion date.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rizwan, S/o Israr Khan R/o House No.152, Gali No.08, Rajiv Nagar, Mandoli, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.0585/2020, dated 14.10.2020 u/s 380/411/34 IPC, P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Rizwan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Rizwan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Rizwan of FIR No.0585/2020, dated 14.10.2020 u/s 380/411/34 IPC, P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 11.12.2023.

By Order,
Sh. Chaitender Singh
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/11952/N/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas Complaint has been made before me that accused one Akil S/o Jakir Hussain R/o Village Raipur, Post Gulata, Tehsil-Punhana Distt: Mewat Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a FIR No. 31/2020 U/s 419/420 IPC r/w 66D IT Act PS: Special Cell, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Akil could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Akil has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Akil of FIR No. 31/2020 U/s 419/420 IPC r/w 66D IT Act PS: Special Cell, New Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.12.2023.

By Order
SNIGDHA SARVARIA
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 26, Annexe Building
Patiala House Courts
New Delhi
DP/12520/Spl. Cell/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where a complaint has been made before me that one accused Abhishek Saxena S/o Sh. Sudhir Saxena, R/o Flat No.52, Top Floor, Gate No.2, GH 5&7, Meera Bagh, Paschim Vihar, Delhi have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 35830/2017 u/s 379/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Abhishek Saxena cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Abhishek Saxena has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Abhishek Saxena of FIR No. 35830/2017 u/s 379/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 11.01.2024.

By Order
Sh. Balwinder Singh
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate,
West Distt. Room No.146, 1st Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
DP/12424/WD/2023 (Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Name: Unknown, S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age: About 35-40 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Shallow, Face : Oval, Built : Thin, Wearing : Grey Colour T-Shirt, Brown Colour Jersey & Pant and Bare Footed** was found in unconscious condition at Opposite Jama Masjid, C-3 Block Road, Nand Nagri Police Station, Delhi on 29.10.2023. He was admitted to GTB Hospital, Delhi where doctor declared him brought dead. In this regard a case vide DD No. 78A dated 29.10.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved at GTB Hospital Mortuary, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO : P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi
North East Distt., Delhi
Tel. No. 011-22583307, 22585985, 8750870733
DP/12538/NE/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Kundan S/o Jagnath R/o Village Khurja, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 109/2021 U/s 392/411/34 IPC registered at P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon stating that the said Kundan could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Kundan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Kundan is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.12.2023.

By Order
Ms. Ruby Neeraj Kumar,
Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, West
Room No. 145, First Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
DP/12298/CD/2023 (Court Notice)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused (1) Saddam, S/o: Fajru, R/o: Village Padla, Police Station Khoh, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (2) Ismaiel, S/o: Zahur Khan, R/o: Village Hingola, Police Station Khoh, Bharatpur, Rajasthan and (3) Vahid @ Dholla, S/o: Zahur Khan, R/o: Village Jatwas, Police Station Sikri, Bharatpur, Rajasthan have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 84/2023, U/s 419/420/467/468/471/170/120B IPC & 66C/66D IT Act, P.S.: Crime Branch, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Saddam, (2) Ismaiel and (3) Vahid @ Dholla cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Saddam, (2) Ismaiel and (3) Vahid @ Dholla have absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said (1) Saddam, (2) Ismaiel and (3) Vahid @ Dholla accused of FIR No. 84/2023, U/s 419/420/467/468/471/170/120B IPC & 66C/66D IT Act, P.S.: Crime Branch, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 14.12.2023.

By Order
Sh. Nitish Kumar Sharma
Metropolitan Magistrate-03
Room No. 22, North-East District,
Karkardooma Court, Delhi
DP/10900/Crime/2023(Court Matter)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MR. DHARAMBIR KERSARDAS KHANEJA, expired on 10.10.2022 and Mother MRS. RAJ DHARAMBIR KHANEJA, expired on 08.10.2022 leaving behind their legal heirs being (1) MRS. PREETI TALWAR, Daughter, (2) MRS. POONAM BHAMBRI, Daughter. Both Daughters, Residents of Mumbai AND (3) MR. CHANDRESH KHANEJA, Son, Resident of Bangalore. The Late MR. DHARAMBIR KERSARDAS KHANEJA AND LATE MRS. RAJ DHARAMBIR KHANEJA, has left several properties at Mumbai AND New Delhi, consisting of (1) Flat No 153, Olympus, opposite Pkale Nursing home, M. M. Chotani Road, Mahim West, Mumbai-400 016 (having 50% SHARE, each) (2) Plot No. 162 in Block No. B3 Admeasuring 189 Sq. Mtrs. situated at Janakpuri, New Delhi-110 058 along with the structure standing thereon, absolutely belonging to the Late MR. DHARAMBIR KERSARDAS KHANEJA and Bank Accounts, Demat Account, Fixed Deposits, Equity Shares, Sr. Citizen Deposits, contents in Locker with Indian Bank, Government of India Bonds and Jewellery etc.

Our Clients having 1/3rd Share, each, are entitled to Succeed to the Estate of Late MR. DHARAMBIR KERSARDAS KHANEJA and MRS. RAJ DHARAMBIR KHANEJA. Our Clients have reason to believe that MR. CHANDRESH KHANEJA is trying to usurp all the Estate of our client's deceased PARENTS on the strength of a Bogus and fabricated document i.e. so-called Will. Our clients are in the process of challenging the so-called Will. Hence PUBLIC AT LARGE, concerned Banks, Holding Companies are warned against any Dealings with the said MR. CHANDRESH KHANEJA, in respect of the Properties Let Behind by Late MR. DHARAMBIR KERSARDAS KHANEJA and MRS. RAJ DHARAMBIR KHANEJA.

Anybody dealing with the said MR. CHANDRESH KHANEJA, in respect of the said Properties of Late MR. DHARAMBIR KERSARDAS KHANEJA & MRS. RAJ DHARAMBIR KHANEJA shall do so at their own risk.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2023

MARAVOOR WAMORKAR & CO.
ADVOCATES FOR
(1) Mrs. Preeti Talwar
AND
(2) Mrs. Poonam Bhambri
Maravoor Chambers,
30-H, Bomanji Lane,
Fort, Mumbai-400 001.

WESTERN RAILWAY-VADODARA DIVISION OPEN 'E' TENDER NOTICE SIGNALLING WORK

Tender No. EL/TRD/Tender/23-24/24
Tenders for and on behalf of The President of India are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical Tr.D) Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodara-390004 for the following works. Sr. No. 1 Tender No. & Name of Work: EL/TRD/Tender/23-24/24 Addition and alteration in OHE in connection with provision of 12m wide Foot Over Bridge and other allied OHE activity in Surat - Gerapur, Vadodara - Dabhoi and Vadodara - Godhra section of Vadodara division. Approximate cost of the work (in ₹) : 3,03,87,909.20 Bid Security (in ₹) : 3,02,000/- Cost of Tender document and completion period : Completion period 12 months. Tender scheduled on : Tender closing date 30.11.2023 and time of Closing at 15:00 hrs. on the same date. Web page particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & address of the office and clarification: Website @ www.reps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical Tr.D) Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodara-390004. (EL/TRD/Tender/23-24/24 dt. 30.10.2023) 219

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झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, तृतीय तल्ला, नया समाहत्यालय भवन, पम्पस्टाई, गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड - 815301

पत्रांक - गिरिडीह, दिनांक -
(प्रेस-विज्ञापित)
आमंत्रित निविदा रद्द संबंधी सूचना
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह से निर्गत ई-निविदा संख्या 08/2023-24/RWD/EE/GIRIDIH दिनांक 23.09.2023 (PR. NO. 307748 REO(23-24):D को अपरिहार्य कारणवश रद्द किया जाता है।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता
PR 310405 REO(23-24)WD ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, 3RD CIRCLE, HPPWD, SOLAN. HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NIGAM VIHAR SHIMLA NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

On the basis of e-procurement notice issued by Chief Engineer, Shimla Zone HPPWD Nigam Vihar Shimla on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of roads under New Technology "Full Depth Reclamation / In-situ Stabilization with Cement and Additive" under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III for each of the following Packages of works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with HP PWD, in the appropriate class (A) or equivalent category in CPWD, MES/ Railways and other State Govt. and Central Govt. Departments. Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

S. No.	Division	Package No.	Name of Road	Period of completion including rainy season (in days)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs In Lakh)		Total Cost excluding GST (Rs in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs in Lakh)
					Construction Cost	Maintenance Cost		
1	Arki	HP-11-174, HP-11-176 and HP-11-177	i) Up gradation Arki Kharar Hatli road km 0/0 to 8/805. (SH-Formation deficiency Retaining walls, breast Metalling /arrangement cement concrete pavement, drain Parapets, road sign board , speed breaker Bio Engineer, Crash barrier, muck management etc.(PMGSY-III Batch-II 2023/24 ii) Up gradation of Arki to Shalaghat road km 0/0 to 0/255. (SH-Formation deficiency Retaining walls, breast Metalling /arrangement cement concrete pavement, drain Parapets, road sign board , speed breaker Bio Engineer, Crash barrier, muck management etc.(PMGSY-III Batch-II 2023/24 iii) Upgradation of Piplughat Sanyan road km 0/0 to 6/0 (SH-Formation deficiency Retaining walls, Breast walls Metalling /arrangement cement concrete pavement, drain Parapets, road sign board , speed breaker Bio Engineer, Crash barrier, muck management etc.(PMGSY-III Batch-II 2023/24	510	2054.66	139.63	2194.29	43.90
2	Arki	HP-11-173 and HP-11-178	i) Up gradation of Mamliht to kot road km 0/0 to 6/935 (SH-Formation deficiency Retaining walls, breast Metalling /arrangement cement concrete pavement, drain Parapets, road sign board , speed breaker Bio Engineer, Crash barrier, muck management etc.(PMGSY-III Batch-II 2023/24 ii) Up gradation Sharadghat to Dadhoji Dablog road km 0/0 to 5/850 (SH-Formation deficiency Retaining walls , breast Metalling /arrangement cement concrete pavement, drain Parapets, road sign board , speed breaker Bio Engineer, Crash barrier, muck management etc.(PMGSY-III Batch-II 2023/24	510	1031.77	84.76	1116.53	22.35
3	Arki	HP-11-164 and HP-11-175	i) Up gradation of Kararaghat to Bahawan road Km 0/0 to 12/0 (SH-Formation deficiency Retaining walls , breast Metalling /arrangement cement concrete pavement, drain Parapets, road sign board , speed breaker Bio Engineer, Crash barrier, muck management etc.(PMGSY-III Batch-II 2023/24 ii) Up gradation Galog Tukana Road (Jokhaghati km 0/0 to 13/785)(SH-Formation deficiency Retaining walls, breast Metalling /arrangement cement concrete pavement, drain Parapets, road sign board , speed breaker Bio Engineer, Crash barrier, muck management etc.(PMGSY-III Batch-II 2023/24	510	2187.68	170.92	2358.60	47.20

2. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 08.11.2023
3. Cost of Bid Form: Cost of Bid form is Rs. 5000/-in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Division Arki.
4. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.pmgstenders.gov.in. The bidders would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). *Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgstenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.
* Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.
5. Submission of Original Documents: The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4(b) (i) of ITB with Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle HPPWD, Solan , on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand.
6. Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering:-Last date/time for receipt of bids through e-tendering of above mentioned works are as follows:-

Sr.No.	Package No.	Last date/Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering.
1	HP-11-174, HP-11-176 & HP-11-177	08.1

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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Mukesh Kumar Jain, S/o Sumer Chand, R/o, H.No-E-32, Near-Durga Mandir, Rana-Park, Sirsapur, North-West-Delhi, Delhi-110042, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Mukesh Jain in my minor daughter Manvi Jain aged-16 years in her all Records. The actual name of mine is Mukesh Kumar Jain. 0040696688

It is for general information that I, Mahi Choudhary D/o Shyamli Choudhary R/o Gram Kelod, Kelod, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh-455001, declare that name of my father and mother has been wrongly written as Rahul Choudhary and Ritu Choudhary respectively in my 10th and 12th Class Certificate Cum Marksheets. The actual name of my father and mother are Shyamli Choudhary and Suman Bai Choudhary respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0070871812-1

It is for general information that I, ANJANA VISHWAKARMA D/O SHIV CHAN VISHWAKARMA residing at 5-C-39, Block-5C, VISHNU GARDEN, TILAK NAGAR, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110018 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as ANJANA and SHIV CHAND in my 10th and 12th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my father are ANJANA VISHWAKARMA and SHIV CHAN VISHWAKARMA respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0070871835-1

I, km Deepa Sharma, W/O Ankit Kumar Sharma, R/O 01, Malaindi, Shamli, Uttar Pradesh-247776, have changed my name to Deepa Sharma, permanently. 0040696696-8

I, Vinod Kumar, S/O Manni Lal Sharma, R/O C-56, NFL Society, Plot.No.F-2, Sector PI-II, Eachachar, Gr.No.14, Gautambudh Nagar, U.P.-201310, changed my name to VINOD KUMAR SHARMA. 0040696717-6

I, Vikas (Old Name) S/O-BALBIR SINGH, R/o- Sirsama colony Sirsama, (362), Kuruksketra, Haryana-136131, Change My First Name is VIKAS and My Surname is SINGH Permanently. 0040696721-6

I, Varun Naagar/S/O Varun Nagar, S/o-Sita Ram Naagar, R/O-247-F, Behra Enclave, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, -110087, both names belong to same person-i.e.myself. In future, I will known as Varun Naagar. 0040696688-9

I, Ummaatee Bano W/O Shaahid Ali, R/O D-436, S/F Gali.No.17, Brijpuri, Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Tabassum. 0040696717-2

I, Sudarshan, S/o Valmiki Poddar, R/O D-443, Lakkarpur, Shiv Durga Vihar, Surajkund, Faridabad, have changed my name to Sudarshan Poddar. 0040696688-2

I, Som Dass, C/O-Ram Balak Das, R/O-Pracheen Shiv Mandir, N.D.M.C Primary School, Girmaar Parwat, Motibagh, Phase-1, North West Delhi, have changed my name to Swami Anandsharananda Giri C/O Shri Mahant Hari Giri ji Maharaj for all future purposes. 0040696721-8

I, Shweta Arora, W/O Anoop Kumar Arora, R/O-C-121, First floor, Phase-1, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Shveta Arora. 0040696721-4

I, Sanchit pandey, S/o Sh. Sanjay Kumar Pandey, R/O-H.No.-K-1/128, Mohan-Garden, Uttam-Nagar, New-Delhi-110059, have changed my name, from Sanchit to Sanchit pandey, for all, future purposes. 0040696696-9

I, Vinod bhai Patel, S/O Ravi Lal Patel, R/O B-71, Ground-Floor, Mansarovar-garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Patel, permanently. 0040696696-7

I, Sachin Kumar Makharia, S/O Shyam Sunder Makharia, R/O A-1/96-97 2nd-Floor Rohini Sector-11, Delhi-110085, Have Changed My Name Sachin Makharia. 0040696720-1

I, Sabir Ahmed S/o Abdul Aziz, R/O B-34 Street.No.1, Chand Bgah Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Shabbir Ahmed. 0040696717-1

I, SHREYA DAS, D/O JAYANTA DAS, ADD-D-401/B-19, HABITAT APPT-VASUNDHARA ENCLAVE, EAST-DELHI-110096, changed my name to SHREYA DAS MONALISA, for all, future purposes. 0040696696-2

I, RAJIV SHARMA, S/O RAM KISHAN SHARMA R/O-341A/56, GALLI.NO-9, SHALIMAR-PARK EXTN., BHOLA NATH NAGAR, SHAHDARA DELHI-110032, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJEEV SHARMA. 0040696688-10

I, Purshottam Soni, S/O-Brij Mohan Soni, R/O-1/9509 Gali.No.8, West Rohtas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son, From Sorya Soni To Shourya Soni. 0040696696-6

I, Prateek Verma, S/O-Vijay Kumar Verma, R/O-A-103, Surya Nagar Post, Chandernagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my minor daughter name from Frayashiti to Anviiti Verma. 0040696721-3

I, Popennder Kaur alias Bhupinder Kaur W/o Inder Jeet Singh R/o, B-3/160, Upper-Ground-Floor, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Bhupinder Kaur. 0040696731-4

I, Pawan Agarwal, S/O-Madan Lal Aggarwal, R/O-H.No.73, 3rd-Floor, Rajdhani Enclave, Pitara, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Aggarwal. 0040696721-1

I, Naveen Kumar Chopra, S/O-Satya Pal Chopra, R/O-210-B, VP Block, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, Inform that my father name wrongly written in my passport Satpaul Chopra instead of Satya Pal Chopra. 0040696721-2

I, Naresh S/O Sita Ram, R/O, H.No-2005, Gali No.4, Kailash Nagar, Delhi-31, have changed my name to Naresh Kumar. 0040696688-6

I, Meeshu Tyagi, W/O Manish Beniwal, R/O H.No.4, Hari, Om-Complex, Village Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Meeshu Beniwal. 0040696696-1

I, MOHAMMAD UMAR KURESHI S/O MOHD RAFI, R/O 139, ARYA NAGAR, PRIT VIHAR, LONI GHAZIABAD, U.P.-201102, changed my name to MOHD ASLAM. 0040696717-8

I, MOHAMMAD FAISAL KURESHI, S/O MOHD ASLAM, H.No.142, GALI.NO.3, KARDAMPURI GOKALPUR, DELHI-110094 changed my name to MOHAMMAD FAISAL. 0040696717-7

I, LALIT MOHAN KHARWAL, S/O GOPAL DUTT R/O-HOUSE-NO-504, ALAKNANDA APARTMENT, SECTOR-4, VAISHALI GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201010, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO LALIT MOHAN, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSE. 0040696646-1

I, Kiran Chawla, W/O Sandeep Kumar, R/O E-96, Second-Floor Front-Side, Jeewan Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Kiran Baweja for all purposes. 0040696717-10

I, Kuldeep Singh Chhikara, S/O ANAND SINGH, R/O TYPE-I, QTRNO.21, GC CRPF CAMP, KHEWRA, SONIPAT-131021, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KULDEEP SINGH. 0040696717-5

I, Imran S/O Mohd Irfan R/O C-38, Moonga Nagar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Imran Ansari 0040696717-3

I, Heena W/O Aman Preet Wallia R/O 880, G.F., Sector 29, Faridabad, have changed my name to Heena Wallia after-marriage. 0040696688-3

I, Gurleen D/o Ravinder Singh, R/O C-38, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Gurleen Kaur. 0040696688-4

I, Deepankar Puri, S/O Vimal Puri, R/O 31/17, East Park Nagar Delhi-8, have changed my name to Deepankar Puri, Permanently. 0040696717-4

I, BHARTI GOSAIN, D/O, SURAJ PRAKASH, ADD-I-29, ARYA SAMAJ ROAD UTTAM NAGAR, WEST-DELHI-110059, changed my name to BHARTI, for all, future purposes. 0040696696-3

I, Ashwani Wadhwa, S/O-Late Shri Prem Kumar, R/O 6072, Maple Tower, Park Laureate, Sector-108, Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P.-201304, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Shailja to Shailja Wadhwa for all future purposes. 0040696721-7

I, Ashok Kumar S/O Smt. Narain, R/O H.No. 897, Sector 15, Faridabad, have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Singla. 0040696688-1

I, Ashish Kumar S/O Ripsundar Dayal, R/O 132, Dayanand-Vihar Vikas Marg-Extension Delhi-110092, Have Change My Name To Ashish Kumar. 0040696720-2

I, Anita W/O Jaydeap R/O, House, no-14/447 Four Story DDA-Flats Kalkaji, New-Delhi -110019, have changed my name to Anita Kashyap, Permanently. 0040696688-7

I, Amit Arora S/O Prem Kumar, R/O-310 Ram Nagar, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051, Have Changed My Name To Amit Kumar. Amit Arora And Amit Kumar Is One And The Same Person. 0040696696-5

I, hitherto known as NONI SUNDER KANTA DHANDA widow of Late Cdr. V. S. DHANDA R/o H.No. E-23 Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi 110057 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUNDER KANTA DHANDA for all purposes. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0070871780-1

I, Urmila Tanwer W/O Charan Singh Tanwar R/O D1/3, CMCT House Asola, Fateh Pur Beri, Delhi-110074 have changed my name to Urmila Tanwar 0070871818-1

I, Tarun Tanwar R/O D1/3, CMCT House Asola, Fateh Pur Beri, Delhi-110074 have changed my minor daughter name from Noor Tanwar to Noor Gurjar. 0070871816-1

I, Sidharth, R/O 659, DDA SFS, Sector-22, Dwarka, Delhi-110077 do declare that I have changed my name from Sidharth to Sidharth Mittal for all purposes. 0040696653-1

I, Shilpa W/o Narendar Kumar R/O 7/170, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Shilpa Sharma for all purposes. 0040696731-1

I, Rohit S/O Late Nawal Kishore Gupta, R/O E-51, Second Floor, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Rohit Gupta 0040696655-1

I, Ravi Kumar R/O E-559, Gali No.10, Opposite Durga Mandir, Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Haryana have changed my minor child's name from Jiayana to Jiyana Singh. 0070871811-1

I, Anant Verma R/O Tower 2/3c, Bellevue, Central Park-II, Sohna Road Sector-48, Islampur Distt Gurgaon, Haryana-122018 have changed my Minor child's name from Jeeya Verma to Giya Verma. 0070871701-1

I, RUBY SHAFIQUE W/O MOHAMMAD ASLAM PARVEZ KHAN R/O, 980 PUNJABI PHATAK HAVELI HISAMUDDIN BALLIMARAN CHANDNI CHOWK DELHI-110006, have changed my name to RUBY ASLAM Permanently. 0070871731-1

I, Priti R/O E-559, Gali No.-10, Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name to Priti Sagarwal. 0070871807-1

I, Pawan Kumar Yadav, S/O Shri Ramadhin Yadav, R/O E-510, Prateek Edifice, Sector -107, G.B. Nagar, Noida-201301, declare that I have changed my name from Pawan Yadav for all future purposes. 0040696660-1

I, Numan S/O Abdul Hussan R/O Irspur Baghat up have changed my name to Numan Abdul. 0070871831-1

I, Meena W/o Dharanvir Arora R/O B-1/193, Upper-Ground-Floor, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Meena Arora for all-purposes. 0040696731-3

I, Jamiluddin S/o Salimuddin R/O 3386 Gali Jangli Kuan Kucha Pandit Lal Kuan Delhi-110006, have changed my name from Jameeluddin S/o Saleemuddin to Jamiluddin S/o Salimuddin for all future purposes. 0040696646-1

I, Ishwar S/O Harchand R/O 145, Fateh Pur Beri, Delhi-110074 have changed my name to Ishwar Chand 0070871813-1

I, Himanshi D/o Narendar Kumar R/O 7/170, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Himanshi Sharma for all purposes. 0040696731-2

I, Deepak Sharma S/O Shri Satya Pal Sharma, R/O H.No.632 Sector-21D, Faridabad, have change my name Deepak to Deepak Sharma, for all future purposes. 0040696649-1

I, Deepa Rani W/O Arvind Sarawat R/O 502, Trivind Homea, Radheshyan Park, Sec-5, Rajendra Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Deepa Sarawat. 0070871827-1

I, Bushra Hafeez W/o Fazle Hafeez R/O 2357 Turkman Gate Delhi-110006, have changed my name from Bushra, Ruzeha Anis, Bushra Anis to Bushra Hafeez for all future purposes. 0040696646-2

I, Boismayan Payan, S/O Sh.Dhnrath, Resident of B-203, B-Block, Bilaspur Camp Molarband, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044, is to inform that my name Boismayan Payan and Biosampyan Bihora as a same person all purpose. 0040696648-1

I, Uma W/o Mahesh Gautam R/O H.No. 143, 2nd Floor, Street No. 16, Onkar Nagar - B, Tri Nagar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110035 (India) have changed my name to UMA GAUTAM. 0040696714-1

I, Sohan Lal S/O Sh. Kishori Lal R/O 5/143, Third Floor, Four Storey, Garhi, Isckon Temple, East of Kailash, South Delhi, Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Sohan Petwal for all purposes. 0040696647-2

I, Shahana Parveen D/O Mohmmad Yousef R/O 32/C, Street-4A, H-Block, Phase-6, Ayanagar Extn., Delhi-110047 have changed my name to Shahana Parveen 0070871832-1

I, Manisha Bansal W/O Chetan Ganur R/O H-18, Radhey Puri, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name from Manisha to Manisha Bansal after marriage for all future purposes, vide affidavit Dt 31/10/2023 sworn before notary Rakesh Kaushal, Delhi 0040696719-1

I, Kunal Krishna Srivastava S/O Late Sh.Vijay Krishna Srivastava R/O Villa Vikunya, Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road, Sultanpur, New Delhi-110030 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Anaya Srivastava to Anaya Lea Srivastava for all purposes. 0040696647-1

I, LATA DEVI W/O KUSHMAKER RAKESH R/O C-1/52 YAMUNA VIHAR, DELHI-110053 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM LATA DEVI TO LATA RAKESH FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0070871785-1

I, Ram Prakash Singh S/O Dvarika Singh R/O Hadira, Gursanda, Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh-261151, have changed my name to Rajendra Singh 0070871801-1

I, INDU/INDU BHALAKRISHNAN, W/O RAGHAVA BHARATI AJITH KUMAR, ADD-54-A, POKKET-1, MIG FLATS MAYUR VIHAR PHASE-III, DELHI-110096, changed my name to INDU AJITH, for all, future purposes. 0040696696-4

I, Anoop Arora, S/O-Brij Kishore Arora, R/O-C-121, First floor, Phase-1, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Anoop Kumar Arora. 0040696721-5

I, Karthikey Anand S/O Vikas Kumar Anand R/O B-1441 Mandoli Road Near Tyagi Dairy Ashok Nagar Shahdara 110093, declare that my father's name has been wrongly mentioned as Vikas Anand in my Educational Document, his correct name is Vikas Kumar Anand 0130037794-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client, Sheeta Devi W/O Late Raghuraj Singh R/O 49, Village Kola, Mayur Vihar, Phase I, Delhi 110091 has severed all relations from Sagar and Prayanka and debarred them from her movable and immovable properties due to their misconduct. My client will not be responsible for their acts. DEO RAJ SINGH ADVOCATE B-108, BGS BLOCK, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi 0130037794-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby informed that my clients, Sh. Mahesh Chandra Jain and his wife Smt. Sushilata Jain, both R/o-C-78 & 79, D.D.A Colony, Kirti, West Delhi-110018, have severed all their relation with their Elder Son Sh. Jainendra Jain and his wife Sandhya Jain due to their bad habits and disobedient behavior. That Sh. Jainendra Jain and his wife are beyond the control and supervision of my client. That both of my above-named clients have disowned and debarred their son and his wife alongwith their children from all their movable and immovable properties absolutely and forever. Anybody dealing with Sh. Jainendra Jain and his wife will do so at their own risk and responsibility and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Sh. Jainendra Jain and his wife Sandhya Jain. Sd/- Aastha Tiwari Advocate (Earl. No. D/4818/2020)

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, ANEET GROVER W/O PRADYIP GROVER R/O P-15 FIRST FLOOR, PUNJABI BLDG DELHI 110046 HAVE LOST MISPLACED ORIGINAL DDA POSSESSION (HANDING OVER POSSESSION) LETTER FILE NO.10384 LBR IN RESPECT OF PROPERTY NO.13 BUILT ON LAND MEASURING 175.00 SQ.METER AND BEING SITUATED IN LAYOUT PLAN OF PITAMPURA RESIDENTIAL SCHEME KNOWN AS MAURYA ENCLAVE PITAMPURA DELHI 110046 AND HAVE LOGGED A FIR VIDE LR NO.1088247/2023 DATED 10.10.2023 WITH POLICE STATION, DELHI. IF ANY BODY HAS THE SAID DOCUMENTS PLEASE INFORM ME AT THE ADDRESS SAID ADDRESS AND MORNING 10:30 AM BY EMAIL ID: aneetg@rediffmail.com. IF ANY OTHER CLAIMANT HAS ANY RIGHTS IN THE SAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD FILE AN FIR & GIVE INTIMATION TO DYASTIC DIRECTOR, DDA, DELHI.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Smt. Mahesh Sharma W/o Sh. Premnand Sharma absolute owner of the property Residential House MC No. 371, and Plot No. 114, area measuring 75 sq. yds. out of Khana No. 964, Situated at Rajiv Nagar, Village Makhpura, Pargana and Tehsil Loni, Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P., through Gift deed dated 04/09/2023 as Dec No. 9299, Book No. 1, Vol No. 10314, Pages No. 173-192, SRV GZ28 which is the transferee of Mr. Premnand Sharma previous document original GPA dated 16/02/1994 executed by Sh. Kunnath Joseph Thomas S/o Sh. Jannath Joseph in favour of Mr. Premnand Sharma as per the Sh. Govind Ram Sharma (Doc No. 412, Book No. IV, Vol No. 4259, Pages No. 84/609-616) area used somewhere if any person who used any document for wrong purpose shall be subject to legal process. And I declare to rights and interest any person on this property. The above property in mortgage With Au Small Finance Bank Ltd. Sd/- DEEPAK KUMAR SHARMA Advocate Ch. No.07, Sub Registrar Office Sec-33, Noida, G.B. Nagar

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC AT LARGE IS HEREBY INFORMED THROUGH THIS PUBLIC NOTICE THAT MY CLIENT SMT. JIVANI DAFTRY DO LATE SH. MAHAL CHAND CHALLANI RO PLOT NO. 18 IN KHASARA NO. 364 NEAR ROYAL GARDEN FARM HOUSE RUBY ENCLAVE SADDULLABAD GHAZIABAD U.P. 201022 HAD LOST / MISPLACED THE 3 SETS OF BARNAMIA I, SURTI TO OKMALI 2, OKMALI TO RAJESH 3, RAJESH TO GOPAL SINGH WHICH WAS THE CHAIN OF PLOT OF MY CLIENT. MEASURING 41.80 SQ. METER KHASARA NO. 364 AT RUBY ENCLAVE SADDULLABAD LONI GHAZIABAD U.P. 201022 THAT IN THIS REGARD MY CLIENT HAD REGISTERED AN NCR WITH P.S. CRIME BRANCH DELHI VIDE LR. NO. 10740/2023 ON 27.10.2023. THAT IF ANY PERSON MISUSE OR INTEND TO MISUSE THE LOST MISPLACED PAPERS OF MY CLIENT, MY CLIENT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAME. Sd/- DUSHYANT SWAROOP Advocate Chamber # 1-15, K.L. Sharma Block, The Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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19 ECONOMY

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹61,850	₹83.26	\$86.85	₹74,900

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

SENSEX: 64,080.90 ▲ 489.57 (0.77%) NIFTY: 19,133.25 ▲ 144.10 (0.76%) NIKKEI: 31,949.89 ▲ 348.24 HANG SENG: 17,230.59 ▲ 128.81 FTSE: 7,446.53 ▲ 104.10 DAX: 15,143.60 ▲ 220.33

International market data till 1900 IST

'Labour issues increasingly getting discussed in trade talks'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

MAINTAINING HIGH industrial safety standards is necessary as these are influencing free trade agreements and their non-compliance can lead to trade barriers affecting India's economic growth, a senior official said.

Addressing the 10th FICCI Awards & Conference for Excellence in Safety Systems here, Union Labour Secretary Arti Ahuja underscored the pivotal role of robust industrial safety standards in safeguarding India's trajectory towards becoming the third-largest global economy. With safety provisions increasingly influencing free trade agreements, Ahuja highlighted the imperative of maintaining high safety standards to avoid these being used as potential trade barriers.

"In the context of India's rapid economic growth, it is crucial that we address safety and labour issues, as non-compliance could lead to non-tariff trade barriers, impeding our growth story," Ahuja said.

TRANSACTION VALUES KOTAK GENERAL INSURANCE AT ₹7,943 CR

Zurich Insurance Ltd to buy 51% stake in Kotak General

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 2

ZURICH INSURANCE Company Ltd of Switzerland has proposed to invest Rs 4,051 crore to acquire a 51 per cent stake in Kotak General Insurance through a combination of fresh growth capital and share purchase.

The proposed transaction values Kotak General Insurance at approximately Rs 7,943 crore on a post money valuation, subject to customary closing adjustments. Further, Zurich will acquire an additional stake of 19 per cent within a period of three years from its initial acquisition. Zurich's investment represents the single largest investment by a global strategic insurer in an Indian non-life insurer.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, Kotak Mahindra General Insurance and Zurich Insurance have entered into definitive agreements for the transaction.

Dipak Gupta, MD & CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank, said, "The alliance brings together two



Kotak Mahindra Bank, Kotak Mahindra General Insurance and Zurich Insurance have entered into definitive agreements for the transaction

trusted and respected brands. The combined expertise and resources of the respective firms will enable us to provide innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of our customers."

He said Kotak Mahindra Group's pan-India 'phygital' distribution presence and Zurich's distinct global capabilities in digital assets, B2B and B2C formats have potential to create a

transformational 'digital' impact for the Kotak General Insurance franchise delivering innovation efficiently and rapidly in the Indian general insurance space. Kotak General Insurance received the license to start the business from IRDAI in 2015. The turnover (gross written premium) of the insurer was Rs 1,148.30 crore for the fiscal ended March 2023.

Tulsi Naidu, CEO Asia Pacific,

Zurich Insurance Company, said, "India is one of the world's most important markets with immense potential and we are pleased to be making a significant commitment with an excellent partner."

"Over the 8 years since inception, Kotak General Insurance has invested to create a multi-product franchise with very strong fundamental building blocks. The alliance marks a significant step forward in further implementing our strategy to deepen insurance penetration in India with an appropriate combination of technology, scale and a tangible commitment to the customer," said Gaurang Shah, Chairman, Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company, said.

The transaction is subject to customary conditions precedent including regulatory approvals from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India and the Competition Commission of India.

'Violent extremist organisation' in India collected funds through well-structured networks: FATF

AANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

A "VIOLENT extremist organisation under investigation" in India collected funds through "well-structured networks", including offline and online fundraising mechanisms such as circulating QR codes and account details, a latest report by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has stated.

Without naming the organisation, the FATF report makes a reference to the Popular Front of India (PFI) as having resorted to solicitation for funds at mosques and public places, which were ultimately used to procure arms and ammunition and for training the cadres.

"Indian officials reported that a violent extremist organisation under investigation collected funds through well-structured networks spanning the entire country. Resorting to solicitation at mosques and public places, the group's fundraising tactics included offline and online mechanisms, such as circulating QR codes and account details through which donors were asked to send money. Over 3,000 bank accounts and informal value transfer systems were used," said the FATF citing the case study on PFI in its latest report titled "Crowdfunding for Terrorism Financing".

The FATF is the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. India's onsite assessment by FATF is slated for November, while the assessment is likely to come up for discussion in the plenary discussion in June 2024.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the pause in the FATF's assessment process, the mutual evaluation of India, which was last carried out in 2010, had been postponed to 2023.

The FATF report on 'Crowdfunding for Terrorism Financing' said the accounts (of PFI) involved both domestic and foreign transactions, making this case extremely difficult to investigate. "Funds were ultimately used to procure arms and ammunition and for training the cadres of the violent extremist organisation, among other purposes. A portion of the funds raised

FATF CASE STUDY

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through crowdfunding was also invested and parked in businesses and real estate projects to generate regular income for terrorism activities," it said.

The report further mentioned that "eight individuals in leadership roles within the violent organisation have been arrested" on terrorist financing (TF) charges and prosecution complaints have been filed. As a result of the investigation, Rs 3.5 crore in assets are being sought for confiscation, it said.

In September last year, the Ministry of Home Affairs had declared the PFI along with its "associates or affiliates or fronts including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organization (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala as an "unlawful association". This notification had come after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) along with the Directorate of Enforcement Directorate (ED) had carried out nationwide search, detain, and arrest operations against the PFI, its offices, and members.

Last month, the NIA searched 20 locations across six states in connection with a case against the banned PFI for allegedly attempting to disturb a rally of the Prime Minister in Bihar last year. The PFI was created in 2007 through the merger of three Muslim organisations in southern India, the National

Democratic Front in Kerala, the Karnataka Forum for Dignity, and the Manitha Neethi Pasarai in Tamil Nadu. The PFI, which emerged in the aftermath of the ban on the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), has projected itself as an organisation that fights for the rights of minorities, Dalits, and marginalised communities.

The FATF report notes four main ways in which crowdfunding platforms can be abused for terrorist financing purposes — abuse of humanitarian, charitable or non-profit causes; use of dedicated crowdfunding platforms or websites; use of social media platforms and messaging apps; and interaction of crowdfunding with virtual assets. Terrorists and violent extremists may rely on multiple methods to raise funds, for example, a terrorist may establish a fundraising campaign on a dedicated crowdfunding platform, share the campaign on social media, and request payment in virtual assets, it said.

Some estimates have valued the global crowdfunding market at \$17.2 billion in 2020 and note that it is expected to reach \$34.6 billion by 2026, the report said adding that in 2022, there were over 6 million crowdfunding campaigns around the world.

The FATF also said although the majority of crowdfunding activity is legitimate, its research has shown that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), Al-Qaeda and ethnically or racially motivated terrorist (EoRMT) individuals and groups have exploited it to raise money for terrorist financing purposes. "The possibility of quickly and easily reaching a global audience can make crowdfunding an attractive method of fundraising for TF," it said.

While certain jurisdictions and industry participants proactively implement measures to mitigate these risks, anti money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CFT) regulation is not consistent across the globe, the FATF said.

Many countries do not systematically assess the risks related to crowdfunding activity and therefore comprehensive data about its misuse is still generally lacking, it said.

SECTOR WATCH

INSOLVENCY

IDBI Bank takes Mumbai Metro One to bankruptcy court

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 2

Rs416.08 crore," Rlnfra said in August this year.

How much it owes to lenders?

MMOPL had bank loan facilities of Rs 1650 crore and ECB facility of \$63.44 million, according to a rating statement from Brickwork Rating in November 2022. Syndicate Bank (Rs 650 crore), Indian Bank (Rs 500 crore), SBI (Rs 200 crore), Bank of Maharashtra (Rs 200 crore) and IDBI Bank (Rs 100 crore) were the major lenders.

MMOPL's liabilities were at Rs 4,111.17 crore, according to the Annual Report of Rlnfra for FY2023.

How is MMOPL's financial position?

In its 2023 Annual Report, Rlnfra said net worth of MMOPL, which is 74 per cent owned by Rlnfra, has been eroded, its current liabilities have exceeded its current assets and it has an overdue obligation payable to its lenders. MMOPL has proposed One Time Settlement (OTS) of its debt to its lenders, which is under discussion and awaiting approval of all the shareholders, it said.

The metro firm reported a loss of Rs 345.26 crore in FY2023 and Rs 388.70 crore in FY2022.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Mumbai ranks fourth in global residential price rise: Report

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 2

MUMBAI RECORDED the fourth highest year-on-year growth in prime residential prices among global cities for the quarter ended September 2023, according to Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index for September quarter of 2023.

The 6.5 per cent increase in prime residential prices has moved the city up by 18 places from 22nd rank in September 2022. New Delhi and Bengaluru too recorded an upward movement in their index rankings. NCR moved from 36th rank a year ago to 10th in September 2023 with a growth of 4.1 per cent YoY, Knight Frank said. Bengaluru's rank increased from 27 in 2022 to 17 in 2023 with a growth of 2.2 per cent. The average rise in annual prime residential prices was recorded at 2.1 per cent across the 46 markets in the 12-month period ending September 2023. This is the strongest growth rate recorded since Q3 2022 and reflects 67 per cent of cities seeing growth on an annual basis, it said.

GLOBAL CITIES INDEX

RANK	CITY	12-MONTH CHANGE IN %
1	Manila	21.2
2	Dubai	15.9
3	Shanghai	10.4
4	Mumbai	6.5
5	Madrid	5.5
6	Stockholm	4.7
7	Seoul	4.5
8	Sydney	4.2
9	Nairobi	4.1
10	New Delhi	4.1
17	Bengaluru	2.2



Manila claimed the top spot in the ranking with a 21.2 per cent annual rise in prices. Manila's performance is attributed to strong domestic and foreign investments. Dubai, with its 15.9 per cent annual growth, has been displaced from the top position for the first time in eight quarters due to a sharp decline in quarterly growth from 11.6 per cent in June quarter to 0.7 per cent in September quarter. San Francisco was the weakest performing mar-

ket with a decline of 9.7 per cent on a year-on-year basis.

Shishir Bajjal, Chairman and MD, Knight Frank India said, "The robust price trend in the upper end of the market coupled with strong sales momentum has elevated Mumbai's position in this global ranking scale. Sales momentum is significantly stronger in the higher ticket sizes today, than it has been in the past five years." FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

'India continues to work closely with Sri Lanka on debt restructuring discussions'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO, NOVEMBER 2

INDIA ON Thursday assured Sri Lanka that it will continue to work very closely with the island nation on debt restructuring discussions and extend support for the economic recovery.

Speaking at the 'NAAM 200' organised by the Government of Sri Lanka to commemorate the

200th anniversary of arrival of India-Origin Tamils (IOTs), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India rendered an unprecedented financial assistance of over \$4 billion last year when the island nation faced the financial crisis.

"When Sri Lanka faced its unprecedented economic crisis a year back, we felt it was our duty to stand by with our friends in Sri Lanka. We could not bear the dif-

iculties our friends in Sri Lanka had to face. Our government and the people of India acted collectively and came to your assistance in record time," she said.

Sitharaman also said that India was the first bilateral creditor to convey financing assurance to the International Monetary Fund that paved the way for others to provide similar assurances that formalised the IMF programme for Sri Lanka.

BRIEFLY

Protean eGov Tech to expand into developing countries

Ahmedabad: Protean eGov Technologies Limited, a market leader in providing citizen-centric e-governance services is looking to expand into newer geographies, especially the developing countries, said officials on Thursday. "We are bidding for projects in multiple countries. Most of these are in the form of RFPs run by governments. We are looking at developing countries. Currently, though we are shortlisted in a few bids, we do not have a live bid as of now," said Suresh Sethi, Managing Director and CEO of the company. ENS

Tata Motors posts ₹3,783 cr profit in Q2

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 2

AUTOMOBILE MAJOR Tata Motors Ltd (TML) has made a profit of Rs 3,783 crore for the quarter ended September 2023 as against a loss of Rs 1,004 crore in the same period a year ago.

The net profit rose 22.46 per cent from Rs 3,089 crore in the March quarter. The company posted a revenue of Rs 104,443 crore for the September quarter as against Rs 78,846 crore in the same period last year.

"It was a transition quarter for passenger vehicles. The PV volumes were at 139,000 units (-2.7 per cent year-on-year) as supplies of outgoing models were proactively managed to facilitate a smooth transition to their next gen versions," TML said. TML shares rose 1.51 per cent

to Rs 636.80 on the BSE on Thursday.

PB Balaji, Group Chief Financial Officer, Tata Motors said: "It is pleasing to see all the businesses deliver on their well-differentiated plans this quarter. With a strong product pipeline, a seasonally stronger H2 and continued focus on cash accretive growth, we are confident of sustaining this momentum."

"It was transition quarter for us as we proactively reduced our supplies of outgoing models to enable a smooth transition to their next gen avatars. This coupled with the fact that Q2 FY23 was our highest ever sales, resulted in us reporting a marginal decline in revenues by 3.0 per cent this quarter. The EV business posted strong sales growth of 55 per cent during the quarter," said Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director, TMPV and TPME.

Mangalore SEZ Limited
Mangalore Special Economic Zone, Sy. No. 168-3A, Plot No. U1 Administrative Building, Baipe Village, Mangalore - 574 142 Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka

Extension of Tender Dates
The last date for issue of blank e-tender documents and deadline for submission of bids are extended as follows:

Name of work	Last date for issue of blank e-tender document		Deadline for submission of bids	
	Original	Revised	Original	Revised
Operation & Maintenance of Tertiary Treatment Plant of MSEZL at Kavor, Mangalore for a period of 3 Years - Contract Package No: MSEZL/09/M/TTP/2023	04.11.2023	18.11.2023	15:00 hrs on 06.11.2023	15:00 hrs on 20.11.2023

Please refer website www.tenderwizard.com/MSEZ and www.mangaloresez.com for further details. Sd/-, Chief Executive Officer Mangalore SEZ Ltd, Mangaluru

COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED
CIAL/FS/PR/2023-06 03.11.2023

TENDER NOTICE
EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE

Sealed tenders are invited from original equipment manufacturer (OEM)/ authorized dealers on behalf of Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) for design, supply, testing, commissioning and handing over of Emergency Response Vehicle at Cochin International Airport.

Cost of Tender Document	EMD	Completion Period
Rs.5000.00	Rs.18,00,000/-	10 months, from the date of acceptance of purchase order

For eligibility criteria and other details, visit website: www.cial.aero. Sd/- Managing Director

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
(Rs. in Lakhs)

	3 months ended 30.09.2023 UNAUDITED	6 months ended 30.09.2023 UNAUDITED	3 months ended 30.09.2022 UNAUDITED
1 Total Income from operations	6,181.00	13,203.50	5,988.34
2 Net Profit/(Loss) before tax (before Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(118.90)	849.70	357.01
3 Net Profit/(Loss) before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(118.90)	849.70	357.01
4 Net Profit after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(91.50)	633.40	260.23
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(82.00)	631.60	195.16
6 Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - Rs. 10 each)	3,046.81	3,046.81	3,046.81
7 Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve) in the audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2023		36,611.77	
8 Earnings per Equity Share on net profit after tax (fully paid up equity share) of Rs. 10) :			
(a) Basic	(0.30)	2.08	0.85
(b) Diluted	(0.30)	2.08	0.85

Notes :

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statements of Financial Results are available on the Company's website (www.eihassociatedhotels.in) and on the websites of the National Stock Exchanges of India Limited (www.nseindia.com), BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com).
- The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the meetings held on November 02, 2023. The statutory auditors have carried out a limited review of these financial results.

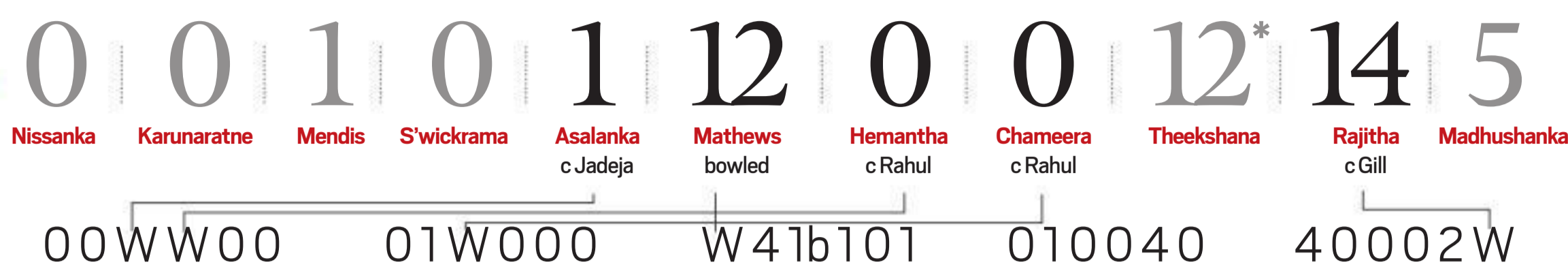
New Delhi November 02, 2023

VIKRAMJIT SINGH OBEROI
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DIN : 00052014



Sri Lanka's scare-board & Shami's dream spell

Sri Lanka 55 all out in 19.4 overs



All the hard work we are putting in, the rhythm we have found, it's because of that that you are getting to see this storm."

MOHAMMED SHAMI

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Playing like a Dream Team

Rohit Sharma's team beats Sri Lanka by 302 runs for seventh win in seven games, and becomes first to seal a semifinal berth

SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 2

SUCH HAS been India's imperious march in this World Cup that pretty early in the piece, once Sri Lanka's briefly-sparkling start with the ball was negated, the game had turned into a waiting for Virat Kohli's 49th hundred. Every romantic cliché was waiting to be ticked off. Sachin Tendulkar in the stands, watching, tick. Tendulkar's huge statue unveiled just a day before, tick. A long partnership with Shubman Gill, the man he would be passing, on the batting baton that he acquired from Tendulkar, tick. In 2016, after his game-saving 50 against Pakistan in the T20 World Cup at Eden Gardens, he bowed to Tendulkar who was in the stands; now it seemed another bow was just moments away. Then reality gatecrashed.

It took a fine slower cutter from Dilshan Madhushanka, the young pacer, who has his real-life inspiring tale, to terminate the dreamy afternoon. A son of a fisherman father who didn't like him wasting his time on the sport but whose mother would encourage and create excuses to send him for tennis-ball games intervened to hush the crowd. A dazed Kohli couldn't react in time to stop his hands from betraying him. They waved away from him, scooping the ball into the hands of cover fielder, and he trudged off to consolatory taps from his partner Shreyas Iyer and Sri Lankans.

Sapping humidity

The knock itself wasn't just another Kohli hundred. Rarely, if ever, has he looked so exhausted, struggling with humidity almost through his innings. Even as Gill seemed relatively unfazed by the elements, Kohli took plenty of mini-water breaks at the end of overs. He would thrust his face up, the helmet would be removed for him, and water be poured on his neck, and towel-dried. It all happened with the smoothness of a Formula One pit stop manoeuvre, barring one occasion in the end of the 18th over when the umpire stepped in for a small chat and a pat on the back. Often, he would be on his haunches at the non-striker's end.

But running through this hard grind was also a sense of ease. He chatted and laughed with the wicketkeeper, the Sri Lankan captain Kusal Mendis, he would intercept throws at the non-striker's end, plucking it with his right glove, and relaying it to the bowler. He would saunter across for punches and laughs with Gill.

Barring the initial 15 minutes or so, when he had couple of close calls - couple of aerial glances that went just wide of leg slip, a leading edge back to the bowler Dushmantha Chameera who clanged a tough chance diving to his left, punches that fell short of cover point fielder. But in a blink, along with Gill, he punctured the Sri Lankan momentum that was building up.

Madhushanka, the silent star of the World Cup, the leading wicket-taker of this tournament, pricked India's balloon by knocking down Rohit Sharma's off-stump with a wondrous off cutter that bent past the prod in the second ball of the game. Rohit had flicked the first - an inswinger, Madhushanka's natural delivery from childhood according to his U-17 coach, to the square-leg boundary and the crowd were yet to settle in their seats when they were started.



Virat Kohli looked set to match Sachin Tendulkar's ODI record of 49 centuries but fell short by just 12 runs. (Below) Shami was the pick of the bowlers. Deepak Joshi/PTI



Last year, Madhushanka had met Wasim Akram, a meeting luckily caught on camera by the official website of the Sri Lanka board. Akram can be heard telling,

"On slow pitches, Sri Lanka pitches, you also have to bowl the one that angles away." Akram mimics the release, explains to the youngster the importance of the angler and the fields needed for it. It was exactly the ball Madhushanka would conjure to stun Rohit and the crowd. Both he and the tall Dushmantha Chameera moved the ball around and tested Kohli and Gill, both had reprieves too, but suddenly while still in the first Powerplay, they lost their grip on the

game. The pair did what they wished: milked singles, worked the angles, hit the boundaries, and at one stage, the main thought was who would get to the hundred first. But Gill fell, tickling an intended upper cut against a slow bouncer from Madhushanka to the 'keeper, and Kohli too fell. Hundred no 49 has to wait for now.

Iyer, Siraj deliver

Two Indians were perhaps under pressure to perform: Shreyas Iyer and to an extent Mohammad Siraj too, after the roaring return of Mohammad Shami. Both indulged themselves to complete a box-office show. Iyer walloped the spin and pace, even pulled a short ball for a six, to threaten to get to his hundred before he too fell to a slower one from Madhushanka.

And Siraj seemed to be waiting for his victims from the Asia Cup final to return. India's open-chested predator seamed the ball around to knock down Sri Lankan top order and at one stage, had the figures of 9 for 21 (including the wickets taken in that Asia Cup final in Colombo).

That left just one question swirling in the Mumbai air: Why did Sri Lanka choose to bowl in hot conditions when as Rohit said at the toss he has a good feeling about his pacers doing the damage under lights.

There is another question floating around this World Cup: can any team bell the Indian cat?

Iyer irked by the short ball question, says it is a perception

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 2

SHREYAS IYER has had enough of people questioning his prowess against the short ball. So on the day he got back among the runs on his home ground and played some good pull shots, he didn't take too kindly to questions on how he will deal with the South African pacemen in the next World Cup game. "How much are you prepared for the next match against South Africa because we know how good they are with the short balls," he was asked.

Iyer was quick to retort: "When you say it is a problem for me, what do you mean?"

He was asked again, not a problem exactly but it has troubled you?

"Troubled me? Have you seen how many pull shots I've played? *Ye sab mahaul aap logo ne banaya hua hai* (This perception has been created by you). In my mind, I have no problem against the short ball. If you're trying to hit a ball, you're bound to get out anyway, irrespective of whether it's a short ball or an overpitched one. If I get bowled two or three times, you all would say that, 'OK, he can't

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SHREYAS IYER
DURING PRESS CONFERENCE

play an in-swinging ball. He can't play a cut if a ball is swinging."

Two days before the Sri Lanka game, Iyer was seen practising for more than hours in the nets, focusing largely on short-pitched stuff. This was after the Lucknow match against England, where he tried to pull a short-pitched delivery by Chris Woakes but only managed a top edge.

In Dharamsala against New Zealand, he was well set on 33 when Trent Boult bowled one short of length and Iyer was caught on the square-leg fence.

However, Sri Lanka didn't test his game against the short ball much and it gave Iyer the liberty to open up his arms. It seemed to be a chance missed by the islanders. With Iyer getting some runs, another box seemed to be ticked by India.

NUMBER PLATE

302

India's 302-run win over Sri Lanka at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai was the fourth-biggest margin in terms of runs in the history of ODIs.



India opener Shubman Gill was the top-scorer for India with 92. AP

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

No home boys' reunion at the Wankhede

At one stage, when Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill were going strong, it seemed a distinct possibility that none of the other batsmen would get much of a look-in. But with both missing out on hundreds and India losing three quick wickets, two Mumbai batsmen were in the middle of the Wankhede Stadium with more than 10 overs to play. Shreyas Iyer and Suryakumar Yadav know the red soil pitch like the back of their hands, and would have played together on umpteen occasions - though none as high-profile as a World Cup. A few boundaries, both to the rope and beyond it, kindled hopes of a home-boys reunion, before a faint kiss of Surya's glove and a successful Lankan review meant India had lost half their side.



Behind Tendulkar statue... laundry

Spare a thought for those staying in the apartments right behind the Sachin Tendulkar stand. As if dealing with the match day madness wasn't enough, everytime the camera now pans to show the Tendulkar statue, also in focus is their laundry being dried in the balconies. There were murmurs at the stadium that the issue was flagged even during the inauguration of the statue on Wednesday and they hurriedly got a plain white sheet that was hung behind the statue to block the background. No such thing on match day, giving the Tendulkar statue an unattractive background. Tendulkar had said after unveiling the life-size statue: "I am truly humbled when I stand here. I go to the ground, there are thousands of images that come to my head."



Dushmantha Chameera dropped Virat Kohli off his own bowling.

SL's fielding woes

For all their suffocating bowling, that had Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli in trouble, Sri Lanka could not latch onto their chances. With the score on 25, both Gill and Kohli were grassed. Both were not quite straightforward chances, but were not too difficult either. Charith Asalanka

misjudged his dive at point for the ball to burst through his palms, while Dushmantha Chameera was imbalanced when Kohli's leading edge lobbed past him. This has been a recurring theme of Sri Lanka this campaign. They have dropped eight of the 22 catches that have been offered, and understandably bottom of the catch conversion percentage table.

Wait goes on for the special 49th

It seemed the perfect stage for Virat Kohli to equal Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 centuries in the ODIs. Just a day after Tendulkar's statue was unveiled, on the little master's home ground, with the man himself watching from the stands, it would have been the perfect script. But just 13 runs short of the landmark, Dilshan Madushanka foxed him with a delightful slow off-cutter, that gripped off the surface. Kohli, not gauging the pace, played his drive prematurely and ended up looping the ball to extra cover. It was a lapse in concentration, but also shrewd bowling and smart placement. The run-saving fielders were brought in and did not leak easy runs as they are prone to, and blocked the singles that Kohli was comfortably accumulating.



Short ball prep

SUCH HAS been his concern over short balls that Shreyas Iyer has been doing shadow practice for the same even while standing at the non-striker's end. The Sri Lankans though, haven't bowled a great number of bouncers to him yet. Two days before the match, Iyer had batted alone in one of the nets here for more than one hour - practicing on short balls. Come matchday though, he's been offered early slot balls which he's graciously accepted for three maximums so far.

Needing a breather

At 34 degrees with 45% humidity, it has been a tough afternoon for Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill. The India team has ensured that the drinks break sessions are utilised with support staff members carrying two chairs and a big umbrella as both Kohli and Gill took a respite to beat the heat. After the early fall of skipper Rohit Sharma, it's been Kohli's batting that's set the Wankhede on flames.

Afghanistan's cricket curve

Besides international coaches & stints in top franchise leagues, domestic investment in the past 10 years has helped the game grow

SHORT TAKES

STANDINGS

	M	W	L	T	PTS	NRK
Ind (Q)	7	7	0	0	14	+2.102
SA	7	6	1	0	12	+2.290
Aus	6	4	2	0	8	+0.970
NZ	7	4	3	0	8	+0.484
Pak	7	3	4	0	6	-0.024
Afg	6	3	3	0	6	-0.718
SL	7	2	5	0	4	-1.162
Ned	6	2	4	0	4	-1.277
Ban	7	1	6	0	2	-1.446
Eng	6	1	5	0	2	-1.652

India qualify for semis, SL still not out

After winning seven matches on the trot, that too in an unprecedented dominant fashion, India finally sealed their semifinal spot. They are assured of finishing in the top two on the league points table.

Despite the 302-run debacle, Sri Lanka are still not mathematically out of contention, but the hit their net run rate took make it highly improbable.

Bangladesh is the only team with no mathematical chance of progression.

South Africa, India's next opponents, are the only team that can deny them top spot on the chart, as a victory over the hosts in Kolkata on Sunday will put them in the No.1 place as their net run rate is superior to that of Rohit Sharma's men. This assumes significance as the No.1-placed team will face the team placed fourth in the semifinals, with the second- and third-placed teams facing off in the other last-four clash.

Three successive defeats have put New Zealand's title prospects in doubt. They are 4th on the table and face 5th-placed Pakistan in Bengaluru on Saturday. A win should be enough to seal a spot in the semifinals, while ending the hopes for Babar Azam's team.

Afghanistan still harbour hopes of progression after beating England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, and would have to beat the Netherlands in Lucknow on Friday in a must-win game for both teams' semifinal aspirations.

England have endured a torrid campaign, but are still not mathematically out, and a defeat to Australia in Ahmedabad on Saturday will end their title defence, while, more or less, assuring Pat Cummins' team of a semifinal slot.

-EXPRESSNEWSERVICE

Marsh returns home for personal reasons

Australia will be without Mitchell Marsh for their World Cup match against England this week after the all-rounder returned home to Perth for personal reasons, the country's cricket board said on Thursday. Cricket Australia said a timeline for Marsh's return to the squad "is to be confirmed", as the five-time champions prepare to take on holders England in Ahmedabad on Saturday before pool stage games against Afghanistan and Bangladesh this month. All-rounder Marcus Stoinis is set to return to the line-up after shaking off a calf problem while Cameron Green is likely to step in for Marsh, who has taken two wickets and scored 225 runs so far, including a century against Pakistan.

-REUTERS

PRATYUSH RAJ

LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 2

"YE AAJ subah hi gira hai (This has fallen down in the morning)", Mirwais Ashraf pointed his finger towards an American chopper, lying on the ground where Afghanistan cricket used to train," Rashid Latif, the former Pakistan captain and wicketkeeper recalls to *The Indian Express*.

Latif was appointed as the first head coach of Afghan cricket in 2010. Mirwais Ashraf is now the chairman of the country's cricket board, and as per Latif, he is working tirelessly to develop the cricketing infrastructure in the country.

"Mirwais made his debut under me. We are still in touch, he is driven to make cricket popular in Afghanistan. The first generation, who I coached, grew up in a refugee camp in Peshawar after Russia's invasion. The current lot are the victims of the Taliban war. The passion and the team spirit was always there. It was the same a decade ago as well," recalls Latif.

The Afghan team has already defeated three World Cup winners -- England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka so far. It is a mix of home-grown cricketers steeped in a nascent but committed domestic cricket, T20 stars who play in franchise leagues around the world and canny coaching personnel who've planned precisely for this World Cup that has brought them within one more miracle win from a semifinal spot. Afghanistan cricket has come a long way since that morning when a chopper thudded onto one of its grounds, casting relentless shadows of war.

Investment in infrastructure

Mohammad Khan Zadran, who has played a pivotal role in the rise of Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran and Mujeeb ur Rahman, says the growth of domestic infrastructure has helped this team grow.

"There are almost 5,000 clubs from 34 provinces. In Khost alone there are 110 teams. Club cricket goes on from June to September-October. Then selection happens for Grade 2, which takes place from January to February. Then Grade 1 in March and April, it is first-class cricket. The 50 overs and T20 league take place in June and July. Grade 3 is all about school cricket," says Zadran, who runs an academy in Khost.

The first-class structure was laid down in 2015-16 and over the years, the Afghan cricket board has started to spend money on the infrastructure.

"Right now, ACB gives us approximately 16 million (Afghani currency) for domestic cricket in one season. There are multiple tournaments and hence we have almost 16-17 grounds for the sport at the domestic level.

Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi says the growth in domestic cricket, playing against top teams consistently, has helped the team grow in stature. "We have five stadiums. One in Khost, two in Jalalabad, one in Kandhar and one in Kabul. A new high-performance centre has been built in Kabul. Those who don't have T20 league contracts, we make sure that you they play in domestic cricket," says Hashmatullah.

Coaching expertise

It is Afghanistan's batting, especially their top four, that has impressed everyone with their approach, and Latif credits it to his old friend Ajay Jadeja.

"What you are seeing is Ajay Jadeja's impact on this team. This is exactly how Jadeja used to bat. Keep rotating the strike,



(Top) Afghanistan players celebrate at the World Cup; (Below Left) Raees Ahmadzai and Ajay Jadeja; (Below Right) Rahmanullah Gurbaz with childhood coach. AP/File

hit the odd boundaries and take the game deep," says Latif.

"The day Jadeja got the offer, he called me and asked what should he expect. I told him that he will learn more from them than teaching them about cricket. After the win against England, he texted me 'you were right,'" laughs Latif.

Jadeja, ahead of Afghanistan's match against Netherlands in Lucknow, says, "I am just a tourist guide. What can I teach them in a couple of weeks?"

Be it the 114-run opening stand between Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran against England, their 130-run partnership in the chase against Pakistan or the unbeaten 111 runs against Sri Lanka, between Hashmatullah Shahidi and Azmatullah Omarzai has shown the evolution of Afghanistan cricket.

Former Afghanistan coach Lalchand Rajput says how pleasing it is to see them rotating the strike now because initially they only used to believe in putting the ball in

the crowds.

"It used to be so frustrating. They only used to believe in hitting sixes. I had given them a dressing down so many times. They used to struggle to hit the balls in the gaps. Now they are more mature and playing sensible cricket. No coach can change teach these things overnight," says Rajput.

Rajput sees khadoos cricket seeping into Afghans. "Attitude and passion were second to none. If you tell them that they need to run for 30 minutes, they will run for one hour. Playing cricket is the only thing that gives them happiness.

They have seen bombs dropping from the sky. They were not safe even if they are playing cricket, Rahmat (Shah) would tell me sir we don't know when a bomb will hit the 22 yards. It gives me immense happiness to see my boys playing the 'khadoos



Passionate fans

The day Afghanistan played England in Delhi, all the shops at the capital's mini Kabul, Bhogal, were closed as most of them bought tickets. Raees points towards the Ekana Stadium and says "If our country has a ground like this, a stadium like this (Ekana Stadium), it will be full and there will be no empty seats. The capacity here is 50,000, I have heard. If we had this stadium in Afghanistan, you would see 50,000 people outside the stadium. You won't get an inch, be it inside or the outside.

"I remember, just to watch our national camp ahead of the Asia Cup, fans came a day early from different parts of the country. They slept overnight outside the stadium just to get a glimpse of their stars," he says.

"Cricket as a sport is new in our country. But if you talk to someone back home, they know all about cricket. It is not just about Rashid or Gurbaz. They will tell you about Virat Kohli and his centuries. They will talk about Ricky Ponting, Rahul Dravid, Shane Warne, and Muttiah Muralitharan.

"They know what is the meaning of Test cricket, who is the champion, who is the best side and the team and the players' rankings. They don't want to miss any IPL matches. This shows cricket is the number one sport in Afghanistan and there is a massive fan base," says Ahmadzai.

Ahmadzai says cricket brings smiles on the faces of his countrymen.

"While watching cricket, they forget about everything that we had been through. We are in war for the past 40 years. We are alive and we want to celebrate. When the boys sit down, then we often talk about how unlucky we are as a nation. We do not want war, man. We want peace. We want a good relationship with everyone. We want sports, we want education, we want good health facilities. There are lots of things other than cricket, which is the need of the hour. This team is playing for those back home, whose hope has not been buried by the bombs, the drones or the bullets," he says.

BUSY DOMESTIC CALENDAR

GHAZI AMANULLAH KHAN REGIONAL LIST A TOURNAMENT

Teams - Mis-e-Ainak, Speenghar, Bost, Band-e-Amir and Amo
Defending champions - Mis-e-Ainak Region

AHMAD SHAH ABDALI 4-DAY TOURNAMENT

Teams - Hindukush Strikers, Maiwand Champions, Mah-E-Par Stars, Pamir Legends

Defending champions - Hindukush Strikers

SHPAGEZA CRICKET LEAGUE - T20 LEAGUE

Teams - Boost Defenders, Speen Ghar Tigers, Kabul Eagles, Mis Ainak Knights, Amo Sharks, Band-e-Amir Dragons, Hindukush Stars, Pamir Zalmi

Defending champions - Speen Ghar Tigers

CRICKET STRUCTURE

Stadium	Capacity	Kandahar Cricket Ground	9,000
Khost Cricket Ground	8,000	Helmand Cricket Ground	8,000
Paktika Cricket Ground	5,000	Zabul Cricket Ground	4,000
Paktia Cricket Ground	6,000	Laghman Cricket Ground	7,000

cricket,' and they are not throwing their wicket away," says Rajput, under whose tenure Afghanistan was awarded Test status.

Afghanistan assistant coach Raees Ahmadzai says they always live in fear. "I have seen players coming for training after burying their loved ones. We never had it easy," he says.

"When I went to England as captain in 2006, we played seven matches, winning six of them against different county teams. When we came back, there was no one to receive us. We didn't have pocket money to take a taxi from the airport to home. Few boys just walked. But there was always a self-belief that we can achieve something," says Raees.

ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Salima, Sangita shine as India turn on afterburners to defeat South Korea

VINAYAKK MOHANARANGAN
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 2

DESPITE CARRYING a few niggles in the team, despite just needing to avoid defeat to ensure top spot in the pool stage, despite the conditions not being the easiest to play on Thursday night in Ranchi (with insects descending in massive numbers throughout the evening), India put in a clinical display to beat Korea 5-0 at the Asian Champions Trophy. The result meant Savita Punia and Co completed their group stage assignments with five wins out of five and went into the semifinals - against Korea once again - full of confidence.

Salima Tete (6', 36'), Navneet Kaur (36'), Vandana Kataria (49') and Neha (60') were the scorers for India.

"We don't know how to take it easy... I also don't know personally," coach Janneke Schopman had said after the match against Japan. In the third quarter especially, India put the pedal hard on the metal in a display that left the former Dutch star pleased -

something that is not all that common.

Schopman revealed later that the players themselves weren't too happy with the first half while she didn't mind the way her side played, leading 1-0 through Salima's first goal. "We lacked a little bit of punch, but in the third quarter, we turned the burners on and scored some amazing goals which was fun to watch I am sure."

While the match itself wasn't all that significant for India in terms of what was at stake, each goal carried some significance.

The first goal of the night was the most special one. The Ranchi crowd has already witnessed some lovely combination play between Salima and Sangita Kumari - the two Simdega players and local favourites for the dozens of hostel students in attendance. But making it more memorable was the presence of their mentor from Simdega hostel, coach Pratima Barwa. The 44-year-old was beaming with pride as Sangita dribbled down the left to set up Salima for the finish.

"Bahut khushi ho rahi hai," Pratima said after the goal was given post a lengthy re-



India players celebrate during their 5-0 rout of South Korea on Friday. Hockey India

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view. "I hope soon more players from Jharkhand are in the Indian team. It is what I dream of," she added as the spotlight turned on her in the arena she was sitting in.

Also watching from the sidelines was Sulaksan Tete, Salima's father who witnessed her daughter play for India live in front of him for the first time. After the match, as the crowds filtered out from the arena and the lights were turning off, Salima's player-of-the-match awards and mementos had made their way to his possession.

Navneet Kaur's goal early in the third quarter set the tone for India's dominance and it was another match where she showed her creative side and got on the scoresheet too, with a hit from a Penalty

Corner. In the same minute, there would be another Salima-Sangita combination as India went up 3-0.

The fourth goal was celebrated as fiercely as many of her previous goals for the 301-match veteran Vandana, who was set up brilliantly by Neha down the middle and the assist from Navneet down the right.

There was just about enough time left for the Indian players to get Neha on the scoresheet. "It's been a while, and I got to celebrate a goal too at the end. My job is usually to create goals for my teammates, but tonight my teammates tried their best to get me to score," said the creative midfielder, whose goal was celebrated enthusiastically by the Indians.

India will next take on Korea in the semifinal once again on Saturday, and Schopman knows that it would be a different test as the latter was left frustrated on the night. The other semifinal will be between Asian Games gold medalists China and Japan. Alyson Annan-coached side leapfrogged into the second place by defeating Japan 1-0 earlier in the day.