

# THE WORLD

## TOP OF THE WORLD



US President Joe Biden

### UNITED STATES

## Biden to build more border wall with funds from Trump's term

Washington: President Joe Biden's administration said it will add sections to a border wall to stave off record migrant crossings from Mexico, carrying forward a signature policy of Donald Trump. One of Biden's first actions after taking office was to issue a proclamation vowing that "no more American taxpayer dollars be diverted to construct a border wall" as well as a review of all resources that had been committed. The administration said it didn't deviate from Biden's proclamation because money allocated during Trump's term in 2019 had to be spent now. **REUTERS**

### TAIWAN

## 'Elect our own leaders, already independent'

Taipei: Taiwan has shown it is already independent and sovereign by electing its own president and has no need for a separate declaration of independence, the frontrunner to be the island's next leader said in interview with Japanese media. Taiwan regularly elects leaders at all levels of government, right from the grassroots up to the president, Lai said. "So in fact, Taiwan is already sovereign and independent. If it is not sovereign and independent, how can there be a presidential election? Therefore, there is no need to declare Taiwan's independence again" he added. China's Taiwan Affairs Office didn't answer calls for a comment. **REUTERS**

### LIBYA

## 258 migrants saved by NGO rescue ship

Tripoli: A nonprofit rescue ship operating off the coast of Libya saved 258 migrants in two separate operations in the early hours of Friday morning. The first of the two rescues involved a 7-meter-long wooden boat with 162 migrants, including 17 women and 29 minors. The boat had an engine but no system of navigation on it, according to Flavia Conte, rescue coordinator for the Doctors Without Borders rescue ship Geo Barents. The migrants on board were Syrians and Egyptians. **AP**

### NEW ZEALAND

## PM returns to campaign after Covid recovery

Wellington: New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins on Friday said he was back on the election campaign trail, after he tested negative for Covid-19 earlier in the day. New Zealand is just a week out from the October 14 general election, which the ruling Labour party is unlikely to win. Labour faced a new challenge on Sunday when Hipkins tested positive for Covid and had to work remotely while isolating. Hipkins told TVNZ's *1News* on Friday he was feeling good. **REUTERS**

## Nobel Prize will embolden Mohammadi's fight: Husband

REUTERS  
PARIS/OSLO, OCTOBER 6

THE AWARD of the Nobel Peace Prize to Iranian women's rights advocate Narges Mohammadi will further encourage her struggle and the movement she leads, her husband told *Reuters* Friday.

"This Nobel Prize will embolden Narges' fight for human rights, but more importantly, this is in fact a prize for the woman, life and freedom movement," Mohammadi's husband Taghi Rahmani said in an interview at his home in Paris.

"This prize is for all the people of Iran, for human rights activists," he added.

Mohammadi, an Iranian women's rights advocate serving some 12 years in jail, won the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday in a decision likely to anger Tehran's theocratic government.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee, which decides the annual award, urged Iran to release Mohammadi, one of the nation's leading activists who has campaigned for both women's rights and the abolition of the death penalty.



Taghi Ramahi with an undated photo of himself and Narges Mohammadi



A Chinese coast guard ship (left) with a Chinese militia vessel (right), blocks Philippine coast guard ship, BRP Sindangan as it tried to head towards Second Thomas Shoal at the disputed South China Sea during rotation and resupply mission. **AP**

## Philippines protests after China coast guard ship nearly collides with vessel

JOEL CALUPITAN & JIM GOMEZ  
ABOARD BRP SINDANGAN, OCTOBER 6

A CHINESE coast guard ship came within a meter of colliding with a Philippine patrol ship it was trying to block in the South China Sea, in an alarming incident that intensified fears that territorial disputes in the waters could spark a larger crisis.

The Philippines on Friday strongly condemned the Chinese ship's maneuvers near Second Thomas Shoal, which the Asian neighbors both claim and

has been the scene of frequent confrontations.

One other Philippine coast guard vessel was blocked and surrounded by Chinese coast guard and militia ships in the incident, which dragged on for about eight hours on Wednesday. A major clash in the disputed waters could potentially involve the United States, which has vowed to defend the Philippines, its treaty ally, if Filipino forces, ships and aircraft come under attack.

Two smaller supply boats being escorted by the Philippine coast guard in the contested waters managed to breach the Chinese blockade and delivered

### Alarming proximity

## 1 metre

distance between Chinese coast guard ship and Philippine patrol ship

food and other supplies to a Filipino marine outpost at shoal.

"We condemn the behavior of the Chinese coast guard vessel. They have been violating international law, particularly the collision regulations," Philippine coast guard spokesperson

Commodore Jay Tarriela said at a briefing Friday.

A collision was averted when one of the two Philippine coast guard vessels, the BRP Sindangan, rapidly reversed its engine to avoid slamming into the Chinese coast guard ship that crossed its bow at a distance of only a meter, Tarriela said.

It's "the closest dangerous maneuver" by any Chinese coast guard ship against a Philippine patrol ship, he said.

Wednesday's hostilities began at dawn when a Chinese coast guard ship closely tailed the Philippine vessels enroute to Second Thomas Shoal. **AP**

## SEEKING TO STABILISE TIES

# White House plans Biden-Xi talks for next month: Report

REUTERS  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 6

THE WHITE House is making plans for a face-to-face meeting between US President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping in San Francisco next month as the two countries seek to stabilize troubled relations, *Washington Post* reported on Thursday.

Ties between the world's two largest economies have been strained in recent years due to a number of issues including Taiwan, the origins of the Covid-19 pandemic, allegations of spying, human rights issues and trade tariffs, among others.

The newspaper, which cited senior unidentified US officials, quoted one of them as saying the possibility of a meeting was "pretty firm."

"We're beginning the process" of planning, the official was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

The Chinese embassy in Washington did not comment specifically on the newspaper report. A spokesperson of the embassy said in an emailed statement that the two countries remained in communication and needed to expand "good faith" cooperation. The White

## China, Vietnam prepare for likely Xi visit

Hanoi: Vietnamese and Chinese officials are preparing for a possible visit from Xi Jinping to Hanoi at end of October or early November, on the heels of US President Joe Biden's trip in September, four people familiar with the plans said. The visit would underline the Southeast Asian manufacturing hub's growing strategic importance, as powers jostle for influence in region amid rising tensions between Beijing and Washington. **REUTERS**

House did not have an immediate comment.

The meeting would follow other high-level engagements between the two countries in recent months that have seen visits from US officials to China like Secretary of State Antony Blinken in June, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in July and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo in August.

## Russia signals intention to swiftly revoke ratification of nuclear test ban agreement

GUY FAULCONBRIDGE  
MOSCOW, OCTOBER 6

RUSSIA INDICATED on Friday that it was moving swiftly towards revoking its ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) after President Vladimir Putin held out the possibility of resuming nuclear testing.

Putin said on Thursday Russia's nuclear doctrine — which sets out the conditions under which he would press the nuclear button — did not need updating but that he was not yet ready to say whether or not Moscow needed to resume nuclear tests.

The Kremlin chief said that



Russia's State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin. *Reuters*

Russia could look at revoking ratification of the CTBT as the US had signed but not ratified it.

Russia's top lawmaker, Vyacheslav Volodin, then said the State Duma lower house of

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## Resurge of new arms race

A RESUMPTION of nuclear tests by Russia, the United States or China could indicate the start of a new nuclear arms race between the big powers who stopped nuclear testing in the years following the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. For some scientists and campaigners, the spurge of nuclear bomb testing during the Cold War indicated folly of nuclear brinkmanship which could destroy humanity and contaminate the planet for years to come.

parliament would consider if there was a need to revoke Russia's ratification of the treaty.

The comments by Putin and Volodin suggest that Russia is considering revoking ratification

of the treaty, which bans nuclear blasts by everyone, everywhere.

Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the point would be to achieve a "common denominator" between Russia and US. **REUTERS**

## Turkey forces step up attacks against militants as conflict escalates in Syria

TUVANGUMRUKCU  
ISTANBUL, OCTOBER 6

TURKISH SECURITY forces attacked Kurdish militants in northern Syria and eastern Turkey, and Ankara said it will continue to destroy their capabilities across the region as conflict escalated on Friday nearly a week after a bomb attack in Ankara.

After US forces shot down a Turkish drone in northern Syria on Thursday, Turkey confirmed the incident but assigned no blame, indicating it may want to

contain tensions with NATO ally.

The military "neutralised" 26 Kurdish militants in northern Syria overnight in retaliation for a rocket attack on a Turkish base, the defence ministry said. Turkey typically uses the term "neutralise" to mean kill.

The rocket attack on the base, by the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia, killed one Turkish police officer and wounded seven officers and soldiers in northwest Syria's Dabiq area on Thursday evening, Ankara said.

Turkey also conducted air strikes and destroyed 30 militant

targets elsewhere in northern Syria, including an oil well, a storage facility and shelters, the defence ministry said.

"As has been done in Iraq, all the capabilities and revenue sources developed by the terrorist organisation in Syria will continue to be destroyed in a systematic way," the foreign ministry said.

In Turkey, two Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militants were "neutralised" in Agri in a clash with commandos during an operation with drone and helicopter, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said. **REUTERS**

## Indian-origin couple, two kids found dead in US home; cops probe homicide

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW YORK, OCTOBER 6

AN INDIAN-ORIGIN couple and their two children were found dead in their home in the US state of New Jersey and police are probing the matter as a homicide.

Tej Pratap Singh, 43, and Sonal Parihar, 42, were found dead alongside their 10-year-old son and 6-year-old in their Plainsboro home sometime after 4:30 pm on Wednesday, the Plainsboro Police Department said.

Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone and Chief Eamon Blanchard of the Plainsboro Police Department announced on Thursday that a homicide is currently under investigation.

On the evening of October 4, authorities received a 911 call requesting a welfare check at a residence in Plainsboro. Upon their arrival Plainsboro Police Department discovered four deceased victims in the house," they said in a joint statement.

"This tragedy remains under investigation and autopsies are being performed today," they said, adding an initial investigation determined that there is no threat to the public.

Both Singh and Parihar had careers in IT, including the Human Resources sector, relatives said. **REUTERS**



Biden and Xi's last meeting was on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Indonesia in November 2022. *Reuters file*

## Pakistan seeks orderly departure of its illegal Afghans, says Ministry

ASIF SHAHZAD  
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 6

PAKISTAN SAID Friday that it would repatriate all illegal immigrants including hundreds of thousands of Afghan nationals in orderly phases than in one go.

Pakistan's announcement on Tuesday of a November 1 deadline for people to leave or face forcible expulsion has frayed already soured relations with Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, who said the threat to force out Afghan migrants was "unacceptable."

"It will be done in phases," the foreign office spokeswoman, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, told reporters in Islamabad. She added the process would follow an or-

derly manner, in contrast to what she called some misconceptions that all of them would just be expelled in one go.

She said it could start with people with criminal records, such as someone involved in a crime or smuggling. "We will be looking into each case individually," she added.

Bugti said that the decision was taken by the country's civil and military leaders in view of rising attacks by Islamist militants, alleging that 14 out of 24 suicide bombings in Pakistan this year were carried out by Afghan nationals.

Pakistan has hosted the largest number of Afghan refugees since the Soviet invasion of Kabul in 1979. **REUTERS**

## HAD DENIED BEING A NAZI, BUT CONFESSED MEMBERSHIP OF MILITARY UNITS SAYING IT WAS COMMON FOR MEN OF HIS AGE

# Dutch prince's Nazi membership card revives calls for inquiry

TOBY STERLING & BART H. MEIJER  
AMSTERDAM, OCTOBER 6

THE DISCOVERY of a Nazi membership card in the name of late Dutch Prince Bernhard, a German who married into the Dutch royal family in the 1930s, revived calls on Friday for an inquiry into his ties to Adolf Hitler's party.

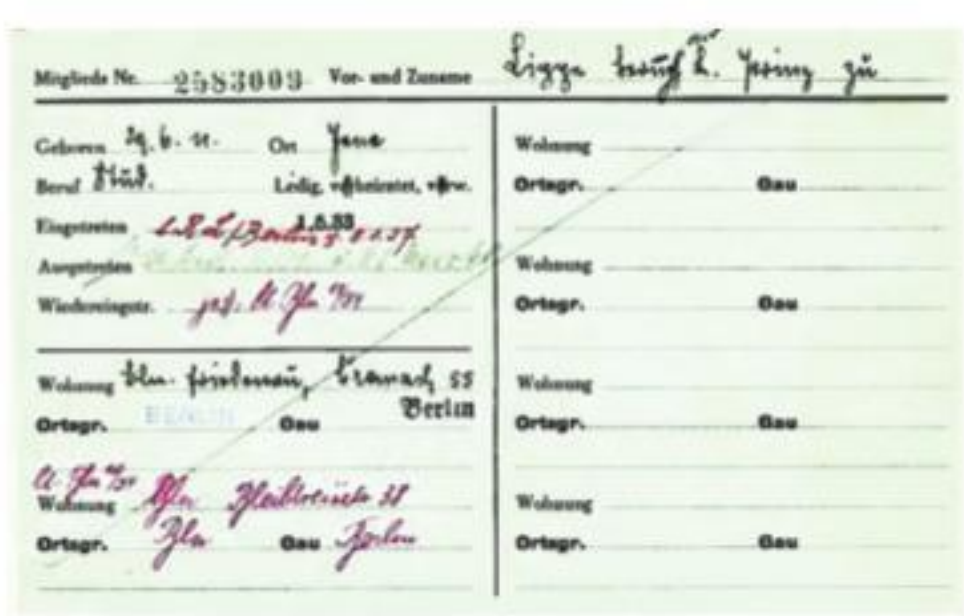
Prince Bernhard, the grandfather of Dutch King Willem Alexander, died in 2004. He consistently denied having been a Nazi although he did acknowledge membership of several Nazi military units, saying it was com-

mon for men of his age at the time.

While there always was suspicion that he was a Nazi party member, "the discovery of Prince Bernhard's original NSDAP membership card is a new part of a painful chapter in Dutch history," the Center for Information and Documentation Israel (CIDI), said on Friday.

It called for an investigation by the Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (NIOD).

"That Bernhard was a member is not so much what caused the shock: most Dutch people had expected that by now. But that he continued to deny it until his death weighs much more



The card, which showed Dutch Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands (right) first joined in 1933. *Reuters*



heavily for people," the CIDI said. In interviews with *De Volkskrant* newspaper shortly before his death, Bernhard had repeated his denial: "I can state with one hand on the Bible, I was never a Nazi," he said.

The Dutch government confirmed the card was found but has resisted calls for an inquiry.

Born in 1911 as Bernhard von Biesterfeld, he became a Dutch citizen and later flew combat missions for the Allies against Germany during the war.

The card, which showed Bernhard first joined in 1933, was found by historian Flip Maarschalkerweerd, the Royal Information Service said.

Maarschalkerweerd told broadcaster NOS he was surprised that the prince had saved the card he had denied having.

"He was a collector, and palaces have enormous attics and basements," he said. "Perhaps he forgot he had it."

As early as 1996 Dutch jour-

nalists published a book with a copy of NSDAP membership card in Bernhard's name that was found in US archives, with correspondence showing he quit the party in 1936 when he became engaged to Juliana, the Dutch princess who later became queen.

King Willem Alexander said the discovery in Prince Bernhard's private archive could revive painful memories of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands during World War Two.

"I can very well imagine that this news has a great impact, that it calls up a lot of emotions. In particular among the Jewish community," he said. **REUTERS**



## NAVLAKHA, SINGHAM NAMED Farm stir, Covid fight, Chinese telecom firms in NewsClick FIR

NewsClick: Absurd, not got any funds, instructions from China, Chinese firms

JIGNASA SINHA  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

ATTEMPTS TO show Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as "not parts of India"; discrediting the Indian government's fight against Covid; funding the farmers' agitation; and "putting up a spirited defence of legal cases" against Chinese telecom companies such as Xiaomi and Vivo — these are among allegations detailed by the Delhi Police Special Cell in its FIR against NewsClick founder-editor Prabir Purkayastha. Apart from Purkayastha, the FIR is also against rights activist Gautam Navlakha, who is under house arrest in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist link case, and US-based businessman Neville Roy Singham.



The NewsClick office in Delhi has been sealed. PTI

NewsClick's HR head Amit Chakraborty were arrested after the Special Cell conducted raids at the premises of over 40 journalists, technicians and contributors associated with the news portal across Delhi-NCR and Mumbai. Police had said this was

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## In FIR, 'false narrative' on Govt, 'paid news' fall in terror ambit

APURVA VISHWANATH  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

INVOKING THE Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Delhi Police Special Cell's FIR says NewsClick conspired to "disrupt supplies and services essential to the life of community in India and abet damage and destruction of property by protraction of farmers' protest..."

This phrase — "disruption of supplies and services" — is part of Section 15(1)(a)(iii) of the UAPA, which defines "disrup-

tion" as caused "by using bombs, dynamite or other explosive substances or inflammable substances or firearms or other lethal weapons or poisonous or noxious gases or other chemicals or by any other substances (whether biological, radioactive, nuclear or otherwise) of a hazardous nature..."

Section 15 of the UAPA describes a "terrorist act". Section 16, which prescribes a punishment for Section 15, is one of the charges invoked in the FIR, along with Section 17 (raising funds for terrorism) and Section 153A of

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The Indian team celebrates after winning the men's hockey gold medal at the Asian Games, in Hangzhou, on Friday. ANI

## Hockey gold won, Team India puts up best show, set to get at least 100 medals

EXPRESS AT ASIAN GAMES  
MIHIR VASAVDA  
HANGZHOU, OCTOBER 6

A GAMES replete with historic firsts, a strong return to podium in sports it had earlier missed, and memorable comebacks will end with another landmark moment — for the first time, India will breach the 100-medal mark at the Asian Games.

The unprecedented medal

haul will also ensure India's best-ever rank at the Asian Games in over 60 years, with fourth place behind China, Japan and South Korea now secured.

India began the penultimate day of competition here with 86 medals. Through the day, the team added nine more to the tally, with medals coming in hockey (gold), archery (silver and bronze), bridge (silver), badminton (bronze), sepaktakraw (bronze) and wrestling (3 bronze), taking the total to 95.

On Saturday, the final day of events before Sunday's closing ceremony, the Indian team has confirmed medals in archery

(three), kabaddi (two), badminton and men's cricket. More are possible in women's hockey and chess.

"We came here with the target of 100 medals but didn't imagine our dream would come true," said India's chef de mission, Bhupinder Singh Bajwa. "Now, we will achieve it easily tomorrow. I congratulate all the players, along with the coaches and support staff, for reaching the target we set out to achieve."

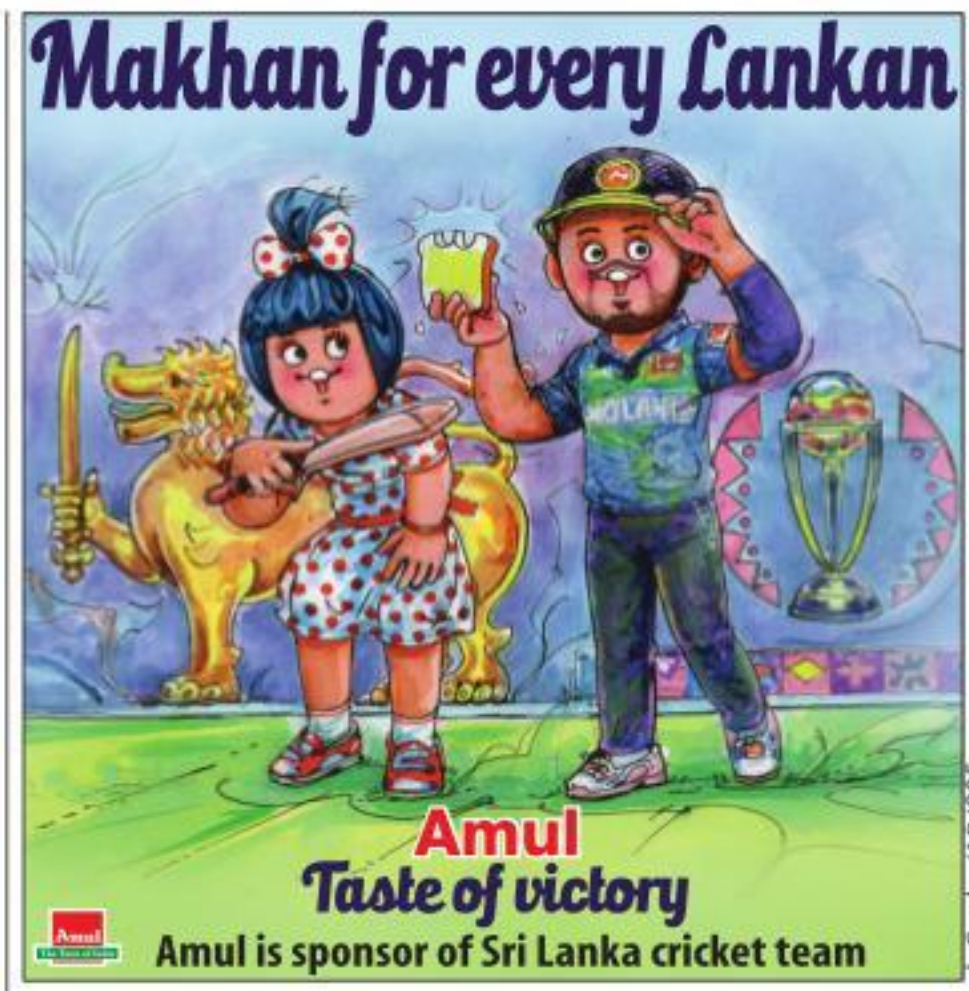
Prime Minister Narendra Modi is learnt to have invited each member of India's 650-plus contingent for a felicitation ceremony

in New Delhi on October 10.

India's previous best performance at the continental showpiece event was in Jakarta five years ago, with 70 medals. Its previous highest overall finish was at the 1962 Asian Games, also in Jakarta, when India finished third. In every edition since then, the Indian team has ranked fifth or lower.

Here are some figures from a record-breaking campaign:  
■ Of the 95 medals so far in 20

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## GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST FLOOD

### Red flags since 2005: Teesta-III dam may not survive lake outburst

Washed away, Sikkim's largest hydel project has dodgy history of compromise

JAY MAZOOMDAAR  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE GLACIAL lake outburst flood (GLOF) that ravaged parts of Sikkim in the early hours of Wednesday also washed away the 60-metre-high rock-filled concrete dam of the 1200-MW Teesta-III hydel project near Chungthang village.

A probe is on to ascertain if the dam's spillways — openings to allow excess water to flow out — were opened before the flood waters from the South Lhonak glacial lake reached Chungthang

roughly 55 km downstream. But even closing the doors may not have been enough.

For, with a spillway capacity of 7,000 cumec (cubic metres per second), the Teesta-III dam was not built to survive a GLOF that can discharge as high as 15,000 cumec.

As many as 102 people,

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JAILED IRANIAN ACTIVIST NARGES MOHAMMADI WINS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE  
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## Church forms tribunal against Kerala priest who flagged 'moral decay'

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 6

IN AN unprecedented move, the Catholic Church in Kerala has formed an ecclesiastical tribunal to initiate proceedings for discipline and disobedience against a priest who opted to keep away from parish duty citing moral decay in the Church but wanted to continue priesthood.

The tribunal was formed at the Catholic diocese of Thamarassery by Bishop Remigiose Inchananiyil against Fr Thomas alias Aji Puthiyaparambil, 46, who has been a priest for the past 20 years. The tribunal comprises five priests, four of them belonging to the diocese.

Fr Puthiyaparambil has been asked to be present before the tribunal when summoned.

The constitution of the intra-church trial proceedings against Fr Puthiyaparambil, as per the canon law, has drawn criticism from various quarters at a time when the Church has been accused of being reluctant to

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## EXPRESS NETWORK

SEVEN KILLED IN MUMBAI BUILDING FIRE, 69 INJURED  
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## RBI leaves repo rate unchanged at 6.5%

HITESH VYAS & GEORGE MATHEW  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

IN LINE with market expectations, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) left its key interest rate unchanged for the fourth time in a row on Friday, even as it flagged retail inflation as a "major risk to macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth".

The RBI's decision to keep the repo rate — the rate at which the

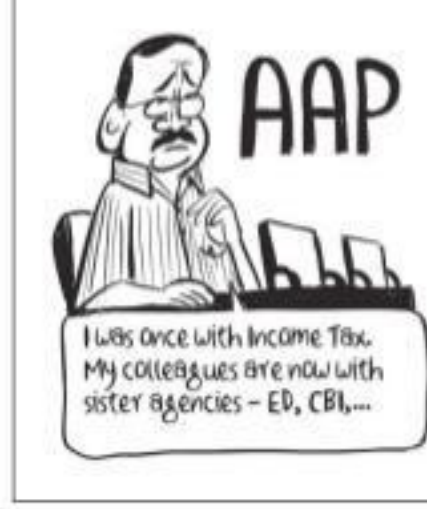
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Capex green shoots

WHILE CITING domestic inflation as a continuing concern, the MPC highlighted the increasing momentum in investment activity, led by government capex. Private sector capex gaining ground, as suggested by expansion in production and imports of capital goods and new projects sanctioned by banks, is another positive.

## BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



## After photos of Manipur students, kin of others missing cling to hope, fear the worst

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

SUKRITA BARUAH  
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 6

WHEN TWO photographs surfaced last month which purportedly showed the bodies of two Meitei youngsters who had been missing since July, Thongam Ranjita felt like she had reached the breaking point. Her husband, Shyam (38), has been missing since May 11, and the photographs forced her to confront her worst fear.

"I did not know about it at first. But when my brother tried

to show the photos to me, I had to push the phone away. I cried so much that day, wondering if my husband too had been killed like this," said Ranjita, who has been living with her two children in a relief camp in Imphal's Chingmeirong.

Hijam Linthoingambi (17) and Phijam Hemjit (20), the two students whose bodies were purportedly seen in the photographs, were among 30 who have been counted as 'missing persons' by the police during the course of the conflict — people who have not been found, whether dead or alive. Their families have been waiting for months for information about their loved ones.



Some of those missing (clockwise from top left): Atom Samarendra, Naorem Prakash Singh, Thongam Shyam, Y Kirankumar

Ranjita and Shyam were residents of Torbung Bangla, located at the border of Meitei-dominated Bishnupur district and Kuki-Zomi-dominated Churachandpur district. When violence flared up on May 3, this was among the first places that was hit, and their home went up in flames too. They had fled by then, and were living in a relief camp in Moirang.

According to Ranjita, on the morning of May 11, Shyam ventured back to Torbung Bangla with some other people to retrieve some rice for the family, since the initial violence seemed to have subsided. But he, along with two other men who had

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21 Golds at Asian Games, Nobel Prize for Physics, and Kolkata's rat problem

In 3 Things, we discuss India's record medal haul in 2023 Asian Games, work that won the Nobel Prize for Physics, and Kolkata overrun by rats.

FROM PAGE ONE FULL REPORTISON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM FIR against NewsClick editor

In connection with an FIR lodged on August 17 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

In a statement on Friday, NewsClick termed the allegations as "absurd" and said the proceedings initiated against it were "a blatant attempt to muzzle the free and independent press in India".

"The allegations in the FIR, apart from being ex facie untenable and bogus, have been made time and again, in investigations by three government agencies -- the Enforcement Directorate, Economic Offences Wing, Delhi Police, and Income Tax department. None of these investigations led to any chargesheets or complaints over the last three years. In fact, Prabir (Purkayastha) was granted interim protection in these investigations. The latest FIR has been registered only to circumvent this protection and carry out illegal arrests under the draconian UAPA," NewsClick said.

"NewsClick has not received any funding or instructions from China or Chinese entities. Further, NewsClick has never committed or sought to encourage violence, secession or any illegal act in any manner whatsoever," it said, adding that it has "full faith" in the judicial system.

The FIR states that "secret inputs have been received that foreign funds in crores have been infused illegally in India by Indian and foreign entities inimical to India in pursuance of a conspiracy with the intention to disrupt sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, to cause disaffection against India, and to threaten the unity, integrity, security of India".

It claims that "since April, 2018... crores of rupees have been received by M/S PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt Ltd through illegal means during a short span of five years from M/S Worldwide Media Holdings LLC, USA and others".

"Such foreign funds have been fraudulently infused by Neville Roy Singham, resident of Shanghai and active member of the Propaganda department of Communist Party of China, through a complex web of several entities," it states.

The FIR states that "it is learnt that Navlakha, a shareholder in PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt Ltd since its inception in 2018, remained involved in anti-Indian and unlawful activities such as actively supporting banned Naxal organisations and having anti-national nexus with Gulam Nabi Fai, an agent of ISI of Pakistan".

"It has also been learnt that such illegally routed foreign funds have been siphoned by Purkayastha and his associates... (and) distributed to Navlakha, associates of Teesta Setalvad..." the FIR claims.

"Secret inputs also revealed that Purkayastha, Singham and some other Chinese employees of Singham-owned Shanghai-

based company StarStream exchanged mails which expose their intent to show Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as not part of India... Their attempts... amount to an act intended towards undermining the unity and territorial integrity of India," the FIR states. "The accused have also conspired to disrupt supplies and services essential to the life of community in India and abet damage and destruction of property by protraction of farmers' protest through such illegal foreign funding."

"It is also learnt that Purkayastha, Singham... and others actively propagated false narratives to discredit the efforts of the Indian government to contain Covid-19 pandemic. They acted against national interest by promoting a misleading and false narrative about the domestic pharmaceutical industry and policies and development initiatives of the democratically elected Indian government in cohorts with the anti-national forces," it states.

"It is learnt that Purkayastha conspired with a group namely People's Alliance for Democracy and Secularism (PADS) to sabo-

rage the electoral process during 2019 General Elections... In furtherance of this conspiracy... large amount of funds were routed from China in circuitous and camouflaged manner and paid news were intentionally peddled criticising domestic policies, development projects of India, and promoting, projecting and defending policies and programmes of Chinese government," it states.

"It is also learnt that People's Dispatch Portal, owned and maintained by M/S PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt Ltd, has been used for intentionally peddling these false narratives through paid news in lieu of crores of rupees of illegally routed foreign funds as part of conspiracy. It is further learnt that big Chinese telecom companies like Xiaomi, Vivo, etc incorporated thousands of shell companies in India in violation of PMLA/FEMA for illegally infusing foreign funds in India in furtherance of this conspiracy. Further Purkayastha, Singham, Geeta Hariharan, Gautam Bhatia (key person) conspired to create a Legal Community Network in India to campaign for and put up a spirited defence of legal cases

against aforementioned Chinese telecom companies in return for benefits by these Chinese companies," it states.

When contacted, a Xiaomi India spokesperson said: "We have no knowledge about this. We strongly deny the said allegation against Xiaomi in the FIR. Xiaomi conducts its business operations with utmost respect to, and in strict compliance of applicable laws. Any allegation of conspiracy is completely baseless."

The FIR further states: "Purkayastha, Singham, Navlakha and their known and unknown associates... have conspired to commit unlawful activities and terrorist acts... By inciting disaffection among the people, especially farmers, towards the democratically elected Government of India, they have been creating divisions and disharmony among different groups/classes of people as a part of a larger criminal conspiracy having international ramifications."

"Therefore, a case under sections 13, 16, 17, 18 and 22C of UAPA, Section 153A, 120B IPC be registered and as per order of senior officers," it states.

In FIR, 'false narrative' on Govt, 'paid news' fall in terror ambit

The Indian Penal Code which penalises promoting enmity between different groups.

The FIR, however, draws a connection between the source of funding from "inimical" foreign nation and critical reportage of the government to define terrorism. It lists three key details as grounds for invoking stringent anti-terror charges.

First, the "secret inputs" that reveal on email the "intent to show Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as not part of India". Second, the conspiracy "to disrupt supplies and services essential to the life of community in India and abet damage and destruction of property by protraction of farmers' protest..."

Third, routing funds "from China in circuitous and camouflaged manner" for "paid news" that "intentionally peddled criticising domestic policies, development projects of India and promoting, projecting and defending policies and programmes of Chinese government."

The FIR alleges that NewsClick "actively propagated false narratives to discredit the efforts of Indian Govt to contain Covid-19 pandemic."

"Moreover, they have acted against the national interest by promoting a misleading and false narrative about the do-

mestic pharmaceutical industry and the policies and development initiatives of the democratically elected Indian government in cohorts with the anti-national forces," the FIR states.

Even the 1994 landmark ruling in Kartar Singh vs State of Punjab case that upheld the validity of the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987, said that "terrorism cannot be classified as mere disturbance of 'public order' disturbing the event tempo of the life of community of any specified locality but it is much more, rather a grave emergent situation created either by exter-

nal forces, particularly at the frontiers of this country or by anti-nationals, throwing a challenge to the very existence and sovereignty of the country in its democratic polity."

Incidentally, on the charge of conspiracy to "disrupt services", Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, in a written response to Rajya Sabha in December 2022, had said the Home Ministry had decided to withdraw 86 criminal cases registered under various sections against farmers who participated in the year-long protest to repeal the three farm laws which were rolled back in November 2021.

Church forms tribunal

launch such proceedings against priests allegedly involved in sexual and financial scandals in recent years.

What provoked the bishop was Fr Puthiyaparambil's decision to keep away from assuming charge as a parish priest. In May this year, Fr Puthiyaparambil had refused to assume charge as parish priest at St Joseph's Church, Nooramthodu in Thamarassery diocese. For the past three years, he had been a priest at a Catholic parish at Mukkom. He had also posted about his decision on social media, irking Bishop Inchananiyil.

Fr Puthiyaparambil had then pointed towards "moral degeneration" in the Church, alleged financial scandals involving higher-ups in the Church, "unholy" nexus between bishops and political leaders, and the dispute in Ernakulam archdiocese over liturgy among the reasons. He

warned that if corrective measures were not taken, the Kerala Church would face the fate of its counterpart in Europe.

The bishop suspended the priest in July and barred him from public offering of the Mass. On September 20, the suspension was revoked, leading to the formation of the tribunal the next day. In a circular, the bishop said the priest "had incited sedition and hatred towards the hierarchy, provoking the faithful to disobedience... causing scandal and violating discipline". The order said the tribunal would decide on penal sanctions.

"I am being tried for questioning the moral degeneration in the Church. Even if the Church defrocks me, I will continue to speak against the decay... My intention is not to hurt the Church, but to heal wounds... I would have to speak about the... erosion of values," Fr Puthiyaparambil said.

After photos of Manipur students, kin of others missing cling to hope

gone with him, never returned. Their families suspect that they were abducted by members of the Kuki-Zomi community, but they have no answers. "I don't know if he's alive or dead. We have done dhams, we have met ministers, but all we hear is 'we are working on it,'" said Ranjita.

Besides Shyam, the two other men who went missing that day are Naorem Prakash Singh and Leichombam Suraj Meitei. Like Ranjita, Prakash's parents are living in a relief camp in Bishnupur district, while his wife Sanatombi and two children are staying with her parents in Nambol. Prakash's father-in-law, Inaocha, said they don't have much hope. "How can he be alive after all this time? There is no expectation, he must be dead somewhere. We have

made many requests to the police to at least find the body... but there has been nothing," he said.

This week marked five months since Atom Samarendra (47) - a central government employee in Imphal West - and his friend, Y Kirankumar (47), went missing on May 6. Both had left Samarendra's house at around 10:30 am, in his car. While his last call was at 4:24 pm, his family tracked his phone to trace his last location, at 4:35 pm, at Sabeibung village, at the foothills along the border with the Kuki-dominated district of Kangpokpi.

"We approached the security forces the next day and some of our relatives also joined the search team on May 7, but could not reach the spot because of blockading by Kukis," said Samarendra's

Red flags since 2005

including 22 Army personnel, continue to remain missing since the early hours of Wednesday.

There were a string of early warnings before Teesta-III was commissioned in 2017. It was developed at a cost of Rs 13,965 crore and is run by Sikkim Urja Limited (formerly Teesta Urja Limited). The government of Sikkim holds a 60% stake through its investment company Sikkim Power Investment Corporation Limited in the company. In 2005, the Environment Ministry's steering committee for Carrying Capacity Study of Teesta Basin noted that "glacial moraines (sediment carried and deposited by a glacier), temporarily forming glacial lakes and debris cones, are a potential source of hazard in North Sikkim."

The draft Carrying Capacity report, based on which Teesta-III was cleared in August 2006, also warned that the region was "quite susceptible to disastrous hazards due to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs)." South Lhonak glacial lake, in particular, was under watch for decades as it steadily expanded in size. But Teesta-III underestimated the risk posed by a once-in-a-century flood event.

At public hearings and, later, in submissions to the erstwhile National Environmental Appellate Authority (NEAA) where the project was challenged, the project developers claimed that "sufficient mitigation measures have been proposed... to take care of any eventual flood... the spillway has been designed to handle Probable Maximum Flood of 7000 cumec, which is already taken on a highly conservative side."

"They never addressed the issue of a possible glacial lake burst even though it was a ticking time bomb barely 50 km upstream.

Provisioning for 7000 cumec is barely sufficient for rain-induced floods. A GLOF demands spillways of much higher capacity," said a senior Central Water Commission official familiar with the projects in the Teesta basin.

Worse, the project tried to further reduce the spillway capacity from 7000 to 3000 cumec by altering the approved design parameters which was red-flagged by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in 2008. "Flood discharge higher than 3000 cumec is likely to overtop the dam endangering its safety/washing away of dam," it warned.

The Environment Ministry's Expert Appraisal Committee for River Valley and Hydroelectric Projects inspected the project site in April 2009 to observe "that a rockfill dam with inadequate spillway capacity faces the risk of overtopping, which leads to Dam Break: a catastrophic proposition."

Teesta-III reverted to the approved spillway capacity of 7000 cumec, which, as it turned out, was grossly insufficient to allow passage to the GLOF this week.

When contacted, Sunil Saraogi, the executive chairman of Sikkim Urja Limited, said: "I cannot comment on what transpired in the past but there was no lapse at the operational level. It is too early for a review but we will certainly take every precaution possible based on science."

"Climate Change has once again knocked on our doors. We must learn from this disaster and put a more credible dam safety governance in place. We must fix accountability and create a credible, functioning early warning system," said Himanshu Thakkar, coordinator, South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People.

know when he went missing. But Lal points to a video clip of a man, bound and lying on the ground, surrounded by men kicking and beating him with sticks before shooting him. He identifies the man in the video clip as his cousin.

With morgues in Imphal still out of reach for Kuki-Zomi families, even the families of those who are confirmed to be dead are yet to get the bodies. Meanwhile, back in Imphal, while Linthoingambi and Hemjit's families now know they are dead, their bodies are yet to be found. "All we are asking for now is if they (authorities) could hand over even a bone or piece of cloth belonging to him. I've not washed his blanket... his smell still lingers on it. I want to cherish it," said Hemjit's mother, Birodini Devi.

Team India puts up best show

sports, 44 came from men, 41 from women, and 9 in mixed events.

The country has won 22 gold medals, again the most ever. Shooting has the most gold medals - 7.

51 medals came just from two sports - athletics (29) and shooting (22).

30 athletes have so far won more than one medal, with rifleman Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and pistol shooter Esha Singh winning the most medals by a single athlete - 4 each.

On October 1, the team won the most medals in a single day - 15 - and there hasn't been a single day without any medal.

Increased funding, focused training plans and routine exposure trips outside India, where the athletes practise and compete, are seen as some of the key reasons for the medal high, which follows the best-ever haul at the Tokyo Olympics two years ago.

This march to a century has also been made possible by a record number of women podium finishers, and medals in sports the country has little or no history in, breaking decades-old records in some. The last-minute change of mind by the Board of Control for Cricket in India - which had earlier decided against sending the women's and men's teams for the Asiad - also ensured two medals.

The medal count was also aided by the inclusion of team

events in shooting, which wasn't the case five years ago in Jakarta. Thirteen of the 22 shooting medals came in team events. But even that is an improvement from the last time they were included - back in 2014 when India won just four medals in team events.

Other significant firsts pushed the tally to the 100 mark. For instance, Parul Chaudhary's gold medal in the 5,000 metres race was India's first in the event at the Asiad since it was introduced at the 1998 Games.

Similarly, in equestrian, the dressage team produced a stunning performance to win the gold medal, while in the individual event, Anush Agarwalla won the bronze, another first. The 4x400m men's relay team recorded a first top-of-the-podium performance since the 1962 Asiad.

On Saturday, India could complete a clean sweep of gold medals in compound archery, a discipline that was introduced in India just 19 years ago. While compound isn't an Olympic event, Bajwa said the athletes must soon shift their focus towards the Paris Games, which are less than nine months away.

"We must now look at the Paris Olympics as our next target. I urge athletes to return to their training after a brief rest and begin their Paris preparations as soon as possible. Given the haul here, I am confident that we shall double the Tokyo mark in Paris," Bajwa said.

RBI leaves repo rate unchanged

RBI lends money to banks to meet their short-term funding needs - unchanged at 6.5 per cent will mean that all external benchmark lending rates (EBLR) linked to the repo rate will not rise. It will provide relief to borrowers as their equated monthly instalments (EMIs) will not increase.

The rate-setting panel, while retaining FY2024 consumer price index (CPI) based inflation projection at 5.4 per cent, revised upwards its inflation forecast for the second quarter of current fiscal to 6.4 per cent, from 6.2 per cent announced in the August policy. The inflation forecast for the third quarter has been revised to 5.6 per cent, from 5.7 per cent, while the fourth quarter projection has been retained at 5.2 per cent.

The RBI kept the real GDP growth projection for FY2024 unchanged at 6.5 per cent but raised concerns over geopolitical tensions, global economic slowdown and uneven monsoon.

"The overall inflation outlook is clouded by uncertainties, from the fall in kharif sowing for key crops like pulses and oilseeds, low reservoir levels, and volatile global food and energy prices. The MPC observed that the recurring incidence of large and overlapping food price shocks can impart generalisation and persistence to headline inflation," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said while announcing the monetary policy.

In August, CPI inflation eased to 6.83 per cent from 7.44 per cent in July. Das expects inflation to ease further in September on the back of moderation in food prices.

He said the MPC remains highly alert and prepared to undertake timely policy measures, as may be necessary, in order to align inflation to the target and anchor inflation expectations.

"I would like to emphatically reiterate that our inflation target is 4 per cent and not 2 to 6 per cent. Our aim is to align inflation to the target on a durable basis, while supporting growth," Das emphasised.

Under the flexible inflation targeting (FIT) framework, the RBI is expected to maintain CPI inflation, or retail inflation, at 4 per cent with a band of +/- 2 per cent.

Das said that core inflation, which is CPI excluding food and fuel, softened to 4.9 per cent during July-August 2023 and is a silver lining.

The six-member MPC, in a majority of 5:1, also kept the monetary policy stance as 'withdrawal of accommodation' as the transmission of the 250 basis points (bps) (since March 2022) increase in the policy repo rate to bank lending and deposit rates is still incomplete. One basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

The weighted average domestic term deposit rate (WADTDR) on fresh deposits of scheduled commercial banks and the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh loans have increased by 233 bps and 196 bps respectively in the current tightening cycle. The corresponding increase in outstanding term deposit rates and outstanding lending rates is even lower at 157 bps and 112 bps, respectively.

To a question on whether a change in policy stance to neutral could signal a dilution of the RBI's resolve to act on inflation, Das said a change in stance will be on the table when the situation is conducive.

"At the moment, the rate hike is still incomplete. We have increased the repo rate by 250 basis points but it has not fully translated either to deposit rates or the lending rates of the bank. There is still some distance to be covered. So we would expect that (transmission) to align with the increase in the repo rate. Therefore, the stance remains withdrawal of accommodation," he said.

On growth, Das said in contrast to global trends, domestic economic activity exhibits resilience on the back of strong domestic demand. The country's real GDP growth stood at 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of FY2024.

On the demand front, steady expansion is seen in urban consumption while rural demand is showing signs of revival.

Looking ahead, domestic demand conditions are likely to benefit from sustained buoyancy in services, consumer and business optimism, government's continued thrust on capex, healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates, and supply chain normalisation, he said.

"Headwinds from geopolitical tensions and geo-economic fragmentation, volatility in global financial markets, global economic slowdown, and uneven monsoon, however, pose risks to the outlook," he said.

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Atmosphere of fear has pervaded country's politics, industry: CM after Sanjay Singh's arrest



Arvind Kejriwal

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ACCUSING THE BJP-led Centre of misusing agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) following the arrest of AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday claimed that an atmosphere of fear has pervaded the country's politics as well as its industry.

The AAP convener asked how could India compete with nations like China "if the Narendra Modi government insists on creating an atmosphere of fear among opposition leaders and businessmen".

Stating that "false cases" were being slapped to immobilise and intimidate opposition leaders and parties, the Delhi CM said, "To promote the country's progress, everyone should work together. The BJP cannot make India progress by misusing the powers of investigative agencies in such a manner."

During an inspection of Ghazipur landfill site, he said, "The BJP does not have a single piece of evidence (against AAP leaders). People have been made to give false statements through torture. In a few days, the liquor scam will be closed, and these people will bring something new. In reality, they need to entangle people in investigations by various agencies. These people neither do any work themselves nor allow others to work." Not only opposition leaders but businesspersons were also being targeted "severely", Kejriwal alleged stating that it was "disheartening" that in the past 5-7 years, "nearly 12-13 lakh high net worth individuals had given up Indian citizenship".

## GRAP stage 1 kicks in as air quality dips to poor, condition likely to prevail till Sunday

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WATER SPRINKLING, diversion of truck traffic not destined for Delhi through the eastern and western peripheral expressways, ban on coal/firewood in tandoors in hotels and open eateries: With the air quality deteriorating to the 'poor' category in the Capital on Friday, pollution-control measures under stage 1 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) have been imposed across Delhi-NCR.

The AQI on Friday was 212, having deteriorated from 177 on Thursday. AQI between 201 and 300 is considered to be 'poor', and can cause breathing discomfort to most people on prolonged exposure, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The AQI in Noida, Greater Noida, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Meerut, was also in the 'poor' category on Friday.

Going by a forecast by the Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi on Friday, the AQI is likely to be in 'poor' category till Sunday, and then in the 'moderate' category on Monday. It is likely to remain in the 'moderate' to 'poor' category over the subsequent six days, going by the forecast.

The order issued by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), imposing the first stage of GRAP, pointed to "unfavourable meteorological conditions" as the reason for the dip in air quality. A combination of low wind speed and cold temperatures keeps pollutants



Poor AQI can cause breathing discomfort on prolonged exposure. Archive

### POLLUTION MEASURES KICK IN

Under Stage 1, when the AQI is 'Poor' (201 to 300), measures that will kick in include

- 1 Stopping all construction and demolition activities with plot size of 500 sqm or more which have not been registered on dust-mitigation monitoring portals**
- 2 Enforcing guidelines on use of anti-smog guns at construction sites**
- 3 Mechanised sweeping, water sprinkling on roads**
- 4 Enforcing ban on open burning of waste and**
- 5 DISCOMs to minimise power supply interruptions in NCR, ensure diesel generator sets are not used as regular source of power supply**
- 6 Encourage offices to start unified commute for employees to reduce traffic**
- 7 Enforce complete ban on coal/firewood in tandoors in restaurants/open eateries**

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Gufran Beig, founder project director, SAFAR, and chair professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, said that calm conditions setting in, along with the start of lower temperatures after monsoon withdrawal, could be factors for Delhi's 'poor' air quality on Friday.

The Air Quality Early Warning System said that on Saturday, the city is likely to see a wind speed of 6 to 12 kmph; an average wind speed of less than 10 kmph can be unfavourable for the dispersion of pollutants.

Over the past four days, Delhi has recorded a minimum temperature of less than 20 degrees Celsius - the figure stood at 18.6 degrees early on Friday, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

On Friday, Punjab recorded 91 crop residue burning events, going by IARI data, taking the total for the state to 845 from September 15 to October 6. Beig added that these figures were not significant enough to have an impact on Delhi yet. Haryana, meanwhile, has recorded 209 crop residue-burning events over the same period.

Other steps that are to be implemented as part of Stage 1 of GRAP include dust-control measures like periodic mechanised sweeping and water sprinkling, dust-mitigation measures at construction and demolition sites, and use of anti-smog guns, ensuring pollution-control regulations in industries and emission norms in thermal power plants.

## Court vacates interim order, Raghav Chadha may lose bungalow

NIRBHAY THAKUR  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

A DELHI court Thursday vacated the interim order which stopped the Rajya Sabha Secretariat from dispossessing AAP's MP Raghav Chadha from the Type VII bungalow allotted to him in July last year, noting that he had no vested right to continue to occupy the premises after its allotment had been cancelled.

The court was hearing a review application filed by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat seeking recall of the interim order. Chadha had filed an application against the Secretariat, challenging a letter issued on March 3 cancelling the accommodation allotted to him.

"... the plaintiff (Raghav Chadha) has no vested right in the accommodation and his status is akin to that of a licensee, which can be revoked by the competent authority at any time," said Judge Sudhanshu Kaushik, while calling the allotment a privilege which can be taken away at any time.



Raghav Chadha

The court further noted that the AAP MP had failed to provide urgency to receive the interim relief. Judge Kaushik also added that the court must give both sides time to argue to decide the urgency of the matter.

Chadha had earlier moved an application saying that the cancellation of the allotment of his Type VII bungalow on Pandara Road, New Delhi, did not follow due process of law, was arbitrary, and that no reasons were provided for it.

The counsel for the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, however, noted that Chadha had "no vested right in the allotted accommodation which was rightfully canceled by the competent authority".

In a statement on Friday, Chadha said: "... The manner of the entire exercise leaves me with no option but to believe that these have been carried out at the dictates of BJP to further their political motives and vested interest in order to scuttle and stifle the political criticism raised by the vocal parliamentarians like me..."

He further said, "The trial court had initially accepted my plea and granted me interim relief. It has now returned my case on a legal technicality, which I am legally advised to state is based on an incorrect understanding of the law. I will be taking appropriate action in law in due course...I will continue to raise the voice of people of Punjab and India fearlessly, irrespective of the costs involved."

## L-G reviews preparedness for P20 Summit

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WITH SIX days left for the ninth P20 Summit, Delhi L-G VK Saxena on Friday reviewed the preparedness at "Yashobhoomi", the India International Convention Centre (IICC), and its surroundings at Dwarka.

The summit will see a meeting of G20 Parliamentary

Speakers or Presiding Officers and a congregation of Parliamentarians from across the world; speakers from more than 30 countries have already confirmed their participation. The theme of the summit is "Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future", which draws inspiration from the ancient Indian philosophy 'of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', L-G House officials said.

On Thursday, Saxena held a meeting of all officials concerned at Raj Niwas to chalk the way ahead for the summit.

L-G House officials said Saxena inspected the state-of-the-art Exhibition and Convention complex, which showcases the diverse and rich art and culture of India. However, a lot is needed to be done outside the complex, they added.

"The L-G asked the project developer, Larsen & Toubro, Delhi

Development Authority, MCD and PWD to coordinate and develop the surrounding of the IICC on the lines of Bharat Mandapam at ITPO, which was the venue of the recently concluded G-20 Summit," officials said.

According to officials, the Forest Department has been directed to place 10,000 flower pots at suitable spots by October 10, so that they are in bloom when the summit starts on October 12.

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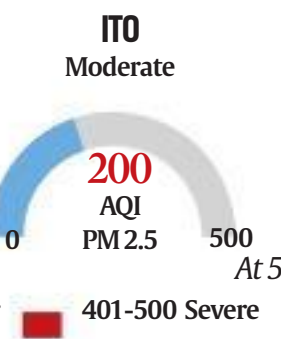
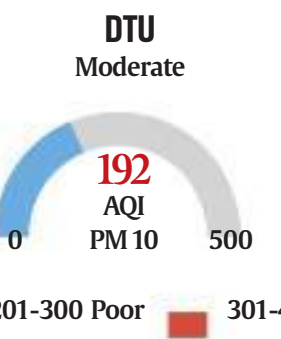
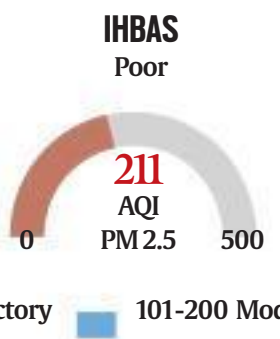
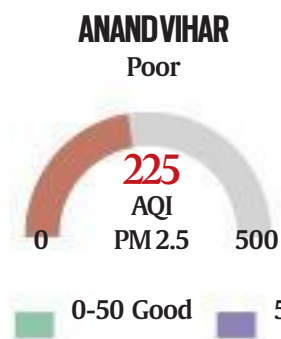
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**MAX: 36** 1.8°C above normal  
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**BRIEFLY**

**75th Territorial Army Day marked in city**

New Delhi: To mark the 75th Territorial Army Day, a herbal garden with over 5,000 saplings of medicinal herbs were planted at Bhatti Mines Friday. Troops of Territorial Army units, NCC cadets participated in the drive inaugurated by Lt Gen Gajendra Joshi.

**CM nod to electricity accident policy**

New Delhi: The CM approved a policy proposed to control accidents due to electricity, provide aid to victims affected by power-related accidents. **ENS**

**'APPEARS AS IF SOMETHING MISSING IN REMAND ORDER'**

## NewsClick case: HC raises 'grounds for arrest' issue, seeks police reply

**MALAVIKA PRASAD**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE DELHI High Court Friday asked the Delhi Police if the grounds for arrest were included in its application seeking the remand of NewsClick founder and editor-in-chief Prabir Purkayastha. The court was hearing pleas by Purkayastha and NewsClick's HR head Amit Chakravarty challenging their arrest, remand and the FIR lodged against them in a case under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). A single-judge bench of Justice Tushar Rao Gedela asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the police, "Apparently

in the application for remand, you don't disclose whether grounds of arrest were communicated or not. Today there is a judgment of the Supreme Court staring in the eye. If SC says it's imperative for investigating authorities to communicate..."

The high court said this after senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Purkayastha, submitted that recently in a "matter containing a similar provision with respect to PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act), the apex court has said that grounds of arrest have to be communicated and given in writing". The Supreme Court on Tuesday passed the order in a plea by Pankaj Bansal and Basant Bansal,

directors of M3M real estate group, who had challenged an order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court which declined to set aside their arrest by the Enforcement Directorate under PMLA.

The HC thereafter said it "appeared as if something was missing in the remand order", observing that "apparently" the trial court had "not heard Purkayastha's counsel". Mehta sought time to file a reply as well as seek instructions. He said he does not have a copy of the petition. "There is more than what meets the eye, let me file a reply," he said.

After hearing the parties, the court, however, said that interim relief cannot be granted without

hearing the other side and sought the response of the police on applications seeking the interim release of Purkayastha and Chakravarty till the pendency of their petition.

Listing the matter on October 9, the HC noted Mehta's submission that the police's reply to interim prayers would be filed within a day. It said the case diary will be produced Monday. After Chakravarty's counsel said his client is physically disabled, the HC directed the investigating officer to ensure that his medical condition is not compromised.

During the hearing, Sibal said no grounds of arrest were provided to his client and claimed violation of Delhi High Court Rules

which say that an accused is entitled to counsel; he added that the remand order was passed without hearing Purkayastha's counsel. He argued that "on its own terms, the order is unsustainable", to which Justice Gedela said that's precisely why the high court will have to hear the police. The court, however, said, "The only difficulty is that allegations don't seem to be of such a nature that can get you released immediately."

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

## At int'l trade fair, Delhi govt to give boost to local entrepreneurs



The fair will be held from Nov 14-27 at Pragati Maidan. *Archive*

**GAYATHRI MANI**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

TO GIVE local businesses and entrepreneurs a platform to showcase their products and services on a large scale, the Delhi government has decided to invite them to participate in the upcoming India International Trade Fair where they can set up stalls at subsidised rates at the Delhi pavilion. According to officials, the key objective behind the initiative is to provide opportunities to local entrepreneurs who are denied the chance to showcase their products and services at a mega platform due to costly prices and other issues. "Delhi has its own pavilion at the fair. We have noticed that entrepreneurs do not get the opportunity to showcase or promote their businesses. Thus, the government has decided to facilitate entrepreneurs based in NCT of Delhi in participating in the Trade Fair by setting up their stalls at subsidised rates," said an official from the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC).

Officials said the Corporation has invited applications for allotments of stalls at the Delhi pavilion. Said another official, "Earlier too, we had invited entrepreneurs and private players on a pilot basis but due to Covid, the number of applications we received was fewer than expected.

But this time, it is going to be on a large scale as we have also got a big space (760 sqm as compared to last year's 550 sqm) on the ground floor. This will help local artisans, MSMEs and entrepreneurs in a big way as the Delhi pavilion is frequented by lakhs."

This year, Delhi will be the focus state of the fair, an official said, adding the government will hold a conference at Bharat Mandapam. The fair will be held from November 14 to 27, between 9.30 am and 7.30 pm, at Pragati Maidan. This year, the first five days, November 14-18, have been kept exclusively for business visitors to give the event more B2B character, said officials, adding that the fair will be opened to the public from November 19.

"I think this is a wonderful initiative for budding entrepreneurs and local businesses. Production happens easily but supplying a product to the market is difficult. I think this platform will help Delhi entrepreneurs in promoting their business," said Puneet Bharadwaj, an entrepreneur dealing in women's footwear.

The last date for submitting applications for the fair is October 23. "Interested people can visit DSIIIDC's website to apply. Preference would be given to women/SC/ST entrepreneurs and/or products/services manufactured by MSMEs, self-help groups, startups, and award-winning artisans," said officials.

## A tunnel, valve & plastic pipes: How thieves stole from Indian Oil's pipeline

**ARNABJIT SUR**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

IN SEPTEMBER-END, while inspecting supply inside a pipeline in the Delhi-Panipat section, officials of Indian Oil Corporation Limited smelt something fishy — there was an anomaly in the pressure, hinting at the possibility of a leak. Following a complaint on Wednesday, police arrived at the stretch in question, looking for a spot from where oil could be possibly pilfered. Their search ended a few metres away, at a plot in Dwarka's Pochanpur village, inside a cow shed.

Hidden under bundles of fodder, police found that a 15-foot deep underground tunnel had been dug up on the premises, which was being used to pilfer oil from the Indian Oil pipeline, almost on a daily basis, using just two tools: a valve machine, and a pair of plastic pipes.

Police have arrested the owner of the plot, a property dealer called Rakesh, who they suspect is involved in the theft. They are looking for at least four other accused who had rented the premises. "The tunnel was deep... and around 40 metres away from the pipeline. The accused used a machine to drill into the pipeline; using a valve machine, they inserted two plastic pipes into it. The men used to regulate the pressure of the oil using the valve. One of them used to go down the tunnel almost every day to pilfer varying

### A WELL-'OILED' PLAN



**SCENE OF CRIME:** A plot of a house in Dwarka's Pochanpur village

**PEOPLE INVOLVED:** At least four, according to police estimates

**ARRESTS:** 1, the owner of the plot

### MODUS OPERANDI

■ The accused dug a 15-foot deep tunnel inside the ground at the plot situated near the pipeline

■ They drilled holes into Indian Oil's Delhi-Panipat section pipeline running under the main road, and attached a couple of valves to control the pressure of the oil being pilfered

■ Two plastic pipes were further connected to the valves. Opening towards the mouth of the tunnel, it is through these pipes that the accused filled their tanks with oil and carried it in their vehicles

The tunnel was hidden under bundles of hay. *Express*

amounts of oil," said an officer.

A case under Section 15 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right User in Land) Amendment Act, 2011, and the Explosive Substances Act has been lodged. Said police, "The tunnel opened at a plot near an independent house located nearby... the landlord had rented it out to around 4-5 people a few months ago. During this time, the accused started digging the tunnel as they knew the pipeline ran a few metres away from their plot

on the main road... this occurred in connivance with the landlord."

Said another officer, "The tunnel was covered by hay inside a cow shed, so no one would suspect anything. It possibly took one or two weeks for the accused to dig the tunnel. After collecting the oil, they stored it in tanks that they had bought for the purpose and carried it in their vehicles..."

Police said they are yet to ascertain what the accused did with the stolen oil. "Prima facie, it seems the accused pilfered at

least 500-1,000 litres of oil daily," said the officer quoted above.

Petrol and diesel passing through this pipeline reach the Bijwasan Oil Depot, said officials.

Said DCP (Dwarka) Harsh Vardhan, "We are looking for the other accused to unearth the larger oil-theft racket and are ascertaining the amount of oil that's been pilfered so far. It seems the accused had technical knowledge of pilfering oil through pipelines." An Indian Oil spokesperson didn't respond to request for comment.

## Artiste whose play on Tamas was cancelled is now NSD Director

**VARSHA SOMARAJ & DIPANITA NATH**  
NEW DELHI/PUNE, OCTOBER 6

ON FRIDAY, when Chittaranjan Tripathy took office as the Director of India's premier theatre academy, the National School of Drama (NSD) in Delhi, his WhatsApp DP showed the poster of *Tamas*, a play on Partition that he had directed. This was the same play that was cancelled by the NSD just two days before its opening in August, due to alleged political pressure.

When Tripathy addressed a press conference on the day of his appointment at the institute from where he graduated in 1996, he promised that *Tamas* would be staged. "*Bilkul hoga* (It will happen for sure). The novel by Bhisam Sahni (on which the play was based) is very nationalistic. The story deals with a time when we were being given freedom by dividing the country. I read the novel when I was 15 or 16 and realised that I wanted to make a play on it. Around 20-25 years later, when NSD Repertory asked me to do the play on *Tamas*, I agreed. Everything was going fine but, then, there was some confusion which will surely go away with time," he said.

NSD has been the training ground of some of India's most powerful performers, including actors Naseeruddin Shah, Rohini Hattangadi, Pankaj Kapur, Raghubir Yadav, Pankaj Tripathi, and Nawazuddin Siddiqui.

In recent years, the school has drawn criticism on several grounds, including not having a regular director for five years. In 2022, the NSD Students' Union issued a letter to chairperson Paresh Rawal on this concern and shared their fears that NSD seemed to have "lost its vision in theatre

training and academics". The student body had pointed out that several faculty positions were vacant. "We are happy now that NSD has a director," said Junaid Rather, former president of the students' union, who passed out this year.

Tripathy is aware of the challenges facing the school and the world of theatre in general. But he is also positive about the future. "This is the age of Artificial Intelligence. This is a golden time for NSD and for live art. There is a lot of potential. We have to move along with science and technology," he said.

Tripathy's appointment to a post that has previously been held by doyens of theatre such as Ebrahim Alkazi, BV Karanth, Mohan Maharishi, Ratan Thiyam, and Ram Gopal Bajaj has brought hope to many students along with senior and amateur practitioners of theatre. "He was in the second year at NSD when I told him that 'you will go very far'. He is an actor, director, composer, and a wonderful singer. He is a master and student of various aspects of theatre," said Bajaj about Tripathy, his former student.

Tripathy comes with a stellar CV, which includes winning several awards for theatre and films. He has performed with the NSD Repertory, the Shri Ram Centre Repertory, and numerous other groups and companies. His memorable plays include *Taj Mahal ka Tender* with the NSD Repertory. His Odia film, *Dhauli Express* (2007), which follows a young singer into the world of crime, won the Odisha State Film Award for Best Film, among others. Another film, *Courtroom Nautanki*, was a part of the Indian Panorama of IFFI in 2010.

On OTT platforms, he was a part of *Sacred Games*, where his character "Trivedi" made him a familiar face.

## Building coming up near monument: AAP, BJP point fingers over illegal construction

**SAMAN HUSAIN**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

AN UNDER-CONSTRUCTION building within a few metres of a protected monument in South Delhi's Hauz Khas became a bone of contention between the AAP and BJP Friday, with both accusing the other of bending the rules to allow its renovation. A Deputy Commissioner of the MCD has been transferred in the matter and accused of corruption by Mayor Shelly Oberoi.

The BJP claimed out of the 800 yards under development, 120 yards were being used by a family business owned by an "AAP MP". Addressing the media, Delhi



The building was demolished Thursday

BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said, "I am placing before you the case of House No. 2 of Hauz Khas village... in which AAP-led MCD has played a suspicious role. Illegal construction has been going on in

Delhi but hardly does the Mayor intervene by writing a letter..."

AAP sources claimed the "actual owner" was close to local BJP leaders. "During BJP rule in MCD, building mafia ruled. BJP leaders and officials used to get illegal construction done by taking money. Similarly, they have done illegal construction on a large scale in Hauz Khas. In return, huge sums of money were collected from big leaders of BJP," AAP spokesperson Vikas Goel alleged in a statement.

After the ASI wrote to the civic body on June 6 to stop the development, the MCD's building department served notices to cease work on July 27 and August 8. Construction is not permitted near the property as it is within

115 metres of a tomb-like structure protected by the ASI.

When *The Indian Express* visited the site, residents claimed work started in June. Locals said the three-storey building was built after its demolition in August. It was demolished yet again Thursday. "They even extended it onto the road," they complained.

The transfer order signed by the Mayor Thursday stated, "... it has been noted that her (Deputy Commissioner, South Zone) functioning is not up to the mark due to which a large number of people are suffering badly. Hence it is desired, Dy. Commissioner, South Zone may be repatriated from Municipal Corporation of Delhi immediately."

**OPENING THIS WEEKEND**

## Now, grab a bite between exhibitions at NGMA's three new restaurants

**VANDANA KALRA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

ON A visit to the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) on Friday afternoon, college student Rita Sinha and her friends felt that their long-standing desire had been fulfilled. Frequent visitors to the NGMA, they always struggled for eating options when on a visit to the institution. Now, they will have multiple alternatives within the premises as the institution will

see the opening of three dining options catering to different tastes and segments this weekend.

While Amoda, serving Indian cuisine, and The Saddle House, which is continental and pan-Asian, are more upscale, Cafe Green Lane is a quick-service restaurant that is more pocket-friendly. Says Sinha, "There have been times when we postponed viewing an exhibition because once here there wasn't much else to do but now, I think, we will be coming here more often."

According to NGMA director Tamsunaro Tripathi, food is vital in any cultural space. "If one wants to take a proper tour of the NGMA, it can't be done in two hours. Often there are visitors who might want to take a break or grab a bite between their rounds of seeing different exhibitions that are on, but they did not have that option earlier. Now people can spend more hours seeing art and also enjoy a good meal." She adds, "There is a lot of discussion on how people con-



sume culture in India. When we go to London, our first spot is a museum but that's not the case for people coming to India — we are trying to develop that culture here slowly... The restaurants will also draw more people."

Scheduled to open retrospectives of artists Latika Katt and Jatin Das in the coming months, **Cafe Green Lane at NGMA is more pocket-friendly.** *Praveen Khanna*

Tripathi notes that the NGMA is working towards a more active cultural calendar, including lectures, workshops, events, and tours in sign language for the differently abled.

Specific initiatives directed towards children include weekend workshops, guided tours, and storytelling sessions through which they are introduced to art and artists. "The response has been encouraging. We are making efforts to introduce children to art and catch them young," says Tripathi.

Also taking a cue from international museums, steps are being taken to introduce new memorabilia in the store. The recent introductions include reproductions of sculptures, puzzles, diaries, pen drives and magnets of artworks from the NGMA collection, which features significant works by artists such as Raja Ravi Varma, Amrita Sher-Gil, Jamini Roy, MF Husain and Ramkinkar Bajaj among others. "We plan to introduce more items in the next two months," says Tripathi.



EC HEARING ON NCP NAME, SYMBOL

# Sharad Pawar real face of NCP, poll panel told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Friday met delegations of both factions of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) — one led by Ajit Pawar and the other by Sharad Pawar — staking claim to the party's name and symbol.



Sharad Pawar

Following the meeting, Sharad Pawar's lawyer Abhishek Manu Singhvi told the media that the delegation argued there was no dispute over who the real NCP was in the first place. Singhvi said Sharad Pawar was the real NCP as 99% of the party cadre was with him.

"We have made it clear that without giving us a hearing, you have decided whether there is a dispute or not. You must hear us first and then decide whether there is a dispute or not. We also raised the issue of natural justice. We are respondents and so we opposed it prima facie. The commission heard us but said we will not decide at this stage. But it has assured us that when the pleaders, who are on the other side, would have exhausted all their arguments then we will be heard," Singhvi said. He added that the hearing went on for over two hours.

"The argument from the other side, to which we will reply next week, is quite interesting, amazing and, according to me, non-existent in law. They are saying we do not want the organisational test. They know that 99% of the overwhelming majority, of the NCP cadre is with the man (Sharad Pawar) standing next to me. The man who founded it, the man who created it, the man who dreamt it, the man who prospered it," Singhvi said.

"They are saying you just count MPs and MLAs, whereas the Supreme Court has said you cannot count MPs and MLAs where applications for disqualification are pending. (An) even stranger test suggested by them is to count the votes polled by those MPs and MLAs. I have never heard of this test... from Sadiq Ali to Subhash Desai to Uddhav Thackeray's case... It shows the panic and desperation of the pleaders. We reserve our rights to reply," Singhvi said.

Another round of hearing of the Ajit Pawar faction is likely to happen on Monday.

"Our argument is that no one can use forged documents to claim there is a dispute... (it) creates an imaginary dispute and

goes to EC and begins to call it two parties. We have placed many documents regarding this imaginary dispute. We are yet (to) argue our case. There are documents (from the other side) where it has been claimed that a dead man is part of the party. There are documents where signatures have been taken at one place while the person concerned lives thousands of miles away. There are documents where the signatory says he has never signed it. There are documents where a member of another party has been shown to be part of their faction. All this shows this is an imaginary dispute to break a party," Singhvi said.

The Ajit Pawar faction submitted that it had the support of the 53 MLAs in Maharashtra, six of the nine MLAs, all seven MLAs in Nagaland and one member each in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha.

"Under the circumstances, the petitioner submits that he enjoys overwhelming support in the organisational wing as well as legislative wing of the NCP and therefore, the present petition may be allowed by the Hon'ble Commission by recognising the faction led by the petitioner to be the real political party," Ajit Pawar said in his submission to the EC.

The arguments of the Ajit Pawar faction are expected to continue on Monday.

Before going to the EC, Sharad Pawar met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi where a plan forward for the opposition alliance INDIA was discussed. The alliance last met in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1. The opposition bloc has not met since Mumbai and is likely to do so soon, sources said.

The EC has acknowledged that there has been a split in NCP.

WITHPTI/INPUTS

# SC asks HCs to ensure hybrid mode hearings in 2 weeks

If you want to be a judge, you have to be tech friendly, there is no choice: CJJ

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

TAKING STRONG exception to several High Courts being "tech indifferent", the Supreme Court said Friday that those aspiring to be judges "have to be tech friendly" and that "there is no choice now".

Issuing a series of directions to the High Courts to ensure that facilities for video conferencing and hybrid hearing are put in place in two weeks, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, pre-

siding over a three-judge bench, said, "The question is not whether a particular judge is tech friendly or not. If you want to be a judge, you have to be tech friendly. There is no choice now."

"Just as you cannot as a judge say you don't know what *res judicata* is or I do not know what interpretation of statutes is, if you want to be a judge in the country, you have to know how to use technology, just like if you have to drive a car on the road, you have to have a licence to drive the car," he said.

The bench, also comprising



Justice D Y Chandrachud, file

Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, in its direction said that "after the lapse of two weeks from this order, no High Court shall deny access to video conferencing facilities or hearing through the hybrid mode to any member of the bar or litigant desirous of availing such a facility".

The apex court also asked all

state governments to provide necessary funds to the High Courts to put into place the facilities required within two weeks and directed that the High Courts shall ensure that adequate internet facilities, including Wi-Fi facilities, are made available free of charge to all advocates and litigants.

The bench ordered that the links for accessing hybrid mode hearing shall be made available in the cause list and there should be no requirement of making prior applications.

It further directed all High Courts to put in place a Standard Operating Procedure within four weeks for availing access to hybrid video conferencing hearing.

The bench was hearing a petition, which complained about the lack of hybrid hearing facilities in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Hearing it earlier, it had issued notice to all High Courts and sought status reports.

Taking it up Friday, CJ Chandrachud was critical of the Bombay and Allahabad High Courts.

"Allahabad High Court is a complete offender. The infrastructure has been completely shut down," he said.

The counsel appearing for the High Court, however, pointed out that the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court had heard 1,730 cases through video conferencing in the past three months.

He said there was a difference between infrastructure for video conferencing and hybrid hearings. While the former was set up during Covid times, the infra for hybrid hearing was never put in place after the pandemic as lawyers wanted to physically return to the courts, he said.

He added that there is an arrangement for hybrid hearing in six courts now and that the High Court had called for bids from companies that installed the hybrid system in SC.

"Every judge in the system has to be trained. Even my colleagues in the SC are being trained," he said, and asked: "Why should the HC judges be so reticent about using technology?"

# Canada confirms participation in P20, India likely to discuss various issues

DIVYAA  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

INDIA IS likely to raise various issues with Canada during the Parliament-20 Summit next week. Canada confirmed its participation in the summit on Friday.

"All countries have been invited, and just now, Canada's Senate Speaker has sent his confirmation," Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said, talking to reporters in New Delhi with regards to participation in the upcoming event.

The meeting of the presiding officers of G20 nations will be held at the newly inaugurated India International Convention and Expo Centre, Yashobhooni, in Dwarka, on October 13-14 and will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Canada will be represented at the P20 Summit by Speaker of the Senate Raymond Gagne.

Delhi's relations with Ottawa have been under strain ever



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla briefs the media on the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) on Friday. Anil Sharma

since Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau linked India to the killing of Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, during a statement in the Canadian Parliament in September.

This will be the first high-

level engagement between the two countries in the wake of the diplomatic row over the Nijjar murder.

"We will discuss issues that have been listed for the summit. Other issues will be discussed informally," Birla said, when asked by reporters whether the matter of using the Canadian Parliament to level allegations against India will be raised with their representative.

As many as 50 Members of Parliament and 14 General Secretaries, including 26 Presidents, 10 Vice Presidents, one Committee Chairman and the Inter-Parliamentary Union President have confirmed their participation in the conference, Birla said, adding that this would be the largest-ever participating at a P20 event.

# Report: Canada evacuates diplomats from India to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
TORONTO, OCTOBER 6

CANADA HAS evacuated a majority of its diplomats working in India outside of New Delhi to either Kuala Lumpur or Singapore after it gave Ottawa an October 10 deadline to reduce its diplomatic staff to achieve parity in strength following a row over the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, according to a media report on Friday.

The report in CTV News, a private Canadian television network, came after India earlier this week asked Canada to withdraw several dozen diplomats from its missions amid the escalating diplomatic row that erupted following Canadian

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegation linking Indian agents to the killing of Khalistani separatist Nijjar in June.

India rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official over the issue.

India has given Ottawa until October 10 to reduce Canadian diplomatic staff in that country to a level on par with the number of Indian diplomats in Canada, CTV News quoted sources as saying.

Earlier reports pegged the number of diplomats that would have to leave at 41, but the sources CTV News spoke with said the ask is specific to one of parity.

# Sanjay Gandhi Hospital in Amethi resumes operation

Amethi: Medical services at Sanjay Gandhi Hospital here resumed on Friday, 19 days after they were stopped following the suspension of the licence after the death of a woman allegedly due to negligence in treatment.

After the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court Wednesday stayed the Uttar Pradesh government's order suspending the licence of Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, the protesting employees ended their strike Thursday. However, in the absence of the court's order, hospital services could not be started on the same day.

Sanjay Gandhi Hospital Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Awadhesh Sharma said Friday there was a slight delay in starting medical services due to a two-day delay in receiving the copy of the court order. He said the services were resumed this afternoon.

Sharma said a copy of the order has been made available to the officials concerned, including the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Amethi.

Sharma said the doctors have been asked to run OPD till late Friday evening to ensure that all the patients are examined, and treated. PTI

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Director  
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**Public Notice**

In continuation of earlier notices issued by MCG, in public newspapers, dated 08.12.2022, 18.12.2022 and 23.12.2022, it is intimated that the registration of dogs is mandatory as per Section 3 of Haryana Municipal Corporation (Registration and Proper Control of Dogs) Bye-Laws, 2008, and Section 311 of Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994.

The registration of all dogs that are kept as pets in homes can be done by one of the following means:

- By visiting [www.saralbharyana.gov.in](http://www.saralbharyana.gov.in)
- By visiting the Citizen Facilitation Centre, Old MCG office, Opposite Old Civil Hospital, Near Bus Stand, Gurugram.
- By visiting office of Chief Medical Officer, MCG near community Centre, Sec-39, Gurugram. For any query please contact: 9821395182.

Therefore, it is once again intimated that all pet owners are required to get their dogs registered and follow the above mentioned bye-laws/Act alongwith the advisories so issued by the Animal Welfare Board of India on the subject.

It is further directed that all dog owners are required to keep their dog/dogs on leash when brought out at public places to ensure that the dog does not bite any person. The owner of pet dogs shall also carry an ecofriendly disposal bag for removing dog droppings and dispose it properly to maintain hygiene and cleanliness at public places.

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**WALK IN INTERVIEW**

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# Apex court mulls having sign language interpreter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE SUPREME COURT on Friday said it is considering having a sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired during Constitution bench hearings. Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said this after Sarah Sunny, a hearing and speech-impaired lawyer, argued before the court through an interpreter appointed by the court, a first for the apex court.

"I was telling the Secretary General yesterday that perhaps for the Constitution bench hearings, we will now try and ensure that we have an interpreter so that the wider audience across the country who have issues about hearing impairment can watch the proceedings and understand them," Chandrachud said.

After hearing her case, the CJJ

asked Sunny, "I hope this was intelligible to you and you were able to understand what is going on in the court?"

Sunny replied through her interpreter and said, "Yes sir, it is really helpful".

The CJJ added, "It is our elementary duty now to ensure that we have a broad and diverse workplace in the Supreme Court".

He also had a word of advice for Sunny and said, "You must now start arguing your own matters before us."

Sunny had appeared before the court last month too, on September 22, but through her own interpreter.

Subsequently, she approached the Supreme Court under its rule which empowered the Registrar to take a call on applications for the appointment and approval of translators or interpreters. The SC Registry agreed to her request.

# Telangana govt launches breakfast scheme in schools

Hyderabad: The Telangana Government Friday launched the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme aimed at government school students from Class 1 to 10. As per the govt, 23 lakh students across the state would be served nutritious breakfast, Monday to Saturday, 45 minutes before the classes start.

Speaking after the launch, Minister for IT and Industries Rama Rao said the scheme will be implemented throughout 27,147 government schools across the state at an additional cost of 400 crore he said. ENS

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## LORDSHIP VS SIR

THE DEBATE over whether judges should be addressed as "Sir" or "My Lords/Your Lordships" continues. On Friday, a lawyer appearing before the Supreme Court bench presided by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud used "Sir" to address the bench instead of the commonly followed "Your Lordship". Quick to realise the slip, he clarified that he meant to say "Your Lordship". The CJ, however, told him: "Please call us sir. Now this Lordship also has to end. Call us sir. That's it. Thank you for saying that." The lawyer said, "I come from a corporate background and I'm more used to saying sir", and returned to address the bench as "Your Lordship".

## POLL HUDDLE

WITH THE Election Commission expected to announce the schedule for Assembly elections in five states next week, the Congress's Central Election Committee is set to meet Saturday to clear the first list of its candidates for Madhya Pradesh. The BJP has already announced its first list of candidates and has surprisingly fielded seven MPs, including three Union ministers. While sources said the party has decided to deny tickets to several sitting MLAs in Chhattisgarh, it is not clear whether the party would do the same in Madhya Pradesh.

# Why did you publish caste survey data: SC to Bihar govt

Refuses to interfere for now, but says will examine if state competent to hold survey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE SUPREME Court on Friday issued notice on a bunch of petitions challenging the caste survey undertaken by the Bihar government.

A bench presided by Justice Sanjeev Khanna said, "This will require some consideration... It is going to take time for us to..." and asked the counsel appearing for Bihar, "...but why did you publish this?"

Senior Advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for the state, said it was because "Your Lordships had made it clear that first and foremost the court will decide whether or not to issue notice in this case".

The bench, also comprising Justice S V N Bhatti, did not pass any restraining order but said it would examine whether the state government had the com-

petence to conduct the survey. "We are not staying anything at this moment. Let them file counter," said Justice Khanna.

"We cannot stop the state government or any government from taking decisions. That will be wrong. Yes, if there is an issue with regard to the data, that will be considered. We are going to examine the other issue with regard to the right of the state government to do it," he said. The court will hear the matter again in January 2024.

The Supreme Court is seized of appeals challenging the August 2, 2023 ruling of the Patna High Court upholding the state's decision to conduct the survey.

Senior Advocate Aparajitha Singh, appearing for some of the appellants, said, "This data should not be acted upon as it was collected illegally... The HC has given a detailed judgment. But it is wrong on every point of law. The data has not been col-

lected under law as laid down by this court. Even the executive order does not have a legitimate aim as laid down in the K S Puttaswamy judgment. The legitimate aim comes in the counter, which says that we will decide the objective because otherwise we can't collect data totally. That is the answer given. So there is no legitimate aim."

She said that the state had preempted the court. "We were arguing stay."

Justice Khanna, however, said, "No. They said there will be multiple examinations. But the question normally which comes out is should the breakdown of complete data for transparency be made available. But whether we should go into that question or leave it to somebody else..."

Singh also pointed out that "the most important thing which we are talking about is informational privacy". Justice Khanna said the question of privacy may

not arise "because names etc are not being published".

The petitions have contended that as per the nine-judge bench's verdict in the 2017 privacy case (K S Puttaswamy vs Union of India), even the collection of data cannot be done without a law to back it as it would amount to encroachment on privacy. The survey, however, was carried out on the basis of an executive order, they pointed out.

Singh expressed the apprehension that the state will publish the data by the next date and say the same thing. She argued that "our only issue is that data is collected unlawfully and cannot be acted upon".

Justice Khanna responded, "You will be in some difficulty on that," to which Singh said, "But I didn't even get to argue that."

"We read the judgment and we have formed a prima facie view. Of course subject to change," Justice Khanna said.



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in Kanker, Chhattisgarh, Friday. PTI

# Priyanka: Caste census in Chhattisgarh if Cong retains power

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 6

IF CONGRESS retains power in Chhattisgarh in the upcoming Assembly elections, the state will conduct a caste census similar to the exercise conducted in Bihar, party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, addressing a gathering at a public rally in Kanker district of Bastar region on Friday.

*Jaati janganna kyun nahi ho sakti. Honi chahiye. Agar hamari sarkar dobara Chhattisgarh mein ayege toh Bihar ki tarah yahan bhi jaati janganna karai jayegi.* (Why can't there be a caste census. It must happen. If we are voted back to power in Chhattisgarh, we will go a caste census like in Bihar), she said.

"Did you see the figures in Bihar (caste survey)? About 84 per cent are OBC, SC and ST. But they are not seen in big posts in government... Is it not their right?... Whenever we talk about your rights, the BJP goes mum or deviates you," she said.

Priyanka, who was accompanied by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, also targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that he is working for the rich and his industrialist friends while the Congress worked for

the poor and farmers in Chhattisgarh.

"Instead of strengthening the farmers, they (BJP) are weakening them. A farmer earns Rs 27 a day while Adani ji and industrialists earn Rs 1,600 crore in a day. Your wealth is given to him and when your number comes, they say we have no money," Priyanka said.

"Do you want such a PM? Do you want such a government in India or your state?... The BJP sarkar is for the rich and they have no vision for the poor and the middle class. Be it pension or caste survey, they try to deviate you by talking about religion or some other things you are emotionally connected to. Ask them why you are not doing a caste census."

Priyanka said the Prime Minister's intention can be seen clearly as he was not initiating schemes for the poor and farmers, where money needs to be distributed, and instead concentrated on spending money allegedly on his rich and industrialist friends.

"See our Prime Minister, like Baghel said, he is giving all the wealth of our country to his rich friends. Loans are being waived off for them. But when the topic of farmers comes up, they say they do not have money to waive off loans," she said.

# Over 38 Maoists held each month in Jharkhand since Jan '22: CM

ABHISHEK ANGAD  
RANCHI, OCTOBER 6

MORE THAN 38 members of the banned CPI (Maoist) outfit have been arrested every month in Jharkhand since January 2022, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said at the meeting with the Ministry of Home Affairs on Left Wing Extremism in New Delhi on Friday.

Raising demands related to logistics of anti-Maoists operations in the state, Soren also said that Jharkhand witnessed a total of 187 Maoist incidents between January 2022 and August of this year — around 10 incidents of violence a month. There were 90 such incidents last year while there were 97 incidents till August this year.

In total, 763 CPI (Maoist) cadres were arrested during the period, including three Special Area Committee members, one regional committee members, 10 zonal commanders, 16 sub zonal commanders and 25 area commanders, according to the data compiled by the Soren government. The CM said that in the same period 20 Maoists were killed in encounters with police and 37 lay down their arms. "Since 2021 there have been no attacks on any police station or police post in Jharkhand."



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval at a review meeting on Left Wing Extremism, in New Delhi on Friday. Praveen Khanna

# Left Wing Extremism will be uprooted in next 2 years: Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Friday said that Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be uprooted from the country in the next two years and stressed the need for constant surveillance in the areas freed from Naxals so that the problem does not revive there.

Chairing a meeting to review the security situation in LWE-affected states with the Chief Ministers and Deputy CMs and other officials concerned, Shah said the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has adopted

a zero tolerance policy towards left wing extremism since 2014 and now this fight has reached a "decisive phase".

"With the determination of PM Modi and the cooperation of all the states affected by LWE, major successes have been achieved against it in 2022 and 2023," he said, adding that in the last nine years, the Centre has increased the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) by more than double in comparison to the earlier period.

The review meeting was attended by the chief ministers of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis

also attended the meeting where Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were represented by state ministers.

Shah said that the vacuum areas have been shrinking since 2019, and they have established 195 new camps of CAPFs while 44 more new camps will be established. Shah said the lowest level of violence and deaths in the last four decades have been recorded in 2022. "There has been a decline of more than 52% in LWE related violence, 69% in deaths, 72% in security forces' deaths and 68% in civilian deaths between 2014 and 2023 compared to the period from 2005 to 2014," he said.

# Alarmed: UNHR over attack on Manipur activist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE UNITED Nations Human Rights (UNHR) has taken cognizance of the attack on Manipuri rights activist Babloo Loitongbam's residence in Imphal on Thursday by unidentified persons. The attack comes in light of statements that Loitongbam had made in an interview, where he pointed out the militarisation of the Meitei community, as well as

the rise of the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun groups.

"We are alarmed by threats to human rights defender Babloo Loitongbam by Meitei Leepun and Arambai Tenggol groups in Manipur for speaking out on violence since May. We urge authorities to protect him, his family and home, and hold perpetrators accountable," said the UNHR in a tweet on Friday.

A mob had vandalised Loitongbam's home in Kwakeithel Thiyam Leikai, Imphal West district on Thursday evening. No one was injured. Loitongbam has been out of Imphal.

On Thursday, members of Meitei Leepun issued a boycott call against Loitongbam and former police officer Thounaojam Brinda — both from the Meitei community — directing them to not appear on public platforms till the ongoing conflict was resolved.

Speaking to reporters, Lanjing Hanjaba of Meitei Leepun alleged that Loitongbam and Thounaojam had "falsely accused" the organi-

sation of igniting the violence. Terming the allegations baseless, Hanjaba had warned that both Loitongbam and Brinda would be "held responsible for any untoward incidents arising from violation of the restrictions".

Meanwhile, the World Organisation Against Torture issued a statement on Wednesday expressing concern over "credible reports of excessive use of force and use of pellet guns by security forces" during student protests, which left 170 injured in Manipur.

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant Friday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Games on October 26.

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# PM TO INAUGURATE 28 venues, 43 sports, 10,000 athletes: Goa to host National Games

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
PANAJI, OCTOBER 6

THE 37TH edition of the National Games, scheduled to take place in Goa from October 26 to November 9, will mark a debut for several sports such as beach football, roll ball, golf, sepak takraw, sqay martial arts, kalaripayattu and Pencak silat. Coastal and tidal rowing have been introduced for the first time in the history of the Games.

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taekwondo are making a return to the Games after their exclusion from the previous edition. To celebrate tradition, the sports of lagori and gatka have been included as demonstration sports.

At a press conference on Friday, Sawant said, "We aspire to establish a thriving sports ecosystem in Goa. Just as the tourists have long enjoyed our beautiful beaches, we now aim to promote sports tourism and attract sports enthusiasts from around the globe." "The event shall give a boost to Goa's economy, with promotion of local business and tourism and mark a significant step towards positioning Goa as a hub for hosting high-level sports events in future," he said.

Amitabh Sharma, chairman of the National Games Technical Conduct Committee for the Indian Olympics Association, said, "Goa is not only one of the best hosts as far as tourism is concerned. It is also going to come up as a sporting hub."



Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan with IAF chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari, Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and Army vice chief Lt General M V Suchindra Kumar at National War Memorial in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

# Caste survey game unfolds: Will Nitish move to UP, LS? How far will Modi go?

JD(U) leaders claim Nitish standing from UP could influence around 50 seats with Kurmis or sister castes dominant across the state, Bihar, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh



THE NEERJA CHOWDHURY COLUMN

Weekly insight into what's changing in national politics — and why

NITISH KUMAR has bowled a googly with the Bihar caste survey, bringing him back to the centre-stage of Opposition politics. The JD(U) supremo was the natural choice for convenor of the INDIA alliance and, in fact, at its Mumbai session, an aide of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge revealed privately that the Congress would have no objection to this. But, clearly, the idea ran into rough weather, and

there is no INDIA convenor still. There is a growing sentiment within the JD(U) now that Nitish run for the Lok Sabha elections from Uttar Pradesh. A seat like the Kurmi-dominated Pulpur — a prominent constituency once represented by Jawaharlal Nehru — would consolidate his standing within the OBC community as well as its sister groups. They include the Kurmis in both Bihar and Chhattisgarh, the Patels in UP (an Apna Dal vote bank), the Kumbi Marathas in Maharashtra (who are angry with the BJP) and the Gujjars, spread across states.

His party colleagues claim Nitish standing from UP could influence around 50 seats, across the state, Bihar, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh.

The survey has also provided the INDIA alliance a narrative to counter Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's religio-nationalistic mobilisation. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's remarks suggesting that reservations be ended had in 2015 catapulted the alliance of Nitish and the Lalu Prasad-led to power in 2015. Today, a wiser Bhagwat talks about continuing reservations for 200 years if necessary.

Ripple effect

How the caste survey plays out now and whether there is an impact beyond Bihar will depend on how the BJP moves now, and no one underestimates the party's ability to act in a calibrated fashion. For the moment, Modi has taken on the caste census demand by the Opposition, countering that for the BJP, the "poor" are the biggest caste above

all, who need to be helped. He has also turned Rahul Gandhi's "jiti aabadi, utna haq" argument on its head to say that this would end up hurting the minorities.

The PM's stance is a careful one, mindful of the BJP's upper caste, middle-class, urban constituency, especially among the youth. These groups never forgave V P Singh for implementing the Mandal Commission's recommendations and reserving 27% of jobs for OBCs.

The decision in 1990 had changed the politics of North India, throwing up OBC leadership in states, including Ladakh and Nitish, Mulayam Singh Yadav, Kalyan Singh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Uma Bharti, Ashok Gehlot and many others who continue to command authority in their areas.

However, Modi has used the caste card effectively too. In 2014, his first campaign for PM, Modi did not use his caste — Ghanchis, who are OBCs in Gujarat — overtly, focusing on development and the Hindu vote. But then came the use of the word "neech" by Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyer against him, and Modi was in roaring form as an "OBC leader".

That line has only sharpened since, with the BJP repeatedly using the fact that Modi is an OBC to bolster its caste credentials. Recently, BJP president J P Nadda said that the Congress had never had an OBC PM.

But it would be a mistake to compare now with 1990. Then, V P Singh's move had seen the battlelines drawn between

"Mandal" and "Kamandal (BJP's temple politics)". Today, the BJP under Modi subsumes both Kamandal and Mandal, with the planks of nationalism, welfare, political stability and a strong leader at the top as a plus.

Many of the OBC groups who support Modi are believed to be EBCs. Some Bihar BJP leaders argue that Modi himself is an EBC, unlike India's other OBC PM, H D Deve Gowda.

The Opposition will also have its wary eyes on the Rohini Commission report on sub-categorisation of OBCs, which has been kept under wraps by the Modi government. The commission was meant to examine how to give equitable representation in job quotas to the lower castes among the OBCs. Could the re-

port's findings sway the EBCs to the Modi government's side? And how will the BJP balance that with its core constituency of the upper castes?

Where the Bihar caste survey will have an impact across the board is ensuring that all parties give more tickets to OBCs and EBCs.

The JD(U) hopes that ally Congress has got the message. Says a JD(U) leader: "Everything will now depend on the samajhdari (wisdom) and unity the Congress leadership displays."

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# 7 EXPRESS NETWORK

## SIKKIM FLASH FLOOD

# Toll rises to 41, search on for 103, including 15 Armymen

**SWEETY KUMARI**  
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 6

THE DEATH toll in the Sikkim flash floods has reached at least 41 while 103 people, including 15 Army personnel, are still missing as rescue teams on Friday worked to find survivors and bodies through debris and slush in the region and downstream north Bengal on the third day of the disaster hitting the Himalayan state, officials said.

More than 20,000 people have been affected after a glacial lake overflowed and burst through the Chungthang dam built on the Teesta river and washed away a 1,200-megawatt hydroelectric project, it is learnt. While 19 dead bodies were recovered in Sikkim (according to Chief Minister PS Tamang Gelay), the officials said 22 were found in north Bengal districts downstream, adding that 26 people are hospitalised and nearly 1,500 are in relief camps. The search for the 15 missing

Army soldiers continues downstream of the Teesta barrage after the bodies of seven of their colleagues were found. At the site of the incident at Burdang near Singtam, Army vehicles and stores are being dug out. Additional teams of the Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR), a non-profit organisation affiliated with the Army, sniffer dogs, and special radars have been pressed into service to assist in the search operations.

Also, the police, Army, and the administration have issued statements asking people not to touch or go near military hardware such as firearms or explosives that were washed away downstream. This comes after two persons died and six were injured after they touched a mortar floating in the Teesta in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district. The authorities advised people to inform the nearest police station if they spot firearms or ammunition.

The Centre has approved to release Rs 44.80 crore in advance as its share from the State



Army and rescue personnel engaged in search operations after flash floods in North Sikkim district, on Friday. PTI

Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) to Sikkim. Also, an inter-ministerial central team has been constituted to take stock of damages caused in the state.

Besides, a survey is being carried out by the agencies to assess the damage and make plans to restore road connectivity. The road link between Singtam and

Burdang has been restored with the clearing of a single lane for vehicular traffic.

The Army has requested the stranded tourists not to panic and provided them tea and food in Mangan as they waited to make phone calls back home. A list of the tourists stranded in Lachen and Lachung has been compiled.

The Darjeeling traffic police have advised that anyone travelling from Siliguri to Gangtok should opt for alternative Siliguri-Sevok-Damdin-Gorubathan-Lava-Algarah-Pedong route. "It may take 7-9 hours. There are rumours of exorbitant fares being charged. We advise people to travel only if necessary," said an official of the Darjeeling traffic police.

Moreover, in view of the disaster, the Sikkim Services (Combined Recruitment) Mains Exam, which was scheduled to be held on October 14 and 15, has also been postponed till further notice.

## CM blames previous gov't for poor dam construction

Sikkim Chief Minister PS Tamang Gelay on Friday visited the disaster-hit areas and accused the previous government of building sub-standard dams. "There was a cloudburst and the Lhonak Lake burst... the dam broke and

more floods hit lower reaches of Sikkim because of inferior and sub-standard construction by the previous government," the CM told media-persons.

## Areas evacuated as another lake faces threat of burst

Another glacial lake, Shako Cho Lake, in Mangan district of north Sikkim faces the threat of bursting and a fresh alert has been issued in this regard, it is learnt.

This has prompted the authorities to start evacuating residents from the river belt, sources said. The Golitar area in Gangtok district's Singtam, Dikchu area in Mangan district, and Rangpo IBM area in Pakyong district have been evacuated by the authorities.

The 1.3-km-long lake is located 12 km from the nearest village of Thangu. The administration issued the advisory for evacuation after satellite data showed an abnormal increase in glacial temperature over the lake.



Police and administrative officers at Shahjahanpur Ninayana village in Kanpur Dehat on Friday. Express

# 2 killed as family attacked over land dispute in Kanpur Dehat

**ASAD REHMAN**  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 6

TWO BROTHERS were killed while four of their family members were injured over an alleged land dispute in Gajner area of Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur Dehat district on Thursday night, police said.

Kanpur Dehat Superintendent of Police (SP) BBGTS Murthy said eight accused were arrested after a case of murder was registered against 11 people. "Efforts were being made to arrest others," he added.

This comes days after six persons, including five members of a family, were killed over a decade-old land dispute in Fatehpur village of the state's Deoria district on Monday (October 2).

The Kanpur Dehat incident took place at Shahjahanpur Ninayana village where the family of one Mohanlal Shukla attacked his rival Satnarayan Lohar and his kin with sticks and weapons, officials said. While Satyanarayan (72) and his brother Ram Veer (60), who were injured grievously, died during treatment at the hospital, Ram Veer's wife Madhu (55), daughters Madhu, Kajal, and son Sonu are being treated for injuries, they added.

The police said a probe is being conducted to find out if there was any negligence on the part of the local police officials as a

complaint related to the land dispute was lodged on the state government's Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS) several days ago.

A complaint regarding the dispute was also submitted to Kanpur Dehat District Magistrate Alok Singh, who referred it to the local Revenue Department officials. In the complaint, Mohanlal Shukla alleged that despite him having lodged written complaints with local police, no action was taken.

Special Director General of Police (Crime, Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said that Kanpur (range) Inspector General Prashant Kumar-II is overseeing the probe into the case.

JG Prashant Kumar-II said, "The Lohar family had the disputed land in their possession for over 50 years. The family claims that one Shankar Bari sold the land to them decades ago without any paperwork even as it was registered in the name of the Shukla family. The Lohars recently got money to construct a house under the PM Awas Yojana and wanted to construct the structure on the disputed land. The Shuklas then parked a vehicle there to block any construction work from taking place. When Satnarayan's family put construction material on the land, the enraged Shukla family attacked them with sticks, resulting in the death of two people."

## DEORIA LAND DISPUTE

# Family that lost 5 members in clash filed 9 complaints on govt helpline

**MANISH SAHU**  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 6

NINE COMPLAINTS were sent to the Uttar Pradesh government's Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS) by Satya Prakash Dubey, who along with his wife and three children was killed at Fatehpur village of Deoria district on October 2, in the last five

years alleging land grab by his rival Prem Prakash Yadav. Dubey and his family members were killed following retaliation to Yadav's killing over the long-standing land dispute.

Fifteen officials were suspended and departmental action was ordered against eight employees of the revenue department on Thursday for not acting on Dubey's complaints.

# 5-year-old girl raped in Bareilly village, accused found hanging from tree: police

**AMIT SHARMA**  
MEERUT OCTOBER 6

HOURS AFTER a 5-year-old girl was allegedly raped in a Bareilly village Thursday afternoon, the accused (60) was found hanging from a tree, police said Friday.

Police suspect it to be a case of suicide but the kin of the accused claimed that he was murdered. According to police, they were on the lookout for the accused when he was found hanging from a tree.

In her police complaint, the girl's mother stated that the child was playing with friends outside their house when she disappeared.

"I learnt from locals that my daughter was last seen with an elderly man. When I reached his house, I saw him assaulting her sexually and my daughter crying in pain. When I raised alarms for help, the accused fled the scene. We then approached the local police station," the mother said in her complaint. She further alleged that she was asked to pay money at the station house to get her complaint registered.

Bareilly Rural Superintendent of Police Mukesh Chand Mishra said, "We have registered an FIR under IPC section 376 (rape) and provisions of the POCSO Act, which now stands null and void since the accused died by suicide. The girl is undergoing treatment at a hospital and her condition is stable."

The SP said they also probed the mother's complaint of a female police officer asking for money to register her complaint and found some outsiders present on the police station premises at that time involved in it.



(L-R) The Print editor-in-chief Shekhar Gupta, legal luminary Fali Nariman (centre, on screen) and author Arghya Sengupta

# Don't blame Constitution for everything: Fali Nariman

**MALAVIKA PRASAD**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

"Don't blame the Constitution for every thing that goes on in this country," said senior advocate and legal luminary Fali Nariman at a book launch in New Delhi on Friday.

His response came to a question from the audience on whether the citizens have given themselves too many rights because courts are "choked" and the "future of deciding those rights is now uncertain".

"We don't realise the importance of the fact that it is the Constitution that has kept the country together. Whatever shortcomings there may be, have to be dealt with individually and not on the basis that this 'Constitution is oppressive and we should have another Constitution or think of something else... I don't think we will ever have another Constitution because the tolerance level today in all parts of the world is extremely low. The world fraternity, which is used in the Constitution is hardly ever mentioned any-

where else. We are not as fraternal as we should be. We should therefore improve ourselves and not the Constitution," he said.

Nariman was speaking at the launch of the book — The Colonial Constitution — written by Arghya Sengupta, research director of Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

When the Editor-in-chief of The Print, Shekhar Gupta, who was also a part of the discussion, said that the "Constitution has enough to give any autocratic government the tools it needs, should it choose to be autocratic", Nariman responded, "It also gives enough to a government which does not want to be autocratic, to not be autocratic".

Sengupta said the Constitution should not be treated as a holy book, it needs to be engaged with and critiqued, and this was the spirit in which he had approached this book.

Explaining his position on why he thinks the Constitution is colonial, Sengupta said it is an "extraordinarily prescriptive document, and is written in a 'dense legal jargon'.

## 2013 BENGAL GANGRAPE-MURDER CASE

# High Court commutes death sentence of two, acquits one

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 6

THE CALCUTTA HIGH Court on Friday acquitted a convict on death row and commuted the death sentence of two others to life imprisonment in the gangrape and murder of a 21-year-old woman in North 24 Parganas district 10 years ago. A local court had sentenced three convicts to the death penalty and awarded life imprisonment to three others for the crime that dates back to June 7, 2013, when the woman was returning from college after appearing for an examination.

A division bench of Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Ajay Kumar Gupta commuted the sentence of death row convicts Saiful Ali and Ansar Ali. Another death row convict, Amin Ali, was acquitted by a lower court earlier.

On Friday, Emanul Islam, Aminur Islam and Bholanath Naskar, who were sentenced to life imprisonment by the lower court, were also acquitted by the High Court after having served 10 years in jail.

Family members of the victim said they would appeal against the order and approach the Supreme Court. The division bench also upheld the acquittal of Noor Ali and Rafiqul Islam Gazi by the trial court. Another accused died during the course of the trial. During a visit by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to the region at the time, local residents organised a protest.

A local resident said after the verdict was announced on Friday, "We will file an appeal against this verdict in the Supreme Court."

Initially the police started the investigation, but later the CID

took over the investigation of the incident. In the chargesheet, charges were brought against nine persons. One of the accused, Gopal Naskar, died during the course of the trial. On January 30, 2016, Calcutta City Sessions Court Judge Sanchita Sarkar announced the quantum of punishment of the six accused. Among them, Saiful Ali Molla, Ansar Ali and Amin Ali were sentenced to death.

The remaining three Sheikh Emanul Islam, Aminur Islam and Bholanath Naskar were sentenced to life imprisonment. Two other accused, Rafiqul Islam Ghazi and Noor Ali, were released due to lack of evidence.

Saiful, Ansar and Amin, who were sentenced to death by his lower court, were convicted under sections of rape, murder and criminal conspiracy of the Indian Penal Code.

# Army probes sexual harassment allegations against Brigadier

**MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA**  
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 6

THE ARMY has launched an investigation into a complaint of sexual harassment made by a woman Army officer against a Brigadier under whose command she was serving in Uttar Pradesh.

The woman officer's complaint has been referred to an internal complaints committee (ICC) as per the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act of 2013, commonly known as

the PoSH Act.

While the complaint was made to the higher chain of command through HQ Uttar Bharat Area in Bareilly, the Central Command Headquarters in Lucknow took cognisance of it.

"A complaint has been received... from a woman officer alleging harassment by another officer," confirmed Shantanu Pratap Singh, Joint Director Public Relations, Ministry of Defence, Lucknow, who handles matters related to HQ Central Command.

He added that an ICC has been constituted as per provisions of the PoSH Act and is cur-

rently investigating the complaint.

Singh further said that Section 16 of the PoSH Act specifically prohibits any disclosure of the identity of the complainant, respondent and details of proceedings of ICC to the public, media etc. Accordingly, at this stage, no additional information can be shared on the matter.

"Indian Army and Central Command remain firmly committed to providing a safe and secure working environment to all ranks and all complaints of such nature are handled with due sensitivity and priority," he added.

## A TRIBUTE TO PROF M S SWAMINATHAN

# He was a true 'Kisan Vaigyanik'... In his heart there was a farmer



BY NARENDRA MODI  
PRIME MINISTER

A FEW days ago we lost Professor M S Swaminathan. Our nation lost a visionary who revolutionised agricultural science, a stalwart whose contribution to India will always be etched in golden letters.

Prof M S Swaminathan loved India and wanted our nation, and our farmers in particular, to lead a life of prosperity. Academically brilliant, he could have chosen any career but he was so impacted by the Bengal famine of 1943 that he was clear that if there is one thing he would do, it would be to study agriculture.

At a relatively young age, he came in contact with Dr Norman Borlaug and followed his work

in great detail. In the 1950s, he was offered a faculty position in the US but he rejected it because he wanted to work in India and for India.

I want you all to think about the challenging circumstances in which he stood as a colossus, guiding our nation towards the path of self-sufficiency and self-confidence. In the first two decades since Independence, we were dealing with immense challenges and one of them was food shortages. In the early 1960s, India was grappling with the ominous shadows of famine and it is then that Prof Swaminathan's unyielding commitment and foresight ushered a new era of agricultural prosperity.

His pioneering work in agriculture and specific sectors like wheat breeding led to a significant increase in wheat production, thus turning India from a food-deficient country into a self-sufficient nation. This tremendous achievement earned him the well-deserved title of, "Father of the Indian Green

Revolution".

The Green Revolution offered a glimpse of India's "Can Do Spirit" — that if we have a billion challenges, we also have a billion minds with the flame of innovation to overcome those challenges. Five decades after the Green Revolution began, Indian agriculture has become far more modern and progressive. But, the very foundations laid by Prof Swaminathan can never be forgotten.

Over the years, he undertook pioneering research in combating parasites affecting potato crops. His research also enabled potato crops to withstand cold weather. Today, the world is talking about Millets or Shree Anna as super foods but Prof Swaminathan had encouraged discourse around millets since the 1990s.

My personal interactions with Prof Swaminathan were extensive. They began after I took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001. During those days, Gujarat was not known for



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with agriculture scientist M S Swaminathan at a 2016 event in New Delhi. File

its agricultural prowess. Successive droughts and a super cyclone and an earthquake had impacted the growth trajectory of the state. Among the many initiatives we launched, was the Soil Health Card, which enabled us to understand the soil better and address problems if they arose. It was in the context of this

scheme that I met Prof Swaminathan. He appreciated the scheme and also shared his valuable inputs for the same. His endorsement was enough to convince those who were sceptical about the scheme which would eventually set the stage for Gujarat's agricultural success. Our interactions continued

during my Chief Ministerial tenure and also when I took over as Prime Minister. I met him at the International Agro-Biodiversity Congress in 2016 and the next year in 2017, I launched a two-part book series written by him.

The Kural describes farmers as the pin that holds the world together because it is the farmers who sustain everyone. Prof Swaminathan understood this a principle very well. A lot of people call him a "Krishi Vaigyanik" — an Agricultural Scientist. But, I have always believed that he was even more. He was a true "Kisan Vaigyanik" — a Farmers' Scientist. In his heart there was a farmer. The success of his works is not restricted to their academic excellence; it lies in the impact they have had outside the laboratories, in the farms and the fields. His work narrowed the gap between scientific knowledge and its practical application. He consistently advocated for sustainable agriculture, emphasising the delicate bal-

ance between human advancement and ecological sustainability. Here, I must also note Prof Swaminathan's special emphasis on improving the lives of the small farmers and ensuring they also enjoy the fruits of innovation. He was particularly passionate about improving the lives of women farmers.

There is another aspect about Prof M S Swaminathan which is remarkable — he stands tall as a paragon of innovation and mentorship. When he won the World Food Prize in 1987, the first recipient of this prestigious honour, he used the prize money to establish a not-for-profit research foundation. Till date, it undertakes extensive work across various sectors. He has nurtured countless minds, instilling in them a passion for learning and innovation. In a rapidly changing world, his life reminds us of the enduring power of knowledge, mentorship, and innovation. He was an institution builder as well, having to his credit many centres where vibrant research takes place. One of

his stints was as Director, International Rice Research Institute, Manila. The South Asia Regional Centre of International Rice Research Institute was opened in Varanasi in 2018.

I will again cite The Kural to pay tributes to Dr Swaminathan. It is written there, "If those who have planned have firmness, they will attain what they have desired the way they have desired." Here was a stalwart who decided early on in his life that he wants to strengthen agriculture and serve farmers. And, he did it exceptionally innovatively and passionately. Dr Swaminathan's contributions continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the path of agricultural innovation and sustainability. We must also keep reaffirming our commitment to the principles he held dear, championing the cause of farmers and ensuring the fruits of scientific innovation reach the roots of our agricultural expanse, fostering growth, sustainability, and prosperity for generations to come.



# 7 killed in Mumbai building fire, 69 injured

Blaze broke out in parking, no system for firefighting in building: officials

**NAYONIKA BOSE**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

A MAJOR fire broke out in a seven-storey residential building in Mumbai's Goregaon West early Friday, killing seven people, including two minors, and injuring 69 people.

According to senior Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) officials, the deaths were caused due to smoke inhalation as dense smoke engulfed the building's corridors as well as the homes.

The fire was reported at 3.01 am in the stilt parking area of Jay Bhavani complex, a Slum Rehabilitation Authority building located near Azad Maidan. It took more than three hours for the fire tenders to control the flames. The fire department is investigating the cause of the fire. Goregaon Additional Fire Divisional Officer Somnath Bhaye said it is suspected to have broken out in a vehicle parked in the stilt area before spreading through the lift. Most of the fatalities have been reported in the first three floors of the building, owing to intensive smoke logging. Bhaye said the building did not have a firefighting system.

"Several vehicles, including three four-wheelers, 40 motorcycles and bicycles had been parked in the stilt area of the building where the fire broke out. A lot of scrap clothes had also been dumped on the ground floor because of which the fire spread," Bhaye said. "The fire spread from here to the

ground floor and then up to the other floors. The building did not have a fire system in place."

He said most of the residents of the building were sleeping when the fire broke out.

Municipal Commissioner and state-appointed administrator Iqbal Singh Chahal visited Cooper hospital and Jogeshwari's HBT Trauma Care Centre, where the injured were undergoing treatment, before heading to the spot. He told reporters that the civic body will give a compensation of Rs 4 lakh to the families of the dead as well as free medical treatment to the survivors.

"Members of the Waghri community have been rehabilitated in a few flats in this building. They are rag pickers. Their material was stored in the parking area. After the fire broke out, it spread to their material," he said.

As senior civic officials maintained that the fire spread owing to the scrap, residents alleged that their bundle of clothes in the basement was not damaged. "The BMC is saying that the fire spread because of the scrap clothes kept in the stilt area. However, the bundle of clothes are intact," said Sunil Oghania, one of the residents.

Rajesh Akre, Assistant Municipal Commissioner said, "We have rehabilitated the residents in a municipal school for the time being and after electricity is restored we will transfer them back to the building."

PM Narendra Modi announced Rs 2 lakh compensation for the families of those dead and Rs 50,000 for the injured.



The fire broke out in a seven-storey residential building in Goregaon West. Amit Chakravarty

## 'Narrow lane hampered rescue'

**NAYONIKA BOSE**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

AS SEVEN persons including two minors lost their lives in the fire, officials said fire engines could not go near the building because of its location in a narrow lane. Fire personnel used fire hoses and pipes from a distance to douse the blaze.

The blaze erupted in the stilt parking space in the basement, where combustible items like clothes were kept. Mumbai Fire Brigade (MFB) officials said there were no fire extinguishers or sprinklers in at the basement.

Situated opposite Goregaon's Azad Maidan, the Slum

Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) building is accessible through a small lane, posing the biggest hurdle for fire-fighters. "The fire engines could not go right near the building as only small vehicles can access the gully. We used fire hoses and pipes to douse the fire," Additional Fire Divisional Officer (ADFO), Goregaon, Somnath Bhaye, said.

Locals too said the MFB was handicapped by the narrow lane and the inability of the fire engines to enter the lane slowed down rescue operations.

Mayur Gosavi, a resident of a neighbouring building, said, "Even though the fire brigade deployed several vehicles to douse the flames, they did not know

what to do with them. The fire engines couldn't enter the narrow lane. Besides, a nearby MHADA building has a working fire hydrant system. However, the MFB did not use them."

On the absence of a fire-fighting system, a senior BMC official said: "The permission for construction was given around 2005. There was no compulsory provision of setting up inbuilt fire-fighting set-ups back then."

"Also, this building was less than 24 metres in height, which is classified as a low-rise building; therefore, earlier there were no stringent guidelines in place for low-rise buildings and most of these rules were modified in the past one decade," the official said.

## Centre declares govt organisation area in TN 'prohibited place'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE CENTRE has issued a gazette notification, declaring the place in Tamil Nadu where a government organisation functions as a "prohibited place".

In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said the central government is satisfied that the information with respect to certain activities carried out in the places specified will be "useful to an enemy".

It said the central govern-

ment considers it expedient that special precautions be taken to prevent access of unauthorised persons to such places.

"Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clauses (c) and (d) of clause (8) of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 (19 of 1923), the central government hereby declares that the place specified in the column (1) of said table, a prohibited place for the purposes of the said Act with the locality and boundary of the said places as mentioned in columns (2) and (3) of the said table," the notification said.

# 'Main Shivraj Hoon': The defiant fight of MP CM Chouhan

**VIKAS PATHAK & ANAND MOHAN J**  
NEW DELHI, BHOPAL, OCTOBER 6

*MAHILA sashaktikaran ki aawaaz hoon; main Shivraj hoon, main Shivraj hoon* (I am the voice of women's empowerment; I am Shivraj, I am Shivraj).

Whatever the BJP leadership's plans for him, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan isn't going gently into the night. He is actively embracing the limelight in a way that few in the Narendra Modi-centric party have dared before. Two weeks go, the once self-effacing leader, whose humble image helped him into a fourth term in power, was the star of his government's 'The Ladli Show',

where he took questions from an awed and enthusiastic young girl - who covered everything from Chouhan the child of a poor family who led an agitation as a seven-year-old; to Chouhan the "gold-medallist" MA student; to Chouhan the CM, loved by the women of the state as their "mama (uncle)" and who cares for them equally; and even Chouhan the singer.

The show's premiere on the CM's YouTube channel coincided with the passage of the long-awaited women's reservation Bill in Parliament.

Chouhan's campaign, in fact, is almost entirely gambling on his schemes for women to propel him back to power, the latest being a 35% quota for many state government jobs.

His declaration that he was



Shivraj Singh Chouhan's campaign is gambling on his schemes for women

"mahila sashaktikaran ki aawaaz" came on Wednesday, at an event in Burhanpur, where he distributed the fifth instalment of his Ladli Behna Yojana.

Some times, the CM has shed tears while seeking voters; at other times, he has told voters

they would miss him when "I am no longer around".

On September 26, chairing a Cabinet meeting, Chouhan reminisced about 2020, when he returned to power after the Congress government fell following defections. "Remember the difficult time... I took oath on March 24, under the shadow of Covid. There was fear in the country... I was the only one; there was no Cabinet."

On October 1, speaking at a public event in his home district of Sehore, Chouhan stopped midway to say: "You will not get such a brother again. You will remember me when I am gone. I have changed the definition of politics in Madhya Pradesh."

On October 3, he appeared to

address the doubt over him being given a ticket. Inaugurating several development works in Sehore, Chouhan asked the crowd: "Should I contest the elections? Should I fight from here or not?" When the crowd broke into slogans of "Mama, Mama", he folded his hands in gratitude.

A source close to Chouhan says that he is only carrying forward the PM's work. "Modiji is our leader and he got a historic law passed to enable women's reservation. The signal was clear that the BJP is committed to women's empowerment. Shivraj-ji decided to follow in the footsteps of Modiji..."

Chouhan's me-and-mine campaign is starker when com-

pared to PM Modi's rallies for the coming elections, where he has refrained from mentioning local leaders and sought votes in the name of the BJP.

On September 26, at his rally in Bhopal, as Chouhan sat silently by his side after a short speech, Modi gave a long address without mentioning the CM even once.

Word has got around that the BJP is apprehensive about naming Chouhan as its CM face in a state where it has been in power since 2003 - with Chouhan leading it since 2005 - barring the short Congress government from 2018 to 2020. Sources have hinted at a "fatigue factor" for Chouhan, even as Kamal Nath has been running an energetic Congress campaign.

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See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Arati, W/o Mukesh, R/o:** Badshahpur, Pachgai Bulandsahar, Pin 203131, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC no. 7966/2018 U/s 138 NI Act** registered at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Arati** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Arati** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Arati** accused of **CC no. 7966/2018 U/s 138 NI Act** P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.11.2023**

By Order  
**Ms. Bhujali,**  
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Court Room No.- 201, Second Floor,  
CBA-II, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/11273/CD/2023

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that this woman namely **Saroj Saket, W/o Kamta Prasad, R/o 60, Pitampura Village, Delhi,** is missing since 28.09.2023 at about 02:00 PM from her house. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 30A, dated 29.09.2023,** has been lodged at **P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing woman but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing woman is as under:  
**Gender:** Female, **Age:** 38 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black frock suit, black sandals.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing woman, kindly inform to the following:  
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राज्य वन अनुसंधान संस्थान, जबलपुर हेतु एक वर्ष की अवधि के लिए रसायन (केमिकल्स मोलिकुलर ग्रेड), प्लास्टिकबन्धन एवं उपकरण के लिए दूर अनुबंध हेतु ई-निविदा <https://mptenders.gov.in> के माध्यम से पंजीकृत विक्रेताओं एवं प्रदायकताओं से तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 07/10/2023 से रु. 1000/- भुगतान कर <https://mptenders.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है। विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु संस्थान की वेबसाइट [www.mpsfri.org](http://www.mpsfri.org) से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। किसी भी प्रकार का संशोधन / सुधार / परिवर्तन होने की सूचना <https://mptenders.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध रहेगी।

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उप संचालक एवं कार्यालय प्रमुख

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General Public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Lalan @ Shiva S/o Nav Kumar Mandal R/o House No. 196, Gandhi Camp-1, Near Railway Station Srinivaspuri, New Delhi has been missing since 24.09.2023 from the area of P.S. Amar Colony, New Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 92A dated 28.09.2023 has been lodged at Police Station Amar Colony, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Age:** 24 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** White Colour Shirt & Grey Colour Pant and Hawaii Chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Amar Colony, New Delhi at E-mail [ldcic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:ldcic@cbi.gov.in) or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

**Phone:** **SHO**  
011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Amar Colony, New Delhi  
Fax No. 011-24368639 South East Distt., Delhi  
DP/11062/SE/2023 Ph. No. 011- 26412194, 8750870931

## Naresh Goyal's arrest for loan fraud 'legal', ED tells Bombay HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

Mumbai: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday told the Bombay High Court that all legal procedures were complied with while arresting Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal in connection with the alleged laundering of a loan of Rs 538.62 crore given by the Canara Bank. The ED said his arrest was necessary as Goyal was "highly uncooperative, recalcitrant, evasive and suspicious in his statements and conduct" and this had slowed down the probe.

Goyal, who was arrested on September 1, had claimed that his arrest was illegal and sought to set aside orders of a special court that initially remanded him in ED custody and then in judicial custody.

A division bench of Justice Revati Mohite-Dere and Justice Gauri V Godse had on September 20 asked ED to file its reply within two weeks. **ENS**

## Govt to SC: Told all depts to ensure SC, ST, OBC quota in temporary jobs

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE CENTRE has informed the Supreme Court that there "shall be" reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Class in temporary appointments, which are to last for 45 days or more.

The government said this in response to a petition which sought the court's intervention to ensure reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs in temporary appointments.

The Centre pointed out to a bench of Justices Sanjeev Khanna and S V N Bhatti that in the Office Memorandum dated September 24, 1968, "reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been provided in all temporary appointments, except the appointments which are to last for less than 45 days". This was reiterated "in respect of appointments to

central government posts and services" in the Office Memorandum dated May 15, 2018, it said.

The Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of SCs and STs, however, observed that the instructions contained in the Office Memorandums "are not followed in letter and spirit and... directed that these instructions may be recirculated to all Government Departments", the Centre said.

In view of this, the government said that it issued yet another Office Memorandum on November 21, 2022, requesting all ministries and departments to ensure that reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs is ensured in all temporary appointments, which are to last for 45 days or more.

It said that a mechanism has been put in place to deal with cases of failure to follow or abide by the November 21 Office Memorandum.

**M.P. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.**  
(Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)  
**SECRETARIAT FOR SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM**  
21, Arera Hills, Bhopal 462011 M.P. (India), CIN: U51102MP1977SGC001392  
Tel. : (91) 0755-2571830, 2575618, 3523555, 3523505  
E-mail : [helpdesk@mpidc.co.in](mailto:helpdesk@mpidc.co.in), Website : [www.invest.mp.gov.in](http://www.invest.mp.gov.in)  
No. MPIDC/CE/NIT-152-154/2023/9101 Date : 06.10.2023

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (MPIDC Ltd.) invites offers from interested consultants with proven capabilities and demonstrated performance to express their interest to participate in the competitive bidding for the following works -

S.No.	NIT No.	Name of the Work
1.	152	"Selection of Agency for Project Management Unit (PMU) for the Implementation of Trade & Export Facilitation Centre"
2.	153	"Selection of Consultants for Organizational Restructuring, HR planning and HR management"
3.	154	"Selection of Consultants for Financial Strengthening and Revenue Enhancement of MPIDC"

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement Portal- <https://mptenders.gov.in> - MPIDC HO.  
M.P. Madhyam/112550/2023 **CHIEF ENGINEER**



### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Woman (depicted in the photo) namely **Razia D/o Ishhak Mohd. R/o Jhuggi No. 114, Majboor Nagar, I.P. Extn., Delhi-92** has been missing/kidnapped from her residence since **23.09.2023**. In this regard a FIR No. **75A/2023 U/s 363 IPC Dated 24.09.2023** has been lodged at **PS Madhu Vihar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this woman but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-  
**Sex:** Female, **Age:** 25 years, **Height:** 4' 8" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Red & Yellow colour Shirt and Cream colour Pant.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped woman may kindly inform to the following:-

**SHO**  
**PS: Madhu Vihar, Delhi**  
**E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-22732427, 22732429**  
**Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob.: 8750870624**  
**Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/11144/ED/2023**

### कार्यालय अधिशाषी अभियन्ता जन स्टा० अिभ० विभाग, खण्ड धौलपुर

मचण्ड जोहा जीटी० रोड धौलपुर ई-मेल ec.dho.phed@rajasthan.gov.in

फोन नं० 0564-220728 19-09-2023  
 क्रमांक: 1594-1600

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 57-61/2023-24 दिनांक 19.09.2023

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NOTE:- Tender cost of deposit-E-challan, Budget head:-0975-0869-03-01-BHSI-deposit-head-8658/00-102-16-02, Office ID: 23490 & Earnest Money 2% and 5% deposit in budget head 8443-00-108-00-00 Office ID 23490 deposit by E-challan/DD

हस्ता./- (आज्ञापन योग्य) अधिशाषी अभियन्ता जन स्टा० अिभ० विभाग, खण्ड धौलपुर

**DIPRC/14521/2023**

### NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 No. DYCEBL-IJP-2023-22R1 dated 04/10/2023  
 For and behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Engineer/Bridge Line-North Western Railway, Jaipur invites online open E-Tendering system (Single Packet) for the following works on prescribed electronic forms:-

- E-Tender No.:** DYCEBL-IJP-2023-22R1
- Name of the work with its location:** - Provision of inspection arrangement & miscellaneous works on Br.No.310 (4x4.5, 7m OVG steel) at KM:143/3-5 UDZ-HMT sec of Ajmer division. 3. **Approx. cost of work:** 1,44,06,221.84 4. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** 2,22,000.00 5. **Completion Period:** 12 Months 6. **Date & Time closing of tender:** 31/10/2023 at 15.00 Hrs. 7. **Website particulars and notice board location where complete detail of tender can be seen:** [www.tenders.gov.in](http://www.tenders.gov.in) (1059-CC/23)

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### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Manjeet Singh, S/o: Rajesh Kumar, R/o: H.No. 28/129, Kasturba Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 0843/2017, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S.: Vivek Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Manjeet Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Manjeet Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Manjeet Singh** accused of **FIR No. 0843/2017, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S.: Vivek Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.11.2023**.

**By Order**  
**Ms. Preeti Parewa**  
 Chief Metropolitan Magistrate  
 Shahdara, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

**DP/11233/SHD/2023-(Court Matter)**

### S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), Chakradharpur acting For & On behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Open Tender. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No. Tender Notice No. & Name of work** are as follows: (1) **CKP-CENTRAL-23-24-33**, Miscellaneous Repairs in Qtrs. No. A/871/4 (01 Block G + 1 Building) for accommodation of Transit Camp in SERSA Ground and in Little Pearls Schools in Chakradharpur. **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,20,83,988.51. **EMD:** ₹ 2,10,400/- (2) **CKP-GSU-MECH-BNDM-23-24-17**, Construction of Pathway in connection with improvement of rake examination facilities at Departure Yard at Bondamunda. **Tender Value:** ₹ 2,85,68,448.07. **EMD:** ₹ 2,92,900/- (3) **CKP-GSU-ENGG-DIVY-23-24-18**, Provision of Minimum essential amenities & facilities for Divyangjan at Rajgangpur and Panosh stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (Phase-III) under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/West/CKP. **Tender Value:** ₹ 2,32,86,491.28. **EMD:** ₹ 2,66,400/- (4) **CKP-SOUTH-22-24-28**, Through sleeper renewal (Primary) of existing PSC-60kg sleeper (1660 Nos/Km) with new wider and heavier PSC-60 kg sleeper (1660 Nos/Km) with elastic fastening by Track Relaying Train (TRT) including deep screening/raising of ballast cushion to the standard of 35 cm by BCM Machine, earth work, drain and widening of cessat TRT base depot/in section for 84.721 Track km in between section Rajkarsawan - Dangoasari (UP & DN) under the jurisdiction of DEN(south)/CKP. **Tender Value:** ₹ 9,46,42,875.60. **EMD:** ₹ 6,23,200/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹ 0 for 1, 2 & 3 each. **Date of opening:** 26.10.2023 for Sl. No. 1 & 31.10.2023 for Sl. No. 2 & 3 each and 30.10.2023 for Sl. No. 4. **Types of Contract:** Works Contract for 1, 2 & 3 each. The tender can be viewed at Website <http://www.treps.gov.in>. The tender/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. (PR-675)

**By order**  
**Sakshi Jaiswal,**  
 Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act) - 05, Central, Room no. 2, CBA-I, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

**DP/11272/CD/2023 (Court Matter)**

### Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone, Ajmer

No. :-ACE/AJ/TECH/F2 (30A-Ajmer)/D-2353 Date:- 27.09.2023  
 NIB No.:-PWD2324A3473  
 Notice Inviting Bid No. 27/2023-24

Bids for 03 No. Work are invited from interested bidders upto **12.00 Noon on Monday 09 October 2023**. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>) (<http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is **Rs. 347.72 Lacs**.  
 UBN No.:- PWD2324WSOB15324

Sd/-  
 (Vikas Dixit)  
 Additional Chief Engineer,  
 PWD, Zone, Ajmer

**DIPRC/14849/2023**

### PROVIDING PROJECT SUPERVISION SERVICES AT VARIOUS AMRT BHARAT STATION CONSTRUCTION SITES/SECTIONS

**E-TENDER NOTICE NO. TSK/Engg/89 of 2023; dated 03-10-2023.**  
 E-tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Item No.1; Brief Description of Item:** At Tinsukia Division.- Providing project supervision services at various Amrit Bharat Station Construction Sites/Sections in the jurisdiction at stations of Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, Tinsukia. **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,48,53,748/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 24,300/-; E-tender will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on 25-10-2023 and opened at 16.00 hrs. on 25-10-2023. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 25-10-2023 in website [www.treps.gov.in](http://www.treps.gov.in). **DRM (Work)/Tinsukia**

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### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person Namely: **Unknown, S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : About 25 years, Height : 5'7", Complexion : Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built : Thin, Wearing : Black Colour T-Shirt & Black Colour Pant and Bare Footed** was admitted in Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi on 28.09.2023. During treatment doctor declared him dead on 01.10.2023. In this regard a case vide DD No. 110A dated 01.10.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi.

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

**SHO :**  
**P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi**  
**West Distt., Delhi**  
**Tel. No. 011- 25101150, 8750871125, 8826783226**

**DP/11292/WD/2023**

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Sunita, W/o Vishnu, R/o Kilamevai, Khurja, Bulandshahar, UP-203131**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 3301/2018, u/s 138 NI Act**, registered at **P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi**, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Sunita**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sunita**, has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sunita**, of case **CC No. 3301/2018, u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.11.2023**.

**By order**  
**Sakshi Jaiswal,**  
 Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act) - 05, Central, Room no. 2, CBA-I, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

**DP/11272/CD/2023 (Court Matter)**

### New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar, (U.P.)  
 Website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.in](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.in)

#### E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible firms/contractors for the following job against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.in](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.in) & <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these website for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

Sr. No.	Job No.	Sale Start Date	Sale End Date	Tender Opening Date and Time
1	<b>06/E-TENDER/SPO/2023-24</b> Name of Work- Procurement of Printing & Stationary Items, NOIDA, Estimated Cost Rs. 39,80,478.00	09.10.2023 upto 5:00 P.M.	16.10.2023 upto 5:00 P.M.	17.10.2023 11:00 A.M.
2	<b>07/E-TENDER/SPO/2023-24</b> Name of Work- Stitching of Summer Uniform Cloth, NOIDA, Estimated Cost Rs. 60,20,400.00	09.10.2023 upto 5:00 P.M.	16.10.2023 upto 5:00 P.M.	17.10.2023 11:00 A.M.
3	<b>08/E-TENDER/SPO/2023-24</b> Name of Work- Stitching of Winter Uniform of Contract Staff of Noida Authority, NOIDA, Estimated Cost Rs. 65,39,400.00	09.10.2023 upto 5:00 P.M.	16.10.2023 upto 5:00 P.M.	17.10.2023 11:00 A.M.

**Store Purchase Officer, Noida.**  
**CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA**

### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	REPAIR OF POTHLES WITH PRESSURIZED SPRAY INJECTION TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MCR IN WARD NO. 15, T.C. ROHTAK.	04.10.2023 16.10.2023	15 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xnmcrohtak@gmail.com
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	CONST. OF PBI STREET N/O KRISHAN ADVOCATE RAJESH KUMAR TO CHANDERHANS H. POLICE MASTER WALL GALI AND REPAIR OF IPS STREET FROM HAWA SINGH TO WAZIR TO SUBHASH TO RAJU PANDEIT SHY COLONY WARD NO. 1, ROHTAK. - 4 WORKS	04.10.2023 17.10.2023	36.21 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xnmcrohtak@gmail.com

21691HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)

### RAJ BHAVAN BHOPAL

#### NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHANCELLOR FOR NANAJI DESHMUKH PASHU CHIKITSA VIGYAN VISHWAVIDYALAYA, JABALPUR (M.P)

Advt. No. F-1-4/23/GS/U.A.1/1009 Dated 04 October, 2023

It is proposed to appoint a Vice-Chancellor for the Nanaji Deshmukh Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwaavidyalaya, Jabalpur established under the Nanaji Deshmukh Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwaavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 2009 (No. 16 of 2009), by the Chancellor out of a panel to be recommended by a Committee, constituted in terms of section 11(2) of said Act.

- The Vice Chancellor shall hold office for a term of 05 years from the date on which he enters office.
- As the Vice Chancellor is the Principal and Academic Officer of the Principal, he should have highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment. He/She is required to have sound administrative acumen besides being a distinguished academician in the field of Veterinary Sciences. He/She must have been born on or after 01st of March, 1959.
- In support of his unblemished career and undoubted integrity, the applicant should file a self attested certificate to the effect that no enquiry is instituted/commenced/pending in Lokayukt Sangathan, Economic Offence Bureau or any other organization against him at any level.
- Along with the application, in case the applicant is in service, he should file a certificate of his employer head of the office to the effect that no departmental enquiry is pending against him.
- In case of any enquiry conducted as above in earlier years, details of such cases and final conclusion of the enquiry shall have also to be clearly mentioned by the applicant in the self attested certificate.
- The aspirant for the post of Vice-Chancellor may submit his/her application and documents online on or before 10th of January, 2024 on the link available on Rajbhavan's website "governor.mp.gov.in" and send, self signed on every page of generated receipt and downloaded copy of application submitted with documents alongwith bio data and registered certificates, to the Principal Secretary, Governor's Secretariat, Rajbhavan, Bhopal- 462003 (M.P.) by registered/speed post etc. "Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Nanaji Deshmukh Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwaavidyalaya, Jabalpur (M.P.)" should be super-scribed on the upper part of envelope.
- Applications received after the prescribed date shall not be considered. This office shall not be responsible for postal delay.
- Any application received directly without online submission shall not be taken in to consideration. Online submission of application is compulsory.

Sd/- Dy. Secretary to Governor Madhya Pradesh

### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	BALANCE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF RMC M40 ROAD IN SECTOR 9 FROM X/269 TO SECTOR 9 AND A DIVIDING ROAD IN WARD 14 UNDER MC GURUGRAM.	29.09.2023 11.10.2023	13.15 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9821395213@kalawati970@gmail.com
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	PROVIDING AND LAYING OF INTERLOCKING TILES NEAR SIDHESHWAR SCHOOL IN SECTOR 9A WARD NO. 14, UNDER DIVISION-VI, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM - 2 WORKS	27.09.2023 09.10.2023	49.85 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9821395213@kalawati970@gmail.com

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### TENDER FOR OUTSOURCING OF SERVICES OF STAFF CAR DRIVERS IN JHARKHAND BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

#### SHORT NOTICE FOR

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed and experienced manpower agencies for outsourcing of car drivers in Jharkhand Bhawan, New Delhi from the date of agreement for a period of one year, that can be extended for a further period as decided by competent authority on same terms and condition. The number of required drivers is 09 (nine) that may vary as per requirement.

Drivers should essentially have a valid driving license for Light Motor Vehicle (Four Wheeler), knowledge of motor mechanism, experience of driving a motorcar for at least 3 Years in Delhi NCR and a minimum qualification of 10<sup>th</sup> Standard.

The details regarding the aforesaid tender are available in the tender document that can be obtained from Jharkhand Bhawan on any working day before the date of submission of tender.

The last date of submission of Tender at Jharkhand Bhawan, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi is 07.11.23 by 05.00 PM.

The technical bid shall be opened on-08.11.23 at 11.30 A.M in Jharkhand Bhawan by the tender committee in the presence of bidders/ representative of bidders.

(Chief Administrative Officer)  
 Govt. of Jharkhand,  
 Jharkhand Bhawan  
 New Delhi.

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Letter No. : 1181/PUR/01/E-Tender/2023-24 Date : 06 October, 2023

#### E-Tender Notice for Rate Contract Items

Online E-Tender are invited from Manufactures or through their authorized representative/Authorized distributors/Traders (as per details given in the tender documents) for **CAUSTIC SODA, NICKEL SCREEN AND LUBRICANT ITEMS** to our Co-operative and Corporation sugar mills season 2023-24.

The details for submission of the E-Bids is available on the E-tender portals as per Table No. 1 [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) & [www.uttarakhandsugars.com](http://www.uttarakhandsugars.com). The bidders will have to deposit Tender fees (Non Refundable) of Rs. 2,360/- (GST INCLUSIVE) & earnest money in the form of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT/NET BANKING in favor of Uttarakhand Co-operative Sugar Factories Federation Limited, Payable at Dehradun. Tenders without earnest money will not be accepted. The bank details are available inside the tender document.

The Federation reserves the right to cancel any or all bids/annual e-bidding process, without assigning and reason to it & decision of Federation will be final & binding.

Sl. No.	Name of the item	Starting date of loading of E-Tender at 06:00 PM	Last Date for Submission of e-bid at 06:00 PM	Technical and Financial bid opening at 10:30 AM & 03:00 PM	E.M.D. (in Rs.)
1.	CAUSTIC SODA	06-10-2023	12-10-2023	13-10-2023	1,00,000.00
2.	NICKEL SCREEN	06-10-2023	12-10-2023	13-10-2023	1,00,000.00
3.	LUBRICANT	06-10-2023	12-10-2023	13-10-2023	2,50,000.00

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Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in lacs)	Validity of Tender (In days)	Cost of tender document (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (In Month)	Class of Contractor
1	Under Chief Minister's announcement number- 629/2015, the work of conversion and paving of Garh Ambedkar Light Vehicle Road under Purola Assembly Constituency of Uttarkashi District into Motorway.	7.68	120 days	5000.00 +18% G.S.T	18 Months	Registered in 'A' Class or above category in Road works in central Govt./State Govt./any Govt. Undertaking.

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1	Renewal work by PC for Damta-Kandari MDR road in km 6,9,10,13 to 22 under Annual Maintenance year 2023-24	3.98	120 days	5000.00 +18% G.S.T	06 Months	Registered in 'B' Class or above category in Road works in central Govt./State Govt./any Govt. Undertaking.

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Letter No. 4194/41 M-2/2023-24 Dated 05/10/2023

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

# The art of letting it be

Monetary Policy Committee is unlikely to cut rates any time soon as global and domestic risks loom large



DHARMAKIRTI JOSHI

AS EXPECTED, THE Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintained the status quo on interest rates during its review meeting in October and retained its stance of withdrawing accommodation. The current cycle peaked with the repo rate hike in February. The RBI prefers higher rates for longer periods for both domestic and external reasons.

While external factors have a bearing, domestic ones matter more. Unanticipated risks to inflation — quite beyond the control of policymakers — started manifesting at the beginning of the second quarter of this fiscal in the shape of the red-hot prices of tomatoes and other food items. While that pain from vegetables has subsided, another has reared up in volatile and rising crude oil prices. The RBI Governor also noted that the transmission of past rate hikes — 250 basis points since May 2022 — to bank lending and deposit rates remains incomplete. These factors have nudged the MPC to hold its stance of “withdrawal of accommodation”.

The continuation of hawkish monetary policies by systemically important central banks, particularly by the US Federal Reserve, and the rise in crude oil prices have been external triggers. Global central banks have been on their toes since Covid-19 struck. First, they had to ease monetary policy rapidly to fight an economic collapse, and then hike repeatedly to tame inflation. This script has played out more in advanced economies than in emerging markets. For instance, policy rates have risen only 250 basis points in India in the current cycle compared with 525 basis points in the US. In the developed world, monetary policy is at a delicate juncture — tighten too much and tip the economy into a recession; less-than-optimal tightening and inflation gets entrenched.

Monetary policy acts with a lag, first on growth and then on inflation. In the US, given the offset from a loose fiscal policy, the transmission to growth and inflation has been slow. This is why S&P Global believes a slowdown has been postponed in the US, not averted. Although inflation is softening now, the head-

line and core prints remain above target.

Central banks in the advanced countries could likely err on the side of caution and keep rates higher for longer given the challenges in inflation control. Odds today are in favour of another rate hike by the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank before the process of holding rates at elevated levels for a longer period begins. The upshot of this stance is the US 10-year treasury yield soaring to 4.8 per cent, the highest in 16 years. This is attracting capital to the US and away from the emerging markets, and strengthening the dollar. The rupee, not surprisingly, has been under the pump.

To its credit, India's growth has held strong despite costlier crude oil, weakening rupee and pressure on food inflation from an erratic monsoon. Supply shocks amid healthy growth will keep the RBI cautious. It has already raised its inflation forecast for this fiscal to 5.4 per cent from the 5.2 per cent made in June.

While inflation in cereals has been high for a while, the tomato-led surge in vegetable inflation spiked the consumer price index print to 7.4 per cent in July. Since then, fresh arrivals have corrected vegetable prices, and crushed those of tomatoes, causing angst at farms. Consequently, August inflation softened to 6.8 per cent. We expect September inflation to fall further. RBI's inflation for the second quarter at 6.4 per cent implicitly assumes around 5 per cent inflation in September. We have raised our inflation average forecast for this fiscal to 5.5 per cent from 5 per cent due to the jump in food inflation in July-September.

The concern over cereals, pulses and spices inflation persists given their double-digit readings. To boot, overall kharif sowing is only marginally above last fiscal's level and lags for pulses and jute. With El Niño conditions predicted till year-end, weather bears watching. The southwest monsoon also influences groundwater and reservoir levels for the rabi or winter crop, which is produced in largely irrigated areas. The current suboptimal reservoir levels also cast a cloud. According to the Central Water Commission, as on September

29, live storage at reservoirs was 82 per cent of the previous year's corresponding levels and 92 per cent of the decadal average.

Despite the spike in headline inflation, policymakers could derive some comfort from the relatively benign fuel and core inflation — the headline print was almost entirely food-led. But crude oil prices have emerged as another potential risk. India is highly vulnerable here because around 85 per cent of its requirement is imported. Crude prices have been very volatile. If they rise and sustain at elevated levels, headline inflation can rise via direct and indirect effects of higher production and transportation costs. In addition, higher crude prices create upside risks for the current account and fiscal deficit, and a downside risk to growth. This is cause for vigil, not alarm. Global demand conditions are expected to weaken and are unlikely to provide upward thrust to crude oil prices. But geopolitics and supply squeeze can offset this. Crude prices have trended up this fiscal but have been quite volatile — swinging from over \$95 a barrel to around \$85 in the past few days. So, fingers crossed. Inflationary expectations, which are generally adaptive, have broadly remained anchored. IIM-Ahmedabad's business inflation expectation survey for July suggests a slight increase in year-ahead business inflation and no change in the August survey. RBI's household inflation expectation survey for September shows easing of consumer inflation expectations from double to high single digits.

The RBI has retained its GDP growth outlook at 6.5 per cent for this fiscal. CRISIL sees it at 6 per cent, compared with 7.2 per cent last fiscal for three reasons: Deepening global slowdown curbing exports, lagged impact of the series of domestic rate hikes manifesting and curbing consumption demand, and erratic weather and El Niño curbing agricultural growth. What's more, persistent supply shocks, whether from food or fuel, can transmit to other parts of the economy and broad-based inflationary pressures. Ergo, the MPC is unlikely to take the scalpel to rates soon.

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## A LONGER PAUSE

An uncertain inflation outlook only increases the possibilities of the RBI keeping rates high

IN ITS OCTOBER meeting, the monetary policy committee of the RBI voted unanimously to maintain status quo on rates. The policy repo rate stands at 6.5 per cent. Alongside, the MPC also voted 5-1 to retain its stance of continuing to focus on the “withdrawal of accommodation”. This was expected. Inflation, which had surged to a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July, but eased thereafter to 6.83 per cent in August, remains well above the upper threshold of the central bank's inflation targeting framework. Moreover, upside risks to inflation remain. High global energy prices and financial markets' volatility have only complicated matters. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, thus, has rightly underlined that monetary policy must be ready “to take appropriate and timely action”.

Much of the uncertainty over the trajectory of inflation can be traced to food prices. Food inflation had surged to 11.51 per cent in July. While it subsequently fell to 9.94 per cent in August, and is expected to soften further, as vegetables prices correct, the outlook is clouded by uncertainty, as the governor has also underlined. Rainfall this season has been subpar, the area under sowing for pulses is lower than last year, reservoir levels have dipped, and then there is the impact of El Niño. This increases the possibility of price pressures being witnessed in other food items. In August, along with vegetables, inflation was elevated in cereals, pulses and spices. On the other hand, core inflation, which excludes the volatile food and fuel components, has fallen by 140 basis points from its peak in January to 4.9 per cent during July-August. There is a risk that if food inflation remains elevated for long, it can spill over and influence household inflationary expectations. Despite the sharp rise in headline inflation in the second quarter, and the upside risks to food prices, RBI has kept its inflation forecast unchanged at 5.4 per cent for the full year. While it has raised its forecast for the second quarter, this has been offset by a steeper fall in the third quarter. In comparison, the World Bank has recently raised its forecast for inflation in India from 5.2 per cent for the full year to 5.9 per cent now. This revised forecast is only marginally lower than the upper threshold of the central bank's inflation targeting framework.

Considering that the RBI has projected inflation at 5.2 per cent in the first quarter of 2024-25, and has retained its growth forecast for the year at 6.5 per cent, which suggests that the economic momentum is holding up, it increases the possibility of a longer pause on rates. So far, the MPC has opted to look through this surge in food prices, and rightly so. However, it must be mindful of both domestic and global risks to the growth-inflation trajectories. Its actions must be guided by the objective of ensuring price stability.

## WHAT WOMEN NEED

Focus on female voter is reassuring. But to fulfil its purpose, a language of nuance and a sensitive politics is needed

WITH ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS slated to take place later this year in Madhya Pradesh, the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government's decision to reserve 35 per cent of all government jobs for women, (with the exception of the forest department), is a welcome move. Over the last decade, with their increasing participation in the poll process, on occasion even overtaking that of men, women have emerged as a crucial voting bloc that parties now compete with each other to address. The Madhya Pradesh government's decision is only one in a long list of many such initiatives by political parties across states. From free or subsidised transport and healthcare to housing schemes for women, provision of cheap cooking gas cylinders and increase in maternity benefits, these schemes show that the parties are finally taking cognisance of the entrenched faultlines that hold back one half of the electorate.

This renewed consciousness of the needs of the female voter is reassuring in a country where the discourse has invariably been male-centric and one-note. From the imagination of the Indian woman variously as “bachche banane ki machine (the bearer of children)” or “parkati mahilayain (emancipated women with short hair)” to the passing of the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2023, making room for reservation of one-third of the total number of seats in Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies for women — it has been a long and arduous journey.

The recognition of the necessity of top-down measures to reinforce bottom-up forces is crucial to the principle and idea of a level playing field and an eco-system that offers equal opportunities to all. In an aspirational economy, access to education, infrastructure, amenities and technology should be integral planks of affirmative policies. Care must be taken, however, to ensure that these policies open doors, instead of solidifying boundaries. Women must not be forced into women-only compartments or zenana dabbas. What is also required is a language of nuance mature enough to acknowledge that the framing of equal rights as protective benevolence towards “ma-behen-beti” is a disservice, marred by its tone of largesse. The discussion on women's rights in India at every level requires careful attention, and safeguards need to be built in against a reductionist politics of labelling. There is a need to draw upon lessons learnt from other areas of social justice to ensure that the idea of representation and empowerment leads to a shared consensus, and does not become a tug of war that pulls women down rather than setting them free.

## CRITTERS VS CIVILISATION

Rats in Kolkata, bedbugs in Paris — it seems that conceit of homo sapiens is meeting its match in tenacity of ‘lesser’ creatures

CLEARLY, RODENTS DISAGREE with the lament that Calcutta, now Kolkata, is a city in decline. After all, rats are proverbially fickle when it comes to sinking ships, but going by the sheer havoc they are causing in British India's first capital, they are flocking to the city in great numbers. And like the two other world cities of the Anglosphere — London and New York — Kolkata, too, has little idea of how to deal with the rat problem. As the Jerries, Mickey Mice and Mushaks infest slums and burrow through concrete, dangerously undermining flyovers and bridges, and as they chew through the wires that form the casing for the digital highway, people may well ask: Are homo sapiens, with all their invention and innovation, losing their city to a “lower” mammal? Is the great invasion not from AI or aliens but, in fact, the humble creatures from the backyard?

The flummoxed authorities in West Bengal (as of now, there isn't even a count of the rats in Kolkata and no action plan) can take some solace from the centre of high culture in the Occident. In Paris and beyond, a creature much smaller and, in terms of cognitive function, lower, has caused panic. Videos of bed bug infestation have surfaced from Metros, buses, trains, movie theatres and hotel rooms. The glamour of Paris Fashion Week has been overshadowed by the little critters, and the thought of creepy crawlies spreading across the world via the Paris Olympics next is already a worry.

It is perhaps the conceit of concrete, of art, architecture and technology, that makes humans believe that they are the “superior” species. As it turns out, the comforts and achievements brought about by mastering nature are, sometimes, just food and shelter for other creatures. The waste from eateries feeds the rats, and the pillows, mattresses, sheets and seats are just a high-speed train for bedbugs. Unlike humans, they are bound neither by borders nor zoning laws.



JANAKI NAIR

## THE KARNATAKA MODEL

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is evolving a constitutional patriotism in the state

IT TAKES SOME political courage, in our times, to take small steps that have great significance. So when the newly-elected Chief Minister of Karnataka, Siddaramaiah, threw open the South door of his office at Vidhana Soudha, the seat of government, he was defying a five-year-long political superstition. He said, instead, that there is no better Vaastu than good ventilation and light in the room, and a “pure mindset”.

He should know how difficult such simple assertions are. Following vociferous opposition from the then-Opposition BJP, the JDS, and assorted religious heads, the Karnataka Prevention and Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices and Black Magic Act, 2017 was finally made law in 2020. But not before it exempted the practice of Vaastu, astrology, pradakhshina or circumambulation of holy places, yatras, and parikramas performed at religious places, as well as the egregious practice of “Made Snana”, in which Dalits roll on left-over food, provided it was “voluntary”. His predecessors in the BJP-led government tried to stave off the worst by keeping the South door shut but brought a cow into the premises when the Karnataka Prevention Of Slaughter And Preservation Of Cattle Act was passed in 2020. All that “aspiciousness” did not save them in May 2023.

Congress does much to reverse the damage done to the fabric of the state by the BJP government. In addition to fulfilling its “five guarantees”, we now have a government that instructs its police to prosecute those who indulge in hate speech, hate crime or any of the public acts that were routinely accepted as “righteous reaction” by the Basavaraj Bommai government. This is no easy task, given that

many in the police force had been accustomed, over the last three years, to wearing their Hindutva credentials on the sleeve, quite literally — some turned up in saffron “mufti” for duty on Vijaydashami day, 2021. It was all in a day's work, to swing the lathi at hijab-wearing women, while sardonically declaring their political allegiance. Today, they are constantly reminded of their constitutional obligations.

The BJP has shown us that symbols matter in building an affective bond between the Indian people and its pet goals. So when the Karnataka government decided, as early as June, that the Preamble to the Constitution would be read daily in schools and colleges, it was to assert “a calm, rational loyalty to a set of laws, values, and ideas rather than to a national state or ethnic group or any other such essence” (as Juergen Habermas defined constitutional patriotism). Merely replacing the Bhagavad Gita with the Preamble may not quite produce cheers among the young. Still, Social Welfare Minister H C Mahadevappa urged lakhs of students and citizens by September 15, 2023, World Democracy Day, to stand at street corners, schools and markets, to renew their pledge to the Holy Book.

This is not a hollow ritual to replace other rituals. There were further signs of the government's move in the direction of constitutional patriotism. On September 17, while the Union government urged Karnataka to “Never Forget!” liberation from Razakar violence under the Nizam of Hyderabad (the day when it was taken over by the Indian army after five days of fighting, in which, we now know, be-

tween 27,000 and 40,000 Muslims were killed), the Karnataka government struck a different note. It commemorated the decade since 2012, when Hyderabad Karnataka was recognised as an “underdeveloped” region, and marked for special assistance under Article 371J of the Constitution.

The emphasis was thus subtly shifted away from remembrance of past wrongs to visionary futures. It will not be easy for Congress to maintain its self-description as a progressive and democratic government. In consulting all parties over the Cauvery Water Sharing dispute, in placing on hold the needlessly hasty and unthought adoption of the New Education Policy, and in removing the more egregious alterations to school textbooks, the government may be cautiously crafting an alternative strategy for change. Siddaramaiah leads by example, urging people to felicitate him with books, rather than shawls and garlands.

But such signs do not a revolution make. Old habits die hard, and it will be difficult for Congress to steer completely clear of charges of corruption, or tackle dominant caste warnings against tipping the scales too steeply away from their recently consolidated gains. Can Karnataka evolve new federal principles to resolve the decades-old conflict with Tamil Nadu over Cauvery water sharing? Or indeed build back a badly bruised Bengaluru? There is much opportunity to rethink the “Karnataka model” creatively. But for now, the people of the state breathe a different air.

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## OCTOBER 7, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

### PRESIDENT'S RULE

PUNJAB WAS PLACED under President's rule to enable the Union government to deal directly with the violence and other extremist activities in the state which had suddenly become explosive in the last few days. President Zail Singh signed the proclamation declaring President's rule in Punjab. The state has also been declared as a disturbed area giving wider powers to the state administration to take strong measures.

### EXTREMISM IN PUNJAB

TERRORISTS STRUCK HARD in Punjab, gunning down at least eight persons and injuring an-

other half a dozen in two separate ghastly incidents. Unidentified terrorists who boarded a Delhi-bound private deluxe bus from Amritsar stopped the bus near the Beas railway station overbridge and asked the driver to take it to Jadna village in Kapurthala district. The passengers were separated and then they opened fire on 11 members of one community.

### PROTEST AGAINST ZIA

ABOUT 4,000 PEOPLE marched through the Punjab capital of Lahore in a protest against Pakistan's military rule called by lawyers from around the country. They said workers, students and other Lahore residents joined a procession

of about 2,000 lawyers marching to the provincial martial law headquarters to demand free elections and a return to democracy.

### AN INDIAN IN SPACE

SQUADRON LEADER RAKESH Sharma, a crack test pilot of the Indian Air Force has been selected to be the first Indian to fly in space. Sharma will make the historic flight in a Soyuz spacecraft along with two Soviet cosmonauts in April 1984. Wing Commander Ravish Malhotra, the other IAF pilot currently undergoing cosmonaut training at the Yuri Gagarin Space Centre will be in the three-man back-up crew for this flight.



# 11 THE IDEAS PAGE

## One country, two names

BJP's bid to give primacy to Bharat over India goes against constitutional intent, is part of its bid to shrink spaces for diversity and impose uniformity



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ON SEPTEMBER 5, images of a formal invitation extended by President Droupadi Murmu to the heads of state and ministers attending the G20 event in the national capital became public. The invitation referred to "the President of Bharat" rather than "the President of India". It set off speculation that a resolution regarding the country's name change could be moved during the special session of Parliament later that month, and that India would henceforth be called Bharat.

Changing the name of the country presents a complex challenge in the constitutional framework. Article 1 of the Indian Constitution explicitly refers to India as Bharat, which shall form a union of states. This essentially means that, constitutionally, "India" and "Bharat" are synonymous, differing only in usage, where the former is used in English and the latter in Hindi communications. The primary distinction lies in the choice of language that is used.

India has been using both English and Hindi as its language of official communication. However, it has become increasingly evident that ever since the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power at the Centre in 2014, there has been an emphasis on promoting the Hindi language. The BJP government has a clear objective, to establish a Hindu Rashtra, and in pursuit of this goal, they have placed a strong emphasis on promoting the Hindi language and Hindu culture.

So, what does it signify, the renaming of the country as Bharat? The answer to this lies in the Hindu scriptures.

The word "Bharat" is used in the Sanskrit language and was found in the Puranas. Here, "Bharat" is the geographical entity between the Himalayas in the north and the seas in the south that is politically divided into numerous smaller realms but is nonetheless referred to as a single unit. It also carries a religious connotation due to its origin and therefore Hindus experience a sense of affiliation and belonging in the country known as "Bharat". The name "India" came into usage in the 17th century because of it being the land of the Indus river. It was popularised by the colonial rulers and is widely used since, officially as well as unofficially.

The change of name by amending Article 1 might become a hurdle for the government. But the BJP government must also keep in mind that by amending Article 1 it will also have to make several cascading changes given that both English and Hindi are used for official purposes, and it will entail removing 'India' from all official documents.

In the recent Monsoon Session of Parliament, the government announced three bills whose official titles are in Hindi — in the tenure of this government, we are seeing, for the first time, that bills have been



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officially titled in the Hindi language, without an official English equivalent, and are introduced entirely in Hindi in Parliament. These three bills are The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita Bill which repeals the Code of Criminal Procedure, The Bharatiya Sakshya Bill which repeals the Indian Evidence Act and The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill which repeals the Indian Penal Code. These bills are applicable to the entire territory of India, including non-Hindi speaking states. Not surprisingly, this imposition has invited sharp criticism.

In doing so, the government is ignoring the country's diversity, plurality and secularism. While the basic idea of India remains secular and tolerant, incidents like these signal intolerance towards religions other than Hindu and denial of spaces to languages other than Hindi. The BJP government is inviting accusations of trying to establish northern supremacy over southern India.

As a member of Parliament, I often find myself revisiting the Constituent Assembly debates and appreciating the remarkable logic that underpins the drafting of our Constitution. Back in 1949, during the deliberations on Article 1, the members of the Assembly engaged in thorough discussions. In the end, they made a deliberate choice to use the phrase "India that is Bharat" to preserve linguistic neutrality and harmony.

I have articulated my opinion against

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the imposition of the Hindi language and in favour of promoting language neutrality. In the recent Monsoon session, I urged the government to ensure that all important government sites like the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) should have the option of translating into regional languages, at least those that are mentioned in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

In this context, the invitation sent by the office of the President of India points not to a constitutional amendment, but a change in established convention, which has deep implications.

It is imperative that the government realises the need for a sensitive balance amongst competing linguistic interests in India to ensure that each region can relate to the larger idea of India. This was indeed the reason for which those who drafted the constitution gave primacy to the use of "India" — as a compromise, to ensure that no constituent part of this country feels neglected or finds itself under pressure. The Union government's bid to homogenise a large and diverse country must stop.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Babar is hopeful his bowlers will get back in the groove and Pakistan fans with tickets would like nothing more than seeing the team triumph in India — provided they get there." — DAWN, PAKISTAN

## The builder of bridges

From global stage to village panchayats, PM Modi's defining trait is his adeptness at rallying diverse groups behind common goals



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ON OCTOBER 7, 2023, Narendra Modi achieves yet another unique feat. He completes 22 years in public service, first as a chief minister and then as the Prime Minister. Leave alone India, there are hardly any heads of government globally who can boast of such rich experience. Over the years, a lot has been written about Narendra Modi and his qualities, his skills and his administrative acumen. But there is one quality that has not received much attention — his being a consensus builder.

The recent G20 Summit with India at the helm stands out in this regard.

As the G20 Leaders' Summit convened amidst significant global tensions, the world watched with anxiety whether the summit would reduce the discord or increase it. The G20 summit, to everyone's surprise and happiness, ended with a resolute decision to reduce global fissures, widen the lens of global priorities, and enlarge the G20 family with more representation from the Global South.

The initiative to bring everyone to the table and secure a consensus had the distinct imprint of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Steering the G20 leadership with finesse, he turned areas of trust deficit into bridges of shared confidence, while amplifying the voices of the Global South. Under India's leadership, the East and West converged, and the Global North showed sensitive receptivity to the Global South, a move truly unique in the history of international relations.

In the Summit's backdrop, the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor crystallised, receiving endorsement not just from its stakeholders but from the entire G7 consortium. At this critical moment, Indian leadership could be seen skilfully navigating apprehensions, fostering unity among global leaders.

To many across the globe, this approach might have appeared unexpected. Yet, those acquainted with PM Modi's life and lived principles would identify this as his characteristic style: Taking everyone along and forging a consensus, especially in the face of stark disagreements.

When he took on national leadership, he brought with him the fine ideals of bringing all stakeholders together and finding solutions to deep-rooted issues. While many of these issues could have been tackled through dialogue, they remained unresolved, often due to a lack of political will.

A testament to this is his maiden visit to Bangladesh. For years, it was considered that India and Bangladesh should sign the Land Boundary Agreement but consecutive governments kept dithering. Alongside Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, PM Modi resolved the longstanding Land Boundary Agreement, a thorn in bilateral ties for over four decades. Rallying India's diverse political spectrum to ratify this agreement was no small achievement. The

unanimous endorsement it received in the Lok Sabha, marking it as the 100th Constitutional amendment, highlighted PM Modi's ability to transcend political divides for the greater good.

Bangladesh's then Foreign Minister, A H Mahmud Ali, credited PM Modi for giving momentum to India-Bangladesh ties.

A prime example of PM Modi's approach to governance was evident during India's monumental tax overhaul, the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Rather than unilateral decisions, he championed a collaborative spirit, ensuring each state had an active voice in shaping the GST's contours. This onerous tax reform became tangible through a meticulous process of extensive consultations and the PM's leadership that evoked trust, even among the non-BJP states. Today, the positive trajectory of GST revenues highlights its success and the buoyancy of the Indian economy.

PM Modi's ability to heal old wounds has brought a new era of peace and prosperity in the Northeast. Under PM Modi's leadership, the Bodo Accord ended 50 years of unrest in Assam. The Bru-Reang agreement resettled 37,000 displaced individuals in Tripura. The National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) Agreement curtailed long-standing insurgencies. With over 1,000 armed cadres choosing peace over violence, the Karbi Anglong Agreement marked a significant shift in the fortunes of the state of Assam. Perhaps one of the most striking achievements was the Assam-Meghalaya Inter-State Boundary Agreement of March 2022. With this accord, around 65 per cent of the longstanding border disputes between the two states were resolved, showcasing PM Modi's knack for bringing disparate parties to the negotiating table.

Going back to his tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, PM Modi's commitment to bridging divides becomes even more evident. From his days as the CM, he emphasised the need to uproot the divisions that affected rural life, creating bitterness within families and impeding development in villages. To sow the seeds of consensus, rather than conflict, he brought the concept of all-women-led Samras Gram Panchayat. Those gram panchayats, which were able to unanimously elect panchayat leaders, were also given financial incentives.

At the heart of PM Modi's leadership, since his time in public office, lies a commitment to consensus-building. No matter whether it is on the global stage or the close-knit gatherings of village panchayats, a defining trait emerges: PM Modi's adeptness at rallying diverse groups, from the global to the grassroots, behind a common goal.

In the face of adversity, he prioritises inclusion, ensuring every voice is heard, every concern is addressed, and consensus emerges from genuine dialogue. This quality is not only noteworthy but essential in our multifaceted world.

As the world navigates escalating challenges, it seeks an anchor in the timeless ethos of Bharat's Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Standing tall as its resolute torchbearer in these times is none other than the nation's Pradhan Sevak, Narendra Modi.

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## Rahul doesn't get Hinduism

For all his talk of love, he shows hate for adversaries, a lack of humility



RAM RAJYA

BY RAM MADHAV

IT WAS INTERESTING to read Rahul Gandhi's soliloquy on Hinduism and its inner meaning in these pages last week ("Satyam Shivam Sundaram", IE, October 1). He articulated a version of Hinduism centred around his pet themes of fear, anger, hatred and love. Hinduism allows that freedom to everyone, from a wise man to an idiot, to interpret its salient features according to his or her own comprehension, a luxury not easily available in other religions.

Philosophically speaking, there need not be much contestation about Gandhi's version of the great Hindu Dharma that fascinated, mesmerised and also bewildered many for millennia. Upon first reading, one gets the feeling that the article was necessary for political reasons, to clarify the Congress party's position in the context of the attacks on Sanatan Dharma and Hinduism by some of his alliance colleagues.

Gandhi's analogy of the ocean and the constant human endeavour to cross it through the joys and sorrows, and pleasures and fears of life is also a traditional understanding of Hinduism. His insistence that Hinduism cannot be merely understood as "a set of cultural norms" and cannot be limited to "a particular nation or geography" is indisputable too. But his understanding is superficial as the analogies of *sagar* (ocean) and *sanatan* (eternal) in Hinduism are profound and complex.

Gandhi's emphasis that a Hindu shall never allow "her fear to capture her and turn her into a vehicle for anger, hatred or violence" is also spot on. He learnt this the hard

way himself when he angrily tore up an ordinance brought in by his own government in 2013, that would have shielded convicted lawmakers from immediate disqualification. The act returned to haunt him a decade later, leading to his disqualification from Lok Sabha after his conviction by a Surat court in a defamation case.

However, the problem lies elsewhere. How much does Gandhi really believe in what he wrote? Preaching is a natural art that he inherited from his great grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru was essentially a non-believer. He once told the renowned Indian American metaphysicist and author Raja Rao that Indians "have had enough of Rama and Krishna". In his book, *The Meaning of India*, Raja Rao recounted what Nehru told him during an encounter in Germany's Black Forest, where the latter had gone to attend to his ailing wife, Kamala: "Deity, what Deity? He twitched angrily. 'Why Siva and Parvati, Sri Krishna!' Three thousand years of that and where's that got us — slavery, poverty... with twenty-two-and-a-half years of life expectancy and five pice per person per day of national income?"

Yet, Nehru wrote eloquently about Indian spirituality in his 1946 book *The Discovery of India*. He gave many speeches extolling the greatness of Indian culture without ever practising it in his lifetime.

Gandhi is no different. Hence, despite efforts to prove his Hinduness in the last few years, his views will obviously not be seen as a philosophical discourse on Hinduism. Instead, they will be seen from a political

prism as many of the points he makes have been his themes in the last few years for attacking his political and ideological adversaries. That is where he comes out as hollow and hotheaded.

For example, he told the media recently that he had "read the Gita and the Upanishads and I never heard that Hindus should be aggressive." The essence of the Bhagavad Gita can be summarised by one statement made by Krishna to Arjuna: "Yuddhaya krita nisichayah". This verse 37 in Chapter 2, which arouses Arjuna to "be prepared to fight with determination" the adharma (injustice), is integral to Hinduism. In fact, the infantry regiment of the Indian Army, the Garhwal Rifles, has this verse as its motto.

Undoubtedly, hatred and violence have no place in Hinduism. But the non-violence argument cannot be casually invoked or politically misused. Mahatma Gandhi, the epitome of Ahimsa, himself once clarified that Ahimsa does not mean weakness. "Even if we believe in non-violence, it would not be proper for us to refuse, through cowardice, to protect the weak. I might be ready to embrace a snake, but if it comes to bite you, I would kill it to protect you," he wrote.

For all his talk about hatred and love — the famous "nafrat ke bazaar mein mohabbat ki dukan (a shop of love in the market of hatred)" slogan — and his statement that Lord Ram "felt compassion for Ravan," Rahul Gandhi has consistently demonstrated hatred for his adversaries. For all his talk about humility, he has betrayed his arrogance and sense of entitlement.

His attacks and low-level jibes about great national leaders like VD Savarkar and the RSS demonstrate not only his lack of understanding and knowledge, but also his lack of humility. In fact, many leaders in his own party had to run for cover when he made remarks about Savarkar, like "My name is not Savarkar. I won't apologise," while allies like Sharad Pawar were compelled to tell him that Savarkar was a "progressive", "had a scientific outlook" and that his sacrifices cannot be ignored.

Mahatma Gandhi and Savarkar remained ideological adversaries throughout. But when Savarkar was under house arrest in Ratnagiri, the former made it a point to personally visit him to discuss untouchability and other issues related to the Independence movement. Indira Gandhi, certainly the better Hindu in the Nehru family, wrote in 1980 that "Veer Savarkar's daring defiance of the British Government has its own importance in the annals of our freedom movement."

A senior Congress leader revealed in his book that despite differences with the RSS, Indira Gandhi included M S Golwalkar in the high-powered committee to examine the implementation of complete cow slaughter ban in 1967.

Hinduism cannot be captured in one article, nor can it be fully understood in one or two election cycles. The deeper you dive, the more treasures you find, as Mahatma Gandhi used to say.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SELECTIVE ACTION

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The long arm' (IE, October 6). The Modi regime is brazenly using ED and CBI to target Opposition politicians selectively. The latest arrest of AAP's Sanjay Singh signals the use of these institutions to humiliate and pressurise these leaders. The court cases against leaders who switched to BJP have now been moved into cold storage. Supreme Court has time and again chastised the Centre for lack of evidence and unclear allegations against the Opposition politicians. As a democratic country, the expectation is that independent investigating agencies will be deployed impartially. But this seems to not be the case with this government. The Modi government is determined to malign the image of the Opposition as corrupt — just in time for the election.

Atul Thakre Nagpur

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The long arm' (IE, October 6). The Supreme Court questioning the Enforcement Directorate on where the evidence is against Manish Sisodia, during the hearing of the latter's bail plea who is charged and arrested under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), raises disquieting concerns. The conviction or acquittal takes time,

but the aim for the time being is to damage the reputation of rivals through media trials for electoral dividends. Governments tend to misuse law-enforcing agencies against political rivals and dissenters. However, under the Modi government, there has been a four-fold jump in such cases. PM Modi's guarantee of action against corruption loses credibility when it is selective.

L R Murmu, New Delhi

### PUTIN'S DESIGNS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Unpredictability of Putin' (IE, October 6). Having been unable to achieve his aim of obliterating Ukraine and stopping NATO's eastward expansion, Putin is likely to shift his goalsposts by readjusting his sights on the liberation of eastern Ukraine. Though he has rattled the nuclear sabre several times, Putin is shrewd enough to know its consequences for his own nation as well. While issues like energy dependence, and moral or material support for war have been discussed at length, the role played by morale in deciding the outcome of a war has been overlooked. The discomfort of common Russians is glaringly visible, and the brave fight put up by the people of Ukraine is commendable.

Shubhada H, via email



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PUBLICATION DEMAND NOTICE Notice under Sec.13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent on 16.09.2023 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due : To, (1) Mr. V. Bhaskar, (Borrower & Mortgagor), No.B-138, First Floor, Chittaranjan Park, Kalkaji South Delhi, Delhi - 110 011. (2) Mr. V. Nandakumar, (Co-borrower & Mortgagor), W-506, First Floor, Anna Nagar West Extn., C-Sector 10th street, Chennai - 600 101, Present Address : Flat No.1510, 15th Floor, Seventh Block, Alliance Orchid Springs, No.54, Water Canal Road, Korattur, Chennai - 600 076. Sub : Your Home Loan Account No.6803398506 with Indian Bank, T. Nagar Branch - Reg. You committed default in repayment of loan due to the tune of Rs.2,14,48,468/- (Rupees Two crores fourteen lakhs forty eight thousand four hundred and sixty eight only) as on 13.09.2023 with further interest at the agreed rate from 14.09.2023 till the date of repayment. The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on 14.09.2023 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of Rs.2,14,48,468/- (Rupees Two crores fourteen lakhs forty eight thousand four hundred and sixty eight only) as on 13.09.2023. The notice were sent to you by Regd. Post has been returned unreserved. You are called upon to pay Rs.2,14,48,468/- together with interest from 14.09.2023 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this demand notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. "We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities". SCHEDULE The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder: Mortgaged Asset : All that piece and parcel of land with building measuring 5790 Sq. ft. together with building measuring 3028 Sq. ft. Ground and First Floor with all fixtures and fittings thereon along with an easementary right of absolute necessity for ingress and egress of common passage from the road leading from Kodaikanal - Vilpatti Road, at Villipati village, Kodaikanal Taluk, Dindigul District, Old Survey No. 1407/2, New Survey No. 1407/2C1A/1407/2C1B/1407/2C1C1, Patta No. 9076, New Survey No.1407/5 and bounded on the - North by : Common Road, East by : Remaining land with building in Survey No.1407/5, South by : Property belongs to Karupaiyah, West by : Survey No.1409. Within the Sub-registration District of Kodaikanal and Registration District of Dindigul and within the limits of Vilpatti Panchayat. Date : 07.10.2023 Authorised Officer, Indian Bank, Place : Chennai

NOTIFICATION August 07, 2023 No. 1549(Ka)/VIII/S.L.A.O/Moradabad/2023-Under sub section (1) of section 11 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement act 2013. Whereas of Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (For the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 0.0784 Hectares of land is required in the village Naruddinpur urf ganj, Distt Moradabad is required for the public purpose, namely, project MGC Stage-II through Madhya Ganga Canal Construction Division-15 Moradabad (name of requiring body). 2. Socail Impact Assessment study was carried out by the State Social Impact Assessment agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government approved its recommendation on dated..... 3. The summary of the Socail Impact Assessment reports as follows"-N.A. 4. A total of Nil families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:- Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector Moradabad/Bilari is appointed administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families. 5. Therefore, The Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the schedule below is needed for public purpose. SCHEDULE District Tehsil Pargana Village Plot No. Area to be acquired 1 2 3 4 5 6 Moradabad Bilari Jargaon Nuruddinpur urf Ganj 501 Hectare 0.0784 6 The Governor is also pleased to authorise the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to takes necessary steps to entre upon the servey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil in to the sub oil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act. 7. Under section 15 of the act any person interested in the land may within (days)..... after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the collector. 8. Under section 11(4) of the act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector. (NOTE: A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition. Sd/- ILLEGIBLE State Governor/Collector, Moradabad. UPID-195343 Dt. 05.10.2023 www.up.gov.nic.in

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, DELHI WATER SUPPLY MAINTENANCE UNIT, UTTAR PRADESH JAL NIGAM (URBAN), R-1, RAJ NAGAR, NEAR HINT CHOURAHA, GHAZIABAD (U.P.) PIN-201002 Letter No.: 1140/Nivida/ 52 Dated : 04.10.2023 E-TENDER NOTICE U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites E-bids for execution of "Internal Surface repair and joints related works between manhole No. 41 to 42 of 200 cusec viaduct under 200 cusec Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme" are invited in two bid system on percentage rate basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website www.in.uspdc.gov.in for download from dated 07.10.2023 from 05:00 PM. E-bids can be submitted till 21.10.2023 up to 04:30 PM. and technical bid shall be opened on 21.10.2023 at 05:00 PM. in the office of Executive Engineer, DWS Maintenance Unit, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Ghaziabad in presence of contractor or their authorized representative, E-tender Cost is Rs 3,000 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal http://etender.up.nic.in & U.P.J.N. website www.in.uspdc.gov.in.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, DELHI WATER SUPPLY MAINTENANCE UNIT, UTTAR PRADESH JAL NIGAM (URBAN), R-1, RAJ NAGAR, NEAR HINT CHOURAHA, GHAZIABAD (U.P.) PIN-201002 Letter No.: 1137/Nivida/ 99 Dated : 04.10.2023 E-TENDER NOTICE U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites E-bids for execution of "Internal Surface repair and joints related works between manhole No. 37 to 38 of 200 cusec viaduct under 200 cusec Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme" are invited in two bid system on percentage rate basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website www.in.uspdc.gov.in for download from dated 07.10.2023 from 05:00 PM. E-bids can be submitted till 21.10.2023 up to 04:15 PM. and technical bid shall be opened on 21.10.2023 at 05:00 PM. in the office of Executive Engineer, DWS Maintenance Unit, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Ghaziabad in presence of contractor or their authorized representative, E-tender Cost is Rs 3,000 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal http://etender.up.nic.in & U.P.J.N. website www.in.uspdc.gov.in.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (See Section 82 Cr. P.C.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Vinod @ Babu S/o Balbir R/o House No. I-126, J.J. Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 379/2018 U/s 411 IPC registered at P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said Vinod @ Babu could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Vinod @ Babu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Vinod @ Babu is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.11.2023. By Order Sh. Rohit Gulia, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, North-West District, Room No. 108, First Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi DP/11277/NW/2023 (Court Notice)

राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ़) क्रमांक/रा.या.वि.प्र./ राय/पुनर्विनिदा/ M- 4658 /2023 दिनांक 04/10/2023 // RETENDER // क्षेत्रीय न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, दुर्ग (छ.ग.) हेतु निर्माकित उपकरण का क्रय किया जाना है, जिसके लिए पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाता है- निविदा जारी करने की तिथि दिनांक 06.10.2023 निविदा फार्म प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 03.11.2023 सायं 05:00 बजे तक निविदा फार्म जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 06.11.2023 दोपहर 03:00 बजे निविदा खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 06.11.2023 सांय तक 04:00 बजे S. उपकरण का नाम तादात No. 01 Double Beam UV visible Spectrophotometer for Chemistry Division 01 नम विस्तृत विवरण राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला टिकरगाव, पुजारी पार्क के पास रायपुर (छ.ग.) निम कोड-492001, दूरभाष (कार्यालय) 0771-3501122 कार्यालय के वेबसाइट www.fsl.cg.nic.in से अनलाइन आवेदन का विस्तृत जानकारी एवं निविदा फार्म प्राप्त (डाउनलोड) किया जा सकता है। निविदा फार्म प्राप्त करने के लिए संचालक, राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला रायपुर के नाम से बैंक ड्राफ्ट रु. 1000/- (एक हजार रुपये मात्र) का किसी भी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक से बन्वाकर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। (संचालक महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित) हेतु-संचालक राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला रायपुर (छ.ग.) 06031

Varthana Finance Private Limited (Formerly Known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.) Registered Office at: No. 58C-110, Varasiddhi, Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com. Email: care@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office : No.402, 4th Floor, Prateek Center, Near Au Small Bank, Sanjay Place, Agra - 280022.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd. (Formerly Known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.), Agra, 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 dated: 14-06-2023, calling upon the Applicants/ Co-Aplicants/ Mortgagors, In Loan Account No's. S18AGR-AGR-002497 , S18AGRAGR-005829 , U20AGR-AGR-015430 , U21AGR-AGR-016891, 1. M/s. M/s. Maharana Pratap College Of Education Represented by its Authorized Signatory, Village Bhotalaj, Mataji, Morta, Shajapur Uttar Pradesh - 465001. 2. M/s. Narayan Jan Sewa Sansthan Represented by its Authorized Signatory, Village Bhotalaj, Mataji, Morta, Shajapur Uttar Pradesh - 465001. 3. Mr Sanjay Singh Tomar Mangura Kathwari, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-283101. 4. Mr Jitendra Singh Mangura Kathwari Kiraoli, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-283101. To repay the mentioned amount in the said notice being a sum of Rs. 1,31,76,128/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty Eight Only) as on 11-06-2023, to repay agreed contractual rate of interest together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges etc, as detailed mentioned in the Demand Notice, till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. However the Applicants/ Co-Aplicants/ Mortgagors herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicants/ Co-Aplicants/Mortgagors in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned being Authorized Officer of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Agra Branch has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this day of 03-03-2023. The Applicants/ Co-Aplicants/ Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Agra, for an amount of Rs. 1,37,83,915/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Seven Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Only) as on 30-09-2023, together with agreed contractual rate of interest, as mentioned herein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicants/Co-Aplicants/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured Assets. Description of the immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Land Measuring 0.2000 Hectares, Comprised in Gata No. 179/10, Mauja and Pargana, Magura, Tehsil- Kirawali, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, and bounded as follows : East By : Maharana Pratap Degree College, West By : Gata No. 162, North By : Gata No. 181, South By : Gata No. 179 Property of Tej Singh. Date: 07-10-2023, Place: Mangura, Tehsil Kirawali Authorised Officer, Sd/- Varthana Finance Private Limited

FORM-18 [Sub-Rule (2) of rule 20] PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION BY APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT/COLLECTOR (UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 11 OF THE ACT) IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION August 07, 2023 NOTIFICATION No. 1549(VIII)/S.L.A.O/Moradabad/2023- Under sub section (1) of section 11 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement act 2013, Whereas of Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (For the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 0.1493 Hectares of land is required in the village Sarthal, Distt Moradabad is required for the public purpose, namely, project MGC Stage-II through Madhya Ganga Canal Construction Division-15 Moradabad (name of requiring body). 2. Socail Impact Assessment study was carried out by the State Social Impact Assessment agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government approved its recommendation on dated..... 3. The summary of the Socail Impact Assessment reports as follows"-N.A. 4. A total of Nil families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:- Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector Moradabad/Bilari is appointed administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families. 5. Therefore, The Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the schedule below is needed for public purpose. SCHEDULE DISTRICT TEHSIL PARGANA VILLAGE PLOT NO AREA TO BE ACQUIRED 1 2 3 4 5 6 Moradabad Bilari Jargaon Sarthal 119 0.0784 729 0.0240 1152 0.0469 Total 0.1493 6 The Governor is also pleased to authorise the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to takes necessary steps to entre upon the servey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil in to the sub oil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act. 7. Under section 15 of the act any person interested in the land may within (days)..... after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the collector. 8. Under section 11(4) of the act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector. (NOTE: A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition. Sd/- ILLEGIBLE State Governor/Collector, Moradabad. UPID NO.195356 Date: 05.10.2023 www.upgov.nic.in



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PERSONAL

I, ABDUL MAJID S/O ABDUL HAKIM R/O HOUSE NO. 568/F 4TH FLOOR STREET NO. 7 ZAKIR NAGAR NEW DELHI-110025, have changed my name to ABDUL MAJEED Permanently.

0070867183-1

Prekha Rani D/o Late Sh. Satya Prakash W/o Sh. Pawan Kumar R/O H.No.E-65, Amar Colony, Durga Mandir, Nangloi, Kamruddin Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Rekha for all purposes.

0040692396-3

Praveen Sharma S/o Bachhan Lal R/O 505 Tower-2 Panchsheel Hynish, Greater Noida-West, UP inform that in school records of my minor daughter NISHIKA her mother's name is written as POORNIMA while the actual name is POORNIMA S. NATH which may be amended accordingly.

0070867172-1

Prateek Dharmender Singh S/O Dharmender Singh R/O G-63, Near Alijan Manjil, Qureshi, Amroha, Jyotiba Phule Nagar, Amroha, Uttar Pradesh -244221. Have change my name from Prateek Dharmender Singh to Prateek Singh for all future purpose.

0040692424-1

Pranshu Mishra D/o Rakesh Mishra residing at 566/165, Jai Prakash Nagar, Alambagh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226005, have changed my name to Pracy Mishra.

0070867202-1

Pawan Kumar Maurya S/O Late Sh. Bohri Lal Maurya R/O H.No.E-65, Amar Colony, Durga Mandir, Nangloi, Kamruddin Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Pawan Kumar S/O Late Sh. Bahori Lal for all purposes.

0040692396-4

INO JC 706896P/NB/SUBNA Birju Mahto Have Changed My Son's Name From Ayush Kumar To Ayush Kumar Mahto For All Purpose

0050228104-1

Mukesh Kumar S/O Sh. Panchu Ram R/O A-476, Devli, Durga Vihar, Pushpa Bhawan S.O., South Delhi, Delhi-110062 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Vaanika alias Vaanika Dogra to Vaanika Dogra for all purposes.

0040692396-5

Mohammad Reyaz S/O. Ilyas Sadiq R/O Kharsa No.11/21. A Block, Kamal Vihar Burari North Delhi, Delhi-84, declaring to all that, our names in the school record as mentioned as Reyaz Anwar, my daughter name was Rokeya Tasneem and wife name was Yasmeen. Now today onwards we will be known as Mohammad Reyaz, Rokeya and Nikhat perveen for all future purpose.

0040692417-1

JITENDER SINGH, S/O LATE MR. Prem Singh, R/O 10/7 3rd Floor sarvapiya vihar H/az 3 Khas South Delhi-110016, have changed My Minor (DOB: 24.11.2017) DAUGHTER NAME from ARYAH1 TO ARYAH1 SINGH for all future purposes,

0040692409-1

Dinesh S/O, Babban Gupta R/O H No 718C, Gali No 6, Kamal Vihar-2, Faridabad, Nr 121002 have changed my name to Dinesh Gupta.

0040692395-1

Anand Sagar S/O Late Shri Ram Gopal R/O House No. X-217/A, Krishna Sadan, Street No.11, Near Shri Mandir, Brahmampuri, Delhi-110053 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Shubhrika to Shubhrika Pal for all purposes.

0040692396-2

Vindu Kumar S/O Hanuman R/O Primary School, Nindemau, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh-229841, have changed my name to Bindu Kashyap

0070867199-1

I,VISHAL S/O-JASBIR SINGH,R/O HNO.275,NIZAMPUR KHURD(238),SONIPAT,HARYANA A-131402.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VISHAL RANA.

0040692420-4

I RASHMI GUPTA W/O SH. NITISH GUPTA R/O G-22/151-152, SECTOR-7, ROHINI DELHI-110085 declares that in the school records of my daughter SEJAL GARG my name be taken as RASHMI GUPTA. All names RASHMI, RASHMI GARG & RASHMI GUPTA are the names of one & same person i.e. mine.

0040692396-1

I, Hari Shanker Singh F/O Srishri declare that her name have been changed from Srishri to Srishri for all purposes vide affidavit no IN-DL76338342891961 V dated Affidavit date 05.10.2023.

0050228169-1

It is for general information that I,Rakhi Verma,D/O Vinod Kumar Verma Ex.W/O Vijay-Dutta,residing at A-11,Brij Vihar,Surya Nagar,Ghaziabad,UP-201011 declare that I got divorce,from my husband vide Court Decree HMA.No.123/14 dated26/3/2014. Further I declare that name of mine and my minor daughter has been wrongly written as Shalu and Bhumika in my minor daughter's namely Bhumika Verma aged 16 years in her 10th class educational documents. The Actual name of mine and my minor daughter are Rakhi Verma and Bhumika Verma.

0040692487-9

It is for general information that I, SUNDER RATHOR S/O OM PRAKASH RATHOR E-87/227, JHUGGI, BLOCK-19-20, KALYAN PURI, EAST DELHI-110091 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SURENDER SINGH in my minor son namely SHEKHAR RATHOR aged 15 years in his school record. The actual name of mine is SUNDER RATHOR which may be amended accordingly.

0040692457-1

I,hitherto known as Saksham Sarshar S/o Ajay Chaudhary,R/O L-59, Shakurpur, Pitampura,North West-Delhi,Delhi-110034,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Saksham Chaudhary.

0040692429-6

I,hitherto known as SUNDARAM MUTHUKUMAR,S/O Late Muthu Sundaram,residing at,19,Kalibari Apartments Uday Marg,Sector-2,Gole Market,New Delhi-110001,have changed my name and hereinafter be known as MUTHUKUMAR SUNDARAM.

0040692487-2

I,hitherto known as DEEPIKA,D/O MUKESH KUMAR,R/O A-1828,FIRST-FLOOR,GREEN FIELD-COLONY,SECTOR-37,FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DEEPIKA MEENA.

0040692499-4

I,hitherto known as Ashok Kumar Gupta,S/O Nathi Ram residing at 587/37,Onkar-Nagar-C,Tril-Nagar,Delhi-110035,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ashok Kumar Garg.

0040692491-9

I,Yogesh Kaushik,S/O Ved Prakash Kaushik R/O-19/324,Shivam-Khand Sector-19,Vasundhara Ghaziabad,U.P-201012,have changed my name to Yogesh Kumar Kaushik.

0040692420-2

I,Wajir Singh S/O Sh. Chander Singh R/O Bhawar (2) Bhawar, Tehsil-Gohana,Distt. Sonapat Haryana-131302 have changed my name from Wajir Singh (Old Name) to Wazir Singh (New Name) for all purposes.

0040692463-1

I,Vivek kumar,S/O Sh.Mahendra Modi,R/O 82-D,A,Dilshad Garden,Delhi-110095,have changed the name of my-minor daughter aged-14-years presently Nishtha to Nishtha Modi,for all purposes.

0040692429-5

I,Tarovar Varma S/O R.C Verma R/O 486, Sector-28, Noida (U.P) have changed my name to Tarovar Verma for all purposes.

0040692436-2

I,Aatam Ram S/O Kishan Lal R/O H-2, 539,Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Aatam

0040692495-5

I,Tanya Singh,D/O Sh.Roop Singh,R/O H.No.24B,Block-B, Gali.No.11,Ashok Vihar,Phase-3,Gurugram, Haryana-122001,inform that my,school records my,mother's name SUNITA wrongly-written instead of correct name SUNITA KUMARI.Amendment accordingly.

0040692491-2

I,TULSI Devi,W/O Rajesh Chauhan,R/O B-181,Karam Pura,New Delhi-15,declare that name-of-mine has been wrongly-written as Sapna Chauhan in my minor daughter's Manya Chauhan (aged-16-years)school records and Sapna Devi Chauhan in my Aadhar-Card (No.213210589734). The actual-name of mine is Tulsi Devi.

0040692429-4

I,Seema Kumari D/o Meer Singh,W/O Satbir Rathl,R/O 11/Village-Rathiwas(140), Sidhrawali, Gurugram(HR.)-122413,have changed my name to Seema.

0040692491-3

I,SURENER SINGH SAGGOO,S/URENDER SINGH SAGGOO,S/O.DARSHAN SINGH SAGGOO,ADD-26/81,FIRST-FLOOR WEST PATEL-NAGAR,CENTRAL, DELHI-110008,Changed my name to SURINDER SINGH,for all,future purposes.

0040692499-1

I,SURENDER YADAV S/O-ROHTASH SINGH R/O-H.NO G-1/54 NEW PALAM VIHAR, PHASE-I GURGAON HARYANA-122017,have changed MY NAME TO SURENDER KUMAR.

0040692495-2

I,SURENDER KUMAR,R/O-H.NO G-1/54 NEW PALAM VIHAR,PHASE-I GURGAON HARYANA-122017,changed my Minor-DAUGHTER Name GAHANA YADAV to GAHNA YADAV.

0040692495-3

I,SUNITA MALIK,W/O PANKAJ MALIK,residing at,ARADHANA-142,STREET NO.S,ANADHANA ENCLAVE,SURAKHPUR-ROAD, NAJAFGARH, DWARKA,DELHI-110043,have changed my name to SUNITA KUMARI,for all,future purpose.

0040692487-3

I,SIMRAN D/O MADAN SINGH RAWAT,R/O C-144, KARAMPURA,RAMESH NAGAR,DELHI-110015.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SIMRAN RAWAT.

0040692487-5

I,SHRI PARKASH/SHRI PRAKASH,S/O BHAJAN LAL R/O 279,1st-FLOOR,OLD HARIZAN KALONI,ALIPUR,DELHI-110036.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRAKASH.

0040692487-4

I,SANJAY KUMAR,S/O ILAM CHAND GUPTA,R/O G-62,OPP,SHANI MANDIR, PUNJABI COLONY,NARELA, DELHI-110040,have changed my name to SANJAY KUMAR GUPTA.

0040692499-5

I,S.AISHWARYA,D/O A K SUBBARAMAN,R/O B-403,SECTOR-10,PL.O.T. NO.37,THIRUVIZHA CGHS SOUTH-WEST-DELHI-110075,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO YASHASWINI SUBBARAMAN. 0040692495-4

0040692499-3

I,Ramji Lal Alias Rakesh,S/O Suraj,R/O H.No-E-346,Dheeraj-Nagar,Aitmadpur,Amar Nagar Faridabad,Haryana-121003,That the name Suraj and Roshan Lal both are the one and the Same person i.e.my father.

0040692429-3

I,RAVINDER,son of,MOHINDER,residing at,P-422,Sewa-Nagar,Lodhi-Road,Delhi-110003,have changed the name of my-minor daughter NAVDISHA VED aged-14-years and she shall hereinafter be known as NAVDISHA.

0040692420-3

I,RASHMI JAIN,W/O MR.RAHUL JAIN,R/O FLAT.NO.301,APEX TOWER-3,NEER-GATE PROPERTY,DHARAM COLONY,PALAM VIHAR EXTENSION,GURGAON, HARYANA-122017,have changed my name from KM TULSI SHARMA to RASHMI JAIN,for all,Future purposes.

0040692491-1

I,RAJEEV KUMAR,S/O MANOHAR LAL,R/O 99,SECOND-FLOOR,ANAND VIHAR, PITAMPURA,DELHI-110034, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJEEV KUMAR NAGPAL.

0040692420-5

I,Pushpa Kumari W/o Gita Ram R/O-421 Jhuggi,Wali,Gali Azadpur,Village Delhi-110033,have changed my name to Pushpa Dilhan

0040692495-8

I,Pramod Kumar / Parmod Chuttani S/o Megh Raj Chuttani R/O-A-155 Majilis Park Adarsh Nagar Delhi-110033,changed my name to Pramod Kumar Chuttani

0040692495-7

I,PREETI DEVI,W/O MANISH CHANDRA GUPTA,R/O-A-106,THIRD FLOOR, SOUTH GANESH-NAGAR, EAST-DELHI-110092,declare that name-of-my and my husband has been wrongly-written as PREETI GUPTA AND MANISH GUPTA in my-minor son namely AARUSH GUPTA age-12 years, in his birth-certificate No.36890.The actual-name of my and my-husband is PREETI DEVI AND MANISH CHANDRA GUPTA.

0040692429-7

I,POOJA SHARMA,W/O RAJESH SHARMA,R/O 51,KOHA ENCLAVE,PITAMPURA,DELHI-110034,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TANYA SHARMA.

0040692420-8

I,PIYUSH S/O SANJAY KUMAR GUPTA,R/O G-62,OPP. SHANI MANDIR,PUNJABI COLONY,BANKER, NARELA, DELHI-110040, have changed my name to PIYUSH KUMAR GUPTA.

0040692499-6

I,PARMILA,W/O LILA RAM,H.No-95B,Block-K-1 EXTENSION, MOHAN GARDEN UTTAM-NAGAR,DWARKA DELHI 110059,changed my name to PARMILA DEVI,for all,future purposes

0040692499-2

I,Manoj Kumar,S/O-Jagdish Prasad,R/O-603,Star Court-1,Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida, G.B.Nagar, UP, inform that Manoj Kumar and Manoj Singh both the names are one and the same person.

0040692498-1

I,Madhuri Bansal W/O Sonu Gupta R/O D-9/3 3rd-Floor,Model Town-Phase-2 ,Delhi-110009,have changed my name to Madhuri Gupta

0040692495-6

I,MONIKA W/O-MOHIT KUMAR GUPTA,R/O-B-17,FIRST FLOOR BINDAPUR EXTENSION UTTAM-NAGAR DELHI-110059,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MONIKA KUMAR.

0040692495-1

I,MITTAL SHIKHA MAHESH,W/O VINAY BANSAL,R/O-THE AMARYLLIS FLAT NO 608,TOWER-10B,PHASE-1,KISHAN-GANJ KAROL-BAGH,DELHI-110005,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHIKHA BANSAL.

0040692420-7

I,Kamal S/O Girraj R/O House No.18,Ward No.15, Sohna,Gurugram (HR.)-122103,have changed my name to Kamal Kumar.

0040692491-4

I,Hari Shankar S/O Harphool Singh R/O C-228, Sector-19, Noida(U.P.) inform that Hari Shankar Kashyap & Hari Shankar both name are same and one person.

0040692436-1

I,Hari Babu,S/O-Late Sh. Ram Babu Gupta,R/O O-498,Mangol Puri,Delhi-110083,have changed my name to Hari Babu Gupta for all future purposes.My actual DOB is 01/01/1972.

0040692498-3

I, Anubhav Gupta S/O Chetan Gupta R/O A-6/5, First Floor,Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Anubhav Gupta

0040692392-1

I,Damanjit Kaur Pahwa W/O Gurvinder Singh Pahwa R/O,Flat.No.1903, Tower-B4, Cleo-County, Sector-121,Noida, UP-201301, have changed my name to Damanjit Kaur for-all purposes.

0040692510-2

I,Elby George W/o Basil Aliyas, R/O 2365 Mandir Wali Gali, Patel Nagar, Delhi-110008, Inform that Elby George & Elby Basil both are one & the same person.

0040692397-1

I,ASHOK GUPTA,S/O DARSHAN LAL GUPTA R/O-D-108,FIRST FLOOR,SOUTH CITY-2,SECTOR-49,GURGAON, HARYANA-122018,have changed my,name from ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA to ASHOK GUPTA,for all,purposes.

0040692499-3

I,ARCHANA DEVI,W/O MAHESH CHANDRA GUPTA,R/O,A-106,THIRD-FLOOR,SOUTH GANESH-NAGAR,EAST-DELHI-110092,declare that name-of-mine has been wrongly-written as ARCHANA GUPTA in my-minor son namely MILAAN GUPTA age-10-years,in his birth-certificate No.54458.The actual-name of mine is ARCHANA DEVI.

0040692429-8

I,TANJALI GOSAIN,D/O BIRENDER SINGH GUSAIN,R/O FLAT.NO.B-5,88-89,SECTOR-7 ROHINI DELHI HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANJALI GUSAIN,FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES.

0070867169-1

I, hitherto known as Dinesh Kumar/Dinesh Kumar Gaur S/o Shri Satya Narayan/Satya Narayan Gaur/S.N. Gaur employed as Inspector in Delhi Police, R/O 1369, Sector-19, Faridabad, Haryana-21002 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Dinesh Gaur.

0040692442-1

I, VIDUSHEE GOEL, D/O VIRENDRA SINGH CHAUDHRI, R/O FLAT NO-47-502, AWHD, GURJINDER VIHAR, SECTOR-CHI 1, POCKET-P 5, GREATER NOIDA, NEAR YATHARTH HOSPITAL KASANA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201310,have changed my name to VIDUSHEE CHAUDHRI For all future purposes.

0070867186-1

I, V S Yadav /Veer Singh S/o Shirpal Singh R/O,CAF/44, Second-Floor, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058,have changed my name to Veer Singh Yadav.

0040692510-1

I,Sushma Kumari W/o Aman Kumar Dhawan R/O G-1704, Sec-168, The Golden Palm Society, Chhprauilli Bangar, G.B.Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201305,have changed my name to Sushma Dhawan

0040692484-1

I,Sumit Jhamb, S/O Kashmiri Lal Jhamb, R/O I-1201, Trident Embassy, GH-05B Sector-1, Greater Noida West, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201318,have changed my name to Sumit Kumar Jhamb for all future purposes.

0070867195-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar Bhasin, S/o Deep Chand Bhasin, R/O Flat No.111, 2nd Floor, Block G-6, Prachin Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087 have changed my name to Sanjeev Bhasin for all future purposes.

0040692415-1

I,SWATI GUPTA, W/O KUNWAR GOURAV, R/O BHAGWANPUR, BALLIA, UTTAR PRADESH-277201, HAVE changed my name to SWATI GIRI For all future purposes.

0070867174-1

I, Rohaan Varshney S/o Pankaj Varshney R/O 3/8 Rani Jhansi Road Junction Panchkuian, New Delhi-110055 have changed my name to Rohaan Vari Varshney for all purposes.

0040692424-2

I, Rajashri Mahapatra, W/o Narendra Kumar Mohapatra, R/O B-501, The Grand CGHS Apartment, Plot No.-5 Opp. Tau Devi Lal Park, Sector-52, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011 have changed my name to Rajashree Mohapatra.

0070867189-1

I, Naresh Tyagi S/O Raghunath Singh, R/O House No-559/10, Gali No-13, Near Little Flowers Public School, Vijay Park, Majupur, North East Delhi-110053, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Naresh Kumar.

0070867190-1

I,DEEPAK KUMAR JAIN,S/O DARSHAN LAL JAIN R/O HNO.77,VEER NAGAR,JAIN COLONY,MALKA-GANJ,DELHI-110007.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DEEPAK JAIN.

0040692420-6

I, Manoj Kumar S/O Gyan Singh R/O A-643 Shastri Nagar Delhi-110052, Have Changed My Name to Manoj Kumar Rathore For All Future Purpose.

0070867180-1

I, KHALIDA PERVEEN W/O ABDUL MAJEED R/O HOUSE NO. 568/F 4th FLOOR STREET NO. 7 ZAKIR NAGAR NEW DELHI-110025, have changed my name to KHALIDA PARVEEN Permanently.

0070867178-1

I, Jinny Suri W/o,Brijendra Singh R/O,C/25-A, Gali-No.2,Acharya-Niketan, Mayur-Vihar-1, Delhi-110091, that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Jinny Bhue in my-minor daughter Aneet Kaur aged-13-years in her School Records.The actual-name of mine is Jinny Suri.

0040692510-3

I Mohd Abid S/O Islam Ahmed R/O B-25, Shaheen Bagh, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-2, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 declare that my mother's name shall be changed from Faiza Azmi to Faizun Nisa in all my documents for all future purposes.

0040692345-9

I,HARBANI SACHDEVA,D/O GURPREET SINGH SACHDEVA,R/O-33/1,SECOND FLOOR,EAST PATEL-NAGAR, PATEL-NAGAR, NEW-DELHI-110008, DULY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MY-FATHER'S NAME MENTIONED IN THE 12TH-BURD EXAMINATION-PAPER AS GURPREET SINGH,SIGNIFIES GURPREET SINGH SACHDEVA AS THE FULL-NAME OF MY FATHER.I SHALL USE MY-FATHER'S NAME AS GURPREET SINGH SACHDEVA,FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES AS IT IS THE FULL NAME DULY MENTIONED IN MY PAN-CARD & AADHAAR-CARD.

0040692499-10

T,Dinesh Kumar S/O Mahender Singh R/O 106B, Ward No-3, Jakhau(37), Sonipat, Haryana-131023 have changed my name to Dinesh Chauhan

0070867169-1

Lost Original Documents(Old Chain) Of Property No.125-A,West Azad-Nagar,Delhi-11005,Founder My Inform-Kuleep Verma,S/O-Sahab Singh Verma,5502,Street No.3,Old-Seelampur,Gandhi-Nagar,Delhi-110031#9810315837.

0040692491-10

I, R.K. Dhawan alias Ram Kumar Dhawan R/O Flat No. B-32, Vidisha Apartments, Plot No. 179, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 have lost my original Share Certificate, Allotment letter and Possession letter of my above mentioned residential property. Finder contact 9899956500.

0040692427-1

It is notified for information that my original Examination Certificate of Secondary Examination and Marksheet of year 2002-2003 and Roll No.6157976 issued by C.B.S.E. have been actually lost. LOVIT BIDHURI, S/O Vinod Kumar, R/O 67, 3rd Floor, Pocket-1, Jasola Vihar, Delhi, Telephone No.9971148886

0040692484-1



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यांत्रिक विभाग (मुख्यालय)

तत्पर प्रेटोल पम्प के पास, स्मार्ट सिटी परिसर गोविंदपुरा, बी.एच.ई.एल, भोपाल (म.प्र.) 462023
क्रमांक 236/वा.वि./23
निविदा आमंत्रण काव हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत टेकदार परसेन्ट्रज मोडर बंद निविदायें निर्वाचित प्रपत्र पर आलाइन में आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

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क्रमांक: एक.6.( )/मण्डार/आमच/जी/2023-2024/2979-82
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई-निविदा सं. 19/2023-24)
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e-TENDER NOTICE

Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi invites tenders from GeM Portal for the Supply of Smart Digital Board for 'Sai Baba Educational Campus', at Gat No. 183, Nimgaon-Korhale, Tal. Rahata, Dist. Ahmednagar. The tender details will be available on website www.gem.gov.in for downloading. For details and terms and conditions/minimum qualifying criteria visit our official website www.sai.org.in
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Vikas Parmar, S/o L Ramesh Singh Parmar, H.No.7-49, Subhash Nagar,OUTHULLAPUR,IDA, Jeedimetla, Hyderabad, Telangana-500055 / 99B Green Apartment, G And JU Block, Pitampura, Delhi-110034.
Notice issued under section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act)

A. Housing Loan with number 1826520000627 of Rs.43,22,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Twenty Two Thousand only) on 11.01.2017 for purchase of flat and
B. Vehicle Loan with number 1680520000277 of Rs.8,50,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Thousand only) on 08.06.2022 for purchasing a brand new car.

from The Federal Bank Limited a company registered under the Companies Act having registered office at Aluva (hereinafter referred to as the bank) through its branches at Hyderabad/ Malakpet (loan [A] mentioned above) and New Delhi/Shalimar Bagh (loan [B] mentioned above) after executing necessary security agreements / loan documents in favour of the Bank.

DESCRIPTION OF HYPOTHECATED MOVABLE PROPERTY
Hypothecation of Honda Amaze MMC 1.2 S MT (I-VTEC) BS VI, having Chassis No. MAKDF556FN4311449, Engine No. L12B47535260, 2022 Model, Petrol, Golden Brown M Colour having Registration number - DL 8 CBD 8636. (Charged to (B) above)

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that residential flat bearing No 511 in the fifth floor of Maruthi Sun city having built up area of 1676 Sq. ft (including common areas) along with car parking admeasuring 100 sq. ft and along with undivided share of land admeasuring 60 sq. yds (including car parking yds) out of 80 sq. undivided share of land admeasuring 8421.6 sq. yds and all other improvements thereon on Plot No. 57 in Sh. No's 316/AA,317,318,319 and 320/AA situated at Block No 7, Subash Nagar, Jeedimetla village,OUTHULLAPUR Mandal, R.R District, Telangana State-500090 within the registration Sub District of Balanagar, bounded on: East by: Corridor, West by: open to sky, North by: Flat No 509 and South by: Flat No 513. (Charged to (A) above)

A. a sum of Rs.42,24,642.02 (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Two, 246,420) is due as on 05.06.2023 under your Housing Loan with number 1826520000627 and
B. a sum of Rs.8,31,340/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty One) is due as on 28.4.2023 under your Vehicle Loan with number 1680520000277.

a. Festival Loan with number 16805200002875 of Rs.1,00,000/- of which Rs.20,000/- is outstanding as on 28.06.2023.
b. Special / Instant Loan with number 16805200002388 of Rs.2,00,000/- of which Rs.1,16,452/- is outstanding as on 28.06.2023.

c. Officers Furniture Advance with number 16805200002305 of Rs.1,00,000/- of which Rs.72,000/- is outstanding as on 28.06.2023.
d. House Maintenance Loan with number 16805200002792 of Rs.1,50,000/- of which Rs.1,31,656/- is outstanding as on 28.06.2023.

e. Computer Loan with number 16805200002511 of Rs.64,500/- of which Rs.51,528/- is outstanding as on 28.06.2023.
f. Personal Loan with number 16805200002750 of Rs.1,00,000/- of which Rs.92,472/- is outstanding as on 30.06.2023.

g. Officers Furniture Advance with number 16805200002784 of Rs.40,000/- of which Rs.35,600/- is outstanding as on 28.06.2023.
h. Advance Rent Loan with number 16805200002271 of Rs.84,000/- of which Rs.82,500/- is outstanding as on 29.07.2021.

i. House Maintenance Loan with number 16805200002263 of Rs.5,50,000/- of which Rs.3,81,186/- is outstanding as on 28.04.2023.
j. Personal Loan with number 16805200002909 of Rs.9,00,000/- of which Rs.8,60,784/- is outstanding as on 30.06.2023 and
k. Special Deepthi Loan with number 16805200002586 of Rs.93,986/- of which Rs.88,206/- is outstanding as on 28.06.2023.

Bank shall be taking appropriate legal/recovery action on this account.
As such, the Bank as a secured creditor as envisaged under section 2(a) of the Act hereby call upon you, as contemplated under Sec.13 (2) of the said Act, to pay the said amount with further interest.
A. @ 6.50 % per annum in your Housing Loan with number 1826520000627, with monthly rests along with 2% overdue interest from 01.04.2023 and
B. @ 6.25 % per annum in your Vehicle Loan with number 16805200002727, with monthly rests along with 2% overdue interest from 01.04.2023.

to you jointly and severally, till the date of payment and costs within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the Bank as a secured creditor shall be constrained, without prejudice to any of its other rights and remedies, to take, without any further notice, the following recourse measures prescribed under section 13(4) of the Act against you.

To take possession of the secured assets described above and transfer the said assets by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising the dues.
To take over the management of the secured assets and transfer them by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising the dues.

To appoint any person to manage the secured assets the possession of which has been taken over by the bank.
To require at any time by notice in writing, to any person who has acquired any time of the secured assets from you and from whom any money is due or may be become due to you, to pay to the bank. You are also put on notice that as per section 13(13) of the Act, you shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the secured assets referred to in this notice in any manner whatsoever to the prejudice of the interest of the bank without its prior written consent.

You are also put on notice that Section 13(6) of the Act empowers the bank to give a valid title to the transferee all rights in, or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by the owner of such secured asset. Please be informed that in the event of your failure to discharge your liability in full within 60 days from the date of this notice and the bank initiates remedial actions under the provisions of the Act, you shall further be liable to pay to the bank all costs, charges and expenses incurred in that connection. Your attention is also invited to the provisions of section 13 (B) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets (security properties). In case the dues are not fully satisfied with the sale proceeds of the secured assets, the bank shall proceed against you for the recovery of the balance amount personally. This notice is issued without prejudice to the other rights and remedies available to the bank for recovering its dues.

Dated this the 14th of July 2023. For The Federal Bank Ltd., Authorised Officer under SARFAESI Act

संशोधन प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

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( एस०के० बिसेन )
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South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd, Patna Bihar

A Govt. of Bihar undertaking
CIN No. U40109BR20125SG018890
(Department of Stores & Purchase)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. 63/PR/SBPDC/L/2023

South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (SBPDC), a Government of Bihar Undertaking, invites online tender for procurement of 33 KV Consumer Meter & 11 KV Consumer Meter for SBPDC & NBPDC in Two-tier (Techno-Commercial & Price) online bid from eligible and experienced Original Manufacturer as detailed below:-

Table with columns: NIT No., Name of material, SBPDC quantity, NBPDC quantity, Total quantity, Cost of tender Documents, Estimated Cost including Ex-works, freight & GST, Earnest Money Deposit, Rs.

The Time line for the above tender is as follows:

Table with columns: Last Date of Online Submission of bid along with Tender Cost & processing fees, Last Date of submission of EMD and hard copy of receipt of BSEDCL processing fee & tender cost, Date of opening of Techno-Commercial bid(Part-I), Date of Pre Bid Meeting.

BSEDCL(BELTRON) Processing fee & tender cost are mandatory to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet Payment gateway (credit / debit card), net banking, NEFT/RTGS. Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-payment portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before the date and time specified in the NIT. EMD in prescribed format and hard copy of receipt of BSEDCL processing fee & tender cost must be submitted to Electrical Superintending Engineer (Purchase), SBPDC within specified time failing which bid of the firm shall be summarily rejected.

e-tendering introduced in BSHPL for tenders above Rs. 25 lacs.

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परस्पर सहमति से न्यायिक निर्णय प्राप्त करें।

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PR- 009860 ( Ni Ni ) 2023-24 Electrical Superintending Engineer (Purchase)

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल-01, सीतामढ़ी

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या - SBPD-01/2023-24

(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

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कार्य प्रमंडल-01, सीतामढ़ी

PR. No. 00986 (Planning) 2023-24
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

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CENTRAL BANK'S SIGHTS SET ON INFLATION: KEEPS RATE STEADY, SIGNALS GOVT BOND SALES, MONITORS LOAN SEGMENTS

As RBI surprises on govt paper sales, bond yields spike over liquidity fears

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das Friday said the central bank may conduct open market sales of government papers to manage liquidity in the system, triggering a spike in bond yields to their highest level in financial year 2023-24 (FY24).



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das in Mumbai on Friday. PTI

The yield on benchmark 10-year government bonds shot up by 12 basis points to 7.34 per cent, the highest level since March 23. The benchmark SENSEX rose by 0.55 per cent, or 364 points, to 65,995.63.

announced any day. "This is especially so since the market understands that the best of liquidity is likely over October-December quarter. Core liquidity may shrink enough by then for the RBI to not want to persist with OMOs from the next quarter. Thus, the risk of this additional supply is more near term, and this may weigh more on the minds of market participants," said Suyash Choudhary, Head, Fixed Income, Bandhan AMC.

Nagarajan, Head, Fixed Income, Tata Asset Management. The RBI's retail inflation forecast for at 5.2 per cent for the first quarter of FY25, coupled with the governor's emphasis on the target level of 4 per cent rather than the 6 per cent band, is seen as a hawkish message, aligning with the stance of "higher for longer".

Banks cautioned on high growth in personal loans, told to step up scrutiny

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) Friday cautioned banks and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) about high growth in personal loan segments and said it was monitoring these for any sign of stress.



This (23% growth in unsecured retail credit) is an outlier... so strengthen your internal surveillance mechanisms - J SWAMINATHAN RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR

Banks and NBFCs would be "well-advised to strengthen their internal surveillance mechanisms, address the build-up of risks, if any, and institute suitable safeguards in their own interest," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in Mumbai.

ON RBI'S ANVIL Projects under implementation

TO STRENGTHEN extant regulatory framework governing project finance and to harmonise instructions across all regulated entities, RBI has reviewed prudential norms for projects under implementation and decided to issue a comprehensive regulatory framework applicable to all regulated entities.

UCB ceiling on gold loans

TO incentivise urban cooperative banks that have met the prescribed priority sector lending targets as on March 31, RBI has decided to increase the monetary ceiling of gold loans that can be granted under the bullet repayment scheme from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 4 lakh.

Omnibus SRO framework

AN OMNIBUS framework is on the cards for recognising self-regulatory organisations for various regulated entities of RBI. The omnibus framework will prescribe broad objectives, functions, eligibility criteria and governance standards.

Ombudsman guidelines

AN RBI 'master direction' will bring uniformity in matters such as timeline for escalation of complaints to internal ombudsman.

Status quo on key rate: What happens now?

GEORGE MATHEW & HITESH VYAS MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

WITH RETAIL inflation remaining a "major risk to macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth", the six-member Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India kept key interest rates unchanged. So, banks will not raise lending rates which, in turn, means that equated monthly instalments will remain steady.



The MPC retained the inflation projection at 5.4% for FY24, signalling that a rate cut is unlikely in the near future. PTI

the rate at which RBI lends money to banks to meet their short-term funding needs — on Friday is for the fourth time since the RBI started hiking repo rate in May 2022 to check inflation. Monetary policy transmission is still incomplete after the RBI slashed the repo rate by 250 basis points since May 2022 and headline inflation is expected to

External benchmark lending rates linked to the repo rate will not rise. This will provide relief to borrowers as their EMLs will not increase. EBLRs — 81 per cent of are linked to the benchmark repo rate — now dominate the mix of outstanding floating rate loans, with the share rising to 48.3 per cent by December 2022, whilst those based on marginal cost of fund-based lending rate eased to 46 per cent. Banks will also not increase fixed deposit rates.

turn out to be positive for them. Why has RBI retained its 'withdrawal' stance? The RBI has focused on its stance of 'withdrawal of accommodation' until all risks to inflation dissipate. An accommodative stance means the central bank is prepared to expand the money supply to boost economic growth.

WHAT THE RBI GOVERNOR SAID ON:

- ₹2,000 NOTES: "After Oct 7) it can be exchanged or deposited at 19 RBI Issue Offices in state capitals. There is a facility of sending through the postal department. We have so far got back ₹3.43 lakh crore and only about ₹12,000 crore is left. Of the amount we got back, 87% has come as bank deposits and the rest is exchanged to other denomination notes. Bulk of ₹2,000 notes have come back and so it has largely met our original objective."

Disney in talks with Adani, Sun TV to sell India assets

Bengaluru: Disney has held talks with Indian billionaires Gautam Adani and Sun TV Network owner Kalanithi Maran as well private equity firms to sell its streaming and television business in the country, Bloomberg News reported on Friday.

Govt to X, Telegram, YT: Axe child porn or lose safe harbour

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has told YouTube, Telegram and X (formerly Twitter) to remove all instances of child sexual abuse material from their platforms or lose their legal immunity on user generated content.

availability of such content in your platform," the notice to YouTube said. The ministry told Telegram that child abuse material should be "promptly and permanently" removed from its platform. The company should also implement proactive measures such as content moderation algorithms and reporting mechanisms, to prevent the future dissemination of such content, within three working days, the notice said.

Vi plea for review of AGR dues dismissed

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE DEPARTMENT of telecommunications (DoT) has dismissed Vodafone Idea's objections to licence fee demands amounting to ₹3,273 crore, dashing the telco's hopes for any reduction in its overall adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues of ₹58,254 crore.

Reliance Retail raises ₹4,966 cr from ADIA

AGENCIES BENGALURU, OCTOBER 6

BILLIONAIRE MUKESH Ambani's Reliance Retail Ventures said on Friday Abu Dhabi Investment Authority would invest ₹4,966.80 crore (\$597.58 million) in the company at a valuation of \$100.8 billion. The investment by ADIA will translate into a stake of 0.59% in the company, the retail unit of oil-to-retail conglomerate Reliance Industries said in a regulatory filing.

Walmart's Flipkart, has attracted investments from private equity firm KKR & Co and Qatar Investment Authority in recent months. Reuters had reported last month that Reliance was in advanced talks with global investors to raise around \$2.5 billion ahead of a potential stock market listing.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD. KOTA SUPER THERMAL POWER STATION, Kota-324008 E-TENDER NOTICE: TN-26143/RVU2324WLOB01579

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR Construction of I.T.I College Nainwa in District Bundi.

MUNICIPAL BOARD, NATHDWARA DIST. RAJSAMAND Notice Inviting Bid

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Mangalore SEZ Limited Invitation for Bids

SBI Project Finance and Structuring Strategic Business Unit. APPLICATIONS FOR EMPANELMENT OF LAW FIRMS

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD. CORRIGENDUM FOR PURCHASE OF POWER UNDER LONG TERM PROCUREMENT AGAINST TENDER SPECIFICATION No. 12/CE(COMM)/UPCL-12/LTPP/2023

VASANTDADA SUGAR INSTITUTE TENDER NOTICE

Table with 4 columns: Sr. No, Item/Description, Tender form fees (Incl. GST), EMD Amount. Includes items for installation of Hangers, LED Screens, and Hydrogen Microgrid System.



### NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. JHS-N-GSU-01-23 Date: 03.10.2023

**E-TENDERING NOTICE**

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/GSU/ Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of Indian invite open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work:

**E-Tender No.** Description of work: Provision of double distant signaling at remaining five stations of BMDA-MKP section of JHANSI division.

Approx. Cost (₹)	Earnest money (₹)	Cost of Tender Form: Nil
2598533.34	52000/-	Opening of tender: 25.10.2023 Time 15.00

Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance: 06 Months

Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on 25.10.2023. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) (JHANSI DIVISION-GATI SAKTI, NORTH CENTRAL RLY) 1611/23 (ADM)

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CISF UNIT VSP VIZAG  
07-10-2000

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life while saving the lives of employees of Vishakapatnam Steel Plant during massive fire at Coal Chemical Plant. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noble deed.

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2623043, FAX: 0177-2626320 Website: www.hpsecd.in

No.: SEDC/ST/Agisac/2k23-10622 Date: 05-10-2023

**e-TENDER NOTICE**

e-Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Rate Contract of Procurement of Geospatial Software for one year period. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 12/10/2023 (11:30AM) through Video Conferencing.

Last date for online e-bid submission is 26/10/2023 (upto 02:30 PM) and shall be opened on 27/10/2023 at 2:30PM. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEC website [www.hpsecd.in](http://www.hpsecd.in) and <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

713HP General Manager (Technical)

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Pinki, D/o Foji R/o VIII-Khata Wali 284, PO-Nanukalan, Distt. Rewari, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.72/22, Dt. 12.01.22 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. Nangloi, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Pinki** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Pinki** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Pinki** of **FIR No.72/22, Dt. 12.01.22 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. Nangloi, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.11.2023**.

By Order,  
**Sh. Shubham Devadivi**  
Metropolitan Magistrate-05, West, Room No.336A,  
3rd Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/10971/OD/2023

### GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Yojna Bhawan, Nepal House Campus, Doranda, Ranchi-834002 (Jharkhand)

Memo No.: 237/Budget Ranchi/Date: 05.10.2023  
Eol No.: 156-Budget  
Issue Date: 15.09.2023  
PR No.: 307004

**Corrigendum-I**

All bidders are hereby informed that corrigendum-I is being issued with respect to various clauses and the bidding schedule of the reference Eol which is published for the work of "Empanment of Partner Agency for Providing Coaching Under Eklayva Prashikshan Yojna, 2023". The bidders are advised to consider the same before submission of their bids.

The corrigendum document can be downloaded from the official e-procurement portal of the Government of Jharkhand i.e. <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.

Sd/-  
**PR 308516 Higher Education, Technical Education and Skill Development Department (23-24)\_D** (George Kumar) Joint Secretary

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sanjay Verma S/o Ramesh Verma R/o H.No. N-101, Mangolpuri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case **FIR No. 1536/2015 U/s 392/411 IPC PS Rajouri Garden, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sanjay Verma** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sanjay Verma** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sanjay Verma** of **FIR No. 1536/2015 U/s 392/411 IPC PS Rajouri Garden, New Delhi** required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.11.2023**.

By Order  
**Ms. Neetika Kapoor,**  
Metropolitan Magistrate,  
Room No. 356 3rd Floor Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/11239/WD/2023

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Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune-411008. Website: [www.iiserpune.ac.in](http://www.iiserpune.ac.in)

**Global Tender Notice (E-Procurement Mode)**

IISER Pune invites bids from Original Equipment Manufacturers, Foreign Principals and Indian Agents of Foreign Principals, Authorized Distributors of Original Equipment Manufacturer for procurement and installation for the **Near-Field Optical Microscopy**

Tender documents are published on: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/appand>  
<https://www.iiserpune.ac.in/tenders>

Advt. No: IISER/S&P/08/23-24 Dated 04/10/2023 Director

### NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
NANGAL UNIT, NAYA NANGAL-140126 (PUNJAB)

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Date: 06.10.2023

Online bids in two part bid system are invited for the following:

Sr. No.	Item Description	EMD In Rs	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Last date & time of online submission/opening of tender
1	Procurement of Stainless Steel Hot Rolled Annealed Plates (Three Items of Various Sizes)	1.00 Lakh	252.30 Lakhs	As per GEM Bid Schedule
2	Procurement of Armored Cable of various Size for installation of DCS in urea plant of NFL, Nangal, Bathinda & Panipat Unit.	1.00 Lakh	13.56 Crore	As per GEM Bid Schedule
3	Manufacturing Testing and Supply of Condenser complete in all respect including tubes, tube sheets, bracing, inner shell, outer shell etc without top & bottom elbow.	1.00 Lakh	1.60 Crore	As per GEM Bid Schedule
4	Manufacturing, Testing and Supply of Complete Heat Exchanger, 10 HE-5 (Without Domes) in Urea plant at NFL, Nangal Unit.	1.00 Lakh	1.12 Crore	As per GEM Bid Schedule

For further details please visit our website [www.nationalfertilizers.com](http://www.nationalfertilizers.com), <https://gem.gov.in>

Vendors are requested to visit our website regularly. Any further amendment / corrigendum to the above will be displayed only on aforesaid website.

DGM (Materials)

### SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Rahul S/o Vinod R/o H.No. A-1/28, Harsh Dev Park, Budh Vihar Ph-2, Delhi** Permanent Add.: Village Jhinpora, Distt. mainpuri, P.S. Devar, M.P. Age : 29 years, Height : 5'5", Face: Round, Complexion : Wheatish, Build: Medium, wearing brown colour shirt and black colour pant, has been missing since 26.08.2023 from his residence. In this regard DD No. 87-A dated 27.08.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO : P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. : 011-27052772, 27052773  
Fax: 24368639, Tel.: 24368638/24368641, 09212584653, 08750870326

DP/11252/RD/23

### OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, GWALIOR

Narayan krishan Shejwalkar Bhawan, Near Taran Puskar, City Centre, Gwalior (M.P.)  
Tel No. : 0751-2438300, 4080352, Fax No. : 0751-2438249

No. 474/MPGMC/171/22z9/L/Amrut 2.0/Water Supply/2023 Gwalior, Dated : 06/10/2023

उत्तराधिकार रो क्रमांक 707 **Third Call Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)** दिनांक 06-10-2023

On behalf of Gwalior Municipal Corporation (GMC), Madhya Pradesh under Amrut-2 online Lump Sum Rate bids have been invited on website <http://mptenders.gov.in> from the registered Contractors and Firms of repute, fulfilling eligibility criteria for the following works.

Tender ID	Name of Work	Probable amount of Contract (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
2023 UAD 275616 J dated 06.10.2023	Execution of different works proposed under Raw Water Supply Scheme for Gwalior Town to pump raw water of Chambal River from proposed pumping station at Devri, Morena (M.P.) and backwaters of Kotwar Dam, Morena (M.P.) by constructing intake-well to Water Treatment Plants at Gwalior (M.P.)	3186440678.00	15932203.00	50000.00	24 months including rainy season.

NIT with all details of works to be executed and provisions of contract can be viewed on website <http://mptenders.gov.in> and [www.mpurban.gov.in](http://www.mpurban.gov.in). Bid Document can be purchased from 10:30 AM dated 06.10.2023 to 5:30 PM dated 20.10.2023 and last date of submission is dated 20.10.2023 up-to 5:30 PM. Amendment to NIT, if any, would be published on website only not in newspaper.

(R.K. Shukla)  
Executive Engineer, Gwalior Municipal Corporation

### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PHED CIRCLE ALWAR

Manu Marg Alwar (Raj.)  
NOTICE INVITING BID (NIT No. 52-56/2023-24)

Bids for Work of Construction of Sources, P/L/J/T/C of Rising, Distribution, Pipelines, Reservoirs and FHCT including Defect Liability period Under JIM PHED Division Kathumar (Alwar) are invited from interested bidders upto 05:00 PM on Date 09.10.2023. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>) of the state and <http://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in> departmental website.

UBN: PHE2324WSOB08415, PHE2324WSOB08416, PHE2324WSOB08417, PHE2324WSOB08419, PHE2324WSOB08420, DIPRC/14455/2023 Superintending Engineer

### SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Follow us on [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](https://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)

**TENDER NOTICE No. C/SG/C/36/5/390 Dt: 04.10.2023**

For and on Behalf of President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Projects) S.C. Railway, Secunderabad invites E-tenders (Open) for the following work upto 15:00 Hrs on 17.11.2023

**S.No.:- 1, Description of work:-** Comprehensive Signaling and Telecommunication works for Provision of Automatic Block Signaling System in VEMULAPADU - MUDANURU section of Guntakal Division in South Central Railway. **Tender No. :- C/SG/C/36/5/390, Approximate value Rs.:- Rs.102,44,22,198.62, Earnest Money Deposit:- 51,22,200.00, Period of completion:- 600 Days.**

Please visit Indian Government tender Portal Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for all particulars including Full Description of the work, tender conditions, eligibility criteria and details, downloading of tender document of the above works.

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer A1535 (Projects), Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <http://www.ireps.gov.in> or [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)

### OFFICE OF THE CONVENOR, CENTRALIZED SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Govt. of Bihar -CUM-DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

**NOTICE**

(In connection with appointment to the post of Clerk pursuant to Employment Notice No. 01/2016)

In view of Judgment dated 19.04.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Court in L.P.A. no. 650/2022 in C.W.J.C. no. 6259/2019 with L.P.A. no. 657/2022 in C.W.J.C. no. 21219/2018 with L.P.A. no. 661/2022 in C.W.J.C. NO. 21219/2018 as well as resolution of the 'Centralized Selection & Appointment Committee' dated 21.08.2023, the list of twenty (20) candidates selected for their appointment to the post of Clerk, who have found place in the waiting list of 168 candidates prepared during preparation of final result of Clerk in the year of 2018 in connection with appointment to the post of Clerk in the Civil Courts of Bihar pursuant to the Employment Notice No. 01/2016 is available on the website of the Civil Courts, Patna with their place of posting.

In view of Hon'ble Court letter no. 62539 dated 15.09.2023, the said list has already been approved by the Hon'ble Court.

The Appointment letter of selected candidates will be issued by the concerned District & Sessions Judges of Bihar in due course.

**उक्त सूचना state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।**

(RAJIV RANJAN) CONVENOR  
Centralized Selection and Appointment Committee -cum- District & Sessions Judge, Patna  
Judges Court Road, Civil Courts, Patna  
P.O.- Bankipore, Dist.- Patna (800004)  
Official Website :- <https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/patna>  
25-09-2023  
PR-009831 (Law ) 2023-24

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

### Office Of the Executive Engineer Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Unit, U.P.JAL NIGAM (URBAN)

R-1, Raj Nagar, Near Hint Courahra, Ghaziabad (U.P.) Pin 201002. 0120-2820966. [dwsupjn@gmail.com](mailto:dwsupjn@gmail.com)

Letter No.: 1144 /Nivida/56  
Date: 04.10.2023

**e-TENDER NOTICE**

U.P.Jal Nigam(Urban) invites E-bids for execution of "Internal Surface repair and joints related works between manhole No. 58 To 59 of 200 cusec viaduct under 200 cusec Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme" are invited in two bid system on percentage basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal <https://etender.up.nic.in> and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website [www.jn.uspcd.gov.in](http://www.jn.uspcd.gov.in) for download from dated 07.10.2023 from 05:00 PM. E-bids can be submitted till 21.10.2023 upto 03:30 PM and technical bid shall be opened on 21.10.2023 at 05:00 PM in the office of the Executive Engineer, DWS Maintenance Unit, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Ghaziabad in presence of contractor or their authorized representative. E-tender list is Rs. 3,000.00 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> & U.P.J.N website [www.jn.uspcd.gov.in](http://www.jn.uspcd.gov.in).

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

**Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system**

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	02232054	LEAD ACID BATTERY 210AH CAPACITY FOR TRAIN LIGHTING	632 NOS	31-10-2023
02	77236027	RUNNING CONTRACT OF PRE-STRESSED MONO-BLOCK CONCRETE SLEEPERS SPECIAL TYPES	3650 SET	01-11-2023
03	18235400A	PRINTING OF G&SR RULE BOOK IN HINDI	24647 NOS	03-11-2023

Note : 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice No. 58/2023-24 Dated: 06.10.2023 3113/2023

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### GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS)

ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-03

No. CE/CW/21/2023-24/01

**PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D (Roads), Assam on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bid from approved and eligible contractors registered with Assam PWD (Roads) for one work, under SOPD (G) for the year 2023-24 in Kamrup (Metropolitan) district of Assam.

Scheme is not yet sanctioned by the competent authority. In the event of non- sanction of the scheme, bids may be cancelled and no claim what so ever on this account shall be entertained from the bidders

Details may be seen at website- [assamtenders.gov.in](http://assamtenders.gov.in) and also at the office of the undersigned in the "City Works Cell", from 09.10.2023 during office hours.

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer PWD (Roads)  
Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

JANASANYOG/CF/3008/23/7-OCT-23

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Work

Identification No.- Online Tender- Bridge N.C.B. No. 320 for 2023-24.  
Letter No. 5180/ Date: 5.10.23/

- Name of the work :- Bridge work under Biju Setu Yojana in the District of Mayurbhanj
- Total No. of work :- 01 No. (One)
- Estimated Cost :- Rs.489.97 lakhs (approximately).
- Eligible Class of Contractor :- As per annexure.
- Period of Completion :- As per annexure.
- Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O.O.C.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada	Bridge On-line N.C.B. No.320	10.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	25.10.2023 at 5.00 P.M.	20.10.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	26.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

• Further details can be seen from the website: [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in)  
• Any Corrigendum/ Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website only.

Sd/-Er. S.K.Rout  
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Baripada  
OIPR- 25130/11/0056/2324

### OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR

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[cebuidings@rediffmail.com](mailto:cebuidings@rediffmail.com) Tel-(0674)-2391523

**INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) CANCELLATION**

The bid invited vide Bid Identification No. C.E.(B)-31/2023-24 is here by cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer, Buildings, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

### BIHAR STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

FRASER ROAD, PATNA-800 001.  
Email Address: [bsfcpatna@gmail.com](mailto:bsfcpatna@gmail.com)

**SALE NOTICE**

In exercise of the powers conferred U/s 29 of the SFC's Act, 1951 (as amended upto 2000), the Corporation has taken action for recovery of dues and the mortgaged assets of following units (financed by the Corporation and in default) have been put on sale. Details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Branch Address	Details of assets	Reserved Price (Rs.in)	Initial cash down payment of consideration amt.	Amount of BOS (Rs/lakh (As on 31.08.23)	Earnest money to be deposited by the tenderer (Rs./lacs)
1	M/s Gauri Shankar Coal Industries, Ayodhyabari Near Kathopur Chowk, PO-Bishanpur, Begusarai	BSFC Fraser Road, Patna Pratiksha Puja Zonal Incharge (Z-III) Mob: 9939704248	Free hold land measuring 8,816 sft. (5 local Kathas) + 15' approach Road Total Area 10,316 sft. Along with building & plant and machineries in dilapidated conditions	48,90,000.00	100%	652.15	2.00
2	M/s Jyoti Dal Mill At Kaithma, Begusarai	BSFC Fraser Road, Patna Pratiksha Puja Zonal Incharge (Z-III) Mob: 9939704248	Free hold land measuring 5 Kathas with building in dilapidated conditions	95,77,500.00	100%	922.46	2.00
3	M/s Keshav Precision Engg.Works, At Rajokhar, PO & PS-Sasaram, Rohtas	BSFC, Fraser Road, Patna Chandra Prakash Narayan, Zonal Incharge (Z-II) Mob: 8092418458	Lease hold (Private) land measuring 50 dec.with building in dilapidated conditions.	51,10,000.00	100%	102.29	2.00
4	M/s Dharmendra Kumar P/O M/s Mandal Plastic Industris, Janipur, Phulwarisharif, Patna.	BSFC Fraser Road, Patna Anshu Shrivastava Zonal Incharge (Z-I) Mob: 9546301108	Free hold land area 6805 sft with building in dilapidated conditions.	1,22,00,000.00	100%	273.99	2.00
5	M/s Mahesh Agro Industries, At. Mahespur, Angara, Ranchi	Ranchi Branch, BSFC, P/64, Indl.Area, Kokar, Ranchi, Shri Vikash Kumar Branch Incharge, Mob:9308540139	Freehold land measuring 10.50 dec. with building in dilapidated conditions	5,03,088.00	100%	214.15	2.00
6	M/s Indhan Udyog, Phase IV- H- 4 & 5, Industrial Area, Balidih, Bokaro	Ranchi Branch, BSFC, P/64, Indl.Area, Kokar, Ranchi, Shri Vikash Kumar Branch Incharge, Mob: 9308540139	Leasehold land measuring 1 acre	54,83,400.00	100%	682.05	2.00

For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

PR. No. 009845 (NI.NI) 2023-24 **नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।** MANAGING DIRECTOR

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No.- Online Tender- MMSY-TRIP N.C.B. No. 319 for 2023-24.  
Letter No. 5166/ Date: 05.10.2023

- Name of the work :- MMSY-TRIP Road Work in the District of Mayurbhanj for the year 2023-24
- Total No. of works :- 01 No. (One)
- Estimated Cost :- Rs. 335.65 Lakhs (Approximately)
- Eligible Class of Contractor :- As per annexure.
- Period of Completion :- As per annexure.
- Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O.O.C.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada	Road On-line N.C.B. No. 319	10.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	26.10.2023 at 5.00 P.M.	25.10.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	27.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

• Further details can be seen from the website: [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)  
• Any Corrigendum/ Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website only.

Sd/-  
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Baripada  
OIPR- 25130/11/0055/2324

### GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA

email- [serwsbd200.3@yahoo.com](mailto:serwsbd200.3@yahoo.com)

No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**e-Procurement Notice for Road & Bridge works**

- Name of the Work : Construction of Road & Bridge Works - (13 Nos)
- Class of Contractor : "A" & Special Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
- Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs.347.33 Lakhs to Rs.800.61 Lakhs (Approximately)
- Details projects as per Annexure attached

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bids
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCEWCSBD-Online-35/2023-24	11.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	25.10.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	20.10.2023 up to 2.00 P.M.	26.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCEWCSBD-Online-36/2023-24	11.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	25.10.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	20.10.2023 up to 2.00 P.M.	26.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the website <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in> for Bridge works.  
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web sites.

Sd/-  
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda  
OIPR- 25182/11/0037/2324



# 17 REVIEWS CINEMA & MUSIC

## Open Secrets

**KHUFIYA**

★★★  
**Director:** Vishal Bhardwaj  
**Cast:** Tabu, Ali Fazal, Wamiqa Gabbi, Ashish Vidyarthi, Atul Kulkarni, Azmeri Haque Badhon, Navnindra Behl



ULTRA-SHARP RAW agent Krishna Mehra aka KM (Tabu) sniffs out a mole: an Indian agent is selling sensitive information to the enemies of the state, and needs to be captured at all costs. Vishal Bhardwaj's spy thriller *Khufiya*, broadly based on former intelligence officer Amar Bhushan's novel *Escape To Nowhere*, wades into territory which he may not have ostensibly gone down before.

But given that the director has always been interested in excavating the mysteries of the heart — you cannot have bigger spies than clandestine lovers — I was looking forward to seeing how he deals with the multiple secrets his characters are nursing. Despite the top-notch acting talent headed by the peerless Tabu, and Bhardwaj's manifest skill in creating atmosphere which includes lashes of unexpected humour, *Khufiya* remains, at best, a mixed bag, more drab than fab.

How the mole is flushed out is very much a part of the plot, and no secret. The nuts-and-bolts of how spies actually go about their jobs — tailing the suspect, planting spy cams in their homes, passing the baton from one to another on a high-octane mission — isn't all that new, but keeps us with it.

The cross-border intermingling of these characters who live double or even triple lives also gives us a different vantage, especially in the creation of a Bangladeshi operative (Badhon, playing a sexy Mata Hari type), and the manner she inserts herself into KM's professional and personal life. The relationship between KM's ex-husband (Kulkarni), and their teenage son is nicely etched; and other mothers-and-sons — chief suspect Ravi Mohan (Fazal) and his elderly mother who knows a thing or two about survival (Behl), the strong bond between Mohan's wife Charu (Gabbi, already coming off familiar, not ideal for an almost-new actor) and their young son — is intended to lend *Khufiya* an emotional slant, telling us that everyone, even those whose jobs force them to live in the shadows, has a softer, vulnerable side. But the Fazal-Gabbi chemistry is off, and this crucial part of the movie doesn't land.

In the second half, the film slides into a slump involving Mohan and his family hiding out in snowy South Dakota and waiting — an interminable part of a spy's life — for something to shift. There are parts when the danger of discovery and certain death is mixed with tense laughter or tenderness — for example, a dinner featuring rogan josh and table full of people looking askance at each other, or a sequence full of frisson between KM and her passionate operative — lifts the proceedings somewhat, but it isn't enough for us to stay consistently engaged. And every time Tabu is not on screen, we miss her: we needed more of her and Badhon. We needed more of the older Bhardwaj who makes things sing. **SG**



**THANK YOU FOR COMING ★★★**

**Director:** Karan Bhojani **Cast:** Bhumi Pednekar, Shehnaaz Gill, Dolly Singh, Shibani Bedi, Kusha Kapila, Natasha Rastogi, Dolly Ahluwalia, Pradhuman Singh, Sushant Divgikar

## Where Girls Have All the Fun

**SHUBHRA GUPTA**

**THANK YOU For Coming** — we get where you're going with this, haha — appears to be a direct response to that line: Why Should Boys Have All The Fun. Why shouldn't girls? Why indeed. This Ekta Kapoor-Rhea Kapoor outing is a sly, smart, heart-felt slap in the face of the zillions of movies that privilege boys and their putrid toys. It focusses on its girls, and lets them be silly and giddy and themselves, and it works, almost all the way.

Kanika Kapoor (Pednekar) is one of those loser Dilli girls who's always been on the outside, wistfully wanting more. She's been called 'kaandu', 'thandi', and other such cruel monikers that only school kids can dish out without a care about how they

may scar the designated victim. Her besties (Singh and Bedi) are both sounding boards and agony aunts, as she goes through multiple relationships in search of the perfect one.

It would be doing a disservice to the film to dub it a sex comedy, though there is sex, and thank you for it. There's the kind of welcome chatter about the Big O and self-pleasure that there should be more of in our regressive, prissy films which reflect societal mores, even though a few bits are on-the-nose clunky, especially between Kanika and her single, ready-to-mingle mom (Rastogi). But female desire being addressed head on feels as essential and as crucial as anything else in the movies right now. Or even more, actually.

The writing is mostly fluid, and wraps itself around its protagonists nicely. The

men, yes, there are some men in here, are secondary to the proceedings (Pradhuman Singh as the earnest suitor-in-waiting, and Sushant Divgikar as the Rahul-Anjali double-bill, and the best friend's sweet plus-sized hubby) but they all perform fine. Anil Kapoor comes on for a nudge-wink walk on part, because, hey, it's all in the family.

If I have a quibble, it's the way the mean girl trope stays a trope in the sketchy, stereotypical way that Kusha Kapila's dressed-for-Instagram pouts are portrayed. And is doing shots the only way to let girly hair down? That's an even more tired trope. And just what do all these women, thirty-plus and counting, do for a living? Kanika's mum is a gynaecologist; now that's a profession. What about the rest? For a film which wants to be a feminist flagbearer, jobless women, or at least where they are not seen

doing productive work, is not a good look. And the climax, featuring an expository speech-on-the-stage is a predictable, lazy device.

But I'll take all of this when it comes to the film whose beats are steeped in beating the patriarchy. I'll even forgive the blatant make-up brand placement that the leading lady brandishes. Surely a more classy way could have been found? But Pednekar herself is a riot, and really carries the film with a terrific mix of crumbling vulnerability and confidence. I enjoyed its joyous silliness, and its unapologetic revelling in being female, and celebrating female solidarity. It sends up expectations of being a 'good' daughter, daughter-in-law, mother, and fixes them with a warm, empathetic gaze which says, no worries, we got you, whether you come or go. **SG**

## Failing its Inspiration

**MISSION RANIGANJ: THE GREAT BHARAT RESCUE**

★★

**Director:** Tinu Suresh Desai  
**Cast:** Akshay Kumar, Parineeti Chopra, Kumud Mishra, Rajesh Sharma, Ravi Kishan, Pavan Malhotra, Dibyendu Bhattacharya, Arif Zakaria

IN 1989, more than 200 miners were deep in the bowels of the Raniganj Colliery, established during British rule. It was a late-night shift, and when disaster struck, flooding part of the mine, around 70 workers were trapped (the rest were extricated immediately) with their condition becoming more perilous by the minute. Water was gushing through the tunnels, and poisonous CO2 was forming rapidly: would they be rescued in time?

This real-life incident becomes the basis of Akshay Kumar's new film *Mission Raniganj: The Great Bharat Rescue* in which he plays the eponymous role of mining expert Jaswant Singh Gill, who launched an operation the likes of which had never

been seen in India before. In a brilliant instance of *desi jugaad*, he thought of fabricating a steel capsule which could be lowered all the way down to the high point in the deep tunnel where the miners were huddled. The capsule was just big enough to house one man, and the operation, lasting several tense hours, was a resounding success — every single terrified worker, barring the handful who went missing, was pulled out to safety.

Given the inherent drama in the long-drawn operation, with the family members of the trapped men waiting anxiously, and the patent sincerity with which Akshay plays Gill, *Mission Raniganj* should have been a deeply engrossing human drama. But the



way in which the loud background music ratchets up the theatrics, and the manner in which local *netas* and high officials in Calcutta try and scuttle the operation, with each person bearing the bad news running across the screen in exactly the same manner, the film comes off a tiresome plod.

Does Bollywood, especially the Bollywood fronted by big stars, ever think

of how their efforts are derailed by outdated melodrama, and the pointless insistence on heroics rather than heroism? The real-life Gill was, by all accounts, a team player who fought an arduous battle to save lives; his cinematic equivalent fails this inspiring story, and the character's nobility, by pushing to the forefront, and staying there. **SG**

## STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



**PASSAGES**

**MUBI**  
 Set in Paris, this Ira Sachs-directed movie is a fresh and incisive look at messy, modern relationships. The marriage of Tomas (Franz Rogowski), a German filmmaker, and Martin (Ben Whishaw), an English printer, is thrown into crisis when the former impulsively begins a passionate affair with a young teacher Agathe (Adèle Exarchopoulos).



**MUMBAI DIARIES S2**

**PRIME VIDEO**  
 The series revolves around doctors, trainees, and staff at the Bombay General Hospital, who have to face the challenges of the Mumbai floods, and set aside personal issues to help the public. Directed by Nikkhil Advani, the drama features an ensemble cast of Konkona Sen Sharma, Mohit Raina, Tina Desai, Satyajit Dubey and Prakash Belawadi.



**THIRUCHITRABALAM**

**PRIME VIDEO**  
 This Tamil romantic comedy, written-directed by Mithran Jawahar, features Dhanush in the lead along with Nithya Menen, Raashi Khanna, Bharathiraja and Prakash Raj in pivotal roles. It follows Pazham (Dhanush), a food delivery man, who cheerfully navigates through the ups and downs of life, as he struggles to find love.



**ASTEROID CITY**

**BOOKMYSHOW STREAM**  
 The comedy-drama, directed by Wes Anderson, features a star-studded cast, including Tom Hanks, Scarlett Johansson and Jason Schwartzman. The film takes place in a fictional American desert town in 1955, when the itinerary of a Junior Stargazer/Space Cadet convention is disrupted by world-changing events.

## Spirit of the Times

**THE EXORCIST: BELIEVER**

★★★  
**Director:** David Gordon Green  
**Cast:** Leslie Odom Jr, Ann Dowd, Jennifer Nettles, Danny McCarthy, Lidya Jewett, Olivia O'Neill, Ellen Burstyn

**SHALINI LANGER**

FIFTY YEARS on since the pathbreaking *The Exorcist*, there is no getting rid of the Devil, who springs up just about Halloween. What has changed is that it is no longer the 1970s,

when director William Friedkin could get away with scenes that left audiences in physical distress after watching his *Exorcist*, including of the girl possessed masturbating with a crucifix.

There is nothing of the sort happening in *Believer*, which hews close to our politically correct times. It is not to say this is a bad thing, but it also makes this a rather run-of-the-mill film about evil spirits and how to get rid of them — till, of course, the next Halloween.

As "a direct sequel" to the 1973 original — *Believer* anyway carries a heavier burden than the five other installments of *The Exorcist*. It scores in getting at the helm director David Gordon Green, who is fresh off infusing life into sequels of another 1970s hit, *Halloween*. And, for good measure, *Believer* gets the very sombre Burstyn to reprise her 1973 role, even if she exists here for most part only in spirit.



In the battle for heart and soul, as much as for "body and blood" (standing in for Jesus), *Believer* gets the first part right. After the pat opening, in which Victor (Odom Jr) loses his

very pregnant wife to presumably that big Haiti earthquake — why Haiti, and why this woman is travelling in her condition are another matter — we get to 13 years later. The

child who survived that disaster is now a querulous, mildly rebellious preteen, Angela (Jewett), and her jousting with her harried dad is captured pretty nicely.

A secret séance later, Angela disappears with her friend Katherine (O'Neill), leaving Victor and the latter's parents — Miranda (Nettles) and Stuart (McCarthy) — in distress. Again, Green captures their sense of confusion well, including the parents' immediate instinct to believe that the other side probably does not know enough of their daughter. In a telling detail, Victor has to consult a school book to get the number for Katherine's parents, while Miranda has them all on her phone. Ask any mother, and you will know that is parent difference 101.

It's such simple details, including the sequence when the girls are found, come home and start initially doing their devilish things, which stand out in *Believer*. Dowd as the concerned neighbourhood nurse Ann is

pretty comforting. But, when all hell breaks loose, well all Hell breaks loose. And Heaven is much too long coming.

The weight of the times hanging on it, *Believer* also tries to be everything. It's not just about the Catholic Church, it's also about African mystic rituals. It's not about just faith in Jesus, it's also about having faith in your child. It's not just about a Rome-approved priest, it's also about family and community. It's not just about Fathers in frocks, it's also about Sisters in habits.

The effort to be 'with the times' in a film whose existence rests on time immortal shows.

Still, there is one tantalising question that deserves a longer life. As Victor dismisses the possibility of a spiritual solution to his daughter's suffering, Ann asks him: "Don't you believe in God?" He replies: "I don't believe in the question."



18 **BIG PICTURE**

Illustration: Suvajit Dey

## The artful dodger: A Valentine's Day murder and a 15-year run

Tarun Jinaraj. Pravin Bhateley. Justin Joseph. How a 47-year-old, who allegedly killed his wife before a dinner date, gave police the slip — twice — each time shifting shapes and stations.  
SOHINI GHOSH connects the dots

**F**OR SOMEONE who spent 15 years evading the police, Tarun Jinaraj's second attempt didn't quite cut it. Not that he didn't try. Just as in his earlier stint, when he assumed an elaborate identity to stave off the police, this time, Tarun was a brand new 'Justin Joseph', with a dragon tattoo on his right forearm and days away from undergoing a hair transplant.

On October 5, police tracked down 47-year-old Tarun, a former basketball coach-turned-recovery manager with a tech company who is accused of murdering his wife Sajni on Valentine's Day in 2003, to Najafgarh in Delhi.

This was the second time the Gujarat Police was taking Tarun into custody — he was first arrested in November 2018, after being on the run for 15 years, and sent to Sabarmati Central Jail, where he spent the next five years as an undertrial.

There, in between attending Christian sermons and teaching English to prison inmates, Tarun allegedly plotted his next move: he had to get away.

On August 4, Tarun walked out of jail on bail. He was to have returned to jail on August 19, but didn't.

### A Valentine's Day dinner and a murder

Tarun, a basketball coach at a private school in Ahmedabad, married Sajni, who worked as an executive with ICICI Bank in the city, on November 15, 2002.

Sajni's family members say it was a match arranged by a basketball player employed by the State Bank of India, where Sajni's mother worked. Since both sets of families hailed from Kerala, not many questions were raised.

While Tarun's parents, Jinaraj Karunakaran and Annamma Chacko, lived in Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh, his elder brother Arun, his wife Roopkanta and their child lived in Ahmedabad. Karunakaran had settled down in Mandsaur after retiring as a sports teacher at a local school.

Sajni's parents OK Krishnan, a retired employee with Calico Mills in Ahmedabad, and mother Ramani Krishnan too lived in Ahmedabad. After a quick engagement, the couple moved into a three-bedroom flat in Bopal, a neighbourhood then on the outskirts of Ahmedabad.

On February 14, 2003, Tarun and Sajni, along with Arun, Roopkanta and their child, were to go out to celebrate Valentine's Day when, around 8 pm, Sajni was found dead.

Though Tarun was the first to inform Sajni's parents of her death and allegedly made her death seem like a case of a burglary gone wrong, police had reasons to suspect his theory — though the cupboards were allegedly ransacked, around Rs 10,000 in cash and some jewellery were left untouched; the strangulation marks on Sajni's neck looked suspicious and the sniffer dogs at the crime scene refused to leave the room where Tarun sat looking shell-shocked.

Police, who went through Tarun's call records, later found that he was allegedly in a relationship while being married to Sajni. His then girlfriend allegedly told police that he called her to say that "the obstacle between us has been removed", says ATS Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police Deepan Bhadrans, former Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Ahmedabad Crime Branch whose team was to eventually track down Tarun in Bengaluru. "Tarun tried to cover his tracks well... Before her death, the couple had sex — an attempt to make it seem that all was well with their relationship," adds Bhadrans.

The police's suspicion was strengthened when Tarun disappeared a day after his wife's funeral on February 15.

Police said that when they summoned him to the police station on February 15, Tarun

allegedly feigned illness and checked himself into a government hospital in Ahmedabad.

"On February 16, he left the hospital and withdrew around Rs 30,000 using Sajni's ATM card. The same day, he took a train and went to Surat, from where he made a call to his then girlfriend. However, she did not entertain him and broke up with him. Tarun then took the first train to Bengaluru, where he stayed at a guest house near the station," says a police officer who was earlier part of the investigation.

### A false identity

Sitting in that guest house in Bengaluru, Tarun decided to make a fresh start. To begin with, he needed a job — and a new identity.

"It had to be someone he could approach, if needed, and yet someone who wasn't familiar with the recent happenings in his life, including his marriage and wife's death. Pravin Bhateley fit the bill," says the officer.

Bhateley, his senior from college in Gwalior, had married Tarun's batchmate and later moved to Bhopal, where he ran a judo institute for underprivileged children. Tarun would spend the next few days poring over newspapers advertisements for jobs and get in touch with call centres, introducing himself as 'Pravin Bhateley'.

Within days, he landed a job at a call centre in New Delhi. When asked to submit his documents, he convinced his employers that he had reached New Delhi empty-handed and that he would submit his papers later on.

With his employers persisting and as he ran out of excuses, Tarun quit the job. In April 2003, he landed up in Bhopal and called Bhateley.

"Bhateley, of course, had no idea that Tarun was a murder suspect or that his wife had died," says the officer.

According to Bhateley's statement, which the police recorded in November 2018 and which is now part of the chargesheet, sometime in June-July 2003, Tarun told him that he had quit his job at an Ahmedabad school following a spat with the principal and that he was desperately in need of a job.

Bhateley said that in June-July 2003, Tarun joined his institute, where he taught 'Spoken English' to children. Police say during the two months that Tarun worked at the institute, he allegedly scanned all of Bhateley's documents, including mark sheets, identity cards, etc., and prepared forged ID cards and educational certificates.

Police later discovered that it was on the basis of the forged documents that Tarun was issued a passport from Pune, sometime in 2009-2010, in Bhateley's name. DIG Bhadrans says that Tarun did not have a passport in his original name and that the one in Bhateley's

name was his first. "He used that passport to travel abroad," says Bhadrans.

In Bhopal's T T Nagar police station, Tarun faces an FIR lodged by Bhateley and a criminal trial before a Bhopal sessions court on charges of cheating, forgery and impersonation.

After working with Bhateley for around two months, Tarun informed him that he was leaving Bhopal and the job to "explore new opportunities".

He was now Pravin Bhatley, Tarun Jinaraj had disappeared into thin air.

### A 15-year chase

Between 2003 and 2008, Tarun as 'Pravin Bhateley' worked at various IT firms and call centres in Delhi, Noida and Pune.

Police said that it was in Pune that he married his colleague Nisha Menon. She told police that when they first met in 2008, Tarun, as 'Pravin Bhateley', told her that his parents had died in a road accident and that he was raised by an "aunt named Annamma Chacko (his mother), who lives in Mandsaur". In 2010, the couple moved to Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, back in Ahmedabad, with no leads, Sajni's murder case was now a cold case. "Every Valentine's Day, we would come across newspaper reports of Sajni's parents remembering her on her death anniversary and we would kick ourselves, saying we failed them," says DIG Bhadrans.

In 2011, after Sajni's parents made several representations to the Gujarat government and followed it up with a meeting with then CM Narendra Modi, the Gujarat Police finally

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decided to look at the case afresh.

A team of 18 police personnel from the Crime Branch was set up to trace Tarun, with the investigation headed consecutively by then Joint Commissioner of Police AK Sharma, then Deputy Commissioner of Police Himanshu Shukla and thereafter then DCP Bhadrans.

With few fresh leads, police decided they would start with Tarun's mother in Mandsaur. His father Karunakaran had passed away a couple of years ago.

As part of the investigation, two sub-inspectors approached Annamma posing as businessmen and asked if she would rent out the top floor of her two-storey house to them. "We claimed we have business in the area and have to travel to Mandsaur and neighbouring areas often for money recovery," says one of the investigating officers, adding that Annamma proved to be a tough nut to crack.

"We tried to chat her up, but she never revealed anything. At one point, a neighbour of hers told us that she has two sons, one in Ahmedabad and the other somewhere in the south. This was an important clue — it meant she was possibly in contact with Tarun. She had family photos at her Mandsaur home of her two sons but told us that her second son (Tarun) was no more," said the officer.

Police soon began tracking Annamma's landline and her social media accounts. From her Facebook profile, police identified two contacts on her 'friends list' from the southern part of the country — one, a Kerala-based Catholic spiritual organisation and the other, Nisha Menon from Bengaluru. A surveillance of Nisha's phone revealed that she was married to a 'Pravin Bhateley' who worked at a tech company but had no social media presence.

They later found out that Annamma had started using a basic mobile phone, which was largely inactive except for some incoming calls. That was to be their first big breakthrough — the call records revealed that he had been getting late-night calls from a customer care number registered to a tech company in Bengaluru. The police's suspicion was strengthened when they listened in on the conversations, but they were puzzled since the caller never referred to Annamma as 'mother'. The police also found that Annamma had travelled to Bengaluru a couple of times.

Police knew they were on to something here. In October 2018, a team of the Gujarat Police left for Bengaluru and the tech company office. No one there knew of 'Tarun Jinaraj' and Tarun's photographs from 15 years ago didn't elicit any response.

The police then asked for Pravin Bhateley. As 'Pravin' turned up, Inspector Kiran

Chaudhary of the Ahmedabad Crime Branch (now police inspector at the Anand Local Crime Branch) reached out and the two shook hands. Inspector Chaudhary looked down and instinctively knew he had found his man — the ring finger of the hand in his grip stuck out, courtesy of an old basketball game injury.

But the police had to be doubly sure. An officer of the Central Crime Branch who was part of the team then recalls, "One of our officers who was behind him called out 'Tarun'. He immediately turned back."

Inspector Chaudhary shook hands with Tarun and said, "Let's go."

### The second arrest

Now, after Tarun's latest arrest from Najafgarh in Delhi, police officials involved in the investigation say what helped him remain underground for so long and even attempt a second escape was that he knew he had a way with most people.

"He is a smooth talker, intelligent and a charmer," says an officer in the team that tracked him down the second time. "While being on the run, Tarun did not have a phone. Yet, he managed to be on a dating site, through which he was in touch with several women. He had also dated seven women while he was on the run between 2003-2018. He could speak English, Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati, Malayalam, Haryanvi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Punjabi," the officer said.

However, the officer added, Tarun's latest CV as 'Justin Joseph', which he prepared after he jumped bail, does not mention his proficiency in Gujarati. "It was a clever move... he did everything he could to throw us off," says an officer.

### Families torn apart

On September 30, with her son on the run for the second time, Annamma, 74, wearing a printed white saree and sat in the courtroom, waiting for the trial court judge to arrive.

The court was hearing a dowry case against Annamma, Arun and Roopkanta that Sajni's brother-in-law P K Shashidharan had filed soon after the murder.

That the murder and the events since then had taken a toll on the family was evident from the way Arun and Roopkanta sat away from Annamma, not a word exchanged between them.

A day earlier, Annamma had told *The Indian Express* that she had mortgaged her gold and used her pension money to ensure "that my son comes out of jail".

Police said that after Tarun's arrest, his wife Nisha and their sons, now aged 13 and 10, moved to Australia.

At a housing society in Ahmedabad's Vejalpur area, the Krishnans' home for over 50 years, are memories from better times — framed photographs of Sajni on her wedding day, of the mother and daughter at Ahmedabad's Ayyappa temple in the hours before the ceremony began and another one from her engagement.

"We have no hope... Can anyone understand a parent's agony over losing their child?" Krishnan says, adding how relieved they were when Tarun was arrested five years ago.

Breaking down as he recalls how, soon after her marriage, Sajni had confided in him about Tarun not being a "nice guy", Krishnan says, "She had got a promotion and was to travel to Pune the next day... Her ticket, money and broken mangalsutra were all there around her that day."

All these years later, the news of Tarun's second arrest from Delhi feels like a personal triumph, but there's one question that nags Ramani, 76. "Why did he kill her? He could have just asked her for a divorce."

(WITH INPUTS FROM KIRAN PARASHAR IN BENGALURU)



**EXPLAINED POLICY**

## TRAI CANNOT REGULATE OTT, SAYS TRIBUNAL. THIS IS WHY IT MATTERS

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) under the Union Ministry of Communications, are attempting to regulate OTT services, which MeitY has challenged.

DoT had released a draft telecom Bill which classified OTT platforms as telecommunication services, and sought to regulate them like telecom operators. TRAI, separately, has issued a consultation paper on how to regulate OTT platforms.

**IT Ministry view**

The IT Ministry believes that under the Allocation of Business Rules, Internet-based communications services are not in DoT's jurisdiction. However, in this case, the conversation is centred around OTT communication services like WhatsApp.

A copy of the draft Telecommunication Bill was sent to an inter-ministerial group for consultations in May. Following objections raised by MeitY, the DoT is learnt to have gone back to the drawing board to reframe portions of the Bill which regulated OTT communication services.

**TRAI and OTT**

In September 2020, TRAI had recommended against regulatory intervention for OTT communication services like WhatsApp, Zoom, and Google Meet.

But it had said that the sector should be monitored, and intervention should come at an "appropriate time".

However, in June, the regulator asked stakeholders to send suggestions about regulating services, and asked whether a selective banning of OTT services could be done as opposed to entirely shutting down the Internet.

OVER THE TOP (OTT) platforms like Hotstar are not in the jurisdiction of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), and are governed by the Information Technology Rules, 2021 notified by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), the telecom appellate panel has held.

In an interim order this week, the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) said OTT platforms are outside the purview of the TRAI Act since they do not require any permission or a licence from the central government.

**The context**

TDSAT's finding came in a petition filed by the All India Digital Cable Federation (AIDCF), which alleged that free streaming of matches of the ICC Cricket World Cup on mobile devices by Star India through its platform Disney+Hotstar is discriminatory under TRAI regulations, as the matches can be watched on Star Sports TV channel only if the viewer has paid for a subscription.

In its interim prayer, AIDCF asked that Star India should be restrained from permitting viewers to have Star Sports on their mobiles for free, or that they should also provide free access to Star Sports to AIDCF's members, that is cable operators.

**The significance**

The rejection of AIDCF's plea by TDSAT is significant because, as *The Indian Express* had reported earlier, TRAI and the

# Caste survey & OBC vote

There are clear trends in voting patterns of the lower and upper OBCs. The Bihar caste survey has created grounds for a push by regional parties, and put the BJP on the defensive for now. But this is not Mandal 2.0

**EXPERT EXPLAINS**



**SANJAY KUMAR**

A MAJOR difference between the first (1996-2004) and second phases (2014 onward) of the BJP's electoral success is in the size of the party's social base. The BJP, which was earlier largely seen as a Bania-Brahmin party, or a party of urban upper castes and upper classes, now has a much wider base.

The BJP's all-India vote share in the Lok Sabha election of 2019 (37.6%) was almost double that of 2009 (18.6%). This was largely due to the inroads the party made among the Other Backward Classes (OBC) — along with Adivasis and Dalits — while retaining its core support base among the upper castes.

Among OBCs, the BJP gained ground especially among the lower OBCs, a group of castes with small individual populations, but who together constitute the larger section of OBCs.

Data from various surveys carried out by Lokniti-Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) show some clear trends.

**OBCs and Cong, regional parties**

The expansion of the BJP's base among OBCs has come at the cost of both the Congress and the regional parties, especially in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Between 1996 and 2009, the dominant regional parties with core support among the backward castes — such as the RJD and JD(U) in Bihar, and the SP in UP — got the biggest share of OBC votes, with the rest more or less equally divided between the Congress and BJP.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP (34%) won more than double the Congress's share (15%) of the OBC vote. The trend of OBCs voting for the BJP intensified (44%) in 2019, with the party taking a chunk out of the regional parties' share.

The Lokniti-CSDS Mood of the Nation Survey 2023 in May indicated a further shift of the OBCs towards the BJP. The survey showed the Congress gaining support among OBCs — however, this increased support came largely from the southern states (Figure 1).

In bipolar contests, the BJP has mostly got greater OBC support than the Congress. In the 2023 survey, this support touched 72%, compared to just 18% for the Congress (Figure 2).

**BJP and lower backward castes**

Since 2014, the BJP has got greater support from lower backward castes than from the more powerful OBCs (such as the Yadavs in UP and Bihar). Figure 3 shows 43% of lower OBCs voted for the BJP in 2014, and this figure had risen to 50% in May 2023. For the upper OBCs, these numbers were 30% and 40% respectively.

The Congress too has somewhat more support among lower OBCs than among the upper OBCs (Figure 3). This is mainly because upper OBCs are more committed to the regional parties compared to the lower OBCs (Figure 5).

In BJP-Congress bipolar contests, upper and

**FIGURE 1**  
HOW OBC HAVE VOTED OVER THE YEARS, 1996-2023

All India	1996	1999	2004	2009	2014	2019	2023*
BJP	19	23	23	22	34	44	45
Congress	25	24	24	24	15	15	27
Regional Parties	49	41	43	42	43	27	23

**FIGURE 3**  
UPPER AND LOWER OBC SUPPORT FOR CONG AND BJP, 1996-2023

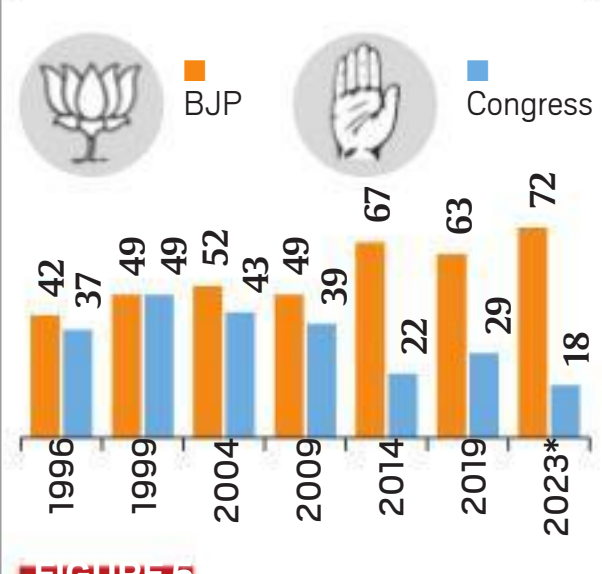
All India	Party	1996	1999	2004	2009	2014	2019	2023*
Upper	BJP	22	24	22	22	30	41	40
	Congress	24	25	24	23	14	15	25
Lower	BJP	17	22	24	22	43	48	50
	Congress	27	24	24	27	16	15	29

**FIGURE 4**  
HOW UPPER AND LOWER OBCs HAVE SUPPORTED CONGRESS AND BJP IN BIPOLAR CONTESTS, 1996-2023

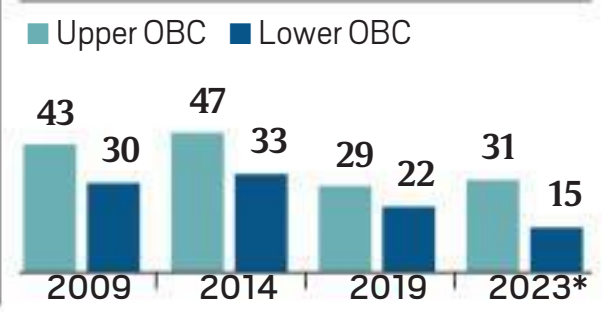
All India	Party	1996	1999	2004	2009	2014	2019	2023*
Upper	BJP	45	43	51	48	68	61	72
	Congress	32	56	45	40	22	30	20
Lower	BJP	40	57	53	50	65	65	72
	Congress	41	41	40	37	21	27	17

Source: CSDS Data Unit, National Election Studies 1996-2019. Shares of other parties not represented. \*May 2023 data from Mood of the Nation Survey 2023, by Lokniti-CSDS.

**FIGURE 2**  
THE OBC VOTE FOR BJP AND CONGRESS IN BIPOLAR CONTESTS, 1996-2023



**FIGURE 5**  
HOW OBC HAVE SUPPORTED REGIONAL PARTIES, 2009-2023



**HOW OBCs HAVE VOTED IN BIHAR**

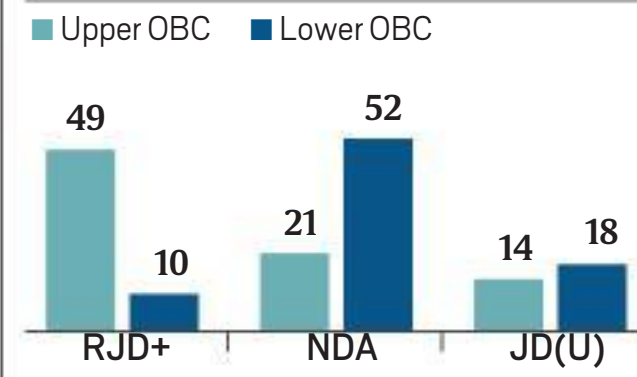
**FIGURE 6**  
LOK SABHA 2019 AND BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2020

Category	2019		2020	
	RJD+ NDA	RJD+ NDA	RJD+ NDA	RJD+ NDA
Upper OBC	41	42	60	26
Lower OBC	14	75	18	58

Source: CSDS Data Unit, National Election Study 2019 and Bihar Assembly Election Study 2020, conducted by Lokniti-CSDS

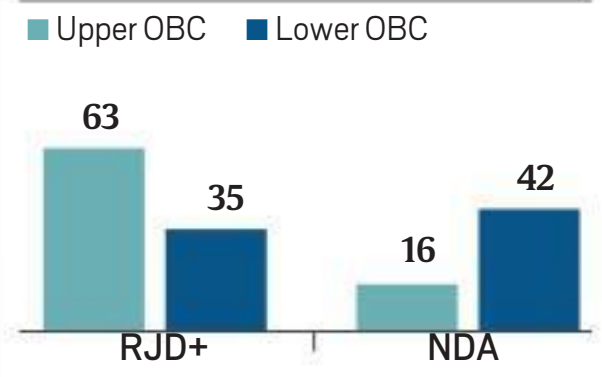
2019: NDA: BJP, JD(U) and IJP; RJD+: Congress, RJD, RLS, HAM, and VIP  
2020: NDA: BJP, JD(U), HAM, and VIP; RJD+: RJD, Congress, CPML(L), CPI, and CPM

**FIGURE 7**  
HOW OBCs VOTED IN BIHAR LOK SABHA ELECTION, 2014



Source: CSDS Data Unit, National Election Study 2014 conducted by Lokniti-CSDS. NDA: BJP, IJP, and RLS; RJD+: Congress, RJD, and NCP

**FIGURE 8**  
HOW OBCs VOTED IN BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION, 2015



Source: CSDS Data Unit, Bihar Assembly Election 2015, conducted by Lokniti-CSDS. NDA: BJP, IJP, HAM, and RLS; RJD+: Congress, RJD, and JD(U)

lower OBCs support to the two parties is more or less similar. (72% each among both upper and lower OBCs for BJP, and 20% and 17% respectively for Congress in May 2023; Figure 4.)

**The situation in Bihar**

Figures 6-8 show the increasing support for the BJP among OBCs in Bihar, and especially among the lower OBCs since 2014. The RJD and JD(U) get votes among all OBCs, but they remain more popular among the upper OBCs.

Note, however, that over the last decade, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who has support among the lower backwards especially, has switched from the RJD to the BJP and back to the RJD, which complicates the picture.

The data from Bihar are especially relevant because of the results of the caste survey released this week. The results show that the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) — a defined sub-category of lower OBCs which includes more than 100 castes — comprise 36% of the population, while upper OBCs are 27%.

**Conclusions from the data**

OBC support has played a major role in helping the BJP emerge as the dominant force in Indian politics. OBCs are a large section of the population in many states, and the BJP has given them — especially lower OBCs — adequate representation in party tickets and platforms. While a dent in its OBC support would

not necessarily mean defeat for the BJP, it will certainly not be able to retain its dominance in the Hindi belt. The Bihar caste survey will become a rallying point for regional parties, and could increase the pressure on the BJP to announce an all-India caste census.

And yet, this moment is not Mandal 2.0. This is because 2023 is not 1990, and the OBCs are divided among the upper and lower backwards, which is evident in the ways these castes have been voting. It is likely that the issue of the caste survey will be short-lived, and other issues will surface on the ground ahead of next year's Lok Sabha elections.

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**EXPLAINED GLOBAL**

## SWARMS OF BEDBUGS IN PARIS: HERE'S THE REASON FOR THE INFESTATION

THE FEAR of bedbugs has gripped France after a series of viral social media posts showed the nocturnal bloodsuckers crawling across Paris.

While agreeing that there has been a surge in the bedbug population, experts say many recent sightings are false, and risk unwarranted hysteria.

All major media outlets have reported on the bedbugs scare.



A bedbug is seen on a glove of a biocide technician in Paris. Reuters

**Bedbugs in public places**

Bedbugs have been reportedly spotted in Paris hotels, movie theatres, metro trains, and other public places.

Paris Deputy Mayor Emmanuel Grégoire, said: "No one is safe. You can catch them anywhere and bring them home, and not detect them in time until they have multiplied and spread." Transport Minister Clement Beaune, however, said, "There is no resurgence of cases."

**Reasons behind the surge**

Many experts have attributed the possible rise in bedbug population to the spurt in travel — the insects can attach themselves unspotted in clothes and other everyday objects.

"Every late summer we see a big increase in bedbugs," said Jean-Michel Berenger, an entomologist, told the BBC. "That is because people have been mov-

ing about over July and August, and they bring them back in their luggage." He said each year, the travel-induced seasonal increase is bigger than the last one.

Also, with the Paris Fashion Week just concluded, the high influx of tourists could have brought the bugs to the city.

For two or three decades now, bedbugs have been returning in countries like the UK and France. In these countries, historically, pesticides like DDT kept bedbugs away for many decades. However, the environmental impact of such chemicals led to a decrease in their use, and the re-emergence of these insects. Consequently, the ones appearing now might be more resistant to anti-bug chemicals. ENS

**APURVA VISHWANATH**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

A SEVEN-JUDGE Bench of the Supreme Court will hear a batch of pleas challenging the Centre's use of the Money Bill route to pass key legislation. Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud made the observation while hearing a plea challenging certain amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The Bench will essentially examine whether a law was validly categorised as a Money Bill or only to circumvent scrutiny in Rajya Sabha.

**Money Bill**

Article 110 of the Constitution deals with Money Bills. A Money Bill is one that in the

opinion of the Lok Sabha Speaker deals with taxation, appropriation of public funds — the Consolidated Fund of India or the Contingency Fund of India. A Money Bill can only be introduced in Lok Sabha, and the Speaker categorising a Bill as a "Money Bill" means it need not be passed by Rajya Sabha. The Union Budget, for example, is a Money Bill.

Article 110(3) says "if any question arises whether a Bill is a Money Bill or not, the decision of the Speaker... shall be final." However, the SC in the 2018 Aadhaar case said that the Speaker's decision will be subject to judicial scrutiny.

Under Article 110(1), a Bill is deemed to be a Money Bill if it deals only with matters specified in Article 110(1)(a) to (g) — taxation, borrowing by the government and ap-

propriation of money from the Consolidated Fund of India among others. Article 110(1)(g) adds that "any matter incidental to any of the matters specified in Articles 110(1)(a)-(f)" can also be a Money Bill.

Citing this additional clause, the government has introduced several key legislation as Money Bills, bypassing Rajya Sabha. The Opposition has argued that this was done only because the government did not have the numbers to get these cleared in Rajya Sabha.

**Before the Bench**

The constitutionality of three key laws — PMLA, Aadhaar Act, and the 2017 amendments altering service conditions of Tribunals — will be examined in light of whether they qualified as Money Bills. While PMLA and

Aadhaar Act have been substantially upheld by the SC, the court had struck down the Tribunal amendments as unconstitutional.

In July 2022, a three-judge Bench comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari, and C T Ravikumar had upheld the PMLA and the vast powers of the ED. However, the Bench had left the validity of amendments to the PMLA through the Money Bill route open for a larger Constitution Bench to hear.

The Finance Acts passed in 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019 brought in crucial amendments to the PMLA. Finance Bills passed during the Budget are introduced as Money Bills under Article 110.

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**NOBEL PRIZE 2023 PEACE**

# Women, Life, Freedom: Peace Nobel for jailed Iranian woman activist

**RISHIKA SINGH**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

IRANIAN ACTIVIST Narges Mohammadi has been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize for Peace "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all", the Norwegian Nobel Committee said.

The committee referred to last year's protests in Iran following the killing of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in the custody of the country's morality police. The motto of the protests, *Zan-Zendegi-Azadi* (Woman-Life-Freedom) "suitably expresses the dedication and work of Narges Mohammadi", the committee said.

Mohammadi is currently lodged in Iran's Evin House of Detention, serving a 16-year sentence that began in 2015 over charges that include spreading propaganda against the state.

Born in 1972 in Iran, Mohammadi and her family have long been involved in political protests, beginning with the Iranian Revolution in 1979. She told *The New York Times* in June this year that childhood memories of her mother's prison visits to her brother, and seeing her mother watch announcements on TV for the names of prisoners executed each day, "set her (Mohammadi) on the path to activism".

Mohammadi studied nuclear physics in the city of Qazvin. At college, she met her future husband Taghi Rahmani, who was jailed

**AFTER SHIRIN EBADI, REMEMBERING MAHSA AMINI**



**NARGES MOHAMMADI**  
Has been arrested 13 times and is currently in prison



**ON MONDAY:**  
The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel

**IN 2022:** Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond, Philip Dybvig for significantly improving "understanding of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises".

for 14 years in Iran, and who currently lives in exile in France with the couple's two children. The committee said that as a student in

the 1990s, Mohammadi was already "distinguishing herself as an advocate for equality and women's rights". In 2003, she be-

came associated with the Defenders of Human Rights Center in Tehran, an organisation founded by Shirin Ebadi, another Iranian woman who won the Peace Nobel in 2003.

Mohammadi was first arrested in 2011. "Altogether, the regime has arrested her 13 times, convicted her five times and sentenced her to a total of 31 years in prison and 154 lashes," the Nobel Committee said.

In 2022, her book *White Torture* was published while she was briefly at home after a heart attack and surgery. It focused on solitary confinement and included interviews with other Iranian women who had experienced the punishment.

Ebadi received the Nobel Peace Prize "for her efforts for democracy and human rights".

She was one of Iran's first female judges, and defended people who were being persecuted by the regime. She too was imprisoned for her work on the rights of women and children, and now lives in London.

Last year, the Peace Prize was awarded to human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski from Belarus, the Russian human rights organisation Memorial, and the Ukrainian human rights organisation Center for Civil Liberties. The 2021 prize was awarded to the journalists Maria Ressa of the Philippines and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov of Russia "for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace".

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# Verstappen can seal hat-trick of titles in Qatar

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MAX VERSTAPPEN can win his third straight Formula One title at the Qatar Grand Prix. And he can do it on Saturday. Verstappen will secure the title if he finishes sixth or higher in the sprint race, which could leave Sunday's main Grand Prix as something of an afterthought.

Winning the title in a sprint — a 19-lap contest that F1 refuses to call a "race" — could be a little awkward for the series and for Verstappen. He has previously argued the format should be scrapped. "It's not proper racing, it's more like gambling," he said after the season's first sprint in Azerbaijan in April. "I think I will have more success in Vegas if I go to the casino. I like racing, I'm a pure racer and I think this is more for the show."

It's been a relentlessly dominant season from the Dutch driver, who has had the fastest car with Red Bull but has also left teammate Sergio Perez far behind in the standings. Perez is the last driver with a mathematical chance of catching Verstappen in the six remaining rounds of the championship, but even if Verstappen crashes out of the sprint race, Perez will need to place in the top three to keep the contest alive.

Perez paid tribute to Verstappen's achievements Thursday but said the difference in their seasons was in part because developments to the Red Bull car have not suited his own driving style. "Max has done a tremendous job. I think no credit should be taken away from this season that he has done. I think he has driven on another level compared to anyone else, and that's something that I have a lot of respect for," Perez said. "I felt like since Barcelona (the Spanish Grand Prix in June), I was starting to struggle and have some deficits with the car."

Verstappen hasn't just been fast, he's been consistent. When he won his 10th F1 race in a row at the Italian Grand Prix last month, it set a new F1 record. Red Bull has won 16 of the last 17 races going back to the end of last year.

Verstappen told a Red Bull podcast released this week that "you cannot really have off days or off weekends" in F1 and said his entire career since his debut for Toro Rosso in 2015 at the age of 17 has been a process of ironing out mistakes.

"I was very young when I joined Formula One, so naturally you're lacking a lot of experience. And because of this lack of experience, sometimes you make a few mistakes," he said. "In a way, you need to make mistakes in life also to become a better driver, a better person, and it's about how you learn from these kind of things



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and how you implement the improvements, and I think that's a continuous process. This is not something that will ever stop. It will only stop once you stop racing. In that sense, it's about being on that learning curve and trying not to make the same mistake twice."

The lengthy process to add an 11th team to F1 took a step forward Monday when the governing body, the FIA, said American team Andretti Global meets the criteria to join. That doesn't mean Michael Andretti's team will make the grid. The decision now goes to F1 commercial rights holder Liberty Media. The teams are mostly opposed to adding a new team but don't have a vote on expansion. "It's a good name to have in Formula One, obviously. But at the same time that decision doesn't really rely on us, so, let's wait and see," Perez said.

American driver Logan Sargeant is yet to score a point for Williams and doesn't have a confirmed contract for 2024, but the team has signaled it is keen to keep him.

"Logan has very clear targets for what he has to hit before the end of the season and we are working with him continuously," team principal James Vowles said in a video message last week. "We want him to succeed and we want him in the car next year."

# INTERVIEW: TABRAIZ SHAMSI 'Glad I didn't follow dream of becoming left-arm pacer'

PRATYUSH RAJ  
OCTOBER 6

GROWING UP in Johannesburg, Tabraiz Shamsi wanted to be a left-arm pacer for South Africa, idolising Wasim Akram and Chaminda Vaas. But now he is relieved to have given up on his childhood dream, and became a spinner.

"If I was still trying to achieve my dream of becoming a fast bowler, I would never have been an international cricketer. Glad I didn't follow dream of becoming left-arm pacer," Shamsi tells *The Indian Express* on the eve of South Africa's first World Cup match against Sri Lanka. "In South Africa, there is a culture of pace bowling. I have grown up watching the likes of Allan Donald, Shaun Pollock, Lance Klusener, all of those guys. Naturally, when you see those guys dominating batsmen around the world, you want to be one of them. We haven't had many left-arm fast bowlers, I wanted to become one. So, I used to try and learn from Wasim Akram and Chaminda Vaas, those were the two premier left-arm fast bowlers at that time. I used to try and copy their bowling actions as well.

"My run-up is quite long for a spinner because I wanted to be a medium pacer," he adds. Shamsi brings his bag of magic tricks with his wrist-spin, wicket celebrations and infectious energy on the ground. However, this time he has not planned any special celebration. "Nothing specifically planned. Just going to see how the game goes and whatever celebration comes out in that moment."

Former Proteas analyst Prasanna Agoram, given the moniker of P Dawgg by South African cricketers, had told this newspaper about Shamsi's obsession to perfect his technique. "I'd never point out that he's missing his length or the back foot was collapsing at 12.30 in the night. Because Shamo, you see, would then take me to the nets at 1 am!"

Shamsi bursts into laughter. "Definitely, that's how I am. I like to make sure I don't leave any doubts to myself before I go into any game. "I don't end my training session until I get satisfied with my bowling."

On Wednesday and Thursday, Shamsi bowled in tandem with Keshav Maharaj for two hours, with bowling coach Eric Simons on wicketkeeping duty. "Keshav and I, we like to work on our bowling before every match and prepare our plans for different batsmen. We just try different things to see what works and what doesn't. When you are trying something new and because we are so competitive, we want to get things right immediately. But that's not how things work, just getting in the groove — that's what the practice session is about," the wrist-spinner said.



South African spinner Shamsi is eager to hit the ground running this WC. Reuters

"Both of us like to bowl a lot. When you remove the batsman from the equation, bowling to the stumps, you can always see the rhythm, hit your areas. Once that is done, it is more analysing and the mental game."

Shamsi also made Delhi leg-spinner Vaibhav Sharma's day by picking his brain about his googlies since he was troubling most of the South African batsmen. "I always like to talk to the other leg-spinners. I went to Vaibhav after the session, and asked him about his grip when he bowls his googlies. How he is releasing the ball, I believe in learning from other people," says the 33-year-old.

### A special breed

Shamsi said leg-spinners are emotional and need backing from their captains and coaches, and an arm around their shoulders when chips are down. "You can think about many legendary cricketers of the past, who have gone through a slump of form at some point. That's nothing new. If Kuldeep was going through a rough time, or I was, that's part of the game. "It is all about being strong mentally but you need a good support structure within the team, from your captain and coach, which should give you the backing when you are going through a rough phase, knowing that this guy is a match-winner and has won you a number of games. And especially leg-spinners, we are emotional because we are artists. Leg-spin is a difficult art," he laughs.

Shamsi also spoke about the role Imran Tahir has played in his career and why him being in the side gives him comfort despite the fact that they were battling for one spot.

"He was a massive influence. You need somebody who understands you and your bowling. Immy was a great leg-spinner, he has just won the Caribbean Premier League.

"When I came into the team, Immy was the premier spinner. I have learnt so much from him about bowling. It has helped me a lot over the years. We became very close. Even though we were direct competitors, we never looked at it that way. "Even though I am a lot younger, he will still ask me what I am seeing in his bowling and how I can help him. That's a brilliant relationship I have forged and he has had a big influence in speeding up my journey of being a leg-spinner," he says. On his comparison with fellow chinaman Kuldeep Yadav, Shamsi says they are completely different bowlers. "Our bowling is different; our bodies are different. So in that sense, Kuldeep has found his way of getting success and I have found my way. Even though we both are bowling the same thing, our run-ups are different, the speed at which we bowl are different, and the way we use our variations are different. If you take fast bowlers, there are so many right-arm fast bowlers but everyone is different. I think that's pretty much the case with me and Kuldeep as well. We both have our own strengths and weaknesses," he explains.

## BRIEFLY

### Tara, Ayush move into quarters

New Delhi: Indian shuttlers Tara Shah and Ayush Shetty secured their place in the quarterfinals with straight-game wins on day four of the BWF World Junior Championships in Spokane, USA early on Friday. In the girls' singles category, Tara delivered a dominant performance and cruised to a 21-8, 21-7 win over Lucie Krulova of the Czech Republic in just 25 minutes, while Ayush defeated Jamal Rahmat Pandi of the Philippines 21-16, 21-12 in the boys' singles. In the mixed doubles category, Sathwik Reddy Kanapuram and Vaishnavi Khadkekar fought hard before going down 10-21, 20-22 to Indonesian duo of Adrian Pratama and Felisha Alberta Nathaniel Pasaributo.

### Karandeep emerges top Indian

Singapore: India's Karandeep Kochhar opened his campaign with a solid four-under 68 at the USD 2 million International Series Singapore to lie inside the Top-10 at tied eighth place here on Friday. He put him four shots behind David Puig, who has six top-15 finishes in just nine starts since he joined the Tour. He carded a bogey-free eight-under-par 64 at the Tampines Course on a hot and humid day. Chinese-Taipei's Chang Wei-lun and Thais Rattanon Wannasrichan and Ithipat Buranatanayarat returned 67s at Tanah Merah Country Club. Among other Indians, Viraj Madappa and Veer Ahlawat shot 2-under 70 each to be Tied-26th, while S Chikkarangappa and Rashid Khan were T-64 after par rounds.

### Rahane retained as Mumbai captain

Mumbai: Ajinkya Rahane was on Friday retained as captain while all-rounder Shams Mulani named his deputy as Mumbai announced a 16-member squad for the upcoming Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy. The tournament will be held at five different venues from October 16 November 6.

**Mumbai squad:** Ajinkya Rahane (c), Shams Mulani (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Sarfaraz Khan, Shivam Dube, Prasad Pawar, Hardik Tamore, Tanush Kotian, Atharva Ankoalekar, Tushar Deshpande, Dhawal Kulkarni, Mohit Awasthi, Royston Dias, Ajit Yadav, Sairaj Patil. —Press Trust of India

## CROSSWORD 5176

- ACROSS**
- 1 Striking reminder of a Lowry figure (10)
  - 8 Awfully eager to share views (5)
  - 9 No quick-growing plant? (7)
  - 10 A cheese list misplaced and not brought back (7)
  - 11 Made an application for a different desk (5)
  - 12 Fighting a lawsuit (6)
  - 14 Obstruction indicates it's my point perhaps (6)
  - 17 Outstanding feature about the King of Norway? (5)
  - 19 One could make the pepper pot mine (7)
  - 21 Great at arranging water sports (7)
  - 22 Coarse jargon used in various languages (5)
  - 23 Fabrics involved in striptease (10)
- DOWN**
- 2 A flying start for the hitchhiker (3,4)
  - 3 Used for boxing and often hit during fights (5)
  - 4 Time and place (6)
  - 5 In-law embracing divorcee? That's not quite right (7)
  - 6 It's of little worth to a Russian (5)
  - 7 Early form of rock music (6,4)
  - 8 In bar seats perhaps but they won't be drinking (10)
  - 13 Dance which all beginners should take at a time (3-4)
  - 15 A command and the ship's officer who gives it out? (7)
  - 16 Expresses a point on board (6)
  - 18 Not left straight (5)
  - 20 The hoarder of Reims (5)
- Solutions Crossword 5176 Across: 1 Appear, 4 Piffer, 9 Herb tea, 10 Oasis, 11 Relic, 12 Discard, 13 Interesting, 18 Gestapo, 20 Excel, 22 Unrig, 23 Extract, 24 Immure, 25 Hecke  
Down: 1 Ashore, 2 Pencil, 3 Article, 5 Icons, 6 Festation, 7 Reseda, 8 Candlepower, 14 Nostrum, 15 Theatre, 16 Agouti, 17 Blithe, 19 Anger, 21 Crack

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

## CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

## JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue. Do not fear. You will know failure. Continue to reach out. - Benjamin Franklin (8)

LLYAE      AEFIST  
EOSIN      ACIRKM

SOLUTION: ALLY NOISE; FISTS; KARNIC; EARTH; DO NOT FEAR MISTAKES. You will know failure. Continue to reach out.

**SUDOKU 5343**

Difficulty Level 2s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

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6	9		4					1
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**SOLUTION SUDOKU 5342**

8	7	6	9	3	4	2	1	5
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7	4	1	5	6	8	3	2	9
6	8	2	3	1	9	5	7	4
5	9	3	4	7	2	8	6	1
2	6	9	1	8	3	4	5	7
4	5	7	2	9	6	1	8	3
1	3	8	7	4	5	6	9	2

## DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
A couple of tricky aspects should make this an important period and as you look back, you will see how even chance events were to have a very deep significance. It follows that careful planning is necessary, but you should also be open to spontaneous invitations.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
This is no time to go over old ground. Rather you should be building for the future. Go for serious pleasures and cultural pursuits if you can and, romantically, make commitment your goal, even if socially you're becoming something of a butterfly.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
The world is polarised between two completely opposing forces, and you're in the middle. If there is any way out of a current dilemma, you may be best advised not to take it. By that, I mean that you may do very well indeed if you stick around and face up to even impossible challenges.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
Partners or close associates may very soon be more than a little surprised by a change in your attitudes or lifestyle. The next few days ought to be enlightening and you should allow yourself to be as spontaneous as possible. Keep your diary open.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
You're still in an energetic phase, but I think you should accord a higher priority to communication rather than action. It's not facts which are important, though; rather it's the inner meaning which needs to be understood. If you get a grip on the big picture then everything else should fall into place.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
There are a couple of extremely difficult aspects, but their relationship to your sign seems to be rather incidental. It's therefore likely that you'll dodge any flying missiles and have a pleasant time. Oh, and family contacts should be strengthened and treasured.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
You can't always control other people's reactions, but certain individuals still need to realise that you shouldn't be needed, undermined or exploited. You may have to buy yourself out of a problem and spend your way to happiness. In any event, a generous gesture would not go amiss.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
Financial matters need to be handled with care, but you can probably afford to put certain obligations to one side. What's more important today is the quality of your social contacts and, if a short journey is necessary, don't delay. One friend who understands you is worth more than a thousand casual acquaintances.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
New and exciting planetary aspects are added to what we know already, making it certain that you're now about to hit the stratosphere. You may still be on the launch pad, but you've plenty of time, so don't worry that you're about to be left behind.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
Once in a while the planetary aspects assume magical proportions. Today is one such moment. Even if life is rather tranquil, take a little time to meditate on what could be. The point is that you have to establish exactly what you should be doing.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
If you take your mind back to what occurred about six months ago, you will see that there are strange connections with what is happening now. You may therefore be in a fine position to learn from your mistakes, which must surely be a bonus.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
You should be aware that it is possible to get your own way without saying what you want. The nice thing about the present time is that you may need to do no more than send out the right telepathic signals. Give it a try. And if it doesn't work, adopt a different approach.





**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Bangladesh vs Afghanistan, 10:30am  
South Africa vs Sri Lanka, 2pm  
Live on Star Sports network

**SHORT TAKES**

**Shubman not ruled out of first match: Dravid**

India's head coach Rahul Dravid hasn't ruled out Shubman Gill, who is down with dengue, from their opening match against Australia at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Sunday. Gill, who travelled with the Indian team to Chennai on Tuesday, is recovering at the team hotel and hasn't taken part in their training sessions over the past three days. In case the opener doesn't recover in time, it is understood that India will pair Ishan Kishan at the top with skipper Rohit Sharma. "He's certainly feeling better today than he was yesterday so that's a positive. But the medical team is monitoring him on a day to day basis, so we'll see. I mean certainly the medical team haven't ruled him out as yet. But so we'll keep monitoring him on a day to day basis. We've got 36 hours so yeah we'll obviously wait to take a decision at the last minute if we possibly can. We'll see how he feels day after tomorrow (Sunday)," Dravid said. However, with just one more day to go for the fixture and the conditions in Chennai being on the hotter side, it remains to be seen if India will risk playing Gill, especially when they have an in-form Kishan in the mix. While KL Rahul can also bat at the top, which in turn will open up a space for Suryakumar Yadav to bat in the middle-order, such a rejig for one game could pose issues going forward. In that context, opening with Ishan would make it easy when Gill regains full fitness.

**VENKATA KRISHNA B**



**Theekshana to miss Lanka's opener vs SA**

Sri Lankan coach Chris Silverwood has ruled out off-spinner Maheesh Theekshana from their tournament opener against South Africa. "At the moment, Maheesh Theekshana is still recovering from a hamstring injury and he won't be available for this game. But we expect him to be available very soon," he said. The Sri Lankan coach said that the pitch at the Arun Jaitley Stadium is looking good and he is expecting a high-scoring match. "I expect this to be a very good pitch. I was speaking to Mahela (Jayawardene), who has got good knowledge of the wickets around here. The track looks good one," he said.

**ENS**

**Smith backs 'born-again' Labuschagne to fire**

Australia's Steve Smith believes team mate Marnus Labuschagne has regained his 50-overs batting rhythm just in time for the World Cup and expects the 29-year-old to nail down his place in the top-four. Labuschagne was left out of Australia's provisional squad but struck rich form in South Africa and India to force his way into the 15-member squad. Coach Andrew McDonald has said the batter has returned as a different player in the ODI setup but batting mainstay Smith said he never doubted Labuschagne's class. "I wouldn't say he's a different player. I think we all know he's a class player. He's a very good cricketer, he's got a smart cricket brain on him," Smith told reporters on Friday.

**REUTERS**

# Rauf & tough day for the Dutch

Fast bowler hits his straps with a mean spell to scalp 3 for 43; Pakistan win their opening game by 81 runs

**SANDIP G**  
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 6

THE EYES of Babar Azam wandered to the fine-leg fence. His gaze met that of Haris Rauf, fidgeting in his distant outpost, stretching his legs and straining his necks to signal that he is half a gesture from another spell. He seemed even more restless, even more eager to feel the leather on his palms, because he has not quite been the Rauf — HR150 as he scribbles in autographs — the world has whispered in awe and dread.

For much of the last month, he had bowled like an out-of-tune sitar, notes jarring from his fingers. In the warm-up against Australia, he bled 97 runs; against New Zealand, his four overs leaked 36 runs. In the Asia Cup, he was sporadically incisive; in the New Zealand series, he conceded six per over thrice in seven games. But it often takes just a spell to regain paradise.

So with the Netherlands at 108 for two, the match drifting away a trifle, Babar reckoned it was the ripest time to summon his middle-over enforcer. His first three overs were effective without being spectacular. He was bowling with pace, but not with the fire. And then he bounded in, howling like the wind on a windless evening. He played the usual riffs — back of length, back of length, length, full length. Then came the lifter. Bas de Leede, batting on 36, was caught unawares. He wafted the thin air almost as it hustled into the gloves of Rizwan.

Suddenly you feel the menace, the dread and agony, the sniff of doom. Rauf pounded the shorter length again. This time the ball flew faster, though De Leede somehow managed a top-edge. This was pure nastiness; Rauf uncensored; Rauf unplugged. Suddenly, the smooth-sailing Dutch ship felt like being tossed in a violent sea. The well-set Vikramjit Singh slogged sheepishly to gift the wicket to left-arm spinner Mohammed Nawaz. The wicket probably owed to the fear Rauf had induced. Two overs, Rauf became fear itself.

He was suddenly in the middle of a dream spell. The rhyme and rhythm, the snap and bite had all returned. In a spell that was a savage theatre of high-class, high-art pace bowling, he cut the Dutch resistance into ribbons. In three balls, he winkled out captain Scott Edwards and Teja Nidamanuru. He could have grabbed a third but for the greasy palms of Iftikhar Ahmed at first slip to retrieve Saqib Zulfiqar.

It was so physically exacting a spell that Rauf would slip in the sheer intensity of his landing, kicking up grey plumes of brown dust. Rauf is a fast-bowling spectacle, as he explodes off a meandering run-up, before pivoting his



Pakistan pacer Haris Rauf after bowling out Netherlands' Paul van Meekeren.

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shoulders and vigorously flexing his low back in his release. The ball thunder-bolted off the surface, seemingly gathering pace as it burst off the surface and screamed into the batsmen, who seemed like a fugitive trying to fend off an entire firing squad with the bat.

The game had an entirely different feeling to it once Rauf came for the second spell. At that speed, cricket is a game played right out on the limits. And he made Pakistan's bowling unit looks untamable, even invincible. Later De Leede would admit: "Everything had to be quicker when pasing him." The judgement, the execution, the feet and the mind.

It was a brutal vindication of the explosiveness of Pakistan's quicks. It is heinous to ever doubt the quality of Pakistan's bowlers, but doubts lingered. Their most consistent one Naseem Shah, he of that divine action, was ruled out of the tournament, much like Waqar Younis was before the 1992 World Cup. There undoubtedly is Shaheen Shah Afridi, but one bowler alone cannot define a World Cup. He

needed the support cast. He needed Rauf to rediscover his hostility; he required Hasan Ali to make a fuss-free comeback after not playing ODIs for 14 months; he required the spinners to chime in, the part-timer to chip in. All the requirements were met.

Hasan bowled with cunning and smart, produced swing with the new ball and seam movement with the old ball, though never hitting frightening pace. But his bouncers are slippery, as Max O'Dowd realised. His nip-backers are nipper than you think. Allied with discipline, he could be a dangerous proposition, and that is even without him digging into his full kit of variations. Afridi himself settled into a delightful rhythm, and towards the end, purchased reverse swing, that one ingredient that makes a deadly attack deadlier. The two new balls had made it a difficult task, but with the help of a slightly abraded surface, Afridi reverse-swing, the ball hooping devilishly late into the batsmen's toes

The spinners — Shadab Khan and Mohammad Nawaz — too had drawn flak of late for their elusive thriftiness. The logic of fielding two primarily defensive bowlers was questioned too. But both re-emphasised their utility, first with the bat in a valuable 64-run partnership when Pakistan was tottering at 188 for six. Khan would occasionally err in lengths and feed short balls, but there were clear signs that he is getting back to his thrifty best. Equally heartening would have been the sight of Iftikhar Ahmed picking a wicket off the first ball. Useful spells from part-timers could be decisive as the overlong tournament drags on.

But both the foundation and hope would be founded on the speedsters of Pakistan. And on Friday, it was Rauf's turn to be the demolisher. Fittingly, he wrapped up the demolition act by blasting the leg-stump of the Netherlands last batsman, Paul van Meekeren. Rauf blew a kiss at him. The kiss of death. And that's what full inspired Pakistan speed demons do.

**SCOREBOARD**

**PAKISTAN vs NETHERLANDS**

RAJIV GANDHI STADIUM, HYDERABAD  
Toss: Netherlands elect to field

**PAKISTAN**

F Zaman	c & b van Beek	12	(15b, 3x4)
Imam-ul-Haq	c Dutt b Meekeren	15	(19b, 2x4)
B Azam (c)	c S Zulfiqar b Ackermann	5	(18b)
M Rizwan	† b de Leede	68	(75b, 8x4)
S Shakeel	c S Zulfiqar b Dutt	68	(52b, 9x4, 1x6)
I Ahmed	c † Edwards b de Leede	9	(11b, 1x4)
M Nawaz	run out	39	(43b, 4x4)
S Khan	b de Leede	32	(34b, 2x4, 1x6)
Hasan Ali	lbw b de Leede	0	(1b)
S Shah Afridi	not out	13	(12b, 2x4)
H Rauf	st Edwards b Ackermann	16	(14b, 2x4)
Extras (nb 1, w 8)		9	
Total 49 Ov (RR: 5.83)		286	
FoW: 1-15 (Fakhar Zaman, 3.4 ov), 2-34 (Babar Azam, 8.3 ov), 3-38 (Imam-ul-Haq, 9.1 ov), 4-158 (Saud Shakeel, 26.1 ov), 5-182 (Mohammad Rizwan, 31.3 ov), 6-188 (Iftikhar Ahmed, 31.6 ov), 7-252 (Shadab Khan, 43.4 ov), 8-252 (Hasan Ali, 43.5 ov), 9-267 (Mohammad Nawaz, 46.2 ov), 10-286 (Haris Rauf, 48.6 ov)			
DRS			
Bowling: Aryan Dutt 10-0-48-1, Logan van Beek 6-0-30-1, Colin Ackermann 8-1-39-2, Paul van Meekeren 6-0-40-1, Bas de Leede 9-0-62-4, Roelof van der Merwe 6-0-36-0, Vikramjit Singh 2-0-16-0, Saqib Zulfiqar 2-0-15-0			

**NETHERLANDS**

V Singh	c F Zaman b S Khan	52	(67b, 1x4, 1x6)
Max O'Dowd	c S Shah Afridi b H Ali	5	(12b, 1x4)
Colin Ackermann	b I Ahmed	17	(21b, 3x4)
B de Leede	b M Nawaz	67	(68b, 6x4, 2x6)
T Nidamanuru	c F Zaman b H Rauf	5	(9b, 10x4)
Scott Edwards	lbw b H Rauf	0	(2b)
S Zulfiqar	lbw b S Shah Afridi	10	(18b, 1x6)
Roelof van der Merwe	run out	4	(7b)
Logan van Beek	not out	28	(28b, 3x4, 1x6)
Aryan Dutt	b Hasan Ali	1	(2b)
Paul van Meekeren	b Haris Rauf	7	(12b, 1x4)
Extras (w 9)		9	
Total 41 Ov (RR: 5.00)		205	
FoW: 1-28 (Max O'Dowd, 5.5 ov), 2-50 (Colin Ackermann, 11.1 ov), 3-120 (Vikramjit Singh, 23.5 ov), 4-133 (Teja Nidamanuru, 26.2 ov), 5-133 (Scott Edwards, 26.4 ov), 6-158 (Saqib Zulfiqar, 32.1 ov), 7-164 (Bas de Leede, 33.2 ov), 8-176 (Roelof van der Merwe, 35.6 ov), 9-184 (Aryan Dutt, 37.1 ov), 10-205 (Paul van Meekeren, 40.6 ov)			
Bowling: Shaheen Shah Afridi 7-0-37-1, Hasan Ali 7-1-33-2, Rauf 9-0-43-3, Iftikhar Ahmed 3-0-16-1, M Nawaz 7-0-31-1, S Khan 8-0-45-1			

# In Hyderabad, a dash of orange and a splash of support for Babar

**SANDIP G**  
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 6

IN THE sweltering forenoon heat, a Dutchman and his Indian wife would become instant celebrities. Wolmar Welterop and Pragma were searching for their entry gate, when a bunch of curious teenagers swarmed them, much to their amusement. "I have never experienced something like this before," says Wolmar, in a semi-shocked and semi-puzzled state. In a blur, they were selfied and photographed, before a gaggle of local broadcast journalists barged, walking along with them.

Little did Wolmar, who works as a company consultant in Dubai, know that an all-orange costume (barring the white shirt) would garner eyeballs in a city that loves its colours. The skinny-fit trousers and the wide-brimmed hat were all orange-splashed. As was the rim of his overlarge spectacles. His wife was more soberly-attired but with an orange bandana and an orange plastic garland. "I never thought my first experience of watching a cricket match would be this

eventful, and we have not entered the stadium," he says.

Neither are cricket tragics or even sports freaks. Wolmar says he does not even watch Dutch football. "But when I heard that the Netherlands are playing in India and our friend, who works in ICC offered us tickets, we thought 'why not?' and packed our bags. We always wanted to spend some time in the country. I have been Wikipedia-ing about both the sport and the country in the last few days," he says, as their friend suddenly appears and pulls them from before a larger crowd notices them.

Orange was perhaps the most ubiquitous shade in the stadium, but not necessarily in a show of allegiance to the Dutch team. Many came wearing the orange and brown shirts of local IPL franchise Sunrisers Hyderabad. Most of the plastic seats were either red or orange, blending effortlessly with the orange-soda orange of the Dutch shirt. There was a large brownish orange flag, with words Dazzling Dutch embossed on it, one of the hired cheerleaders waved. There was one for Pakistan too — Pakistan is Shaan.

It took little time for the Dutch to become



A fan holds a placard in support of Pakistan's captain Babar Azam.

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the crowd favourites. The afternoon had begun with the audience cheering for Pakistan. Every time they struck a boundary, a ripple of applause fizzed in the arena, still half empty. There was an understandable frenzy around Babar Azam, a contemporary batting mogul.

A girl had painted a Pakistan flag on her face and "Babar" written underneath it. A youngster was prancing in the stands holding aloft a collage of Babar's picture, yelling at the top of his voice behind Pakistan's dug out to draw his attention. A fleeting gaze from Babar was enough for him to leap in joy, though his joy was cut short by a stiff-mustachioed policeman, ordering him to curb his enthusiasm.

The Pakistan captain could not light up the crowd, as he was uncharacteristically jumpy, struggling for timing, straining to judge the length, going for false shots. The crowd would gasp and clap their hands in dismay. But suddenly, when he mistimed a pull off Colin Ackermann and perished, to the muttering disgust of the crowd, they suddenly began to cheer for the Dutch.

A particular crowd favorite turned out to be Bas de Leede, the medium pacer who grabbed four wickets and produced a peach to nail Mohammed Rizwan. The latter was bowled, looking to flick it, across the stumps, only for the ball to tail back sharply. There were three Indian-origin players in the side — Aryan Dutt, Vikramjeet Singh and Teja Nidamanuru, who was born in Vijayawada,

a city six hours from Hyderabad — but they showered affection more on one of the only two Dutchmen in the team. His long, blonde hair flapping in the run-up, the spectators would begin to clap when he began, the palm-orchestrated background score exaggerating his menace.

But when Pakistan began to implode, at one stage 188 for six, support returned for them. And vice versa when the Dutch began to lose wickets: "We always support the team in trouble," explains Vikram, a software engineer, who wanted to experience watching a non-India game. "I wanted to get that neutral feel. Perhaps I could appreciate Babar and Afridi and Rauf more objectively. I came predominantly to watch Pakistan cricketers. But in the end, I liked some of the Dutchmen too. They showed a lot of character and courage," he added.

The names that were unfamiliar till the game started would be rolling off more smoothly from their tongues by the time they emptied out of the stadium. And perhaps Wolmar would have familiarised himself with the game that is a subcontinental obsession too.

**A BOOSTER SHOT**

# World Cup caravan breathes new life into tourist town Dharamsala

**RAHUL PANDEY**  
DHARAMSALA, OCTOBER 6

NOT TOO far from the second entrance of the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium (HPCA), one can spot a colossal deep blue-and-pink-coloured hoarding with the logo of the 2023 ODI World Cup.

"It takes one day," reads the text beside the gold and silver trophy. It's an apt phrase for the mood around Dharamsala and the state of Himachal Pradesh. The sight of logistics equipment being unloaded from carriers by few of the hundreds of workers stationed at the venue has an uplifting effect on the locals.

Not that long ago, torrential rain in the state had cut its golden lifeline, tourism. Even though Dharamsala wasn't as badly impacted as some of the other regions in the state, videos in social media showing miles of road blockages, bridges collapsing, landslides from elsewhere hardly helped. One Day (cricket) has breathed new life into the picturesque city.

Gurpreet Singh, owner of M/S Harbans Singh Harbhajan Singh, a 30-year-old distribution firm, is expecting a threefold increase in business from what it was in the last two months. "There's the wedding and festive season up ahead and cricket has come as a boon for us. It's a pivotal moment for the economics of Dharamsala," he tells The Indian Express.

Singh is a long-time partner with the hotel hosting the World Cup teams in the city, which has led to an exponential increase in his supply network this week.

"In the Dharamsala region, our supply is 4-5 tonnes of rations/week, which is what we've supplied to the hotel this week. We're expecting the demand to grow even more in the coming month."

Among the rations supplied for the players are products that aren't usually in demand here; such as lactose-free milk, which has been asked for the long stay of the New Zealand team, who play two games in Dharamsala. "Lactose-free milk is usually bought once in two-three months. Last three



Gurpreet Singh, who runs a distribution firm, is expecting a threefold increase in business.

days, we've given them 5-6 petis, ie 160 pieces of 250ml each," Singh shares.

The World Cup caravan coming to a city spanning 27.6 square km bodes well for the nearby towns as well. Singh shares a fascinat-

ing insight about Chamunda Devi, in the Dharamsala tehsil. "Whenever HPCA hosts matches, the police force which comes from around Himachal Pradesh is stationed somewhere around Chamunda Devi. Usually, during IPL matches - which are one or two every year - that place doesn't see that much influx. But the 4,000-5,000 police/security forces that'll be stationed during the World Cup are going to benefit everyone. Even the dhabas are expecting profits and calling for higher stocks. The tournament will not just be profitable for big businesses but also small-scale ones."

**Boon from above**

Rajesh Guleri - owner of Karan Fast Food corner - says: "Ye matches jo hai wo maalik ka vardaana hai, (These matches are God's blessing on the region)."

Less than a six-minute walk away from the HPCA, his Maggi and momos are savoured by students who study at the university and school nearby. Cricket in Dharamsala has added to the customers.

"I'm able to talk to you right now but during the games, I can only utter 'Yes, Okay, Thank you'," says Guleri about his business on IPL match days. Five games of the World Cup have him even more optimistic and excited.

"You only need to wait till tomorrow. People come to the stadium even when there are no matches, buy tickets just to see the stadium from inside. The public will definitely come now. My daily clientele is upwards of 150. These five games, I'm projecting at least 800 a day."

What about the India match day? "Us din toh hum hi nahi dikhenge apko! (Even I won't be visible that day with all the crowd around)," says Guleri with a smile on his face.

Less than a km away from his food cart is Conifer, the three-star hotel nearest to the cricket stadium. For those visiting, there's no point in trying for bookings. "We got all booked up inside a week of the final schedule being announced," says owner Saurav Thakur. The World Cup reminds Thakur of the last time Dharamsala was slated to host

an international game, an India-Australia Test match earlier this year, before it was moved to Indore. "Some 20 Australians who'd already booked their visit stayed in Dharamsala for 10 days and watched the third Test on our fourth floor terrace gardens with their beers," he recalls with a chuckle.

When asked if he's stocked the beer in advance ahead of the marquee tournament, a bigger laugh follows. "The supply was already in stock. Pichhle do mahine se toh stock hi hua wo, (we haven't used any of it for the last two months)."

For his own reasons, which are tough to understand, cab driver Suresh Kumar is also happy despite admitting that it'll be harder to drive his sedan on the mountain roads of Dharamsala in the coming month. Kumar, who's usually stationed at the airport, shares the dejection of fewer tourists coming to Dharamsala since July. "The airport is 15 kms away from the city. In the last two months, if we got a ride for the town, we wouldn't bother driving back. Now we have a reason to.



# Back to the good Gold days

Indian men's hockey team wins Asian Games title, books Paris 2024 berth with 5-1 thrashing of Japan



MIHIR VASAVDA  
HANGZHOU, OCTOBER 6

HARMANPREET SINGH went down on his knees, kissed the turf and pounded his chest. A heavily-strapped Mandeep Singh danced on one leg. Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, India's flag-bearer for the closing ceremony, walked around calmly; not indulging in any over-the-top celebrations.

He was among the first of many Indians to embrace Japanese goalkeeper Takumi Kitagawa, who wept inconsolably after the last edition's gold medalists could not defend their Asian Games title.

It's a feeling Indian players are far too familiar with. But this was a rare evening where there were no jitters before the ultimate jubilation. No choking, just a job professionally executed with clockwork precision. A rare evening when India delivered on its expectations.



Harmanpreet Singh (second from left), who scored two goals in the final, celebrates with teammates on Friday. PTI

## NUMBER PLATE

68

India scored a total of 68 goals across seven matches, including four separate outings in which they scored 10+ goals.

This was their gold for the taking. A 5-1 humbling of 2018 champions Japan ensured India's return to the top of the Asian Games podium after nine years. But if Incheon 2014 was India's first big step towards resurgence, Hangzhou 2022 – or 2023 – is a statement performance.

India played seven, won seven, scored 68 goals and conceded nine. They hammered Pakistan 10-2, were pushed to the limit by South Korea but still emerged victorious by a comprehensive 5-2 margin and gave Japan no hope of winning two times they played.

This is a golden coronation that comes with more expectations and heightened ambitions. The kind of show that will give rise to the hope that the colour of the medal India won in Tokyo will be upgraded in Paris, given that the gold medal also sealed the Olympic spot.

And the chatter of a medal better than bronze might not necessarily be a bad thing. For it only underpins the rising stature of the Harmanpreet-led side in world hockey. More

so, because of the quick turnaround of fortunes after this year's World Cup debacle.

In January, India looked lost and listless. They were without a coach and bereft of self-belief. An Asian Games gold medal looks taken for granted now. But back then, when the team finished lower than South Korea, the path to the podium in Hangzhou looked hazy.

But then came Craig Fulton. A plumber earlier in life, the South African has taken it upon himself to plug India's leaky defence – the cause of many a downfall. While that might still be a work in progress, he's achieved a lot more in a short span – as the flush of goals suggests. Reluctant to try out new things, Indian players seem to have embraced Fulton's philosophies and strategies even though they are, at times, at odds with their first instincts.

Through the Asian Games – and going back to the Asian Champions Trophy – the players have shown the ability to switch tactics midway in a match, defend leads and make comebacks, and be calm enough to move the ball around and find a gap in the defence rather than forcing their way forward. They even get yelled at by Fulton on the pitch and don't seem to mind – as Harmanpreet experienced when he got a dose after venturing on a solo trip against South Korea, lost the ball that led to a counter, with the defender out of his position.

The half-court press also seems to be giving India's forwards space to use their skills better. Ardiik Singh continues his incredible rise within the team, emerging as the biggest creative spark in the midfield; Mandeep is revelling in a slightly different role as an assist-provider inside the box rather than an out-and-out scorer; Abhishek is turning into a poacher India has yearned for; Lalit Upadhyay has found his scoring touch while Manpreet Singh is enjoying a second wind after a difficult few months.

But this wasn't a win based on pure tactical tweaking. India won the title because they, for the first time, openly addressed a deeper issue that was for decades considered taboo in a team of macho individuals. There was an acknowledgement that the players first needed to conquer demons in their heads before they conquered opponents on the field.

And so, Fulton convinced mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton to join his set-up. Fulton had tried to get Upton on board twice before – when he was the coach of Ireland and an assistant with Belgium.

But Upton, who was attached with MS Dhoni's 2011 World Cup-winning side, was baited by Fulton on the pitch and with India's hockey team and he hopped on. Upton has been a towering presence in the dugout. Not saying much but only watching.

Then, in the individual sessions, all the

INDIA 5	JAPAN 1
Manpreet 25'	Tanaka 51'
Harmanpreet 32' 59'	
Rohidas 36'	
Abhishek 48'	

notes he made in a small diary came up for discussion. In their final push for the Asian Games, when the team assembled in Bengaluru in late August, Upton's inputs were as crucial as Fulton's. One understanding players' psyche. The other, adding a layer to the playing style.

"We can perform under pressure," Fulton said, something not many coaches in the past have dared to claim about Indian hockey. "It's been a massive squad effort, all the staff has put in a huge shift."

The Asian Games gold, seen in the bigger picture, is in continuation of India's upward march barring the blip that the World Cup was. It's the first time since 1982 India are holding the Asian Games medal and an Olympic medal together.

"At the last Olympics we did a great job, then the Asian Championships, now the Asian Games," Sreejesh said. "Our journey is going in the right direction; we need to keep on continuing it."

## 100-PLUS: A MEMORABLE CENTURY

### THE 95 MEDALS IN THE BAG FOR INDIA BY THE END OF FRIDAY WILL BECOME 100+ BY SATURDAY

India's best medal tally before Hangzhou was five years ago at Jakarta and Palembang – 70. India has already recorded the best-ever gold medal haul with 22. The previous best was 16 at the 2018 edition.

ATHLETICS: 29	SHOOTING: 22
G: 6	G: 7
S: 14	S: 9
B: 9	B: 6
ARCHERY: 5*	SQUASH: 5
G: 3	G: 2
S: 1	S: 1
B: 1	B: 2
EQUESTRIAN: 2	TENNIS: 2
G: 1	G: 1
B: 1	S: 1
BADMINTON: 2*	ROWING: 5
S: 1	S: 2
B: 1	B: 3
BOXING: 5	SAILING: 3
S: 1	S: 1
B: 4	B: 2
HOCKEY: 1 GOLD	BRIDGE: 1 SILVER
CRICKET: 1*	GOLF: 1
WUSHU: 1	CANOE: 1
ROLLER SKATING: 2	SEPAK TAKRAW: 1
TABLE TENNIS: 1	WRESTLING: 2

\*\*\* The medals that are already confirmed but yet to register on India's tally are from archery (3 guaranteed), kabaddi (2 guaranteed), badminton (1 more guaranteed), and cricket (1 more guaranteed). At this stage, India are going to finish with at least 102 medals.

Track & field with 29 medals raked in the most but shooting (22) had one more gold with 7. India medalled in 18 disciplines, including the first medals in rollerskating since 2010, the first equestrian dressage team gold, and first medals since 1982 in badminton (men's singles and men's doubles).

## Out-of-touch Bajrang battered and broken

MIHIR VASAVDA  
HANGZHOU, OCTOBER 6

THE JOG from the tunnel to the mat was the only time Bajrang Punia was standing on his feet. The rest of the time, he lay flat on his back. Wreathing in pain. Hurt and humiliated.

You didn't really have to look at the mat to see Bajrang struggling. His pain could be heard even from a distance. The nervous tapping of the foot against Bahrain's Alibeg Saigdigusein Alibegov; the yelp when Iran's Rahman Amouzadkhalili twisted his arm; the thud when he was lifted in the air and slammed on the mat; the huffing as he stormed into the changing room after his comeback ended in embarrassment.

And if one did look at the mat, everything would have been magnified. The anxiety on his face, the pursing of his lips, the dread on his face, the despair, and the redness in his eyes due to anger and embarrassment.

Bajrang came to the Asian Games hoping to defend the gold he won in Jakarta five years ago. He will leave empty-handed, fighting to keep his dignity intact.

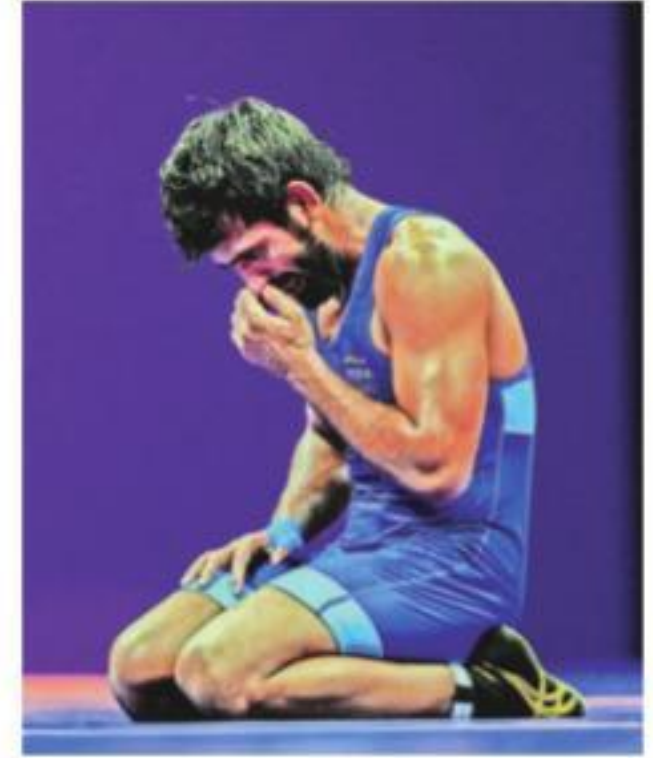
This was a poor replica of the wrestler nicknamed 'The Tank' for his brute force and unending energy. He suffered the kind of thrashing that can raise question marks over careers, put into doubt futures, and stoke debates over their selection. To summarise his Asian Games misadventure, Bajrang fought four bouts on Friday. He won two – against Ronil Tubog of the Philippines and Alibegov. It paved his entry into the semifinals, where Iran's Amouzadkhalili humiliated him with a *dhobi pachad* that echoed inside the near-empty arena.

Then, in the repechage match for the bronze medal, Japan's Kaiki Yamaguchi gave him no chance, beating the Indian by a margin of 10 points.

Bajrang buried his head in his hands while he was flat on his stomach with Yamaguchi lording over him. Once the referee put him out of his misery, the Indian stormed into the changing room ripping off the strapping on his right arm. This is alien territory for one of India's most successful wrestlers. He is a four-time World Championship medalist, a Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist and a former Asian Champion.

On Friday, however, he looked like a man who was once a great wrestler. His speed, which made him such a thrill to watch, was nullified. His strength, which gave him the power to defend the slimmest of leads, relinquished. Movements slow, tactics deserted.

If one analyses rationally, strips off the emotion, this outcome should hardly be a surprise.



Bajrang Punia lost to Japan's Kaiki Yamaguchi in the bronze medal bout. PTI

This was, after all, his first competition – domestic or international – in nearly 13 months. And while his competitors did not miss a single training session, Bajrang, who has been one of the faces of the protest against former Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, returned to the mat only in the second half of June.

The rest of the year, the major part of it at least, was spent on the streets of Delhi, demanding the arrest of Brij Bhushan, who has been accused of sexual harassment by women wrestlers.

The months-long protest, the irregular sleep cycle and dietary compromises all took a toll on his body. When he eventually returned to training, Bajrang – who competes in the 65kg weight class – realised he had touched 75kg.

Bajrang's struggles looked even more heightened because of the performance of wrestlers touted to lead the next generation.

Aman Sehrawat, who competes in the 57kg weight class – same as Olympic silver medalist Ravi Dahiya – won a bronze medal. He staged a remarkable recovery in his second bout to come back from an 1-8 deficit to win by 10 points.

He trailed again in the semifinals, and even though he tried, another comeback was out of his reach. Eventually, he settled for a bronze – his first in the Asian Games.

Women wrestlers Sonam Malik and Kiran too finished on the podium, winning bronze medals in their maiden Asian appearance. The smiling faces of the three medalists will provide some relief – even though momentary – to the sport battered by controversies.

For Bajrang, though, the comeback was out of reach.

## Shuttle's dynamic duo a win away from glory

SHIVANI NAIK  
OCTOBER 6

THE RISE of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty has been badminton's equivalent of India launching its first-ever sounding rocket, that quantum jump for launch vehicles 60 years ago. This tale of the two towering shuttlers has all the trial-and-error processes, all the amateurish figuring out of what works and what doesn't, and all the professional expertise from different countries pieced together to finally construct an indigenous marvel.

On Saturday, Satwik-Chirag play the biggest final yet of their careers – the Asian Games summit clash, and several eyes will be glued to TV sets and mobile screens to watch if their golden dream is realised. They reached there beating the Malaysia duo of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik 21-17, 21-12.

The World No. 1 chart-topping eventuality will follow in next Tuesday's rankings, but the eminently watchable doubles pair would want to win a title, a gold medal at Asia's biggest Games, to stamp their supremacy rather than a mere totalling of five digit points. Chirag was 2, and Satwik just born when the Leander Paes-Mahesh Bhupathi wave swept through to exhilarate Indians in a different racket sport. The Asian gold can do the same for badminton. India doesn't have a tradition of world-beaters in doubles badminton, though Jwala Gutta-Ashwini Ponappa did win a



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (L) and Chirag Shetty are in the Asian Games final. PTI

Worlds bronze in 2011. Indian badminton's biggest newsmakers for a long time have been two ladies in singles, and men's badminton needed a Thomas Cup in 2022 to get noticed, the unassuming pairing a step behind the stars in singles.

Satwik comes from Amalapuram in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, Chirag from Mumbai's western suburb of Malad, and it was Malaysian coach Tan Kim Her who brought them together. Danish doubles great Mathias Boe brought his always-ticking strategising brain and thorough sporting passion to the mix, to turn the tall duo into world-class

shuttlers. Their physios and trainers are dealing with a first generation of ravaging injuries and aches, typical to the doubles power-speed game, and still learning several recovery and strengthening hacks along the way.

They run into pedigreed Koreans in the finals, and India's first men to make the Asian final are up against a compulsive history-making nation. Opponent Choi Sol-gyu won the world juniors coming through a doubles system that has thrown up champions for more than 70 years. Kim Won-ho's mother is Gil Young-ah, the 1996 Atlanta Olympics mixed doubles gold medalist, and the first Korean

woman to be head coach of a professional team. When Kim tells the media after his semis, "Now we have one last game left. I want to win the gold medal no matter what," he speaks bolstered by a legacy of winning that runs through their blood.

Another Korean pairing beat Satwik-Chirag in the team event, and though unseeded, Choi-Kim will have the entire might of an assembly-line system that scythed through rankings to win the World Championship title last month.

What the Koreans might run into is dizzying ambition and dazzling capability in power-packed badminton, the fierce pride in trendsetting that the two Indians treasure and an unbridled style of attacking play that is the envy of most doubles staples. Satwik-Chirag were on an unstoppable smashathon when they won the Korea Open earlier in the year, raining down power hits and making retrieving impossible for opponents. The two have the world's two fastest smashes, measured at a shuttle laboratory, and in matchplay.

They won Indonesia, Korea and the Asian Championships, playing different styles. When they thumped Aaron-Soh, the former world champions in Friday's semis, it was all geometric incisions with angles and placement in gaps, exploring the empty right flank of the Malaysians. Satwik's defence was compact in the front, and Chirag stomped with laser-beam precision thwacks from the back-court – they usually play in reverse positions.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE | INDIA WATCH FOR DAY 14

### BADMINTON: CHIRAG-SATWIK SEEK HISTORY

In the history of the Asian Games, no Indian (singles / pair / team) has won a gold medal in badminton. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are one win away from changing that, after their sensational performance on Friday. APPROX. 12.10PM ONWARDS

**WRESTLING** (Preliminaries to medal rounds): Yash (Men's Freestyle 74kg), Deepak Punia (Men's Freestyle 86kg), Vicky (Men's Freestyle 97kg), Sumit (Men's Freestyle 125kg). 7.10AM ONWARDS

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL** Classification India vs Hong Kong 8AM ONWARDS

**ARCHERY: COMPOUND CLIMAX** India's compound archers are in line for a clean sweep. Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Ojas Deotale have already won two gold medals, and could make it three on Saturday. Ojas takes on Abhishek Verma in an all-Indian final guaranteed to bring gold. Aditi Swami could also add to the tally with bronze. 6.10AM ONWARDS

**KABADDI: 2018 REDEMPTION?** One of the shocks of 2018 was neither



Indian women nor men winning gold in kabaddi, but both have now made it to the final in 2023. Women take on Chinese Taipei while the men have a grudge match coming up against Iran. WOMEN'S FINAL: 7AM MEN'S FINAL: 12.30PM

### CRICKET

**NO INDIA-PAKISTAN** For some reason, an India-Pakistan Asian final refuses to materialise in 2023. Rituraj Gaikwad and Co will take on Afghanistan for gold. 11.30AM



### HOCKEY

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY BRONZE MEDAL MATCH** Harmanpreet Singh and Co finished top of the podium but that is not a possibility for Savita Punia's team after their semifinal heartbreak. Instead, they have to pick themselves up for a bronze medal match against Japan. 1.30PM