



## Central Government's NITI Aayog Reports "40 Lakh People Rise Above Poverty Line in Chhattisgarh"

The Transformation Didn't Happen Overnight  
It's a Testament of Dedication, Service and Relentless Efforts



Shri Bhupesh Baghel  
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

24.5 lakh paddy farmers reaping benefits of minimum support price and per acre annual input subsidy of ₹9,000

5.63 lakh landless agricultural laborers benefiting from additional annual income of ₹7,000

The remuneration for 12.5 lakh tendupatta collectors increased from ₹2,500 to ₹4,000

Free and quality healthcare through mobile hospitals to 1.86 crore people

Up to 72% relief on all medications at 196 Dhanwantri Medical Stores

Free and quality education to 4.4 lakh children across 727 Swami Atmanand Schools of Excellence

Ensuring livelihoods of 6 lakh forest dwellers through the purchase of 67 minor forest produce at support price

45.16 lakh domestic consumers benefiting from 50% reduction in their electricity bills

35 kg of rice to every family each month  
Universal PDS Scheme ensuring food security for 99.9% of the population

Even in the face of pandemic challenges  
Chhattisgarh led the nation in economic growth

Formed with the Blessings and Unwavering Support of its People  
Chhattisgarh Govt Remains Dedicated to Upholding their Trust

# THE WORLD



## MUHAMMAD YUNUS QUESTIONED OVER GRAFT BANGLADESH NOBEL LAUREATE PROBED

Bangladesh's anti-graft watchdog Anti-corruption Commission Thursday questioned Muhammad Yunus, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006, involving charges of money laundering and fund embezzlement. AP

### TOP OF THE WORLD



Jaswant Chail after his arrest in 2021. AP

### UNITED KINGDOM 9-year jail for Briton who tried to kill Queen over Jallianwala

London: UK court Thursday sentenced a 21-year-old British Sikh man to nine years imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to the country's first case of treason in over 40 years, having scaled the walls of Windsor Castle on Christmas in 2021 armed with a loaded cross-bow to tell royal guards that he was there to kill Queen Elizabeth II. Jaswant Singh Chail, who claimed he wanted to "assassinate" the late monarch as revenge for the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar according to a video that emerged after his arrest, has been given a "hybrid" sentence to take into account his mental health issues. PTI

### JAPAN Second batch of Fukushima water released

Tokyo: Tokyo Electric Power Company started releasing Thursday more treated radioactive water from Japan's wrecked Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, as part of a plan that has caused tension with neighbouring China. The discharge plan kicked off in August in a key step towards decommissioning the plant, which suffered meltdowns after being hit by a tsunami in 2011 in world's worst such nuclear disaster since Chernobyl 25 years earlier. The release that began Thursday will run for 17 days. REUTERS

### ZIMBABWE 100 suspected cholera deaths in Zimbabwe

Harare: Zimbabwe has recorded 100 suspected deaths from cholera and more than 5,000 possible cases since late last month, prompting the government to impose restrictions to stop the spread of the disease, including limiting numbers at funerals and stopping some social gatherings in affected areas. The health ministry announced the death toll late on Wednesday and said 30 of the deaths had been confirmed as from cholera through laboratory tests. It said 905 confirmed cases had been recorded, as well as another 4,609 suspected cases. AP

## PAK MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WERE ATTACKED AFTER EX-PM'S ARREST

# Imran was May violence mastermind, wanted to oust Army chief, says aide

Usman Dar, suspected to have been abducted weeks ago by Pak intelligence, surfaced to make claim

MZULQERNAIN  
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 5

PAKISTAN'S JAILED former prime minister Imran Khan masterminded the May 9 violence and planned the attacks on sensitive military installations with an aim to remove Army Chief General Asim Munir, his close aide Usman Dar has said. Dar, regarded as one of Khan's trusted aides, had reportedly gone underground after unrest broke out in Pakistan following the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief's arrest by paramilitary Rangers on May 9, *The Express Tribune* reported.

Dozens of military and state buildings, including the Army headquarters in Rawalpindi and the ISI building in Faisalabad, were torched and vandalised by many PTI activists during the un-



Supporters of Imran Khan protest against the arrest of the ex-Prime Minister of Pakistan, on May 9. AP File

precedented violence that broke out after Khan's arrest.

Dar, who served as the head of the PTI's Tiger Force, an organisation comprising young volunteers, was allegedly "abducted" a couple of weeks ago by intelli-

gence agencies from the country's Sindh province. He reemerged on Wednesday, levelling serious allegations against Khan on a TV programme.

The former federal minister claimed that the planning to tar-



**"Imran Khan made two attempts against General Asim Munir — one in November 2022 by launching a march to stop him from becoming the army chief and the other on May 9, 2023, by attacking military installations by his party workers"**

USMAN DAR  
HEAD, PTI'S TIGER FORCE

get sensitive installations in the May 9 violence was done in a meeting chaired by Khan.

"[At the meetings at Khan's Lahore residence — Zaman Park] it was discussed that we should attack state institutions if needed in order to put pressure on them," the report quoted Dar as saying.

"Khan also called the party workers, especially from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, at his Lahore's Zaman Park residence when police attempted to arrest him. He, in fact, mentally prepared them to take on the security agencies," Dar said.

Dar said that the purpose of May 9 violence was to exert pressure on the military and remove Gen Munir from his position. He added that May 9 was merely a date, and conspiracy against the military had been brewing for a long period, the report said. PTI



At Jisr al-Shoughour, west of the city of Idlib, Syria. AP

## 100 killed in drone attack on Syrian military academy

REUTERS  
BEIRUT, OCTOBER 5

AT LEAST 100 people were killed on Thursday in an attack on a military academy in Syria, a war monitor and an official said, with weaponised drones bombing the site minutes after Syria's defence minister left a graduation ceremony there.

It was one of the bloodiest attacks ever against a Syrian army installation, and unprecedented in its use of weaponised drones in a country which has faced twelve years of civil war.

Civilians and military personnel were killed in the attack on the military academy in the central province of Homs, Syria's defence ministry said in a statement, adding "terrorist" groups had used drones to carry it out.

The statement did not specify an organisation and no group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Syria's defence and foreign ministries vowed in statements to respond "with full force" to the attack. Syrian government forces have carried out heavy bombing attacks on the opposition-held zone of Idlib throughout the day.

"After the ceremony, people went down to the courtyard and the explosives hit. We don't know where it came from, and corpses littered the ground," said a Syrian man who had helped set up decorations at the academy for the occasion.

Syria's defence minister attended the graduation ceremony but left minutes before the attack, according to a Syrian security source and a security source in the regional alliance backing the Damascus government against opposition groups.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that more than 100 people were killed and 125 injured. The source in the alliance backing Syria's government said the toll was around 100.

## Zelensky holds talks with European leaders amid US aid concerns

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GRANADA, OCTOBER 5

UKRAINE PRESIDENT Volodymyr Zelensky warned European leaders Thursday that Russia could rebuild its military capabilities and attack other countries in five years if the continent were to waver in its support for Kyiv.

Zelensky, attending a summit of European Political Community, also said he is confident of US and European financial aid despite "political storms" in Washington and elsewhere.

Providing additional military equipment to Ukraine could mean that "drone, tank or any Russian weapon will not strike anyone else in Europe", he said.

The European Political Community was established last year following Russia's invasion of Ukraine to foster cooperation among over 40 countries.

The Granada gathering gives leaders such as French President

### 51 killed in Russian attack on Ukraine

Kyiv: A Russian missile slammed into a cafe and grocery store in north-eastern Ukraine on Thursday, killing 51 people as they held a memorial service, Ukrainian officials said. The cafe and shop were struck and reduced to rubble in afternoon in Hiroza village in Kharkiv region, regional governor Oleh Synyehubov said, adding that many civilians had been there at the time. REUTERS

Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and British PM Rishi Sunak a chance to re-state commitment to Ukraine after political turbulence raised questions about continued support. REUTERS

## Bangladesh receives first uranium consignment for Russia-built nuclear plant

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DHAKA, OCTOBER 5

Bangladesh Thursday received the first consignment of uranium for its only nuclear plant being built with Russian assistance, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina saying that the country will use nuclear power for peaceful purposes.

The development comes amid the Ukraine war, which has led to sanctions from the Western countries on several Russian companies. The sanctions delayed the project, which is expected to help the country's growing economy.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Hasina — both via video links — joined the ceremony where the uranium fuel for the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP) was handed over to Bangladesh authorities.

Rosatom's chief Aleksey Likhachev handed over the fuel to Bangladesh's Science and Technology Minister Yeafesh Osman at the ceremony in the northern Pabna district.

Once NPP starts production, Bangladesh will become the 33rd nuclear power-producing country in the world, Hasina's ruling Awami League party said in a post on X. PTI

## China to double space station size, floats an alternative to ISS

REUTERS  
BEIJING, OCTOBER 5

CHINA PLANS to expand its space station to six modules from three in coming years, offering astronauts from other nations an alternative platform for near-Earth missions as the NASA-led International Space Station (ISS) nears the end of its lifespan.

The operational lifetime of the Chinese space station will be over 15 years, the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST), a unit of China's main space contractor, said at the 74th International Astronautical Congress in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Wednesday.

That would be more than the 10 years previously announced. China's self-built space station, also known as Tiangong, or Celestial Palace in Chinese, has been fully operational since late 2022, hosting a maximum of three astronauts at an orbital altitude of up to 450 km.

At 180 metric tons after its



China's space station known as Tiangong. Wikimedia Commons

expansion to six modules, Tiangong is still just 40% of the mass of the ISS, which can hold a crew of seven astronauts.

But the ISS, in orbit for more than two decades, is expected to be decommissioned after 2030, about the same time China has said it expects to become "a major space power".

Chinese state media said last year as Tiangong became fully

operational that China would be no "slouch" as the ISS headed toward retirement, adding that "several countries" had asked to send their astronauts to the Chinese station.

But in a blow to China's aspirations for space diplomacy, the European Space Agency said this year it did not have the budgetary or 'political' green light to participate in Tiangong.

## Nepal top court issues show cause notice to govt over amnesty to murder convict

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KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 5

THE NEPALESE Supreme Court on Thursday issued a show cause notice to the government seeking clarity over granting mass amnesties to convicts two weeks ago. The document, issued to the President's Secretariat, came as a response to a writ petition and sought answers from Ram Chandra Poudel for pardoning a murder convict on September 20, on the eve of Nepal's Constitution Day.

The petition was filed against the pardoning of Yograj Dhakal 'Regal', who was handed a 10-year sentence in 2020 for murder of Nepalgunj local Chetan Manandhar. The deceased's wife, Bharati Sherpa, moved against the re-

prieve granted to Dhakal, who had served just three years of jail time.

A single bench of the top court comprising Justice Manoj Sharma issued the notice returnable by October 11. It instructed that a full bench must hear the case from October 13 till its final settlement.

President Poudel has recently granted amnesty to several politicians. 'Regal' was associated with Tarun Dal (Youth front) of Nepali Congress — the biggest constituent of the coalition government led by Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) chief and PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'.

Justice Sharma instructed the government to provide full security to Bharati and her family till the final settlement of the case.

He also said that the court will be studying the issues, limitations and scope of the amnesty.

### SPAIN'S WILDFIRE THAT BURNT 37,000 ACRES RE-IGNITES

On the Spanish island of Tenerife, more than

# 3,000

people evacuated their homes as a wildfire sparked by high temperatures and strong winds raged in a forested area ravaged by fire in August.

■ Emergency services said they had requested assistance from the Military Emergency Unit, saying the blaze was a high-level emergency.

■ August's wildfire burned for days, destroying some 37,000 acres of area surrounding Mount Teide volcano, Spain's highest peak. Reuters

## IN MARCH, DALAI LAMA INTRODUCED THE BOY AT A CEREMONY IN INDIA. NOW THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY IS WARNING MONGOLIA

# Eight-year-old boy at the heart of a fight over Mongolia spiritual leader

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MONGOLIA, OCTOBER 5

THE BOY had seemed destined for a life of affluence and earthly pursuits. Born into the family behind a major mining conglomerate in Mongolia, he might have been picked to someday lead the company from steel-and-glass headquarters in the country's capital.

Instead, the 8-year-old is now at the heart of a struggle between the Dalai Lama and the Chinese Communist Party.

He was just a toddler when everything changed. On a visit to a vast monastery in the capital city

of Ulaanbaatar, known for a towering Buddha statue gilded in gold, his father brought him and his twin brother into a room where they and seven other boys were given a secret test.

The children were shown a table strewn with religious objects. Some of them refused to leave their parents' sides. Others were drawn to the colorful candy that had been placed as distractions. This boy, A. Altannar, was different. He picked out a set of prayer beads and put it around his neck. He rang a bell used for meditation. He walked over to a monk in the room and playfully climbed on his legs.

"These were very special signs," said Bataa Mishigish, a religious scholar who observed the boy with two senior monks. "We just looked at each other and didn't say a word."

They had found the 10th reincarnation of the Bogd, one of the three most important figures in Tibetan Buddhism and, for many, the spiritual leader of Mongolia, where nearly half the population is Buddhist.

For the next seven years, the monks kept the identity of Bogd, known formally as Jebtsundamba Khutughtu, a secret.

Then in March, the Dalai Lama introduced the boy at a ceremony



A young boy has been named to one of the most important positions in Tibetan Buddhism. NYT

in India in front of throngs of worshippers, his tiny frame engulfed by a maroon deel, the traditional Mongolian gown, with his doe eyes and spiky crew cut peeking out above a white surgical mask.

Khan, who embraced Tibetan Buddhism and helped it spread across China and other conquered lands. In the early 20th century, a Tibetan-born Bogd (pronounced bogged) was the theocratic ruler of Mongolia, revered as a god-king figure. Today, the title adorns banks, cashmere boutiques and auto dealerships. When someone sneezes, Mongolians say "Bogd bless you."

But who gets to be the Bogd is a sensitive question with implications for Mongolia, China and Tibet. The Chinese Communist Party has sought to assert its authority over Tibetan Buddhism even outside China's borders, part of a long campaign to tighten its control over Tibet.

China has not commented publicly about A. Altannar's selection, but Mongolian and foreign officials speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter say Beijing has warned Mongolia of consequences if the Bogd grows too close to the Dalai Lama.

Telo Tulku Rinpoche, the Dalai

Lama's representative in Mongolia, accused China of wanting to "control Buddhism on a global level." He denied that A. Altannar was selected for political reasons and said the Dalai Lama's office would have little contact with the boy. "This is a spiritual matter," he said.

The boy's parents have decided they would try to strike a balance. The monks could instruct the boy if he also continued with his regular education. Most important, they insisted that it would have to be up to their son when he turns 18 whether he wanted to remain the Bogd. NYT



Nancy Pelosi. AP file

## After McCarthy ouster, Pelosi evicted from her Capitol hideaway office

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WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 5

THE SEETHING anger from the ouster of Speaker Kevin McCarthy has now spread to highly coveted congressional real estate. Former Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been evicted from her hideaway office in the Capitol by the Republican-controlled House Administration Committee and was ordered to vacate by the close of business on Wednesday.

McCarthy plans to take over Pelosi's hideaway next week, a person familiar with the machinations said.

Hideaways are small suites conveniently located in the Capitol itself, close to votes on the House floor and all of the action.

Representative Steny H. Hoyer, another former Democratic leader, has been evicted from his hideaway as well.

Pelosi said late Tuesday that she had been kicked out of the space by Representative Patrick T. McHenry, Republican of North Carolina and the speaker pro tempore, who is a close ally of McCarthy.

But according to the person familiar with the situation, the decision to evict Pelosi had in fact been made by McCarthy on his way out of the door.

Mainstream Republicans are furious that Democrats did not help rescue McCarthy by casting a handful of votes that might

### EXPLAINED Is this payback?

THE EVICTION notices are widely seen as payback by McCarthy, although the act of retribution is one that McHenry could have reversed. Speakers offer hideaways to their predecessors. Pelosi did so in late 2006 for the outgoing speaker, Dennis Hastert, a Republican. McCarthy extended the same courtesy earlier this year to Pelosi.

have saved his job. Democrats respond that they did not trust McCarthy and that saving him was not their responsibility. They also say that Republicans should focus fury on the far-right defectors. NYT



The New Zealand and England teams on the opening day of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Nirmal Harindran

## A teacher in the stands, star named after Rahul & Sachin: Kiwis off to a flying start

**SRIRAM VEERA & DEVENDRA PANDEY**  
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 5

"OI! JIMMY! Your teacher is here!" As the cry went up from the stands near the sight screen, the fan from New Zealand, the "teacher", hushed the fellow Kiwi who had shouted.

Turns out Bryce Bevin not only taught Kiwi all-rounder Jimmy Neesham in grammar school but is friends with his fa-

ther and also coached Spain's national rugby team in the 1990s. A rugby coach who loves cricket is following New Zealand this World Cup on his first visit to India.

Early in the afternoon with the sun beating down, Bevin looked around the largely empty 1.33 lakh-capacity Narendra Modi Stadium, the venue for the England vs New Zealand World Cup opener, to draw a conclusion.

"This ODI format is dying, eh?"

I believe cricket is a religion in this country, but I can't blame them for not turning up in large numbers. If I want a proper game of cricket, there is a Test match; for excitement, there is T20. For someone who was involved with sports in a few countries, I can sense that this format isn't exciting anymore. I can see people will turn up slowly once the sun goes down and if the match becomes interesting."

Just as Bevin predicted, they did. When New Zealand were

taking total control of the game and sprinting towards England's total of 282, the stands started to fill up. As the floodlights were switched on, the 20,000-odd fans got entertainment T20 style.

The one-sided game had a hundred by Wellington boy Rachin Ravindra whose Bengaluru-born father had

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Rachin Ravindra and Devon Conway; New Zealand defeated England by nine wickets. Nirmal Harindran

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## Major with RR opens fire in Rajouri camp, injures colleagues

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NEW DELHI, JAMMU, OCT 5

AN ARMY officer opened fire Thursday at his colleagues and subordinates at a camp in Dara near Thanamandi in J&K's Rajouri district, resulting in injuries to at least three to five personnel including two officers.

The officer who opened fire, a Major posted with a Rashtriya Rifles unit in Thanamandi in the Rajouri sector, was overpowered Thursday night after firing indiscriminately for several hours from near an ammunition depot at personnel approaching him.

It was alleged that the officer, with a service record of more than 10 years, also lobbed a grenade at those trying to persuade him to surrender.

This is likely the first such incident where a Major-rank officer attacked his colleagues and subordinates.

Late Thursday night, the Nagrota-based White Knight Corps (XVI Corps), said only one officer was injured in "a likely grenade accident".

In a post on X, the White Knight Corps said, "On 05 Oct 23 one officer was injured in a likely grenade accident at a post in Rajouri sector. Officer evacuated and stable post initial treatment. Further investigation of the incident in progress."

Confirming the incident, an Army spokesperson declined to divulge details, saying it is an "internal matter".

While the reasons for the incident are not known, sources said the officer had been facing

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## Assembly polls soon, MP govt notifies 35% job quota for women

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BHOPAL, OCTOBER 5

AHEAD OF the Assembly elections, the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh has notified 35 per cent reservation for women in all government jobs except the forest department.

"Notwithstanding anything contained in any service rules, there shall be reserved 35 per cent of all posts in the service under the state (except forest department) in favour of women at the stage of direct recruitment, and the said reservation shall be horizontal and compartment-wise," says the government notification issued on October 3.

The government has introduced an amendment to the Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (Special Provision for



Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Appointment of Women) Rules, 1997, in this regard.

Addressing a public event in Burhanpur on Wednesday, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had also said that 50 per cent reservation would be provided for women in teaching posts. "I will recruit 35 per cent daughters in the police force... they will fight goons... Not only that, there will be 50 per cent daughters among teachers as well," he had said.

With women accounting for over 48 per cent of the electorate, both the BJP and Congress are

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### MONEY LAUNDERING MATTER

## SC questions ED: 'Where is the evidence against Sisodia? This will fall flat'

Bench: You have to establish a chain, this doesn't

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

UNDERLINING THAT stringent requirements have to be fulfilled to trigger a charge under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the Supreme Court Thursday questioned the Enforcement Directorate (ED) about the admissibility of its evidence to link AAP leader Manish Sisodia to a money laundering offence in the Delhi excise policy case and asked if it had any proof other than the statement of a co-accused-turned-approver against the former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister.

Sisodia was arrested by the ED on March 9 this year, 12 days after he was held by the CBI on February 26.

The ED claims against Sisodia came under intense scrutiny of the court which warned that "this will fall flat" after "two questions in the cross-examination" — it was hearing Sisodia's bail plea and the proceedings will resume October 12.

"Where is the evidence? Dinesh Arora himself is the

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AAP MP Sanjay Singh being taken to court on Thursday. PTI

## ED gets Singh custody, claims Rs 2 cr changed hands at his residence

Spreading lies, baseless probe: Singh

**JIGNASA SINHA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

A DELHI court Thursday remanded Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh in five-day custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the excise policy case.

Special Judge M K Nagpal heard the case at the Rouse Avenue Court, a day after Singh was arrested following more

than 10 hours of ED searches at his home.

ED had sought 10-day custody, alleging that Rs 2 crore illegal cash changed hands at Singh's official North Avenue residence. Calling Singh a "key conspirator" in the case, the ED

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## Must dismantle entire terror ecosystem, need ruthless approach: Shah

**MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah on Thursday asked state police forces and anti-terror agencies to adopt such a "ruthless" approach that no new terrorist group can be formed. "We need to not only combat terrorism but also dismantle its entire ecosystem," he said.

Inaugurating a two-day anti-terror conference organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Shah said the fight against terrorism requires col-



Amit Shah at the anti-terror conference on Thursday. ANI

laboration, from the grassroots to the global level.

"The Centre has taken a tough stand on all challenges like cryptocurrencies, hawala, terror

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## Hand FIR copy to NewsClick, court tells cops; 10 journalists questioned

**NIRBHAY THAKUR**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

A DELHI COURT directed the Delhi Police Thursday to provide news portal NewsClick a copy of the FIR under which its editor-in-chief Prabir Purkayastha and administrative officer Amit Chakraborty were arrested two days ago.

The police had opposed Purkayastha's demand for a copy of the FIR.

Purkayastha and Chakraborty were arrested by the Delhi Police Special Cell which had registered an FIR in August under sections of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Indian Penal Code.

The Special Cell questioned 46 people, including journalists who were associated with the portal in the past, asking them if they had covered the anti-CAA protests, Delhi riots and the farm protests. Their digital devices were also seized.

Advocate Arshdeep Singh, representing NewsClick, had moved the Patiala House Courts for a copy of the FIR and the police remand application. On Wednesday, the court had granted him the police remand application, but not the FIR since the Public Prosecutor was not present in court.

Among those questioned by

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## For India Inc, climate change is new 'single biggest business risk'

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

IT'S NOT just Hindustan Unilever Ltd, the country's largest FMCG company, for which weather is the "single biggest business risk" today. From carmaker Hyundai to skin care company Emami and PepsiCo bottling firm Varun Beverages, unseasonal showers in summers, irregular weather patterns, and diverse rainfall patterns — or climate change, in general — have started impacting the bottom line of India Inc.

### EXPLAINED Climate change and profits

WEATHER INFLUENCES sales, and the bottomline. Irregular climate is an uncertainty that is biting companies' plans, and profits. The year so far hasn't made it easier for India Inc. If February was the warmest in over a century, March was unusually rainy, and August was the driest since 1901.

"We can't control the weather, otherwise there's no reason why we should not grow. If you just control the rain Gods, we will take care of the rest," said Ravi Jaipuria, Chairperson, Varun Beverages, responding to an investor's question on whether the company will register a growth in the second half similar to what it did in the first.

While offering HUL's near-term outlook, CFO Ritesh Tiwari said the situation on the weather front remains "erratic". In terms of rural demand, the company

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## Day after Sikkim flash floods: Toll rises to 14, 22 soldiers among 102 still missing, search on

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KOLKATA, OCTOBER 5

FOURTEEN PEOPLE have died and over 102, including 22 Army personnel, are missing in the Sikkim flash floods that occurred in the early hours of Wednesday. Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA), in its latest bulletin, said that so far, 2,011 people have been rescued and 22,034 affected.

The search for the 22 missing soldiers is still on, with a focus on



Army personnel try to recover trucks buried in a flood-hit area in Sikkim. Reuters

the downstream areas as the fast-flowing river is likely to have carried them to the lower reaches and perhaps even to West Bengal.

Sikkim Chief Secretary V B Pathak said the Army personnel who were swept away "had a convoy vehicle which was parked adjacent to the highway which got submerged in the sludge".

According to the SSDMA bulletin, the state government has set up 26 relief camps in four affected districts. A total of 1,025 people are taking shelter in eight

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## Flyovers, underground sewerage lines hit, Kolkata battles rat menace

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KOLKATA, OCTOBER 5

IT'S A rat race in Kolkata — and so far, the rodents are winning it hands down.

Rats have so far dug through the concrete bases of at least two flyovers, gnawed at underground sewerage and cable lines, and taken over much of the city, from the slums and eateries of south and central Kolkata to the colonial-era buildings of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) and the Bidhan Sabha at Esplanade.

The menace has set off alarm bells in the government, with the Trinamool Congress-run KMC scrambling for solutions — from running awareness campaigns on waste disposal to resorting to quick-fixes and reaching out to its counterparts in other states for ideas to exterminate the rats.

Firhad Hakim, Trinamool leader and Kolkata Mayor, admitted to *The Indian Express* that while they are yet to assess the extent of damage to the wires and cable lines, rats "are a major problem".

"We do not know about the population (of rats), but the ef-

fects are visible every day. Our sewerage lines, underground cables and electricity wires are getting damaged," he told *The Indian Express*.

KMC authorities say central Kolkata, where footpaths are lined with eateries that cater to the office crowd, and the slum areas of south Kolkata's Dhakuria and Bhabanipore are among the worst affected.

It was two years ago that the KMC was alerted to the sinking of the approach road to the Dhakuria Bridge flyover. "We reinforced the road with concrete but the problem persisted. Then we discovered these huge holes



Rats have dug their way through several structures in the city, including at least two flyovers. Shashi Ghosh

underground that rats had burrowed through and realised what was causing the subsidence," said Mayor Hakim.

KMC sources said rats have also damaged parts of the AJC Bose flyover in south Kolkata, digging through and loosening the soil around the foundation.

With no solution in sight and no precedent to fall back on, the corporation has been reinforcing damaged structures and filling up holes on footpaths, roads and wall of bridges with a mix of concrete, sand and glass shards.

"We hope this mix will restrict the movement of rats, though we have no proof yet if it

is working," said Deputy Mayor Atin Ghosh.

Ghosh said the KMC has also been conducting awareness campaigns for roadside eateries and restaurants, asking them not to throw food outside and warning them of legal action.

From New York to Mumbai, almost every major city has been waging a battle against rat infestation. Aided by uncontrolled urbanisation, rats have outsmarted the best of city administrations, living in the darkest depths of sewerage systems and tunnels and nibbling through anything that comes their way — heaps of overflowing trash, cables, wires,

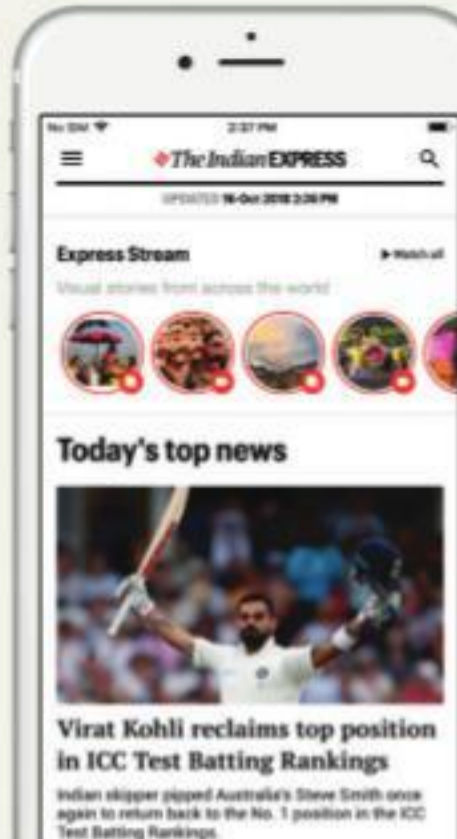
even concrete.

Mayor Hakim says that "sometime back", the KMC approached the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation for help. "But they could not help us find a solution," he said.

While authorities at the BMC did not confirm such a letter from their counterparts in Kolkata, they said their battle against rats is an ongoing one.

The BMC's insecticide department kills lakhs of rats every year as part of its monsoon drive across the city's 24 wards. The BMC also has 'rat labourers', who work in shifts to hunt down rats

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**NewsClick raids, Bihar's caste census, Gujarat's public flogging case**

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**SC questions ED: 'Where is the evidence?'**

recipient... Except for the statement of Dinesh Arora, is there any other evidence?" Justice Sanjay Khanna, presiding over a bench that also comprised Justice S V Bhatti, asked Additional Solicitor General S V Raju who appeared for the ED and CBI in the matter.

Noting that "as per your (ED) case, no money has come to Manish Sisodia", the bench asked, "So how did the money flow from the liquor group? You have taken two figures: 100 crores and 30 crores. Who paid them this? There can be so many people paying the money, not necessarily connected to liquor."

"You have to establish a chain... This doesn't fully establish," Justice Khanna said. "You see, the money has to flow from the liquor lobby to the person. Both of us agree with you that it is difficult to establish the chain because everything is done under cover... But that's where your competence will come in," he said.

Raju maintained that the chain had been established. "We have the statements. Every person in the chain is corroborating the flow of money, he said.

At this, Justice Khanna asked: "Who corroborates that the money was paid by the liquor group?"

Referring to the transactions, he said Sisodia "does not seem involved. Vijay Nair (co-accused) is there, but not Manish Sisodia" and

asked "how will you bring him under the money laundering Act?"

To the ASG's submission that as per an approver's statement, Nair was working on behalf of Sisodia, Justice Khanna asked, "Whose statement is that? That's his opinion. Two questions in the cross-examination and this will fall flat. It's an opinion, he's not an expert. Expert opinion is different. It's an inference drawn. His opinion does not matter. The court's opinion matters."

Raju said, "He is somebody who is connected to the Aam Aadmi Party... They had the GoM policy even before the policy was released. This shows that they had a role to play in the policy."

The bench said, "The money trail either comes to his pocket, if it goes to someone else's pocket, how will you..." and added that if the money was going to a company with which Sisodia was involved, "then we have vicarious liability. Otherwise, the prosecution falters."

Justice Khanna said money laundering is a separate offence and five requirements must establish the charge. "How will you establish that in Manish Sisodia's case?" The bench pointed out that the agency's case against Sisodia was one of actual involvement in the process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime, and not one of mere attempt.

Justice Khanna inquired about the activity connected to the proceeds of crime that the agency was seeking to link Sisodia with.

The ASG replied it was the generation of money that became the proceeds of crime that he was linked with.

"He is instrumental in generation... The question is, is he not directly or indirectly involved in illegal activity or process... when you make a policy that triggers bribes which acts as proceeds of crimes? Had you (Sisodia) put your foot down and not allowed the policy..." Raju said.

Justice Khanna said it is not the generation but the sharing of the proceeds of the crime which is an offence under the PMLA.

"PMLA does not deal with generation. It deals with processes or activity connected with the proceeds of the crime. So, till the proceeds of the crime come into place, PMLA does not come into place," he said.

He said "when a bribe is given, you are involved in the activity connected to the proceeds of crime" and asked "suppose... ultimately no money is passed on, will PMLA trigger?... PMLA will be triggered after proceeds of crime are given or paid. You have to connect the person concerned with the proceeds of crimes, directly or indirectly."

But the ASG contended that "unless the money is generated,

you can't put it to use".

Justice Khanna said that while it may be called abetment, it would not be as a principal offender and asked if abetment or conspiracy was part of PMLA.

Raju said abetment is assisting and is treated as the same offence.

The bench said the attempt would be before the offence was committed and wondered how it could be connected to proceeds of crime.

Justice Khanna also said that policy changes without monetary consideration cannot be termed illegal.

"We understand that there is a policy change. Everyone will support policies good for their business. Pressure groups are always there. Policy changes, even if wrong, without money consideration, will not matter. It's the money part which makes it an offence. If we go to the extent to say that there cannot be any pressure group, no government can continue... Lobbying will always be there. Of course, we are not saying that bribes can be accepted," he said.

Meanwhile, the bench also clarified that its query during Wednesday's hearing on why the political party which was the alleged beneficiary of the excise policy case not been made an accused was only a legal question and not meant to implicate anyone.

**MP quota**

making efforts to woo them. According to the Election Commission, there are a total of 5.52 crore voters in the state, of which 2.85 crore are men, 2.67 crore are women, and 1,336 are transgender.

The Congress has promised women-centric policies including financial assistance of Rs 1,500 per month and domestic LPG cylinders priced at Rs 500.

On the other hand, on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan in August, Chouhan had increased the financial aid given to women under the Ladli Behna scheme from Rs 1,000 per month to Rs 1,250, and said cooking gas cylinders would be made available for Rs 450.

Among his other schemes focused on girls/ women are the Ladli Laxmi Yojana, under which Rs 30,000 is deposited by the state government after the birth of a girl, followed by more installments so that the beneficiary gets Rs 1.18 lakh after she turns 30; and the Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah and Nikah Yojana, where the state government provides financial assistance of Rs 55,000 to tackle the dowry menace.

Madhya Pradesh was also among the first states to introduce 50 per cent reservation for women in panchayats and urban bodies. Last month, the women's reservation Bill, which seeks to provide 33 per cent reservation for women in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies, was also passed by Parliament.

**ED gets Singh custody, claims Rs 2 cr changed hands**

in its remand application that he is "closely associated with a number of accused/suspects", including businessmen Dinesh Arora — who turned approver in the case on Tuesday — and Amit Arora. "Sanjay Singh has exploited and has gained illegal money/kickbacks, which is Proceeds of Crime generated from the liquor policy (2021-22) scam... (he) has been part of the conspiracy of collecting kickbacks from the liquor groups... (he) has close relationship with Dinesh Arora since 2017 as revealed by Dinesh Arora as well as from his call records," the ED plea stated.

The ED also alleged that Rs 2 crore from Dinesh Arora was given to Singh's associate Sarvesh Mishra at the MP's house. Mishra's house was raided by the ED in May. In its order, the court said, "This bribe or kickback amount of Rs 2 crore received by the accused is alleged to have been as a part and in furtherance of criminal conspiracy of the scheduled offences case of CBI. It prima facie appears from the material placed before this court that this amount was delivered at the residence of this accused... and CDRs (call detail records) and cell location chart of the mobile phones of... employee of approver Dinesh Arora and of the... associate of accused are there to corroborate this claim... It is further alleged to be corroborated from different statements made by the approver Dinesh Arora as well as the statements of his... employee etc."

The ED claimed that its investigation

had revealed that Singh had assured that changes in the liquor policy for 2020-21 to favour the businessmen would be made through Manish Sisodia, and in exchange of this, "an associate/team member of Sanjay Singh, Vivek Tyagi, was given stakes in the business concern of Amit Arora (M/s Aralias Hospitality Pvt Ltd)". Tyagi is Singh's Parliamentary Assistant. The ED, however, adds in its application that the change in policy "did not take place since the policy of 2020-21 didn't come", and work on the new policy of 2021-22 (which is under scanner) started.

Referring to these allegations, the court noted that the material placed shows "direct nexus with activities pertaining to proceeds of crime" by way of receiving Rs 2 crore. The judge said Singh's "sustained and custodial interrogation appears to be necessary in relation to receipt of the amount... and to trace out the complete trail".

Searches at Singh's residence were conducted after he was named by Dinesh Arora in his statement to the ED.

The counsel appearing for the ED told the court that Arora delivered Rs 2 crore at Singh's residence on two occasions. "Total 2 crore transaction is there in two tranches... Dinesh Arora's CA confirmed this... Total 239 places searched," the ED submitted.

The ED counsel, SPP N K Matta, said the agency needs Singh's custody to confront him with all the digital evidence.

The court asked the ED if they

had been aware of the transactions for a long time, and why the arrest was made now. To this, the agency said they recorded the statements recently. The judge also pointed out that the agency doesn't need Singh's custody to examine his phone for evidence.

Singh's counsel said the ED investigation "is nothing new" and is one of the "interesting cases where the investigation will go on and never end".

Senior advocate Mohit Mathur, who appeared for Singh, said, "Dinesh Arora, the star witness, whose credibility is so incredible that he is accused in both cases and turns approver in both cases... Look into the changing statements."

Mathur said Singh was never summoned or called for interrogation and that the ED wants to humiliate him by arresting him. ED's special counsel, Zohab Hossain, said Mathur's argument about Dinesh Arora that his statement was taken as an inducement to grant him bail was wrong.

Singh also personally addressed the court, saying, "I am not so unknown that Dinesh Arora did not remember my name while giving earlier statements. Amit Arora also did not remember my name. What happened suddenly that he gave all the statements against me? They are spreading lies and this investigation is baseless. If I am guilty, give me a harsh punishment. If I'm guilty, why wasn't I called before? Why not summons? Why a different law for me?"

**Hand FIR copy to NewsClick: court**

The Special Cell were journalists Abhisar Sharma, Bhasha Singh, Umilesh, Aumindyo Chakravarty, Paranjay Guha Thakurta, Satyam Tiwari, Subodh Verma, cartoonist Irfan, historian Sohail Hashmi and satirist Sanjay Rajoura.

On Thursday, 10 journalists were questioned for a second time in connection with the UAPA case. Police called the journalists to the Special Cell's office in Lodhi Colony to join the investigation around noon and questioned them for 5-7 hours.

In the court of Additional Sessions Judge Hardeep Kaur, lawyers for the prosecution and defence argued on the "illegality" of the arrest.

Citing a judgement of the Supreme Court, NewsClick said the grounds of arrest must be given to the accused in writing.

Public Prosecutor Atul Kumar Srivastava countered this and said that the judgement relied upon by NewsClick referred only to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and not to UAPA cases.

Reading from the remand application which stated that the accused were undermining the unity of India, he said the grounds of arrest were already mentioned.

NewsClick's lawyer said that the judgement applied to UAPA as well. "Remand application is made after the arrest. We were informed about the grounds only after the arrest," the portal's lawyer said. The police action followed an FIR filed on August 17 based on the Enforcement Directorate's inputs that NewsClick had allegedly received illegal funding from China, routed through the US. The ED had searched NewsClick's premises in February 2021 as part of its probe into foreign remittances allegedly received between 2018 and 2021.

On Wednesday, NewsClick released a statement, saying it "does not publish any news or information at the behest of any Chinese entity or authority, directly or indirectly... does not propagate Chinese propaganda on its website".

**For India Inc, climate change is new 'single biggest business risk'**

said that it will have to watch out for the impact of monsoon and weather-related risk. "El Nino has come earlier, and we know that when it comes early, it grows more," Tiwari said during a call with investors in July. It is not just the quantity of rain, but also the rain distribution and its timing that can have an impact, Tiwari said, emphasising that weather is the "only single business risk".

Suresh Narayanan, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India, recently pointed out that the current monsoon deficit and the El Nino effect could influence rural demand. "Although it may sound speculative, the rural sector's substantial impact could lead to a corresponding decline in rural demand," he said. While Nestlé's rural sales is around 20-25 per cent of its total sales in the country, HUL's much higher at around 40 per cent from rural areas.

"We have seen unseasonal rains, heatwaves and a delayed monsoon. El Nino has set in early, which could impact later parts of monsoon. While monsoon has picked up pace of late, spatial variations persist. We have seen floods in parts of the country. Cropping, especially of rice and pulses, seem to have been im-

acted..." Narayanan said.

The situation on the weather front is a big challenge. "We've seen some extreme weather events in the last few months," said HUL CEO Rohit Jawa.

Nestlé's competitor Marico has offered an outlook similar to HUL. Unpredictable weather patterns can have a negative bearing on rural farm incomes. "Factors such as retail inflation dropping to sub-5 per cent levels, late pickup in monsoons, hike in kharif crop MSPs, and higher government spending give hopes of a gradual recovery in rural sentiment, although, the extent of impact of spatial distribution of rainfall and erratic weather patterns on rural farm incomes may also have a bearing on sentiment in the near-term," said Marico CEO Saugata Gupta during a call with investors.

Dabur's beverage portfolio got impacted by unseasonal rains in the North and West India during the June quarter. Its CEO Mohit Malhotra said "the season has impacted beverages on account of summers being lower and 30 per cent of the consumption of beverages is out of home for us."

"When the rains are there people don't move out and the eating and drinking outlets don't have

that kind of a throughput; they are not able to sell," Malhotra said.

While Dabur's foods business grew 35 per cent, the beverages portfolio was down 2 per cent year-on-year impacted by the unseasonal rains. "If rains are not there, the marriage season is great, which is what we think it should be; or the Diwali season is great if the rain doesn't play a spoilsport, then I think that season should not get impacted by beverages. But because the season is so heavy and it contributes to around 30-40 per cent of the total consumption for the whole year, a little impact for the full year business definitely happens," he said.

IFC said while the Indian economy remains resilient, "risks from the external sector; consumer price inflation (especially food); commodity price volatility; El Nino impact on monsoons and agri output — would be the key monitorables in the near term."

Emami's popular Navratna range sales declined 8 per cent in the June quarter. "As we have seen, the summer season was affected across the country by unseasonal rains, which impacted sales of our summer products across categories during the quarter. Navratna range was thus im-

acted by the unseasonal rains and declined by 8 per cent," said Mohan Goenka, Emami's director.

India's top car makers have already faced a negative impact on account of erratic rain distribution, and have vowed for the impact it can have on sales in certain states. While Maharashtra continues to lead the automobile sales in the country, Kerala has lost its sheen due to recurring floods, decline in rubber prices and a slowdown in the Gulf. Kerala has traditionally been one of the top three markets, especially for diesel cars. "Kerala used to be in the top two or three markets in the country — today it is not even in the top nine. Kerala volumes have gone down due to floods in the recent years, decline in rubber prices globally reducing Kerala's income, and third and the most important reason was decline in remittances from Gulf since a lot of people lost their jobs. Kerala has been replaced by Maharashtra in the top three, alongside the Delhi-NCR market," Tarun Garg, Director (sales) at Hyundai Motor India Ltd. had told *The Indian Express* earlier.

Executives at Maruti Suzuki India agreed that floods is among the key reasons impacting consumption trends.

**Sikkim flash floods: Toll rises to 14**

relief camps in Gangtok, while the number of people at the 18 other relief camps was not available immediately.

A West Bengal government release later in the day put the toll higher. "Eighteen bodies have been recovered till now, out of which six bodies (four jawans and two civilians) have been identified. The process of identification of the rest is being carried out," said the release.

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, meanwhile, said: "A high-level meeting was convened at Mintokgang to assess the current situation and evaluate the extent of damages. I have issued instructions to all pertinent officials, departments, District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police to maintain a state of heightened vigilance and attend to the requirements of the affected public with utmost diligence. In order to ensure accurate and timely information dissemination, the Chief Secretary will provide daily updates to the press," he said.

The flash flood in the Teesta river, triggered by the cloudburst in Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim, caused accumulation of a huge quantity of water, which turned

towards Chungthang dam, destroying the power infrastructure before moving downstream in spate, flooding towns and villages.

According to the government, the flood destroyed 11 bridges in the state, with eight bridges getting washed away in Mangan district alone. Two bridges were destroyed in Namchi and one in Gangtok. Water pipelines, sewage lines and 277 houses, both kutcha and concrete, have been destroyed in the four affected districts.

Chungthang town bore the maximum brunt of the flood, and the NH-10, considered the lifeline of the state, sustained extensive damage at several places.

According to the SSDMA, seven people died in Pakyong district, four in Mangan and three in Gangtok.

Among the 102 people missing, 59 are from Pakyong, including the Army personnel.

The SSDMA advised people to stay away from the Teesta as the water level was rising due to incessant rains in the upper reaches.

More than 3,000 tourists are feared to be stranded in different parts of the state. The state Tourism Department is in contact with them, officials said.

**Dismantle terror ecosystem: Shah**

funding, organised crime syndicates, narco-terror links, which has yielded very good results, but a lot still needs to be done. To deal with terrorism, the Centre and the states, their agencies... will have to think in vertical and horizontal ways," he said.

While praising the NIA for achieving over 94 per cent conviction, Shah asked all the states to take steps to increase the conviction rate too. "Terrorism has no boundaries and no state can face terrorism alone. We have to come together to root out this evil," he said. He said the number of terror incidents has fallen from 6,000 in 2001 to 900 in 2022, under the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Calling for a coordinated approach against terror, he said: "In the last five years, the Centre has prepared many database verticals... All anti-terrorism agencies must adopt such a ruthless approach so that a new terrorist organisation cannot be formed," he said.

Shah said a model anti-terrorism structure should be es-

tablished under the purview of the NIA, and the hierarchy, structure, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) of investigation of all anti-terrorism agencies should be made uniform for better coordination between central and state agencies. He said there should be a common training module for all central and state-level counter-terrorism agencies, so that uniformity can be brought in their methodology.

"The task of the NIA, anti-terrorism squad, and special task force should not be limited to investigation, but they should also think out of the box and take innovative measures to counter terrorism... All the agencies of the Centre and States should make multi-dimensional and Artificial Intelligence-based use of database, only then will we be successful in the fight against terrorism," Shah said, adding that the database should be used for investigation, prosecution, prevention and action.

Shah also awarded medals to NIA officers for excellence in service.

**Major opens fire**

"personal issues". They said he had access to the weapons of the Army personnel in the unit.

Lt Gen Sandeep Jain, General Officer Commanding of 16 Corps, had reached the spot. Officials told *The Indian Express* that the exact reason for the incident will be known after a probe. But they pointed out that officers and troops deployed for counter-terror operations face extreme stress on a daily basis.

**ED summons Huma Qureshi, Kapil Sharma**

Mumbai: A day after actor Ranbir Kapoor was summoned for questioning, the ED on Thursday issued summons to actors Huma Qureshi, Hina Khan and comedian Kapil Sharma in connection with the Mahadev online betting app case. ENS

**Kolkata battles rats**

in the city. As of July this year, 2.81 lakh rats have been killed in Mumbai.

On a weekday afternoon, a colony of rats scurry out of the ground near one of the pillars of Dhakuria Bridge, an ageing four-lane flyover in Ballygunje that has a rail line running underneath. Down the flyover and on either side of the railway line are slums, shacks and eateries. Sonia Mondol, 25, who lives in the slums under the bridge, said, "Rats have been eating this bridge like it's cake. Every day we see broken parts of the bridge falling off."

Around five km away, at the AJC Bose flyover and the nearby Nijam Palace, another of the areas that Hakim identified as rat-infested, Pintu Shaw, 28, a hawker, says, "It's impossible to do any work here. The rats come and nibble on our toes. The PWD came here and fixed the foot-

path, but within a month, the holes were back," said Shaw.

Asim Basu, councillor of ward number 70, said, "Eateries throw leftovers and the oil from the food stick onto the walls of the underground drains. Rats eat and nibble through the concrete walls of the drain."

The KMC headquarters and the Assembly building too have their share of rat tales. A KMC official said, "Rats are everywhere but the worst-hit is the server room. The rats have chewed on the wires and machines there. They have also been damaging the control room's electric wires regularly." A senior IT official at the KMC said things have got a little quieter ever since the corporation installed a "RODENT" machine in the server room two months ago. "The machine generates sound waves of a very high frequency which keeps rats away," the official said.

**Kiwis off to a flying start**

named him after Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid — Tendulkar was present for the start of the World Cup, posing with the trophy before the match.

Rachin remained unbeaten along with Devon Conway, who has represented Chennai Super Kings in the IPL with distinction. New Zealand won by nine wickets and the World Cup had started with a tame surrender by defending champions England.

Sneha Shah, a teenager, was among the latecomers. She and her mother got free tickets from her area's local BJP leader. *The Indian Express* had reported that the ruling party had used its ward-level network to mobilise women to fill the stadium.

Shah says she and her mother were here to get a feel of the stadium so they waited for the harsh sun to go down. "We were given tickets this morning, but it was too hot in the afternoon... We even got

the food but I am not going to eat it. I will hand it to someone needy outside the stadium," she said.

Meanwhile, for Bevin, the memories of the day at cricket in Ahmedabad wouldn't be just about the imposing stadium or his team flying off the blocks. In a remarkable coincidence, he had run into an old friend — after more than 40 years — at the stadium.

"Imagine that!" says John Paul, the friend. "I went to grab a bottle of water and I see my celebrity friend. Imagine, we meet after 40 years in a dry state in India. Can't even celebrate with a drink." The buddies burst into laughter.

"Last time we met was in 1979," Bryce said. It was the year of the second ODI World Cup in England where a certain Vivian Richards dazzled and the cricketing world began to fall in love with the new limited-overs format. Four years later, a young Kapil Dev would pose with the Prudential

World Cup from the Lord's balcony and the frame would make India fall in love with ODIs. That would change with the birth of T20 cricket that became an instant hit with cricket fans. Unlike the IPL matches at this venue, there was an eerie silence outside the main gate with an hour to go for the toss. Even the vendors selling flags, face-painters, fake team jersey sellers, stale-sandwich hawkers wore a disappointed look.

As the match wore on, and people began to come in, a queue began to form under the stands for food and evening tea. For neutrals like Meenaben, a local resident and housewife, it was an entertaining outing. "I don't understand cricket but my grandson wanted to see the game... It was a free ticket given to us by BJP leaders in our area. I don't know which team is playing... I think one is New Zealand," she said. She sure can pick the winner.

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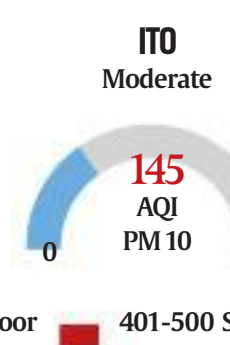
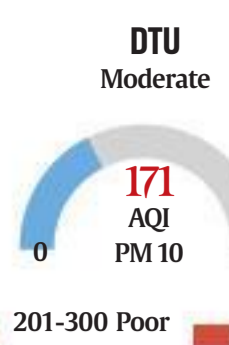
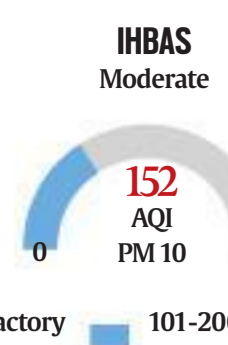
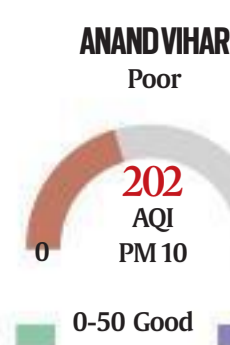
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## FALSE CASES WASTE OF TIME: KEJRIWAL

# 'Will not bow down': Day after Singh's arrest, AAP leaders take to the streets

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AAMAADMI Party (AAP) workers and leaders gathered outside the party headquarters in New Delhi Thursday, protesting MP Sanjay Singh's arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.

While the AAP workers had planned to march towards the BJP headquarters nearby, they were stopped by police barricades that were raised on Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg ahead of the protest. Some leaders and workers attempted to climb the barricades and later sat near them; they eventually retreated after the police began to drag a few protesters away from the barrier.

Around four to five AAP workers, who, police said tried to scuffle with the cops, were detained at the protest site and later released.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, meanwhile, said probing "false cases" against AAP leaders was a waste of time for the Centre and investigating agencies.

Referring to the observations of the Supreme Court on the bail application hearing of former deputy CM Manish Sisodia in the excise policy case, Kejriwal said, "The kind of questions that the Supreme Court asked — the matter is sub judice and I should not comment — it felt that they (agencies) have lodged a wrong case against us." "The CM said, "All cases are false. They (agencies) keep investigating but nothing comes out of the probe... It's a waste of time," he said, referring to the case against Singh.

At the protest site, AAP national spokesperson Reena Gupta said, "After searching his (Sanjay Singh's) house the whole day, they could not find one paisa."

Minister Gopal Rai said, "You all know how, on the directions of



**AAP leaders, workers and supporters during the protest outside party headquarters Thursday.**  
Amit Mehra

the BJP and the prime minister, the ED raided Sanjay Singh's house... The journalists who are asking questions are being arrested... This is only the beginning. I would like to tell the BJP that they will lose the Lok Sabha elections."

AAP minister Atishi told reporters, "This is the fear of losing, which is why they use all sorts of weapons like the ED, CBI, and the police. The public is not foolish; they are watching." MLA Dilip Pandey said, "This is fear ahead of the 2024 elections... If the BJP has the ED and CBI on their side, the country's people will unite against this."

### Seeking end to 'corrupt rule', BJP organises prayer meet at Rajghat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

EVEN AS the AAP took to the streets against the arrest of its Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh in connection with the alleged excise policy scam, the BJP organised a prayer meeting at Rajghat to rid the capital of the former's "corrupt rule".

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri along with BJP MPs and MLAs visited Mahatma Gandhi's Samadhi on Thursday following which the party announced it would take to the streets along with its Mahila Morcha members against the AAP across the prominent traffic junctions in the city.

"We have gathered today at the Samadhi of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, to pray that Delhi is able to break free from the corrupt rule of the Arvind Kejriwal government... Mahatma Gandhi used to say that alcohol destroys the body and soul. But Kejriwal allowed it to destroy not only his soul, but also the character of the AAP," Sachdeva alleged.

"The entire party led by Kejriwal is based on the foundation of corruption and now the pillars of this building have started falling... Manish Sisodia and now Sanjay Singh are under investigation in the liquor scam and very soon Kejriwal will also be under probe," Bidhuri said.

BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra termed the AAP as the "Don of all the corrupt" adding that not a single corrupt person, who was part of the party, would be spared. "Under the rule of the Modi government, the law will take its course. It is the political style of the AAP to brazenly commit corruption and question the action taken against it," he alleged asking why the Excise Policy was scrapped if there was nothing wrong with it.

### 'Irregularities in appointment of seven teachers': L-G orders inquiry by CBI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

IN ADDITION to ordering their termination from employment for allegedly using forged documents, Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena has asked for a CBI inquiry into the appointment of seven teachers at Delhi's government-aided schools.

L-G House officials attributed the development to a recommendation to this effect by the Directorate of Vigilance (DoV) which alleged that the appointments of certain TGT and PGT teachers were made in collusion with the officials of the Directorate of Education of the Delhi government and the school management.

"The L-G agreed with the proposal of the DoV, which found a prima facie collusion between the officials of the Directorate of Education and the Delhi Tamil Education Association (DTEA), where 51 candidates were appointed to various posts in 2022," officials said.

"It was found that seven selected teachers for TGT and PGT posts had submitted fake experience certificates. The forged experience certificate was crucial in securing the job as each year of experience granted one extra mark to the candidate. Accordingly, the L-G allowed the DoV to file a complaint with the CBI for registration of a criminal case into the matter," officials further said.

According to the terms and conditions of the Education Department, the school management was required to verify all the certificates of the selected candidates but had, L-G House officials



Delhi L-G VK Saxena

alleged, failed to properly do so with regard to experience certificates submitted by these candidates.

Officials alleged that none of the criteria that needed to be fulfilled in this respect, including the verification of certificates by seeking and obtaining appointment letters, details of payments made along with bank details, and a copy of the attendance register of the school showing their attendance, was fulfilled by the school management.

"The DoV placed the matter before the Chief Secretary who issued directions to carry out the physical verification of the experience certificates issued by the respective schools... Subsequently, experience certificates submitted by three candidates were found to be fake," officials said.

"Experience certificates of the remaining four candidates were verified by the respective schools, but not supported by documentary evidence... Accordingly, the Chief Secretary proposed the termination of the employees," the officials said.

The DoV has also been asked to lodge a complaint with the CBI with the request to register a criminal case in the matter.

### Nod to Dussehra event at city park, HC says can't overlook significance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

PERMITTING SHRI Ram Leela Committee, Janakpuri, to host Dussehra celebrations at the District Park in the area starting Thursday till October 30, the Delhi High Court observed that while "socio-cultural religious programmes in the District Parks lead to environment pollution and cause serious damage to the trees", their "significance and importance" cannot be overlooked.

A division bench of Justice Suresh Kumar Kait and Justice Neena Bansal Krishna on Thursday said Dussehra/Ramleela celebrations/Mela shall be held in accordance with all the norms applicable and by taking "all the precautions including safety, traffic, fire arrangement, etc".

It stated: "The appellants shall ensure that no damage or harm is caused to the green cover/trees already existing in the ground."

The HC said that it had passed the order only with respect to the specific issue of granting permission to hold the Ramleela for the dates as specified.

The committee had filed the plea seeking permission to hold the celebrations during the given

### Ensure no harm is caused to trees already existing in the ground, court tells appellants

period, claiming it had been doing so for over 30 years in the District Park, Janakpuri, after taking permission from the Land Owing Agency i.e. DDA, adding they have been complying with all the terms and conditions regarding cleanliness and environment.

The HC said that prima facie, it appeared that while the "major portion of the park is being used as District Park, a small portion of that area is being used as a Multipurpose Ground, as is reflected in Master Plan Delhi-2021". The bench observed that the entire confusion had arisen because this part of the ground is being considered as a District Park which appears to be distinct and exists opposite this Multipurpose Ground. "However, without going into this controversy and also considering that the matter is pending before the learned Single Judge to be considered on merits, no final expression on merits is expressed," the bench said.

## 13 sites in spotlight as civic body identifies winter pollution hotspots across capital

SAMAN HUSAIN  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

THE MUNICIPAL Corporation of Delhi (MCD) Thursday announced a series of measures it plans to undertake in order to check air pollution sources, during the upcoming winter months and again plans to focus on the 13 air pollution hotspots in the city.

The 13 identified hotspots in Delhi include — Narela, Bawana, Mundka, Wazirpur, Rohini, RK Puram, Okhla, Jahangir Puri, Anand Vihar, Vivek Vihar, Punjabi Bagh, Mayapuri and Dwarka.

"The winter action plan that is currently under discussion will focus on prevention of crop residue burning, dust pollution, vehicular and industrial emissions, open burning of garbage and regulation in the use of fire-crackers during festivals," an MCD official said.

Last year during winter, the hotspots located in North and East Delhi were the most polluted in the city. Jahangirpuri was the most polluted neighbourhood followed by Anand Vihar. Meanwhile, according to the Center for Science and Environment Analysis, all other hotspots had shown improvement compared to the average pollution level recorded over the

### Reasons for pollution

<b>EAST</b> <b>VIVEK VIHAR</b> C&D waste dumping Over 750 industrial units	<b>SOUTH</b> <b>RK PURAM</b> Traffic congestion during office hours Vasant Vihar DTC Bus depot	<b>NORTHWEST</b> <b>PUNJABI BAGH</b> Dust emission due to vehicular movement and no sprinkling Traffic congestion C&D waste dumping
<b>ANAND VIHAR</b> Diesel bus congestion because of Anand Vihar bus terminal 819 industries, including 36 polluting ones	<b>SOUTHEAST</b> <b>OKHLA</b> Landfill site Industrial area Traffic congestion	<b>ROHINI</b> C&D waste Heavy traffic congestion
<b>WEST</b> <b>MUNDKA</b> Unpaved roads Ready to mix concrete production	<b>SOUTHWEST</b> <b>DWARKA</b> Construction projects Emissions from pottery making activities	<b>WAZIRPUR</b> Over 400 industries, including 51 air polluting ones Open burning
<b>NORTH</b> <b>BAWANA</b> Bawana Industrial Area Open burning in nearby villages	<b>NARELA</b> Truck parking in Narela Industrial area Burning of leaves Road congestion	<b>JAHANGIRPURI</b> C&D waste recycling plant Bhalswa Landfill site
		<b>ASHOK VIHAR</b> Open burning Road traffic congestion

previous three winters except RK Puram.

"The major sources of pollution are different for hotspots, so

different action plans will have to be made for each hotspot... the number of smog guns, mechanical road sweeping machines

and water sprinklers to be deployed in each hotspot is currently under discussion," another MCD official said.

## After spotted deer moved from Hauz Khas park, plea in HC on translocating animals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

WITH AT least 43 spotted deer having been moved out from Delhi's Deer Park at Hauz Khas, a petition in the Delhi High Court has asked for directions to be issued to ensure compliance with guidelines that are to be followed while translocating animals.

Earlier this year, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) cancelled the A N Jha Deer Park's recognition as a 'mini zoo'. The deer park falls under the Delhi Development Authority's (DDA)

jurisdiction. The CZA order had permitted the shifting of the deer to forest areas in Rajasthan and Delhi.

Sanjeev Sharma, Deputy Regional Director, Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan, said, "So far, we have received 43 chital out of the permitted 100 from AN Jha Deer Park, and 21 out of the permitted 100 from Ghana Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur. The purpose is (to) increase the prey base in Ramgarh."

The petition, filed by New Delhi Nature Society, through its president Verhaen Khanna, alleged that CZA and IUCN guide-

lines for the relocation of the animals are not being followed. The petition before the High Court also asks for directions to be issued to the respondents to not translocate pregnant deer, young ones, and antlered animals, and that the deer which cannot be received 43 chital out of the permitted 100 from AN Jha Deer Park, and the park not be closed.

In September, the Delhi High Court had granted the respondents four weeks' time to file a status report.

The CZA order from earlier this year had said that 565 deer are present at the Deer Park and they are to be transferred in a



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70:30 ratio to forest areas in Rajasthan and Delhi. The Chief Wildlife Warden of Delhi had then informed the CZA that there is a need to "supplement the prey base" at the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.

A DDA spokesperson did not respond to questions seeking comment. The Chief Wildlife Warden in Delhi, Suneesh Buxy, said that the matter is sub-judice and would not comment further.

In June, a senior DDA official had said that the number of deer at the park had increased over the years, and that the DDA's officers were not trained to handle such large numbers.

The petition referred to the evaluation report of the deer park from September 2022; the evaluation was carried out on the directions of the CZA. As per the report, the enclosure is designed to house up to 60 animals, and back then, with 530 animals, the enclosure was "overcrowded."

"Population of spotted deer has increased from 329 animals during the last evaluation (26-06-2022) to 565 animals. No effort has been made to stop inbreeding of animals. No effort has been made to bring down the animal numbers by adopting population-control meas-

ures like segregation of male and female, sterilisation etc. No attempt has been made to introduce new blood from other zoos. The deer park has failed to get approval of the Master Plan for Deer Park from CZA authorities. It is unable to follow guidelines of Central Zoo Authority," the evaluation report had noted.

The report recommended that the Deer Park be closed and the deer be translocated to nearby protected areas and forested areas "for rewilding and augmentation of prey base in proposed tiger reserves, conservation reserves."

# EXTENSION ROAD 2 TO OPEN IN FEW WEEKS

## Dwarka expressway: Gurgaon portion to be completed by Oct-end

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
GURGAON, OCTOBER 5

AFTER SEVERAL missed deadlines, the Gurgaon portion of the Dwarka expressway will be completed by the end of October, according to officials of the National Highways Authority of India.

The expressway is divided into four packages: the first from Shiv Murti near Mahipalpur to Dwarka; the second from Dwarka Urban Extension Road (UER) to Bajghera; the third from Bajghera to Basai rail overbridge (Delhi-Haryana border); and the fourth package from Basai ROB to Kherki Daula.

Officials said 95% of highway work falling on the Haryana side, that is, packages 3 and 4, has been completed. "Work remaining includes minor touches. Even when work on the roads is completed, it does not mean it is ready to be opened to the public. We have been seeing instances of accidents on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, and we have to make sure the roads are safe to drive," an official said.

The part of the highway that falls in Gurgaon includes the



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cloverleaf interchange that will connect the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway (NH-48), and the Southern Peripheral Road near Kherki Daula.

Regarding the underpasses being built on the expressway, officials said though the work is ongoing, it is being carried out independently and would not pose any problems for traffic on the main carriageway. "This started later than other work and there would be a spillover effect due to this as the construction is being completed in isolation," the official added.

Meanwhile, officials echoed Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari that

the Delhi part of the Urban Extension Road 2 (UER-2) from North Delhi to IGI Airport will be open in three-four months.

"Anyone coming from Panipat can take the peripheral ring road. After this, taking UER 2 upon reaching Alipur and continuing till Dwarka Expressway will help you reach the airport in 20 minutes in 3-4 months," Gadkari said during an interaction at Czech Republic's Prague a few days ago.

The UER 2, connecting Alipur in North Delhi with the Delhi-Jaipur highway near Rajokri in Southwest Delhi, will unclog many parts of the national capital, Gadkari had said earlier this year.

# To rein in congestion on Delhi roads, Traffic Police identify 177 choke points

**ARNABJIT SUR**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

IN ORDER to identify the reasons behind traffic logjams in the capital and formulate actionable solutions, Delhi Traffic Police has identified 177 congestion points along with 10 flyovers that experience high volume during peak hours, in a recently concluded survey. According to senior officers, these points suffer from congestion due to a range of issues including heavy traffic, construction work, and encroachment activities. The congestion points have been divided into six traffic zones.

Some of the key flyovers experiencing congestion include Geeta Colony Flyover, Pushpa Road, Azadpur Chowk flyover, Rani Jhansi flyover, Palam/Dwarka flyover, Sarita Vihar Flyover, and Peeragarhi flyover.

As per the survey: "Apart from heavy traffic during morning and evening rush hours, heavy pedestrian movement and encroachment in the form of parked vehicles or buses which have a breakdown are also some of the reasons for traffic jams in these areas... various construction

## FLYOVERS MOST AFFECTED DURING PEAK HOURS

- Geeta Colony Pushpa Road
- Azadpur Chowk
- Sarita Vihar
- Rani Jhansi
- Palam/Dwarka
- Peeragarhi

## THREE REASONS FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION



Heavy volume of traffic



Ongoing construction work



Parked or broken down vehicles; other encroachment activities



Congestion points are divided into six traffic zones. *Archive*

activities have also been attributed as a reason."

To fight this, Delhi Traffic Police has come up with a comprehensive action plan, said officials. Said an officer, "Regular deployment of staff will be made at major inter-sections and travel corridors to ensure smooth flow of traffic... Regular auditing and reviewing of traffic signal timings according to the flow of traffic will also take place."

The officer further said that "One-way" traffic system will be introduced, adding that cranes will be deployed to tow away vehicles parked in an obstructive manner.

"Encroachment removal drives will also be undertaken with the help of local agencies apart from motorcycle patrolling," said the officer. In addition, officials will make use of map services to identify traffic blockades

and congestion points for prompt action by the field staff.

Special CP (Traffic, Zone 2) SS Yadav said Delhi Police has been regularly sending proposals to road-owning and maintenance agencies to suggest interventions to ensure a smooth flow of traffic. These include: "Closure and opening of cuts, construction of central verges, installation of iron grilles on central verges, painting of road markings, signages, etc."

# Delhi govt gets 3 weeks to form SOP in child sexual assault cases

**MALAVIKA PRASAD**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

THE DELHI High Court on Thursday granted the Delhi government three weeks time to formulate the standard operating procedure to be followed in cases of sexual assault of children. The HC was hearing a suo motu plea initiated by it concerning the alleged rape of a minor girl by a suspended officer of the Women and Child Development Department.

The bench has now listed the matter for hearing on November 10. The counsel appearing for the Delhi government's WCD, submitted before a division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula that as per the HC's August 28 order, a notice was issued to the Delhi government.

It also submitted that various parties were asked to file a status report in the matter. "We have filed a detailed status report. WCD is the nodal agency. The court was of the view that something like this should not happen again," the counsel added.

## HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

A notice was issued on 26.09.2023 to inform the candidate who have applied for CET Phase-II Examination to fill their preferences for the post of Group C by 02.10.2023.

A number of candidates who have already filled their preferences in response to the above said notice are approaching the Commission by way of representation/email or in person that they could not upload their requisite signed acknowledgement. Now, for the convenience of candidates, the Commission has decided that these candidates may upload their requisite signed acknowledgement through online mode on designated portal i.e. <https://onlinemereg.haryana.gov.in> or [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in) from 05.10.2023 to 09.10.2023 by 11:59 P.M. They are not allowed to change/edit their preferences which they have already filled up. It is cleared that no further chance to upload requisite signed acknowledgement in any case shall be allowed.

A few candidates have other grievances regarding their preferences, their issues will be addressed later on after taking into consideration the facts of their grievances.

Some candidates could not fill their preferences due to some reasons, the Commission will decide regarding this issue soon.

A Candidate will not be considered for a post/Department, if such a candidate has not given his/her preference for the same. Options confirmed at the time of submission will be treated as final and will not be changed subsequently under any circumstances. Therefore, candidates are advised to be careful while exercising such options.

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Secretary  
Panchkula

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The detailed eligibility criteria as well as the application form can be accessed at <https://inat.iucaa.in>

The last date for submission of online applications for INAT-2024 is **November 15, 2023**.

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Candidates in the final year of the aforementioned programmes are also eligible to apply. Admission for such candidates is subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria by July 2024.

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## BRIEFLY

### Rivalry over panchayat polls: Man killed, 2 hurt

**Palwal:** A man was killed and his nephew and sister-in-law injured after a group of men opened fire at them over a dispute about panchayat elections in Palwal's Allika on Wednesday, police said. The deceased was identified as Sumer while those injured are Amit and Gulbeeri. In the complaint, Amit said that his sister-in-law Pinky contested panchayat polls against a woman named Nisha, who won the election and became the sarpanch. The complainant's family was suspicious of sarpanch's educational qualifications and later, filed an RTI. "Both Nisha sarpanch and her husband Hemraj were found guilty," Amit said. FIR has been lodged under sections including murder, attempted murder, rioting, criminal conspiracy, and Arms Act.

### MCD regularises 120 sanitation workers

**New Delhi:** In its second phase of regularisation, MCD regularised 120 sanitation workers and 270 Nala Beldars Thursday. This is the second phase of regularisation since AAP began its MCD tenure. The MCD has over 18 thousand sanitation workers on a contractual basis out of which 760 have been regularised so far. AAP said it is the first time that Nala Beldars of erstwhile North and East Delhi Municipal Corporation are being regularised. "Nala Beldars have no union and no voice in MCD," said Urban Development Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj.

### 155g of opium found in shoes to be sent to US

**Gurgaon:** 155 grams of opium was found placed under the soles of a pair of shoes to be shipped to the US on Thursday. The incident occurred at a courier company in Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon. As per ASI Sandeep, "The parcel comprised a plastic bag with grey pants, a red T-shirt, two pairs of leather shoes, without laces. We found small plastic bags hidden under the shoe insoles, that contained opium. We extracted the opium, sealed it in plastic container. It weighed 155 grams." **ENS**

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> B.E./B.Tech (Lateral Entry)	15.10.2023	16.10.2023	11.10.2023
> B.Arch.	31.10.2023	02.11.2023	26.10.2023
> B.Pharmacy			
> B.Pharmacy (Lateral Entry)	30.12.2023	31.12.2023	26.12.2023

The interested candidates/stakeholder can approach to the concerned institutes as per their eligibility for the admissions in the above said courses for the session 2023-24.  
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- The period for setting up of stall at Muzaffarnagar station per spell will be 90 days.
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- The following are the eligibility criteria for participant viz.

- a) Holder of Artisans/Weaver ID card issued by Development Commissioner Handicraft, Development Commissioner Handloom, or by the requisite state/Central Government Authority.
- b) Individual artisans/weavers/craftsmen enrolled/registered with Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED)/ National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC)/Khadi/Village Industries Commission (KVIC)/associated with Social Organizations, State Govt. bodies and associated with registered micro enterprises on the Udyam Portal of the Ministry of MSME and NGO etc.
- c) Self Help Groups registered with PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme).
- d) Marginalized or weaker sections of society.
- e) No separate logo shall be allowed.

- The applicant will have to submit an undertaking to the Station Superintendent indicating that no activity would be undertaken to adversely affect the train operations, passenger safety and image of the Railways.
- Applications should be addressed and can be submitted to Station Superintendent at station by the applicant till 15:00 hrs of 09.10.2023, which will be opened on same day.
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# 6 GOVT & POLITICS



## PITCH-PERFECT

WITH THE Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs discussing the new criminal law Bills, which seek to replace the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, the BJP, it seems, wants to ensure that its best speakers are pushing its case. On Thursday, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla appointed one of BJP's most vocal MPs in the Lower House, Nishikant Dubey, as a member of the panel, replacing Chandigarh MP Kirron Kher. Sources said the government does not want the committee, which has articulate members from the Opposition such as P Chidambaram, Derek O'Brien, Digvijaya Singh, Dayanidhi Maran and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury among others, to dominate the discussions. Dubey, often pitched by the party to take on the top Opposition leaders in the Lok Sabha, would do the same in the panel meeting too, sources said. Earlier, Dubey had played his role effectively in the information technology panel.

## STRIKING A CHORD

BOLLYWOOD SINGER and composer Shankar Mahadevan will be the chief guest at the RSS Vijayadashami function at Nagpur this year. Last year, the organisation had made headlines by inviting for the first time a woman chief guest, mountaineer Santosh Yadav, to the marquee event. The Vijayadashmi event of the RSS is often seen as a platform for socio-political signalling by the organisation. In 2017, it had a Dalit chief guest. Sources said Mahadevan's choice appears to be informed by RSS's desire to reach out to consumers of popular culture.

## OWNING THE ARTS

IN KEEPING with the Ministry of Culture's theme of decolonising Indian art, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts is organising the second Ananda Coomaraswamy Memorial Lecture on Friday on the topic 'Towards Decolonising Indian Art History via the Problem of Mimesis in the Citrasutra' to commemorate the 76th death anniversary of art historian A K Coomaraswamy. Prof Parul Dave Mukherji, School of Arts and Aesthetics at Jawaharlar Nehru University, will conduct the lecture. Coomaraswamy was the first historian to condemn the consequences of a Macaulayite education system.

## India flags US envoy's visit to PoK: 'Respect our sovereignty'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

NEW DELHI has conveyed its "concerns" to Washington on the US Ambassador to Pakistan's visit to Gilgit and Baltistan, which India considers to be part of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). "I think our position on the status of the entire Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir being an integral part of India is well known. We would urge the international community to respect our sovereignty and territorial integrity. We have raised our concerns about that visit by the US Ambassador to Pakistan with the US side," the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson, Arindam Bagchi, said while responding to questions at the weekly briefing on Thursday. The US Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Blome, travelled to Gilgit and Hunza valleys in the third week of September; the visit was flagged by Opposition parties in Pakistan. The American

Embassy in Islamabad said the purpose of his visit was to "explore opportunities for strengthening the region's climate resilience". According to Pakistan newspaper, Dawn, the spokesperson of the US Embassy in Islamabad, Jonathan Lalley, said that Pakistan was among the most vulnerable countries with regard to climate change.

After Blome's six-day visit, Pakistan's Opposition leaders had said "the mysterious activities" of the US Ambassador in the region had raised questions, adding that the Gilgit Baltistan government was not aware of his visit. After the matter became public, the US Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti, was asked for comments. "It's not my place to react to the US Ambassador in Pakistan but he's been before and we obviously had part of our delegation in Jammu and Kashmir during the G20 as well," Garcetti said.

When the MEA spokesperson was asked about Garcetti's comments, he replied: "We don't think the two situations are equal."

## Riots to red diary, gang wars to Vaccine War — PM sharpens attack on Gehlot

HAMZA KHAN JAIPUR, OCTOBER 5

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Thursday attacked the Ashok Gehlot government over the law and order situation in the state, saying that no festival goes by without news of stone pelting.

"I want to ask, when Jodhpur was burning during riots, what was the CM doing? When there was violence and innocent people were being killed, what were the Congress leaders doing? Is appeasement Congress's first and last policy? Ram Navami, Parshuram Jayanti, Hanuman Jayanti — there is no festival in which news of stone pelting is not received from Rajasthan," the PM said in Jodhpur.

"In Jodhpur city, which used to be known for peace, there is gang war in broad daylight. A businessman's son is kidnapped and is mercilessly killed, and a Congress MLA says she herself is not safe. Can we imagine what the situation of a regular sister and daughter must be?" he said, adding that the Congress "loves vote bank more than Rajasthan's interests".

Bringing up the issue of red diary, which allegedly contains incriminating material against the state government, Modi said, "People say that the red diary has all the black deeds of Congress's corruption. Tell me, should the dark secrets of the red diary be revealed or not? If you want to know the truth... you will have to bring the BJP government."

Modi also praised Vivek Agnihotri's 'The Vaccine War', saying that "every Indian is feeling proud after watching that film". "I want to congratulate the filmmakers that by making *The Vaccine War* you gave importance to the country's scientists. This will



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives for a public meeting in Jodhpur on Thursday. PTI

be of immense use to the coming generations," he said.

"Is India's voice being heard across the world or not? Is India's voice being heard in America or not?," he said, repeating it for England, Singapore and Japan. "Do you feel proud or not? Congress people don't feel this way, they feel sad."

Earlier in the day, the PM laid the foundation stone for projects worth about Rs 5,000 crore in Jodhpur. These include a 350-bed Trauma Centre and Critical Care Hospital Block at AIIMS, Jodhpur, 7 Critical Care Blocks under PM-ABHIM, and the development of New Terminal Building at Jodhpur Airport. He also dedicated IIT Jodhpur campus to the nation, built at a cost of more than Rs 1,135 crore.

In another rally, the PM asked why Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot was missing from the government programme. "It was a government programme but the CM was absent. Why? Because he has faith that when Modi comes, everything will be fine... I also tell him, 'take rest, we will take it from here.'"

## In MP, Modi links Opp to terror bosses, enemies

ANAND MOHAN J BHOPAL, OCTOBER 5

SPEAKING AT an event in Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said some political parties liked to talk about enemies of the country and terrorists' bosses instead of praising the Indian army.

"*Desh ke dushmano ki baat, aatank ke aakaon ki baat unhesahi lagti hai. Mere desh ki sena ki baat unko sahi nahi lagti* (They like to talk about the enemies of the country and of terrorists' bosses. They do not like to talk about my country's Army)," Modi said.

Hinting at the Congress and its INDIA bloc partners, Modi said that some political parties, "dominated by" their "self-interest", have "now gone to this extent that in abusing the BJP, they have started abusing India itself."

PM Modi was speaking at a public event to celebrate the

500th birth anniversary of tribal queen Rani Durgavati. He also laid the foundation stone for projects worth over Rs 12,600 crore.

"Today, the world is praising the Digital India campaign, but remember how these people used to mock the initiative. India has made the world's most effective Corona vaccine... these people also raised questions about the vaccine. Someone was telling me that a new film has come out based on the vaccine. *Vaccine War*, a film that will open the eyes of the world, shows how our country's scientists have achieved such a miracle," PM Modi said.

"The party that ran the government for so many years after Independence did not even respect tribal society... our tribal society has played a very big role... those who were in power did not give any recognition to the contributions of tribal communities. Why did the country have to wait for BJP for this?" Modi said.



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra meets party workers during a public meeting in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, on Thursday. PTI

## ED being used to target critics: Priyanka

ANAND MOHAN J BHOPAL, OCTOBER 5

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday accused the BJP-led Union government of using the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to target those who speak against it.

At the Congress's Jan Akrosh rally in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district, she alleged that 250 scams had taken place under the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government in the state, and that the Centre was not investigating any of them.

"Here (in Madhya Pradesh),

the Vyapam scam happened... Did they (the Centre) investigate? They send the ED to the homes of all those who have spoken out against them. They even reached the houses of film actors... Why didn't they reach here?" she asked.

Speaking on the Women's Reservation Bill that provides 33 per cent quota for women in Parliament and state legislatures, Priyanka said: "Big announcements were made. Then, we find out that it will not be implemented for 10 years... Then what is the meaning of the announcement? For the election, you are making fun of women again. You

think that you can say anything to women and we will blindly vote for you."

Referring to the caste survey in Bihar, she asked why a national caste census was not being conducted. "Today, when every citizen of this country has equal rights in the Constitution, then why is caste census not happening? When this issue is raised, why do they become silent? You must have seen the survey in Bihar. It shows that 84 per cent are OBCs, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. So tell me, are 84 per cent people of these castes occupying major positions?" she asked.

## People don't change votes even if symbol changes: Pawar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5

AHEAD OF the hearing before the Election Commission (EC) over the claim on Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) name and symbol, party chief Sharad Pawar on Thursday said that "people do not change their vote even if the symbol changes".

"Such situation has been faced by many parties before. I want to tell you all that no matter what the decision would be, you all should not worry. People do not change their vote even if the symbol is changed," said Pawar addressing delegates at the extended national working committee meeting of the party at the Constitution Club of India in Delhi.

Following the rebellion of his nephew Ajit Pawar, who has staked claim over the party's name and symbol, the EC will hear the matter on October 6.

Pawar further added since the start of his political career he has contested on five different election symbols.

"Some people have conspired to change the election symbol. There is no need to worry. People always know which button to push. The situation of the country is changing. The mood is changing. BJP will be kept out of power," he said.

## Congress backs Singh, but keeps the heat on AAP

AAP credibility zero, party has not kept poll promise: Cong's Delhi in-charge

MANOJ CG NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

EXPLAINED Strain within bloc

THE TENSION between the Congress and AAP comes at a time when constituents of the INDIA bloc are preparing to start seat-sharing negotiations. AAP has been unhappy with Congress over the slow pace of reaching a seat-sharing arrangement.

THE CONGRESS central leadership Thursday broke its silence on the arrest of senior AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh by the Enforcement Directorate. While extending support to Singh, the party, however, made it a point to remind the AAP of the arrest of its senior leaders in Punjab.

The Congress national leadership's silence on Singh's arrest for 24 hours was telling given that both parties are constituents of the INDIA bloc and several leaders of the alliance have targeted the government, alleging misuse of investigation agencies.

It was almost a rerun of the Congress silence on the arrests earlier of AAP's Manish Sisodia and Satyendra Jain. In March this year, when Opposition parties sent a letter to the Prime Minister slamming Sisodia's arrest and alleging misuse of Central agencies, the Congress did not become a signatory. In fact, the Delhi Congress even put up posters showing Sisodia and Jain behind bars.

Ties worsened last week when Cong's Punjab MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira was arrested in connection with a 2015 narcotics case in the AAP-run state. The Congress told the AAP leadership that constituents of the INDIA bloc should not be employing "the BJP's tool" of "vendetta politics" against each other.

In first comments on the arrest by a high-ranking Congress leader, AICC general secretary in-charge of organisation K C Venugopal said, "AAP MP Sanjay Singh's arrest by the ED takes the BJP's vendetta politics to another level. We stand in complete solidarity with him and reject the use of law enforcement agencies to settle political scores."

And then he added: "For this reason, we also oppose the arrests of All India Kisan Sabha chairperson Sukhpal Khaira ji and former Punjab Deputy CM OP Saini ji by the Punjab Police. Democratic principles of a fair trial and authorities acting within the boundaries of the Constitution are non-negotiable. We cannot become those we oppose."

Interestingly, there has been no joint statement so far from the INDIA bloc which issued one on the NewsClick raid-and-arrest issue. The Congress's support to Singh with a caveat perhaps explain why the parties did not or could not put out a joint statement.

In fact, the Congress Delhi in-charge Deepak Babaria hit out at the AAP Thursday, and said he cannot say whether Singh's arrest was based on facts or misuse of investigation agencies.

Babaria told The Indian Express that the party is looking at Singh's arrest from two angles.

"One is that the promises made by the AAP in the last nine years... most of them have proved to be 'jumlebaazi'. And its credibility is completely down. Because of that, two of its ministers have been in jail for a long time. The courts are also not giving them relief. And now the name of a third senior leader has come to light. *Kanoon apni karyavahi karta hai* (the law does its work)... *toh agar aur usme sachchai hai* (if there's any truth)... so the law should take its own course. Nobody is above law," he said.

On the allegation by other Opposition parties that the arrest was a misuse of investigation agencies, Babaria said, "One can't say. The AAP government in Delhi... the Chief Minister used to say he is a representative of the common man. And Rs 80 crore was spent on renovation of his bungalow. The CBI is probing that... so their credibility is zero. Let's see what happens. In this case (of Sanjay Singh), I cannot say either way unless some facts come out."

## Centre bans J&K Democratic Freedom Party under UAPA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

THE CENTRAL government Thursday banned the Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDFP) for five years under UAPA for its anti-India and pro-Pakistan activities, as per a notification issued by the Home Ministry.

Praveen Vashista, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs said, "Whereas, the JKDFP was formed in 1998 by Shabir Ahmad Shah, a prominent separatist known for his anti-India and pro-Pakistan propaganda... And whereas, the founder of the

JKDFP had called Kashmir a 'dispute' and ruled out any settlement within the framework of the Constitution of India."

Vashista said the Central government is of the opinion that if there is no immediate curb or control of unlawful activities of the party, it will use this opportunity to continue with the anti-national activities; continue advocating the secession of J&K from the Union of India while disputing its accession to the Union; and escalate its insurrection activities, including attempt to carve out an Islamic State out of the territory of the Union of India by destabilising the government established by law.

## Cong, SP, BSP, back to Congress: 'South stands to lose 100 seats': PM rolls delimitation dice

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 5

MORE THAN a year and a half after he left the Congress, senior leader Imran Masood is set to return to the party on Saturday. Masood, who wields influence in and around Saharanpur in west Uttar Pradesh, moved to the Samajwadi Party (SP) in January 2022 before the Assembly elections and then joined the BSP last October. He was expelled from the Mayawati-led party in August.



Imran Masood will join the Congress on October 7

The Indian Express on Thursday, Congress leaders said Masood's re-entry would give the party an edge in Saharanpur at a time when the parties in INDIA bloc are planning to discuss seat-sharing for the Lok Sabha elections. The party benefits because it does not have a Muslim leader of his stature in west UP.

Asked what his role would be in the party and if he would contest the parliamentary elections, the 52-year-old said, "My first task will be to strengthen the Congress

in west UP. As for other roles, I will accept whatever the party leadership decides for me."

Known for speaking his mind — be it in favour of an alliance with the SP when he was in the Congress, or suggesting that the BSP should join the INDIA bloc when he was in Mayawati's party — Masood is also an advocate of statehood for west UP, much like BJP leader Sanjeev Balyan who raised the demand this week.

"My demand has got nothing to do with anyone else's. My workers and I have been demanding west UP as a separate state for two decades. We have also been demanding a High Court bench for a long time, as till now, we have to go all the way to Lucknow or Allahabad for court appearances. But this hasn't happened," he said.

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

ADDRESSING A rally in poll-bound Telangana on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the first time waded into the looming issue of delimitation, due in 2026, choosing a southern state to do so.

With several leaders in the South expressing concern that delimitation based on population might lead to a fall in their representation in Parliament, Modi took the topic head-on, observing that the South "stands to lose 100 seats", and linking it to the position taken by the Congress.

Speaking in Nizamabad, Modi used the phrase "*Jitni aabadi, utna haq*", first mentioned by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in the recent Karnataka Assembly elections to press for a

caste census, to make his point. "The country is now talking about the next delimitation. It will mean that wherever the population is less, the Lok Sabha seats will come down, and rise where the population is high... The southern states have achieved remarkable progress in population control, but will stand to lose heavily if the Congress's new idea of rights in proportion to population is implemented... South India stands to lose 100 Lok Sabha seats... Will South India accept this? Will it forgive the Congress? I want to tell Congress leaders not to fool the nation. Make it clear why they are playing this game," Modi argued.

Asking both the INDIA bloc and the Congress to "clarify if they are against South India", the PM said: "I want to specify that this new thought (*Jitni aabadi, utna*

*haq*) is injustice to southern India." While a politically fraught move, BJP sources said it is well-planned by the PM, with the party preparing the ground in a region where it has little to lose.

Plus, this is a bitter pill that has to be swallowed at some time by all parties — and Modi might have thrown down the gauntlet for the Congress to do so. Plus, he has done so using a Rahul phrase and the Congress call for caste census, thus felling two birds with one stone.

The Opposition's caste census clamour, primarily to cut into the BJP's hold on the OBCs, anyway may have lesser traction in the South where intermediate castes control the levers of power in most states.

BJP sources are also reading in Modi's speech a message to party leaders on how to frame the delimitation issue, without

overlooking the need to respect the regional balance of power.

Earlier, key Congress ally and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin termed the 2026 delimitation a "Sword of Damocles" hanging over the heads of the southern states, as they face the prospect of their numbers going down in Parliament. Other CMs too have raised similar concerns, asking whether the South was being "punished" for successfully controlling its population, and accomplishing population control targets set by the Centre itself.

In 2001, when the then NDA government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee had moved a Bill to freeze delimitation till 2026 in Parliament, then Law Minister Arun Jaitley had said the rationale behind the move was the failure of some states to implement the family planning programme effectively, while others had

done it. "The National Population Policy envisages 2026 as the year in which the population of the country would stabilise. Therefore, what was true till 2000 is sought to be frozen till 2026, that is, the year in which we anticipate that the population figure in the country would stabilise hopefully," he said.

The opposition Congress at the time expressed doubts over whether the country would be able to achieve its population targets by 2026. Then Leader of the Opposition Shivraj Patil said: "I find it very difficult to accept this optimism. In 1976, it was thought that the population may not increase... But population has increased... What is the guarantee that the population will remain where it is today?"

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# 7 EXPRESS NETWORK

**CDS: China's assertiveness more evident with its rise**

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

CHINA'S ASSERTIVENESS is more evident now with its rise and India will have to take this aspect into account in its overall "strategic calculus", Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan said on Thursday while delving into various national security challenges and profound geopolitical changes.

Delivering the annual Gen KV Krishna Rao memorial lecture, he also referred to India's "major dispute" along the northern borders with China and suggested that New Delhi will have to play its "strategic autonomy" card well.

"The strategic autonomy may be relevant to exploit opportunities rather than to take care of your threats. That's where the future should lie. We should be thinking about opportunities more," he said.

## Canada must reduce diplomatic staff, discussions on: MEA

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

THE CENTRE Thursday reiterated that Canada must reduce its diplomatic presence in India to achieve parity in strength and alleged that some Canadian diplomats are interfering in the country's internal matters.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said discussions on the modalities to arrive at a parity in diplomatic presence are going on.

"As we mentioned earlier, given the much higher presence of Canadian diplomats here and their interference in our internal matters, we have sought parity in our respective diplomatic presence. Discussions are ongoing on the modalities to achieve this," Bagchi said at his weekly media briefing.

He said as Canadian diplomatic presence in India is much higher compared to India's strength in Canada, it is assumed that there would be a reduction.

Earlier this week, India asked Canada to withdraw about 40 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 leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June. India has strongly re-

## Telangana: Congress turns to Muslim face to woo community

**SREENIVAS JANYALA**  
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 5

IN JUNE, the K Chandrashekar Rao government in Telangana launched a welfare scheme to provide financial assistance to backward class beneficiaries and religious minorities, catching the Telangana Congress off guard.

The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) government's 100% subsidy loan scheme provides a one-time aid of Rs 1 lakh to a member each of backward class, Muslim or Christian beneficiary families. Now, the Congress, which is hoping to woo minority votes in the upcoming Assembly elections, is working on its own welfare schemes for minorities.

The task has fallen on senior Congress leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir.

The convenor of the Telangana PCC's Political Affairs Committee, who was recently appointed chairman of the party's Minorities Declaration Committee, Shabbir is a two-time MLA from Kamareddy and has been a leading Muslim voice for nearly four decades in the Kamareddy district and the state.

Having started his political career from student politics, first as part of the NSUI in the late 1970s and then the Youth Congress, Shabbir won his first

## Re-examining ruling on immunity to MPs & MLAs, SC reserves order

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

A SEVEN-JUDGE Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its judgment on the question whether the immunity available to MPs and MLAs under Articles 105(2) and 194(2) of the Constitution from prosecution will extend to cases of bribery as well.

The bench presided by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud was constituted to re-examine the correctness of the 1998 five-judge Constitution Bench judgment in the P.V. Narasimha Rao case wherein the majority held that legislators were immune to prosecution on bribery charges for their speech or vote in Parliament.

On Wednesday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, had told the bench, also comprising Justices

A.S. Bopanna, M.M. Sundresh, P.S. Narasimha, J.B. Pardiwala, Sanjay Kumar, and Manoj Misra, that the minority view of Justice S.C. Agarwal in the Rao case is the "correct view".

The minority ruling said that "a Member of Parliament does not enjoy immunity under Article 105(1) or under Article 105(3) of the Constitution from being prosecuted before a criminal court for an offence involving offer or acceptance of bribe for the purpose of speaking or by giving his vote in Parliament or in any committees thereof".

On Thursday, Attorney General R. Venkataramani urged the court to strike a balance between the freedom of legislators to perform legislative functions without being impaired or exposed to 'undue exertions and coercion' and the prevention of the dilution of the trust in their office and its importance.

He said that "the view of the

minority that an act preceding a vote or a speech may not at all qualify for protection regardless of its connection with the said vote or speech also needs to be moderated".

Referring to the case of Jharkhand MLA Sita Soren in whose case the question of referring the Rao judgment to the seven-judge bench had arisen, the AG said the Rao ruling would not apply to it as Rajya Sabha elections are an independent process governed by a special set of rules, and as such, not part of the work, business or function of the legislature.

SG Mehta said that if the offence of bribery is complete outside the House, then the court need not be bothered about the immunity aspect.

But the CJ said "the place where it is completed, or whether it antecedent or subsequent to the speech really should not in that sense really matter

because then it will be a fortuitous circumstance".

Illustrating this with a hypothetical example, the CJ said "suppose the agreement to pay a bribe is arrived at within the House itself. May not be beyond the realm of possibility that the offer and acceptance takes place within the House, maybe when a third party is giving the House for a committee meeting... It makes no difference".

Mehta also submitted that "the obtaining, accepting, or the attempting to obtain an undue advantage shall itself constitute an offence even if the performance of a public duty by a public servant is not or has not been improper".

He said that the court instead of holding P.V. Narasimha Rao as bad law, could declare it per incuriam "since it does not take into account the statutory scheme of the Prevention of Corruption Act".



### HIGH SHOW

People watch a Chinook helicopter perform a manoeuvre during the rehearsals ahead of 91st Air Force Day celebrations, in Prayagraj on Thursday. *PTI*

## J&K police: Myanmar woman got domicile papers, case filed

**ARUN SHARMA**  
JAMMU, OCTOBER 5

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Police said it filed a case after it found that one of seven women from Myanmar, who were convicted years ago by a Kishitwar court for illegally staying in the country, had procured a J&K domicile certificate.

According to Kishitwar SSP Khalil Poswal, certificates showing domicile in J&K can only be issued to Indian citizens. All seven of them have also been able to procure Aadhaar cards, the SSP told The Indian Express on Thursday.

Poswal said an FIR was registered at Dachhan police station in Kishitwar, and that a police team has been dispatched to seize all the documents that were used by the woman to procure the "fake" domicile certificate.

Police will investigate how the Myanmar national, identified as Anwara Begum, got the certificate, and who facilitated its issuance to her. The role of officials concerned are being investigated, and no arrests have been made so far, police said.

All the seven women have been living in Dachhan for many years, are married to local residents, and have children, the SSP said. They had been apprehended by police between 2012 and 2014 under provisions of the Foreigners Act. A local court had convicted and fined them, Poswal added.

Anwara Begum is the wife of Faiz Ahmed, a Dachhan resident who works as a labourer. They have three minor children.

The settlement of Myanmar nationals — mostly Rohingyas fleeing violence — in J&K has been consistently opposed by parties such as the BJP, Shiv Sena

and the Panthers Party. In 2017, the then chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, Mehbooba Mufti, said there were 5,743 Rohingyas in J&K. She also said that there were no reported incidents of radicalisation in the community.

However, 2017 also witnessed a campaign against Rohingyas living in J&K, with the BJP, Shiv Sena, the Panthers Party and even the Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry demanding their immediate deportation.

In 2021, the J&K government converted its Hiranagar sub-jail in Kathua district into a holding centre for Myanmar nationals illegally staying in the Jammu division and detained over 200 of them there. They were detained there as part of the Central government's plan to deport them. However, this could not materialise following the SC's stay against their deportation.

## Yogi suspends 15 officials, days after six killed in Deoria over land dispute

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 5

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday ordered the suspension of 15 officials, including a Deputy Superintendent of Police-rank officer and Deputy District Magistrate, in connection with the killing of six persons over a land dispute at Fatehpur village in Deoria district three days ago.

Among those suspended are Deputy District Magistrate Yogesh Kumar Gaur, Circle Officer (Deputy SP) Rudrapur Zilajit, two tehsildars, three accountants, one head constable, four constables, two beat in-charge and one station house officer.

Apart from ordering their suspension, the chief minister also ordered departmental action against the two tehsildars and Circle Officer Zilajit.

"The action was ordered by the chief minister after he reviewed the incident in Deoria. He said that no one guilty of negligence would be spared... The initial inquiry report pointed to gross negligence and laxity in the performance of officials and po-

lice personnel," an official spokesperson of the government said.

"It was found that in connection with the land dispute, many complaints under IGRS regarding the illegal occupation of village society land by Satya Prakash Dubey were sent online to the police department/ revenue department, but the officers did not take serious cognizance to dispose of the matter... Therefore, the chief minister ordered action against officers and employees of the revenue as well as police departments," the government spokesperson added.

The officials who have been suspended in the Revenue Department are Revenue Inspector Vishal Nath Yadav, Kshetriya Lekhpal Rajnandani Yadav and Lekhpal Akhilesh.

In the Police Department, the suspension order has been issued against Head Constable Rajesh Pratap Singh, Constable Avnish Chauhan, Sub-Inspector Jai Prakash Dubey and Inspector in-charge Naveen Kumar Singh.

"Departmental action has also been ordered against three previous deputy collectors in the area. Departmental proceedings will also be initiated against re-

tired tehsildar Vanshraj Ram and retired revenue inspector Ramanand Pal," the spokesperson said.

Police have so far arrested 16 people in connection with the murders. On Monday morning, Prem Prakash Yadav (53), a former zila panchayat member, was hacked to death allegedly by Satya Prakash Dubey and his family members when he went to their house in the village. In retaliation, a group of people linked to Yadav killed Satya Prakash Dubey (54), his wife Kiran Devi (52), his son Dipesh, alias Gandhi (15), and daughters Saloni (17) and Nandini (10).

Dubey's one son Anmol (8) survived the attack and was admitted to hospital with critical injuries. Cross-FIRs were registered late Monday night. In the first FIR, Dubey's daughter Shobhita Dwivedi (27), who is married, named 27 persons and nearly 50 unidentified people in the killing of her parents and three siblings.

In the second case, Prem Prakash's uncle alleged that it was Satya Prakash Dubey and four of his family members (who eventually died) who murdered his nephew.

**ARTIST WAS OUT ON BAIL SINCE 2021**

## Chintan Upadhyay convicted of plot to kill estranged wife, lawyer

**SADAF MODAK**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5



**Chintan Upadhyay**

A SESSIONS court in Mumbai on Thursday found artist Chintan Upadhyay guilty of abetting and conspiring the murder of his estranged wife, artist Hema Upadhyay, and her lawyer Harish Bhambhani in 2015.

Chintan has been found guilty under Section 109 read with 120B of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for abetting and conspiring the murders of Hema and Bhambhani. Three other accused — Vijay Rajbhar, Pradeep Rajbhar and Shivkumar Rajbhar — were found guilty on charges, including murder under section 302, destruction of evidence under section 201 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The court will hear the accused on the quantum of punishment on Saturday.

Chintan was out on bail since 2021 when the Supreme Court granted him bail taking into account that he had spent six years in jail and the trial was not complete. On Thursday, after he was pronounced guilty by the court in Dindoshi, additional sessions judge SY Bhosale directed for him to be taken into custody till October 7, when the court will hear him and the three other accused on the sentence they should be given.

Special public prosecutor Vaibhav Bagade said that he will be seeking the maximum punishment of death penalty since the incident involved the murder of a lawyer. According to the case, Hema and Bhambhani went missing on December 11, 2015. The next day, a scrap collector alerted the police that two

suspicious-looking cardboard boxes wrapped in white plastic were seen floating in a nullah in the northern suburb of Kandivali. The bodies of Hema and Bhambhani were found inside the boxes.

Ten days later, the Mumbai Police arrested Chintan claiming that the murders were done by the co-accused at his behest over his strained relationship with Hema. The prosecution had claimed that Chintan had hatched the murder conspiracy with Vidyadhar Rajbhar, a fabricator, who was employed earlier by the couple to make their artwork, promising money in exchange for the killings. Vidyadhar has been on the run since the murders and is named as an absconding accused in the case.

The prosecution examined 56 witnesses and CCTV footage at Kandivali in the northern suburbs of Mumbai where Hema and Bhambhani could be seen entering Vidyadhar's Kandivali unit, where the three accused met them. Police claimed Hema was lured by Vidyadhar claiming that he had information to give her on Chintan related to their matrimonial dispute. Bhambhani, who was representing Hema in her divorce and other related proceedings, decided to accompany her. Police claimed that once they entered the unit, they were smothered to death.

**FULL REPORT ON**  
[www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## CBI registers case, conducts searches in censor board bribery claim

**DIVYAA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case into allegations made by Tamil actor Vishal that he had to pay Rs 6.5 lakh to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for the certification of the Hindi version of his film Mark Anthony. According to a CBI statement made on Thursday, the case has been registered against three persons and other unknown individuals, including public servants of the CBFC, Mumbai.

In a social media post a week ago, Vishal had mentioned details of monetary transactions he had made to alleged middlemen who sought bribes to get his film certified. He had also appealed to PM Narendra Modi and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to investigate the "scam" at the CBFC's Mumbai office.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting took cognizance of his allegations a day later and said the government had zero tolerance for corruption, and assured strictest action would be taken against those found guilty.

According to the CBI statement, "In addition to the said (bribe) amount, one of the accused obtained Rs 20,000/- in her bank account from the account of a private company as coordinating fees for herself. An amount of Rs 6,50,000 was allegedly withdrawn immediately in cash, out of Rs 6,54,000."

Searches were conducted at four different locations, including the premises of the accused individuals in Mumbai as well as their associates.

## Odisha's backward classes number out, findings questioned

Survey shows 39.31% of population SEBCs; officials say underestimation likely since giving info was not mandatory

**SUJIT BISOYI**  
BHUBANESWAR, OCTOBER 5

A RECENT survey conducted by the Odisha government puts the number of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs), or Other Backward Classes (OBCs) — in the state at 39.31%, sources in the government told *The Indian Express*. However, the Opposition and some government officials have questioned the survey methodology as it was a voluntary exercise that saw people report to designated centres or submit their information online between May 1 and July 12.

As per the survey's findings, conducted by the Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes (OSBCB), 53,96,132

households comprising 1,94,88,671 people belong to the SEBC category. The 2011 Census places Odisha's population at 4.19 crore. As per the OSBCB's projections, it will be 4.95 crore in 2023.

As many as 11 districts — Ganjam, Puri, Nayagarh, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Bhubaneswar, Boudh, Dhenkanal, Balangir, Boudh, Sonepur and Nuapada — have been identified as "very highly" SEBC-populated, with the community's population here exceeding 45% of the total population. Other districts such as Khurda, Balasore, Angul, Cuttack, Jajpur, Deogarh, Bargarh, and Kalahandi have been classified as highly SEBC-populated districts, with their numbers between 30% to 45%.

While the findings have not



The survey is an attempt by CM Naveen Patnaik to reach out to backward groups

been made official yet, sources said 36.6% of those belonging to the SEBC category do not have more than primary-level education, with only 3% of them having government jobs.

### The 'bare minimum'

State government officials said the actual number of people in the SEBC category "could be more" and flagged issues with the survey methodology. The information was either collected at survey centres designated by the OSBCB, or online.

"The 39.31% number is the bare minimum. The survey was voluntary and door-to-door enumeration such as in the case of the Bihar caste survey was not conducted. The participation of SEBCs in urban areas was very low. In rural areas, the participation was satisfactory although not 100%. Many who migrated to other states for work could also not be covered," said a senior government officer.

The official said the government would take a final call on

"when they want to release the data". Odisha identified 209 SEBC communities and the state Cabinet included 22 more in the category this year, taking the number to 231. SEBCs enjoy 11.25% reservation in government jobs but there is no reservation for them in education.

### Naveen Patnaik's strategy

Odisha Congress president Sarat Pattanayak called the survey an eyewash and said many were not covered. He also demanded a special session of the Assembly to discuss issues about SEBCs and demanded a door-to-door enumeration exercise.

Former Union Minister Srikanth Jena of the Congress, one of the strongest advocates of the caste survey, said the data should

not be released as the survey had not been "properly conducted".

Although elections in Odisha are largely not contested along caste or religious lines, the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD government's decision seems to be an attempt to be one step ahead of the Opposition by reaching out to backward groups.

When contacted, Odisha's SC/ST Development and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Jagannath Saraka said the government was examining the findings. "We wanted to collect data on the social and educational conditions of the backward classes. If needed, the state government will formulate target-oriented welfare schemes or announce special assistance for the SEBCs for their upliftment," he told *The Indian Express*.

**OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER,  
WATER RESOURCES ZONE, UDAIPUR**  
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No.- ACE/Actt/Bhilwara/F/2023-24/12745 Dated: 15.09.2023  
E-NIT No. 30/2023-24  
NIB Code- WRD2324A0459

Bids for the following work are invited from interested bidders upto 6:00 PM, dated 09-10-2023

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. In Lacs)
1.	Rehabilitation of Badgon Medium Irrigation Sub-Project District Chittorgarh-RWSLP	3914.31
2.	Rehabilitation of Bhopal Sagar Medium Irrigation Sub-Project District Chittorgarh-RWSLP	1534.77

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal <http://procrajasthan.gov.in>, <http://spprajasthan.gov.in>, [www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in) & [www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd](http://www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd)  
UBN:- 1.WRDWLOB01229  
2.WRDWLOB01230

Sd/-  
Additional Chief Engineer  
Water Resources Zone Udaipur  
DIPRC/14396/2023

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
**SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused (1) Sunita W/o Brij Mohan (2) Naval Kishore S/o Vijay Kumar R/o H. No.338, E-3, block Sultan Puri Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No.820/2017 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused (1) Sunita (2) Naval Kishore cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Sunita (2) Naval Kishore has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Sunita (2) Naval Kishore of **Case FIR No.820/2017 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.11.2023**.

By Order  
**Ms. Preeti Rajoria**  
Metropolitan Magistrate (Mahila Court-02)  
Room No-13, North West, Ground Floor  
Rohini, Courts, Delhi  
DP/10953/OD/2023 (Court Matter).

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER  
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERAHPUR**  
O-1203 (E-Mail: serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287)  
At:- Ampapua, Po.- Engineering School Near Income  
Tax office, Berhampur-760011

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT**  
**Bid Identification No. Online Tender/ 62-2023-24/BPR**

Identification No	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender/ 62-2023-24/BPR	Road Works including 05 years Post Construction maintenance under MMSY-TRIP for the year 2023-24	05 Nos	Rs. 371.43 Lakhs to Rs. 552.01 Lakhs	"A" Class as applicable	09 (Nine) & 11 (Eleven) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer: Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur  
Bid Identification No: 62-2023-24/BPR  
Availability of tender online for bidding: From 09.10.2023 at 10.00 A.M. To 25.10.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.

(i) EMD Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN.  
(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website- [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer  
R.W.Circle, Berhampur  
OIPR-25071/11/0067/2324

**G20 NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE**

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 the supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	19230912	BLOWER FOR TRACTION MOTOR	18 NOS	27.10.23
02	02235049	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AEROSOL BASED FIRE DETECTION	1786 SET	30.10.23
03	07232021	NOSE CONE COUPLER FOR TRAIN-18	41 SET	02.11.23
04	07231554	PACKING RING-22MM	16287 NOS	15.11.23
05	07231501A	AIR BRAKE HOSE COUPLING.	20942 NOS	20.11.23

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. 57/2023-2024 Dated: 04/10/2023

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20 E-NOTICE OF INVITATION TENDER**  
Divisional Railway Manager, N.W. Rly. Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tender for the following works on the date shown as below. **Tender No. : S&T-BKN-ET-272**  
Name of Work with its Location : Replacement and Amentation of datacom equipment of UTS / PIRS, FOIS & Other IT applications over BKN division.  
Approx. Cost of Work : 30025110.60  
**Bid Security Amount (In Rs.) : 300100.00**  
Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender : Up to 15.10.23 Hrs. of 26.10.2023 Website from which complete Tender details can be seen & download : [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
1067-CQ/23

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU DEPARTMENT OF SERICULTURE**  
HASTHAMPATTY, SALEM - 636 007.  
PHONE: 0427 2313164, FAX: 0427 2313595, E-mail: [insersiculture@gmail.com](mailto:insersiculture@gmail.com)  
INSERHVG/1/2023/1382, Dated: 04.10.2023  
**E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**  
DETAILS OF THE ITEMS

Sr. No.	Name of Items	Required quantity (Approx)	E.M.D (RS.)	Last date & time for the submission of bids	Last date & time for opening of bids
1	Power Weeder	2030 Nos	6,29,000	06.11.2023 09.30 PM	06.11.2023 09.00 PM
2	Electrical Compressor Power Sprayer	1530 Nos	1,25,000	20.10.2023 09.30 PM	20.10.2023 09.00 PM
3	Power Tiller 7HP	300 Nos	1,05,000	20.10.2023 09.30 PM	20.10.2023 09.00 PM
4	Shoot Harvest Pruner	1580 Nos	1,23,000	20.10.2023 09.30 PM	20.10.2023 09.00 PM
5	Polymer Mountings	120990 Nos	1,08,000	20.10.2023 09.30 PM	20.10.2023 09.00 PM
6	Establishment of Mulled Silk Reeling Machine Unit (10 Bases) Government Unit - Salem	2 Nos	49,900	20.10.2023 09.30 PM	20.10.2023 09.00 PM

Tender documents with terms and conditions can be downloaded from the website <https://www.tenders.gov.in> free of cost. The last date & time for the submission of electronic bids in mentioned above. The technical bid will be opened electronically on the above mentioned date and time in this Office by the Tender Scrutiny Committee.  
The tenders should submit the EMD by online transfer only through NCI Portal.  
DIPR 5425/Tender/2023 Joint Director of Sericulture/Tender Inviting Authority.

**ODISHA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
(Under Energy Department, Government of Odisha) S-59,  
Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar-751010  
Ph: 91-674-2588260, Fax: 2586368  
Web site: [www.oredaorissa.com](http://www.oredaorissa.com) E-mail: [ceoreda@oredaorissa.com](mailto:ceoreda@oredaorissa.com)  
Letter No: 3077/OREDA/PD-50/2021 Dated: 04.10.2023

**Notice for time extension**  
Extension of date of bid submission to the e-tender notice no- 2135 dated 04th July 2023 regarding request for proposal (RFP) for the selection of Solar Power Generator (SPG) for implementation of Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar Power Plants on Government Buildings in BMC area under Bhubaneswar RE City Programme on RESCO Mode.  
It is for information of all concerned that, the due time for submission of online copies of the Technical Bid has been further extended up to 03.11.2023, Time 5:30 PM. Also, due date and time for submission of hardcopies of the technical bid has been further extended up to 06.11.2023, Time 5:30 PM. The Technical bid shall be opened on 08.11.2023, Time 3:00 PM. All the prospective bidders are advised to kindly keep referring [www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA](http://www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA) and [www.oredaorissa.com](http://www.oredaorissa.com) website for further update.  
Sd/-  
Chief Executive  
OIPR-04065/11/0017/2223

**Classifieds**

**COURT NOTICE**

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT**  
(ORDER V, RULE 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)  
IN THE COURT OF SH. ANURAG SAH, DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT), ROOM NO. 01, NEW DELHI DISTRICT, PATIALA HOUSE COURTS, NEW DELHI.  
ROOM NO. 01  
CASE NO. CS (COMM) 677/2021  
CIVIL TITLE: PURNAB NARAYAN NATIONAL BANK VERSUS MEGHNA BANSAL & ANR  
TO MEGHNA BANSAL  
D/O SH. NEERAJ BANSAL.  
PROF. OF MRS. SURBHI DIXI  
R/O H. NO. 371, SUBHASH MARKET, KOTLA MUBARAKPUR, SOUTH DELHI DELHI-110053, M. NO. 7011680121  
WHEREAS above named PLAINTIFF has instituted a suit against you. You are hereby summoned to appear before this court in person or by pleader on 08.11.2023 at 10:00 AM to answer the same. Failure to appear in default of your appearance on that date before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 23RD day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.  
Sd/-  
JUDGE

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE/ CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	DHBNV HISAR	LT XLPE ARM CABLE OF SC 95 SQ MM	09.10.2023 30.10.2023	4.66 CRORES	www.dhbnv.org.in	8566818048 semm@dhbnv.org.in

21658/HRY 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)

**कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, रतलाम (म.प्र.) 457001**  
रतलाम, दिनांक: 04/10/2023

नगर पालिक निगम, रतलाम द्वारा टेंडर अपविष्ट प्रबंधन हेतु तकनीकी एवं प्रशासकीय सहयोग बाबत PIU का चयन एवं सूचना, शिक्षा एवं सम्प्रेषण (IEC) गतिविधियों के क्रियान्वयन के लिए मानववल उपलब्ध कराने हेतु [mptenders.gov.in](http://mptenders.gov.in) के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कार्य का विवरण निम्नानुसार है:-

क्र. ई-निविदा क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत रुपये	कार्य हेतु निर्धारित धरोहर राशि रुपये	निविदा प्रपत्र की कीमत	कार्य की समाप्ति तिथि
1	रतलाम नगर में स्वच्छ भारत मिशन अंतर्गत स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण 2024 एवं 2025 के टेंडर अपविष्ट प्रबंधन हेतु तकनीकी एवं प्रशासकीय सहयोग बाबत PIU का चयन एवं सूचना, शिक्षा एवं सम्प्रेषण (IEC) गतिविधियों के क्रियान्वयन के लिए मानववल उपलब्ध कराने संबंधी कार्य (कार्य से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण सलन RFP एवं निविदा की शर्तों के अनुसार है।)	3,14,40,000/-	3,14,400/-	15,000/-	कार्यदिश दिनांक से 2 वर्ष

नौडल अधिकारी - स्वच्छ भारत मिशन नगर पालिक निगम, रतलाम

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
E-mail: [ceorads@dpr@gmail.com](mailto:ceorads@dpr@gmail.com)  
Bid Identification No. CE-DPI&R-25/2023-24

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

- Nature of Work : Road work
- No. of work : 25 Nos.
- Tender Paper cost : Rs.10,00,000
- Class of Contractor : A Class/Special Class/Super Class
- Available of bid document : From 10.00 A.M. of 09.10.2023 to 5.30 PM of 26.10.2023
- Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 27.10.2023 at 11.00 AM

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.  
Sd/-  
Chief Engineer,  
(DPI & Roads), Odisha  
OIPR-3411/11/0040/2324

**EXPERIMENTAL STOPPAGE OF TRAINS**  
This is notified for the information of rail passengers that Railways have decided to provide stoppages to the following trains on the stations shown against each on experimental basis as under:-

Train No. & Name	Station	Timings		Date (From Originating Station)
		Arr.	Dep.	
19305 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar-Kamakhya Jn. Express	New Mal Jn.	04:42	04:44	From 12.10.2023
19306 Kamakhya Jn.-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express	New Mal Jn.	12:15	12:17	From 08.10.2023
15621 Kamakhya Jn.-Anand Vihar (T) Express	New Mal Jn.	11:55	11:57	From 12.10.2023
15622 Anand Vihar (T)-Kamakhya Jn. Express	New Mal Jn.	07:10	07:12	From 06.10.2023

For any kind of information, passengers are advised to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.  
Visit RailMadad Website :- [www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in) Download RailMadad app.

**Office of The Chief Engineer (Bhopal Zone) P.W.D Bhopal (M.P.)**  
**Tender Notice**  
Bhopal, Date 03-10-2023  
NIT No. 50/ G-1/MS/Bpl.Z/2019 (Year 2023)  
Online Tender for mentioned below are being invited. The Tender has been uploaded on the e-Procurement system of Public Works Department on the Portal <https://mptenders.gov.in> Tender details are as below:-

S. No.	Tender No.	District	Nature of work	Name of work	Call No.	Cost of Project (PAC) (Rs. In Lacs)	Remarks
1	2023_PWDREB_312792_1	Harda	Plan	Construction of Aהלbada to Sanyasa via Gondagaon road length 11.50 km	5th Call	1395.16	EMD/All Document are to be submitted online only.
2	2023_PWDRB_312793_1	Harda	Plan	Construction of Lolangra to Rahatkala Road. Length 4.10 KM.	4th Call	628.79	EMD/All Document are to be submitted online only.
3	2023_PWDRB_312794_1	Bhopal (Capital Div. No. 1 Bhopal)	Plan	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ADMIN BUILDING FOR TECHNICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AT T. NAGAR STADIUM BHOPAL.	1st Call	1359.05	EMD/All Document are to be submitted online only.
4	2023_PWDRB_312796_1	Bhopal (Mn. Div. No. 2 Bhopal)	Plan	Construction of Road from Samaspur to Khari Road Length 5.10 Km.	1st Call	539.72	EMD/All Document are to be submitted online only.
<b>Total</b>						<b>3922.72</b>	

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for purchase of Document on line is Dated 17-10-23 up to (17.30) Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, will not be published on website only, and note in newspaper.

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer (Bhopal Zone)  
P.W.D. Bhopal Madhya Pradesh

G-20778-23

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), E.C. Railway, Dhanbad:-

- 1. E-Tender No.: 142-DHN-2023-24**  
Name of the work with its location & completion period: Supply of portion and welding including supervision for welding of rail joints by SKV method in connection with various track renewal and repair works under ADEN/CPU and ADEN/RN in the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/4/DHN of Dhanbad Division. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work: Rs.2,03,77,236.00
- 2. E-Tender No.: 143-DHN-2023-24**  
Name of the work with its location & completion period: Dhanbad Division-TBSR (H-Beam): KRLR-NCL Section (782 Nos.), KRLR-KATI Section (269 Nos.), BXLK-KRLR Section (1010 Nos.) under ADEN/CPU in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/4/DHN of Dhanbad Division. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work: Rs.5,07,12,988.22
- 3. E-Tender No.:144-DHN-2023-24**  
Name of the work with its location & completion period: Dhanbad Division-TBSR (H-Beam): GHD-BXLK Section (5041 Nos.) under ADEN/RN in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/4/DHN of Dhanbad Division 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work: Rs.14,35,36,305.09
- 4. E-Tender No.: 145-DHN-2023-24**  
Name of the work with its location & completion period: Supply of 50,000 Cum of 50 mm size machine crushed track stone ballast as per Railway specification and loading the same into any type of Railway wagons F.O.R. Pakur for Dhanbad Division under Sr. DEN/Co-Ord/DHN. 08 (Eight) Months. Approx. cost of work: Rs.7,27,27,500.00
- 5. E-Tender No.: 146-DHN-2023-24**  
Name of the work with its location & completion period: Dhanbad Division-TBSR (H-Beam): 1797 Nos. under ADEN/LTHR in the jurisdiction of St.DEN/1/DHN. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work: Rs.5,91,03,948.88
- 6. E-Tender No.: 147-DHN-2023-24**  
Name of the work with its location & completion period: Dhanbad Division-TBSR (H-Beam) 2254 Nos. under ADEN/DTO in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/1/DHN. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work: Rs.7,41,27,965.36
- 7. E-Tender No.: 148-DHN-2023-24**  
Name of the work with its location & completion period: Barkakana-Garhwa Road Jn-TSR(P)-29, 175 TKm. & other ancillaries P.way works under the section of Sr. DEN(1)/DHN. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work: Rs.4,87,82,415.47
- 8. E-Tender No.: 149-DHN-2023-24**  
Name of the work with its location & completion period: Barkakana-Garhwa Rond- CTR(S/P)-11.724 TKm., TSR(S/P)-4.242 TKm. & other P.way ancillaries works under the section of Sr.DEN(1)/DHN. 18 (Eighteen) Months. Approx. cost of work: Rs.4,35,65,625.43  
Earnest Money (In Rs.): Earnest Money is applicable as shown in <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. portal. Date & Time for closing and opening of e-tender: Date of closing of e-tender at 17-00 hours on 26.10.2023, Date of opening of e-tender from 12:00 hrs. on 27.10.2023. Website particulars: <http://www.ireps.gov.in> No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering.  
For Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) East Central Railway / Dhanbad PR/01328/DHN/ENGG/T/23-24/100

**TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING No. IF/CT/CNCB/AMRUT 2.0 & KWI/197/2023-24  
TENDER NOTIFICATION EXTENSION NOTICE  
Roc.No.E7/1933/2022(Main) Date : 05.10.2023  
Receipt and submission of tenders as per Tender Notice No.197/2023-2024 is postponed due to administrative reason as detailed below.

Details	Date already notified	Date postponed
Last date for download of Bid documents	09.10.2023 Upto 15.00 Hours	26.10.2023 Upto 15.00 Hours
Submission of bids through e-submission	10.10.2023 Upto 15.00 Hours	27.10.2023 Upto 15.00 Hours
Tender Opening Date and Time	10.10.2023 Upto 16.00 Hours	27.10.2023 Upto 15.30 Hours

Other terms and Conditions remain unchanged.  
DIPR/ 5440 TENDER/2023  
Commissioner,  
Tiruchirappalli City Corporation

**UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD.**  
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) (Corporate Identity No. UA40199UR20018OC025867/2355)  
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Tel. No: 0135-2762444, Fax: 0135-2763839, E-mail: [cecommercialupcl@gmail.com](mailto:cecommercialupcl@gmail.com), Website: [www.upcl.org](http://www.upcl.org)

**Website : (www.mstcecommerce.com)**  
**CORRIGENDUM FOR PURCHASE OF POWER UNDER MEDIUM TERM PROCUREMENT AGAINST TENDER SPECIFICATION NO. 10/CE(COMM)/UPCL-10/MTPP/2023**  
The tender process and activities timeline modifications against tender specification No. 10/CE (COMM)/UPCL-10/MTPP/2023 are as under:-

S. No./Event	Date & Time
1. Last date and time of submission of Application and Bids & EMD	06.11.2023 at 17:00 Hrs
2. Opening of Application	07.11.2023 at 13:00 Hrs
3. Intimation to Qualified Bidders for opening of their Bids	20.11.2023
4. Opening of Bids of those Qualified Bidders	21.11.2023
5. Start of e-Reverse Auction	21.11.2023
6. Close of e-Reverse Auction	21.11.2023
7. L1 Matching	21.11.2023
8. Letter of Award (LOA)	After the approval of Hon'ble UERC
9. Validity of Bids	120 days from Bid Due Date
10. Signing of APP	Within 10 days of issue of LOA

Hard Copy of B.G./ proof of EMD should reach UPCL by 06.11.2023 at 17:00 Hrs.  
All other terms and conditions shall remain as per tender specification No. 10/CE (COMM)/UPCL-10/MTPP/2023 and its corrigendum.  
No.: 439/EE(cm)/UPCL/A-2 dt.: 05.10.2023  
**SE (COMMERCIAL)**  
SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATIONS Use LED Bulb Save Electricity. (Toll-Free- 1912)  
"Pay Electricity Bill Online 24x7 from [www.upcl.org](http://www.upcl.org)" (For information on Electricity Theft, Informer may report to Toll Free No. 1800 180 4185/Fax No.: 0135-2760911)

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM**  
Corrigendum Notice No. W.584/E-Tendering/133-DHN-23-24, Dhanbad, dt.: 03.10.2023  
It is further to notify that, the E-Tender No. 133-DHN-2023-24 dtd. 19.09.2023 is hereby Cancelled due to administrative reason.  
Divisional Railway Manager (Engg./) ECR/Dhanbad PR/01329/DHN/Engg./C/23-24/16

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE (Through e-Tender)**  
E-tender Notice No: 33235436 Date: 03.10.2023  
On behalf of President of India e-Tenders are invited by the Sr.DMM/DSD/NWR, Jodhpur. 1. Name of item: Supply, installation and commissioning of Wheel flange Lubricating system in 3 phase electric locomotives as per RDSO Specification No. MP-0.3900.06 (Rev.06), February 2011 or latest as per ELSI/VS/KP Drg. No. ELSI/VS/KP202007. F. 2. Approximate Cost of items: Rs.252250.00 (Rs. Twenty five Lakh twenty two thousand two hundred fifty Only). 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs.50450.00 (Rs. Fifty thousand four hundred fifty only). 4. Last date and time for Submission of e-tender and Opening of e-tender: 17.10.2023 before 14:25 Hrs. 5. Web site of e-tender forms can be obtained: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
6. Address of NIT issuing Office: Office of the Sr.DMM/DSD, NWR, Jodhpur-342001 (Rajasthan) Note: 1. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be summarily rejected. 2. Cost of tender document & EMD online through e-transfers i.e. through payment gateway facility on the IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
1058-CQ/23  
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**कार्यालय उज्जैन नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन**  
उज्जैन, दिनांक:- 05-10-2023  
**(Online) निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

निम्नांकित कार्य के लिए प्रपत्र 'अ' (फार्म ए) में प्रतिशत कम या अधिक के आधार पर प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग म.प्र. शासन भोपाल के कार्यालय में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से उक्त विभाग में पंजीयन प्रमाण पत्र की प्रमाणित प्रति प्रस्तुत करने पर ऑनलाइन (Online) प्रथम निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, तथा ठेकेदार की (श्रेणी सी) एम.पी.गर्वमेंट व सिरियल क्र. 1 का टेण्डर फार्म मूल्य 20,000/- रहेगा।  
सिरियल क्र. 1 आनलाईन क्वच करने की अंतिम दिनांक 16.10.2023 समय 17:30, ऑनलाईन ई. एम. डी. राशि एवं समस्त दस्तावेज Submission करने की अंतिम दिनांक 16.10.2023 समय 17:30 रहेगी।  
सिरियल क्र. 1 आनलाईन निविदा की तकनीकी बिड दिनांक 18.10.2023 को खोली जायेगी।  
विस्तृत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना एवं अन्य जानकारी वेबसाइट [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) पर देखी जा सकती हैं। यदि उपरोक्त निविदा में किसी प्रकार का संशोधन होता है तो इसकी सूचना ऑन लाईन ई दी जावेगी। पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं की जावेगी।

क्र.	टेंडर क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत	नगरीय प्रशासन एवं विकास विभाग म.प्र. भोपाल	अर्न्त मनी रु.	समय अवधि
1	2023_UAD_315071.1	सामाजिक न्याय परिसर में आगर रोड़ पर 8000 लोगों की क्षमता वाले ऑडिटोरियम का निर्माण कार्य।	5,08,37,839/-	02-08-2021	5,08,379/-	270 दिन

कार्यपालन यंत्री,  
नगर पालिक निगम उज्जैन

**Office of Superintending Engineer, 8th Circle, PWD Tehri (Tehri Garhwal)**  
Email : [sepwdtehari@rediffmail.com](mailto:sepwdtehari@rediffmail.com)  
Letter No/5456/01C(Shri Kedarnath Dham)- 8123 Dated: 03/10/2023

**E-tender Notice**  
Superintending Engineer 8th Circle, PWD New Tehri on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand invites E-tender for the following work under district Rudraprayag. All information about tender shall be available in e-GPS <https://ukenders.gov.in> on 10.10.2023.

S. No.	Name of Work	Bid Security (in Lacs)	Validity of tender (in days)	T
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## CIVIC JOBS CASE

# ED searches Bengal minister's residence among 13 locations

**SWEETY KUMARI**  
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 5

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) began searches at 13 locations in and around Kolkata, including the residence of state Food and Supplies Minister Rathin Ghosh, in connection with alleged irregularities in recruitment in civic bodies on Thursday morning.

Apart from the residence of Ghosh at Michelnagar in Madhyamgram, houses and offices of municipal chairpersons of Dum Dum (South), Baranagar, Titagarh — in North 24 Parganas district — are also being searched by ED officials, sources in the central agency said.

The searches that began at 6.30 am were in progress Thursday night till the filing of the report.

During its investigation into the school teachers' recruitment scam, the ED had collected documents which showed that the alleged irregularities were not limited to the appointment of

teachers but those made by municipalities too. The Calcutta High Court then directed the ED to probe the allegations of jobs being given in exchange of money.

The municipalities where the alleged irregularities in recruitment were found included Kanchrapara, New Barrackpore, Kamarhati, Titagarh, Baranagar, Halisahar, South Dum Dum, North Dum Dum and Taki, among others.

In August, the Calcutta High Court had directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to conduct a court-monitored probe into the allegations.

The same month, the ED had sent notices to at least 12 municipalities, seeking information about the appointments made by them since 2014.

Thursday's searches were a result of the same ongoing probe by the ED, which is trying to track the money trail.

The TMC leaders who were chairpersons of these municipalities between 2014 and 2019, when the alleged scam took

# 40 locations linked to DMK MP searched by Income Tax officials

**ARUN JANARDHANAN**  
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 5

THE INCOME Tax (I-T) Department on Thursday began searches at around 40 locations linked to DMK's Arakkonam MP S Jagathrakshakan, including his residence in Chennai's upscale Adyar area, as well as his offices in T Nagar and Velachery.

Homes of the former Union minister's relatives, a medical college located in Poonamallee, another near Puducherry, a prominent hotel in T Nagar, and a business establishment in Nungambakkam were also among properties where searches were conducted.

Jagathrakshakan is one of Tamil Nadu's richest politicians, with businesses in the health, education, and hospitality sectors.

The premises being searched also include Sree Balaji Dental College and Hospital in Pallikaranai, and Saveetha University in Kuthambakkam.

The searches took place under heavy security deployment, with more than 150 armed reserve personnel deployed at the different locations.

In Puducherry, the Sri Lakshmi Narayana Institute of Medical Sciences in Agaram, situated near Ousteri Lake, was searched by a 12-member team of the I-T department who arrived at the institute at around 8.30 am, sources said. They conducted searches at the administrative blocks while verification of hospital staff and students took place.

Reacting to the searches, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, the president of the DMK, accused the BJP-led Union government of "vindictive politics". "Arresting AAP MP Sanjay Singh and raiding DMK MP Jagathrakshakan's home are clear examples of their misuse of independent investigating agencies for political ends against IN-DIA bloc leaders. This deliberate persecution of Opposition leaders is an assault on democracy," he said in a statement.

## NANDED GOVT HOSPITAL DEATHS

# Death of woman & infant: Acting dean, doctor booked

**VIJAY KUMAR YADAV**  
NANDED, OCTOBER 5

THE ACTING dean of Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital in Nanded and another doctor have been booked for culpable homicide not amounting to murder over the death of a woman and her infant at the hospital.

In the FIR registered at the Nanded Gramin police station, Dr Wakode and the chief doctor of the paediatric department were booked on the complaint of Kamaji Mohan Tompe, 40, a farmer from Kandhar, Nanded, and father of Anjali Manchek Waghmare, 22, who died Wednesday unaware about the death of her newborn daughter two days ago. They were booked under sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 34 (common interest) of the Indian Penal Code.

Anjali was first rushed to a primary healthcare centre by her family, from where she was referred to a sub-district hospital. Since her condition was not improving, the family followed the doctor's instructions and took her to the Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital on September 30 and admitted her to Ward 19.

"She delivered a baby girl early on October 1, and at that time, my daughter and her infant were normal. But after a few hours, doctors informed me that Anjali was experiencing bleeding and that her condition was worsening. Doctors asked us to get blood packets. When we arranged blood and went to the ward to give them to doctors and staff, no one was there," Tompe stated in the FIR.

"I met Dr Wakode and told him that there was no doctor or staff to look after my daughter. I was made to wait for long. No doctor or staff were sent to the patient. When I followed up on the

matter with Dr Wakode, I was abused and thrown out. I was not even allowed to meet my daughter and her newborn," he added.

"A long time passed but no treatment was given to my daughter or her newborn. Despite knowing that the patient's condition was not good, doctors and nurses were not sent to treat the patient. As a result, the infant died on October 2 at 6 am. On October 4, at 10.30 am, Anjali, too, died," Tompe stated in the FIR.

According to Anjali's brother Nagnath Tompe, "Since my sister's health was not in good condition, we didn't inform her about her newborn's death. But she also died during treatment."

"We are not clearly told the reasons for the deaths of my sister and her child. Doctors just said that child died due to contaminated water in her mouth, while Anjali died due to excessive bleeding. We had bought 14-15 packets of blood, but still, my sister could not be saved," said Tompe.

# Bastar Fighter abducted in Bijapur by Maoists

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 5

A 28-YEAR-OLD tribal man who was recently recruited as Bastar Fighter has been abducted by Maoists in Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region. While the abduction took place on September 29, the incident has been confirmed by the Bijapur police only after Maoists in their standard style claimed the abduction by releasing a press note anonymously on Wednesday.

The Jawan identified as Shankar Kadiyam, 28, was abducted from Itampar-Uspari village where he was visiting a friend. The Maoists stated its the work of their People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) who are interrogating the jawan and "their decision will depend of next stand of police administration."

The press note also stated that the police in neighbouring Sukma district had killed two villagers on September 4 from Tadmetla village in fake encounters. The note said the slain villagers were branded as naxals and that action should be taken against the police for it.

## Must widen tech use in service delivery: CAG

New Delhi: Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) of India Girish Chandra Murmu on Thursday emphasised on the need for increased use of IT systems and technology in service delivery.

Inauguring the INTOSAI's 15th Knowledge Sharing Committee meeting at Abu Dhabi, CAG Murmu emphasised on the pivotal role of knowledge in effective public auditing.

"Knowledge is the cornerstone of proficient public auditing, ensuring precise, consistent, credible, and efficient audits," he said.

He added that it fosters a culture of ongoing improvement by identifying potential risks. **ENS**

# 2003 Sajni murder case: After jumping bail for six weeks, Tarun Jinaraj picked up from Delhi

**SOHINI GHOSH**  
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 5

AFTER JUMPING interim bail and failing to report back to jail for nearly six weeks, Valentine's Day murder accused Tarun Jinaraj (47) was caught in Delhi by Ahmedabad cyber crime police Thursday, just when he had assumed a new identity. Deputy Commissioner of Police Ajit Rajian said.

According to Rajian, Tarun — accused of allegedly strangling his wife Sajni on Valentine's Day in 2003 after three months of marriage at Ahmedabad home — was apprehended from a paying guest



**Tarun Jinaraj after he was detained.**

facility at Najafgarh in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. While at present, Tarun has been detained in Ahmedabad, the police said he would soon be sent to jail.

According to officers from cyber crime — one of the many po-

lice departments involved in locating Tarun — he had assumed the name of 'Justin Joseph' and had got an Aadhaar card made in the name before he left Sabaramati Central jail on temporary bail on August 4.

"He was in the process of applying for a driving license and probably would have applied for a passport. His (second) wife and children are in Australia," Rajian said. Tarun had changed his appearance with a haircut and also had a tattoo on his forearm.

The officers said Tarun arrived in New Delhi in the last week of September, and purportedly filed a complaint at a police station near the railway

station as 'Justin Joseph', alleging theft of his documents, to serve as an alibi for his new identity.

He then went to Najafgarh, known for its many PG facilities, and tried to take up lodging. However, when a landlord asked for documents other than his Aadhaar card in the name of Justin Joseph, he told the landlord that he had no other documents, as they had been stolen. He was then allowed to stay, the officers added.

The police said Tarun then got a job as an online marketing personnel with a CV boasting his human resource management and language skills.

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# Manipur human rights activist's home vandalised

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 5

A mob vandalised the home of human rights activist Babloo Loitongbam in Imphal on Thursday evening. No one was injured during the attack but there was some damage to property.

Police sources said the incident occurred around 6.30 pm at Loitongbam's residence in Kwakeithel Thiyam Leikai, Imphal West district. Loitongbam himself has been out of Imphal since the first week of September.

Earlier 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. Loitongbam could not be reached for comment following the vandalism of his house.

Around the month of May — the same time violence had first broken out in the state — Loitongbam in an interview with NewsClick pointed out the emergence of "some new groups called Meitei Leepun and Arambai Tenggol". While discussing the causes of the violence in Manipur, he said these groups had "injected militancy" into the Meitei community. He has also been consistently critical of the role of Chief Minister Biren Singh and has called for his resignation.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday, Lanjing Hanjaba of Meitei Leepun alleged



**The house of Babloo Loitongbam in Imphal. Express**

that Loitongbam and Thounaojam had "falsely accused" the organisation of igniting the violence. Termining 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."

Earlier on Wednesday, a group of people including volunteers of these organisations and women had gathered at the Moirangkhom residence of Thounaojam Brinda asking her to "clarify" allegations she had purportedly levelled against Meitei Leepun and another Meitei group, Arambai Tenggol, of instigating violence.

Police said that on Wednesday night, an "unknown miscreant" had torched some firewood belonging to a Meitei family in Keithelmanbi in the adjoining area of Imphal West and Kangpokpi districts. Police said that security was beefed up in the area.

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**-CUM-DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA**

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(In connection with appointment to the post of Stenographer and Court Reader-cum-Deposition Writer pursuant to Employment Notice No. 02/2022 & 03/2022 respectively)

In view of resolution of the 'Centralized Selection & Appointment Committee' dated 24.07.2023 duly approved by the Hon'ble Court, the candidates applied for the post of Court Reader-cum-Deposition Writer pursuant to the Employment Notice No. 03/2022 and Stenographer pursuant to the Employment Notice No. 02/2022 are hereby informed through this notice that –

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### NOTICE

(In connection with appointment to the post of Stenographer pursuant to Employment Notice No. 02/2016)

In view of resolution of the 'Centralized Selection & Appointment Committee' dated 03.07.2023 & 21.08.2023 duly approved by the Hon'ble Court vide letter nos. 49078 dated 27.07.2023 & 64628 dated 25.09.2023 respectively, the list of five (5) candidates selected for appointment to the post of Stenographer (Bi-lingual) in the Civil Courts of Bihar pursuant to the Employment Notice no. 02/2016 with their place of posting is available on the website of Civil Courts, Patna prepared on the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in Hindi Stenography Test, English Stenography Test, Hindi MCQ & English MCQ test held in the year of 2018 as well as interview held on 03.07.2023.

All the aforesaid five candidates have qualified in un-reserved category (irrespective of caste category). The Appointment letter of selected candidates will be issued by the concerned District & Sessions Judges of Bihar in due course.

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1737	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of SCADA related hardware and software installed under SCADA-A project in MPPKVCL, Indore	143.00	07.11.2023
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OPPOSITION IS NOT NECESSARILY ENMITY.  
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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

### THE LONG ARM

Hearing Manish Sisodia bail plea, SC asked some hard questions. Centre must pay heed as ED arrests former Dy CM's colleague

THE ARREST OF AAP's Sanjay Singh, Rajya Sabha MP, by the Enforcement Directorate, in connection with the Delhi excise policy case, raises questions that are, by now, all too familiar. The merits of the case will be decided by the due course it takes, of course, under the law of the land. The questions, however, have to do with a pattern that has been firming up over the last several years, of which Singh's arrest appears to be a part — of Central agencies, ED and CBI, overzealous in their targeting of leaders and parties of the Opposition, especially ahead of elections. The other side of the same story is the conspicuous silence and relative ineffectiveness of these agencies in states ruled by the BJP and the agencies rewriting their dossiers once the accused switches party lines. The jump in ED cases against politicians and the disproportionate numbers of Opposition leaders among them, and a similar surge in the share of Opposition leaders in the CBI net in the tenure of the Narendra Modi government, is as striking as it is disquieting. It has taken a high toll on the AAP in Delhi, especially. Three prominent leaders of the party that showed a dizzying rise in a political system with a very high threshold of electoral viability are now in jail — former senior minister and party No 2 Manish Sisodia, former minister Satyendra Jain, and now Singh, the party's face in Parliament and in negotiations with other parties. And the spectre of the excise policy case, which has led to the arrests of Sisodia and Singh, still overhangs the party.

The Delhi government's new excise policy, introduced in November 2021, allowed private licensees to run liquor stores, ostensibly to crack down on black marketing, increase government revenue and improve customer experience. It soon ran into controversy, with the L-G recommending a CBI probe, and the Arvind Kejriwal government itself rolling back the policy less than a year later, amid allegations of bending of rules, bribes and kickbacks allegedly funnelled into the AAP's electoral campaign in Goa. But the work of connecting the dots and laying out the money trail is evidently still not done. On Thursday, the Supreme Court, hearing a bail petition in the Sisodia case, pointed this out and asked some tough questions. The chain of evidence has not been fully established, it said. Where is the proof against Sisodia, except for a statement by a businessman who is himself an accused in the case and has turned approver, it asked.

The Centre, to which the CBI and ED report, must heed the court's questions. The corrupt need to be investigated and prosecuted as per law and due process; and of course, the need for probity in government should be a vital element of any political discourse in a democracy. But the Centre must know that the impression is gaining ground that its agencies are uncovering alleged irregularities selectively, to settle political scores. Trust in the state's fairness and impartiality, and the autonomy and credibility of its institutions, is at stake.

### SIKKIM WARNING

Hydroelectricity push in Northeast must be accompanied by safety measures that respect the region's fragility

AT LEAST 14 persons lost their lives and more than 100 others, including 23 army personnel, are reportedly missing in Sikkim after the Teesta river went into spate on Wednesday. The flash floods seem to have been triggered by a combination of factors. A cloud burst ripped apart the South Shonak Lake — a glacial body in the state's northwest. According to Sikkim's Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), the Teesta has inundated at least four districts in the state. The calamity was aggravated by the release of water from the Chungthang dam — initial reports suggest that the breach was caused by water rushing from the mountains. Disaster management authorities are also investigating the possibility of the event being triggered by an earthquake in Nepal on Tuesday. The probe is likely to throw more light on the immediate causes of the flash flood but one thing has long been clear — states in the Himalayan region must respect the fragile ecology of the mountains and put in adequate safeguards to mitigate the damage caused by increasingly frequent extreme rainfall events.

For years, studies have red-flagged the South Shonak Lake's expansion due to glacial melting and warned that the water body is susceptible to breaches. In 2021, for instance, a study by scientists from IIT Roorkee, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, University of Dayton, USA, University of Graz, Austria, and the Universities of Zurich and Geneva in Switzerland recommended regular monitoring of the lake's growth and continuous assessment of the region's slope stability. The National Disaster Management Authority guidelines also say that risk reduction has to begin with mapping such water bodies, taking structural measures to prevent their breach and establishing mechanisms that can alert people about glacial lake outbursts. The IMD has collaborated with the US National Weather Service to warn people about six to 24 hours before a flash flood. But the system doesn't seem to have come to terms with the Himalayan region's idiosyncrasies.

The Northeast has a key place in the hydel power push of successive governments at the Centre. The Chungthang Dam is a part of the 1,200 MW Teesta Stage 3 Hydroelectric Project. The government claims that such projects are climate-friendly because of their low emissions intensity. Hydroelectric power is also a major source of revenue for Sikkim. Ecologists, however, caution against the adverse effects of dam construction — it increases the volatility of rocks in the Himalayan region. Wednesday's disaster is a warning to take such caveats seriously and install robust safety mechanisms.

### WRITING SILENCE

In a world obsessed with what is spoken, this year's literature Nobel laureate Jon Fosse articulates what is not

THE ODDS FINALLY evened out in favour of Jon Fosse, one of Norway's most well-known contemporary playwrights and, like the long-suffering Japanese great Haruki Murakami, a fixture on the list of Nobel probables for several years. In keeping with its recent tradition of recognising autofiction as an important literary genre, the Swedish Academy awarded Fosse this year's Nobel Prize in Literature "for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable".

The ability to listen — to words and to silence — is a rare quality. For Fosse, it has been a transformational gift, allowing the 64-year-old to tap into the rhythms of the quotidian and the exceptional. In works such as *Red Black, Melancholy I, Melancholy II, Morning and Evening*, and *Septology*, his epic novel written in a single sentence, the writer has explored the Derridean philosophy: What cannot be said must not be silenced, but written. Like last year's winner, the French writer Annie Ernaux, Fosse, too, has plumbed the depths of personal experience — a near-fatal accident when he was a child, his brief wondrous life as a Communist hippie, his turn towards spirituality and conversion to Catholicism in 2012 — to explore the boundaries between the private, the personal and the universal with Beckettian precision.

The Nobel committee's recognition of Fosse, who writes in Norwegian Nynorsk, a minority language, is both a subtle political statement and a reiteration of his eminence in continental Europe. In Norway, Fosse is an institution, with an annual international festival in Oslo dedicated to disseminating his poetry, essays, novels and plays; his plays are performed liberally across Europe. The foregrounding of his prose — spartan, and prophetic in its ability to examine nuance — that is only now making its way to the rest of the world through translations, shows the timeless potency of literature to map the universal and the political through visceral self-inspection.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

As war in Ukraine continues, Russian leader will remain a problem that needs to be managed, in defeat or victory

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN America and Europe over the last few weeks are again putting a spotlight on the global politics of the war in Ukraine. In the US, the Republican Party seems to be hardening its scepticism over funding to Ukraine, while pro-Russia political forces are gaining strength in Europe. In the rest of the world, the war is becoming increasingly invisible. So where do we stand in the war, and how might it play out?

It is worth iterating and re-iterating what was at stake in this war, especially in India where tacit support for Russia has dominated the discourse. If Vladimir Putin's aggression towards Ukraine had succeeded, it would have upended three important principles of international politics. It would have been only the second time since World War II that a country would have sought to annex and incorporate another country as a whole. India has rightly argued that war is not the way of the 21st century. But, if Putin had succeeded, it would have incentivised war as a principle of world politics with a vengeance. It was important that Putin be contained: The only question was the least destructive means of doing so.

There was, potentially, a third issue at stake: The possible use of nuclear weapons. This risk never entirely fades, so long as the weapons exist. But at least on this event, Putin's allies like China drew a red line.

Much to everyone's surprise, Russia failed to subjugate Ukraine. Russia lost every one of its strategic objectives — if the objective was to prevent NATO expansion (which it never was), it lost; if it was a recreation of its empire, it lost. Ukraine was forged as a nation. The political challenges it now faces in the global system are, in part, a consequence of its success.

There are three issues at stake. First, how do the objectives of the war now get defined? Ukraine has every right to defend its territory. But the rest of the world, it seems, had more sympathy for Ukraine reasserting its sovereignty rather than reclaiming all of its territory. The world had let the Russian invasion of Crimea pass by relatively unpun-

ished. The moral stakes in a war where an entire country is being gobbled up and its sovereignty obliterated, versus a war where the issue is whether Ukraine can reclaim the last 15 or 20 per cent of its territory look very different. Is a protracted war for another year or more, with possibly another couple of hundred thousand casualties, the deferred return of refugees and the postponed project of rebuilding, worth it? This question looks very different from the question: Should Ukraine exist as a viable sovereign country? Ultimately, this is a question for Ukraine to answer. But it is a question that is being asked around the world.

Second, one of the most remarkable things about this war has been how we have constantly been surprised by the way the secondary effects of the war have played out on economies and societies. Putin may have gambled that Europe's energy dependence on Russia would make it vulnerable to the point that it could not stand up to Russia. But perhaps equally, predictions about how sanctions might get the Russian economy to collapse proved to be unfounded. Russia's long-term growth prospects may have been hit, but it is nowhere near being in the zone of an unsustainable economy on the verge of collapse. And, after some initial concerns, the rest of the world has shrugged off the costs of the war. Putin's initial calculation that the cost of the war would cause a polarising rift in the West as energy prices rise may have been off the mark. But, there is a sense in which the cost of the war is belatedly becoming a domestic political issue in the West. So in the end, the outcome of the war may depend not on the question of objectives, but on the question of capabilities. There is absolutely no doubt that Russia has imperial ambitions. But it has discovered it does not have the material and organisational capabilities to execute that ambition in the face of resistance. In a different way, the West has to confront the question of the degree to which democracies can sustain material support for this war. Do these limits now push the parties to at least some negotiated settlement?

The third question is the situation on the ground in Ukraine. It is striking, the degree to which the current status quo on the ground is being increasingly described as a stalemate, as if Ukraine did not manage to achieve its objectives. This, perhaps, an unfair description of what Ukraine has managed to achieve, and what the nature of the war is like. But it is an open question how this war of attrition, with incremental gains, will play out for Ukraine. Putin now has everything to play for in terms of time, at least till the next presidential election in the US. His best hope is that Western financial and military support for Ukraine will dwindle, driven largely by the pressures of domestic politics in the US and Europe. The war has reached a stage where its future may now depend as much on election results in the West, and its calculations of opportunity costs, as it does on military realities on the ground.

Many of the long-term secondary political effects of the war will play out. As always, there will be plenty of hypocrisy to go around, in the West and in the Global South. We are already seeing this in NATO's deafening silence on the ethnic cleansing in Nagorno-Karabakh. But in the middle of these processes, there remains one difficult fact: The opacity of Putin. A negotiated settlement or credible armistice that secures most of Ukraine's sovereign rights and its paths to prosperity would be in everyone's interest. But almost all the arguments for negotiations are directed at Ukraine and the West. It is still nearly impossible to gauge Putin's political calculations.

Does he simply hold out in a grinding war of attrition for a year, hoping his political fortunes turn? Does Russia engage in a last act of destruction, despite depleting capabilities? But the disquieting thought is that for Putin, any pathway to Ukrainian success might itself be seen as an affront. In this case, it is not clear what Ukraine's options are. Putin will remain a problem that needs to be managed — in defeat or victory.

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## THE VALUE OF THEIR WORK

Unpaid domestic, agricultural labour by rural women has been ignored for too long



SHINEY CHAKRABORTY AND PRIYANKA CHATTERJEE

AS THE INTERNATIONAL Day of Rural Women approaches, it is disheartening to note that India not only recorded one of the lowest female labour force participation rates (LFPR) in the world, but that it was also lower than other South Asian countries except Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data indicates that for women in the working age group (15-59 years), LFPR is only 35.6 per cent in India with the participation rate being 39.3 per cent and 26.5 per cent, respectively, in rural and urban areas in 2021-22. Notably, from 2017 to 2021, women's LFPR increased relative to men, particularly in rural areas because of the larger engagement of rural women in agriculture and allied activities.

Education and age group-wise classification of LFPR reveals that the recent increase in rural women's LFPR is entirely explained by the increase in self-employment. Nearly three-fourth of rural working women were involved in agriculture and allied activities and more than half worked as unpaid family helpers (in household business without getting any payment) during 2021-22. Furthermore, married women were more prone to taking on the role of unpaid family helpers or engaging in domestic chores.

Rural women working as regular and casual wage workers faced a higher gender wage gap compared to urban women and self-employed women received less than half of men's earnings, indicating a higher gender earning gap as compared to other categories

of workers in rural areas. For the self-employed, this gap has further deteriorated from 2017 to 2021.

A significant proportion of women are involved in unpaid but essential activities and are not considered within the labour force in India. Though this proportion declined from 60 per cent in 2017-18 to 46 per cent in 2021-22 because of the decline in women's engagement in only domestic chores, in rural areas, one third of women remained engaged in unpaid domestic chores in 2021-22. The Time Use Survey (2019) reveals that on average, women spend over five hours everyday in unpaid domestic services and more than two hours in unpaid caregiving services in rural areas which is substantially more than men. Rural women also spend over seven hours everyday growing crops for the market and household use in 2019.

Despite their crucial role in agriculture, the agriculture census (2015-16) reported that only 14.7 per cent of the operational landholdings were owned by women, reflecting the gender disparity in ownership of landholdings in agriculture. There is also a concentration of operational holdings (57 per cent) by women in the marginal and small holding categories. Owning land can enable women to get access to different agricultural schemes, compensation and relief measures in case of crop loss to sustain their livelihood.

account for a major proportion of the Union government's budget and there is greater emphasis on an individual-centric approach. Various schemes, such as the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), are initiated by the Union government under the income support and risk management category whose expenditure has increased from 13 per cent in 2015-16 to 73 per cent in 2023-24. Allocations for agriculture in the Union budgets have signalled a high priority for these two schemes, in particular. But the gender-wise beneficiary data highlights that only 15 per cent women farmers received financial support from PMFBY in 2023 and only 25 per cent women farmers received financial benefit under PM-KISAN. Since landowning is the major criterion for getting benefits of these two schemes, many women farmers end up excluded.

The unpaid, unaccounted and underpaid contribution of rural women, not only in agriculture but the overall rural economy, must be counted, along with the inclusion of landless, marginal women farmers in government agricultural schemes to combat gender inequality in rural India.

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## OCTOBER 6, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

### OPPOSITION'S WOES

OPPOSITION LEADERS CALLED for a division of the central executive and legislative powers to enable states to discharge their duties and responsibilities in the manner laid down by the Constitution. They were speaking at the three-day opposition conclave which began in Srinagar. The leaders were critical of the central government, which according to them, took a partisan stand while dealing with states where non-Congress (I) governments were in power.

time" and proposed a US-Soviet freeze on nuclear weapons. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, making the proposal in absentia, asked the UN General Assembly to adopt a resolution urging all nuclear-armed nations to agree to a freeze "under appropriate verification", including a ban on deployment of new types of nuclear arms.

### NOBEL PEACE AWARDEE

POLISH LABOUR LEADER Lech Walesa is the winner of the 1981 Nobel Peace Prize, the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced. Walesa, the first Pole to win the world's most coveted prize, was chosen because of his "contribution made with considerable

personal sacrifice, to ensure the workers' right to establish their own organisations," the committee said.

### DOE'S IMPORT DECISION

DESPITE THE PRIME Minister's recent assurance to the Lok Sabha that the application of the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for licence to manufacture liquid crystal displays (LCDs) using indigenous know-how is "being supported", the department of electronics (DOE) has decided to import the same technology from Japan. The DOE case for import is that indigenous technology is not proven in terms of quality and production.



## 11 THE IDEAS PAGE

# A bank for the future

Fast pace of technological change and structural transformation of the economy can create regulatory blind spots and vulnerabilities, challenging the standards and methods taken for granted



DINESH KHARA

THE GROWING OPTIMISM over India across the world today is indicative of a premium being placed on the country's governance structures and its policy apparatus. The government's policies have enabled the country to become a hub of innovation. Today, in several parts of the country, ideas are being incubated that are leading to the production of novel public goods for people all over the world. Nowhere perhaps are the winds of change so strong as in the banking and financial sector. It has been at the forefront of the transformative journey of the world's largest democracy.

The past 25 years have seen high growth and stability, notwithstanding several episodes of stress — from the dotcom bubble, to the September 11 attacks, the 2008 financial crisis, the European debt crisis, the Covid-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine War. These emergencies have tested the limits of human knowledge.

India's banking and financial sector has not been untouched by these forces. The last decade has been particularly challenging. The Covid-19 pandemic caused widespread devastation of lives and livelihoods. The war in Ukraine has compounded the situation.

Over the last 75 years, banking in India has matured into a vibrant sector. The reforms over the past 30 years have been a critical enabler. Consolidation in the public sector banking space, the emergence of private banks, specialised non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and the emerging fintech ecosystem have increased the diversity quotient of the financial sector and made it inclusive. Banks have left behind the legacy issues of non-performing assets (NPAs) and weathered most exogenous shocks. Internal accruals have become a source of growth capital. With credit costs bottoming out, it is expected that loan growth will be healthy in the coming years.

From following the bricks-and-mortar model, banks in India today are at the cutting edge of technology adoption. Universal coverage of banking through Jan Dhan and the widespread use of technology to deliver financial services through digital channels have transformed finance. Products like mobile banking applications, retail electronic fund transfers, UPI, Aadhaar e-KYC, Bharat Bill Payment System, scan and pay and digital pre-paid instruments have transformed traditional branch banking. The emergence of public financial platforms is going to give further impetus to banking services.

The Indian banking system is currently moving towards a knowledge-based regime, enabled by AI and cognitive computing across all business functions and processes. The deployment of AI-enabled capabilities can help banks to personalise customer engagement and increase their ability to develop a deeper understanding of customers.

As times change, so does the business environment. This is true for banking as well. Change opens up a new set of opportunities and challenges. The fast pace of technological change and the structural transformation of the economy create regulatory blind spots and vulnerabilities, challenging the standards and methods taken for granted over the years.



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If digitalisation has opened new channels of delivering financial services and creating product differentiation, it has also opened several concerns — from the mushrooming of unregulated digital lending apps to crypto-currencies and cyber-attacks. Ease of banking now comes with added responsibility to ensure the availability of critical support infrastructure for a secured payment settlement system, ATMs, internet/mobile banking, dealing with cyber security risks, and addressing customer grievances — all these ensure that banking services continue uninterrupted.

Climate change has emerged as a major challenge for banks. The associated “equal but differentiated responsibility” of every nation has given rise to many initiatives which will drive the decarbonisation efforts. This opens up new business opportunities in renewables, city gas distribution, green hydrogen and trade in green goods to meet the challenge of net-zero transition. Banks are expected to be major financiers in the fight against climate change. Risk management practices of banks have to account for this new risk, more so when methodological and data challenges are significant.

In addition to technology, the main differentiator for success in the coming years will be the quality of human resources. With a dynamic and rapidly changing environment, the skill gap is widening. To address this, banks and financial institutions have to attract, train and retain talent. There is today a greater need for employees to be flexible, agile, open to new technologies and proactively pick up new skills to remain useful. Consequently, upskilling and reskilling of human resources is a *sine qua non* to face the emerging challenges. This is where capacity building will play a major role in the financial sector.

Apart from training, the financial services sector has to invest in research and be open to accepting and developing out-of-box ideas for seamless service delivery and hyper-personalisation of products. Banks and financial institutions will have to consider



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in-house data science labs or sandbox environments to test out innovative ideas.

Finally, the recent events in the US banking system have highlighted why the governance structure is the backbone of an institution. While external financial stability has not greatly impacted Indian banking, there is no room for complacency. As we strive to become a developed country by 2047, financial institutions will need extraordinary amounts of financial resources to support growth to realise our visions for a brighter tomorrow. Raising these resources would not be a constraint for financial intermediaries with robust governance frameworks as they can command a governance premium. In fact, governance becomes even more important if banks have to insulate themselves from the cost of climate risk.

I am optimistic about the Indian banking system's ability to catalyse change. Our growth-centric mindset and our demographics have provided us with a once-in-a-century moment to capitalise on our innate strengths. The Indian financial sector is coming out of a challenging decade which saw several crises including the pandemic. It has learnt and grown from these experiences and is fairly sound, much more resilient and equipped to play its role in an era of proactive policy. With a large domestic orientation, banks will perform well as long as the fundamentals of the Indian economy remain robust. Recent policy initiatives of the government such as the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and the creation of NaBFID and NARCL have addressed market failures by creating institutions which provide stability to the banking sector in the long run. The banking sector is leading the journey towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat, for equitable and sustainable development benefiting all. This is akin to the success of India's Chandrayaan-3, that signifies the judicious blending of innovation and technical excellence for the benefit of humankind.

## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The deeper the malaise that Britons feel, the more transformational the solutions that are needed. These are not on offer. That might explain why the Tory vote share remains stubbornly behind Labour's, despite high-profile announcements on net zero and immigration.” — THE GUARDIAN

# I will watch India and Pakistan play

Those who conflate the Pakistan government with its cricket team do not understand the nature and purpose of sport — or terrorism



GOPAL SANKARANARAYANAN

IN JANUARY THIS year, a team of researchers from Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge released their study of 7,249 adults, which concluded that passive sports engagement (attending or viewing sports events) significantly increased overall happiness, reduced anxiety and loneliness and gave a sense of meaning and purpose to those surveyed. For the millions of Indian cricket fans, this should come as no surprise, with the noise and colour they bring to every stadium on the planet, letting us know exactly how they feel when the Women and Men in Blue take the field. These aficionados are lost in the battle between willow and leather for a precious few hours, escaping from the travails of the desk, the hearth, the counter and the streets. When they cheer a boundary or a wicket, they do so without a callous disregard for their compatriots who lay down their lives at our borders or by lacking empathy for our armed forces.

Yet, one was surprised to find in these columns last week, a piece stitching together a militant attack in Kashmir, the welcome to the Pakistan cricket team in Hyderabad and the sense of loss suffered by parents who lose a child (“I won't watch India play Pak”, IE, September 30). The writer sought to take these disparate threads and weave a justification for why India should not have allowed Pakistan to play cricket on our soil.

“Why the lifting of this cricket embargo at this time”, the writer queries, suggesting that India rolled out the red carpet immediately after four (wrongly-stated as three) of its sons were lost to militant fire. The simple response would be to remind the writer that this is a World Cup. And India is the host. And the 10 invitees were determined months ago after 32 teams clashed for the coveted spots. To bar Pakistan would not only be unprofessional, but it would also invite serious sanctions on the host nation of an ICC event. But this straightforward response may not satisfy one who wishes to conflate a terrorist act with an unconnected cricket competition.

Consider then the fact that as per the South Asia Terrorism Portal (SATP), India has lost 4,919 civilians and 3,578 security personnel because of insurgency in Kashmir during the period from 2001 to 2023. During the same span, as many as 21,301 Pakistani civilians and 8,308 security personnel have been killed by terrorist attacks. Clearly, Pakistan has been as much a victim of barbaric groups as India has, though the blame for fostering them lies squarely with the government of that state. In such a tragic situation, where fami-

lies (and yes, parents) on both sides of the border grieve their losses, to portray one as the perpetrator and the other as the victim borders on inhumane. Innocents on both sides of the Radcliffe Line unite in allowing cricket to afford them some succour, and it is to India's credit that we welcome the Men in Green with the warmth and grace reserved for professional athletes at the highest level. To behave otherwise would once again lead to the slippery slope of banning Pakistani musicians, artists, writers, scientists and thinkers from visiting India only because terror has reared its ugly head. In doing so, we allow these vile perpetrators to triumph, we permit them to succeed in their misdirection, and we do great disservice to the martyrs of the patriots who resisted their efforts to disturb our normal lives.

After the first edition of the IPL, cricketers from Pakistan remain banned from participation in the wake of the attacks of 26/11. It is unclear whether this embargo has either strengthened our borders or deterred terrorists, but it has definitely impacted the game of cricket as some of its finest exponents have had to pay the price of belonging to a territory where terror is fomented. A fortnight ago, the Sports Minister reiterated the boycott of bilateral matches, drawing the same invisible link between Pakistan cricket and the Pakistan government that the writer does. In a republic like ours, this leap to identify subjects with their governments is a disturbing one — all cultural appropriations by American professors apart, it is this trend that is *vilomah* (against the natural order of things).

As a parent myself, I counsel the writer to teach her child that the response to violence (or any injustice) is to exercise caution, to enquire, to ascertain and only then, to react. The belligerent clamouring of our evening talk shows does not a great education make, and we should abjure their hawkish approach. As George Bernard Shaw said, “Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance.”

Sport as a form of celebration of the human spirit is as old as civilisation. To the west of the Peloponnese in ancient Greece is where citizens convened in 776 BC to witness amazing feats of skill and strength from the kingdoms of Elis, Pisa and Sparta. The venue lent its name to the quadrennial event which continued for more than 1,000 years until its resurrection in 1896. What was significant about these Olympic Games of Antiquity was the tradition of the “Olympic Truce”, which provided that the athletes and spectators were given safe passage in the duration of the Games, thereby leading to a complete cessation of hostilities. Even the ancients, therefore, recognised the merits of civilised sporting competition in the midst of war.

In India, in 2023, we demand much less — ranged against a handful of fanatics are the billions united for peace — a peace punctuated only by the sound of bat on ball.

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APAR GUPTA

# Internet ups and downs

Shutdowns only intensify erosion of public trust in Manipur

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2023, Manipur's chief minister triumphantly announced the restoration of full internet access, attributing it to “improved” law and order. This ended India's second-longest internet blackout, which had stretched for over 143 days since May 3. The news was greeted with relief by citizens — from students planning their return to Manipur to aid workers scrambling for essential supplies. Yet, this respite was fleeting. Within two days, the nation was jolted awake by horrific images of two slain Meitei students. The ensuing outrage and protests in Imphal were met with a familiar governmental response: Another shutdown of mobile internet access.

In a previous article (“Shutdown is no cure”, IE, August 4), I laid out data, research and expert opinion debunking the efficacy of internet shutdowns in preventing violence. So, is the state acting on mere dogma? The answer lies in a pattern. Both the recent tragedy and an earlier incident, the sexual assault of two Kuki-Zo women, whose video was made on May 4, unfolded in a similar manner: Violence occurred weeks before the public exposure of the episode, and each revelation coincided with some form of internet restoration, which was then followed by reimposition of shutdown amid public calls for justice. Disturbingly, official action — be it

police intervention or arrests — kicked off only after public outrage. These aren't isolated events but threads in a tapestry of ethnic conflict, marked by frequent loss of life and property. The state's failure to protect its citizens raises questions about the chief minister's competence. It underpins a lack of confidence in the state as a recurring theme for protests in Imphal, regardless of internet access. In this climate of mistrust and fear, one can argue that shutdowns serve the government more than the citizens, offering a cynical advantage with minimal risk.

The institutions which serve as checks on a state government are either offering tacit support or adopting wilful ignorance towards internet shutdowns. The Union government, far from being a moderating force, has set its own precedent with a 552-day shutdown in Jammu and Kashmir. The Department of Telecom refuses to maintain a centralised database and has proposed a Telecom Bill that retains unchecked power to implement internet shutdowns. This attitude towards internet shutdowns was evident in a recent Council on Foreign Relations event featuring the External Affairs Minister on the very day the internet shutdown was reinstated. When questioned about India's democratic decline, as indicated by the Freedom House rankings

that factor in internet shutdowns, he dismissed it as having an “ideological agenda”. On the Manipur conflict, he labelled a joint statement by thirteen special rapporteurs and six experts at the United Nations as “presumptive,” attributing the strife to “long-standing tensions”. Even if we accept this reasoning as correct, does it excuse the responsibility of the chief minister? Does it justify an internet shutdown?

Questions that find space in news articles and public lectures are conspicuously absent from our courts. The Supreme Court has dodged the internet shutdown issue in three separate cases, while the High Court of Manipur, over sixteen hearings, has fixated on “limited internet shutdowns”. This notion is gaining traction, notably in a recently concluded Telecom Regulatory Authority of India consultation that tackled both net neutrality and internet shutdowns. While public attention veers toward net neutrality, the “limited internet shutdowns” were largely ignored, especially by the tech startups as well as large online companies wary of wading into “national security”. Yet, a cautionary note is warranted: Major telecom players like Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone are advocating for service-level blocks by internet companies, a move that could not only increase compliance bur-

dens but also risk government-dictated “essential” internet services. The private sector also needs to draw lessons from Manipur and ask itself, will there be any net neutrality without the internet?

In the absence of accountability from centres of privilege, power and profit, internet shutdowns will continue to metastasise on our body politic to prevent public assembly and protest. We have not seen the last images of violence and brutality from Manipur, for they reflect a deep-seated social discord and a breakdown in public trust. Our responses will numb with time, apathy will build up again, but the tragedy in Manipur will not atrophy. The term “cycle of violence,” is aptly used here. It was coined by Lenore Walker to describe situations of domestic abuse, and is no longer used in this context. However, it captures the toxic relationship that can develop between the state and its citizens. Those in power persist in depriving citizens of digital access to essential aspects of life, all to evade accountability. Cycles do not stop by themselves. To end, they require political leadership, not the continued use of “limited internet shutdowns” in Manipur.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PRESS FREEDOM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘The morning knock’ (IE, October 5). “The press was to serve the governed, not the governors,” these lines by US Justice Hugo Black echoed in the background when the Delhi Police raided the residence and offices of NewsClick employees and founder-editor. In light of allegations against NewsClick receiving funds from China to propagate a narrative, due process of law could have been followed by police instead of witch-hunting journalists and activists, who have been critical of the BJP government's policies in the past. In a democracy, the parameter to ascertain growth and development is to analyse the freedom of the press.

Nischai Vats, Sultanpur

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘The morning knock’ (IE, October 5). Even for a government that has shown itself to be intolerant of critical journalism, the actions of the BJP-led regime with regard to NewsClick smack of vendetta and brazen harassment. The government has, thus far, disclosed no specific allegation as to what merited the arrest of founder-editor Prabir Purkayastha under the draconian provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. No wonder India's ranking in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index has fallen to 161 among the list of 180 countries. This shows the continuous deterioration of the situation in the country in terms of the protection of media rights.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

### OPS BENEFITS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Undoing reform’ (IE, October 5). OPS may be expensive for the government but it is beneficial for retired people. It ensures that retired government employees will receive a regular income for the rest of their lives. However, the NPS may not be able to provide such a guarantee. OPS also provides family pension benefits to spouses and dependents of retired government employees so their financial security is assured, in case of death. It is a safety net that protects those unable to work, from financial hardship and allows them to enjoy their retirement years peacefully.

Arihant Jain, Hisar

### RIVER ISSUE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Drawing lines in Cauvery waters’ (IE, October 5). Reservoirs and dams can store water when there is adequate rainfall. In a bountiful monsoon year, there is no dispute about sharing Cauvery water. From about 28.6 million people in the Cauvery basin based on the 1911 census, the numbers have almost doubled to 50 million people today. But the amount of river water has remained the same — and that is the crux of the issue. Karnataka and Tamil Nadu must adopt a distress-sharing formula for lean years. Water is a fundamental right and should not be used as a bargaining chip in political rivalries. Both states deserve equitable share.

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# Delhi liquor case: ED charges against AAP leaders

## Manish Sisodia and others accused of receiving kickbacks from liquor business operators to 'influence' Assembly elections in Punjab, Goa

**JATIN ANAND & MALLICA JOSHI**  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

A DELHI court on Thursday remanded Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) member of Rajya Sabha Sanjay Singh in Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody until October 10. Separately, the Supreme Court, hearing the bail plea of former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, asked the ED some tough questions before adjourning the matter to October 12. Singh was arrested on Wednesday; Sisodia on February 26. Both leaders are accused of corruption in the formulation and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, which came into force in November 2021 but was scrapped in July 2022.

**What are the allegations in the "Delhi excise policy scam"?**

The allegations arose out of a report submitted by Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar to Lieutenant Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena in July 2022, pointing to alleged procedural lapses in the formulation of the policy.

The report said "arbitrary and unilateral

decisions" taken by Sisodia in his capacity as Excise Minister had resulted in "financial losses to the exchequer" estimated at more than Rs 580 crore. It alleged that "kickbacks...received by the AAP Delhi government and AAP leaders" from owners and operators of alcohol businesses for preferential treatment such as discounts and extensions in licence fee, waiver on penalties and relief due to disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, etc. were used to "influence" the Assembly elections held in Punjab and Goa in early 2022.

The report was referred to the CBI, and led to Sisodia's arrest.

**How did the ED come into the picture?**

After the CBI named Sisodia and 14 other accused including AAP communications in-charge Vijay Nair in its FIR, the ED told a court in March that the alleged proceeds of crime amounted to more than Rs 292 crore, and that it was necessary to establish the modus operandi.

The ED alleged that the "scam" was to give the wholesale liquor business to private entities and fix a 12% margin, for a 6% kickback. In its first prosecution complaint in

November 2021, the ED said the policy was "formulated with deliberate loopholes" that "promoted cartel formations through the back door" to benefit AAP leaders.

The ED also alleged that AAP leaders, with Nair as middleman, received kickbacks to the tune of Rs 100 crore from a group of individuals identified as the "South Group", who secured uninhibited access to various wholesale businesses and retail zones in violation of rules.

**How was the new excise policy different from the existing policy?**

The policy envisaged the exit of the state from the liquor business to allow it to reach its full potential. Delhi was divided into 32 zones, each of which had 27 liquor vends — that is two-three private liquor shops in each of the 272 municipal wards.

The stated goal of the policy was to shut down black marketing and the liquor mafia, increase revenue, improve the consumer experience, and ensure equitable distribution of liquor vends across the capital. The licensees were allowed to offer discounts and

set their own prices instead of selling at the MRPs fixed by the government.

**So, what went wrong?**

On July 8, 2022, Chief Secretary Kumar sent a five-page report to LG Saxena and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal flagging "deviations" from laid-down procedures in the formulation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22. Based on the Chief Secretary's note, the LG asked the Vigilance Department for a detailed report.

The Vigilance report said the "hefty discounts" being offered by liquor retailers were causing "severe market distortions", and that licensees were issuing advertisements and promoting liquor and their shops through various means.

The report flagged an apparent reversal of policy by Sisodia. It recalled that in December 2015, he had overruled, "without assigning any reason", an Excise Department proposal to cut the number of dry days from 23 to three, the same as in neighbouring UP and Haryana, to deter smuggling of liquor into Delhi; however, in January 2021, he had approved the same proposal "without even

taking approval of the Council of Ministers". It said that extending the licence period without an increase in fee prima facie led to "undue benefit" to licensees without "any justification".

The report also flagged the "blanket relaxation" given for default in the payment of licence fees, which was allegedly approved by Sisodia without the concurrence of the Council of Ministers and the LG. It said licence fees worth Rs 144.36 crore were waived in January 2022 "on pretext of COVID restrictions as relief to the Liquor Cartel".

**What have the ED chargesheets said so far?**

The ED has alleged that Rs 100 crore "kickbacks" were "used" in the AAP's 2022 Goa Assembly election campaign.

One of the ED chargesheets says "the conspiracy...to give wholesale business to private entities and fix 12% margin (to get 6% kickback out from the same) is clear from the statement of [former secretary to Sisodia] C Aravind...".

In another chargesheet, the ED alleged that accused-turned-approver Dinesh Arora acted as a "conduit for kickbacks" between

the "South Group" and AAP. Arora, a Delhi-based restaurateur, was among the 15 people named in the CBI FIR in 2022. He turned approver in November last year, but was arrested by the ED in July this year. On Tuesday, a Delhi court allowed him to turn approver in the ED case as well.

In its prosecution complaint, the ED said that Arora came in touch with Sisodia through Sanjay Singh at a party in a restaurant. The ED claimed that Arora told investigators that he had spoken to many restaurateur owners "on request of Mr [Sanjay] Singh" and "arranged cheques amounting to Rs 82 lakh for collection of party funds for the upcoming elections".

In its supplementary prosecution complaint, the ED has alleged that Chief Minister Kejriwal himself spoke to one of the main accused, Sameer Mahendru, over a video call and asked him to continue working with co-accused Vijay Nair whom he referred to as "his boy".

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha's name also figures in a supplementary chargesheet: he is alleged to have been present in a meeting at Kejriwal's home along with some officials from Punjab.

## EXPLAINED CULTURE

### IN NAME OF TELANGANA'S NEW VARSITY, THE LEGEND OF SAMMAKKA-SARAKKA

**DIVYAA**  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

ON WEDNESDAY, the Union cabinet approved a tribal university for Telangana — the Sarakka Central Tribal University, which will come up in Mulugu district at a cost of Rs 889 crore.

Though the university was a commitment made by the Centre as a part of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, in Telangana, it faced challenges as land allocation of 500-600 acres could not be done in time. During his visit to the poll-bound state recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the university would be named after Sammakka-Sarakka — a mother-daughter duo revered by the local tribal community.

**The legend**

Sammakka is said to have been married to Pagidda Raju, a feudal chief of the Kakatiyas, a dynasty which ruled the Warangal area. She had two daughters and one son — Sarakka or Saralamma, Nagulamma and Jampanna, respectively.

In the 13th century, during a battle to protest taxes imposed on the Koya people, Saralamma died. Sammakka disappeared into the hills and local tribals believed she metamorphosed into a vermillion casket.

To commemorate the mother-daughter, Mulugu holds a biennial festival — the Sammakka Saralamma Jatara — considered among the largest gatherings of tribal people in the world. The Jatara or pilgrimage begins at Medaram village and the rituals are conducted by Koya priests.

Until 1955, about 2,000 people used to visit Medaram, mostly the Koyas. But slowly, it has assumed the form of a large Hindu religious festival, so much so that it is believed that after Kumbha Mela, the Sammakka Saralamma Jatara attracts the largest number of devotees in the country.


 Sammakka Sarakka Jatara in Hyderabad *Wikimedia Commons*
**Political & social resonance**

The Sammakka-Sarakka Jatara was declared a state festival in 1996. Until 1998, the only way to reach Medaram was on a bullock cart. But in 1998, the state government constructed a motorable road.

The festival has grown since then, with devotees from states such as Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Jharkhand participating.

It also sees regular participation from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Telangana government, including Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao. The Centre released Rs 6.25 crore for the yartas in 2018, 2020 and 2022. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs also sanctioned Rs 7 crore in 2019-20 and Rs 5 crore in 2021-22 for infrastructure in and around Medaram.

The Ministry of Tourism, as a part of the Tribal Circuit under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, sanctioned Rs. 75.88 crore for the integrated development of a tribal circuit of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram-Tadvai-Damaravi-Mallur-Bogatha Waterfalls, where the Sammakka-Sarakka temple is located.

The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ramappa Temple is located about 15 km from Mulugu.

## EXPLAINED FOREIGN POLICY & STRATEGY

# Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and India



SHUBHAJIT ROY

THE CONFLICT between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh is called one of the "frozen conflicts" of the world.

This conflict erupted on September 19, when Azerbaijan launched an offensive and within 24 hours, declared victory over the separatist province of Nagorno-Karabakh. Authorities of the province have now said the ethnic Armenian enclave would dissolve on January 1, 2024.

Though far away, the recent developments in the South Caucasus region have implications for India.

**The conflict over the decades**

Nagorno-Karabakh is a mountainous region officially recognised as part of Azerbaijan. But its 1.2 lakh population is predominantly ethnic Armenian, having close cultural, social, and historical ties with Armenia. Basically, Nagorno-Karabakh is an ethnic Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan. The Armenians are Christians, while Azeris are Muslims. The conclave is connected to Armenia through the 5-km Lachin Corridor.

The region has seen conflicts of influence between regional powers since the medieval period — imperial Russia, Ottoman Empire (modern-day Turkey) and the Persian empire (Iran). When Czarist Russia gave way to the Soviet Union in 1921, Nagorno-Karabakh was part of the Azerbaijan SSR (Soviet Socialist Republic).

In 1923, USSR established the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Oblast — home to a 95 per cent ethnically Armenian population — within the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic.

As the Soviet Union collapsed, the first round of tensions over Nagorno-Karabakh began in 1988, with its regional legislature passing a resolution declaring its intention to join Armenia, despite being geographically located within Azerbaijan. When the Soviet Union was dissolved in 1991 and Armenia and Azerbaijan achieved statehood, Nagorno-Karabakh officially declared independence.

War then broke out between Armenia and Azerbaijan, killing about 30,000 people. By 1993, Armenia had captured Nagorno-Karabakh, and additionally, occupied 20 per



cent of Azerbaijan's geographic area.

In 1994, Russia brokered a ceasefire known as the Bishkek Protocol. This made Nagorno-Karabakh de facto independent with a self-proclaimed government in Stepanakert, but still heavily reliant on close economic, political, and military ties with Armenia, a background note on the conflict by Council on Foreign Relations said.

Sixteen years later, in September 2020, Azerbaijan and Armenia went to war again. This time, Azerbaijan managed to wrest control of the territory around Nagorno-Karabakh. Russia again brokered a deal, and provided peacekeeping forces along the Lachin Corridor. But having tasted victory, Azerbaijan wanted more concessions and no peace deal was inked.

Azerbaijan is said to have got support from Turkey and Pakistan in the form of weapons and personnel. Pakistani military personnel are believed to have helped the Azerbaijan forces, and on the ground, there were reports of Syrian, Libyan and Afghan fighters as well.

In December 2022, the Lachin Corridor was blockaded by Azerbaijan, causing severe shortages of essential goods including food, fuel and water in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Former International Criminal Court (ICC) Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo warned there was a "reasonable basis" to believe Azerbaijan was committing a genocide in Nagorno-Karabakh, terming starvation an "invisible genocide weapon".

On September 19, days after an agreement to reopen the Lachin Corridor for aid deliveries sparked hopes of easing the crisis, Azerbaijan launched an "anti-terrorist" offensive in Nagorno-Karabakh and claimed to have regained full control over the region.

While Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev is being hailed as a hero in his country,

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan is facing protests at home. The future of about 1.2 lakh Armenians living in Nagorno Karabakh is at stake, with reports of many leaving and fleeing to Armenia, fearing persecution.

**India's position**

On the conflict, India has always steered clear of taking sides.

In 2020, after the conflict broke out, it had said, "India believes that any lasting resolution of the conflict can only be achieved peacefully through diplomatic negotiations."

This time, after the conflict, Delhi has made it clear on Thursday that it "encouraged the parties to move forward on ensuring long-term peace and security in the region through dialogue and diplomacy, which includes the safety and well-being of all civilians".

India has ties with both Armenia and Azerbaijan. Importantly, the region is central to its plans of connectivity through the south Caucasus region.

India's ties with Armenia date back millennia. Historians have suggested that when Assyrian warrior queen Semiramis invaded India in 2000 BC, some Armenians accompanied her. According to literary evidence, Indian settlements in Armenia were established by two princes (Krishna and Ganesh escaping from Kannauj) in 149 BC.

The first guidebook to Indian cities in Armenia was written in the 12th century. Armenian traders came to Agra during the Mughal Empire. Akbar, who is believed to have an Armenian wife Mariam Zamani Begum, granted them privileges and considerable religious freedom. In the 16th century, Armenian communities emerged in Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai and Agra. Today, the vestigial community is mainly settled in Kolkata.

In contrast, historical ties between India and Azerbaijan have been more recent — the "Ateshgah" fire temple in the vicinity of Baku is an 18th-century monument, with a much older history, and has wall inscriptions in Devanagari and Gurmukhi. It is a surviving proof of the hospitality that Indian merchants on the Silk Route to Europe enjoyed in Azerbaijani cities such as Baku and Ganja.

In modern times, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, India recognised the independence of Armenia and Azerbaijan and established diplomatic relations.

With Armenia, India opened its embassy in 1999, has a treaty relationship, and has received as many as three Heads of State. There have been two visits from India at the level of Vice President.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met his Armenian counterpart in New York in September 2019, which was followed by the External Affairs Minister's visit to Yerevan in 2022.

Armenia publicly endorses India's position on the resolution of the Kashmir issue on a bilateral basis and supports India's aspiration for a permanent seat in the expanded UN Security Council.

In fact, in 2022, the India-Armenia deal to supply Armenian armed forces with PINAKA multi-barrel rocket launchers (MBRL), anti-tank munitions, and ammunition and warlike stores worth US \$250 million was viewed as Delhi siding with Yerevan.

In contrast, Azerbaijan's proximity to Pakistan has been perceived as an irritant in the ties. There has not been a single visit at the level of Head of State/ Government between India and Azerbaijan.

Former President Dr S. Radhakrishnan (as Vice President in 1956) and former PM Jawaharlal Nehru (in 1961) had visited the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic. In recent years, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu visited Baku for the NAM Summit in 2019, accompanied by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. Former External Affairs minister Sushma Swaraj had also visited Azerbaijan for the NAM ministerial meeting in 2018.

Because of the geographical location of Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region is important as a viable corridor for India's connectivity with Russia and Europe through Central Asia and Iran.

Armenia and Azerbaijan are members of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), which India is keen to develop. India supports Armenia's proposal to include Iran's Chabahar port in INSTC.

Tensions in the region directly impact India's plans to bypass Pakistan as the gateway to Europe and Russia. New Delhi has to figure out a way around this.

## NOBEL PRIZE 2023 LITERATURE

# In Norwegian laureate Jon Fosse's 'slow prose', shades of Ibsen, Derrida

**PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI**  
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

IN AN interview given to *The New Yorker* in November last year, Norwegian playwright, poet, novelist, essayist, and translator Jon Fosse spoke of the place that he writes from — which is both a sanctuary and a dare: "That place is for listening and for movement, and it's a very safe place to stay. But it can also be scary, because it's the route for me to enter the unknown. I have to go to the borders of my mind, and I have to cross these borders. And to cross these borders is frightening if you're feeling very fragile... I simply didn't dare to write my own things

because I was afraid of crossing these borders in myself. When I'm writing well, I have this very clear and distinct feeling that what I'm writing on is already written. It's somewhere out there. I just have to write it down before it disappears."

His focus on the subterranean that connects the personal with the universal won the 64-year-old this year's Nobel Prize in Literature. In the citation, the Nobel committee commended Fosse's "innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable", and spoke of his "immense oeuvre, written in Norwegian Nynorsk and spanning a variety of genres consists of a wealth of plays, novels, poetry collections, essays, children's books and translations".

**'TOUCHES ON DEEPEST FEELINGS... ANXIETIES, INSECURITIES'**

**JON FOSSE**  
 Writer of the 'unsayable' in Norwegian Nynorsk language

**ON FRIDAY: Nobel Peace Prize IN 2022: The Nobel Peace Prize 2022 was awarded to one individual and two organisations who 'together demonstrate the significance of civil society for peace and democracy'.**

While Fosse is today "one of the most widely performed playwrights in the world, he has also become increasingly recognised

for his prose", the committee said.

In his acceptance statement, Fosse said, "I am overwhelmed, and somewhat fright-

ened. I see this as an award to the literature that first and foremost aims to be literature, without other considerations."

Incidentally, Fosse shares his UK publisher Fitzcarrald Editions with last year's Literature laureate, French writer Annie Ernaux.

Fosse grew up in Norway's Strandebarm, and currently divides his time between Norway and Austria. When he was seven, he had a near-fatal accident that would be a crucial stepping stone to his literary career.

Over the years, his life experiences as a communist who converted to Catholicism in 2012, too, have fed his work.

His literary career began with a novel,

*Red Black*, published in 1983. His subsequent novels included *Melancholy I* (1995) and *Melancholy II* (1996), on the life and death of 19th century Norwegian landscape artist Lars Hertzberg. Over the next few years, he turned towards playwrighting. Some of his most notable plays include *Someone is Going to Come, And Never Shall We Part, The Name, Winter, and A Summer's Day*. The last volume of his three-part novel *Septology* was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize last year.

A proponent of "slow prose", Fosse's work is often compared to that of his predecessor Henrik Ibsen for its modernist concerns, and to Jacques Derrida for his ability to tap into the unspoken.

Gold ₹57,350 USD Rate ₹83.25 Oil ₹90.92 Silver ₹71,300

Services activity at 13-yr high in Sept on strong demand

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5 INDIA'S SERVICES activity continues to exhibit strong momentum amid robust demand ahead of the peak festive season.

the strongest rates of expansion in just under 13 years, according to S&P Global. "This (services) PMI has remained above 60 on average for all of the current fiscal year, indicating strong momentum in services activity," said Rahul Bajoria, MD & head of EM Asia (ex-China) economics, Barclays.

IndiGo brings distance-based fuel charge in ₹300-1,000 range as ATF prices surge

SUKALP SHARMA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5 WITH AVIATION turbine fuel (ATF) prices seeing a surge over the past few months, India's largest airline IndiGo has decided to introduce a distance-based "fuel charge" on domestic and international flight bookings from Friday.

PRICING STRUCTURE Distance (in km) Fuel charge 0-500 ₹300 501-1,000 ₹400 1,001-1,500 ₹550 1,501-2,500 ₹650 2,501-3,500 ₹800 3,501 and above ₹1,000

www.goindigo.in," IndiGo added. The airline did not say whether or not it would periodically review the fuel charge in line with revision in ATF prices by oil marketing companies (OMCs).

line with a domestic market share (by passengers carried) of over 60 per cent. With over 320 aircraft in its fleet, the airline operates over 1,900 daily flights and its network covers 81 domestic and 32 international destinations.

GST Council likely to discuss exemption for distilled alcohol

New Delhi: The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council will discuss exempting distilled alcohol used to manufacture liquor from the indirect tax at its meeting on October 7, a source said.

FM: Political stability, decisiveness key for economy's growth

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5 FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman Thursday said only "political stability, policy consistency and decisiveness" will guarantee the upward movement of India's economy.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Thursday said only "political stability, policy consistency and decisiveness" will guarantee the upward movement of India's economy. She also said the inclusion of India's sovereign bonds in JPMorgan's emerging market index could bring in \$23 billion in foreign capital flows.

INDIA, UAE SIGN MOU

Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal with Abu Dhabi Investment Authority MD Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in UAE on Thursday. Goyal is in Abu Dhabi for the 11th meeting of India-UAE High-Level Task Force on Investments.

OTT platforms do not fall under jurisdiction of TRAI: TDSAT

New Delhi: Over the top (OTT) streaming platforms do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and are governed under the Information Technology Rules, 2021, notified by the IT Ministry, India's telecom appellate panel has held.

SAT sets aside SEBI's insider trading order on Prannoy, Radhika Roy

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5 THE SECURITIES Appellate Tribunal (SAT) Thursday quashed the insider trading order of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) against Prannoy Roy and his wife Radhika Roy, former promoters of NDTV.

found the Roys had made illegal gains by trading in shares of NDTV when they were in possession of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI). SEBI, in its order, had referred to price sensitive information (PSI-6) relating to the NDTV board deciding to evaluate options for re-organization of the company, which could include de-merger/split of the company into news related businesses and investments in 'Beyond News' businesses which are currently held through its subsidiary, NDTV Networks Plc.

BRIEFLY Govt approves extended term for SBI head

New Delhi: The government on Thursday approved the extension of the tenure of State Bank of India Chairman Dinesh Khara till August next year, sources said.

FCL defaults on ₹370 cr loan

New Delhi: Future Consumer Ltd (FCL) has defaulted on the payment of Rs 369.59 crore towards principal and interest on loans from banks, financial institutions and unlisted debt securities in the September quarter.

BHEL pays dividend

New Delhi: State-owned engineering firm BHEL on Thursday said it has paid Rs 88 crore as final dividend to the Union government for 2022-23.

Tata in talks with Temasek

Bengaluru: Tata Group is in advanced talks with Temasek Holdings to buy back about 20% in its entertainment content distribution platform, Tata Play, at a valuation of more than \$1 billion. REUTERS

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Falling tomato prices pull down cost of thalis in Sept

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5 The cost of a vegetarian thali fell 17 per cent on-month in September with the major push coming from tomato prices, which declined 62 per cent on-month to Rs 39 per kg in September 2023 from Rs 102 per kg in August, rating firm Crisil said.

Market capitalisation of PSU banks rises by up to 91% in Q3

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5 NINE PUBLIC sector banks reported an increase in market capitalisation in the range of 25-91 per cent in the September quarter, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

44.78 per cent and UCO Bank 58.94 per cent, each climbing up two notches in the ranking, the data showed. Bank of India Ltd.'s market cap grew 48.64 per cent, pushing it up one spot, S&P said.

gotten when things are going well." Gross nonperforming loans of state-owned banks have decreased almost 50 per cent over the last three years and are "likely to reduce further over the next 12 to 15 months," Upadhyay said.

SBI cleanliness drive

As part of Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan, State Bank of India's Mumbai Metro Circle organised a cleanliness drive at Gurgaon, Chowpatty in Mumbai. ENS

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA) TENDER NOTICE E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items. (1) 77464 - MCCB of various ratings, (2) 77479 - Copper Conductor Cables in various sizes and Colours, (3) 77480 - Annual Requirement of 1 C X 25 Sq.MM. Aluminium Conductor Cable in Various Colours.



**MoU—RITES**

RITES Ltd. signed an MoU with CARE Advisory Research and Training Ltd. (CART), a subsidiary of CARE Ratings Limited, to explore avenues of mutual collaboration in the consultancy domain, including ESG services, across sectors. As part of the MoU, both entities will also collaborate for providing ESG consultancy services as well as ESG/Compliance reporting across sectors.

**BOARD MEETING—PFC**

To reaffirm its commitment towards developing the power sector of the North Eastern Region, PFC, held its recent Board Meeting in Shillong in Meghalaya & sanctioned loans amounting to Rs. 15,000 crore for various projects during its Board Meeting. As part of its diversification strategy & funding for Infrastructure Projects, PFC sanctioned its maiden financing for a Greenfield Airport project in AP.



**CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN — PNB**

Officers & employees of PNB in Ghaziabad conducted a cleanliness campaign in front of their bank branch and in nearby public places. Divisional Head of PNB Ghaziabad Rajinder Bhatia, DGM of PNB Delhi Zone PK Gupta, Sub Divisional Head of Ghaziabad Branch Gajendra Chaudhary and Chief Manager of Navyug Market Branch Partha Pratim Maharana started the cleanliness campaign in Navyug Market.

**MoU — POWERGRID NR-I**

POWERGRID NR-I, Faridabad has signed an MoU with District Commissioner, Gurugram recently for providing financial assistance towards procurement of medical equipment (One Basic Life Support Ambulance & One X-ray Machine) & Sanitation equipment (Two Garbage Collection Vehicles & 50 Nos. dustbins) for Village Jamalpur District Gurugram.



**TRANSFER OF SPVS — PFC CONSULTING**

PFC Consulting Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation Limited, a Maharatna CPSE, has transferred Two transmission projects specific Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) namely 'Ananthapuram Kurnool Transmission Limited' and 'Bhadla III Transmission Limited' to Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, the successful bidder.

**VISIT—THDCIL**

Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power), MOP (GOI) undertook a detailed inspection visit of 2400 MW Tehri Hydro Complex at Tehri, Uttarakhand. RK Vishnoi, CMD, THDC India Limited, extended a warm welcome and conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to Pankaj Agarwal for his first-ever visit to THDCIL.



**CLEANLINESS EVENT — PNB**

On the occasion of Swachhata Pakhwa- 2023, PNB, Circle Office, West Delhi organized a mega event on cleanliness at Raghuber Nagar, Tagore Garden, New Delhi. Under the leadership of S.P. Goswami, Circle Head West Delhi, Sanjay Dhar, Dy. Circle Head and Niraj Kumar, the PNB staff participated in a mega event by doing Shramdaan at various places. A pledge was taken under this campaign to maintain a clean environment around PNB branches of Raghuber Nagar, Tagore Garden.

**CLEANLINESS DRIVE - PSB**

Punjab & Sind Bank organized Swachhata Pakhwada — "Swachhata Hi Seva – Garbage Free India" recently. The staff, including the MD & CEO, ED, Chairman and Directors of the Bank participated in this Campaign and took "Swachhata Pledge" and took part in a special cleanliness drive held at all zones of the Bank.



**CORPORATE BRIEFS**



**ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING —CWC**

The 61st Annual General Meeting of Central Warehousing Corporation was held recently at its Corporate Office. The meeting was presided over by Ashok K. K. Meena, IAS, Chairman, CWC & CMD, FCI and was attended by Amit Kumar Singh, Managing Director and Board of Directors of CWC and shareholders of the Corporation. The Financial Year 2022-23 ended on an optimistic and exciting note. For the year 2022-23, CWC's turnover is Rs 2104.51 crore, Profit before Tax is Rs. 490.95 crore. The net worth of the Corporation has increased to Rs 3193.47 crore as against Rs 2824.96 crore in the previous year. During his address Ashok K. K. Meena, IAS, Chairman complimented the Corporation for keeping pace with the changing times and highlighted major initiatives taken by the Corporation.

**CLEANLINESS DRIVE — SCOPE**

Paying tribute to the father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi, on his 154th birth anniversary, SCOPE paid a floral tribute to Gandhiji at SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi. Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion and said that "We are fortunate to be born in the country of a leader like Mahatma Gandhi, whose teachings and values are as relevant in the present times, as they were in the past." He also added that taking inspiration from Prime Minister's clarion call for 'Swachhjanji' or cleanliness drive across the country, SCOPE is also undertaking a cleanliness drive to pay tribute to Babu.



**CLEANLINESS DRIVE—IRCTC**

Led by the CMD, IRCTC participated in a massive cleanliness drive "Swachhata hi Seva", as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary on 1 October 2023 across the country. In response to PM Modi's call for all citizens to participate in an hour of "Shramdaan for swachhata" on October 1 at 10 AM, IRCTC enthusiastically participated in 'Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' Campaign, a mega cleanliness drive to mark the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti. The campaign, which was part of the Swachhata Pakhwada, aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene across various areas.



**CLEANLINESS DRIVE - IREDA**

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) organized a special cleanliness drive titled 'Ek Taarikh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' at its Registered Office premises in Bhikaiji Cama Place and the adjoining areas. This initiative is part of the ongoing nationwide 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' Campaign 3.0. The event, graced by Pradip Kumar Das, CMD of IREDA, saw enthusiastic participation from employees, who engaged in various cleanliness activities. CMD administered the Pledge on Swachhata and Ban on Single Use Plastics to all IREDA officials alongside felicitating the Safai Mitras.



**AGM- GOA SHIPYARD LTD**

In its 57th Annual General Meeting, Goa Shipyards Limited reported impressive financial results for FY 2022-23. The meeting, held in virtual mode, was chaired by Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, CMD, & attended by the Directors, Auditors & the Shareholders, wherein Audited Financial Statements for FY 2022-23 were adopted. During FY 2022-23, Revenue from Operation clocked at Rs 869 Cr compared to Rs 741 Cr in FY 2021-22 & Profit Before Tax grew to Rs 205 Cr as against Rs 135 Cr in the previous year, registering an impressive growth of 52%.



**ACADEMICS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE—S.C.D.A.V. NOIDA**

SCDAV Noida has always been an enthusiastic participant in profuse community service in collaboration with Rotary Club, Noida. It was a proud moment for the school to initiate Adult Literacy Mission Programme in association with Rotary Club for the students recently. The workshop aimed at the noble idea of 'Each One-Teach One'. School Principal, Mrs. Chitra Kant and the school's Interact Club-in-charge, Ms. Geetu Sabharwal hosted the program. In the presence of revered guests, Yuwa Sant S Jain Bharti Ji, Ramesh Chander, Pran Mehta (Rotary District 3011 Literary Chairman), Anil Kakkar & Rotarian Ms. Rachna Singh as guests, the students were encouraged to take their initiatives in adult literacy campaign for nation's development.



**APPOINTMENT**

**NBCC** KP Mahadevaswamy assumed the charge of Chairman & Managing Director of NBCC (India) Ltd., w.e.f. from 1 October 2023. He shall also hold the responsibility of Chairman, Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd. (HSCL) & HSCC (India) Limited, two subsidiaries of NBCC. Prior to his appointment as CMD by Govt. of India, he held the charge of Director (Commercial), NBCC. His comprehensive portfolio included the execution of the Redevelopment of 7 GPRA Colonies, the Hon'ble Supreme Court Monitored 'Amrapali Group Works,' Real Estate Division, Business Development Division, Central Procurement Division, Overseas works etc. He has been conferred with "Realty Person of the Year" at EPC World Awards in 2023 and has been honoured with "CEO with HR Orientation Award" by World HRD Congress & Times Ascent 2021.



**CLEANLINESS DRIVE—RITES**

RITES Ltd., a prime transport infrastructure consultancy and engineering firm, organized 'Shramdaan' for the mega cleanliness drive- 'Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' across its offices and sites. The cleanliness drive is a run-up to the nationwide 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign organized by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India. The organization has invested in green initiatives and undertaken activities with a focus on minimizing environmental impact.



**CLEANLINESS DRIVE—INDIANOIL**

On the clarion call of our PM, recently Sujoy Choudhury, Director (P&B) holding additional charge of Director (HR&R&D), IndianOil, led employees in offering 'Swachhjanji' to the Mahatma through enthusiastic participation in Shramdaan activities under the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign at IndianOil's Asiad Village fuel station. Sujoy Choudhury administered the Swachhata pledge to all Swachhata warriors & customer attendants, interacted with children and led the Shramdaan at the outlet and its adjoining areas.



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**E-Tender**  
\*Tender No.: IPRO/DAC/RKVY/2023-24/ 46 Dated: 05/10/2023

E-tender invited for the supply of various equipments required for Strengthening of Fertilizer Testing Laboratory/ Establishment of Biofertilizer Testing Laboratory/ Establishment of Minor Millet Processing, Product Development Centre/ Strengthening of Insecticide Quality Control Testing Laboratory (RKVY) from manufacturers/ authorized dealers/ distributors/importers, etc. For details, visit [www.jnkvv.org](http://www.jnkvv.org) and <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>. \*E-tender notice published vide IPRO/DAC/RKVY/2023/32 dated 01/09/2023 is hereby cancelled due to technical reason. The new tender notice is as above.  
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पत्रांक : 467/पीसीएस/जी.एम./जेन-2/प्रकाशन दिनांक : 05.10.2023

**अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना**

जनपद रामपुर में नगर पालिका परिषद रामपुर के कन्स्ट्रक्टा गांधी पक्की विहार झील के साँदीकरण हेतु अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं 14/PCL/GM/ZONE-2/BLY/2023-24 दिनांक 05.10.2023 द्वारा अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त निविदा <http://etender.up.nic.in> की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 06.10.2023 से दिनांक 21.10.2023 के पूर्वान्त 10:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा से सम्बंधित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्त कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट [www.upprojcts.org](http://www.upprojcts.org) पर दिनांक 06.10.2023 से देखी जा सकती है।

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Office of the Executive Engineer PCM Dhalipur, Dehradun invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of the tender is given below:  
**Tender No :** 21/EE/PCM/Dhalipur/ 2023-24  
**Name of work:** Repair of Drains, Chambers & appurtenant structure of Dhakrani Power house (Dehradun)  
**Estimated value of Tender:** Rs.19,86,06,00.00 (GST extra)  
**Date & Time of availability of bid document on website:** 09.10.2023 at 17:00 Hrs  
**Last Date & Time for submission of tender:** 02.11.2023 upto 15:00 Hrs  
For fuller and further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com).

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
RFPP No. CnSD/CP/23-24/07 Dated: 03.10.2023

Bids (through GeM Portal) are invited by State Bank of India from the eligible bidders engaged in printing of multicolour Security forms like Cheques, IOIs etc and Non-Security Forms / Letters, for selection as Security Printers by the Bank. For details, please visit 'GeM Portal' at '<https://gem.gov.in>'

Bid Number : GEM/2023/B/3989822  
Bid Start Date / Time : 03.10.2023 / 18:00 HRS  
Bid End Date / Time : 25.10.2023 / 18:00 HRS

Note: The Security Printers who are presently empanelled with the Bank (SBI) are also required to apply afresh if they are eligible and interested to be selected by the Bank.

**Place:** Mumbai **Deputy General Manager**  
**Date:** 06.10.2023 **Central Stationery Department**

**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER:RURAL WORKS DEPARTMENT AALO DIVISION**

No. ARWD/NIT/PMGSY-III/2023-2024 Dated Aalo the 5th Oct' 2023

**e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR TENDER**

The Executive Engineer, RWD, Aalo invites on behalf of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh item rate tenders in electronic Tendering system from approved and eligible Contractors, firms registered with CPWD/PWD/NBCC/NEEPCO/NHPC/BRO and other public sector enterprises for PMGSY-III road and bridge works under West Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. The tender documents on web will be available for viewing/downloading from 5<sup>th</sup> Oct' 2023. For details of tender documents please logon to [www.pmgstendersarn.gov.in](http://www.pmgstendersarn.gov.in).

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**\*Press Tender Notice\* (E-Tendering Mode Only)**  
Online Tenders on E-reverse auction mode are hereby invited for the following work:

Tender Specification No.	Description of Material
SSD-522/2023	Design, Manufacture, Assembly, Testing at Manufacturer's Works & Delivery at F.O.R. Destination Station and Supervision of Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 06 No. 33/11 kV, 3-Phase Power Transformers for various Sub-stations of HPSEBL in HP

The dates of sale, receipt and opening of Tenders are mentioned in the detailed Notice Inviting Tenders which can be downloaded free of cost from the website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. For other details on e-tendering please contact on Mobile Nos: 70180-50158.

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**SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

Short term Techno-commercial and Price e-Bids are invited for "Survey, Design, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning & afterward 10 years comprehensive Operation & Maintenance of 18 Nos. 33/11 KV Grid Sub-stations & associated Infrastructure on turnkey basis on BOOT model in JdVNL under various circle." TNTW-680(UBN No.JVV2324WLOB00591)

Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening etc. are available on our website at [www.energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/jdvvn1](http://www.energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/jdvvn1) and also at [www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in). The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid only through on line on website [www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in)  
**NOTE:** Interested bidders please note that in future any other notices /information regarding amendment /corrigendum/addendum/dates extension of bid submission etc. for above tender will only be available on website [www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in), [sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in) in energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/jdvvn1  
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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

e-tenders are hereby invited for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 500 Nos. of High Mast Solar Street Lighting Systems (LED) to be installed under SCDP/ Full Cost basis in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The detail is given in scope of work. The tender document is available on website <https://hptender.gov.in> under the department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (NES). The tender fee and EMD can be paid through on line mode in account mentioned in the tender document and receipt/ UTR No. shall be uploaded with the technical bid document.

- 1) Date of start of downloading of tender document- 06.10.2023 at 10.00 am onwards
- 2) Last date of submission of online bids 16.10.2023 upto 11.00 AM
- 3) Date of opening of technical bids 16.10.2023 at 3.00 PM
- 4) Date of opening of financial bids Will be intimated later on

**Sd/-**  
**Project Manager (Solar),**  
**HIMURJA, Urja Bhawan,**  
**Kasumpti-171009**

**संचालनालय भौमिकी तथा खनिकर्म, छत्तीसगढ़**  
खण्ड - चार, द्वितीय तल, इन्द्रावती भवन, अटल नगर, नया रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़-492004  
फोन:0771-2221840, 44, 45, फैक्स 0771-2221841, Email: dgm.cg@nic.in

**निविदा सूचना**

निविदा सूचना क्रमांक 01 / डी.जी.एम. / 2023-24

अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा निम्नलिखित सामग्रियों के क्रय हेतु निर्धारित प्रपत्र में सीलबंद निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं :-

क्र.	निविदा क्रमांक	सामग्रियों का संक्षिप्त विवरण	मात्रा	धरोहर राशि (रु.)
1.	डी.जी.एम.01/2023-24	रसायनिक प्रयोगशाला उपकरण • Fume Hood (Fuming Chamber)	2 Nos	20,000.00

निविदा की शर्तें :-

1. निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 03.11.2023 को 01:00 बजे अपरन्ध तक प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं।
2. निविदा स्वीकार करने की अंतिम तिथि 03.11.2023 को 03.00 बजे अपरन्ध तक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि 03.11.2023 को अपरन्ध 04.00 बजे।
4. निविदा की शेष शर्तें कार्यालय की सूचना पटल एवं विभागीय वेबसाइट [www.khanijonline.cgstate.gov.in](http://www.khanijonline.cgstate.gov.in) पर भी पढ़ी जा सकेगी।

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**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**  
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**"THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS"**  
TENDER NOTICE No: S/2023/33 Date: 03.10.2023  
The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter 3rd floor, Near Jawahar circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur-302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) site as follows. All the E-tenders will be closed at 14.25hrs.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Unit	Due date
1	80230005	Anti-wear hydraulic oil HLP-68	47880	LT	16.10.2023
2	37233043A	Knuckle	4509	Nos.	16.10.2023
3	30232247A	Water tank (2 x 685 Ltrs.)	16	Nos.	16.10.2023
4	302323363	PHEROLASTIC SILENT BLOCK	158	Nos	16.10.2023
5	40230056A	BATTERY CHARGING UNIT CUM PRE-COOLING TRANSFORMER, WITH ENCLOSURE OF STAINLESS STEEL	40	Nos.	17.10.2023
6	30230095	Set of side buffer assembly (helical spring type) LH & RH for LHB coaches	57	Set	23.10.2023
7	30233379B	OVER HAULING KIT FOR BRAKE CYLINDER	415	Set	23.10.2023
8	30232171	Secondary vertical dampe	588	Nos.	23.10.2023
9	30230097A	Hyrel Upper Washer for primary suspension	10264	Nos.	30.10.2023
10	40231739	110 VOLT BRUSHLESS DC (BLDC) RAILWAY CARRIAGE FAN, FIXED TYPE 400 MM SWEEP, CONFIRMING	2913	Nos	30.10.2023
11	50235367	Supply of HA5SDAC	40	Nos	31.10.2023

**CORRIGENDUM**

No.	Tender No.	Tender Notice No.	Brief Description	Existing Date	Revised Date	Amendment in Tender Conditions
1	40231561	S/2023/29 Date 02.09.2023	110V 120AH VRLA SMF Battery	29.09.2023	09.10.2023	
2	40231405	S/2023/29 Date 02.09.2023	Sealed maintenance free valve regulated Lead Acid Battery 2V 110AH	29.09.2023	09.10.2023	
3	60235230 A	S/2023/32 Date 19.09.2023	Supply & Installation of computer Numerical control (CNC) under Floor pit Wheel	25.09.2023	09.10.2023	Amendment in Description and Tender Conditions

**Note:-** (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website [ireps.gov.in](http://ireps.gov.in) For Full details/Description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. (2) For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 25 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).

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**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person whose name, residence and family is unknown, was found dead in front of DDU Hospital, Delhi on 01.10.2023 at 11:35 AM. In this regard DD No. 48A, U/s 174 Cr.P.C., dated 01.10.2023, has been registered at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi.

The description of the UIDD is as under:  
**Sex:** Male, **Age:** About 60 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **ID mark:** Mole mark on left side of forehead, **Wearing:** White kurta pyjama.

If anyone has any information about this UIDD, kindly inform the SHO/Hari Nagar, Delhi.

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
Oct 06, 2023  
TATA Power-DL invites tenders as per following details:

Tender Enquiry No. Work Description	Estimated Cost/EMD (Rs.)	Availability of Bid Document	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001595/23-24 RC-Supply of ACDB for 630 KVA and 990 KVA DT	1.98 Crs/ 4,95,000	06.10.2023	27.10.2023:1530 Hrs/ 27.10.2023:1600 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001597/23-24 Two Year RC for 11kV & LT associated works in PAN Tata Power DDL, Delhi	300 Crs/ 5,00,000	06.10.2023	27.10.2023:1500 Hrs/ 27.10.2023:1600 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001599/23-24 RC-Supply of Fuse DD 11KV 200A and Fuse Barrel	1.15 Crs/ 2,89,000	09.10.2023	30.10.2023:1530 Hrs/ 30.10.2023:1600 Hrs

**CORRIGENDUM / TENDER DATE EXTENSION**

Tender Enquiry No. Work Description	Previously Published Date	Revised Due Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date & time of opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001581/23-24 NB-IT & 4G Based Communication Network for AMI	31.08.2023	13.10.2023 at 1600 Hrs/ 13.10.2023 at 1630 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001583/23-24 SITC of OT Firewall, Firewall Management System, CTD Sensor and Associated Hardware/Software	14.09.2023	23.10.2023 at 1500 Hrs/ 23.10.2023 at 1530 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001582/23-24 Purchase of Tower wagon	15.09.2023	23.10.2023 at 1500 Hrs/ 23.10.2023 at 1530 Hrs

Complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our website [www.tatapower-dl.com](http://www.tatapower-dl.com) → Vendor Zone → Tender / Corrigendum Documents  
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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Asit Kumar Jha S/O Pradeep Kumar R/O A- 130/1, Second floor, Gali no-3, Block-A, Gulab Bagh, Uttam nagar nawada, Delhi-110059, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Pradeep Kumar. The actual name of my father is Pradeep Kumar Jha, Which may be amended accordingly. 0070866942-1

I, hitherto known as Neena, W/o Satpal Singh, Newaj, R/O C-21, G Vijeta Vihar, Near D C Chowk, Sector-13, Rohini, sector-7, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajinder Kaur Bajwa. 0040692355-3

I, Yashika Nandwani, W/o Deepanshu Gandhi R/O H.No-719 Near Bal Bhawan, Sector-4, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Yashika Setia. 0040692351-4

I, Yashika Ahuja, W/o Tushar Setia, R/O House, No-172-A, New Colony, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Yashika Setia. 0040692351-4

I, Vimla Devi Malik W/O Late Karan Singh R/O-41, Ground-Floor Lotus Enclave Sector-35, Suncity Rohtak Haryana-124001, changed my name to Vimla Malik 0040692348-6

I, Ved Prakash, S/O Kanti Prashad R/O-3855/10 Kanhaiya Nagar, Tri-Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Ved Prakash Gupta, for all future purposes. 0040692329-4

I, VAIDHYA SUBRAMANIAN PITCHAI, R/O P-184, FIRST-FLOOR GYAN-KHAND-3 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD, U.P-201014, HAVE CHANGED MINOR DAUGHTER NAME, FROM PRATIBHA IYER TO PRATIBHA, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040692336-9

I, Umesh Sehgal, S/O Ashok Kumar-R/O-13/8, Ground-Floor, C Block, Ardee City, Sector-52, Gurgaon (HR)-122011, have change my minor daughter's name, from Nitara.A. A. Sehgal to Nitara Sehthal. 0040692360-1

I, TARKESHWAR, R/O RZ-36, Y-Block, New Roshanpur Najafgarh, New Delhi-43, have changed my minor son's name from DIVYANSH TO DIVYANSH SHARMA, for all future purposes. 0040692336-6

I, Soniya Mann W/O Manjeet R/O D-558, Sector-1, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Soniya for all purposes. 0040692360-3

I, Santosh Gupta, S/O Shiv Narain Gupta R/O 42, Model Basti Near Filmistan Cinema Delhi-5 have changed my name to Santosh Kumar Gupta. 0040692336-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/O Ugarsain R/O-179/2 Telivara, Shahdara Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Name To Sanjeev Arora, For All, Future Purposes. 0040692348-3

I, SURESH KUMAR, SURESH BAUAJ, S/O SUNDER LAL, R/O-1461, WARD NO-1 SETHI MOHALLA KHARKHODA SONIPAT HARYANA-131402, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SURESH CHANDER. 0040692329-2

I, Ruma Sinha, W/o Pratap Singha, R/O. Ashchini Bill Hati Camp P S Namtola, Sub Divn Charaideo, Dist: Charaideo, Assam-785690, have changed my name to Ruma Singha. 0040692345-3

I, Rajeev Dagar, R/O Flat.No.45, The Palms, Plot.No.13B, Sector-6, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Rajiv Dagar. 40692336-1

I, QASIM HAIDER KHAN, S/O MOHAMMAD HAIDER KHAN, R/O C-3, TIKONA-PARK JAMIANAGAR OKHLA, NEW DELHI-110025, IN MY PASSPORT-MY AND MY-WIFE NAME WRONGLY-MENTION MOHAMMAD QASIM HAIDER KHAN AND SAMREEN KHAN CORRECT-NAME ARE QASIM HAIDER KHAN AND SAMREEN KHANAM. 0040692329-5

I, QASIM HAIDER KHAN, S/O MOHAMMAD HAIDER KHAN, R/O C-3, TIKONA-PARK JAMIANAGAR-OKHLA, NEW DELHI-110025, IN MY-10TH MARKSHEET MY NAME WRONGLY-MENTION QASEEM HAIDER KHAN MY CORRECT-NAME IS QASIM HAIDER KHAN. 0040692329-6

I, Pratap Sinha, S/O Late Biraj Singha, R/O-Ashchini Bill Hati Camp P S Namtola, Sub-Divn:Charaideo-Dist: Charaideo, Assam-785690, have changed my name to Pratap Singha. 40692345-4

I, Pradip Sarkar, S/O Prabhath Chandra Sarkar, R/O Flat.No.602, Jai Ma CGHS, Sector-65, Faridabad, have changed my name to Pardeep Chandra. 0040692336-7

I, Mridula W/o Sridhar Yarmal R/O C-132, First Floor, Sector-26, Noida, UP-201301 have changed my name to MRIDULA SRIDHAR for all future purposes. 0070866997-1

I, Sushmita Oliver LAVERN, W/O Rohit Oliver Lavern, R/O RZF-1/302, First-Floor, KH.No- 86/21/2, Gali, No-2, Raj-Dairy, Mahavir Enclave, Palam-Village, New-Delhi-110045, Have Changed my Name to Sushmita Lal Oliver. 0040692329-9

I, Sunny Garg, R/O Flat.No.C-1/902, Plot.No. GH-05, Cleo County, Sector-121, Noida, UP-201301, have changed my Minor Daughter name, from Trisha to Trisha Garg. 0040692351-6

I, Vijay Nasa S/O Satpal Nasa R/O 1025, Sector-14, Sonipat Haryana-131001, have change my name to Vijay Nassa, permanently. 0040692352-3

I, Sunil Bhatt, S/O Bhatirav Dutt Bhatt R/O Tower B-6 Flat 1603, Gardenia Glory Sector-46, Gautam Budhnagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, Have Changed my name to Sunil Kumar Bhatt, for all Purposes. 0040692351-1

I, Sudhanima Banerjee, W/O-Samrat Banerjee, R/O-Tower-A1, Flat No.1202, M3M Woodshire, Sector-107, Dharampur, Gurgaon, Haryana, have changed to Sutanima Banerjee, for all purposes. 0040692355-4

I, Pooja Yadav W/o Subhash R/O D-558, Sector-1, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Pooja Yadav Malik, for all purposes. 0040692360-4

I, Pawan Kumar, S/o Sh. Ramphal Sharma R/O-D-125B, Surya Kunj, Haroda Road, Najafgarh, Delhi, have change my name from Pawan Bhardwaj to Pawan Kumar, for all, future purposes. 0040692348-8

I, Parteeek Dua s/o Ramesh Dua R/O A-393, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Prateek Dua permanently. 0040692353-9

I, Pardeep Kumar S/O Kewal Krishan Gupta R/O, H.No-79, 2nd-Floor Block-C Rosewood City Sector-49, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122018, have changed my name to Pardeep Kumar Gupta. 0040692351-2

I, PRASHANT, S/O SURESH CHANDER, R/O 1461 WARD, NO-1, SETHI MOHALLA KHARKHODA SONIPAT HARYANA-131402, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PARSHANT. 0040692329-1

I, Amogh S/O Anand Krishnamurthy, R/O B1, First Avenue, Vasant Kunj Enclave, Delhi 110070, have changed my name to Amogh R Anand, for all future purpose 0040692299-1

It is for general information that I, Mueqem Khan, S/O Habib Khan, R/O V-89, Gali No.-23B, Vijay Park, Maujpur, Delhi-110053 inform that name of mine and my-father has been wrongly-written as Mueqem Khan and Haabee Khan in My Passport No. F1 1083535. The actual-name of mine and my father are Mueqem Khan and Habib Khan, which may be amended accordingly. 0070867017-1

I, ANJU W/O, No.10136370X RANK EX HAV RAJU R/O RZ-D-18A, U/G/F, KH, NO.34/10, NEAR GANDHI MARKET, West Sagarpur Delhi-46 have changed my name TO ANJU SOLANKI VIDE AFFIDAVIT 5.10.23 BEFORE DELHI. 0070867017-1

I, YASHIKA, D/O, KULDEEP SINGH, ADD-1/7580, GALLI, NO.9A EAST-GORAKH PARK, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032, changed my name to YASHIKA KAUR, for all, future purposes 0040692345-2

I, VIJAY KUMAR ARORA, S/O, JAGAN NATH, ADD-B-2/1, MAIN MARKET BHAIJANPURA NORTH EAST DELHI-110053, Changed My Name To VIJAY KUMAR, for all, future purposes. 0040692345-1

I, RENU W/O, SURINDER SINGH SIKKA, ADD-E-137 FIRST-FLOOR KALKAJI, SOUTH EAST-DELHI-110019, changed my name to RENU SIKKA, for all, future purposes. 0040692362-1

I, Vijay Laxmi Setia W/O Surinder Singh Setia Resident of WZ- D-58 A Gali No 6 Krishna Park New Delhi 110018 have changed my name to Jatinder Kaur Setia 0070867019-1

I, RAJINDER KASBA, S/O, TRILOKI NATH KASBA, ADD-186, PARYATAN VIHAR-B4 VASUNDHRA ENCLAVE, EAST-DELHI 110096, changed my name to RAJINDER KUMAR KASBA, for all, future purposes. 0040692348-1

I, AANCHAL, W/O, SHREE RATAN DAMMANI ADD. FLAT. NO.14, RAJDHANI NIKUNJ, 94, I.P. EXTN PATPARGANJ, EAST-DELHI-110092 Changed my name to AANCHAL DAMMANI, for all, future purposes. 0040692362-2

I, Vineet Kumar Mundhra S/O Ramesh Kumar Mundhra R/O F-68, IIInd Floor, Phase-1, Ashok Vihar-52, have changed my name from Vineet Kumar to Vineet Kumar Mundhra for all future purposes. 0040692212-1

I, Poonam Mehndiratta W/O-Himanshu Mendiratta R/O-H.No-110, Ram Nagar Extn Krishna-Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Poonam Mendiratta. 0040692351-9

I, Sunny Garg, R/O Flat.No.C-1/902, Plot.No. GH-05, Cleo County, Sector-121, Noida, UP-201301, have changed my Minor Daughter name from Saavi to Saavi Garg. 0040692351-7

I, POOJA VIPUL BARSALEY, D/O RAMESH KANT ANEJA, R/O 2202, TOWER-C, ANGEL JUPITER, AHINSA KHAND-2, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U T T A R P R A D E S H - 201014, changed my name to POOJA ANEJA. 0040692353-2

I, Monika Rana, R/O Flat.No.45, The Palms, Plot.No.13B, Sector-6, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Monika Dagar after-marriage with Rajiv Dagar. 0040692336-4

I, Mohd Abid Istam 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, 40692345-9

I, Manoj Kumar Singh S/O, Harishankar Singh R/O, E4/203, Shree-Vardhaman Gardenia, Sector-10, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, that my-father's name is wrongly-written in my 10th-certificate as Hari Shankar instead of his correct-name Harishankar Singh 0040692360-7

I, DINESH KUMAR S/O FOOL SINGH R/O NEAR TEHSIL, 116, PANA DULLAN, AUCHANDI ROAD, BAWANA, DELHI-110039 That name of my minor son has been wrongly written as KRISH in the school record of my minor son KIRRISH aged 15 years. The actual name of my minor son is KIRRISH 0070867012-1

I, Brij Mohan S/o Jodghyan Garg R/O 553 Veer Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Brij Mohan Garg. 0040692294-1

I, Bijendra K/O N/O Prakash Chand R/O Near Bhumia, Nibali, Niwali, Baghpatt, UP-25601 do hereby solemnly inform that have changed my name from Bijendra to Bijendra Kumar for all purposes, I will be known as Bijendra Kumar in future, also my father name is wrongly written in my passport as Prakash instead of Prakash Chand. 0040692233-1

I, Ashwini Kumar R/O House No-C-70, 2nd Floor, Sector-19, Noida, District. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my minor daughter's name from Ridhi Sharma to Riddhi Sharma for all purposes. 0040692214-1

I, ANJU W/O, No.10136370X RANK Ex HAV RAJU R/O RZ-D-18A, U/G/F, KH, NO.34/10, NEAR GANDHI MARKET, West Sagarpur Delhi-46 have changed my name TO ANJU SOLANKI VIDE AFFIDAVIT 5.10.23 BEFORE DELHI. 0040692348-5

I, Inderjit, S/O Niranjan Singh R/O, House, No-CPO-111, Madangiri Dr. Ambekar Nagar New-Delhi-110062, Have Changed my name to Inderjeet Singh, Permanently. 0040692345-6

I, Himanshu Mehndiratta, S/O Satpal Mehndiratta, R/O- H.No-110, Ram Nagar Extn Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Himanshu Mendiratta. 40692351-8

I, Gauvar Kaluwa, S/O Prabhnu Singh, R/O Shanti Vihar, Chippyana Khurd, Urf Tirgi, Gautam Buddha-Nagar, U.P.-201009, have changed my name, from Kaluwa to Gaurav, for all, future purposes. 0040692353-4

I, Farzana Begum, W/O SHARIF AHMED, R/O F-17 ABUL-FAZAL ENCLAVE PART-1, JAMIANAGAR OKHLA, NEW DELHI 110025, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FARZANA TO FARZANA BEGUM, PERMANENTLY. 0040692329-8

I, Jatin Pal Singh, S/O Late Sh. Prithi Pal Singh Premi R/O C-45, 1st Floor, Fateh Nagar, New Delhi, inform that Prithi Pal Singh Premi and P.P.S. Premi are one and same person i.e. my father 0040692205-2

I, Himanshu Bansal S/O Vinay Bansal R/O B-28, Manohar Park, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, have changed my minor daughter's name from Rihanna to Riana Bansal (DOB:10-10-2020) 0040692290-1

I, Harpal Singh, S/O Late Hargopal Singh Virk, R/O H.No.181, Sector-3, Type-III, Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi-110049, have changed my name to Harpal Singh Virk for all purposes. 0040692210-1

I, Doonger Prasad S/O Chauke Lal Sharma, R/O A-77/3, Ground Floor, Near Samudaya Bhawan, Dilshad Colony, Jhilmil, East Delhi, Delhi-110095, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Doongar Prasad Sharma. 70867011-1

I, Ashok Kumar S/O Diwan Chand, R/O Y-38, Phase-I, Budh-Vihar, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Ashok Bhardwaj. 0040692351-5

I, Vibha S. D/o Swaminathan Kannan, R/O A-2304, S.F. Green Field Colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VIBHA SWAMINATHAN 0040692291-1

I, Md.Aftab S/O Abdul Sattar, House, no-T-35A Khirki extension Malviya-Nagar New-Delhi-110017, Have Changed my name to Mohammad Aftab, Permanently. 0040692345-5

I, Manoj Kumar S/o Harishshankar Singh R/O, E4/203, Shree Vardhaman Gardenia, Sector-10, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, have changed my name to Manoj Kumar Singh. 0040692360-6

I, Manish Kumar Kaushik S/O Subhash Chandra Kaushik R/O-F-2/192, Upper-Ground-Floor Sector-16, Rohini Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Manish Kaushik. 0040692348-2

I, Man Bahadur Karki S/o Lekha Bahadur Karki R/O-H.No.5, Village Badli, Near Tikona Park Delhi-110042, have changed my name Man Bahadur Karki to Man Singh Karki for all future, purpose 0040692353-5

I, Mamta W/o Rakesh Malik R/O F-133/A, Block-F, Rajdhani Park, Nangloi, West-Delhi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Mamta Malik. 0040692360-5

I, MANOJ KUMAR BANSAL S/O RAMESH CHAND BANSAL R/O TP-62, NEAR CENTRAL SCHOOL, PITAMPUR, DELHI-110034. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANOJ BANSAL. 0040692360-2

I, MAAHI CHHARI, D/O-LALIT KUMAR CHHARI, R/O HOUSE, NO.48, THIRDFLOOR, GALLI, NO.3, VIJAY-CHOWK, LAXMI-NAGAR, EAST, DELHI-110092, THAT MY MOTHER'S NAME MENTIONED IN SOME DOCUMENTS SONI CHHARI & IN SOME-DOCUMENTS NAME WRITTEN AS SONI LALIT KUMAR CHHARI, BOTH NAME-PERTAIN TO ONE AND SAME- PERSON I.E. SONI CHHARI. 0040692329-10

I, Lekha Nath Bhusal, S/O-Shri D.K.Bhusal, R/O S-9, Greater Kailash, Part-1, N-59, Delhi-110048, have changed my name from Shyam Sharma to Lekha Nath Bhusal for all, future purposes. 0040692336-2

I, LAVENEET SINGH, S/O Sh. Charanbir Singh R/O F-159, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Loveneet Singh Khurana. 0040692364-1

I, Kalyan Singh and K.S.Chauhan S/O-Kirath Singh R/O-GH-6/149, S-F-White Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-87, both names belong to same person i.e. myself. 0040692329-10

I, Jitender Kumar Katyaj S/O Wate Dilbagh Rai Katyaj R/O-W-34/7A Mukherjee Park Extn, chokhandi Road, Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018, changed my name to Jitender Katyaj 0070866971-1

I, Jasmeet Kaur D/o Jasbeer Kaur R/O A-98B, Pocket-A, Ashok Vihar-2, Delhi-110052, changed my minor daughter's name from Sukhmani Gujral to Sukhmani Kaur. 0040692353-7

I, Inderjit, S/O Niranjan Singh R/O, House, No-CPO-111, Madangiri Dr. Ambekar Nagar New-Delhi-110062, Have Changed my name to Inderjeet Singh, Permanently. 0040692345-6

I, Himanshu Mehndiratta, S/O Satpal Mehndiratta, R/O- H.No-110, Ram Nagar Extn Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Himanshu Mendiratta. 40692351-8

I, Gauvar Kaluwa, S/O Prabhnu Singh, R/O Shanti Vihar, Chippyana Khurd, Urf Tirgi, Gautam Buddha-Nagar, U.P.-201009, have changed my name, from Kaluwa to Gaurav, for all, future purposes. 0040692353-4

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I, Farzana Begum, W/O SHARIF AHMED, R/O F-17 ABUL-FAZAL ENCLAVE PART-1, JAMIANAGAR OKHLA, NEW DELHI 110025, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FARZANA TO FARZANA BEGUM, PERMANENTLY. 0040692329-8

I, Jatin Pal Singh, S/O Late Sh. Prithi Pal Singh Premi R/O C-45, 1st Floor, Fateh Nagar, New Delhi, inform that Prithi Pal Singh Premi and P.P.S. Premi are one and same person i.e. my father 0040692205-2

I, Himanshu Bansal S/O Vinay Bansal R/O B-28, Manohar Park, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, have changed my minor daughter's name from Rihanna to Riana Bansal (DOB:10-10-2020) 0040692290-1

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I, Deepak Kumar Bhambari, S/O Tilak Raj Bhambari, House, no.B-10 and B-12 second-floor Jungpura-B, New Delhi-110014, Have Changed my name to Deepak Kumar Bhambari, permanently 0040692345-7

I, Chistha, D/o-Rakesh Kumar, R/O:JG-2/378, 3rd-Floor, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed My Name to Chhenya for All Purposes. 0040692345-8

I, Chandra Kala Devi W/O Om Prakash Rathore R/O-C-1/103, Sanjay Enclave near Veer, Bazar Uttam, Nagar Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Long Shri Rathore 0040692353-6

I, BIJIRAM, S/O SHYAM SUNDAR PARIDA, R/O E-23 SURYA ROBINSON LTD BAHADUR GARH JHAJJAR HARYANA-124507, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BIJIRAM PARIDA. 0040692355-7

I, BABITA, D/O KULDEEP KUMAR, R/O FLAT, NO-703, PAVILLION-COURT-6, JAYPEE GREENS, WISHTOWN SECTOR-128, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201304, changed my name to BABITA MADAN. 0040692336-5

I, Saleem S/O Mohsin Khan, R/O A 16/6 Puri gali Maujpur Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Saleem Sheikh 0070866994-1

CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

I, Ashish S/O Ishwar Chand Gupta, R/O Flat no. O162, Tower-0, Sector-143, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.201306, have changed my name to Ashish Gupta, for all, future purpose. 0040692353-3

I, Arti Srivastava, W/o Pavan Kishore Srivastava, R/O Aster-504, Green-Village, Sector-41-42, Faridabad, have changed my name to Aarti Srivastava. 0040692336-8

I, Anurag Gupta, S/O Mahender Gupta, R/O-55, 1st Floor, Pocket-28, Sector-24, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my minor daughter's name, from Vaishnavi Gupta to Vaishnavi Gupta 0040692355-1

I, Anubha Aggarwal, W/O AKASHT Agarwal, R/O-B-504, Rajasthan CGHS, Plot No.-36, Sector-4, Dwarka, Delhi, have changed my name to Anubha Agarwal, for all purposes. 0040692355-5

I, Kiran Devi Aiyas Mamta Gupta W/O Ravi Tatal D/o Brij Mohan Gupta R/O G-32, Gali No.16, Reaja Pur, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Kiran Devi. 0040692355-2

I, Anil Kumar, F/O-Aniket Kumar, R/O R-247, Gali no.17A, Swatantra Nagar, Narela Delhi, have changed my son name Aniket to Aniket Kumar, for all purpose 0040692355-6

I, Amba Dutt Joshi S/O Bala Dutt Joshi R/O T15/1 MES Qtrs, Uri Enclave, Brar Square, Delhi Cantt-110010 changed my name to A D Joshi 0040692295-1

I, Amardeep Singh, S/O-Sat Pal Singh, R/O:R-218, Van-Vihar, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, Have Changed My Name to Amardeep Virdi, S/O-Satpal Virdi, for All Purposes. 0040692348-7

I, AYUB/AYUB KHAN, S/O-VAZIR NOOR KHAN KHAN, R/O-W-4/203 TDI-CITY, NANGAL KALAN, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131023, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AYUB VAZIR KHAN. 0040692329-3

I, VIKAS VERMA S/O of Mr. Shri Bhagwan Verma, R/O EA-1 Model Town II, 2nd Floor, Delhi 110009 state that the name of my son is wrongly mentioned as ARYAN VERMA in some documents and his correct and actual name is ARYAN VERMA for all future purposes. 0040692213-1

I, AYUB/AYUB KHAN, S/O-VAZIR NOOR KHAN KHAN, R/O-W-4/203 TDI-CITY, NANGAL KALAN, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131023, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AYUB VAZIR KHAN. 0040692329-3

I, Jayashri Bordoloi D/O Dr. Tarun Chandra Bordoloi R/O Flat No. 374 Dakshinayan Apartment Plot No. 19 Sector 4 Dwarka New Delhi 110078. I have changed my name from Jayasri Bordoloi to Jayashri Bordoloi for future purposes. 0070867016-1

I, Pravin Patil, S/O Suresh R. Patil, R/O H.No. G-49, 2nd Floor, Green Park Main, Hauz Khas, South Delhi, Delhi-110016 have changed my name to Pravin Suresh Patil 0070866971-1

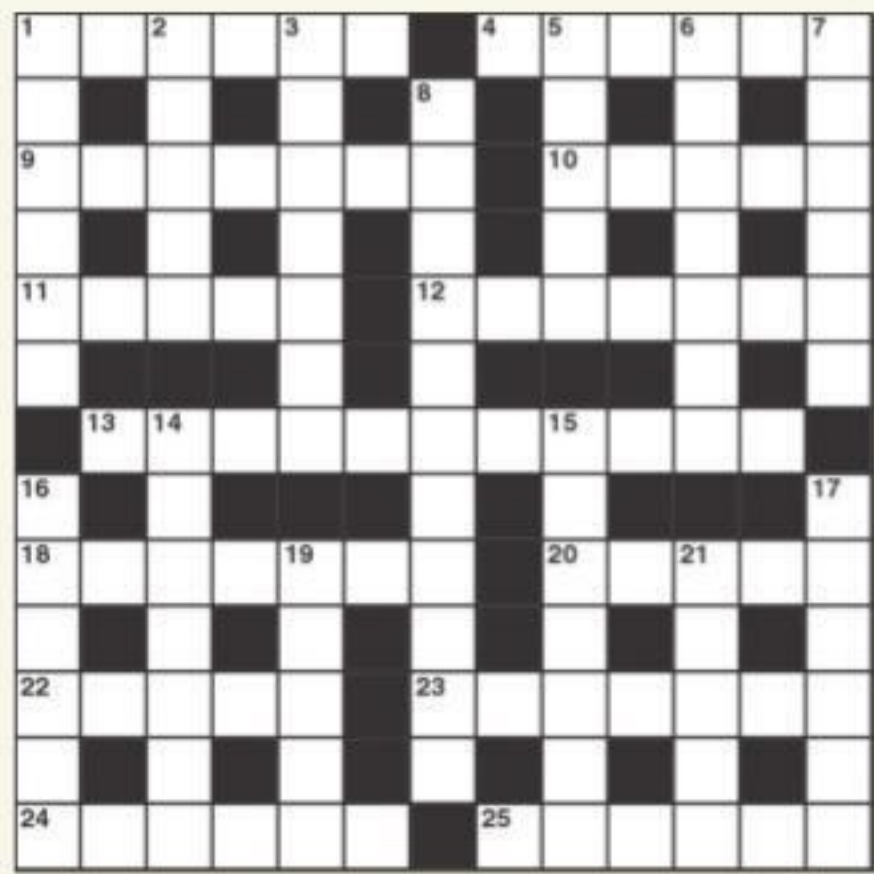
I, Praven Devi, W/o Shri Krishan R/O Plot No 38, 3rd Floor, Bajaj Enclave Extn Kakrola, Dwarka, Delhi-110078 have change my name from Praven Devi to Parveen Kumari for all future purposes. 0040692360-10

I, Rafat Fatima Gulue Rana, D/O Aslam Qadri, R/O-762, Farhat Namak Ajmeri gate, Parkash Khana, North Delhi-110006, have lost my degree of Pharmacy while travelling in metro on 1st-March-2023. Finder contact. 0040692360-10

Lost my original Builder Buyer Agreement of Plot.No.H-669B, Tdi City kundli in the name of Dr.Santosh Bansal & Ankush Bansal. Finder may Contact- Mr.Ankush Bansal at- 557/23, Khat Mandi, Rohtak Road, Bansal Hospital, Sonipat, Haryana. 0040692348-10

I, ABDUL LATIF, S/O SAIED ALI MALLA, R/O N-152, ABUL-FAZAL ENCLAVE PART-1 JAMIANAGAR, NEW-DELHI-110025, IN MY-10TH MARKSHEET MY NAME WRONGLY MENTION MD-ABDUL LATIF MY CORRECT-NAME IS ABDUL LATIF.

CROSSWORD 5175



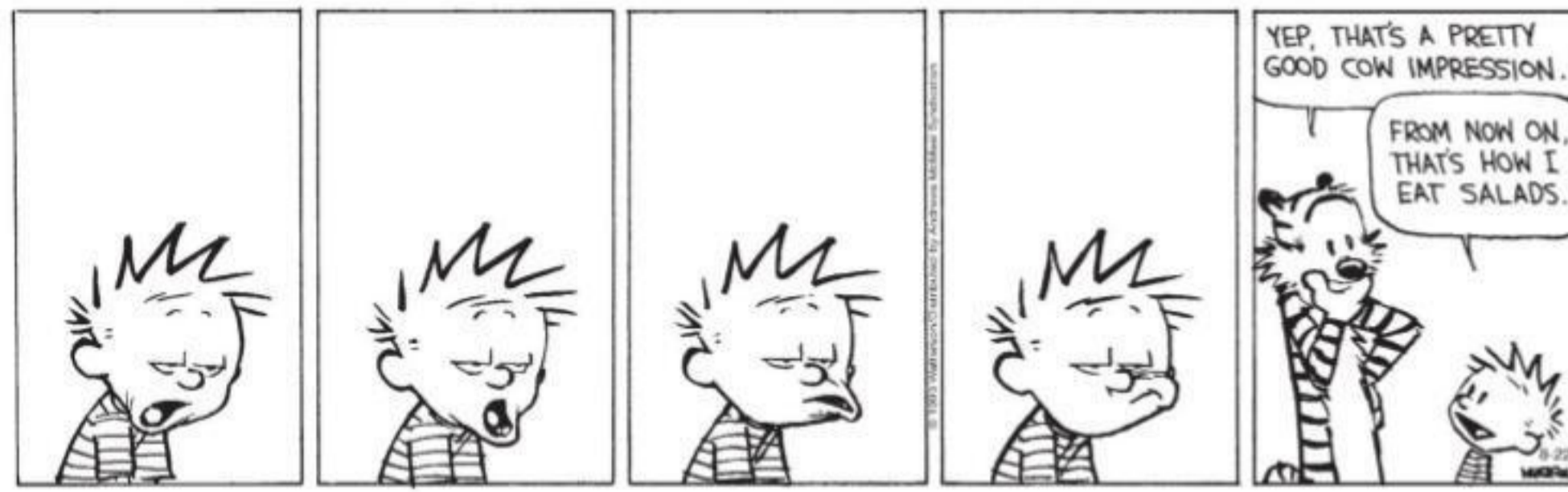
- ACROSS: 1 Look for a feature about double-parking (6), 4 Appropriate small amounts (6), 9 The bare ingredients of a simple brew (4,3), 10 Desert island where palms grow (5), 11 Memento from more licentious times (5), 12 Notes that don't agree (7), 13 Arousing one's curiosity though resenting it perhaps (11), 18 Postage irregularities bring out the secret police (7), 20 What the best man is expected to do? (5), 22 Dismantle a United Nations oil installation? (5), 23 Exemplary piece of literary work (7), 24 Shut up (6), 25 Break into a politician's address (6). DOWN: 1 A wild horse on land (6), 2 Each one left spells danger (5), 3 Object of writing (7), 5 Pictures of newly minted coins (5), 6 A decoration so often out of place (7), 7 Sort of Red Sea green (6), 8 A measure of enlightenment (11), 14 A quack remedy from which most run (7), 15 Show place (7), 16 Rodent that's a bit of a drag out in South America (6), 17 Gay Lib - the nonconformist assembly (6), 19 Pole in wrong gear shows annoyance (5), 21 Expert witticism (5).

Solutions Crossword 5174 Across: 1 Secured, 5 Fetch, 8 Expostulation, 9 Natal, 10 Locales, 11 Roller, 12 Brandy, 15 On earth, 17 Dwell, 19 Battle-scarred, 20 Sorts, 21 Set free, 22 Down: 1 Stern, 2 Capital letter, 3 Resolve, 4 Double, 5 Franc, 6 Trial and error, 7 Honesty, 11 Rhombus, 13 Redraft, 14 Thesis, 16 Roles, 18 Lodge

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 quip.

Word jumble puzzles with grids for PTEEE, AEMDNT, FYEIR, and EIRMPX.

Answers: PTEEE - SEPTATE, AEMDNT - MENTADOL, FYEIR - REFINERY, EIRMPX - EXPERIMENTED

Difficulty Level 1s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

SUDOKU 5342

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 8, 7, 3, 1, 5 in the top row.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5341

Solution to the Sudoku puzzle, showing the completed grid.

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

Horoscope section for various zodiac signs including Aries, Libra, Taurus, Scorpio, Gemini, Sagittarius, Cancer, Capricorn, Leo, Aquarius, and Virgo.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE for purchase of twenty five LAC ANSWER BOOKS OF 38 PAGES EACH WITH OMR I.E. 36 PAGES AND 2 PAGES OMR AND ONE LAC INTERNAL ASSESSMENT ANSWER SHEET OF 08 PAGE EACH.

Office of Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle, HPPWD, Kullu-175101. Ph. 01902-222530, Fax: 01902-222299, E-mail: hp-kul@nic.in

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE (Through e-Tender) for E-tender Notice No. 33235437 Date: 03.10.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE from We Adani Capital Pvt. Ltd. regarding branch at 2nd Floor, Malody House, 25 A, Public Park Shri Ganga Nagar Rajasthan

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice for Major repair of M/s Greaves Cotton CPCB-II/CPCB-II Diesel Engine of Power cars over Delhi Division for the period of three years.

सूची प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि. कार्यपालक अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, खूँटी

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) No: PW-SE-Dpur-WS-Tender/2022-23. The Superintending Engineer, Dharampur Circle, HPPWD Dharampur, Distt: Mandi (H.P) on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering systems from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the work as detailed in the table.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, खूँटी ई-अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना दिनांक- 05.10.2023

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE for S&T work in c/w Addition & alteration in Distributed Type EI (Medha Make) of Jaunpur Junction station along with outdoor signalling work in c/w year remodelling work of Jaunpur Junction station for provision of doubling between Jaunpur-Tanda Section of LKO Division of NR.

SEARCH FOR MISSING General public is hereby informed that this man namely Rahul Kumar, S/o Late Bal Krishan, R/o 97, Group Fair Traveler Agency, Bharat Nagar, NFC, Delhi, is missing since 29.09.2023 at 07:30 AM from his house.



TODAY'S MATCH

Netherlands vs Pakistan, 2 pm; Star Sports Network

## SETBACK FOR INDIA

Gill tests positive for dengue, doubtful for opener against Aus



THE INDIAN team is likely to take the field without star batsman Shubman Gill for their first World Cup game against Australia in Chennai on Sunday. It is learnt that the in-form opener, who missed the team's net session at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Thursday, is undergoing treatment after testing positive for dengue. Those in the know said that the Indian team management is monitoring Gill's progress and a call on his availability will be taken after another round of tests on Friday.

In case Gill fails to recover for the game against perennial challengers Australia, India will be weighing their options on whether Ishan Kishan or KL Rahul should walk out with captain Rohit Sharma for the start of the innings. The absence of India's brightest young batting talent in the playing XI will be a setback for the team as he has been in sublime touch this year.

Gill scored a double ton against New Zealand earlier this year. He was the leading run-scorer in the IPL with 890 runs and topped the batting charts in the recent Asia Cup with 302 runs. In the last few innings, he has scores of 104, 74, 27\*, 121, 19, 58 and 67\*.

-DEVENDRA PANDEY

## Pitch may tempt India to play 3 spinners vs Aus

THE CHEPAUK pitch to be used for Sunday's World Cup game between India and Australia sports a brown colour after the groundstaff shaved off the grass. It is likely that a predominantly black soil surface – which the Indian team usually prefers – will be used for their first match of the tournament, which may prompt the home team to play three spinners.

Because of the soaring temperatures, the groundstaff had the pitch covered throughout Thursday afternoon to prevent it from breaking. But after their training session, India skipper Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid took a hard look at the surface. In the evening, soon after the thick blanket that was covering the pitch was removed, a light roller was used but no watering was done. In case conditions remain unchanged, the pitch is likely to be on the drier side and conducive for spinners.

During the training session, Ravichandran Ashwin, who replaced Axar Patel in the final World Cup squad, was among the first to hit the nets along with Jasprit Bumrah, Ishan Kishan and Virat Kohli, taking throwdowns from head coach Dravid. Apart from batting for about 45 minutes, Ashwin bowled to Suryakumar Yadav and Kohli for an extensive period and was seen troubling the former with his guile and variations.

With skipper Rohit stating that the team would like to have batting depth, India are set to alter between a three-spinners/three-pacer combination, along with the seam bowling option of Hardik Pandya.

Ashwin and seamer Shardul Thakur, handy with the bat, are likely to be competing for a spot in the XI.

-VENKATA KRISHNA B

## Kiwis off to a flying start

Underdogs use spinners to tie down middle overs, pacers use change-ups before Conway and Ravindra hit tons to win on a canter

SRIRAM VEERA

AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 5

DEVON CONWAY was sitting in the corner of the press room, his toes peeping out of the slip-ons that had 'Black Caps' big and bold. On the dais, his co-wrecker in the 273-run partnership Rachin Ravindra, who loves sprinkling "it was pretty cool" in most answers, was addressing the media. When someone asked how it felt that two persons who have their roots away from New Zealand – Conway in South Africa, and him in India – combined to give defending champions England a 9-wicket hiding in the first game of the World Cup, Ravindra would play it cool: "Well, we are both Kiwis, now".

On the sidelines, Conway, who was intently listening to his younger teammate, would murmur: "My Man!". And when Ravindra finished his media interaction, Conway and Matt Henry, who was sitting beside him, would clap vigorously.

NUMBER PLATE

273

The partnership between Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra, which came off 211 balls, is the fourth-highest stand for any wicket in the World Cup.



(Above) New Zealand's Devon Conway scored an unbeaten 152 against England on Thursday. (Left) Rachin Ravindra scored his first ODI century. AP



up on the track, inducing a well-set Jos Buttler (43) to nick it behind.

It was the New Zealand bowling that did the trick, restricting England to 282 on that track, but the takeaway memories for the sparse crowd are most likely to be the rollicking partnership between Conway and Ravindra. Perhaps, as a crowd-pleasing act, it would be best to start from there. By the end, the boundaries were pouring in like water from a burst dam. Conway smacked 22 of them with 19 fours, and Ravindra blasted 16 boundaries, with five sixes. A shell-shocked England, who had long given up the ghost, hastened the end by bowling some tripe.

A few months ago, stuff.co.nz, a popular New Zealand portal, ran an article on 'how to make a Black Caps XI entirely from South Africa-born players' and the team list in-

cluded Conway, Phillips, Neil Wagner and Co. They even had a coach of the same ilk: BJ Watling. They can also try an addendum to that story, and try to see how many Indian-origin players can fill up their team. The two who saved a dramatic Test in Kanpur, Ajaz Patel and Ravindra, can be earmarked, with Deepak Patel, the former off-spinner, as the coach. And who knows how many are bubbling up at the grassroots.

## 'Play better'

England captain Jos Buttler was gracious in admitting they were "overplayed" but there was one terse moment in the press interaction. When an English journalist posed "Are you confident of a turnaround?", perhaps Buttler didn't appreciate the tone and had a bit of glare even as he mumbled "Yes". The questioner persisted with "what do you have to do for that?" And Buttler, still icy, would say: "Play better".

That they certainly have to. There were too many wickets that were gifted to the New Zealand spinners in the middle overs. Harry Brook, who had smacked 4,4,6 to a slew of long-hops in Ravindra's first over, mis-timed a pull off the next ball, another rank short

ball, to the deep midwicket fielder. Moeen Ali shaped to pull a short ball from part-time spinner Phillips but lost his stumps. In the 42nd over, when New Zealand's stand-in captain Tom Latham surprisingly brought on the offie Phillips, Joe Root missed his reverse sweep and was yorked out.

Henry, who had shipwrecked India in the last ODI World Cup semi-final, was spot on again here, at the start and in the middle. He's a bionic man, who owes his cricket career to a surgery called "Pars Repair" when he was 21 – a titanium wire and two screws are still holding up his vertebra in his back. It was the same doctor who operated on Shane Bond and since then, quite a few players from New Zealand and Australia have gone to him. The pain was so bad that going to the toilet would be a pain for a few days, Bond has said, and it was on his urging that Henry had undergone the treatment so young. "You reminded me of that now!" He would say with a smile after a fine performance. "They are still there – the screws and the wire; they saved my career!"

Buttler would say how New Zealand outplayed them, talk about how the pitch got better under lights ("We also would have

## SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND vs NEW ZEALAND

NARINDRA MODI STADIUM, AHMEDABAD  
Toss: New Zealand won, chose to field

## ENGLAND

Jonny Bairstow	c Mitchell b Santner	33 (35b)
David Malan	c Latham b M Henry	14 (24b)
Joe Root	b Glenn Phillips	77 (86b, 4x4, 1x6)
Harry Brook	c Conway b R Ravindra	25 (16b)
Moeen Ali	b G Phillips	11 (17b)
Jos Buttler	c Latham b Henry	43 (42b, 2x4, 2x6)
Liam Livingstone	c M Henry b Boult	20 (22b)
Sam Curran	c Latham b M Henry	14 (19b)
Chris Woakes	c W Young b Santner	11 (12b)
Adil Rashid	not out	15 (13b)
Mark Wood	not out	13 (14b)

Extras (w 6) 6

Total (For 9 wickets in 50 Overs) 282

FoW: 1-40, 2-64, 3-94, 4-118, 5-188, 6-221, 7-229, 8-250, 9-252

Bowling: Trent Boult 10-1-48-1, Matt Henry

10-1-48-3, Mitchell Santner 10-0-37-2, James

Neesham 7-0-56-0, Rachin Ravindra 10-0-76-

1, Glenn Phillips 3-0-17-2

## NEW ZEALAND (TARGET: 283 RUNS)

Devon Conway not out 152 (121b, 19x4, 3x6)

Will Young c Buttler b Curran 0 (1b)

Rachin Ravindra not out 123 (96b, 11x4, 5x6)

Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 3) 8

Total (1 wicket; 36.2 overs) 283

FoW: 1-10

Bowling: Chris Woakes 6-0-45-0, Sam Curran

6-2-47-1, Mark Wood 5-0-55-0, Moeen Ali 9.2-

0-60-0, Adil Rashid 7-0-47-0, Liam Livingstone

3-0-24-0

bowled first"), and then as the England press kept asking about the nature of the big defeat, would blurt out: "We are not robots; sometimes you don't play as well as you would like. The margin of loss doesn't matter; it's still one loss. We were just a bit off. We will work hard and come back."

But what that margin of loss and the nature of defeat has meant is that already, just a day into the tournament, some sort of level-playing field has been established. No doubt, England can bounce back strongly, but now the other teams know that they can be beaten and also know how to do it. Or if they still don't, they can text Ravindra. "A hundred is always special. And to do it in India, where my roots are, it's pretty cool." His parents, he said, were at the stadium watching him blast that special maiden hundred. "That's pretty cool."

## Like every Pak captain, Babar needs to fill Imran-sized boots

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HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 5

FOR MUCH OF the sixty minutes that Pakistan spent on the ground before moving to the nets, Babar Azam meandered from one spot to the other, surveying his scattered troops like a caring but not an anxious general. He checked into the ring of footballers, where he cheekily nutmegged Mohammad Rizwan before swiping the air, attempting an audacious overhead kick.

He joined the pacers, stretching their sinews on the furnace-hot grass and himself contorted his body like a gymnast. He turned his gaze towards the centre pitch, had a quick peep at the surface roasting in the heat, before he flung half-a-dozen flat throws at a yellow plastic stump, where Mohammad Nawaz and Shadab Khan were target-practising.

Then he called for a huddle. He addressed the gathering, but in as placid a manner as he would bat. He bats softly; he speaks softly too. His gravelly voice hit low-frequency notes, he did not resort to theatrical hurrahs or battlecries. But whatever he was telling them, his men patiently listened, nodding their heads.

In a sense, Babar the captain is a reflection of Babar the batsman, no excesses, no wild energy, flowing calmly like a brook. On the field, he rarely fumes at his fielders; in moments of despair, he turns his head back and takes a deep breath, exhaling all his rage. In moments of joy, his eyes twinkle, a smile spreads rather than explodes. He does not impose himself on the bowlers when setting fields; he does not seem to serenade them with ideas. He lets them be. He resists the raw emotions boiling inside him, even his eyes offer little window to his mind and mood. Not that he is colourless or cold. But he is wired this way, minimalistic and modest.

Often his simple ways have been misinterpreted as a lack of fire. His ODI captaincy—still just 34-games-old—still a study in progress.

## Glue binding the team

But a more precise gauge of his influence could be spotted in the togetherness of the team, an end several Pakistan captains of the past have failed to materialize. Mickey Arthur, the team director, dwelled on it. "It's a close-knit group. You can always see them chatting in the corridor or doing something together. Most of them have grown up together, have



Pakistan need Babar Azam the batsman and captain to perform. AP

been familiar with each other from their early days." Arthur has been a pillar of support for Babar and is firm that the "new philosophy of playing cricket the 'The Pakistani Way' revolves around Babar."

The World Cup thus would be an acid test for Babar's dual roles—his influence with the bat in big games on the biggest stage, as well as the real scope and depth of his leadership skills, whether the inexorable pressure of either role affect each other, or inspire each other, a complex yet fascinating narrative. Being Pakistan's

best batsman is often a burden enough; being a captain triples the pressure. But Pakistan need both; Babar the batsman and Babar the captain. His batting to click high gears and captaincy to stum the right tunes.

Succeeding in both is difficult, but that is the plight of captains, captains especially from South Asia. If every successor of his was measured in the light of MS Dhoni in India, in Pakistan it is even stringent a yardstick.

To be judged by the immense personality of its greatest leader of (cricketing) men, Imran Khan, is a brutal burden thrust on every successor of his. Not that Pakistan were not blessed with leaders; there were those such as Wasim Akram who boasted a win percentage of 60.55 in 109 50-over matches managing an allegedly rift-ridden team of schemers and betrayers. His numbers are more glittering than Imran himself, who won only 53.95 percentage of the games he captained. But Akram is no Imran, for Imran provided them the ultimate joy, ending their long and anguished pursuit of winning the World Cup. There were the understated leaders like Waqar Younis and Misbah-ul-Haq; Safaraz Ahmed shepherded his team to the only other global ODI title they

had won, the Champions Trophy in 2017; Yousif Khan took them to their only T20 title.

But none of them are considered equal in stature to Imran. Perhaps none will ever be. For, Imran alone casts a bewitchingly suffocating shadow over his successors, like an ineffable, invisible ghost. So much so that the only pursuit of every Pakistan captain since him has been to find an inner Imran in him, bending and moulding oneself into an Imran, even if it be a counterfeit one.

Babar is no stranger to pressure. He has lived up to the billing as his county's best batsmen, producing knocks under extreme pressure; he has led Pakistan in T20 World Cups; he has tasted galling defeats at home and tasted success abroad. He would win more games for his country with the bat, even tournaments, and end up as perhaps the best batsman his country has produced. But he would eventually be judged by how good a captain he was, and whether he lifted the World Cup.

The burden on Babar's shoulders thus has multiple layers—he not only has to define the tournament with his batting and leadership, but also define the history of his country's cricket too.

## WORLD CUP TALISMAN

## Gurbaz: Afghanistan's Dhoni fan with a zidd carves out a national image

RAHUL PANDEY

OCTOBER 5

THE TOWN of Khost in south-eastern Afghanistan is separated by more than 1800 kms from Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, India. The stories of the two cities' favorite sons however, are closer. Like MS Dhoni. Rahmanullah Gurbaz doted on football, playing goalkeeper in the friendly street games. Like his cricketing idol, once exposed to the game, keeping-batting became Gurbaz's obsession. Owner of an extensive motorbike collection? Not really, this one's a fan of fast cars but we can let that slide for the sake of romance. More importantly, just like the former Indian skipper, Gurbaz's liking of the sport was met with reservations back home. But first, a moment of discovery.

Gurbaz was 13 and playing tennis ball cricket when the coach of the Khost province, Mohammad Khan Zadran was taken back by what he saw as prodigious talent. "I asked him to come to my acad-

emy and start playing with the hard ball," he tells The Indian Express over phone while supervising a morning session at his academy in Khost.

Gurbaz's father, a school principal, wasn't too fond of his son putting long hours in cricket over his own aspiration of him becoming a doctor. Elder brother Saadat would confront Zadran over the matter. "His elder brother told me, 'I won't let him play. Pehle school karega, phir cricket.'" Rahmanullah started crying at that moment and quavered, "I'll play cricket. I won't go to school!"

It may have been a momentary melt of the heart but Saadat and his family eventually caved in to the dream of the second youngest among seven brothers. "His brother told me to do as Gurbaz wished. In five-six years, he was part of the U-19 team. Now he's part of the national team," says Zadran, just as a loud cheer of a boundary being hit can be heard in the background.

It is this ziddi (stubborn) nature of Gurbaz that's been a critical factor in his meteoric rise, reckons Zadran. "The



Rahmanullah Gurbaz walks into this World Cup as Afghanistan's big batting hope. AP

younger ones are always adored. Rahmanullah was ziddi for everything. I used to give in to his stubbornness and let

him play the role he wanted to. An opener, a keeper since his starting days."

Couple that with his dileri (courage) to play the toughest bowlers on his terms, and you can understand the hype around Gurbaz. One only needs to go as far back as his 151 against Pakistan in August. An innings where he displayed that even the most talked about pace attack in modern cricket could be taken down. When Shaheen Shah Afridi went short with the new ball, out came the disdainful pulls. Naseem Shah's raw pace was almost seen in slow motion by moving across the stumps to drive through covers. Haris Rauf switched from full to short and then length, but couldn't avoid being hit for four boundaries in a row.

## Fearless batting

"His biggest strength is his courage. Fast or slow, he isn't afraid of anyone. Apni pasand ka ball aata hai toh sbko maarta hai (When he gets a ball to his liking, no bowler is safe)," says Zadran.

Of late though, among the conversa-

tions Zadran has had with his ward has been the suggestion to prize his wicket more in the 50 overs format.

"In the beginning, he used to bat in both T20 and One Day the same way. I told him, 'You have the shots but value your wicket more. Don't go for big hits every time. Udhara maarte, idhar maarte, ek do shot ko leke chalo (Don't go for extravagant shots every time)'. ODI is a game of singles-doubles." That T20 approach in the ODIs has been a big argument stacked against Afghanistan in the format. Gurbaz's strike rate dropping from 116 in his first year to 80 in 2023, and the hundreds coming more often (four of his five in the last 20 months), bodes well for them. Or as head coach Jonathan Trott puts it, "The longer Gurbaz bats for us, the more chance we have of winning."

In a little over eight years of playing hard ball cricket, Gurbaz walks into the 2023 World Cup as Afghanistan's big batting hope. The reservations at home have been buried for good.

"They are very happy, now he's earning

for them also," says Zadran, who's not just talking about the financial gains of the household. Long before Gurbaz took to cricket, his family was among the most respected in Khost, courtesy of his father's work in the academic community. Rahmanullah's cricket has now taken the Gurbaz name beyond Khost's fabled peaks. In scaling those heights though, the Afghanistan opener hasn't forgotten the larger picture.

"Us mountain people, we like to stay rooted to the ground. Now when Gurbaz comes to the academy, he tells the students what I once told him," says his coach. In Afghanistan, the past couple of years have seen the return of the Taliban regime. The societal importance of cricket is ever more so. It is in these times that the MS Dhoni fan has carved out a national image of his own.

"Young kids come to the academy now and say, 'I want to be Rahmanullah and hit 4s and 6s the way he does.' When it comes to batting, he's the idol for them in Afghanistan."

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SANJEEVA SINGH, HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR, ARCHERY

# Archery on the cake

# It is sad but at times okay to lose: Sindhu

Indian compound archers swept all three gold medals on offer in team events — men, women & mixed

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HANGZHOU, OCTOBER 5

UNTIL NOT so long ago, India's most decorated badminton player, a serial winner and the ultimate big-game performer couldn't be defeated. Now, she can't win.

"This is the period when you go low at times. You don't know what to do, what's happening," PV Sindhu says.

On Thursday, Sindhu lost again. A tame, straight-game defeat to China's He Bingjiao in the quarterfinals brought the curtains down on her Asian Games campaign. A year ago, the manner of her surrender would have raised eyebrows. This time, nobody batted an eyelid. Not even Sindhu.

"Initially, when I was losing, it was like 'what's happening?' A lot of things go on in your head. (You think) Why is it happening (even though) I am playing so well?" she says. "Now it's going better."

It's not as if Sindhu has made peace with the losing feeling. It's just that she's starting to deal with it better. "I am sad after losing this match, it's a bit upsetting, but it's okay to lose at times," she says.

Yet, it's an emotion she'd rather not have experienced. For almost a decade, Sindhu set the standard in Indian sport. A medal from her at a major event was taken for granted. In a country where most athletes are content merely with the tag of being an Olympian or simply competing at a World Championship, she showed how to win. Her five World Championships, two Olympic, five Commonwealth Games and two Asiad medals are a testimony to it.

But in India's most successful Asian Games performance, with 86 medals and counting, there won't be a Sindhu medal. "After winning (for) so many (years) and losing suddenly, it feels sad," Sindhu says. "But it's important to just be there and fight back and come back stronger, which I believe I can do."

In the narrow corridor of the brightly lit basement of the Binjiang Gymnasium, Sindhu leans back and forth, smiling and reflecting on what has been a nightmare season. It started with a stress fracture last year, en route to winning the Commonwealth Games gold medal. Sindhu was expected to return for the World Tour Finals that year, but after the doctors advised rest, she stayed away from the court for an extended period.

She finally made a comeback this year but on her return, Sindhu has looked a shadow of her stellar self. She's not gone beyond the second round in nearly a dozen competitions this year, with most of them being facile first-round exits. On Thursday, He Bingjiao would pin her to the four corners and make her move around. Sindhu tried to counter it with speed and, to some extent, she succeeded in the first game. In the second, she couldn't sustain the same momentum and the longer the rallies got, the more it looked certain that she wouldn't win the point.

### Right mental state

The shuttler who could once make a comeback from any position looked bereft of belief. "After the injury, you don't know if you have to believe in yourself, can you do it or can you not..." Sindhu says. "I know losses give you a lot of downfall. But you have to make sure you are in the right mental state and I have been focussing on that. At the moment, a lot of people are going mentally low because they keep winning and suddenly lose. So it's human tendency to feel sad but it's important where I have been focussing on the mental aspect as well."

She speaks about the American gymnast Simone Biles and Japanese-American tennis star Naomi Osaka; two athletes who have endured similar lows after unprecedented highs. At the Tokyo Olympics, Biles, one of the greatest gymnasts of all time, pulled out at the last minute, citing her state of mind. Osaka, the pre-Games favourite for the gold medal, lost in the third round and also spoke about the mental toll of her profession.

Sindhu saw that up close at the Tokyo Olympics, where she won a bronze medal. "All of a sudden she pulled out of the Olympics and it was a shock and even Osaka, the tennis player. They spoke about their problems, we are nobody to comment on that," she says. "But you have to speak it out and let them know you are going through this and you are not fine. It's nothing wrong,



PV Sindhu lost 21-16, 21-12 to China's He Bingjiao in the quarterfinals of the Asian Games on Thursday. PTI

## Unfinished business

THE STRAIGHT-games loss to He Bingjiao ended PV Sindhu's Asian Games, that's another box left unchecked in her career: Asiad gold. While Sindhu is rightly acknowledged as India's greatest player and she has done much with two Olympic and five World Championship medals, there are several missing pieces. Like equalling Carolina Marin on a third World titles - She lost 21-14, 21-14 to Nozomi Okuhara in the opener of the World championships this year, and has one World title from 2019.

Amongst her contemporaries, she's the only one yet to win the All England title and lost 21-17, 21-11 to Zhang Yiman. The other title

eluding her is Asian Championships, where she lost in quarters to An Se Young. This year, Sindhu made her deepest run at Swiss Open, where she lost the finals 21-8, 21-8 to Gregoria Mariska Tunjung.

She's taken a set off Yamaguchi, Marin, Tai Tzu Ying and Se Young in the first half of the year playing deciders. But lost in straight sets 7 of the last 10 tournaments. The loss to Bingjiao continued her wretched form against lefthanders, going down to Carolina Marin and Supanida Katethong earlier.

there are people to help you. You can't just keep it to yourself, that will cause a lot more depression. Rather you just speak it out."

Mentally, she's in a 'good space', Sindhu insists. "I have been talking to a lot of people, they've been giving me a lot of motivation. They tell me it's okay, especially people who have injured themselves, coming back is a lot harder," Sindhu says.

Ratchanon Intanon, her Thai counterpart, was among the athletes she spoke to. "I also gave her my suggestions and passed her my good wishes."

The belief is gradually returning. The partnership with new coach Muhammad Hafiz Hashim of Malaysia is developing fast, with the duo identifying areas where Sindhu needs improvement. "There are lots, not one or two," she admits.

She'll next compete in the Super Series Finland, Denmark and France and the Asian Games quarterfinal is something of a building block after a series of disappointing early exits. "Ultimate aim would be the Olympics, I am aiming for the third medal," she says. "Before that, there are a lot of qualification tournaments. So to do well and be happy is what I want to do... stay injury-free, enjoy your sport."

From her current vantage point, it might seem a daunting task. But Sindhu sounds upbeat: "The dream never dies."



MIHIR VASAVDA  
HANGZHOU, OCTOBER 5

SANJEEVA SINGH tries not to gloat but this is his 'I told you so' moment.

In 2004, when he introduced compound archery in India, the Arjuna and Dronacharya awardee was laughed out from training centres and federation offices. "They said, 'Who is this guy? Why is he bringing compound archery into India?'" Sanjeeva recalls.

Nearly two decades on, India's compound archers are World Cup winners, world champions and Asian Games gold medalists. The result assumes significance from a long-term point of view given that there are murmurs of compound, currently a non-Olympic category, being included in the Los Angeles Games in 2028.

And as much as these medals, the real reflection of India's growing stature was that it was them and not South Korea — the true heavyweights of the world sport — who were the favourites heading into the Games.

India's archers justified the tag, clinching the women's and men's team titles in addition to the mixed team gold they won earlier in the week.

In an edge-of-the-seat women's team final, the top-seeded combination of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Swami and Parmeet Kaur shot a perfect 60 on 60 to beat the Chinese Taipei trio of Chen Yi-Hsuan, Huang I-Jou and Wang Lu-Yun 230-229.

Later, in the men's final, Abhishek Verma, Ojas Deotale and Prathamesh Jawkar downed the South Koreans 235-230 to complete the team double.

India now find themselves at the cusp of their first-ever gold medal sweep in compound archery. In the individual finals on Saturday, Jyothi will hope to complete her golden hat-trick whereas in men, India are assured of a gold as both finalists with Verma facing Deotale.

The man largely responsible for turning India into a compound archery powerhouse is a gold medalist himself — not just in archery, but also in engineering.

As a player, Sanjeeva — now India's High Performance Director — won more than 50 medals, nationally and internationally. As coach, the author of a book on archery is credited with ushering in a compound revolution, the roots of which can be traced back to his trip to New York for the 2004 World Championships. It was then that Sanjeeva first came across the format and he returned to India with a single compound bow. Noticing that it was more mechanical and less strenuous on the arms, Sanjeeva believed it would suit the Indian physique.

"(But) people laughed at me. They said... 'India has never won in recurve, why should we get this?' Everybody was against me, they said, 'No, no, this will not succeed'. But I knew this would succeed in India and we started training people," Sanjeeva says.

"I knew this was one game that was ideally suited to Indian archers because we are not very strong in physique. So this game helped all our junior archers who were smaller in stature."

## Swimming against the tide

Before he began training others, the 1988 Olympian who had retired in 1996, learnt the art himself, not caring about those who mocked him.

Within a year — in 2005 — he became the national champion, nearly 10 years after he retired. His win, Sanjeeva says, lent some credence to his compound programme and he continued training young archers at the Tata Academy, where he was a coach.

Two years later, in 2007, Sanjeeva had his first brush with redemption when India won the compound archery title at the Asian



Gold medal-winning women's compound archery team of (L to R) Parmeet Kaur, Aditi Gopichand and Jyothi Surekha Vennam. (Below) Abhishek Verma (R), Prathamesh Jawkar, Ojas Pravin Deotale (C) after winning the men's team gold. PTI



Championship. It's been a 15-year wait for India to repeat that achievement.

But that, Archery Association of India secretary Pramod Chandurkar — also a former international — said it was because the grassroots programmes in compound archery initiated back then are reaping rewards now.

For instance, Jyothi, from Andhra Pradesh, first picked up a compound bow in 2009, a couple of years after the first continental title. A few others, like Aditi Swami and Ojas Deotale, are products of mass-participation drives that began in the late 2000s in remote areas of Maharashtra.

None of it, they say, would have been possible had Sanjeeva not stumbled upon compound archery at the 2004 Worlds and brought it to India. "It has taken me 20 years to bring it to the five-gold-medals stage. This year, we became world champions in Berlin, we are World Cup gold medalists and now we have multiple gold medals (in Hangzhou)," Sanjeeva says. "We have achieved the best that anyone can achieve."

"I don't need to tell anybody, I told you so'. Because in my heart, I know. In anything, when you start, there will always be detractors, challenges and hurdles, but somebody has to be the first to try. So I'm very happy that I swam against the tide and stood up for what I believed in."

## Individual gold on line after clean sweep in team events

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

INDIAN COMPOUND archers bagged all the team medals on offer in Hangzhou at the Asian Games. First, Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Gopichand Swami, Parmeet Kaur — 2023 World Champions — shot a high-pressure 230 out of 240 in the compound women's team final against Chinese Taipei. They needed every one of those 230 points, because their rivals shot 229.

Then came Abhishek Verma, Prathamesh Samadhan Jawkar, Ojas Pravin Deotale in the men's team final against familiar foes South Korea. They shot a 235, and beat the 2018 gold medalists relatively comfortably by five points.

The women, heavy favourites based on form and pedigree, had to come through a much more nervy battle but in the end, when the pressure was mounting with the scores nearly level and one arrow left, they each shot a 10.

The men faced a dip in the second set of arrows, when Prathamesh shot a 8. But immediately his teammates were there to prop them up. They recovered and won by a fair margin in the end.

In the heat of the battle, they remained focussed on the target but also made sure they were there for each other. Egging their teammates on, high five-ing each other and their Italian coach Sergio Pagni. "This is our big secret. He is a game changer," Abhishek says about the former World number 1. "We did not focus on the competitors' shots and just did our best," says 18-year-old Parmeet Kaur.

On the course to winning the two team gold medals the unflappable duo of Jyothi and Ojas — who already clinched the mixed team gold — led the way.

When their teammates had a dip, shooting the rare 9s, they picked up the slack. Both of them shot seven 10s out of 10 arrows in their finals.

"There was wind blowing in between, and we had to calm ourselves and focus on ourselves in shooting our best even in the worst conditions, independently of what the opponents were shooting," Jyothi says. "Our coach tells us not to focus on the team you are fighting, instead just focus on ourselves, follow our rhythm and the results will be in our hands," Ojas says adding that Abhishek was constantly guiding them from behind. And that they could not have done it without him.

The result of some incredible shooting on Thursday was that India have now won all three of the three gold medals that have been on offer from compound archery in Hangzhou so far.

They are guaranteed to win more, with Abhishek and Ojas going at each other in the men's individual event, in what the former assures will be a 'friendly final' because they came for gold and they got it. India could well complete the clean sweep too if Jyothi can win her final.

India's compound archers have had a stunning international season, and came into the Asian Games to prove their mettle. And they have done it, one shot at a time.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE | INDIA WATCH FOR DAY 13

### MEDAL TALLY

Country	G	S	B	Total
1 China	179	99	55	333
2 Japan	44	55	60	159
3 South Korea	33	47	77	157
4 India	21	32	33	86
5 Uzbekistan	19	16	25	60
6 Chinese Taipei	15	15	23	53
7 Thailand	10	14	27	51

### INDIA'S DAY 12 HAUL

#### 3 GOLD

ARCHERY  
Women's compound team: Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Gopichand Swami and Parmeet Kaur

Men's compound team: Ojas Pravin Deotale, Abhishek Verma, and Prathamesh Jawkar

#### SQUASH

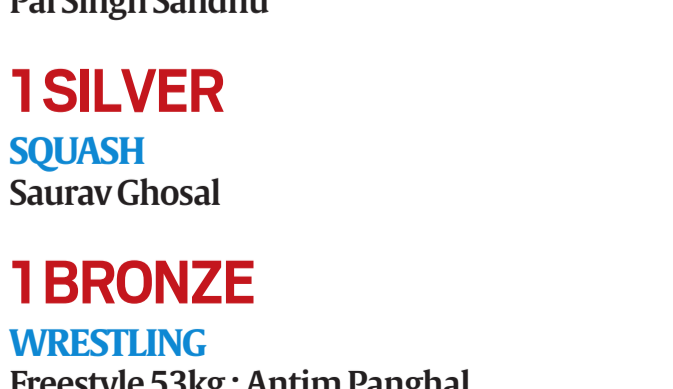
Mixed doubles: Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu

#### 1 SILVER

SQUASH  
Saurav Ghosal

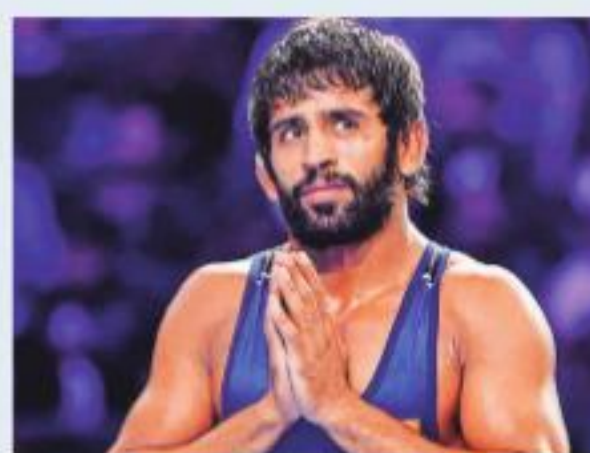
#### 1 BRONZE

WRESTLING 53kg: Antim Panghal



### BAJRANG BEGINS CAMPAIGN

Here's a look at the main India events to track at the Hangzhou Asian Games on Friday



#### WRESTLING (PRELIMINARIES TO MEDAL ROUNDS):

AMAN (MEN'S FREESTYLE 57KG), SONAM (WOMEN'S FREESTYLE 62KG), BAJRANG PUNIA (MEN'S FREESTYLE 65KG), KIRAN (WOMEN'S FREESTYLE 76KG), RADHIKA (WOMEN'S FREESTYLE 68KG) — 07:30 IST ONWARDS

#### WOMEN'S KABADDI:

INDIA VS NEPAL SEMIFINAL (7:00 AM)

#### MEN'S CRICKET:

INDIA VS BANGLADESH, SEMIFINAL (6:30 AM)

#### BRIDGE:

GOLD MEDAL ROUND CONCLUDES FOR INDIAN MEN'S TEAM VS HONG KONG (6:30 AM ONWARDS)

#### CHESS: MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAM EVENTS (ROUND 8 FROM 12:30 PM)

SEPAKTAKRAW: MEN'S REGU PRELIMINARY VS MYANMAR (6:30 AM), SEMIFINALS FOR MEN AND WOMEN LATER IN THE DAY

#### CANOE SLALOM: MEN'S CANOE &

#### WOMEN'S KAYAK SEMIFINALS — 6:30 AM.

#### JU-JITSU: 6:30 AM ONWARDS

#### EQUESTRIAN: JUMPING INDIVIDUAL (6:30 AM ONWARDS)

#### SPORT CLIMBING: MEN'S BOULDER & LEAD SEMIFINAL, AMAN VERMA, BHARATH PEREIRA — 6:30 AM ONWARDS

#### VOLLEYBALL: WOMEN'S CLASSIFICATION, INDIA VS MONGOLIA (11:50 AM)

#### ROLLERSKATING: ARTISTIC SINGLE FREE SKATING SHORT PROGRAM FINALS, GREESHMA & SAMHITHA (11:30 AM)

Live on Sony Sports Network

#### HOCKEY

MEN'S FINAL: INDIA VS JAPAN  
Harmanpreet Singh and Co will be keen to not just get the gold medal back for India, but also ensure their quota spot for Paris 2024 when they take on reigning champions Japan. India have had a good recent record against them, but a tournament final can be a whole different ballgame. 4:00 PM

#### BADMINTON

MEN'S SEMIFINALS: WHO CAN GO THE DISTANCE?  
After coming through contrasting quarterfinal wins, HS Prannoy and Satwik-Chirag face tough tests in the semifinal. Prannoy takes on All England champion Li Shi Feng who will be buoyed by home support while Satwik-Chirag take on former world champs Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik. SINGLES: 9 AM, MEN'S DOUBLES: 4:30 PM