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## THE WORLD

#### ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL STORMS TO HIT THE COUNTRY AT LEAST 27 KILLED AFTER MEXICO HURRICANE

At least 27 people died due to Hurricane Otis, Mexico's government said on Thursday after one of the most powerful storms to hit the country unleashed devastation in the Pacific beach resort of Acapulco early the day before. Four more people are still missing, the government said. **REUTERS** 

HAMAS SAYS 50 OF 224 HOSTAGES DEAD

in Israeli bombardment so far since October 7

NETANYAHU SAYS I'LL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE for the Hamas attack, but after the war

HUMANITARIAN AID TRICKLES INTO GAZA STRIP, 12 trucks cross in from Egypt; 74 in total so far

## Israel launches brief ground raid in Gaza overnight

Staged our biggest incursion so far in northern Gaza for a full-scale ground assault: Military

**AGENCIES** RAFAH, GAZA STRIP OCTOBER 26

ISRAELI TROOPS and tanks launched an hourslong ground raid into northern Gaza overnight into Thursday, the military said, striking several militant targets in order to "prepare the battlefield" before a widely expected ground invasion after more than two weeks of devastating airstrikes.

The raid came after the UN warned that's it's on the verge of running out of fuel in the Gaza Strip, forcing it to sharply curtail relief efforts in the territory, which has also been under a complete siege since Hamas' bloody rampage across southern Israel ignited the war earlier this month.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it was "preparing for a ground invasion" that could be one of several. "I will not elaborate on when, how or how many," he said in a televised update to citizens on Wednesday evening.

He also said he will be held accountable for the bloody



October 7 massacre by Hamas militants, but that will only come after Israel's war against the Islamic militant group.

Benny Gantz, a retired general and a member of Israel's war Cabinet, said any possible ground offensive would be only "one stage in a long-term process that includes security, political and social aspects that will take years."

During the overnight raid, soldiers killed fighters and destroyed militant infrastructure and anti-tank missile launching positions, the military said. It said that no Israelis were wounded. There was no immediate confirmation of any Palestinian casualties.

Israeli Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, a military spokesman, said the limited incursion was "part of our preparations for the next stages of the war."

Israel also said it had also carried out around 250 airstrikes across Gaza in the last 24 hours, targeting tunnel shafts, rocket launchers and other militant infrastructure. Hamas' military wing said Thursday that Israeli bombardment has so far killed

about 50 of the at least 224 hostages the militants abducted during its October 7 assault. There was no immediate comment from Israeli officials, who have denied previous, similar claims.

tary had overnight staged biggest incursion into northern Gaza in war against Hamas. The military later released video on X showing armoured

Israeli army radio said mili-

vehicles crossing the highly fortified barrier from Israel and blowing up buildings "in preparation for the next stages of combat".

Palestinians in Gaza said



(Left) Palestinians evacuate a woman after Israeli airstrikes on Khan Younis on Thursday. (Above) Israeli armoured vehicles take part in an operation at a location given as the northern Gaza Strip in this screenshot taken from a handout video. AP

Israeli air strikes had pounded the territory again overnight and people living in central Gaza, near the Bureij refugee camp and east of Qarara village, reported intensive tank shelling all night.

Hamas did not comment directly on the Israeli report but said its armed wing had struck an Israeli helicopter east of Bureij. The Israeli military said it was "not aware of this".

The Palestinian Red Crescent said 12 trucks had crossed from Egypt carrying food, water and medical supplies on Thursday, making 74 trucks since Saturday,

still only a small fraction of Gaza's peacetime needs. Israel has not allowed fuel in, saying Hamas would just add it to its stockpile.

Reflecting concerns the Gaza war may spread, the Wall Street Journal reported that Israel had agreed to delay invading Gaza until US air defence systems can be placed in the region, as early as this week, to protect American forces.

When asked, US officials told Reuters Washington had raised concerns with Israel that Iran and Iranian-backed groups could escalate conflict by attacking US troops in Middle East.

## **UN Security Council** again fails to address Israel-Hamas war

**EDITH M. LEDERER** 

UNITED NATIONS, OCTOBER 26

THE UN Security Council failed again Wednesday to address the Israeli-Hamas war in Gaza, rejecting rival United States and Russian resolutions.

The council is the UN's most powerful body, charged with maintaining international peace and security, but its divisions have left it impotent and scrambling to try to find a resolution with acceptable language.

The resolution drafted by the United States, Israel's closest ally, would have reaffirmed Israel's right to self-defense, urged respect for international laws — especially protection of civilians – and called for "humanitarian pauses" to deliver desperately needed aid to Gaza.

In Wednesday's vote in the 15-member council, 10 countries voted in favor, Russia, China and the United Arab Emirates voted against, and Brazil and Mozambique abstained. The resolution was not adopted because permanent council members Russia and China cast vetoes.

The Russian resolution, which was then put to a vote, would have called for an immediate "humanitarian cease-fire" and unequivocally condemned Hamas' October 7 attacks in Israel and "indiscriminate attacks" on civilians and civilian objects in Gaza.

In that vote, four voted in favor - Russia, China, United Arab Emirates and Gabon. United States and United Kingdom voted against, and nine countries abstained.

The resolution wasn't adopted because it failed to get minimum nine "yes" votes.

The failure of the two resolutions followed the council's reiections last week of a Russian resolution that didn't mention Hamas and also failed to get nine "yes" votes and a widely supported Brazilian resolution vetoed by the United States that would have condemned the Hamas attacks and all violence against civilians and called for "humanitarian pauses."

After the votes, Malta's UN Ambassador Vanessa Frazier declared they will be working on a new proposal in coming days. AP

#### **BRIEFLY**



Mike Johnson

#### New US speaker back pro-Israel motion in 1st act

SPEAKER MIKE Johnson called up a resolution supporting Israel in his first action as leader of the US House of Representatives on Wednesday, after a three-week leadership vacuum that left the Republican-led chamber unable to respond to the Middle East crisis.

#### Families of abducted Israelis meet Italy PM

**RELATIVES OF Israelis held** hostage by Hamas met with Italian PM Giorgia Meloni to speak about anguish and raise awareness for their loved ones' plight in Gaza. Nadav Kipnis' parents, Evyatar and Lilich Kipnis, were found dead days. His cousin is being held captive.

#### WIFE, SON, DAUGHTER, GRANDSON KILLED

## Al Jazeera's reporter in Gaza loses four family

**JACK JEFFERY** 

*Al Jazeera*'s chief correspondent in the Gaza Strip, Wael Dahdouh, was helping broadcast live images of the besieged territory's night sky when he received the devastating news: His wife, son, and daughter had all been killed in an Israeli airstrike on Wednesday.

was declared dead two hours later, the network reported.

berate across the Arab world, where the 53-year-old journalist is well-known as the face of Palestinians during many wars.

Gaza for telling people's stories of suffering and hardship to the outside world.

Dahdouh's family members were



# members in Israel strike

CAIRO, OCTOBER 26

Moments later, the Qataribased satellite channel switched to footage of Dahdouh entering al-Aqsa Hospital in Gaza before giving way to grief as he peered over the body of his dead son.

"They take revenge on us in our children?" he said, kneeling over his son's bloodied body, still wearing his protective press vest from that day's work.

Dahdouh's grandson also The video was sure to rever-

He is revered in his native

According to Al Jazeera,



Wael Dahdouh mourns outside a hospital in south of Gaza Strip on Thursday. AP

killed by an Israeli airstrike that hit Nuseirat Refugee Camp, located in an area of Gaza where the military had encouraged people to go to stay safe. It said a number of other relatives were still missing, and it remained unclear how many others were killed.

Dahdouh's family were among the more than 1 million Gaza residents displaced by the war, now in its 19th day, and were staying in a house in Nuseirat when the strike hit, the network said.

Late Wednesday, *Al Jazeera* replayed the moment Dahdouh was informed about the deaths. In an audio recording he is heard picking up a phone and telling a frantic caller multiple times: "Who are you with?"

## Increase in harassment against Muslim and Jewish Americans reported since October 7 attacks

**CLAUDIA LAUER** OCTOBER 26

MUSLIM AND Jewish civil rights groups say they've seen large increases in reports of harassment, bias and sometimes physical assaults against members of their communities since the October 7 Hamas attacks.

The Anti-Defamation League and the Center on American-Islamic Relations saw increases in reported instances, many involving violence or threats against protesters at rallies in support of Israel or in support of Palestinians over the last two weeks as war broke out between

Israel and Hamas. Other attacks and harassment reported by the groups were directed at random Muslim or Jewish people in public.

A spokesperson for the Council on American-Islamic Relations said Wednesday that the organization's chapters and national office had received 774 reports of bias-related acts be-

tween October 7 and October 24. The national headquarters had 110 direct reports during that period, compared to 63 for all of August. The council's leaders believe it's the largest wave of complaints since December



Members of 'Jewish Voice for Peace' rally for a ceasefire in Gaza, outside the Federal building in Michigan. Reuters

"Public officials should do everything in their power to keep the wave of hate sweeping the nation right now from spiraling out of control"

**COREY SAYLOR** 

RESEARCH & ADVOCACY DIRECTOR, CENTRE ON U.S.-ISLAMIC RELATIONS

2015, when then-presidential candidate Donald Trump declared his intent to ban Muslim immigration to the US in the wake of the San Bernadino mass shooting that left 14 people dead.

Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism

reported in a statement Wednesday that the organization recorded at least 312 reports of antisemitic acts between October 7 and October 23 compared to 64 recorded during the same time period in 2022.

Jewish civil rights organizations in the United Kingdom, France and other countries across Europe, Latin America, North Africa and elsewhere have also tracked increases in antisemitic acts in the past few weeks compared to 2022.

League officials said London police had received 218 reports of antisemitic crimes between October 1 and October 18, which was 13 times greater than the numbers reported in 2022. AP

**Gun control** 

failure

IT'S THE 36th mass killing

tempts by gun control ad-

in the United States this

year. Some recent at-

vocates to tighten the

state's gun laws have

failed. Proposals to re-

quire background checks

for private gun sales and

create a 72-hour waiting

period for gun purchases

failed earlier this year.

**PALESTINE** 

TOTAL DEAD

1,400+

■ Lebanese state media say Israel conducted airstrikes and drone attacks early Thursday.

■ Israeli airstrikes in Khan Younis leveled over eight homes belonging to an extended family.

7,028+

TOTAL INJURED

5,400+

facilities across Gaza.

■ Over 613,000 people made homeless sheltering in 150 UNRWA

17,000+ ■ 2,913 children killed in Israeli airstikes so far,

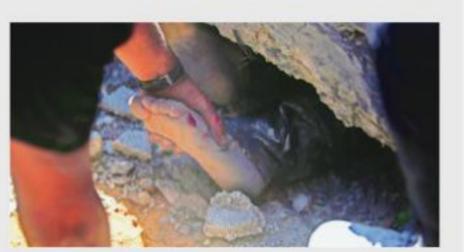
says Gaza's health

ministry.

OTHER LOSSES

■ Hungary says two Israeli-Hungarian children are among over 200 Hamas hostages

■ The number of French citizens who died in Israel has risen to 35, French foreign ministry said.



Palestinians pull out a body from the rubble after **Israeli airstrikes on Khan Younis.** Reuters

#### Kyiv suspends Black Sea grain corridor over warplane threats

*Kyiv:* Ukraine has suspended the use of its new Black Sea grain export corridor due to a possible threat from Russian warplanes and sea mines, the Kyiv-based Barva Invest consultancy and a British security firm said on Thursday.

Ukraine has been using the shipping corridor to try to revive its seaborne exports without Russia's blessing, defying threats from Moscow which guit a UNbrokered deal in July that had allowed some food exports to flow despite the war.

"We would like to inform you of a temporary suspension of vessel traffic to and from (the ports). The current ban is in force on October 26, but it is possible that it will be extended," the consultancy said on Telegram.

Ukraine officials declined to comment on matter. **REUTERS** 

#### MAINE TOWNS LOCKED DOWN AS AUTHORITIES SEARCH FOR ARMY RESERVIST SUSPECT

## US: 18 killed in mass shooting, suspect on run

**JENNA RUSSELL** & AMELIA NIERENBERG LEWISTON, OCT OBER 26

**HUNDREDS OF police officers** from local, state and federal agencies were hunting Thursday for a gunman in Maine who is suspected of killing 18 people and injuring 13 others in a bowling alley and a bar in Lewiston.

The search, in a largely rural state with lots of potential hiding places, locked down entire towns and college campuses as authorities searched for Robert Card, 40, of Bowdoin. Residents were told to shelter in place for safety and not to approach Card under any circumstances.

An arrest warrant for eight counts of murder has been issued against Card, according to authorities, who have posted a photo of him wearing a brown hooded sweatshirt and carrying





Robert Card, who police have identified as a person of interest in connection to the attack; (right) workers set down detour signs while police teams are deployed around Lisbon High School. AP

a military-style semi-automatic rifle. Pentagon records suggest he has spent more than two decades in the Army Reserve.

Dozens of FBI agents are assisting all aspects of the investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has sent about 40 agents and other personnel to assist local authorities, one of its biggest deployments in recent years, according to federal officials.

Seven people died at the bowl-

ing alley, eight at the bar and three at or en route to the hospital, Col. William Ross of the Maine State Police said. Eight of the 18 people killed have been identified so far. Dr John Alexander of the

Central Maine Medical Center in stable condition.

said the hospital had received 14 victims over a 45-minute period Wednesday night. Of those, three died, three were discharged, and eight remain hospitalized three in critical condition and five

## Pak issues last warning for its undocumented immigrants to leave

**ASIFSHAHZAD** ISLAMABAD. OCTOBER 26

PAKISTAN ON Thursday gave a last warning to all immigrants in the country illegally, including hundreds of thousands of Afghan nationals, to leave voluntarily before a November 1 deadline, the country's caretaker interior minister said on Thursday. Interim Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti told a news confer-

ence that Pakistan was deter-

mined to go ahead with a plan to

remove all undocumented immi-

grants after November 1. Pakistan announced the move in October. It says it took the decision after Afghan nationals were found to be involved in crimes. against government and the army, including 14 out of 24 suicide bombings this year.

"All the illegal immigrants have been identified. The state has a complete data," said Bugti. "I want to appeal one more

time that all the illegal immi-

grants should leave voluntarily

by the deadline." Bugti warned law enforcement agencies will start an operation to remove people after

He also said action would be

taken against anyone found in-

the expiry of the deadline.

volved in facilitating or hiding the immigrants. The immigrants, mostly Afghans, many of whom have lived in Pakistan for years, will be processed at temporary centres

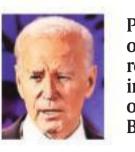
being set up by the government Those leaving voluntarily will be helped to leave Pakistan, such

as preparation of documents. permission to exchange currency and transportation. **REUTERS**  FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023, NEW DELHI, LATE CITY, 24 PAGES

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### Biden links economic corridor to Hamas attack



**Progress** on Israel regional integration one reason:

**LALIT K JHA** WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 26

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden has said that he is convinced that one of the reasons why Hamas launched a terrorist attack on Israel was because of the recent announcement during the G20 Summit in New Delhi on the ambitious India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor that integrates the entire region with a network of railroad.

Israel has launched a massive counter-offensive against Hamas after unprecedented attacks by the militant group on October 7 killed more than 1,400 people.

Biden told reporters at a joint news conference with the visiting Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese that his analysis is based on his instinct and does not have any proof for this.

"I'm convinced one of the reasons Hamas attacked when they did, and I have no proof of this, just my instinct tells me, is because of the progress we were making towards regional integration for Israel, and regional integration overall. We can't leave that work behind," Biden said. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 



#### **CASE OF ALLEGED ESPIONAGE**

## Qatar hands death penalty to 8 former Navy men; deeply shocking, says Govt

Delhi explores legal options; charges not public; arrested men worked for firm overseeing submarine induction

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

IN A setback to India's efforts at securing their release, eight former personnel of the Indian Navy, arrested in an alleged case of espionage, were handed the death sentence by a court in

Calling the ruling "deeply shocking", India said it is exploring all "legal options".

Oatar Thursday.

The Indian nationals, all em-

ployees of Doha-based Dahra Global. were taken into custody in August 2022.

The charges against the Indian nationals were not made public by Qatari authorities. But sources said the Indians had been working in their private capacity with Dahra Global to oversee the induction of Italian small stealth submarines U2I2.

The arrested Indians were identified as Captain Navtej Singh Gill, Captain Birendra **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

EXPLAINED The Doha

THIS WILL be a test of India's ties with the Gulf nation. The Qatar Emir's visit to India in 2015 was followed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Doha in 2016. Qatar wields considerable clout in international diplomacy – from hosting the Taliban negotiators to securing the release of US citizens from Hamas captivity.

#### **THECASESOFAR**

**OCT 1, 2022:** India's Ambassador in Doha and **Deputy Head of Mission** meet the eight men arrested.

OCT 3, 2022: First consular access granted. The CEO of the company, an Omani Emir, also came down to Doha to get his officials out but he was kept in solitary confinement for two months after which he was released on bail.

**MARCH 15, 2023:** The last

bail plea was rejected. Month after month, bail applications were submit-

ted, but were rejected. **MARCH 25, 2023:** Charges were filed against the eight veterans and they were being tried under Qatari law

**MAY 30, 2023:** Dhara Global closed its operations in Doha and all those working there (primarily Indians) returned home.

**OCT 26, 2023:** All eight former Indian Navy personnel handed the death sentence by a local court.

#### **VIKSIT BHARAT SANKALP YATRA**

### Don't hold yatra in poll-bound states: EC to Govt after complaints

Rath prabharis renamed as nodal officers after objection over use of govt officers

**DIVYA A & DAMINI NATH** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE ELECTION Commission, which received complaints about the government's plan to depute senior bureaucrats for its proposed Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra from November 20, Thursday directed Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba to ensure that the programme is not carried out in the five election-going states and in a bypoll constituency in

Nagaland until December 5. Earlier in the day, Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra said the yatra will not make any stops in poll-bound states where the

Model Code of Conduct is in place, and will start in these states once the elections are over.

In its letter to the Cabinet Secretary, the EC said it had been brought to its notice that a letter had been circulated in ministries to nominate senior officers as "District Rath Prabharis" for the vatra.

The EC said it had, on October 9. announced Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana and bypoll in the Tapi Assembly constituency in Nagaland.

"The provisions of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of political parties and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

## Rajasthan Cong chief raided, Gehlot's son summoned by ED

ED like swarm of locusts, spreading terror: CM Gehlot

**HAMZA KHAN** 

JAIPUR, OCTOBER 26

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate Thursday conducted raids on locations linked to Rajasthan Congress president Govind Singh Dotasra and Independent MLA Om Prakash Hudla.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, in a social media post, stated that the probe agency had also issued summons to his son Vaibhav. Gehlot pointed out that the ED's actions came just a day after his government had announced guarantees for women. Vaibhav has been summoned for questioning in a FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) case in Delhi.

The Congress put up a united



During the ED raid at Rajasthan Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra's residence in Jaipur on Thursday. PTI

**EXPRESS NETWORK** 

**SEARCHES HOUSES** OF BENGAL MINISTER PAGE 11

charge Sukhjinder Singh

Randhawa and others holding a press conference in Jaipur, while Sachin Pilot addressed one in Delhi. "The way agencies have been let loose in Rajasthan before polls to intimidate Congress leaders — the country and the state are watching," Pilot said.

In Sikar, Dotasra asked his supporters, who had gathered **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

## **'RATION SCAM': ED**

## front, with Gehlot, state in-Gujarat HC removes clip of judge outburst,

Justice Biren Vaishnav upbraided Justice

**APURVA VISHWANATH** & SOHINI GHOSH

OCTOBER 26

A DAY after a judge of the Gujarat High Court apologised for his outburst against his woman colleague on the bench, the High Court has asked YouTube to remove the videos of the apology claiming copyright violation, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

On October 23, Justice Biren Vaishnay, the fourth senior most judge of the High Court upbraided his colleague, Justice Mauna Bhatt, for voicing a difference of opinion in a batch of tax

With the Gujarat HC livestreaming its proceedings, a video of the incident was widely shared on social media. The HC has now pulled down the clip of

that exchange from its archives. However, while Justice Vaishnav's apology on October 25 is still available on the HC website, the High Court has asked YouTube to take down videos of the judge's apology.

An official of the Gujarat HC registry confirmed to The Indian Express such notices were sent out. It is learnt that following **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

### DIS/AGREE

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#### MARRIAGE EQUALITY

SC does not have the authority by Fali S Nariman

Court lets itself, and us, down BY SAURABH KIRPAL

THEIDEAS PAGE 13

#### **CASH-FOR-QUERY ALLEGATION**

## Ethics panel calls Moitra on Oct 31, seeks IT, Home help in probe

Examines complainant Dubey, lawyer Dehadrai on charges

**LIZ MATHEW** & VIKAS PATHAK

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 26 THE LOK Sabha Ethics Committee, which began examining Thursday

the cash-for-query allegations against TMC MP Mahua Moitra, asked her to depose before the panel on October 31.

During its meeting which lasted more than two hours, the committee heard BJP MP



Dubey, Dehadrai appeared before the panel on Thursday. PTI

Nishikant Dubey who had complained against Moitra and lawyer Jai Anant Dehadrai.

Committee chairman and BIP MP Vinod Sonkar later told **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

## 1 seat in 2018, BJP eyes non-Mizo voters, fights anti-Christian image

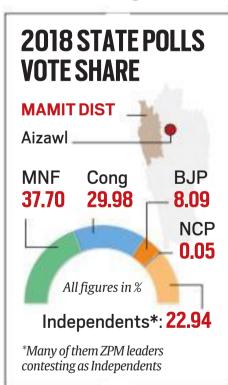
**SUKRITA BARUAH** MAMIT (AIZAWL), OCTOBER 26



like office in the small town of Mamit, around 80 km from state capital Aizawl, is buzzing with activity on a Wednesday morning. As the party

faces an uphill battle in its bid for a footprint in Mizoram — where it has only won an MLA seat once, which was in 2018 — this office is the command centre. BJP leader and Nagaland

Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton has been stationed here for several weeks now, overseeing the campaign for the three constituencies in the district — Mamit, Dampa and Hachhek. The contenders here are the



biggest names the BJP has in the state, including Lalrinliana Sailo, who crossed over from the ruling Mizo National Front (MNF) and is the candidate from **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

## asks YouTube to take down apology too

Mauna Bhatt, later said 'I was wrong'

NEW DELHI, AHMEDABAD,

## 2 medals at Asian meet, 16-year-old from J&K is 'first female archer without arms'

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in Hangzhou.

**NITIN SHARMA** 

CHANDIGARH. OCTOBER 26

SHEETAL DEVI, a 16-year-old archer from Loidhar village in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir, is the "first female archer without arms to compete internationally", according to World Archery, the sport's governing body. This week, she won two medals at the Asian Para Games

How she releases an arrow is a testament to Sheetal's spirit. epaper indianexamess.com



Sheetal Devi at the Asian Para Games; she won a women's **team silver and mixed team gold.** X/ Asian Para Games Hangzhou She holds and balances the 27.5 kilogram bow with her right leg, pulls the string back using a manual releaser attached to her right shoulder, and uses a device called the trigger, held in her mouth, to direct the arrow at a target 50 metres away. All the while, she holds herself upright on the seat with her left leg.

Sheetal was born with Phocomelia, a rare congenital disorder that causes under-developed limbs. "Initially, I could not even lift the bow properly. But, after practising for a couple of months, it became easier," Sheetal told *The Indian Express* on Thursday.

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## JHARKHAND

## WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2023

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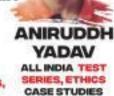
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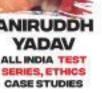


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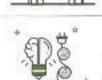
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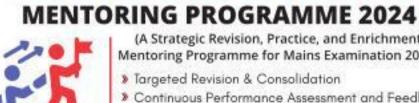
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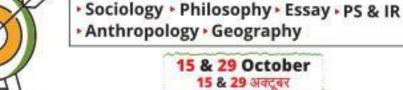


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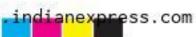
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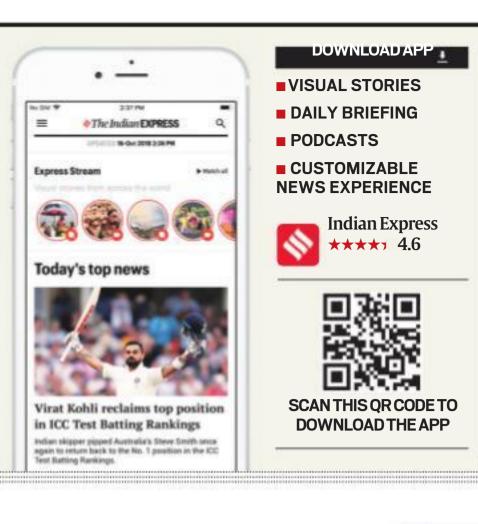






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## Qatar hands death penalty to 8 ex-Navy men; Govt says 'shocking'

Kumar Verma, Captain Saurabh Vasisht, Commander Amit Nagpal, Commander Purnendu Tiwari, Commander Sugunakar Pakala, Commander Sanjeev Gupta and Sailor Ragesh – all ex-Indian Navy, employed by Dahra

In its reaction to the order Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs said it is attaching "high importance" to this case and is exploring all legal options.

"We have initial information that the Court of First Instance of Qatar has today passed a judgment in the case involving eight Indian employees of Al Dahra company," it said.

"We are deeply shocked by the verdict of death penalty and are awaiting the detailed judgment. We are in touch with the family members and the legal team, and we are exploring all legal options."

The MEA said it will continue to extend all consular and legal assistance to the Indians.

"We attach high importance to this case, and have been following it closely. We will continue to extend all consular and legal assistance. We will also take up the verdict with Qatari authorities," it said in a statement.

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

The Opposition Congress urged the government to secure the release of the eight men at the earliest. Jairam Ramesh, Congress MP and General Secretary incharge of communications, in a post on X, said, "The Indian National Congress has noted with the greatest anguish, distress and shock the most disturbing developments in Qatar regarding 8 former officers of the Indian Navy. It hopes and expects that the Govt of India will use its diplomatic and political leverage with the Qatar government to the maximum to ensure that the officers have full recourse to appeals and also do the utmost to get them released at the earliest.'

The case in Qatar tests India's ties with the tiny but powerful Gulf state with whom it has tried to build friendly ties. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Qatar in June 2016. Earlier, in March 2015, the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, paid a State Visit to India.

Considering Qatar's heft in international diplomacy – from hosting the Taliban's global mission in Doha to its current role in securing the release of US hostages from the captivity of Hamas – Delhi will be working the levers with the Oatari establish-

ment. Following their arrest last year, the former Navy personnel got some relief from Qatari authorities when they were moved out of solitary confinement and put in a double-bed occupancy in a jail ward along with their colleagues. The Qatari authorities, sources said, never gave an explanation for the exact reasons for their arrest. Charges were also framed against two Qatari nationals, one of whom is Khamis al-Ajmi, CEO of Dahra Global. Al-Ajmi was kept in solitary confinement for a period of two months starting in October 2022 until he was granted bail.

An Omani national, who had also been detained, was released just before the beginning of the FIFA Football World Cup.

Deepak Mittal, former Indian Ambassador to Doha, met the detainees thrice during their detention by the authorities.

reporters that Moitra had been

asked to appear before the panel

Sources said the MEA had been closely monitoring the situation and had extended every possible support.

"The case is in what is called 'The Court of First Instance'. Four hearings have taken place. The families have also filed a Mercy Plea to the Emir of Qatar who is known to pardon during Ramadan and Eid," the sources said.

Sources said the matter has been taken up by the Indian government at various official and political levels. "We remain engaged. But just like the Government of India cannot release a foreigner under trial in India, other countries also have their own judicial processes," the sources said.

"These ex-marines were working on a commercial, forprofit basis and the government is doing everything possible that it will do for any and every Indian citizen....the matter has been

taken up by the Indian government at various official and diplomatic levels. The Government is following rules in accordance with international laws and laws of the country where the marines are being held," the source said.

In contesting the case, Delhi is following the playbook adopted in the Enrica Lexie-Italian Marine

Sources said in the Enrica Lexie-Italian Marine case, the Indian government had maintained a stance as per international laws, Maritime Zones Act, 1976, the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and provisions of UNCLOS 1982.

Due process of law was followed in this case, in accordance with national and international laws, and India is committed to following the same in the case of the eight former Navy personnel in Qatar, sources said.

#### Rajasthan Congress chief raided

outside his house, not to get agitated, saying that there is nothing to worry about.

Vaibhav said the allegations against him are 12 years old "and I had responded to them then and I will respond to them now". In a social media post, Vaibhav said he wasn't given even 24 hours to appear in Delhi.

Comparing the ED to a "tiddi

dal (locust swarm)", Gehlot said their aim is to create a public perception and make headlines like "CM's son being summoned" or "PCC president being raided". Accusing the central agencies of "spreading terror" across the nation, he said the raids are a sign that his government is going to be re-elected.

Randhawa said the BJP should put the symbols of investigative agencies alongside their party symbol, and that while BJP leaders are yet to come to Rajasthan, ED has arrived in their place.

Gehlot said: "Yesterday we announced two guarantees and today there were raids on two persons. Tomorrow we are going to announce five more guarantees, so they should choose five leaders, in advance, on whom to conduct raids."

"Vaibhav got a notice on post – about his connection with October 25, dated October 19, to appear on the 26th. What is this, isn't this a joke?" he said.

On Dotasra, he said: "You did not even send a notice, there is no case lodged nor is there a complaint. And what is the credibility of those lodging complaints? The situation today is worrying. The question is not about the PCC president or my son, the question is that they are terrorising the entire nation."

Gehlot said that under the UPA government, between 2004 and 2014, 112 searches were conducted. "Since these were based on genuine complaints, chargesheets were filed in 104 cases, or 93 per cent," he said. In contrast, since 2014, 3,010

raids have been conducted in nine years out of which a charge-sheet was filed in 881 cases, or 29 per cent, he said. He said that the BIP is pained

at being unsuccessful at horse trading in Rajasthan, while it formed governments in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa and Manipur. He also claimed that ED officials have been sitting in

Chhattisgarh for a year. "I have heard that ED persons have shifted their families and have taken homes on rent as they have to conduct raids daily. The terror they are spreading is not a good sign," Gehlot said. He added that the way in which PCC president D K

Shivkumar was "attacked" by the central agencies in Karnataka and the BJP was wiped out in the state is the same manner in which BJP will be wiped out from Rajasthan. He compared the ED to a "locust swarm that comes from

Pakistan and eats our crop. And ED will finish their (BJP) crop. They are using ED like a tiddi dal".

While there was no official statement from the ED, the raids on Dotasra and Hudla are said to be in connection with the 2021 Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET) paper leaks. This is the first time that raids have been conducted on the two.

Vaibhav's case pertains to alleged FEMA violations. In August and September this year, the ED had conducted raids at various locations in Jaipur, Udaipur Mumbai and Delhi under FEMA in the case of M/s Triton Hotels and Resorts Pvt Ltd, M/s Vardha Enterprises Pvt Ltd, and its directors and promoters Shiv Shankar Sharma, Rattan Kant Sharma and

### • Biden links economic corridor to Hamas attack

This is the second time in less than a week that Biden has mentioned the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor as a potential reason for the terrorist attack by Hamas.

The new economic corridor, which many see as an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative, was jointly announced by the leaders of the US, India, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab

Emirates, France, Germany, Italy and the European Union on the sidelines of the G20 summit in September. The corridor comprises an

eastern corridor connecting India to the Gulf region and a northern corridor connecting the Gulf region to Europe. Biden said in the past few

weeks, he has spoken to leaders throughout the region, including

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The Gujarat HC was the first High Court to live-telecast its proceedings beginning in the Covid pandemic in 2020.

The exchange between the judges was related to income tax cases where the department had issued notices to reopen assessment for the last six years.

While Justice Vaishnav dictated orders allowing the tax officials to proceed with re-assessment with a condition that the final assessment order will not be framed without the prior permission of the Court, Justice Bhatt was seen as replying to

"Then you differ, yaar. Then you differ... You have differed in one, differ in the other," Justice Vaishnav said. When Justice Bhatt responded that "it is not the question of differing...," **Justice Vaishnay cut her off and** asked her to pass a separate differing order.

"Then don't murmur. Then you pass a separate order," Justice Vaishnav said. He then walked off and said that the bench will not take up any other matters for the day.

On October 25, Justice Vaishnay, before the day's hearings began, apologised: "Before we begin the session, what happened on Monday shouldn't have happened, I was wrong. I'm sorry for that and we begin a new session. It shouldn't have happened, I don't know, I was wrong."

#### on October 31. He said the comthat Moitra provided him her mittee also decided to write to the Parliament login and password so that he could "post the questions" Ministry of Information Technology and Ministry of Home

• Ethics panel calls Moitra on Oct 31

Affairs to share with it all communication and conversations between Moitra, industrialist Darshan Hiranandani and Dehadrai. This decision was taken by the committee after hearing the oral evidence offered by Dehadrai and Dubey Thursday.

Earlier, Dubey had written two letters — one to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, claiming there were allegations that Moitra took bribes to protect the interest of the Hiranandani Group; and the other to IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, urging him to investigate the IP addresses of Moitra's log-in credentials for Lok Sabha to check if they had been accessed by someone else. On October 19, Darshan Hiranandani, CEO of the directly "on her behalf when required". Moitra called the letter "a joke" and said, "The draft of this letter was sent by the PMO and he (Darshan) was forced to sign it." In a three-page affidavit submitted to the committee and released to the press by the Hiranandani Group's corporate

Hiranandani Group, in an affidavit

to the Ethics Committee, claimed

communication team, Darshan Hiranandani, who lives in Dubai, said Moitra "thought that the only way to attack Sh. Modi (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) is by attacking Sh. Gautam Adani and his group as both were contemporaries, and they belong to the same state of Gujarat." Dubey also lodged a complaint against Moitra with the Lokpal On Thursday, one of the panel

members was said to have asked

Moitra. He did not elaborate on their past relationship and stuck to the affidavit he had submitted to the panel. He was also asked about the legal battle over the custody of a pet dog. Dehadrai later told reporters, "Whatever I was asked, I have told the truth before the committee. No, there was no dispute. All members of the committee inquired cordially. I answered all that I was asked."

Dehadrai – the TMCMP had called

him "a iilted ex" in a social media

Opposition MPs have questioned why the Ethics Committee has chosen to first hear the complainants, Dubey and Dehadrai, before allowing Moitra to record her version. They have pointed out that the Privileges Committee has not yet called BSP MP Danish Ali whose complaint against BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri is pending before the panel. Incidentally, Ali is a member of the Ethics Committee.

#### 16-yr-old from J&K 'first female archer without arms'

"My parents always had faith in me... The only thing I didn't like was the look on people's faces when they realised that I don't have arms... These medals are not just mine, but of the whole country," she said. At Hangzhou, Sheetal won a women's team silver while pairing up with Sarita, and a mixed team gold with Rakesh Kumar — an impressive haul for someone who started training with the bow-and-arrow just two years ago.

Her transformation from a school-going girl to an Asian Para Games medallist started when she enrolled for a youth event organised by the Indian Army in Kishtwar in 2021. Sheetal caught the attention of the scouts because of her athleticism. To get her a prosthetic arm, they reached out to the Major Akshay Girish Memorial Trust in Bengaluru, which contacted Being You, an online storytelling platform. However, the prosthetic didn't fit.

"When we saw her, we felt the prosthetic arm would not work for her. She felt like it was the end of the road," Preethi Rai, cofounder of Being You, said.

But they did not lose hope. "An assessment done by sports physiotherapist Shrikant Iyenger showed she had a very strong upper body. She got 8.5 out of 10 in the test," Rai said. Iyengar suggested archery, swimming and running as options. Sheetal said she didn't know the muscles she developed by climbing trees would help her eventually. "Trees ki oochaaniyaan ko chooona chahiti thi, yahi cheez mujhe hamesha khush rakhti thi (I wanted to touch the heights of the trees, that was the only thing which made me happy)," Sheetal said.

A collective decision was taken. Sheetal would train at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Sports Complex in Katra.

Coaches Abhilasha Chaudhary and Kuldeep Vedwan had never trained an archer without arms. However, they had seen 2012 London Paralympics silver medallist Matt Stutzman using his legs to shoot. "We modified a locallymade releaser into a shoulder releaser. We also put together a string mechanism for the chin and mouth to create the trigger to help

her release the arrow. We impro-

vised based on what we saw Mark Stutzman using," said Chaudhary.

Sheetal started by shooting 50-100 arrows daily; the count went up to 300 as her strength improved. Six months later, she won a silver medal at the Para Open Nationals in Sonepat. She also finished fourth when competing against able-bodied archers at the Open Nationals. "When Kuldeep Sir made me train with the bow for the first time, I thought I could never do it. But as he made me understand the technique, I felt I should give it a try," Sheetal said.

Sheetal said she was determined to make a name for herself after seeing her parents working hard to provide for her and her two siblings. "My father worked all day on the rice and vegetable farm, and my mother looked after three-four goats owned by our family. Whatever my father earns is spent; we hardly have any savings," she said. Earlier this year, Sheetal also won the silver at the World Para Archery Championships in Pilsen (Czech Republic). She became the first female armless archer to win a medal at the world championship.

### No yatra in poll-bound states: EC

candidates have come into force from the date of announcement tentatively till 5th December, 2023. In view of the foregoing, the Commission had directed that the aforesaid activities should not be taken in the constituencies where Mode Code of Conduct is in force up till 5th December, 2023," the EC letter stated. The EC had received com-

plaints from retired IAS officer EA S Sarma and the Congress regarding the government's plan. Stung by criticism from the Opposition over drafting Central government officers as "rath prabharis" for the upcoming Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, the government has now replaced "rath prabharis" with "nodal officers", specifying that they would be in-charge of the information, education and communication (IEC) vans.

Officials said the modalities of the vatra are still being worked out and the number of officers to be involved in the exercise and their seniority level will be finalised in the coming days.

Through an October 17 letter, all the departments were told that Joint Secretaries, Directors and Deputy Secretaries would be deployed as "rath prabharis" to coordinate the preparations, planning, execution and monitoring of the programme.

The two-month-long Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra will be

flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15, the birth anniversary of freedom fighter and tribal leader Birsa Munda from his birthplace in Khunti, Jharkhand. The day is celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in Munda's honour. Official sources said there has been an admission that "rath was probably not the proper word to use for IEC vans", and it will not be used in the context of the yatra.

A circular issued by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, last week on the nomination of bureaucrats as "rath prabharis" for "showcasing/celebration of achievements of the last nine years of the government of India through the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" sparked a political row. The Congress alleged it was an attempt by the BJP to politicise the bureaucracy by inducting civil servants into government propaganda ahead of elections. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also wrote to the Prime Minister in this regard. The Opposition also claimed that this would tantamount to a violation of the Model Code of Conduct as five states are going to polls next month and the "yatra was a ploy by the BJP-led Centre to influence the upcoming elections". The BIP countered by saying

that public service delivery is the government's task.

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#### •1 seat in 2018, BJP eyes non-Mizo voters, fights anti-Christian image

Mamit; BIP Mizoram president Vanlalhmuaka, fielded from Dampa; and prominent business owner Malsawmtluanga, the nominee from Hachhek. Mamit is also the only place in Mizoram where PM Narendra Modi is scheduled to address a rally so far, planned for October 30, bypassing bigger towns such as Aizawl and Lunglei.

Sailo, the party's Mamit candidate, has just returned from a campaign tour of Dampa Rengpui, a Bru village. BJP sources say the party is counting on non-Mizos, such as the Brus and Chakmas,

whom the Centre has provided many facilities, to back the party as it struggles to find acceptability among the Mizo Christians. Nearly 87% of Mizoram's population

is Christian. Apart from sharing a common ethnic heritage with the Kuki-Zo tribes of Manipur, who are in conflict with the majority Meiteis in the state, the Mizos also share religious faith with them. Reports of churches being destroyed in the Manipur violence have put a strain on the already minuscule support for the BIP in Mizoram.

As an Aizawl-based worker of the BIP says, "The Mizo mindset is already set on the idea of the BIP being anti-Christian. But the minorities are not so closed off to the party, and that's where there is a chance." According to the party's calculation, Mamit district has about 12,739 Mizo voters, and 8,020 Brus, 3,491 Chakmas, 161 Gorkhas and 19 Bengali voters. If it picks up enough votes among the non-Mizos, the BJP would have a fighting chance.

Apart from Mamit, the BIP is focusing on South Mizoram constituencies which

have a large number of non-Mizo voters, such as Tuichawng, Palak and Siaha. In fact, the BJP's only legislator ever in the Mizoram Assembly, BD Chakma was elected from Tuichawng in 2018.

Of the total 39 candidates the BIP fielded, most finished third, fourth or fifth, barring its Tuichawng nominee who won, and its nominees in West

He has announced retirement from pol-

Tuipui and Palak, who came second. This time, the BJP has fielded only 23 candidates.

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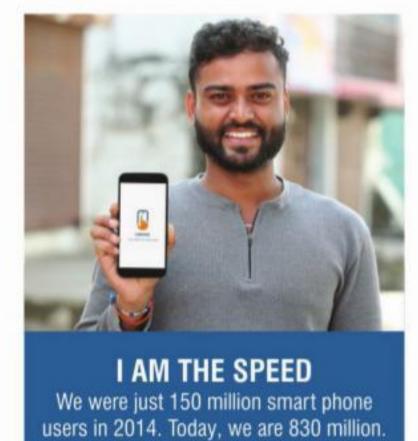
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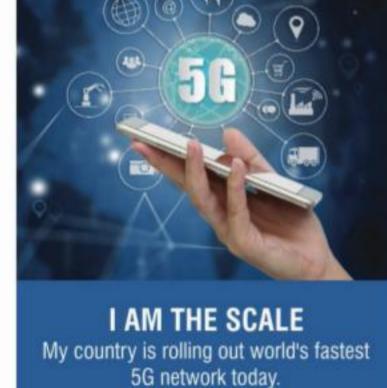


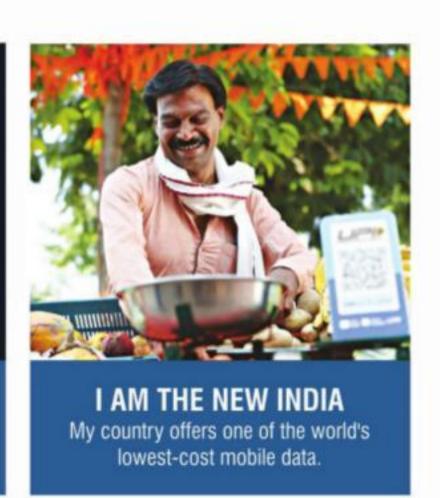
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#### **BRIEFLY**

#### Soumya Vishwanathan case: Hearing on sentencing on November 7

New Delhi: A Delhi court Thursday deferred to November 7 the hearing on the quantum of sentence for the five men convicted for killing TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan in 2008 on grounds that the pre-sentence report and other documents were yet to be filed. On October 18, ASJ Ravindra Kumar Pandey had convicted Ravi Kapoor, Amit Shukla, Baljeet Malik, and Ajay Kumar under IPC Section 302 (murder) and provisions of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) and listed the case for hearing arguments on the quantum of sentence Thursday.

#### Delhi govt releases draft electronic system design policy

*New Delhi:* In a push to its plans to set up an electronic city, the Delhi government has come out with a draft electronic system design, manufacturing and refurbishment (ESDMR) policy 2022-27, focussing on plug and play facilities for designers and manufacturers, officials said Thursday. Earlier this month, the Industries department, by the L-G's order, issued a gazette notification declaring that 2,2.34 hectares of Baprola Industrial Area will be developed into an industrial park, they said.

#### **Undertrial** flees from court, nabbed in three hours

Noida: A 34-year-old undertrial sneaked out of police custody from a court in Greater Noida where he was produced on Thursday but was nabbed within three hours, officials said. The accused, Ravi Sharma, has been lodged in Luksar jail since 2021. PTI

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

FROM AN office in Chandigarh,

three men offered a service that's

in high demand currently

among students and job seekers

getting a Visa to go abroad to

Dubai, Canada and other coun-

tries. For each person, they

charged anywhere between Rs

50,000-Rs 2 lakh. However, none

of them ever got the coveted

document or their money back.

Crime Branch busted the fake

On Thursday, the Delhi Police

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

#### **AIR QUALITY 'POOR' FOR 4 DAYS STRAIGHT**

# City's AQI may hit 'very poor', brace for worse this weekend

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

DELHI'S AIR quality remained in the 'poor' category for the fourth day in a row and is expected to deteriorate further over the weekend. According to the Centre's Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, the city's air quality is likely to be in the poor range on Friday and then deteriorate to very poor over the weekend.

The 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 256 Thursday, up from 243 on Wednesday and 220 on Tuesday. Neighbouring towns were not much better off — Ghaziabad's AQI was 235, 230 at Gurgaon and 260 at Greater Noida.

With wind in Delhi primarily coming in from the northwest direction and the number of farm fires in Punjab and Haryana rising, the contribution of stubble burning to Delhi's pollution concentration is expected to rise.

According to data from the Consortium for Research on Agroecosystem Monitoring and Modeling from Space (CREAMS) Laboratory, Punjab on Thursday saw 589 farm fires, the highest in a single day since the paddy



The 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign started on Thursday. Abhinav Saha

stubble harvest began, Harvana, meanwhile, saw 67 fires. While the overall number has been lower than previous years so far, experts say the real test will be in the first week of November as the season starts to close.

Environment Minister Gopal Rai, meanwhile, launched the 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' cam-

paign from ITO intersection Thursday. "A survey of the Petroleum Conservation Research Association states that vehicle pollution can be reduced by 15-20% if all engines are switched off at red lights. Consider this real-life situation. When someone steps out of their house with a vehicle, they

cross 8-10 crossings during their journey. If the duration of the red light is 2 minutes, and we do not switch off our engine, we are burning fuel unnecessarily for 25-30 minutes. It is only our mindset that when the red light turns green and if our engine is not on, other vehicles will overtake us." he said.

#### **SWISS WOMAN MURDER**

## 'Accused tried to lure other foreigners, offered to heal them with gemstones'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 26

GURPREET SINGH (33), who allegedly murdered Swiss national Nina Berger, was in touch with several other foreigners and tried to lure them to India with talk of astrology and gemstones and even offered to "heal them", said police.

Berger (36), was found dead near an MCD-run school — her limbs tied with chains and her body wrapped in a plastic bag last week. Police said she met Singh in 2021 in Switzerland and the two had been dating since. On October 11, she came to India after Singh called her. On October 18, Singh strangled her in his car, a second-hand Santro, and later dumped the body. According to the police, Singh was upset with Berger after she had turned down his marriage

proposal several times. DCP (West) Vichitra Veer said, "Singh was questioned

visa racket and arrested the trio

— Tarun Kumar (43), Vinayak

(29) and Iaswinder Singh (25) –

for cheating hundreds of people.

volved in multiple cases, includ-

ing three for cheating. However,

they managed to get bail, opened

new offices and restarted their

Ravindra Singh Yadav said, "We

had inputs that the accused were

earlier cheating youths desper-

ately looking for jobs. They posed

as Visa agents and charged money

from aspirants, promising to send

Special CP (Crime Branch)

rackets again, added police.

Police said the accused are in-



**Gurpreet Singh strangled** Nina Berger after she turned down his proposal

thoroughly to establish the entire sequence of events leading to the crime. Based on his questioning, multiple raids have been conducted and we have recovered clothes, a mobile phone, a laptop, and a DSLR camera (probably of the victim). We are coordinating with the embassy concerned through established channels to get confirmation on the identity of the victim. Police teams are working tirelessly to verify all information coming in from his questioning and collect linking evidence."

From office in Chandigarh, three men ran fake visa

racket that duped hundreds — until their jig was up

them to Dubai or Gulf countries.

As part of the current racket, the

accused were cheating men and

women in Punjab who wished to

cused were running a company

called 'Birla-G' in Sector 34,

Chandigarh. We conducted a raid

and found that they were provid-

ing fake visas and documents to

victims who could not differen-

tiate between the two, and

would later find that they had

been duped," Yadav further said.

team led by ACP Ramesh Lamba

The arrest was made by a

"Our teams found the ac-

get a Canadian Visa."

As per investigators, Singh, during questioning, said his father has a store in West Delhi where they sell expensive gemstones and also offer astrology services.

Police said Singh also mentioned he had knowledge of "black magic, astrology and has mind powers". "He told us he used the same 'powers' to befriend Berger and lure her to India. He often talks about his father's business, healing through stones, and astrology tricks. We checked his phone, found he was talking to other foreigners, and offered to 'heal

them'," said an officer. Police are going through CCTVs and questioning staffers at the two hotels in West Delhi where Berger stayed from October 11-17. Police have already recovered her passport,

iPhone, and luggage. Police are also planning to conduct a DNA test on her body

to match the evidence found in

the Santro — chain, blood stains,

and Inspector Manmeet Malik,

under DCP Amit Goel. It found

that the racket was run by a man.

Inamul Haque Ansari from

Darbhanga, who was arrested in

forged documents, laptops, pass-

ports bearing fake/forged visas,

barcode makers, laminator ma-

chines, stamps of multiple firms,

and other evidence, police said.

Vinayak and Jaswinder were ar-

rested from another office nearby.

ing youths across states. They

put up ads on social media stat-

"The trio is involved in cheat-

Tarun was caught with fake/

a cheating case earlier.

and hair strands — after a forensic analysis of the car confirmed Berger's body was kept in it.

Investigators have seized their phones. "On Singh's phone, we saw his chats with other women and their photos. However, he has deleted all his chats with Berger. Berger's phone is locked, we will contact cyber officials to unlock it," said a police officer.

Meanwhile, Berger's family was traced to Switzerland with the help of the Swiss embassy but they have expressed their inability to come to India.

Police said the family didn't know about their daughter's India trip and Singh. Police said they are waiting for the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to issue a no-objection certificate (NOC) to conduct post-mortem and biometric tests to confirm

Berger's identity. If Berger's family can't come to India, police said Swiss embassy officials can sign an NOC and approve the tests.

ing their office offers visa serv-

ices, send bulk mails to their tar-

gets, and convince their victims

about jobs in Gulf countries.

Victims were also pushed to pay

Rs 1-2 lakh for documents," said

Chandigarh operations and

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Affairs in the name of hired em-

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care executives," Yadav added.

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"Tarun

## to the council to hand over 60 **SAMANHUSAIN**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

**OPENING COMMUNITY read**ing rooms at unutilised vacant garbage 'dhalaos', offices and schools among other buildings; a provision to introduce pension benefits for 50% part-time workers — these are among 15 agendas proposed by the Aam Aadmi Party that will be up for discussion at the MCD's monthly house assembly ses-

The provision for pension will be a step towards meeting a decade-old demand of MCD contractual workers, especially 3,100 Domestic Breeding Checkers, who are public health workers hired to keep a check on vectorborne diseases, and 5,000 sanitation workers.

MCD Mayor Shelly Oberoi, while addressing the press, said. "We are going to regularise 5,000 sanitation workers in Friday's house session... 3,100 workers will also be promoted as multi-tasking staff. The demands of workers who have been protesting outside the municipal centre since many years

Other topics for discussion include starting a Paediatric Cardiology Centre at Balak Ram Hospital by an NGO for an initial period of 5 years, and a proposal MCD dispensaries to private lab operators.

The BIP plans to oppose

Leader of Opposition Raja Igbal Singh said, "The AAP is selling municipal assets in the name of outsourcing healthcare services... they're talking about privatising all our hospitals by selling them to NGOs, they're making DBCs multi-tasking staff; they should regularise contractual workers like they had promised during the MCD polls. The dengue trend is alarming so we also plan on holding the AAP accountable for the increasing dengue cases in the city."

Singh also said he will take on the AAP for sharing Assembly agenda papers just 24 hours before the House session. "AAP did not provide agenda papers to municipal councillors on time, so that councillors can't read the agenda and AAP can quietly implement its corrupt policies... This is also a violation of the DMC Act, which demands the House meeting be held only after three days of agenda distribution," he said.

Meanwhile, Congress councillors have planned to raise the issue of prevailing health hazards due to a rise in dengue cases and the soaring air pollution.

ting up air cleaner systems in their residential areas. "IIT-Bombay suggested reconsidering the design with smaller number of fans, lower height of the tower and smaller footprint. This will help in reduction of installation and operational cost... and greatly render the system suitable for cities where availability and cost of land is a critical factor

in governing considerations for

the deployment," it stated. Connaught Place at a cost of over DPCC, however, stated that Rs 22 crore, be shut, the DPCC said the percentage of pollutants the impact of the tower was very that are being removed because limited when looking at macro air quality. "The report analysis of the tower was small and the effects could be achieved even in says the tower will work more efficiently during peak pollution loading compared to less pollution loading. Data reveals that particulate pollution remains very high and not much impact is seen... From the final report..., it is evident that the impact of tion the concept of 'willingness smog tower even in the vicinity to pay' by communities by setis very low," it said.

#### **COMPARISON OVER** TWO YEARS, **SEASONS** DISTANCES (M) 100-199 m ■ PM 2.5 ■ PM 10 Reduction in % Winter 2 Summer (Oct '22and Feb '23) Monsoon



### Pension, reading rooms at vacant dhalaos on MCD's agenda today

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will finally be met."

winner Elvish Yadav, held

> **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, OCTOBER 26**

Man tries to

extort Rs 1 cr

from Bigg Boss

A MAN from Gujarat was arrested Thursday for allegedly threatening and trying to extort Rs 1 crore from YouTuber and Bigg Boss OTT 2 winner Elvish

Yadav, said Gurgaon Police. ACP (Crime) Varun Dahiya said Yadav, a resident of Wazirabad, filed a complaint stating that after he returned to India from London on October 17, he received multiple threatening messages on WhatsApp demanding money. The messages initially demanded Rs 40 lakh, but later, the accused increased his demand to Rs 1 crore, with threats of violence if

it wasn't paid. Police said the accused Sageer Makrani, a resident of Vadnagar, worked as an agent at the RTO. "The accused was impressed by Yadav and his lifestyle. He had been harbouring a dream of becoming a millionaire since childhood and thought this was an easy way to

earn," ACP Dahiya said.

He purchased a fake SIM card and used it to send the messages to Yadav, police said. The ACP said the arrest was made in coordination with Gujarat Police.

29-YEAR-OLD WINS LAURELS AT HANGZHOU

## Meet Ankur Dhama, athlete who clinched 2 gold medals at Asian Para Games

## **VIDHEESHA**

**KUNTAMALLA** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE 2016 Rio DURING Paralympic Games, Ankur Dhama injured himself and thought it was the end of his career as a sportsperson. Eight years later, he bagged two gold medals, winning the Men's 1,500 mT11 and the Men's 5,000 mT11 events, during the fourth edition of the Asian Para Games currently underway in Hangzhou. Congratulating Dhama on his

win, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday took to X (formerly Twitter) and wrote: "An incredible triumph for @AnkurAthlete, as he clinches his second Gold Medal in Asian Para Games, this time in the Men's 1500 m-T11 Final. May he keep running towards greater heights in the coming times."

Being visually challenged has not stopped the 29-year-old from soaring ahead.

Born in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district, he is the youngest of three siblings. He grew up in Sonipat, where his fa-

ther was a farmer. Speaking to The Indian Express, Dhama said, "I was around five to six years old when I lost my vision completely. Doctors told my family that I wouldn't be able to see again. I then moved to Delhi where I studied at a school for the visually impaired on Lodhi Road."

It was at this school that Dhama first realised he had a knack for athletics. In 2017, while he was pursu-

ing his Masters in History at St Stephen's College, tragedy struck with the death of his father from a cardiac arrest. He said, "I had to



(Left) Ankur Dhama and his guideperson Dharmender Gurjar

take care of my family. Financially, there was a crunch... But I always had help... from my coaches. My mother and siblings boosted my morale; I also received financial help from GoSports Foundation."

Satpal Singh, who has been training Dhama for 15 years now, discovered him at the school. "This is a huge achievement for Ankur and me. He had faced several challenges in life but never gave up. I am so proud of him that after his injury during the Rio event, he recovered, practiced relentlessly, and won two golds for our country," he said.

Singh, who has trained physically challenged sportspersons for more than a decade now, added, "For visually impaired persons, athletics is challenging as it takes more persistence and hard work than it would for a normal sportsperson to build

his/her stamina and speed." Dhama also credited his achievements to his guideperson: "When it comes to long-distance running, one requires a lot of stamina... Maintaining energy levels and synchronising with the guide are among the major challenges in the sport... For vi-

sually impaired sportsmen like me, guides are our beacon. They should also get the recognition they deserve as they spend so much time training with us."

The athlete also reflected on the times when he almost gave up. "My morale sometimes was low as I realised that I can't pursue what I love without being dependent on someone... But if this inspires even a small group of individuals who are differently abled to push forward and pursue a sport in their life, I will consider myself a winner," Dhama said.

His guide, Dharmender Gurjar

(20) from Rajasthan's Karoli district, has been with Dhama for more than a year now. "I moved to Delhi so I could train at Nehru Stadium and become an athlete That's where I met Ankur and his coach. Since then, I have been working as his guideperson. We practice together every day and run in races," said Gurjar.

A Class XII student pursuing Arts back in Rajasthan, Gurjar said he also has his own practice sessions to improve his speed and stamina. He too dreams of representing India internationally one day.

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#### **PROJECT COMING UP NEAR JEWAR AIRPORT**

## **Bigwigs from industry** at Film City pre-bid meet

**DHEERAJ MISHRA** NOIDA, OCTOBER 26

FROM TOP producers, director of a famous record label, to a Korean company: The pre-bid meeting of the Uttar Pradesh government's ambitious Film City project, proposed to be developed near the upcoming Noida International Airport, saw many big names from the movie industry in attendance.

Officials said a total of 19 companies have bought the tender documents so far to participate in bidding. Among the participants of the meeting were film producer KC Bokadia; Mohinder Walia; Director of T-series Vinay Mittal; Milap Kapoor; Bhutani Group; Jitendra Chhabra; a representative from the Korean film company Securo Group Inc; and Vipul D Shah group.

Sources said Bokadia raised a demand to provide 'Right of First Refusal (ROFR)' to the successful bidder for the project's next

phase. ROFR is a contractual right giving its holder the option to transact with another contracting party before others can.

Along with him, the Securo Group also raised a similar demand. "The Authority shall clearly mention that the concessionaire, who will be awarded the Phase I project, will get preferential right for Phases II and III as well, unless there are some complaints, delay in work, or unsatisfactory work done by the concessionaire in Phase I," said the company.

The company also said a 'Marks' system should be introduced, with a mandatory project report and brief details of what will be constructed, how it will be constructed, what are revenue sources, and how it will be achieved. "There are no checks and controls in the technical capacity evaluation. Sharing of revenue to the Authority will begin from the 9th year. If the Authority comes to know about any malpractice or impracticality of the project, (it will) damage the project...." said the firm in its queries. Sources also said Boney Kapoor Productions, Securo Group, Golden Bird Entertainment, two popular celebrities, and Dubai-based studio opera-

tor RDB Infra have confirmed that they will be participating in the bidding process. Apart from them, companies such as Cistula Tulipp, Oberoi

Realty, T-Series, and MX Player are interested and their confirmation is awaited for the bidding. Responses of Omaxe Realty and Guardian Media & Entertainment is also awaited. The meeting was headed by

Manoj Kumar Singh, Infrastructure & Industrial Development Commissioner, UP government, and Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) CEO Dr Arun Vir Singh. Film City is proposed to be developed in Sector 21 of YEIDA

in phases. The global e-tender

was issued on September 29.

The last date for bid submission is November 30. four decades of experience."

For Noida Airport, Tata's Rejected by woman, man created catering firm to develop in-flight kitchen facility

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE NOIDA International Airport (NIA) Thursday signed a concession agreement with Tata group's TajSATS, a leading in-flight catering company, for developing an in-flight kitchen facility.

Officials said that TajSATS will develop the facility on a design, finance, build, operate, and transfer (DBFOT) model for a 37year period. The mandate will include passenger and crew meal services, in-flight catering equipment handling, and loading and unloading of meals.

Manish Gupta, Chief Executive Officer of TaiSATS, said: "The pace of addition of airports in India, which include marquee developments such as Noida International Airport, presents a tremendous growth opportunity for airline catering. TajSATS, with its strong network and market leadership, will deliver premium in-flight and lounge catering, leveraging its

Strategically located within the airport, the kitchen will be spread over 40,000 sqft and be equipped to serve over 15,000 meals a day in the initial phase. The company said the

kitchen will also be equipped to serve lounge facilities and the food and beverage outlets inside the airport.

With the addition of this facility, TajSATS will have nine production facilities in India.

"This partnership is a key milestone for us toward developing a modern, consumer-centric culinary experience for our customers. We believe meals are an integral part of a distinguished in-flight and airport experience. TajSATS comes with a vast experience in serving numerous airports and we feel that their offering will synergise with ours to provide a thorough world-class experience to our customers," said Christoph Schnellmann, CEO, Noida International Airport.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

MONTHS AFTER a 25-year-old man created a fake Instagram ID of a teenage girl and posted objectionable photos and audio clips to harass her, the Delhi Police arrested him in a case of cyberstalking and sexual harassment. Police said the accused allegedly harassed the minor after her elder sister rejected his advances.

The accused, Furkan Md, has been booked in a case under the IT Act and POCSO Act. Police said the minor and her family complained that he created the fake ID using her name and photos. To this ID, he added objectionable photos and audio clips. He sent the same content to her relatives and friends, police said.

As per the police, a complaint

was received on May 29 at the cyber police station. A woman alleged that her daughter was being harassed and defamed be-

cause of the fake Instagram ID. DCP (Northeast) Dr Joy N Tirkey said, "We first gathered technical details of the fake ID and analysed it. We then traced the systems used to run the ID and

a suspect was identified. Several

raids were conducted in and

around Delhi to catch him."

fake ID of sister to harass her; held

During questioning, Furkan broke down and confessed. The DCP said Furkan wanted to date a woman but she rejected him. He had also proposed marriage to her but she turned him down. "Dejected, he decided to take revenge by defaming her family. He downloaded photographs of the woman's minor sister... from Facebook

and Instagram and posted them on a fake ID. He also uploaded vulgar audio clips over her photos and posted obscene material," added the DCP.

"We found that he is already married and has two kids... We have seized the OPPO phone used

by him along with the objection-

able content," said an officer.



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## CM and Nigerian High Commissioner to India discuss health & education

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 26

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal Thursday met Nigerian High Commissioner to India Ahmed Sule at the Delhi Secretariat and discussed issues relating to health and education, officials said.

A statement from the Delhi government said Sule expressed the desire to visit schools and hospitals in the city. "High commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to India, H.E. Mr Ahmed

Delhi Metro Phase IV:

2 corridors in advanced stages of approval

New Delhi: Two of the three remaining corridors of Delhi Metro's Phase IV project are in advanced stages of approval while the authorities are mulling extending the third line to Kundli in Haryana, an official said Thursday.

Sources said there is a also plan to extend the proposed Tughalakabad-Aerocity (Silver Line) till Delhi Airport Terminal 1D on the Magenta Line.

In March 2019, the Union Cabinet approved three out of the six corridors of the Delhi Metro's Phase IV. The remain-

ing three proposed corridors which have not vet been approved are Rithala-Bawana-Narela, Inderlok-Indraprastha and Lajpat Nagar-Saket G Block.

Two of these remaining corridors under Phase IV project are in advanced stages of getting approval, Officer on Special Duty (Urban Transport), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Jaideep told reporters in re-

sponse to a query. Discussions are underway with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to extend the Rithala-Bawana-Narela corridor to Kundli in Haryana, sources said. If approved, this will be Delhi Metro's fourth expansion into

Haryana. **PTI** 



CM Kejriwal with Nigerian **High Commissioner to India** Ahmed Sule (R). CMODelhi/X

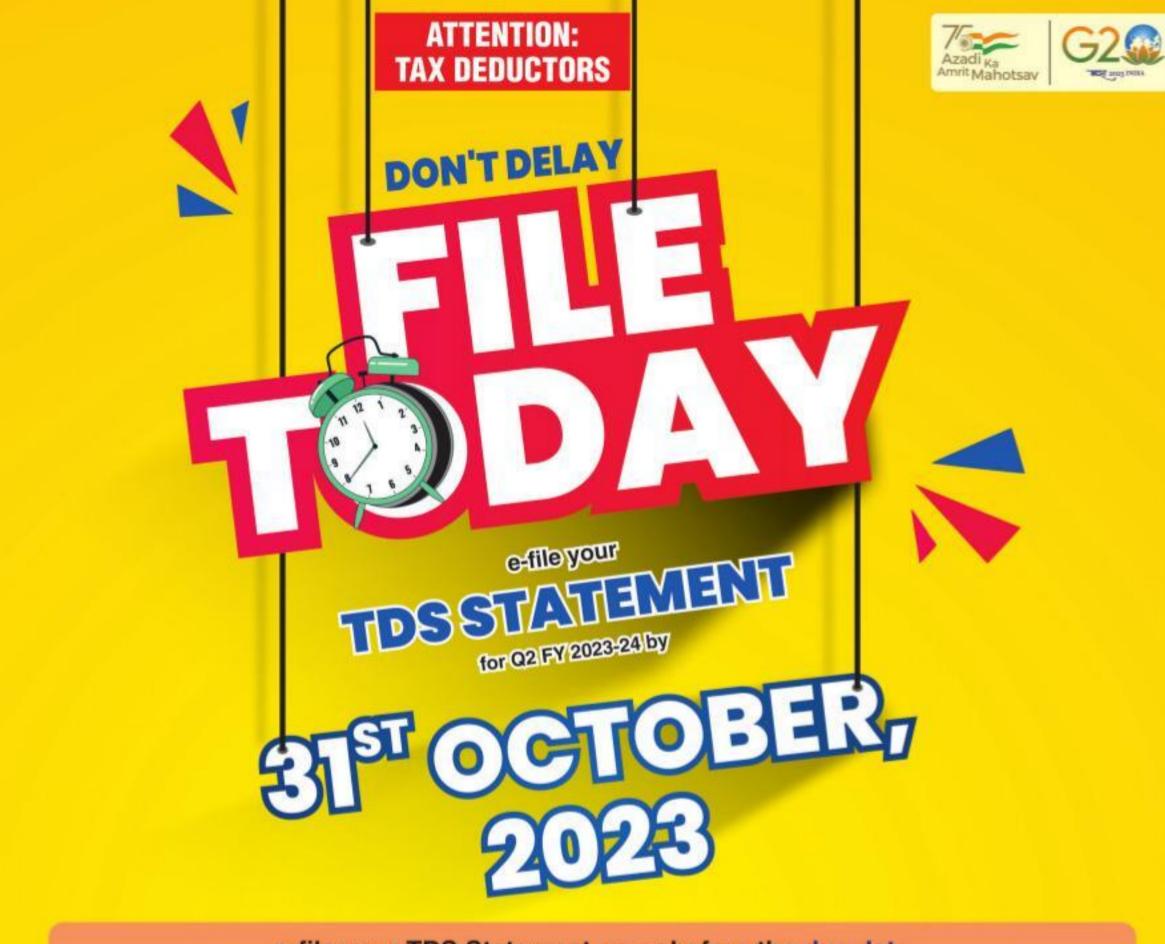
Sule called upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal at Delhi Secretariat today," the CMO said in a post on X.

"Discussions revolved around education and health. Highlighting the excellent work being carried out in these sectors, The High Commissioner expressed a keen interest in visiting these institutions, and Hon'ble CM assured him of a warm and well-arranged visit," it said.

Education Minister Atishi and DDC vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah also attended the meeting.







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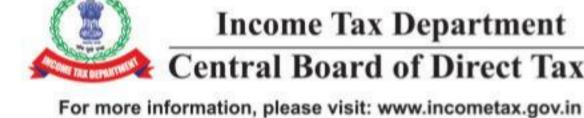
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Of the 9,171 candidates in the fray across the five states in the 2018 Assembly polls, 7,639 or 83.3% had forfeited their deposits

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BJP INVOKES ITS CANDIDATE'S TIES WITH INDORE, CONG FOCUSES ON LOCAL ISSUES

## As Vijayvargiya settles in for fight, Cong son-of-soil pitch: 'Neta, or beta?'

BJP will count on national gen secy to also help it pull through in the bellwether Malwa Nimar region, with its 66 seats

**ANAND MOHAN J** 

INDORE, OCTOBER 26

BJP NATIONAL general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya is preparing for the unexpected Assembly election he finds himself in, armed with fistfuls of *mithai*. Party workers gathered at a Dussehra Milan event in Indore's Mahavir Bagh Wednesday are greeted personally by the 67-year-old with a sweet placed in their mouths.

The six-time MLA knows the virtue of patience, as he feeds the sea of workers, listens to their grievances, even cracks a joke.

Now, he needs this forbearance more than ever. After the BJP named Vijayvargiya along with three Union ministers and four MPs for the Madhva Pradesh Assembly elections, the 67-yearold admitted he was "shocked". Some of it presumably linked to the fact that the ticket to him closed the door on his son, Akash, the sitting MLA from Indore-3.

Vijavvargiva seems to have reconciled since. The leader, credited with playing a crucial role in BJP win in several states is now plotting his own and, via that, reclaiming the Malwa



Vijayvargiya hints his political ambitions remain. 'Party will give other responsibilities.' Facebook

Nimar region for the party.

Whoever holds sway in the region's 66 seats generally goes on to form the government. In 2013, the BJP had won 57 seats in the region. But in 2018, when the Congress won with a thin majority, 36 of the 66 seats went

to the party. The BJP won 28.

While Vijayvargiya clearly hopes his feats will carry him through, sitting Indore-1 MLA Sanjay Shukla of the Congress is telling voters that the BJP leader is a guest and positioning himself as the son of Indore.

Scoffing at this, Vijayvargiya He has indicated that his

says to The Indian Express: "I have been the mayor of Indore, a sixtime MLA. If he (Shukla) doesn't know that I am from Indore, there can't be bigger ignorance."

larger political ambitions remain

**INDORE-1** 

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**SUDARSHANGUPTA** 

1.06 lakh votes In 2013

**ARYA SUDARSHAN GUPTA** BJP

99,558 votes

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intact. "I will get other important responsibilities from the party," Vijayvargiya says at events, and adds that it won't be fun if he wins by a mere 500-1,000 votes. "I am a horse that runs the more you feed it," he says, adding that he enjoys the faith of both the

party workers and public.

Around 3 km away, at Shakti Nagar temple, Shukla's *Jan Sabha* is a much quieter affair. Sitting on the ground, Shukla is having puris. This down-to-earth demeanour and personal connect with voters are Shukla's USP. Before Vijayvargiya was given the ticket, he had touched the elder BJP leader's feet when sharing the stage with him.

"There is no challenge," Shukla insists. "I am the son of Indore. I've served for five years... Beta hi jitega, neta nahin (The son will win, not the politician)."

The Congress van in the area blares the Bollywood hit 'Tum toh thehre pardesi, saath kya nibhaoge (You are a stranger, how long will you be around)'. Shukla is hoping the focus on hyperlocal issues clicks, and recently sought a halt to Indore's nightlife. "After 12, nothing should be open," he says.

In the Banganga area, most residents have their own Sanjay Shukla story. Shyam Solanki, 70, a tailor, admires "Shuklaji" for how approachable he is. "He passes by my shop and greets me every morning." But, he adds: "We are Sanghi... My vote will always be for the BIP."

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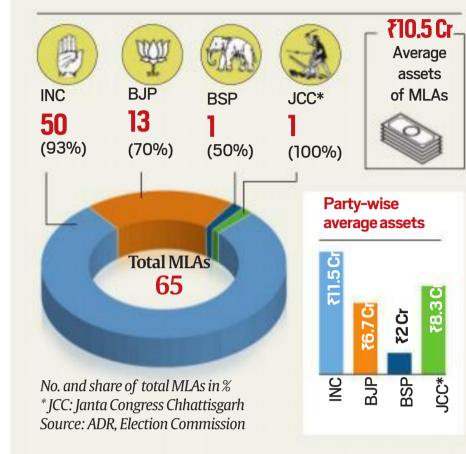
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## Andhra deal delayed, BJP in Telangana talks with Pawan Kalyan, may part with some seats

The star, JSP leader has huge fan base across the two states; party earlier said would contest 32 Telangana seats

**SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD OCTOBER 26** 

WHILE THERE might not be clarity on the status of their alliance in Andhra Pradesh, the Jana Sena Party (JSP) and BJP have begun seat-sharing talks for the polls in neighbouring Telangana. Actorturned-politician K Pawan Kalyan, who heads the JSP, met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday.

BJP sources told *The Indian* Express that Telangana BJP chief and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy has been tasked with "accommodating Kalyan's request to contest from a few seats in

Telangana". Kalyan, who is in Delhi along with the JSP's political affairs committee chairman, Nadendla Manohar, is scheduled to return to Hyderabad on Friday. The discussions are expected to go on till then.

"We are looking at constituencies where Pawan Kalyan's appeal may swing the vote. We have not arrived at a decision. We will perhaps reach a conclusion when senior party leaders meet Amit Shah again," a BIP leader said.

This is the second time that Telangana BJP and JSP leaders are holding talks over seat-sharing; Kalyan had met Kishan Reddy last week over the issue.



Pawan Kalyan with Amit Shah at a meeting in July. Twitter

On September 14, days after Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief Chandrababu Naidu was arrested in the alleged Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation scam, Kalyan announced a tie-up with the TDP

in Andhra Pradesh to contest the Assembly elections in the state that are scheduled for next year. Kalyan has been pitching for a "grand alliance" against the ruling YSRCP, expressing interest in the BJP joining the two of them.

Kalyan announced that the JSP will contest in 32 Assembly constituencies on its own in Telangana. A majority of these constituencies are urban and are located in and around Hyderabad; few are in the Khammam and Nalgonda districts. The JSP is mainly seeking to contest in the Kukatpally, Uppal, LB Nagar, Malkajgiri, Serilingampally, Patancheru, Qutubullapur, and Sanathnagar constituencies in Hyderabad.

Following this, on October 4

The JSP was in the fray in Telangana for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls elections, and had contested in five seats. However, it had drawn a blank. While the JSP has very little base in Telangana, the actor has a huge fan base. A BJP source said the JSP was

looking at reaching out to those originally from Andhra Pradesh settled in Telangana.

## Cong names 19 more for state; win some, lose some for Gehlot

Pilot says he expects high command, MLAs to pick leader post-elections

**HAMZAKHAN** JAIPUR, OCTOBER 26

THE CONGRESS Thursday declared its third list of candidates for Rajasthan, announcing 19 names, including that of a sitting minister, and some Independent and former BSP MLAs who have helped the Ashok Gehlot gov-

ernment through several crises. Of the 19, the Congress or its allies have sitting MLAs on 14. There are BJP MLAs in the remaining five seats.

Incidentally, three Gehlot loyalists and heavyweights who are considered the architects of the 2022 defiance by the CM of a high command directive do not figure in the party's third list either. The three include ministers Shanti Dhariwal and Mahesh Joshi, and Dharmendra Rathore, the Chairman of Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation.

With Thursday's list, the Congress has announced 95 candidates out of the total 200.

In an echo of the continuing undercurrent of tension in the state unit, Congress leader Sachin Pilot Thursday said the collective objective was to win the Assembly polls, and that the high command would take a decision on who would lead the government.

He was addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters in Delhi, held in the

wake of the Enforcement Directorate action against senior Congress leaders in Rajasthan, including Gehlot's son. Asked about Gehlot's statement last week indicating that he expected to return as CM should the Congress win, Pilot said: "What he said would have been on the basis of his experience of decades... After the party wins, the AICC leadership will speak with the MLAs that are victorious and whatever decision will be taken will be acceptable to all."

Asked about the 2022 incident specifically, Pilot said that it should be analysed, but asserted that it was in the past. "I was told by (Congress president Mallikarjun) Khargeji, 'Sachin we have to move forward, so forget the past, forget whatever has happened and let us move forward'... I have moved forward."

The 19 names announced Thursday include Cabinet minister Ramesh Chand Meena, who has been retained from Sapotra.

Wajib Ali and Lakhan Singh who had joined the Congress from the BSP, have been retained from their Assembly seats of

Nagar and Karauli, respectively. MLA Shobharani Kushwah, who joined the Congress just a day earlier, has retained her Dholpur seat. Kushwah was ex-

pelled by the BIP in June 2022.

WITH ENS, DELHI

#### A bitter repeat of 2019? Farmers threaten to enter field against KCR ter plan of the Kamareddy municleast 1,210 acres of agricultural Congress of inciting the farmers,

**SREENIVAS JANYALA** HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 26

BHARAT RASHTRA Samithi (BRS) supremo and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao may find himself facing T Srinivas and K Rameshwar, among other farmers from Lingapur, in his Kamareddy constituency come November 30.

Srinivas and Rameshwar are members of the Kamareddy Farmers' Joint Action Committee (IAC), which is angry over a mas-

ipality which envisaged a project under which farmers would have lost their land.

The draft plan has already been scrapped. However, at least a hundred farmers who are with the JAC have said they are ready to contest against the CM to ensure there is no such future development plan causing loss of land to farmers.

In January, as part of the draft master plan of the Kamareddy municipality, an industrial zone was proposed, taking over at



also in race from Kamareddy

Sitting MLA from Gajwel, CM

land spread over seven villages. "KCR says 'Abki baar kisan sarkar', but his government is making plans taking farmers' land," Srinivas says. The JAC is demanding that

the CM announce at a public meeting at Kamareddy that the plan has been shelved and give an assurance that there will be no new master plan. If KCR gives the assurance, they have said, they will support the BRS. Sitting BRS MLA Gampa

Govardhan accused the saying: "There is no proposal and no one's land is being taken." For the BRS, the threat by the

farmers invokes unpleasant memories. In the May 2019 Lok Sabha elections, BRS leader and KCR's daughter K Kavitha, seeking re-election from the Nizamabad seat, had faced the might of turmeric farmers.

As many as 175 had filed nomination as Independents, and collectively polled over 60,000 votes. Kavitha had lost by 70,000-plus votes.

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Yadav's sons allegedly behind

ED raids happened last month.

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tion against him during the 2020 crisis, when IT raided his offices and properties. The CM's aide

was made chairman of the

Rajasthan Tourism Development

Corporation in February 2022.

While the IT raids were con-Rajiv Arora, Gehlot's aide

The founder and owner of ducted in September 2022, the Amrapali Jewels, Arora also Yadav has denied the came under IT scanner during charges. "My children supplied the 2020 crisis. A Congress vetraw material but how does it eran, he is currently the Rajasthan Small Industries concern them if someone makes bhature out of them? If Corporation chairman. someone takes sweetmeats

Lokesh Sharma, Gehlot's OSD

Sharma faces an FIR filed by Union minister Gajendra Singh, in 2021 over "unlawfully intercepting" telephone conversation during the 2020 crisis, in connection with which the Delhi Police

peared five times. Mahesh Joshi, minister

During the 2020 crisis, Joshi

was Gehlot's man Friday, which

among other factors led to his elevation as a Cabinet minister in November 2021. In 2021, Joshi was summoned by the Delhi Police in connection with Shekhawat's FIR, but he skipped it. Last year, an FIR was lodged against his son Rohit in an alleged rape case.

#### Govind Singh Dotasra, Cong state president; Independent **MLA Om Prakash Hudla**

Dotasra and Hudla. The raids were said to be in connection with a

### ADDING TO POLL HEAT

#### Two more added, the 9 in CM Ashok Gehlot's close circle now facing charges with an alleged mid-day meal tiple times since. So far, he has ap-

From his son and brother, to aides, ministers, senior Cong leaders, a growing list and a common link: 2020 rebellion

in Iodhpur were raided in Iuly

**HAMZAKHAN** JAIPUR, OCTOBER 26

THE RAIDS by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on premises linked to Rajasthan Congress president Govind Singh Dotasra and Independent MLA Om Prakash Hudla, who has been fielded by the Congress this time, take the number of those close to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot facing different cases, mainly by Central agencies, to nearly 10. None has been arrested.

Agrasain Gehlot, CM's brother Premises linked to Agrasain

2020, at a time when the Gehlot government was trying to survive a rebellion mounted by his rival Sachin Pilot. The ED conducted countrywide raids as part of an alleged scam in import of fertilisers later distributed to farmers at subsidised rates, and multiple properties of Agrasain's company Anupam Krishi figured among the premises searched. (The Congress has accused

the BJP of having a hand in the July 2020 rebellion.) Sources close to Agrasain

deny the charges. In June 2022, Agrasain's properties were raided again in

the case, this time by the CBI.

Vaibhav Gehlot, CM's son His name too came under

Central agencies' scanner during the July 2020 crisis, with the Income Tax (IT) Department searching nine offices of firms Mayank Sharma Enterprises (MSE) and Om Kothari Group. MSE is owned by the family of Ratan Kant Sharma, who in March 2011 had acquired half the shares in Sunlight Car Rentals Private Ltd, a company floated by Vaibhay, and remained its share-

Foreign Exchange Management holder till March 31, 2016. As revealed by Gehlot Act (FEMA), reportedly in con-Thursday, Vaibhav has now got nection with the same case.

a summons by the ED under the Rajendra Singh Yadav, MoS (Home)

Gehlot, AICC in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa at a press

**conference in laipur after the ED's raids Thursday.** Rohit Iain Paras

Dharmendra Rathore, Yadav has been raided by both the IT and ED in connection

Gehlot's close aide Again, Rathore first saw ac-

The Indian Express.

has issued summons to him mul-

On Thursday, the ED landed for raids on locations linked to

2021 paper leak scam.

#### **EVENT ON NEP 2020**

Bharat country's original name, some frustrated people creating row: Pradhan

#### **RITU SHARMA**

AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 26

TERMING BHARAT as "an Indian, original name", Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan Thursday said there is a "competition" among "a few frustrated people" to create a row over it.

Pradhan's comments came a day after the NCERT said it was "too premature" to comment on media reports that it was considering replacing the word 'India' with 'Bharat' in school textbooks, as suggested by one of the focus groups it had set up to provide inputs for the new New Curriculum Framework.

As reported by *The Indian* Express, the focus group on social sciences had indeed suggested India be renamed as Bharat in social science textbooks, although the final NCF document released by Education Ministry on August

23 made no mention of proposal. Saying that a debate over Bharat or India has been "going on for a few days", Pradhan said: "What is the difference, there is no difference. This is one issue to understand... Bharat is the name of this country. During the colonial period, people who read English literature gave it the name India. We in our Constitution have given significance to Bharat and India.'

The Union minister was addressing the western zone vice chancellors' conference on implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 at Kevadiya in Guiarat's Narmada district.

Pradhan said: "Bharat is an Indian name, it is the original name, the introduction of civilisation...but today, there is a competition among a few frustrated people, a small section of people, to create a dispute)."

In September, as India hosted the G20 Summit, the India-Bharat row came to the fore as President Droupadi Murmu's dinner invites to delegates referred to her as 'President of Bharat' instead of 'President of India'.

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## jawan attacks constable in Pune

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A 33-YEAR-OLD traffic constable from Pune city police sustained critical head injuries and is currently in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) after he was allegedly hit with a cement block by a serving Army jawan on Wednesday evening, Pune police said.

Police said traffic constable Romesh Dhaware (33) had issued a challan to Army jawan Vaibhav Sambhaji Mangate (25) on a bike after which an argument had taken place between

Police said that the jawan held a grudge against the constable and the attack on Wednesday was a fallout of that.

Mangate has been booked for attempted murder and provisions pertaining to attack on public servants. He was arrested after the incident that took place at Budhwar Chowk in Pune around 7 pm on Wednesday.

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## Fined for traffic violation, Army Five militants killed at LoC, say J&K police

#### **BASHAARAT MASOOD** SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 26

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Police said on Thursday that five militants were killed during a major operation on the Line of Control (LoC) while they were trying to cross over into the Valley in north Kashmir's Kupwara.

Security agencies have warned that militants would be trying to cross the LoC before winter snow shuts routes.

Following specific intelligence, a joint team of forces launched the oper-

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ation on the LoC in Kupwara's Machil sector, police said on Thursday.

The joint team then intercepted a group of militants attempting infiltration, and challenged them, police said, adding that the militants then opened fire, leading to a gun battle.

According to police, two militants were killed in an initial exchange of fire, and three more were killed later. The militants belonged to the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), police said.

In a statement on X, J&K Police quoted Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar as con-

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Thursday's infiltration attempt was the second reported one in a period of four days. On Sunday, the Army said two militants were killed during an infiltration attempt in north Kashmir's Uri. On Wednesday, a joint

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General Public is hereby informed that draft electoral roll of all 70 Assembly Constituencies of NCT of Delhi with respect to 01.01.2024 as qualifying date is being published today i.e. 27.10.2023 (Friday) as part of Special Summary Revision. The electoral rolls will be available at the Voter Centres & Designated Locations i.e. All Polling Station Locations and whose list is available on the website of CEO, Delhi www.ceodelhi.gov.in. Draft electoral roll is also being made available on this website.

The primary objective of the Special Summary Revision - 2024 is to include newly eligible voters with respect to 01.01.2024 as qualifying date. Those who have completed or will be completing age of 18 years on or before date 01.01.2024. Another objective for the Special Summary Revision-2024 is to provide opportunity for correction in electors' particulars and to invite objections against any wrong inclusion in the Electoral Roll. All claims & Objections in Form - 6, 7 & 8 with requisite documents will be received at these designated locations as per the schedule give as under:-

S. No.	Activity	Schedule
1.	Publication of Integrated draft electoral roll.	27.10.2023
2.	Period of filing claims & objections	27.10.2023 to 09.12.2023
3.	Special campaign at polling station locations	
		02.12.2023 (Saturday) & 03.12.2023 (Sunday)
4.	Disposal of claims and objections	By 26.12.2023
5.	Final publication of electoral roll	On 05.01.2024

In addition eligible citizens, who are going to attain the age of 18 years on any of the subsequent qualifying dates in the year 2024, that is to say, the 1st April 2024, 1st July 2024 or 1st October 2024, may also file his or her claim for inclusion of name in the roll, in Form-6, in advance, during the SSR starting from 27.10.2023. Such advance forms shall be disposed of in the first month of respective quarter only.

General Public is also informed that mere holding of Voter Identity card does not entitle the voter to cast his/her vote during election. The name of the voter has to be present in the updated electoral roll. Accordingly, every voter is earnestly requested to check his/her name in the draft electoral roll by any of the following modes:-

: Visit https://electoralsearch.eci.gov.in Online

Mobile App : "Voter Helpline" for both searching the name & other electoral services.

"Saksham App for Persons with disability (a fully accessible mobile app of

Helpline : Call 1950

If your name is not found in the draft electoral roll, please apply in Form-6 either online or offline immediately:-

Online			Offline
Voter Helpline Mobile App	0		Voter Centre of your Assembly Constituency.
Saksham Mobile App (For Divyang)	<b>5</b> .		Your Polling Station Location
ECI Voter Service Portal; www.voters.ed	i.gov.in	(1000000)	
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Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Building No 4, Avasvikas, Agra Road, Hathras District, Hathras, Uttar Pradesh - 204101. MATHURA-TERA TOWER: Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Tera Tower, Bhuteshwar Road, Nearicici Bank, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh - 281004. The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.

## 10 GOVT & POLITICS





#### OLD PANEL, NEW ROLE

WITH BJP leader Nishikant Dubey deposing before the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee on Thursday to submit oral evidence on his cash-for query allegations, things seem to have come full circle for him. Dubey, along with TMC's Saugata Roy and BJP's Ramesh Kaushik, was a member of the sub-committee formed by then Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan in 2014 to frame rules for the Ethics Committee to make it a permanent part of the Lok Sabha. It was earlier an ad hoc committee. The three-member sub-committee went through the practices of Parliaments across the world to make rules for the permanent ethics panel. It submitted its report in July 2015 and the Ethics Committee became a permanent part of Lok Sabha in August that year.

#### MOON & MORE

UNION EDUCATION Minister Dharmendra Pradhan recently released a study module on the success of Chandrayaan-3 for NCERT in the presence of ISRO Chairman S Somanath. This is the first of many such reading modules to be released by the ministry, which has tasked the NCERT with preparing similar compilations on 15 different themes, to instill a sense of pride in students. A majority of the themes identified by the government are related to initiatives, proposals, ideas — and even terms — coined by the incumbent government. Among the prominent themes are G20, Nari Shakti Vandan, Amrit Mahotsav, India's digital success and Garib Kalyan.

#### 9 YEARS OF BJP GOVT IN STATE

## In Khattar's poll year gift: Pension scheme for old trees, hike for 'victims of Emergency'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 26

HARYANA CHIEF Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday announced a 4 per cent increase in the Dearness Allowance (DA) for 3.5 lakh government employees, besides a hike in pension for 'Matribhasha Satyagrahis', who took part in the 'Hindi Aandolan' of 1957, and the "Emergency victims" from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000.

He also announced honorariums for mayors and members of municipal corporations, zila parishad's chairperson and members, regularization of 190 colonies spanning across 10 districts, and closure of six toll plazas on state highways.

Khattar was addressing the media on the occasion of completion of nine years of his government, during which he highlighted several achievements as well as people-oriented and public welfare programmes carried out in his tenure.

Assembly polls are due in Haryana by October 2024.

In 1957, a number of people of Hindi-speaking parts of erstwhile Punjab launched a crusade for the honour, promotion and implementation of their mother tongue and they are known as 'Matribhasha Satyagrahis'.

Highlighting his govern-

ment's "proactive stance on environmentally-friendly initiatives", Khattar also announced a scheme offering pension to trees aged 75 years or older located on the property of state's residents.



#### **ADDRESSES FARMERS' RALLY IN SHIRDI TOWN**

## PM takes dig at Pawar: Some did politics in farmers' name

**MANOJ MORE** 

SHIRDI. OCTOBER 26

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Thursday criticised Sharad Pawar, who was the agriculture minister in the UPA government, saying that while the BJP-led government was busy empowering farmers, some people in Maharashtra were playing politics in the name of farmers.

"We have been busy empowering farmers with good intentions but some people in Maharashtra are involved only in playing politics in the name of farmers. A senior leader from Maharashtra was the Union agriculture minister for years. I respect him personally but what did he do for farmers?" Modi said at a farmers' rally in Ahmednagar district's Shirdi town.

"In the seven years of his tenure, he purchased from farmers grains worth only Rs 3.5 lakh crore at the MSP (minimum support price). On the other hand, our government in the sevenyear period has paid Rs 13.5 lakh crore for buying farmers' produce at the MSP," he added with-

Azam 'refuses'

to meet Rai in

jail, Congress

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Samajwadi Party leader

president Ajay Rai

Haryana CM

Manohar

Initially, a pension of Rs 2,750

per annum is being offered for

'maintenance and care" of 3,810

trees under the Pran Vayu Devta

Pension Scheme, Khattar said,

adding the allowance will see

annual increments, akin to old-

implement such a pioneering

scheme, aimed at conserving

and protecting aging trees,'

who have trees aged 75 years or

older in their homes' courtyards,

to apply for pension by visiting

their respective district forest de-

partment offices. District-level

conservation committees have

already identified 3,810 trees

Union government has granted

approval for the installation of an

800-megawatt thermal power

plant in Yamunanagar. To a ques-

tion about the Sutlej-Yamuna

Link (SYL) canal issue, Khattar

told the media that the Supreme

Court had passed an order in

favour of Haryana for construct-

struction of the SYL canal and

water-sharing are two separate

issues and criticised Punjab CM

Bhagwant Mann for taking a dif-

ferent stance on the matter.

He stressed that the con-

ing the SYL canal.

Meanwhile, Khattar said the

that qualify for the pension.

Khattar asked the residents.

"Haryana is the first state to

age pension.

Khattar said.

Lal Khattar

**Azam Khan; UP Congress** 

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

SAMAJWADI Party (SP) leader

Azam Khan on Thursday refused

to meet state Congress president

Ajay Rai in the Sitapur district jail,

citing a ceiling on the number of

visits an inmate is entitled to in

was the Sitapur district adminis-

tration that did not let a party del-

egation led by him meet Khan due

Kumar Singh said, "In 15 days, an

inmate is allowed to meet visi-

tors twice. Mr Azam Khan has al-

ready used up one visit for the

current fortnight and said that he

would like to meet his family

members for the second visit. I

have conveyed this to the district

and jail staff can say anything.

What is the proof of this? Has

Khan given this in writing? He is a

prisoner and they can get him to

say whatever they want. They did

not let us meet him due to pres-

sure from the government. The lo-

cal administration had started cre-

ating hurdles for the meeting since

meet Azam in jail had come amid

an ongoing bickering between the

SP and the Congress after the two

INDIA bloc members failed to

reach a seat-sharing arrangement

for the coming Assembly polls in

Madhya Pradesh.

The announcement by Rai to

yesterday. These are all lies."

Rai said. "The administration

Congress president."

Jail Superintendent Suresh

to state government pressure.

Meanwhile, Rai alleged that it

the prison, officials claimed.

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26

leader says



Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais, Deputy CM Ajit Pawar, PM Narendra Modi, Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis in Ahmednagar, Thursday. ANI

out naming the NCP chief.

The PM said that farmers had to rely on agents when Pawar was the Union agriculture minister. "'For months, farmers did not get their payments but our government has made arrangements for transferring MSP directly into their bank accounts," he said.

According to the PM, food grains and oilseeds worth only Rs 500-600 crore used to be purchased at the MSP before 2014. "But our government has pur- to the nation.

chased food grains and oilseeds worth Rs 1.15 lakh crore at the MSP and the amount has already been deposited in farmers' bank accounts," he said. Before addressing the rally, the PM performed a pooja and had a darshan at the Shri Saibaba Samadhi Temple in Shirdi, where he inaugurated a Darshan Queue Complex.

He then proceeded to the Nilwande dam and and dedicated its left bank canal network

रंग भवन सभागार, आकाशवाणी भवन, नई दिल्ली

In Goa, Modi reiterates India's bid to host 2036 Olympic games

MARGAO (GOA), OCTOBER 26

REITERATING INDIA'S intention to host the Olympic Games, PM Narendra Modi Thursday said India will be among the leading economic powers of the world by 2036 and India's economy and infrastructure spend will make it easier for the country to host the Olympics.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the 37th National Games in Goa, Modi said: "Today...it is natural for India's aspirations to be high. That is why during the IOC session in Mumbai, I put forward and spoke for the aspirations of 140 crore Indians. I assured the Olympic Committee that India is ready to host the Youth Olympics in 2030 and the Olympics in 2036.

**PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA** 

the CWC resolution had said.

by Hamas." Said Tharoor: "On October 7, terrorists attacked Israel, killed 1,400 people and took 200 hostages. In answer to that, Israel has so far killed 6,000 people. They have stopped the supply of food, water and fuel to Gaza. Hospitals are bombed. Innocent

## At IUML Kerala rally, Tharoor calls Hamas terrorists, says Israel reaction 'heinous'

IUML legislator M K Muneer says fight for Palestine is freedom struggle

**SHAJU PHILIP** 

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 26

AT A rally organised by Congress ally Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) in Kozhikode on Thursday in solidarity with Palestine, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor referred to Hamas as terrorists.

Tharoor was the chief guest at the Palestine solidarity rally in Kozhikode. The IUML handpicked Tharoor as the keynote speaker at the event, considering the erudition of the diplomat-turned politician on international affairs.

The CWC in a resolution on October 9 had reaffirmed its support to the Palestinian cause without mentioning the October 7 attack carried out by Hamas on Israel. "The CWC expresses its dismay and anguish on the war that has broken out in the Middle East where over a thousand people have been killed in the last two days. The CWC reiterates its longstanding support for the rights of the Palestinian people to land, self-government and to live with dignity and respect. The CWC calls for an immediate ceasefire and for negotiations to begin on all outstanding issues including the imperative issues that have given rise to the present conflict,'

However, four days later, party spokesperson Pawan Khera said: "The Congress unequivocally condemns the attack on the innocent civilians of Israel

people are being killed every day. What is happening is the viola-



Cong MP Shashi **Tharoor** 

tion of war laws and Geneva

Convention." He continued: "One thing I want to say. When those terror-

ists massacred unarmed people, the world had condemned it. Now, everyone is condemning the Israel bombing. Terrorist acts took place from both sides. Eye for eye would make the whole world blind. What we are seeing now is a heinous reaction... a disproportionate reaction," he said. Tharoor said the death toll in

the latest bout of crisis in the last 19 days is more than the casualty that took place in the last 15 years. He said the issue should not be considered as a Muslim issue since the rally is being conducted by IUML, a secular party. "None should think that this is a Muslim issue. It is a matter of human rights. War knows no religion. Christians in Gaza were also killed in the bombing," he said. At the same venue, senior

IUML legislator Dr M K Muneer struck a different note. Muneer said, "When Bhagat Singh and Subhas Chandra Bose fought for the freedom of the country, it was recorded in British history as an act of terrorism and extremism. At Gaza, the fight of Palestine for freedom would be an act of terrorism in the eye of imperialistic forces. But the children at Gaza now say now offer namaz not five times a day, but six times. The children say every day they have 'janaza' (funeral prayer). The fight of Palestine is freedom struggle and that of Israel is genocide. We should be able to differentiate between defence and attack," he said.

#### **UNESCO TAG TO SANTINIKETAN**

### Mamata gives deadline to Visva-Bharati: Get Tagore name on plaques in 24 hours or face stir

**SWEETY KUMARI** KOLKATA, OCTOBER 26

WEST BENGAL CM Mamata Banerjee on Thursday gave a 24hour deadline to the Visva-Bharti, a Central university in Santiniketan, to replace the current plaques commemorating the award of 'World Heritage Site' by UNESCO with those inscribed with the name of Rabindranath Tagore, the founder of the university. Failing which, the CM said, her supporters would launch an agitation.

This comes amid widespread

"Santiniketan has got the UN-ESCO recognition because of Rabindranath Tagore. He is the creator of Santiniketan and now

Durga Puja was being celebrated, we kept quiet. If you do not remove the plaques and put up new ones with Tagore's name by 10 am tomorrow (Friday), our people will launch an agitation holding Kaviguru's photos to their chests, Banerjee told reporters.

In a post on X, the ruling TMC hit out at PM Modi's name in the plaques. "Plaques at the esteemed UNESCO World Heritage site, Visva-Bharati University, feature an inexplicable omission. They highlight the names of PM Narendra Modi and V-C Bidyut Chakrabarty, while astonishingly leaving out the name of Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore. This oversight raises a critical question: Does Modiji believe he stands above the legacy of Gurudev?..."

On Wednesday, the university had said that the plaque was just a "temporary structure" to demarcate the site. "The ISI and UNESCO will send some text that will be erected once they are received," its spokesperson said.

#### 'Newton' On Poll Duty

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar with ECs Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goel as he announces actor Rajkumar Rao as the poll panel's national icon, in New Delhi. ANI

■ 'Because I have done a film called Newton, I know how hard it is to conduct elections in remote areas..." Rao said at the event on Thursday.

■ The CEC said the poll panel would 'very soon' sign an MoU to introduce content on ethical and informed voting in the curriculum for Class 9 onwards

■ Stating there were 60 lakh first-time voters in five states headed to polls in November, the CEC urged 'all influencers' to spread awareness on voting.

## Himanta, Priyanka get poll panel notices for model code violation

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE ELECTION Commission on Thursday sent show-cause notices to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

The EC notice to Sarma came after the Congress filed a complaint alleging he made communal statements and unverified accusations against one of its candidates, Mohammed Akbar, during a rally in Chhattisgarh.

The notice to Gandhi Vadra was based on a BJP complaint alleging she had, during a speech in Rajasthan, made false and unverified claims that Prime

Minister Narendra Modi had donated only Rs 21 to the Devnarayan Temple in the state's Bhilwara earlier this year.

Both leaders were given until 5 pm on October 30 to reply.

In the notice to Sarma, the EC, citing provisions against communal speech and unverified allegations, said the BJP leader's speech in Kawardha, Chhattisgarh, on October 19 "prima facie" violated the MCC as well as the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

At the October 19 rally, Sarma had urged voters to remove Akbar, saying, "Ek Akbar agar ek jagah aate hain, voh 100 Akbar ko bula kar laate hain, yeh baat bhoolye mat. Isliye jitna jaldi ho sakta hai, voh Akkar to aap vidaa kijiye, nahi toh ye Ma Kaushalya ka bhoomi apavitra ho jayega (When one Akbar

goes somewhere, he calls 100 other Akbars. Don't forget this. Bid farewell to that Akbar as soon as possible, otherwise the land of Ma Kaushalya will become impure)."

In its notice to Gandhi Vadra. the EC said her speech in Rajasthan's Dausa on October 20 had prima facie violated the MCC provisions against making unverified allegations and criticising the private life of others, and against making appeals to caste and communal feelings and using places of worship as a forum for election propaganda.

In her speech, Gandhi Vadra had said she "did not know if it was true" but she had seen on TV that the PM made a donation to the Devnarayan temple and when the envelope was opened six months later, "it contained Rs 21.

criticism over the newly installed plagues on the campus that bear only the names of PM Narendra Modi as chancellor of the university and Vice-Chancellor Bidyut Chakrabarty.

his name has been removed. Since

## In tussle for Vokkaliga vote, DKS promises Bengaluru to Deve Gowda bastion

Kumaraswamy threatens fast-unto-death if move implemented; both his and Karnataka Deputy CM Shivakumar's constituencies fall in Ramanagara district

**AKRAM M** BENGALURU, OCTOBER 26

THE RIVALRY between Congress leader and Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and the JD(S) first family of the Deve Gowdas, for dominance in the state's Vokkaliga region, goes

back nearly four decades. A big part of that rivalry is centred around constituencies in Ramanagara district. Amidst mounting attacks by JD(S) heir apparent HD Kumaraswamy on

Shivakumar, as the party seeks to regain its base in the old Mysore region, the latter has come out swinging.

The Deputy Chief Minister has announced that his constituency Kanakapura in Ramanagara district would soon be part of Bengaluru, and that Ramanagara district itself would be renamed Bengaluru South, with five taluks, and with Ramanagara as the district headquarters.

Kumaraswamy, whose constituency Channapatna is also in the district, has hit back; it was under Kumaraswamy as CM in 2007, when the JD(S) was in a coalition with the BJP, that Ramanagara, the party's stronghold, was made a district.

Shivakumar has already managed to give the JD(S) a fight for the Vokkaliga base. In the recent Assembly elections, in which the Congress won big, the JD(S) showed a significant erosion in the region dominated by the Vokkaligas. In Ramanagara district, the JD(S) won just 1 seat, compared to the Congress's 3. In the 2018 Assembly polls,



Karnataka Deputy CM D K Shivakumar; ID(S) leader **H D Kumaraswamy** 

the ID(S) had won 3 seats here. with Kumaraswamy winning Channapatna



Ramanagara, before vacating the second seat. His wife Anita had won it later in a bypoll.

In the May polls, Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil, who contested from Ramanagara, was among the ID(S) titans who lost.

Now, having aligned itself with the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, the JD(S) needs to hold on to its base to command

Kumaraswamy declared Thursday that he would go on a fast unto death if the state government renamed Ramanagara. He also accused Shivakumar of "cheating" farmers who had handed over land to a 50-acre Karnataka Milk Federation mega dairy near Kanakapura by claiming around Rs 50 lakh per acre from the government and giving just Rs 50,000-Rs 1 lakh per acre to farmers.

Shivakumar has promised to respond in a few days to the

allegations. Beyond the Vokkaliga vote, the rivalry between the Congress leader and Deve Gowdas is personal. In 1985, Shivakumar had defeated Kumaraswamy from

erstwhile

Sathanur

Assembly constituency. In the 2004 Lok Sabha polls, Shivakumar's hand was seen in the defeat of Deve Gowda from the erstwhile Kanakapura constituency to a political novice, Thejaswini Gowda.

Deve Gowda had entered the Lok Sabha via the other seat he contested from, Hassan.

Shivakumar Kumaraswamy were seen to have buried the hatchet during the ID(S)-Congress coalition government in 2018. But, like the alliance, this truce was short-lived.

## EXPRESS NETWORK

#### **BRIEFLY**

**UTTAR PRADESH** Mukhtar Ansari convicted in 2010 case

Lucknow: Jailed gangsterturned-politician Mukhtar Ansari was convicted in a Gangsters Act case by a court in Uttar Pradesh. The quantum of punishment will be announced Friday. Ansari, who is lodged in Banda district jail, was convicted under Uttar Pradesh Gangsters & Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act in 2010 FIR filed in link with two incidents. ENS

#### **JAMMU & KASHMIR** Pak Rangers open fire at BSF posts in Arnia

*Jammu:* Pakistani Rangers resorted to firing on at least four forward Indian posts manned by Border Security Force in Arnia sector along the international border in Jammu and Kashmir, BSF confirmed ceasefire violation by Pakistan, saying that firing started around 8 pm and added that its troops were retaliating to it. "The firing was still on." it added. ENS

#### **NEW DELHI**

#### Centre to meet travel portal officials on Nov 8

Delhi: With nearly 10,000 complaints registered by air travellers on National Consumer Helpline, the Centre has called a meeting of senior officials of all airlines and travel portals to discuss grievances related to refund, deficiency in services, and delay in compensation. "We are asking them to meet us on 8th of November," Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh said. **ENS** 

#### **UTTARAKHAND** CM Dhami signs **MoUs worth** 10kcrin Chennai

Dehradun: Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami signed several investment MoUs worth Rs 10,150 crore, on healthcare, pharma, and the energy sector, in Chennai on Thursday. Dhami, on a road show in Chennai, also invited investors from various groups for the Global Investor Summit to be held in Dehradun on 8 and 9 December 2023.

## leaders in 4 poll-bound states in past months

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

IN THE past few months, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has either raided, arrested or summoned leaders from the parties Opposition Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana, four of the five states where polls are scheduled next month.

The agency on Thursday searched premises associated with Rajasthan Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra and Independent MLA Om Prakash Hudla in connection with a money laundering case, apart from summoning Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's son Vaibhav in a forex violation case.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's daughter K Kavitha's alleged role in Delhi liquor scam case, while in Madhya Pradesh, it has revived an old bank fraud case against Congress leader

Kamal Nath's nephew Ratul Puri

In Telangana, the ED is prob-

with a fresh arrest two months ago. It has also taken action against leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party, which is contesting the MP polls. Thursday's raids in Rajasthan were carried out in connection with the exam paper leak case and Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) scam. On September 1, the ED had con-

ducted search operations at vari-

ous locations in the state in con-

nection with the PHED case and

seized Rs 2.32 crore cash and a

gold bar worth Rs 64 lakh.

Ahead of Parliament's special session in September, the agency had summoned BRS leader Kavitha for questioning in connection with the Delhi excise policy case. Kavitha, however, did not oblige the summons and took relief from court. On August 22, the ED arrested

Multiple ED raids, arrests in cases linked to Opp

one Nitin Bhatnagar in connection with its money laundering probe into a Rs 354-crore bank loan fraud allegedly committed by Moser Baer, a company owned by Ratul Puri. Bhatnagar, a former relationship manager of the Bank of Singapore, allegedly facilitated opening of a bank account for a company called Pristine River Investments Ltd, a company owned by Savannah Trust of which Ratul Puri was the "settler". The probe agency has alleged that

the company (Pristine River) was used for layering "proceeds of crime" and Bhatnagar "knowingly assisted in doing so for Ratul Puri".

The very next day, in an ongoing investigation into the Mahadev app racket, an online betting and gaming platform that allegedly cheated people, the ED conducted searches at 10 locations, including the premises of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's political adviser Vinod Verma and two officers on special duty in his office.

The ED also arrested an ASI with Chhattisgarh police, Chandrabhushan Verma, a businessman, Satish Chandrakar, and hawala operators Anil Dammani and Sunil Dammani in the case.

Last week, the ED raided 15 different places in Chhattisgarh after which it alleged that the state Rice Millers Association colluded with officers of Chhattisgarh State

Marketing Federation Ltd (MARK-

FED) and hatched a conspiracy to

pay exorbitant amounts to rice millers in exchange for kickbacks to the tune of Rs 175 crore for the "benefit of higher powers". Earlier, the ED made arrests and filed prosecution complaints in the coal levy commission case,

involving Rs 540 crore, and illegal

liquor sale, which allegedly cost

the state exchequer Rs 2.160 crore.

In the liquor case, the ED claimed,

money went to "a political party". On October 4, the agency arrested AAP leader and MP Sanjay Singh in the Delhi liquor policy case. A day earlier it had searched

his premises. —WITHINPUTS FROM JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU

#### **WEST BENGAL RATION 'SCAM'**

## ED raids residences of TMC minister Jyotipriya, his PA

**SWEETY KUMARI** KOLKATA, OCTOBER 26

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Thursday conducted search operations at West Bengal Forest Minister Jyotipriya Mallick's residence and seven other locations in connection with a case related to alleged corruption in ration distribution. Mallick was the former West Bengal food minis-

The ED raids and questioning of Mallick stretched to Thursday midnight. The central probe agency is investigating Mallick's links to businessman Bakibur Rahman, who was recently arrested in the case, sources said. The ED also searched the residence of Mallick's assistant Amit Dev in Nagerbazar in the North 24 Paraganas district. ED officials reached Mallick's residence in BC block in Kolkata's Salt Lake early on Thursday. Officials also went to the minister's flats in Nagerbazar - one in the Bhagwati Park area and the other on Swami Vivekananda Road – but both were locked.

Rahman was arrested last week following an ED raid at his flat in Kaikhali that lasted more than 53 hours. More than 100 documents with stamps of government offices were found in his

flat. Rahman owns several hotels. resorts and bars besides his rice mill business. ED sources said that investments of more than Rs 50 crore were made in his companies.

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It has been alleged that there were several irregularities in the public distribution system and massive corruption in the distribution of food grains in the state during the Covid-19 lockdown.

West Bengal Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury had earlier alleged that Rahman was operating with the help of senior TMC leaders and ministers "Rahman is a key player in the siphoning of food grains. This scam reached a new height during the pandemic. Food grains were stolen even from the quota allotted for mid-day meals served to

school children," Chowdhury said.

"They are tumbling down ghee bottles, oil bottles, taking pictures of sarees, cosmetics in the name of raids... My question is why a single BJP leader's house has not been raided? Why a single BJP dacoit house has not been raided?... The LS election is due in five months. Election in five states is going on. Now, the house of the son of a CM is raided... We do not believe in political revenge. I respect the constitutional chair. So I am silent," Mamata said without naming PM Narendra Modi.

### To track criminal cases across UP's 75 districts, app goes live today

**ASAD REHMAN** LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26

AN APP that helps track progress

of criminal cases in the state will go live in Uttar Pradesh today.

The app, being launched by the UP Prosecution Directorate, is meant to ensure accountability in timely disposal of cases. The focus of the app, access to which will only be given to officials of the department, will be on monitoring heinous crimes such as crimes against women, POCSO cases, and cases filed under the Cow Slaughter Act and Gangsters Act. The Chief Minister's office will also have access, and will monitor each district's progress on a fort-

nightly basis. Speaking to The Indian Express, Additional Director General (Prosecution), Dipesh Juneja said the need for the app was felt after it became difficult for the directorate to keep a tab on cases lodged in different districts. "We are a big state with 75 districts.

ing difficult. Hence we felt the need for a mobile and windows application. We are giving a tutorial to all Joint Directors of the Prosecution Department to make them familiar with its functioning," said Juneja. "So far, data used to come in Excel sheets. Some districts

And to tabulate and monitor data

of prosecution cases was becom-

would send it on email, some through WhatsApp. We had to designate one person to just put it all together. Now, with the app, our office will be able to see data for prosecution of cases in each district anytime they want on their phone or laptop. The access to the application will only be with officials of the Prosecution Department and the CM office.

Juneja said the initiative was influenced by government's focus on speedy trials and conviction of criminals in a time-bound manner, along with taking things digital. The app is to be linked to CMO portal by next week, while data will start being fed into it from Friday.

## New cooperative to boost seeds export, says Shah

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**UNION HOME and Cooperation** Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said the share of India's domestic seed trade in the global market is only 4.5 per cent, leaving a vast scope for improvement. He said that India needs a lot of work to do to increase its share in the global market.

Addressing the "National Symposium on Production of Improved and Traditional Seed through Cooperative Sector", organised by Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL), Shah also highlighted India's share in the world seed export to be only 0.6 per cent. "The world market is waiting for us and we will have to decide the goals for the next 5 years for BBSSL," Shah said and emphasised on the need of increasing seed produc-



Home Minister Amit Shah at Vigyan Bhawan in New **Delhi on Thursday** 

tion through cooperatives. Shah spoke about the importance of scientifically produced certified seeds and that not every farmer has access to it. "It is our responsibility to ensure that these seeds reach every farmer and this work will also be done by the cooperative society," he said.

#### TO KEEP THE BORDER SAFE

A Border Security Force team from Rajasthan rehearses ahead of Ekta Parade to be held on October 31, near the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat, on Wednesday. Express

## Land warfare will remain important: Army Chief on lessons from Ukraine

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A BIG lesson from the Russia-Ukraine conflict is that land warfare will remain "extremely important" for countries with contested borders like India, Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande said on Thursday. He also said the operational situation along the borders remains stable and the Army has dealt with internal security challenges in a manner that is expected of it.

"In my view, the salience of land domain is going to be extremely important, especially in our case," Gen Pande said during



**Army Chief** General Manoj Pande

a Fireside Chat with Lieutenant General Raj Shukla (retd) at curtain-raiser to 'Chanakya Dialogue' — scheduled to be hosted next week by Army and Centre for Land Warfare Studies.

He said India's rise in stature is bringing recognition, additional responsibilities, opportunities and challenges. The centrality of national interest remains paramount amid the ongoing flux

where the salience of national security is continuously increasing in the international system, said the Army Chief.

Stating that technology is the new strategic arena of geo-political competition and self-reliance has emerged as a key imperative, he said that recent conflicts revealed that security of the nation can neither be outsourced nor be dependent on the largesse of others. He said the Army has been closely working with 340 indigenous defence industries towards fructification of 230 contracts by 2025 and added that the force has identified 45 niche technologies in the field of military applications.

## for solidarity meet on Gaza

92-year-old ex-MP detained

**ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU, OCTOBER 26

A 92-YEAR-OLD former MP from Jammu and Kashmir was among five people who spent a night in police custody last week over their decision to call a meeting to express solidarity with the victims of bombardment in Gaza.

Sheikh Abdul Rehman was taken to a Jammu police station last Friday night, and spent the night there, ahead of the planned solidarity meeting that was to be held the next day at Maharaja Hari Singh Park in Jammu.

The call for the meeting was made through pamphlets

brought out by the United Peace Alliance, an organisation of various social and political movements. The group's chairman Shahid Saleem said the pamphlets made no mention of "an anti-Israel protest" and added that the meeting was only meant to express "solidarity with the Gaza war victims and call for an end to hostilities".

Apart from Rehman, the others detained were Saleem, I D Khajuria of the International Democratic Party, Subash Mehta of the CPI(ML), and one Sukhdev Singh. Rehman is known as the first Muslim to join the Jan Sangh, and in 1972, he became the chief of Jan Sagh's J&K unit.

## UP: Between on paper and reality, stray cows and police quarters

#### ASAD REHMAN & **DHEERAJ MISHRA**

AZAMGARH, KANPUR, BIJNOR, OCTOBER 25

AT THE Kandharapur primary health centre (PHC) in eastern Uttar Pradesh's Azamgarh district, 53-year-old "ward boy" Jharkhande Yadav is a lone figure sitting in a room with a table, chair, three cupboards, and old furniture stacked against the walls. The adjacent room has no door or windows, and a rope has been tied to stop the entry of cattle. Still, it is filled with cow dung. There is another building 500 metres away, which is also part of the PHC, but is abandoned – with liquor bottles strewn around and plants growing inside.

Kandharapur has a population of around 3,000 people, and the PHC is the only government healthcare facility they rely on. It is one of 218 PHCs and community health centres (CHCs) in 52 Uttar Pradesh districts that are unfinished, some since 2005, according to information accessed by The Indian Express under the Right to Information Act. The Kandharapur PHC is among those under scanner for alleged financial irregularities, as per health department records.

When The Indian Express visited the PHC on September 28, Yadav said no patients had come

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since morning, while the pharmacist and another staff had taken the day off on account of a festival. The register, with patient entries, shows that 19 patients visited a day earlier and were treated in the single room. As per government regula-

tions, 15 staff members should

be deployed at a PHC. The two

structures missing doors and

windows have been left aban-

doned for years, say locals. Lalman Yadav (42), an autorickshaw driver living nearby, said: "This (PHC) is okay for basic problems like cold and fever. If someone falls seriously ill, we take them to Azamgarh district hospital, around 10 km away."

#### Makeshift residence for cops

Another PHC in Azamgarh, in Kaptanganj area, is being used as a makeshift residence by personnel of the local police station, a couple of hundred metres from the abandoned building. The 15room building has motorcycles parked at the entrance, with policemen saying they use this since they haven't been assigned a place for their barracks. The two buildings have cots, table fans, clotheslines and other belongings.

"I was posted here a couple of years ago, and since then, I have been living here. No one from the Health Department vis-



At the PHC in Bhikkawala, Bijnor. Gajendra Yadav

its, and it is used by us as barracks," said a police personnel. Around 40 policemen live in two buildings of the PHC, while

another structure is abandoned

with plants growing inside. Station officer, Kaptangani, Vijay Prakash Maurya said, "I think people have been living in the Health Department building for quite some time as there was no government residence and

the buildings were vacant." Azamgarh ASP (City) Shailendra Lal, when contacted, said the "PHC building is not used by policemen, and the information of policemen living inside the PHC building was false". Azamgarh SSP Anurag

Arya could not be reached for a

comment. Azamgarh Chief

Medical Officer, Dr Indra Narayan Tiwari, said the PHCs in Kandharapur and Kaptanganj are yet to be handed over to the Health Department. "Both are under investigation by the SIT. The government has given directions to the agencies to complete their construction and hand them over to the Health Department. Then they will be under our control and we will give directions for them," said Dr Tiwari.

Asked about the Kaptanganj PHC, he said, "I can't say if policemen are living there or not. If it was handed over to us, we would have asked them to leave." In its records, the health department had noted alleged financial irregularities in this PHC.

#### CHC staff have no place to stay

More than 350 km from Chaubepur area, the CHC is operational. The CHC, which is supposed to have 30 beds, had 15 operational beds when *The Indian* Express visited, and one patient admitted. As per government guidelines, a CHC is supposed to have 25 staff members, including four medical officers. At the Chaubepur CHC, four doctors and 15 paramedical staff are posted.

As per government guidelines, a CHC building should have a main building, medical officer residence for four staff members, six category-2 residences, and six category-1 residences. However, at this CHC, there isn't a single residence for any staff member, and officials say they manage with a doctors' duty room.

Dr Vipul Chaturvedi, consultant at the CHC, said construction for residences is being done behind the main building. The CHC didn't have an operational X-Ray machine, which officials said is because they don't have X-Ray films. In case an X-Ray is required, patients are sent to Ursula Horsman Memorial Hospital - 25 km away.

When The Indian Express visited the CHC at 4 pm, there was no doctor at the emergency ward. Asked what happens in case of an

emergency, an employee said, "The doctor lives nearby. We will call him. There are no residences here, so doctors and consultants go home after 2 pm."

This CHC is the subject of an SIT probe, as per health department records. Asked about no residence for staff and the Chaubepur CHC in Kanpur not having an operational X-Ray machine, Kanpur Nagar CMO Dr Alok Ranjan said, "If you go there, you will find some things lacking. Efforts are always being made to fix the problems. For residences, we had sought a budget and it has been sanctioned. We will get the residences constructed. The rest of the problems will also be addressed. A radiograph machine will be brought.'

#### Long wait for residents

Narayan Singh (65) is used to travelling to Delhi, Noida or AI-IMS Rishikesh whenever he or a family member falls sick. He says the PHC in Bijnore's Sheikhpura, where he stays, would be a blessing once it's up and running, but wonders why such an obscure location was chosen for it. "We call it a forested area... It should have been closer to the road," he says.

The PHC is being built around 400 metres from the main road and the only thing visible from a distance is an overhead tank. It is surrounded by the tall sugarcane crops, and has no pucca road leading up to it.

When The Indian Express visited, there was one person guarding the area. In the past, wires, locks, gate latches, pipes, marble and a submersible pump have been stolen from the PHC. The guard said a few men also tried to steal the ramp railing but couldn't succeed. Two residences and a pump house were still being built at the under-construction PHC, and some wiring and flooring work remained.

The health department, in its records, noted: "Work in progress. The doors installed have to be replaced. The approach road has to be repaired. The floor of OHT is broken."

It's the same story at the PHC in Bhikkawala. Gyan Singh Rawat (62), a resident of the village that falls on UP's border with Uttarakhand in Bijnor district, said he is tired of waiting. "Around two years have passed since this building was constructed, but there is nothing in it. We have written multiple times to the health department through the JanSunwai app, but they transfer the application elsewhere.

"Many people from this village are in the Army or paramilitary forces, and mostly women and children reside here. In case of an emergency, who will take them to the hospital? That is why this PHC is important to us. There is a CHC

around 8 km away, but it's not in a good shape," said Rawat. The village has a population of around 1,700. At the PHC, Medical Officer, Category-1 and Category-2 residences are still under construction. The paint on the outer wall of the PHC building has started wearing off and

Both projects were allotted in 2018-19. Work on the PHC in Bhikkawala was supposed to be completed by September 2023 and on the PHC in Sheikhpura by August 2023. The projects are 65% and 70% finished respectively.

the approach road is broken.

Both PHCs are being built by the UP Housing & Development Board. Said an official: "We had to employ two contractors for construction of the main building and residences. It will take around two more months to complete the work."

Vijay Goel, the CM Officer of Bijnor, said: "The construction agency had said they will hand over the buildings by November. However, there is a lot of work left and I will have to check with the engineers how much more time they need. So far, it is not fixed when both centres will become operational.'

On why PHC Sekhputa is being built in a secluded place, the CMO said, "It is very difficult to get land where there is no dispute. An approach road will be constructed soon."

#### WORDLY WISE

OUR HEALTH CARE IS RATIONED BY WEALTH.

— Noam Chomsky

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## SLIDING DOWN

Global and domestic concerns are a drag on markets. Volatility is unlikely to subside in the immediate term

ARKETS IN INDIA continued to fall on Thursday, with the BSE Sensex plunging 900 points to end the day down 1.4 per cent. The Nifty closed the day below the 19,000 level. Markets have, in fact, been weak for several weeks now. Over the past month, the Sensex has fallen around 4.5 per cent. It is now trading at a price to equity ratio of around 22, which is marginally lower than its long-term average. The Nifty VIX, a fear gauge, is up, indicating an increase in market volatility. However, India is not an outlier. Markets across Asia have witnessed a broad-based sell-off as investor sentiment has soured. The Nikkei fell 2.14 per cent on Thursday, and is down 5.5 per cent over the past month. Similarly, Kospi fell 2.7 per cent on Thursday, and has declined 6.7 per cent over the last month.

In India, the weakness is being seen across sectors. The Nifty Auto index was down 1.6 per cent on Thursday, while the bank index fell 1.3 per cent. Maruti Suzuki is down 1.7 per cent, Tata Motors fell 1.9 per cent, while Mahindra and Mahindra is down 3.89 per cent. In the financial space, HDFC Bank is down about 2.2 per cent, while Kotak fell around 1.9 per cent. Bajaj Finserv declined 3.68 per cent. Among the IT majors, TCS fell 1.7 per cent, while Infosys fared marginally better, falling 0.7 per cent. This weakness is, however, not just limited to the larger companies, but is more widespread. After a spectacular run in the recent past, both midcap and smallcap stocks have come under pressure. The BSE Midcap index is down roughly 5.2 per cent over the past month, while the Smallcap index has fallen by 3.4 per cent.

Domestic as well as global concerns are weighing down investors. On the domestic front, mixed second quarter results and sluggish rural consumption have raised concerns over the durability and strength of the underlying economic momentum. On the external front, the continuing conflict in West Asia and the possibility of yields staying higher for longer in developed economies such as the US are a major source of concern. The US 10-year bond yield has soared and is hovering around 5 per cent, a level last seen in 2007. The better than expected US home sales data released on Wednesday has raised questions over what rate is restrictive enough. A strong economy, coupled with inflation still well above the US Fed target, only increases the likelihood of interest rates staying higher for longer. This will have a bearing on portfolio flows and the currency. As per data from NSDL, monthly net investments by foreign portfolio investors have turned negative in September and October. These factors suggest that market volatility is unlikely to subside in the near term.

## BEGIN WITH THE PHC

Uttar Pradesh government needs to urgently get down to addressing longstanding deficits in health care in the state

VER SINCE THE launch of its flagship health programme, Ayushman Bharat, in 2018, the Centre has repeatedly underlined the significance of improving accessibility to medical care, especially in rural areas. The project envisages refashioning 1,50,000 public health centres (PHCs) to health and wellness centres (HWCs) to "bring healthcare closer to peoples' homes". From the outset it was apparent that this would require addressing the sector's chronic shortages — doctors, frontline medical professionals and healthcare infrastructure. Since health is a state subject, the Centre's resolve requires a matching commitment by state governments. By all accounts, most states that have traditionally lagged on welfare indices have not risen to this challenge. As a report in this paper shows, more than 200 community healthcare centres and PHCs in Uttar Pradesh are not even brick-and-mortar structures. A majority of these projects began years before the Yogi Adityanath government assumed office and the state's health department has flagged irregularities in these construction works. Given that several data repositories place UP as amongst the worst performers in rural healthcare, the state government would be well advised to expedite work on these PHCs.

Private facilities dominate the country's healthcare landscape. But these centres are concentrated in urban areas, do not have a community-oriented approach and do not focus on preventive care. The latest edition of the Centre's Rural Health Statistics shows that the medical system outside urban areas continues to be plagued by a shortfall of doctors and infrastructure. Barely 45 per cent PHCs adhere to their mandate of functioning 24x7. Also worrying is the shortage of nurses in several states, including in India's most populous state. A study published in The Lancet in February placed UP among the five states where district hospitals offer only 1 per cent of the basic services.

A PHC is the first point of contact between the village community and a medical professional and, therefore, plays a key role in building local confidence in the system. The significance of these health centres has been highlighted during several disease outbreaks in recent times, including the Covid pandemic. While the public health emergency tested medical preparedness in all parts of the country, it underscored that wellequipped medical centres at the village and district levels are imperative to prevent disease escalation. Other medical emergencies — encephalitis outbreaks in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, for instance — have also driven home this point. That's why UP — and other states that lag on healthcare indices — must waste no time in getting their act together.

### OVER TO THE AI BOT

It is here to save humans from meetings where much is said and little done

HERE ARE MANY reasons, experts say, to worry about artificial intelligence (AI): It can take over jobs and steal people's likenesses and voices to create potentially misleading video and sound clips. A recent report by a US think tank has found that AI can even be used to plan bioweapon attacks, and three European bodies have put out a statement asking the EU to regulate the technology before it is used to undermine democracy. For the ordinary office worker, however, plagued by unrealistic deadlines and an anxiety-inducing stack of unread emails, all of the above doomsday scenarios may be cancelled out by the news that AI can attend virtual meetings on their behalf.

In the nine-to-five, and more, office grind, few things are as unpopular as the mandatory meeting where much is said and little is achieved. Which is why the announcement by companies like Google and Microsoft, that their new AI assistants can take the place of humans in meetings, comes as a promise — not just for reluctant participants, but also for the organisers of these meetings. Unlike a human worker, AI will turn up on time, not derail discussions with segues and monologues; it will keep diligent notes and provide a summary at the end. AI can also be used to enforce meeting etiquette — as some companies are reportedly now doing in the US, "meeting bots" can be programmed to point out when some participants are dominating discussions or interrupting others.

Despite the rapid pace of development, though, humans will have to continue braving ennui and burnt coffee at physical meetings for a while yet. If there is any truth to what the Cassandras of technology have been predicting, the day is not far when AI will take over the planet. Before that, could it please take over all the meetings?

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## The Biden pragmatism

Middle East crisis has shown US capacity to manage different theatres of conflict simultaneously



C Raja Mohan

THE UNEXPECTED EXPLOSION of the Israel-Palestine conflict has raised questions about the potential overstretch in American grand strategy. Put simply, can the US walk, whistle and chew gum at the same time? Can Washington determine outcomes in simultaneous wars in Europe, the Middle East and Asia amidst the growing strategic collaboration between Beijing and Moscow and Tehran's capacity to create trouble? Is the US public ready to support expansive military commitments around the world?

In recent years, Russia and China have convinced themselves that the West is in terminal decline and American primacy in the global order could be challenged. The US, however, has demonstrated that it has enough capability to counter the Russian and Chinese challenges in Europe and Asia.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 led to a rallying effect in Europe. Two traditionally neutral nations, Finland and Sweden, joined NATO and Europe doubled down to back Ukraine. Over the last two years, the US has made impressive gains in Asia. These include encouraging Japan to ramp up its defence expenditure to counter China, promoting normalisation of ties between Tokyo and Seoul, renewing defence cooperation with the Philippines, signing a strategic partnership agreement with Communist Vietnam, unveiling the AUKUS partnership with Australia and the UK, strengthening the Quad, and enhancing bilateral ties with India. Above all, the US has expanded its military support for Taiwan and is raising the costs of a potential Chinese invasion.

Yet, the outbreak of unprecedented violence in Israel and Gaza and the danger of a wider war in the Middle East has renewed concerns about the US's capacity to prevail in all three theatres. Reinforcing these concerns has been the fraying domestic consensus on foreign policy. Well before the October 7 terror attack on Israel, the US Congress dropped the aid package to Ukraine. Even as Ukraine's counter-offensive against Russian occupation stalls, a major section of the Republican Party has ranged itself against unending military support to Ukraine. An important section of the US foreign policy establishment has argued that the US should focus on countering China rather than wasting its energies in Ukraine. It Ukraine. While there is a strong bipartisan political consensus in favour of defending Israel, some question Washington's uncritical support for Tel Aviv. Meanwhile, the prospects that Donald Trump might win presidency again has generated possibilities for a return to isolation. Several factors, however, suggest it is un-

insists that Europeans should take greater re-

sponsibility to counter the Russian invasion of

wise to underestimate the US's strategic resilience. One is the importance of balancing the noisy US foreign policy debates about decline and isolationism against the Washington establishment's enduring strength, demonstrated over the decades, to moderate the extreme domestic arguments and sustain the pursuit of essential US interests worldwide. Second, the US decline tends to be over-

stated. The US share of the global GDP continues to be around 24 per cent. While it is true that the Western share of the GDP has declined, much of that reflects a substantive drop in Europe's share. At the same time, it is easy to overstate China's rise. The current slowdown in the Chinese economy suggests it will be a long while, if at all, before Beijing overtakes Washington in aggregate GDP.

On the military front, the US continues to spend more on defence than the next 10 countries combined, including China and India. None of the other powers can project military power in the manner the US does. As the crisis has unfolded in the Middle East, the US deployed two aircraft carriers in the eastern Mediterranean during the last few days.

On the diplomatic front too, the US has been able to insert itself directly and at the highest level in the Gaza war. While China and Russia have offered the usual bromides, Biden travelled there personally, pressed the Israelis to delay the ground invasion and pushed for humanitarian relief. The US has more leverage than the other major powers with both the Arabs and Israel. All that was not enough to produce peace, but there should be no doubt about who has the greater influence in shaping the regional landscape.

The structure of the great power conflict, too, favours Washington. Although Russia and China have gotten closer than before, both are eager to work out separate deals with the US. For Moscow and Beijing, it is a question of terms and not a matter of ideological principle. The US has domestic problems, and China and Russia have their own. The strong-man rule in Moscow and Beijing may mask those difficulties, but can't hide them from the US.

As a distant power, secure behind two oceans, the US can always take a detached view of the balance of power in Europe and Asia. With minor tweaks in its policy, it can exploit the many contradictions among the major powers of Eurasia. The US demonstrated this in the 1970s when it took advantage of the tensions between the presumed Communist twins, China and Russia.

The greatest US advantage is its system of alliances that vastly outgun the coalitions that Russia and China have sought to construct. The Biden administration has made a conscious decision to look beyond its traditional alliances. By strengthening those who have a stake in defending themselves against China, the US has enhanced the Asian deterrent capabilities against Beijing. The Biden administration is also finessing its declared ideological framework democracies versus autocracies. As the US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan put it in a just-published article in Foreign Affairs, the range of countries supporting Washington includes "those with diverse political systems". "We will work with any country", Sullivan adds, "prepared to stand up for the principles of the UN Charter".

Sullivan's formulation is not a "deviation" from the ideology of democracy promotion; he is reaffirming the deeply embedded realist tradition in US foreign policy. While the question of democratic values remains central to the US foreign policy discourse, Washington's conduct of international relations has been pragmatic when it comes to its core interests.

Planners in Moscow, Beijing, and Tehran might bet that fanning multiple fires could trip up Washington. Promoting chaos might be an interesting strategy, but to use an old Marxist metric, the "correlation of forces" is still in favour of the US. While the challenges confronting the US are complex and demanding, Washington has the will, resources and room for much geopolitical manoeuvre.

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## WARMING UP, BREAKING THE ICE

India's consensus-building capacity makes it a crucial voice in securing the Arctic

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IN AN emerging multipolar world, India has surprised many observers by extracting a rare thing as host of the G20 Summit — consensus. Seen increasingly as a deterrent against Chinese expansionism, India has shown it can balance the competing interests of the Global North and the Global South. This is essential to protecting our global climate, including critically important ecosystems such as the Arctic.

The Arctic is warming at a rate four times faster than the global average, leading to an unprecedented loss of sea ice, as well as the thawing of permafrost. Continued Arctic change risks losing the North Pole's "great white shield" and unleashing vast quantities of stored carbon, rivaling the cumulative emissions from the US at its current rate. This can trigger multiple catastrophic and irreversible climate tipping points. Protection of the Arctic is, therefore, crucial to protect the world from the worst effects of the climate emergency.

The impacts of climate change are disproportionately affecting the Global South, and the melting Arctic is no exception. Recent research shows an intricate correlation between the melting of Arctic sea ice and extreme rainfall events during the Indian summer monsoon. The monsoon is crucial to agriculture and livelihoods, making up 80 per cent of South Asia's rainfall. The interconnection is only one example of how intertwined our global ecosystems are. As impacts in one re-

As developmental pressures increase, the only current governance mechanism for this critical global commons has been suspended. The Arctic Council is a group of eight countries (the US, Russia, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Canada, Denmark, and Iceland) with primary capacity for protecting or exploiting the vital ecosystem. The suspension of the Council due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine has made it more difficult to hold countries accountable.

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gion can affect the rest of the world, with, in this case, a disproportionate impact on the Global South, consensus-based collective action to mitigate climate impacts in the Arctic is critical.

Despite awareness about the importance of the Arctic, the climatic challenge is being exacerbated by rapid development and growing geopolitical tensions. Russia stretches over 53 per cent of the Arctic Ocean coastline and is pouring resources into commercialising and expanding trade channels along the Northern Sea Route, while continuing to use and transport high-polluting heavy fuel oil through Arctic waters. Russian investments signal its interest in short-term commercial exploitation, not long-term climate preservation. Other Arctic countries are also planning oil and gas development endeavours, despite a growing number of banks commit-

ting to abstain from financing such projects. As developmental pressures increase, the only current governance mechanism for this critical global commons has been suspended. The Arctic Council is a group of eight countries (the US, Russia, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Canada, Denmark, and Iceland) with primary capacity for protecting or exploiting the vital ecosystem. The suspension of the Council due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine has made it more difficult to hold countries accountable and to monitor wider activity contributing to changes in the Arctic.

The Council does not have any member from the Global South, though some, including India, have observer status. The active involvement of India as a member of the Arctic Council to voice the concerns of the Global South could help push for an end to further exploitation.

India's ability to traverse historical divides and develop aligned positions among the Global North and Global South, as evidenced at the G20 Summit, holds the potential to forge a united approach to safeguarding crucial global ecosystems, especially the Arctic The New Delhi Leader's Declaration demonstrated India's ability to navigate the conflicting interests of the Global North and the Global South. India has a further opportunity to exercise this bridge-building capacity at its proposed virtual G20 Summit in November, where it can raise the Arctic as part of a constructive conversation on climate governance.

This capacity to generate unanimity will be needed to reform Arctic governance and protect the climate. As India takes greater steps towards leading the Global South, its post-G20 future should involve pushing for these reforms and ensuring that climate protection is at the forefront of global Arctic policymaking.

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#### OCTOBER 27, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

#### INDIA SLAMS INVASION

ABOUT 800 PARATROOPERS of the US army's 82nd airborne division landed in Grenada to reinforce the American invasion force fighting with Cuban and Grenadian troops on the tiny Caribbean island. India said the invasion of Grenada "cannot be justified and is inconsistent with the basic law of international behaviour." It called for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Grenada.

ANOTHER ASSASSINATION A GUNMAN PUMPED seven bullets into Jordan's Ambassador to Italy in the second

assassination attempt in two days against envoys from West Asia, police said. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the shooting that seriously wounded ambassador Taysir Alaedin Toukan and his Egyptian driver Mohamed Hidar Baud. Both the driver and the 57-year-old ambassador underwent emergency operations.

#### NDA AGAINST TALLOW

SUPPORTERS OF THE National Democratic Alliance, led by the Bharatiya Janata Party president AB Vajpayee and the Lok Dal president Charan Singh, staged a day-long dharna at the Boat Club to protest against the addition of beef and pig tallow to vanaspati. The protestors spent the entire day listening to speeches delivered by various leaders from both parties.

#### NO INVITE TO AKALIS

The government seems to have deferred its decision to send an invitation to the Akalis for resumption of talks in view of the unabated terrorist activities in the state. This was indicated by Home Minister P C Sethi when he said that no date had been fixed for sending the letter. He said as far as the government was concerned, its doors were always open for talks.

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**DIS/AGREE** THE BEST OF BOTH SIDES

A fortnightly column, which offers not this-versus-that, but the best of both sides, to inform the debate



Last week, the Supreme Court gave its verdict on marriage equality. It has sparked a debate on how far the judiciary can go in recognising a right and offering a remedy to a vulnerable minority

## SC does not have the authority

Existing law cannot be interpreted to include same-sex marriage. Authority to change this, under the Constitution, rests elsewhere

Under India's

Constitution, the

people of India —

through their

representatives in

Parliament and in state

legislatures — are free

to accept marriage as

including a union of

same-sex couples. The

Supreme Court does

not have the authority.



Fali S Nariman

THE IMPORTANCE OF marriage has existed almost since the beginning of human civilisation, but on the understanding that marriage is heterosexual: A union between man and woman — two persons of the opposite sex. The premises supporting the concept of marriage were and remain fundamental: That the human race must procreate in order to survive. Procreation occurs only through sexual relations between a man and woman committed to a bond. Over the centuries, society has recognised that bond as "marriage".

Same-sex marriage is a phrase of recent import, an oxymoron, that is, a phrase using contradictory terms. However, same-sex relationships exist and are accepted in society. Same-sex marriage is also gaining in popularity. So far, it has been established, by law, in at least 34 different countries around the world (countries that account for 17 per cent of the world's total population); most of the Americas (North and South) and countries in Western Europe are included. But its spread has been uneven:

South Africa is the only country in the continent of Africa, and Taiwan is the only country in the continent of Asia that have accepted same-sex marriage.

In Supriya Chakraborty

and Anr v Union of India, a writ petition filed in the Supreme Court of India in 2022, under Article 32 of the Constitution for enforcement of a fundamental right along with similar writ petitions — arguments in support of same-sex marriage were rooted in the Fundamental Rights Chapter (Part-III) of the Constitution, as well as in social and policy

considerations. The petitioners contended that same-sex couples should be permitted to affirm their commitment to one another through marriage — like opposite-sex couples — and that existing marriage laws should be so read and interpreted.

Now, under India's Constitution, the people of India — through their representatives in Parliament and state legislatures — are free to accept marriage as including a union of same-sex couples. But as a matter of constitutional law, neither a Constitution Bench of five judges, nor even the full complement of 34 judges of the Supreme Court, has the authority to so declare.

Under India's Constitution, the power to make laws — including laws of marriage vests exclusively either with Parliament at the Centre or with a state legislature — by reason of provisions contained in Article 245(1) and Article 246(2) of the Constitution read along with Item 5 in the Concurrent List.

In Supriya Chakraborty, judgments were handed down on October 17 by the five justices on the Constitution Bench. The two senior-most judges in the Court (Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice Sanjay Kishan

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Kaul) — in separate but concurring opinions - held that though there was no fundamental right to marry, and although the Court could not treat same-sex couples on the same basis as a marriage between two persons of the opposite sex, declarations were granted and directions issued to alleviate the hardships experienced by same-sex couples living together. However, the remaining three justices on the Bench (Justices Ravindra Bhat, Hima Kohli and P S Narasimha), while also holding that there was no fundamental right

to marry, expressly disagreed with the decla-

rations granted and directions issued by the

two senior-most judges. Consequently, the

two senior-most judges in the Court are in a

minority; their judgments have to be reck-

oned as dissenting opinions: Having no

greater force or validity than "an appeal to the

brooding spirit of the future...". The operative majority opinion is that expressed in the judgments of the remaining three Justices Bhat, Kohli and Narasimha. A summary of their findings (now the opinion of the Court) is as follows: One, there is no unqualified right to marriage except that recognised by statute or custom; two, legal recognition of the right to a union — akin to marriage or civil union — can only be through enacted law; three, courts cannot enjoin or direct the creation of a legal or regulatory framework resulting in the conferment of legal status on samesex couples, nor can same-sex couples be granted the right to adopt; four, that it is not

> possible to read provisions in existing statutes governing marriage in a gender-neutral manner; five, the constitutional challenge to the Special Marriage Act, 1954, the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, and the Foreign Marriage Act of 1969 is rejected; six, despite the above, separate directions have been given to the Union of India for setting up a high-level committee under the cabinet secretary's chairmanship to help ameliorate the manifold difficulties including discrimination experienced by same-sex couples living together.

In a decision of the US Supreme Court upholding the constitutional validity of

same-sex marriage, Chief Justice John G Roberts Jr, along with three colleagues, differed with the majority view expressed by Justice Anthony Kennedy, along with four other colleagues. Chief Justice Roberts opened his dissenting opinion with these stirring words: "Understand well what this dissent is about: It is not about whether, in my judgement, the institution of marriage should be changed to include same-sex couples. It is instead about whether, in our democratic republic, that decision should rest with the people acting through their elected representatives... The US Constitution leaves no doubt about the answer."

In Supriya Chakraborty and Anr v Union of India, the Supreme Court of India (majority opinion of three out of five judges) has held that under India's Constitution, the question as to whether same-sex marriage should be accepted rests not with the courts, but with the country's Parliament and state legislatures — and so far, it has not been recognised in any law.

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## Court lets itself, and us, down

Argument of limited judicial competence is problematic. Court has intervened in the past to better lives of citizens, prevent discrimination

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SAURABH KIRPAL

THE SUPREME COURT of India has been touted as the most powerful court in the world. Any reader of this paper would be keenly aware of the influence that the judgments of the Court have on the politics of the country as well as the daily lives of common citizens. The mechanism of public interest litigation devised by judges has helped the courts to reach out and remedy injustices wherever they exist. In politics, the court has mandated the declaration of assets of candidates in elections to further the cause of transparency. From directing the serving of mid-day meals to ordering the use of CNG to combat air pollution, the Supreme Court has intervened to ensure a better life for the common person. None of these directions existed in law but were fashioned by the courts through an interpretation of multiple provisions of the Constitution.

So, it is a bit puzzling that when it comes to the fundamental rights of one

of the weakest sections of society, the queer community, the Court decided to adopt a philosophy of judicial restraint. While the marriage equality judgment is complex and deals with multiple issues, the one clear outcome is that the majority has refused to recognise the right to a civil partnership as well as the right of queer couples to adopt. This outcome is more surprising given that the majority recognises the real and constant discrimination faced by the LBTQIA

community. The judg-

ment records that "this deprivation has to be addressed" — just not by the Court. Instead, the majority has merely expressed a fond hope that the legislature would step in and remedy these grave injustices. It seems that the Court forgot that it was the failure of Parliament to ensure justice that compelled the petitioners to file the petitions.

This deference to Parliament was also the argument of the government, which the majority seems to have wholeheartedly endorsed. Unfortunately, this position is wrong both in law and in morality. The Court, when faced with deprivations and systemic injustices, is constitutionally required (and not merely empowered) to step in and provide relief. This is not an instance of the judiciary overstepping its boundaries; it is a constitutional obligation of the Court.

The framers of our Constitution were alive to the multiple forms of discrimination that existed in the country at the time of Independence. They were also aware that electoral politics, while essential in a democracy, was not the surest

way to achieve justice for all. The ultimate task of defending the fundamental rights of all citizens was placed upon the constitutional courts of the country. The Supreme Court has been explicitly mandated to strike down laws which violate any fundamental right (Article 13). Any person has the right to petition the Court for enforcement of her fundamental rights by filing a petition under Article 32, a provision that B R Ambedkar referred to as the heart and soul of the Constitution. The power of the courts, therefore, flows from the same charter which empowers the legislatures to make law. It is no less legitimate than the right of Parliament to enact law.

Further, the Constitution not only empowers the Court to invalidate unconstitutional laws but also envisages a system of checks and balances by which the judiciary can compel the government to act in a manner required by the Constitution. To urge that the Court is powerless in the face of a situation created by a legislative vacuum is to put a premium on constitutional immorality. It gives free rein to future parliaments to defeat fundamental rights by creating complex laws which grant some citizens their rights while denying them to others. As per the argument of the government, it is theoretically possible to have legislation permitting adoption only if the parents are of the

> caste. same Parliament could pass a law by which the minimum age of marriage under the Special Marriage Act — the only act under which people of different religions can marry – would be raised to 50 years. If these examples outrage us, it is because they are unconstitutional as well as unconscionable.

Perhaps, the greatest concern with the argument of limited judicial competence is ethical rather than purely legal. This is because it seeks to equate majoritarianism

and democracy. Our constitutional values do not give dictatorial powers to the elected legislators any more than they permit the judges to be silent spectators to wanton violations of fundamental rights. Relying upon the goodwill of the majority to defend the rights of an oppressed minority was as fantastical a notion in 1950 as it is today. Platitudes and commiseration cannot replace substantive rights and relief that the queer community needs immediately. Justice H R Khanna, when he penned his famous dissent in the ADM Jabalpur case, which upheld the suspension of fundamental rights during the Emergency, said that he was appealing to the brooding presence of the law and an intelligence of a future age. Time proved him right. It can only be hoped that the marriage equality case will also be looked at sooner rather than later by wise and empathetic judges.

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#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Opinion polls and byelection results suggest that voters see Mr Sunak as caretaker leader of a moribund government... averting it would have required a meaningful... break from the past. The evidence suggests that the prime minister lacks both the courage and the conviction for that task." -THE GUARDIAN

## Once upon a time, MPs went to UN

Practice of sending parliamentary delegations to the General Assembly, started in the spirit of internationalism, has been subverted by BJP



BY DEREK O'BRIEN

MORE THAN TEN Octobers ago, as a newly elected MP, I had the good fortune of being selected by my party to be a part of the parliamentary delegation to attend the 67th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session in 2012. All members of the delegation attend and speak for India. These sessions are held in committee rooms, which are more like large conference rooms near the main hall where the UNGA convenes. However, through a quirk of fate (it is too long a story to tell), I was informed that in addition to the statements I will be making in the committee rooms, I would also be addressing the UN General Assembly. I did so on October 22, 2012. It was certainly one of the biggest days of my life. I took the opportunity to touch upon an array of topics, including gender equity, infant mortality, climate change and poverty.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) meets every year between September and December. The presidentelect of the General Assembly suggests a theme of global concern to be discussed. Every year, an Indian parliamentary delegation is also chosen to be a part of the gathering, addressing the annual session. The practice of an all-party delegation of members of the Indian Parliament visiting New York during the first few months of the General Assembly session is believed to have been initiated by Jawaharlal Nehru, our first PM and a fervent advocate of internationalism.

Generally, no other country follows this practice of sending their MPs to these sessions. For India, this is a unique opportunity for capacity-building and engaging with the UN, as also to get an insider's view of diplomacy.

Many of my colleagues who have been elected to Parliament in recent years have not enjoyed the same good fortune. No fault of theirs. Soon after the BJP government came to power in 2014, they started working on ways to short-circuit this practice of sending Indian parliamentary delegations to the UN. A delegation went in 2015. In the following years, this convention has been covertly subverted.

Here's what my fellow parliamentarians have to say on this subject:

PChidambaram: "In all democracies, the executive and the legislature share the responsibility of governance. That is why parliamentary delegations are as important as minister-led delegations. Continuing the tradition, in all its 10 years, the UPA government sent an all-party delegation of MPs to the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly. After the advent of Mr Modi, a delegation was sent in two of the five years of Modi-1. Under Modi-2, the practice has been totally stopped. This shows the Modi

government's utter contempt for Parliament and its important functions. What we are witnessing is the centralisation of power in one person. In due course, all institutions will be devalued and destroyed."

Shashi Tharoor: "This was an excellent practice that showcased India's democracy to the world. For MPs from different parties to sit behind the India nameplate and speak for the nation was a reminder that even as politics divided us at home, we were united in pursuance of the national interest abroad. There is a long-standing principle in India that our partisan political disagreements stop at the water's edge: Abroad, we are Indians first and always. This was why, from the inception of the parliamentary standing committee system, the chairperson of the external affairs committee was always an Opposition MP, and why the Opposition MPs featured prominently in the UN delegations annually. The BJP abandoned both practices — they have not sent an MP for many years and assumed the committee chairmanship for their own party in 2019. The degrading of our democratic culture has gone that far."

Ram Gopal Yadav: "I went twice as a member of the Indian delegation – 2011 and 2015. The ruling dispensation's discontinuation of sending an all-party delegation to the United Nations General Assembly is an external representation of what they portray internally within the country: A deep fear of conversation with those who do not think alike. The UNGA is the largest representation of such a conversation. The BJP's discontinuation of the Indian tradition of sending an all-party delegation is reflective of the dictatorial values they stand for. There is no room for opinion with the BJP, neither at home, nor abroad. While the prime minister avoids press conferences in the country, the government avoids international conferences abroad. This discontinuation truly shows how far they are willing to go to avoid freedom of expression and thought."

Priyanka Chaturvedi: "Since the time when Jawaharlal Nehru was the PM, India had been sending a delegation of MPs, both treasury and the Opposition to the United Nations to engage in discussions at the international level and represent the vision of crores of people of the nation. Participation of an elected representative, especially one from the Opposition, at such a level, emboldens not only the nation but also the ideals of a healthy democracy."

Manoj Kumar Jha: "All avenues of engagement with the Opposition have been closed. This does reflect a break in foreign policy. It is also a break with the BJP's own tradition. Perhaps, the government is too beleaguered to engage with multilateralism Besides, this government feels that bilateral fixing is more productive than multilateralism. Their limited view of international relations doesn't allow them the depth needed to understand multilateralism."

For all practical purposes, parliamentary delegations from India are not being sent anymore to the UN. What a shame!

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### POLLUTION PROBLEM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Mumbai alarm bells' (IE, October 26). Although Delhi gets sufficient attention to meet the pollution challenge, the system gets bogged down in the tussle between the bureaucracy and the elected government. However, the primary reason for the choking situation in Mumbai is the dereliction of BMC functionaries to tackle the problem of pollution appropriately. No steps are taken to tackle the waste management problem. Open burning of waste, emissions from industrial houses and road dust are other pollutants. BMC must get its act together if Mumbai is to improve its air quality.

Ravi Mathur, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the editorial. 'Mumbai alarm bells' (IE, October 26). Those measuring air quality have seen a phenomenal jump in particulate matter and other pollutants over Mumbai between October 2022 and 2023. The average concentration of particulate matter has increased by 100 per cent. The civic body's anti-smog guns are not effective in addressing gaseous emissions. NCAP set targets for cities to achieve 20-30 percent reduction in particulate matter by 2024, but Mumbai's air quality has worsened. Real-time monitoring of polluting sites and simultaneous assessment of measures are the way forward.

SS Paul, Nadia

#### TERROR ALL OVER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Israel's doublespeak on terror' (IE, October 26). The writer has rightly exposed the skeletons in Israel's closet. However, caution must be exercised, lest we use this as an excuse to approve of Hamas. Nor Israeli state-sponsored terrorism or Hamas' resistant terrorism can be condoned. In the political battle for statehood, human rights must not be compromised at any cost. India has, for a long time, advocated for terrorism to be treated as a global concern. With the geo-political disorder only exacerbating, combating terrorism should goal.

**Sanjana Nagar,** *Gurugram* 

### FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Iceland's standstill' (IE, October 26). The most striking aspect of this protest is that even the country's PM Katrin Jakobsdóttirfact decided to partake and ensure that the people felt supported. For the head of a country to back its women is significant and other women leaders should learn from this as well. Household chores are expected of women so that men can freely continue with their business. So while this is a fight for equality in the workplace, it is also a fight for all those who remain behind to back their partners. Women's work must be recognised and acknowledged — we must make ourselves heard.

**Fiza Ahmed,** *Mumbai* 

**Short Term E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders** 

No. 5060/Nivida-Moradabad/23-24 Date 19-10-2023 . On behalf of the Governor of UP, tenders for following work are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, PWD Moradabad online on website http://etender.up.nic.in from registered contractors from 27-10-2023 at 10.00 am to 02-11-2023 at 03.00 p.m. Technical bid /Prequalification of tenders shall be opened on 02 11-2023 at 03.30 pm in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence o authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial bid of the tenders' who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day.

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3	Amroba	Ikonda road to Simli road.	57.10	4.86	2 Month	2354.00	"A, B and C" Road category
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No 1142 / E-Tender/23-24 Dated: 19-10-2023 1. The Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD Amroha on behalf of

the Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved Contractor registered with UP PWD Class A, B. C. & D (For Road Works) The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

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5	Amroha	Special Repair of Rehra Gawon Road to Sonthala Road	27.00	2.70	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & D
6	Amroba	Special Repair of Adampter to Pursal Road	15.50	1,55	854.00	I Month	A,B,C & D
7	Amroha	Special Repair of Dhabursi Simthala Road. to Mandhia Road	15.00	1.50	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & D
R	Ameoha	Special Repair of Bhawli to Bhogputa Road	32.00	3.20	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C-& D
9	Amroba	Special Repair of Hasenpur Rebrs Gawon Road to Khushalpur	8.00	0.80	766.00	1 Month	A,B,C & D
10	Amroha	Special Repair of Burtors to Defan Gajar Road	32.00	3.20	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & U
11	Amroha	Special Repair of Chaptas Jallopur Road to Linea Nanai Road	27.00	2.70	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & D
12	Aneoha	Special Repair of Karaokhal to Gobra Milak Road	4.50	0.45	677.00	1 Month	ABCD&
13	Amroba	Special Repair of Sihali Jugeer to Sahioli via Agraula Road	33.00	3.30	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & D
14	Amroba	Special Repair of NH-24 to Kabirpur via Mehmadabad Road	25.00	2.50	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & D
15	Amroha	Special Repair of Hasanpur Relus Gawss Road Km 121 to	21.00	2.10	854.00	1 Month	A.B.C.& D
16	Amerika	Kalakhera to Haibstone Buniara Road Special Repair of Hasespar Airasi Road to Tasiba Road	15.00	1.50	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & D
17	Ameoba	Special Repair of BBB road to Tanda Road	26.00	2.60	854.00	I Mouth	A,B,C & D
18	Amroha	Special Repair of Telipura to Ghovipura Houd	16.00	1.60	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & D
19	Amroba	Special Repair of Makanpur to Shergark Road	28.00	2.80	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C&L
20	Amroha	Special Repair of Hosepur Atrosi Road to Maksepur Road	17.00	1.70	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C,& E
21	Amrohe	Special Repair of Basera Klund to Abdipur Somali Road	28.00	2.80	854.00	1 Month	A,B,C & E

5 in the table. 5. As per Go No 480 / तेईस—7—2021 दिनांक 12.04.2021 एवं प्रमुख अभियन्ता लो०नि०वि०

लखनऊ के पत्रांक 3951एम0टी0 / सामान्य वर्ग / 60एम0टी0 / 2020 दिनांक 23.04.2021 L-Contractor shall be upload an undertaking regarding to deposite earnest money as per earlier after opening of financial bid in case undertaking not uploaded with the bid documents then tender will not be consider. 6. Bid must be downloaded online from 10:00 AM on date 27.10.2023 to 12:00 Noon on dated 02.11.2023 and the technical bid will be opened online dated 02.11.2023 at 12:30 PM and Financial bids of the qualified bidders will be opened on date and time as notified. According to the provisions of Government Order no 1/2018/3070/78-2-2018/42 IT /2017 (22) dated 03.01.2018 after opening of the Technical and Financial Bids, The Qualified bidder has to submit original document personally in Department/Office. In the event of norm submission of original document by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of GO all terms and conditions can be seen on website http://etender.up.nic.in. **Executive Engineer.** 

UPID-196578 Date 25/10/2023 For and on behalf of Governor of UP

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**Executive Engineer** 

Construction Division P.W.D.

#### PD, P.W.D, Bulandshahr **E- Procurement Short Term Tender Notice**

#### Letter No. 6871/1A Dated: 18.10.2023 On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Executive Engineer, Provincial

Division, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate short term bids online through http://etender.up.nic.in from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D. class as per column no. 10 below Road work Category as applied from Date 27.10.2023 to 03.11.2023 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-1 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 03.11.2023 at 12:30 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next

SI. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. In Lac)	Time of Completion work including rainy season	Tender Cost (In Rs.)	Address of Executive Engineer	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category
1	2	3	4	5		7		9	10
	Under Special repair Year 2023-24		33		9				
1	Special repair of Kadkoda link road.	33.60	3,36	03 Month	300+500+18% GSF 144.00 + Rsc944.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bolandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Cade, P.W.D., Bulandshafe	Chief Engineer, Meerst Zone, P.W.D., Meenst	A,B,C,D (Road Work)
2	Special repair of JBSO to Patrampur link road	17.20	1.72	03 Month	300+500+16% GST 144.00 + Rs.944.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superinlending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D. Bulandshafe	Chief Engineer, Meerul Zone, P.W.D., Meerul	A,B,C,D (Road Work)
3	Special repair of JBSD to Harchandpur link road.	19.30	1.93	03 Month	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Rs.944.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshafe	Chief Engineer, Meenst Zone, P.W.D., Meenst	A,B,C,D (Road Work)
4	Special repair of Mulani link road.	24.90	2.49	03 Month	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Rs.944.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superiolanding Engineer, BSR Girde, P.W.D., Bulandshafe	Chaf Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A,B,C,D (Road Work)
5	Special repair of BA road to Ramgarhi link road.	12.50	1.25	03 Month	225+500+18% GST 131.86 = P6.896.60	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Supernlanding Engineer, 8SR Girde, P.W.D. Sulandshahr	Chief Engineer, Meerol Zone, P.W.D., Meerol	A.B.C.D (Road Work)
В	Special repair of BSG road to Ismita link road.	24.30	2.43	03 Month	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Pts.944.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D. Bulandshahr	Superstanding Engineer, 8SR Circle, P.W.D., Sulandshafe	Chief Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.B., Meerut	A,B,C,D (Road Work)
7	Special repair of Jamrau link road.	17.20	1.72	03 Month	300+500+18% OST 144-00 = Rb.944-00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D. Sulandshahr	Chief Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A.B.C.D (Road Work)
В	Special repair of Biros link road via Shyorampur to BA road.	12.20	122	US Month	225+500+18% OST 131.00 = Rs.856.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D. Bolandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Suisnoshehr	Chief Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A.B.C.D (Road Work)
9	Special repair of BA road to Mursana link road.	5.40	0.54	ÚS Month	225+500+18% 08T 131.00 = Rs.896.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D. Bulandshahr	Superinlanding Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Sulandshafe	Chief Engineer, Meerst Zone, P.W.D., Meerst	A.B.C.D (Road Work)
50	Special repair of Kudena ki madiya to Kudena link road.	8.70	0.87	03 Month	2254500+18% GST 131.00 + Pb.856.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superclanding Engineer, 88R Grde, P.W.D., Bulandshely	Orief Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Weerut	A,B,C,D (Road Work)
11	Special repair of Alamgirpur Dhenora to Shahpur link road,	29.70	2.97	03 Month	300+500+18% GST 144,00 = Rs.944,00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A.B.C.D (Road Work)
12	Special repair of shikoi Bambe to Nagla Nalu link road.	15.30	1.53	DS Month	300+500+18% QST 144.00 = Rs.944.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Girde, P.W.D. Butandshafe	Crief Engineer, Meenst Zone, P.W.D., Meenst	A,B.C.D (Road Work)
13	Special repair of Charona to Jatpura link road.	13.20	1.32	53 Month	225+500+18% GST 131.00 = Rs.866.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer, Meenut Zone, P.W.D., Meenut	A,B,C,O (Road Work)
14	Special repair of Rootha link road.	4.50	0.45	83 Month	150+500+18% GST 117.00 = Rs 767.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshelv	Seperintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Bulendshelv	Chief Engineer, Westrat Zone, P.W.D., Meenut	A.B.C.D (Road Work)
15	Special repair of BA road to Pondri (Canal Patri) link road.	20.90	2.09	03 Morth	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Rs 544.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, PWID., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer, Meenut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A.B.C.O (Road Work)
18	Re-construction work of Damaged outvert on BA road to Oungrajast link road.	26.50	2.65	03 Month	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Rs 544.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	AB.C.D (Road Work)
17	Special repair of Bulandshahr-Syane- Garh road Km 12 to Pall Begpur Aulina Jehra mad	11.90	1,19	83 Month	225+500+18% GST 131.00 = Rs.856.00	Esecutive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshafe	Chief Engineer, Meenut Zone, P.W.D., Meenut	A,B,C,D (Road Work)
18	Special repair of Bamarpur link road to Bhadgawan link road.	10.20	1.02	63 Month	225+500+18% GST 131.00 + Rs.856.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.O., Bulandshalte	Chief Engineer, Meenut Zone, P.W.D., Meenut	A.B.C.O (Road Work)
19	Special repair of Darawar Shafinagar road to Aurangabad Taharpur Chansi	16.30	1.63	03 Month	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Rs.944.00	Esscutive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Bulandshohr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshafe	Chief Engineer, Meenut Zone, P.W.D., Meenut	A.B.C.D (Road Work)
20	Special repair of Bichola to Rajisaha ki petri road.	9.50	0.95	03 Month	225+500+18% GST 131.00 = Rs 856.00	Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D., Sulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A,B,C,D (Road Work)

Time allowed for completion of Whole work in column No. 5, including rainy season. The Tender Document Fee must be deposited through Internet Banking only.

All registered contractors have to upload turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 years and details of maximum cost of work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chanakya Software before submission of tender. Details of e-tender uploaded or last date & time of submission of bid.

http://etender.up.nic.in shall also be uploaded on uppwd Chanakya Software before Terms & Conditions related to bids are available on <a href="http://etender.up.nic.in">http://etender.up.nic.in</a>

In PWD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahari Software URL for Prahari is <a href="http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/">http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/</a>. **Assistant Engineer** 

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P.D., P.W.D., Bulandshahr

UPID-196549 Date 25/10/2023

During execution of work contractor should ensure the all safety Measures for

**Executive Engineer** 

P.D., P.W.D., Bulandshahr

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#### U.P. RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD PARICHHA THERMAL POWER PROJECT. PARICHHA JHANSI

E-Tender Notice

 E-Tender- W-PAR/B/CMC2/CMD3/6000003713 "Work of Duct cooling system installation with all required arrangement for barracks and halls for CISF at PTPP Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 16,93,576.00 EMD Rs. 34,000.00 e-bid Submission dt. 18.11.2023 up to 02:00 PM.

2. E-Tender- N-PAR///CMD2/6000003693\_00 "Construction of CISF Facilities for New plant Gate at PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 32,63,335.00 EMD Rs. 65,000.00 e-bid Submission dt. 10.11.2023 up to 12:00 PM.

3. E-Tender- N-PAR///CMD2/6000003727 00 "Construction of New boundary wall for Main Plant Gate relocation at PTPP,Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 19,96,983.00 EMD Rs. 40,000.00 e-bid Submission dt. 10.11.2023 up to 12:00 PM.

4. E-Tender- N-PAR///CMD2/6000003776\_00 "Tiles work of

Road sidepateries from Plant Gate to CISF Dy Commandant office PTPP Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 18,34,902.00 EMD Rs. 36,500.00 e-bid Submission dt. 16.11.2023 up to 12:00 PM. E-Tender- N-PAR/C/OMC5/CHD4/6000003649 "Repairing,

Reconditioning and fabrication work of various materials of coal Handling Plant of 2x210 MW and coal unloading plant of 2x110 MW PTPP, Parichha for a period of One year.' Estimated Cost Rs. 39,84,744.00 EMD Rs. 50,000.00 e-bid Submission dt. 28.11.2023 up to 04:00 PM. E-Tender- T-09/OMC2/BMD2/BTPS/PTPP/2023-24 "Repairing Reconditioning of Centre feed pipe (Uppper

6,52,680.00 EMD Rs. 11,000.00 e-bid Submission dt 16.11.2023 up to 04:00 PM E-Tender- S-PAR/C/MMC2/PD1/6000003773\_00 "Supply of CS Lye at PTPP Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 38,08,800.00 EMD Rs. 38,500.00 e-bid Submission dt.

Assembly) and RC Feeder Hopper Chute of Unit no. 3 and 4

of BTPs 2x210 MW PTPP Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs.

 E-Tender- N-PAR/C/OMC2/BMD1/6000003772\_00 "Fabrication of Site Store and Rack and Repairing of Shed/Roof Sheeting of Boiler Site in Unit 5 6, 2x250 MW CTPS PTPP Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 4,62,085.00 EMD Rs. 6,000.00 e-bid Submission dt. 16.11.2023 up to 01:00 PM. E-Tender- N-PAR/C/OMC2/BMD2/6000003828\_00

"Repairing of damaged denseveyor and overhauling of CMRH system and other associated work of unit no. 5 of 2x250 MW CTPS Parichha during overhauling of unit 5." Estimated Cost Rs. 8,25,178.00 EMD Rs. 15,000.00 e-bid Submission dt. 31.10.2023 up to 12:00 PM NOTE:- Total Quality of work, tender specification and other

terms & conditions is as per tender document available on the etender portal our website www.etender.up.nic.in & uprvunl.org. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. पत्रांक : 436 / टी०एस०डी०-प्र० / पीटीपीपी / दिनांक 26.10.2023

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#### **NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY** E-TENDERING NOTICE

Online open E-tender are invited by Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer TRS)/N.E.Railway/Loco Shed Gonda acting for and on behalf on the President of India for the following work. Sl.No.-01, Tender Notice No.: LS-GD-2023-Dismant-Bog-R, Description of Work: Disconnection, dismantling & cleaning of bogie frame its components

of Electric Locomotives at Loco Shed Gonda for 2 years," Approx. Value (in Rs.): ₹ 37,76,632/-, E.M.D. Money (in Rs.): ₹ 75,500/-, Cost of Tender form: ₹0.00/-, Contract Period: 24 Months. E-Tender can be uploaded by tenderer. up to 12:00 Hrs. on 28-11-2023 and will be opened after 12:00 Hrs. on 28-11-2023.

 Detailed information, minimum eligibility criteria, Terms and conditions regarding this e-tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in • Tenderer should check any correction/corrigendum related to this e-tender notice on website before uploading their offer.

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#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY** Azadi <sub>Ka</sub> Amrit Mahotsav **ONE STATION ONE PRODUCT**

#### Applications are invited under scheme of 'One Station One Product' for setting up:

A. Stall at Panipat, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, Gannaur, Samalkha, Sonipat, Palwal, Bahadurgarh, Subzi Mandi, Pataudi Road and Delhi Cantt stations. B. Temporary stall at: Shamli, Baraut, Ballabhgarh, Partapur, Faridabad New town,

Tapri, Nangloi Sahibabad, Noli, Narela, Tughlakabad, Palam, Tilakbridge, Delhi Kishan Ganj, Jakhal, Khatauli, Khekra, Narwana, Okhla, Sampla, Baghpat Road, Asaoti, Delhi safdarjung, Julana, Mangolpuri, Naya Ghaziabad, Muradnagar, Sakoti Tanda, Tohana, Vivek Vihar, Delhi Azadpur, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Anand Vihar Terminal, Shivaji Bridge, Badli, Modinagar, Deoband, Shakurbasti, Faridabad, Jind, Mansa, Garhi Harsaru stations. The period for setting up of stall at Panipat and Delhi Cantt. stations per spell will

 The period for setting up of stall at Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, Gannaur, Samalkha, Sonipat, Palwal, Bahadurgarh, Subzi Mandi & Pataudi Road stations per spell will be

The period for setting up of temporary stall at stations mentioned in (B) above will be 30

Registration fee will be charged @ rate of Rs. 2000 for each spell of thirty days and for NSG 4 (Pataudi Road, Bahadurgarh, Gannaur, Baraut, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad New town, Sahibabad, Noli, Narela, Tughlakabad, Palam, Modinagar & Shakurbasti) NSG 5 (Samalkha, Subzi Mandi, Shamli. Tapri, Nangloi, Tilak Bridge, Delhi Kishan Ganj, Jhakhal, Khatauli, Khekra, Narwana, Okhla, Sampla, Asaoti, Julana, Mangolpuri, Muradnagar, Tohana, Vivek Vihar, Shivaji Bridge, Badli, Deoband, Jind, Mansa, Garhi Harsaru & Delhi safdarjung) & NSG 6 (Partapur, Naya Ghaziabad, Sakoti Tanda & Delhi Azadpur) registration fee will be charged @ rate of Rs. 1000 for each spell thirty days.

 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 NGOs 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 29.10.2023, which will be opened on same day. Station Superintendent will make priority roster of all approved participants and priority

will be established through a draw of lots conducted at the station in the presence of all approved applicants by the Station Manager/Sectional CMI and nominated Finance representative.

The One Station One Product scheme shall be governed by Railway Board's Commercial Circular No. 12 of 2022 and 09 of 2023 respectively available at website: www.indianrailways.gov.in & URL: https://indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/ uploads/directorate/traffic comm/Comm Cir 2022/OSOP%20Policy.pdf &

https://indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/traffic\_comm/ Comm Cir 2023/CC%20%2009%20of%202023.pdf For any queries applicant may contact Station Superintendent or CMI of the

respective stations.

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#### **APAAR ID**

This is part of the 'One nation, One Student ID' initiative of the Union government, stemming from NEP 2020

#### VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 26

LAST WEEK, several state governments requested schools to seek parental consent for the creation of a new student identity card known as the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR). This is part of the 'One nation, One Student ID' initiative of the Centre, stemming from the new National Education Policy of 2020.

#### What is the purpose?

APAAR, which stands for Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry, is envisioned as a special ID system for all students in India, starting from childhood. Each student would get a lifelong APAAR ID, making it easy to track academic progress from pre-primary education to higher education. APAAR would also serve as a gateway to Digilocker, a digital system where students can store their documents and achievements, such as exam results, report cards.

#### What are its benefits?

"The vision is to create a positive change, allowing state governments to track literacy rates, dropout rates, and more, helping them make improvements," Anil Sahasrabuddhe, Chairman of the National Educational Technology Forum, said.

APAAR also aims to reduce fraud and duplicate educational certificates by providing a single, trusted reference for educational institutions. Only first party sources that issue certificates will be allowed to deposit credits into the system, ensuring authenticity.

#### How will it work?

Every individual will have a unique APAAR ID, which will be linked to the Academic Bank Credit (ABC), which is a digital storehouse that contains the information of the credits earned by students throughout their learning journey. If the student changes schools, all her data in the ABC will be transferred to her new school just by sharing the APAAR ID. She won't need to provide physical documents or transfer certificates.

#### How will it be created?

To sign up for APAAR, students will have to provide basic information such as name, age, date of birth, gender, and a photograph. This information will be verified using their Aadhaar number.

Students will need to sign a consent form, and they can choose to either accept or decline sharing their Aadhaar number and demographic information with the Ministry of Education for creating the APAAR ID. For minors, parents will have to sign the consent form. Registration for creating APAAR ID is voluntary, not mandatory.

#### What are the concerns?

"It's important to know that the Aadhaar number is only used for verifitails with anyone else during registra-

Parents and students have concerns about sharing their Aadhaar details because they worry that their personal information could be leaked to outside parties.

cation to match the name and date of birth. APAAR won't use or share these detion," said Sahasrabuddhe.

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### HOW MALAYSIA'S NEXT SULTAN WILL BE PICKED IN ITS UNIQUE MONARCHY

MALAYSIA'S SULTANS are set to meet on Friday to elect a new king from among themselves, under a unique system in which they take turns to be monarch for a five-year term.

The Southeast Asian country is a parliamentary democracy, with the monarch as head of the state playing a largely ceremonial role.

But the monarchy has become more influential in recent years due to prolonged political instability, during which the king has wielded rarely used discretionary powers.

#### How is the king picked?

The heads of Malaysia's nine royal families, sultans of nine of its 13 states, take turns to be king.

After independence from the British colonial rule in 1957, the order of rotation among the sultans was determined by seniority, based on how long they had been ruling. But that rule was dropped after all the royal families completed a term each. They now take turns based on the initial order.



Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar from Johor is next in line to be **the king of Malaysia.** Reuters

They hold a secret vote but the ballot only has the name of the sultan whose turn it is. Each sultan is required to indicate whether they believe the nominee is suitable to be king. The candidate must get a simple majority.

The new king will take over from King Al-Sultan Abdullah when his term ex-**REUTERS** pires in January.



#### **EXPLAINED GEOPOLITICS & STRATEGY**

## Takeaways from war zone

The Indian Express travelled through Israel and the West Bank for a week, and spoke with the victims of both the Hamas massacre and the bombing of Gaza Strip. Here's what it saw, heard, and understood



SHUBHAJIT ROY

EVERY TIME the air raid sirens go off in Tel Aviv, the streets become empty — barring perhaps, the lone bemused cat. The nearest shelter could be a strongroom next to a stairwell in a highrise, a bathroom in a public building, or an underground parking lot by the white sand beach.

From the cobblestone lanes of Jerusalem to the shining towers of Tel Aviv, a new generation of Israelis is experiencing siege and war for the first time. The October 7 assault by Hamas came exactly 50 years after the beginning of the Yom Kippur war.

This correspondent spent a week in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, travelled to the border towns of Ashkelon, Sderot, and Ashdod in southern Israel and Ramallah in the West Bank, and spoke to residents of Gaza over the

Almost three weeks after the Hamas attack, with Israel raining terrible and relentless punishment on the blockaded Palestinian enclave, here are 10 takeaways from covering a war that threatens to change the Middle East.

#### **Extent of Hamas brutality**

Besides the fact that the attacks took place on Shabbat, the holy day of rest and recuperation, what has shaken Israelis is their raw brutality. Videos show the massacre of women, children, and the elderly, with even octogenarians not spared. Many in the Israeli establishment believe Hamas was joined by former ISIS fighters in Syria and the Levant, killers hired by Iran.

#### A hostage crisis like no other

More than 220 hostages are in Hamas captivity — a number that is bigger than any that Israeli society and security agencies have ever dealt with. Earlier crises have involved hostage numbers in the single digits. Said an analyst in Tel Aviv, "After a point, these numbers lose relevance, and the establishment doesn't have the capacity to deal with such a large hostage crisis."

The spotlight is on former general Gal Hirsch, the newly-appointed hostage negotiator and coordinator, but families are learnt to have engaged private negotiators as well.

#### **Enormity of the tragedy**

At least 7,000 people have been killed since October 7, which includes Israeli and Palestinian civilians. Israeli airstrikes have pulverised Gaza City, and forced people to flee to the south. Rocket attacks by Hamas in the south and Hezbollah in the north has led to the evacuation of towns and villages, and internally displaced an estimated 1.2 lakh people within Israel. In Gaza, UNRWA, the sole UN agency still on the ground, says at least 6 lakh people are in their shelters, and another 6 lakh are out in the streets. Gaza is without power and essential supplies, and running precariously low on drinking water, fuel, and medicines.

#### Feeling of total betrayal

Israelis who have always been assured of the surveillance capabilities and preparedness of their government and security agencies, feel a crushing sense of betrayal. The leftwing newspaper *Haaretz* has run headlines such as "My 62-year-old Dad Fought Hamas Terrorists to Free My Family. The Israeli State Failed Us".

## Israeli tanks head towards the Gaza Strip border in southern Israel. AP Why Israel is yet to

launch ground attack

**ANIL SASI** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

ISRAEL SAID on Thursday that its tanks had briefly entered the northern Gaza Strip; this was the second time that the IDF had conducted a limited ground raid in the Palestinian enclave. However, 19 days after the catastrophic attack by Hamas, Israel is yet to launch the ground invasion that its leaders have promised on a daily basis. The IDF is primed for attack, its tanks are ready and waiting — so what is holding it back?

#### Americans and hostages There are reports that the US has ad-

vised Israel to delay the ground invasion - both to buy more time for hostage negotiations and to strategise to ensure that the operations do not turn into a disaster with unacceptable loss of Israeli and Palestinian civilian lives.

The odds that Israel would be able to rescue all of the more than 200 hostages in Gaza by force are not good. Given that four hostages have been released by Hamas after mediation by Qatar has raised hopes of more such releases against unknown tradeoffs from the Israeli side. There is a feeling that a delay in the ground offensive could be part of a calculated attempt to bargain for more hostages.

#### The unknown 'Gaza Metro'

One of the IDF's challenges is to negotiate the vast network of underground tunnels that crisscross the Gaza Strip over hundreds of kilometres. The so-called 'Gaza Metro' is said to house Hamas command centres, and is equipped to stockpile weapons and essential goods, and to accommodate people. The tunnel exits are used as sites for rocket launches. Israel has attempted to bomb the tun-

nels in 2014, 2017, and in 2021, but has not

#### Thirsting for revenge

The country of just about 9 million people — less than a third of the population of Delhi – is hurting badly at the loss of 1,400 lives. Most people know at least one victim family with not more than two degrees of separation — and revenge and retribution is top of mind. Many want Gaza to be bombed — a relative of a hostage, however, told *The*  that at least some of the 200-odd hostages are being held in these tunnels, and striking this network could endanger their safety.

had much success. There are also concerns

US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin, asked how the ground invasion of Gaza might compare with the operation for control of Iraq's Mosul that he commanded in late 2014, said in an interview on the ABC network: "This may be a bit more difficult because of the underground network of tunnels... You'll see a fight that's characterised by a lot of IEDs (improvised explosive devices), a lot of booby traps, and just really grinding activity going forward..."

#### Combat-readiness of IDF

According to Scott Ritter, a former UN weapons inspector and Marine Corps analyst during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the IDF may in fact not be fully ready to go into Gaza, and perhaps face an ambush for which Hamas has long prepared.

Ritter has pointed out that most of the 360,000 reservists that Israel has called up are people who did two-and-a-half years' compulsory military service in the IDF but who can't really be called combat-ready. While some IDF units such as their special forces units are extremely capable, the infantry units and the armoured units, according to Ritter, are mostly reservists who have been pulled in from policing duties in the West Bank.

The other concern for both Israel and the US would be the prospect of an extended military conflict in Gaza forcing the IDF to commit the bulk of its reservists to that battle zone. If Hezbollah, the Iranbacked Shia militia based in southern Lebanon, were to open a front to Israel's north at the same time, the IDF could face problems allocating resources and personnel simultaneously on two fronts. **LONGER VERSION ON** 

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Indian Express in a trembling voice that it is a "problem" if the bombing goes on with his octogenarian grandmother still in Gaza.

#### The sense of community

In the hotel lobbies in Jerusalem, singers U and performers are playing violins and doing small concerts for displaced families, psychologists are stopping to just chat and calm anxieties and fears, and hospitals are providing free health checks and extending medical care to those who need it.

#### **Beleaguered Netanyahu**

**7** The future of Benjamin Netanyahu, the country's six-time Prime Minister appears bleak. Opposition parties have rallied around the government and a war cabinet has been formed, but the question of political accountability remains open.

Many view Netanyahu, whose judicial reforms have divided and polarised Israeli society, as a part of the problem. For many months, Israel has been roiled by massive weekend demonstrations against the government's attempts to weaken the judiciary, military and government officials have been protesting openly, and analysts feel the Prime Minister took his mind and eyes off the dangers the country faces.

Columnist Nechama Duek wrote in the Israel Hayom newspaper, "Netanyahu will have to draw conclusions, draft a resignation letter, and as a last act, if he has a drop of leadership left in him, he will need to present a government decision to establish a state commission of inquiry. He needs to go because the buck stops with him."

#### Possible role for Jordan

Even assuming Israel succeeds in destroying Hamas entirely, no one knows what happens afterward. Israel almost certainly cannot occupy Gaza indefinitely, and one solution could be to persuade an Arab coalition to take charge of whatever might remain of the enclave.

Should that scenario arise, a key responsibility may fall on Jordan. It is seen as one of the few players who retain some credibility with the Palestinians, it is the custodian of the Holy Al Agsa mosque, and it has long been a benefactor of the Palestinians when others in the Arab world have quietly moved on and started doing business with Israel. Many world leaders, including Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, have spoken to Jordan's King Abdullah, and Queen Rania has been articulating the plight of the Palestinians on global media.

#### Derailed/delayed peace West Asia has been witnessing tectonic

It shifts since the signing of the Abraham Accords in 2020-21. The normalisation process between Saudi Arabia and Israel – paused by the Hamas attack — has the potential of transforming the political and economic dynamics of the region. The peace dividends of normalcy held much promise, and initiatives like the I2U2 and the India-Middle-Europe Economic Corridor could suffer in the short to medium term. The peace process can be resuscitated at

a future date by the UAE and Saudi Arabia, which has the capacity to engage with both Israel and Iran. But the fissures within the Arab world will play their part — the UAE and Bahrain have criticised Hamas, while Saudi Arabia has been cautious so far.

#### View from New Delhi 1 NIndia has a tough spot to negotiate from,

with friends and partners on all sides. Israel is a key strategic defence and security partner, and India's relationships with Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Iran are very important too. While India initially expressed solidarity

with Israel on the terror attacks, it subsequently sought to balance its position through statements that reiterated its position on the Israel-Palestine issue, a phone call with the Palestinian leadership, and humanitarian aid for the people of Gaza.

New Delhi's diplomatic tightrope walk will be crucial to the 9 million strong Indian diaspora in the region, as well as to its continued energy security, since more than 50% of its crude comes from the Middle East.

#### **EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY**

## SEBI acts against finfluencer: what lesson this holds for investors

#### **HITESH VYAS AND**

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK** MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

CONTINUING ITS efforts to rein in 'finfluencers' — Internet influencers who provide financial advice and recommendations to ordinary investors — the markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Wednesday (October 25) barred Mohammad Nasiruddin Ansari, who owns a firm called 'Baap of Chart', from buying,

selling, or dealing in the securities market. SEBI also ordered Ansari to pay back Rs 17.2 crore which he had made by allegedly "misleading investors and influencing them to deal in securities". This is in line with SEBI's recent tightening of norms for finfluencers.

Why is SEBI cracking down on finfluencers?

Finfluencers are people with public social media platforms offering advice and sharing personal experiences about money and investment in stocks. Their videos cover subjects including budgeting, investing, property buying, cryptocurrency advice and financial trend tracking. Finfluencers have drawn the ire of the investors' community, given that they provide unsolicited 'stock' tips on social media platforms without being registered investment advisers. SEBI has taken note of it, and is working on guidelines for content creators in the sector.

#### What is the Ansari case?

Ansari is the sole proprietor of the firm Baap of Chart (BoC). He promoted himself as a stock market expert on various social media platforms. He allegedly promised gullible investors near-certain returns or profits if they followed his recommendations to invest in the securities market.

SEBI found that Ansari was providing stock recommendations (buy/sell) through BoC on various social media platforms such as YouTube, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, WhatsApp, and Telegram. He asked investors to enroll for his "educational courses" offered through a website and apps available on Google Play and Apple's App Store, on a platform provided by Bunch Microtechnologies Pvt Ltd. Ansari was selling 19 courses relating to

the securities market, including four that promised investors assured returns, SEBI said. Through a chat functionality available on the Bunch platform, students connected with "tutors" who shared information/documents/content, and communicated in real time, SEBI found.

The amounts collected from investors were credited into the bank accounts of Ansari, BoC, Golden Syndicate Ventures Pyt Ltd (a company in which Ansari is a signif-

icant shareholder) and P Rahul Rao (another significant shareholder of Golden Syndicate Ventures). SEBI named four other directors of Golden Syndicate Ventures: Asif Igbal Wani, Tabraiz Abdullah, Mansha Abdullah and Vamshi Jadhav, who were also allegedly involved in unregistered investment advisory activities. Money was credited to the accounts of these four individuals as well, the regulator said. The YouTube channel of Ansari

(@Baapofchart) has more than 4.43 lakh subscribers and more than 7 crore views. He also operates a Telegram group/ channel called Baap Of Chart Option Hedging, which has around 53,000 subscribers. The Instagram and X accounts of 'baapofchart' have around 59,000 and 78,000 followers respectively, SEBI said. His WhatsApp channel has more than 13,000 followers.

How much money did Ansari make?

The SEBI investigation found Ansari collected Rs 13.78 crore from courses/ workshops listed on Bunch's platform and mobile apps. "The complete amount is considered as fees received from fraudulent and unregistered investment advisory activities," SEBI said.

In addition, Rs 3.42 crore was collected through two UPI IDs linked to Ansari's and BoC's accounts in Kotak Mahindra Bank. The UPI IDs were publicised on the website and social media handles, the regulator said.

#### What has SEBI said?

In its interim order, SEBI accused Ansari/ BoC of having gone to great lengths to describe their advisory activity as being educational in nature. "The theatrics and showmanship in the trailer videos on YouTube issued by Ansari/BoC appear to be aimed at creating an illusion of unnatural returns by drawing in gullible and uninformed view-

ers to join his 'classes' thereby inducing them to trade in the securities market," SEBI said.

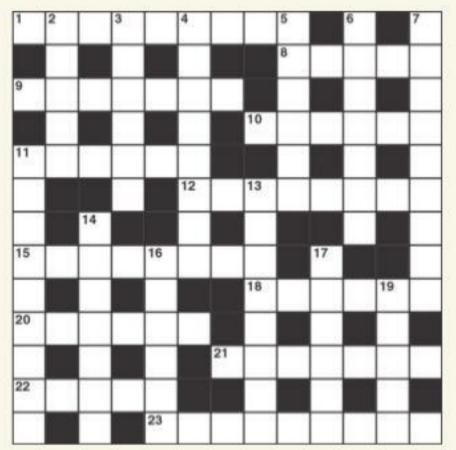
In order to protect the interests of investors and the integrity of the securities market, SEBI has asked Ansari and others to "cease and desist" from acting as or holding themselves out to be investment advisors, whether using 'Baap of Chart' or otherwise.

#### What should investors note?

Investors should be careful while taking advice from investment advisors online. They should only deal with advisors who have obtained a certificate of registration from SEBI. In order to safeguard investors' interests, SEBI has laid down specific conditions for registration of investment advisors, their educational qualifications and code of conduct. Currently, there are 1,313 SEBI-registered investment advisers.

## 16 CALENDAR

#### **CROSSWORD 5193**



**DOWN** 

shirt, on it (5)

**2** Put your towel, if not your

4 Puts chit out for repair

**6** Free translation of

**7** The followers stand here when

**13** Leaving the job, being very

**14** Aggressive action taken by

**16** So accustomed to being in a

**17** Domestic service (3,3)

**19** Break a rule about many

braille(7)

firm(9)

shy(8)

pickle(6)

an animal (5)

assembled (9)

those insulted (7)

#### **ACROSS**

1 Not so hot here as there but Daisy shed shift (5,4)**8** Doctor to die in agony having no **3** Give out to Edna (6)

water left (5)**9** Start in winding passage (7) **10** One's about a month in arrears. **5** Possibly deduce it's extracted Agree?(6)

11 Church officer in charge gets cross(6)

**12** Computer equipment difficult to wear out (8) **15** Kindly feeling not hard to place **11** Painter appears to swindle

**18** Ladies make perfect models (6) **20** A meeting-place in the suburban street?(6)

**21** Attractive alternative to losing all the matches (7)**22** Money is a bait that takes many

in(5)**23** Close relations in The Guards perhaps (9)

Solutions Crossword 5192 Across: 1 Lapwing, 4 Frank, 7 Iona, 8 Alarmist, 10 Dramatists, 12 Caller, 13 Clerks, 15 Ambassador, 18 Arkansas, 19 Aged, 20 Entry, 21 Trellis Down: 1 Laird, 2 Pinnacle, 3 Gillie, 4 First-class, 5 Axis, 6 Kitbags, 9 Paper money, 11 Prodigal, 12 Carnage, 14 Vacant, 16 Rides, 17 Skit

#### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis

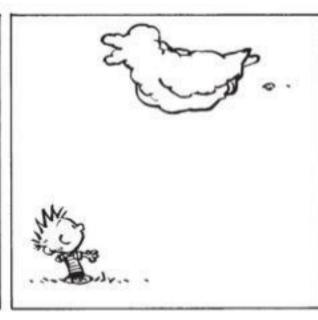


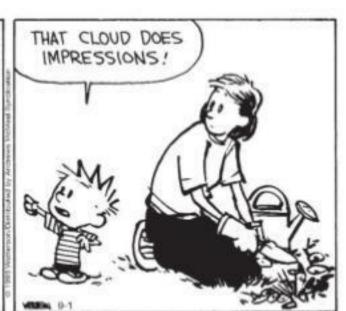




#### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson







#### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong













#### JUMBLED WORDS

DEEOR

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 guip. The delights of \_\_\_ are always available. - Gail Sheehy (4-9)

**SAMIS IIVFVY** 

Answer: The delights of self-discovery are always available. - Gail Sheehy SOUUTION: ERODE, AMISS, CUDDLY, VIVIFY

**DUYCDL** 

#### Difficulty Level 1s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level** 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium: 4s = Hard: 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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# SOLUTION SUDOKU 5362

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#### **DAY TODAY**

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** That magical planet Mercury reassures you that there is a great deal to be done before your wishes come true, but also that you're on the right track. Romantically, the most important consideration is still security. If you feel safe, then

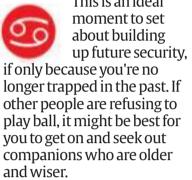
#### you'll be take a few risks. **TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**

One of the most important planetary aspects of the moment is that which cements friendships at work. The overwhelming priority now is to get on with people in authority. You may go for the best long-term options, and treat short-term temptations skeptically.

#### **GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** It's definitely

traditional values which suit you best at the moment. This doesn't mean that you're a stick-in-the-mud reactionary, but that what appeals is the way things were done better in the past. And, having applied tried and trusted methods, you may set out your plans for the future.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23) This is an ideal



#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You don't seem to have any choice the job in hand. Happily, your lunar alignments indicate that you may throw caution to the wind and might walk away from a particular engagement without too much fuss.

#### **VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**

The general situation continues to look favourable, but there's a heavy emphasis on those of you who have some sort of artistic or creative vocation. The rest of vou may feel strangely dissatisfied, but you can do a lot to help yourself by looking for the deeper pattern which underpins your life.

You do still have to be down-to-earth if you want to get on, but nothing is as simple as it seems. The most effective course may be to put fantasy first and facts second, strange as that may seem. The point is that you might solve practical problems by applying unlikely solutions.

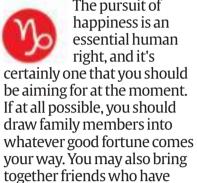
#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

It's a useful moment for discussions, debates and choices, and it really is time that you made up your mind. It is doubtful whether anyone else can do this for you, so search out the facts and then take the best decision you can. But don't imagine that it's final.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) One medium-term

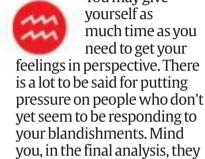


#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) The pursuit of



#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) You may give

fallen out.



#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

may not agree.



friends who are so close that you may as well be related to them. However, you might be expected to do all the arrangements.

#### AWARD—REC

REC has been recognized for its exceptional performance in risk management with the esteemed Golden Peacock Award. The award was presented by the Institute of Directors. VK Singh, Director (Projects) & Daljeet Singh Khatri, ED (Finance) received the award on behalf of REC in a glittering ceremony held in London on 17th Oct. 2023.

SUDOKU

**INAUGURATION—DTTDC** 

A two-day Dandiya festival is being organized by Delhi Tourism at Major Dhayan Chand National Stadium, Delhi. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Atishi, Minister of Tourism, Govt. of Delhi. On this occasion, Ms. Niharika Rai, Managing Director & CEO. Delhi Tourism, Mrs. Geetika Sharma, General Manager, Delhi Tourism and other distinguished quests were present.



#### MoU—THDCIL

RK Vishnoi, CMD, THDCIL informed that THDCIL & Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Ltd. signed a MoU on 18 Oct. 2023 to establish Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at 14 guest houses of GMVN along the Char Dham Yatra route in Uttarakhand. Vishnoi further informed that this collaborative effort by the two is poised to promote the use of electric vehicles on this sacred route, contributing to a reduction in pollution.

#### FLAGGED OFF — CRPF

Teams 1 & 2 of CRPF women bikers, who began their journey on Oct. 3rd from Srinagar & Shillong, were flagged off from the CRPF SDG campus to Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, by the M/o Women & Child Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani. Dr. SL Thaosen, DG, CRPF & other senior officers from CRPF were present on the occasion. In her address, the Minister hailed these courageous CRPF women as symbols of women empowerment.





#### UNVEILED —BSES

Empowering the next generation of female STEM leaders, BYPL unveiled a Mini Science Centre at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Ghazipur. This initiative, benefiting 3,500 girl students, transcends traditional learning. MSCs are designed to shift focus from rote learning to fostering long-lasting understanding. This approach ensures students to memorize & utilize knowledge.

#### **BOOK FAIR— NBT**

The first-ever INDIA National Stand at the largest B2B book fair of the World, Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 marked a historic milestone for the Indian publishing industry. The initiative of NBT, India, the nodal body of the GOI for promoting Indian books abroad, in collaboration with CAPEXIL, helped Indian publishers, printers & allied service providers in generating huge business contracts for India.





#### **VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK—INDIAN BANK**

Under the Vigilance Awareness Week, a road show was organized on recently at Connaught Place under the leadership of Rohit Rishi, Chief GM Indian Bank Delhi in presence of Zonal Head Delhi Central Smt. Mamta Kumari & Zonal Head Delhi South Santosh Kumar Kapari along with their staff members. The objective of this road show is to make the general public & bank customers aware about prevention of corruption.

#### **INAUGURATION— MUTHOOT GROUP**

The Muthoot Group took a significant step recently by inaugurating three Muthoot Smart Aanganwadi at Government Composite Vidyalaya, Karheda, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad. The inauguration was done by Alexander George Muthoot, Joint MD of The Muthoot Group in the presence of Mrs. Shashi Varshney, District Program Officer of Ghaziabad, Rotary Club Delhi Vasant Kunj Members, Staff, Teachers & Sevikas of Angnawadi.



## CORPORATE BRIEFS



#### MoU— POWER FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED (PFC)

PFC signed a MoU with the Ministry of Power for FY 23-24 & FY 24-25 on 23rd Oct. 2023 as per the DPE's performance evaluation system. The MoU was signed by Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Power & Smt. Parminder Chopra (CMD, PFC) in the presence of senior officials of the M/o Power & PFC. PFC is the largest Maharatna CPSE & largest NBFC in India on a consolidated basis. PFC also leads India's energy transition, having the largest renewable loan portfolio. Additionally, PFC has also started funding projects in infrastructure & logistics space. DPE's MoU performance evaluation system is used for setting annual targets for the CPSEs on various financial and operational parameters. & the CPSE's overall performance is rated against such MoU targets. PFC has been awarded the highest rating of "Excellent" during the last two years (i.e. FY 20-21 & FY 21-22), & rating for FY 22-23 is expected to be released soon.

#### SPORTS: INDIA'S NEW ECONOMIC ENGINE, BEYOND ENTERTAINMENT Progressive policies and private investment fuel sports-driven economic growth Tia Mathur

Fresh from a remarkable performance at the Hangzhou Asian Games, India is showcasing a burgeoning sporting prowess. Leveraging its vast population, the nation is now expanding its influence in a wider array of sports. This shift in the sporting landscape is being driven by progressive policies, evolving attitudes, and increased



participation from the private sector. In his 2001 paper titled 'The Correlation Between Economic Underdevelopment and Sport in the European Sport Management Quarterly, former International Association of Sport Economists vice president Wladimir Andreff demonstrated that a country's chances of winning Olympic medals rise with higher GDP per capita and a larger population. Andreff's key insight: economic development is the primary antidote to sporting underdevelopment. Companies are investing in sports, particularly in training and supporting individual athletes, and they are achieving a solid return on investment. As the economy thrives, we can increasingly view sports as a catalyst for economic growth, beyond being merely entertainment. Sporting success and major events stimulate the economy, but the reverse is now occurring: economic prosperity driving sporting excellence. For instance, Indian cricket's massive growth emerged after the BCCI harnessed its economic potential. The 2011 National Sports Development Code in India recognized sports as a national priority for social development, inclusion, and employment. Consequently, the sports budget has steadily increased, hitting its peak in 2023-2024. The Asian Games occur on a quadrennial basis, gathering athletes from across Asia to compete in a wide range of sports. This grand event holds the distinction of being officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee and stands as the second-largest multi-sport extravaganza worldwide, trailing only the Olympics in terms of size and significance. The Asian Games emerged after the Far Eastern Championship Games, which were superseded following World War II. Championed by Guru Dutt Sondhi, an Indian International Olympic Committee member, the idea of an all-encompassing sporting event for Asian nations materialized. Inaugurated in New Delhi in 1951, these games were initially governed by the Asian Games Federation until 1978, with the Olympic Council of Asia taking over since 1982. The emblem, a rising sun intertwined with rings, symbolizes the event. Nine nations have hosted the games, with 46 nations participating, except for Israel since 1974. Over the years, 44 sports have been featured in the Asian Games, and India, the event's founding member, hosted the first edition in 1951, as well as in 1982. PM Narendra Modi vowed full support for Indian athletes, expecting an even better showing in the next Asian Games. He lauded female athletes' excellence and reaffirms the government's dedication to their training, facilities, and opportunities. Today, sports have evolved into lucrative ventures for a wide range of stakeholders, including athletes, corporations, advertisers, and sports governing bodies. Million-dollar deals have become the standard rather than the exception, benefiting all those involved. This shift towards transforming even the least commercially viable sports into profitable enterprises reflects the significant and widespread interest in these disciplines among all stakeholders.

#### **APPOINTMENT**

**HUDCO** Sanjay Kulshrestha has joined as the CMD of HUDCO recently. He is an Electrical Engineer with over 32 yrs of experience in Infrastructure Financing. For the first fifteen yrs, he has been working in the areas of large power project execution, operation & the maintenance of voltage sub-stations & transmission lines. He

has worked with State Corporations & Private Sector Institutions. Before joining HUDCO, he was working in REC for the past 17 yrs in the areas in power sector financing. He has a vision in alignment with the GOI mission for successful completion of infrastructure pipeline schemes across the country by funding these schemes at most competitive rates.

**GAIL** campaign "Interactions "– a global campaign for awareness on Environment & Biodiversity wins Gold "Goafest 2023 ABBY One Show Awards" under branded content & entertainment category. Interactions campaign bagged Gold ABBY One Show Awards, a coveted recognition for any campaign, & GAIL campaign being only one from any PSU receiving such an accolade.' Elephant in the room, short Indian film, a part of 12 Int'l short films, under Interactions campaign is being showcased and promoted across the world. The film showcases a positive story about how a family & a village shifted themselves from the elephant corridors to protect the environment and biodiversity. "Interactions" is a global campaign under the auspices of UN CoP15 & organized by Art for the World, An NGO associated with United Nations Department of Public Information based in Geneva, Switzerland.

**IREDA** announced its audited financial results for the second guarter of the fiscal year 2023-24. The company reported a remarkable 54% increase, reaching a Profit After Tax of Rs. 285 crs for the guarter, driven by consistent growth in the Loan Book and a significant reduction in Net Non-Performing Assets from 2.72% to 1.65% year-on-year. During a meeting at IREDA's registered office, the Board of Directors approved the Audited Financial Results for the second quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24, applauding the company's outstanding performance and its continued growth trajectory.

**LADKI PADHAO** Concerned with the low literacy rate among women in the country, two high school students Aashima Keswani and Haniya Kaur formed a non-profit organization 'Ladki Padhao' to ensure educational right for the fairer sex in the India. The inception of 'Ladki Padhao' in 2021 was born out of a deep understanding of the educational disparities that plagued underprivileged communities in India. The duo – Ms Keswani and Ms Kaur -- recognized the dire lack of comprehensive learning opportunities for these communities. exacerbated by the disruptive forces of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through their organization, Ms Keswani & Ms Kaur worked with over 2500 women and children, raised Rs four lakh with sessions including financial literacy, self-defense, book drives, sustainable menstrual products, mental health, job applications, & higher education aid. Since its inception, 'Ladki Padhao' harnessed the power of education to bridge gaps, shatter barriers, and pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future.

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur has launched a one-ofa-kind eMasters degree in Business Leadership in the Digital Age to assist businesses in thriving in the digital era & to equip professionals with niche leadership skills. This program aims to empower aspiring professionals with a comprehensive understanding of modern business dynamics. tailored to provide individuals with the skills & insights necessary to navigate the complexities of the corporate landscape. Designed by the Department of Economic Sciences, it offers a comprehensive understanding of modern business dynamics & is an executive-friendly program that doesn't require a GATE score for application.



## ENG OF THE ROAD?

Defending champions lose again — this time to Sri Lanka — leaving them on the brink of an early exit

**SANDIPG** 

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 26

JOS BUTTLER'S eyes traced the path of Pathum Nissanka's six that sealed the game for Sri Lanka. Buttler could see the faint hopes of titledefense melt in the floodlit skies. He then turned impassively at his teammates, who exchanged frigid looks, before they shook hands with Nissanka and his onrushing teammates. Buttler and his men disappeared into the gallows of the dressing room with an air of mourning, too shocked perhaps to even weep.

The fall of the world champions needs all but a mathematical confirmation. But even the world of run-rate and equation offer them little consolation, for the defeat has been devastatingly perfect, with no scourge for even ifs and buts. It could perhaps be the most shattering title defence ever in a World Cup, one that arrived without a sense of foreboding. "I don't think there is any realistic hope left," Buttler would say in the press conference when asked about the slimmest hopes of qualifying for the semifinals. His face was sombre and dull, and he could not even muster half a forced smile.

Even if there looms a thin window of possibility, the door is shutting rudely on their face. After four spineless defeats, England are in no space to even dream of the unthinkable. To win the four remaining games—against India, Australia and Pakistan, besides the Netherlands—itself is a steep climb. And for other teams to cater to their script is merely wishful thinking. The four matches they lost were all by massive margins—by eight wickets, 229 runs, 69 runs and nine wickets. There is nowhere to hide after such tame defeats. It's a collective, wholesome failure.

Three weeks ago, they landed in India with high hopes. Defending champions in both white-ball formats, a well-equipped side. power in the batting, guile in bowling quality fielders, bounding with multitaskers, and vast depth of experience, they breathed an air of invulnerability on the paper. But since their opening game against New Zealand, the world champions have unravelled in dubious fashion. Suffice it to say that everything that could have gone wrong went wrong, or put it another way, nothing went right,

Number of matches England

has lost these many games in

their opening five matches.

have lost so far. It is the first time a

defending World Cup champion

from top to bottom.

The openers never got going. Dawid Malan, but for his hundred against Bangladesh, has looked cagey. Bowlers have exposed his fallibility out the offstump, his tendency to get squared up even off the bowling of Angelo Mathews, no more

than a trundler. His ac-

complice Jonny Bairstow was a shadow of his shadow, a Bairstow lookalike rather. In five scratchy innings, all he eked out was 127 runs. The names further down does not inspire any respite either. Joe Root: 175 runs in five innings; Jos Buttler 95 in five outings. Not even the miracle worker Ben Stokes could sprinkle magic and resurrect his team as he had several times in his career. In his only two games, he scratched and scraped to 81 runs. Even his own well of miracles has run dry. In a high-scoring tournament like this, all their batsmen extracted were a sole hundred and four half-centuries.

An under-firing batting firm is a definite recipe for disaster in the subcontinent. More so a batting order with so much ammo and experience. Bowling too looked rounded—they had a genuine quick in Mark Wood, white-ball virtuoso in David Willey, left-hand menace in Sam Curran, a cutter-exponent in Chris Woakes and two guileful spinners in Adil Rashid and Moeen Ali. Add variety in bowling and depth in batting, they looked a well-worn side. Perhaps not as formidable as to defend the title, but certainly

#### **SCORECARD**

**ENGLAND vs SRI LANKA** M CHINNASWAMY, BENGALURU Toss: England, elected to bat first

**ENGLAND** 

30 (31b, 3x4) **J Bairstow** c de Silva b Rajitha 28 (25b, 6x4) **D Malan** c Mendis b Mathews J Root run out (Mathews/Mendis) BStokes c sub (Hemantha) b Kumara 43 (73b, 6x4) J Buttler c Mendis b Kumara 8 (6b, 1x4) L Livingstone lbw b Kumara M Ali c Perera b Mathews 15 (15b, 1x4) C Woakes c Samarawickrama b Rajitha **0** (4b) 14 (17b, 1x4, 1x6) **D Willey** not out A Rashid run out (Mendis) 2 (7b) M Wood st Mendis b Theekshana 5 (6b, 1x4) **Extras** (lb 3, w 4) **Total** 33.2 Ov (RR: 4.68) 156 **FoW:** 1-45, 2-57, 3-68, 4-77, 5-85, 6-122, 7-

123, 8-137, 9-147, 10-156 **Bowling:** Dilshan Madushanka 5-0-37-0, Kasun Rajitha 7-0-36-2, Maheesh Theekshana 8.2-1-21-1, Angelo Mathews 5-1-14-2, Lahiru Kumara 7-0-35-3, Dhananjaya de Silva 1-0-10-0 **SRI LANKA** 

P Nissanka not out 77 (83b, 7x4, 2x6) K Perera c Stokes b Willey 4 (5b, 1x4) 11 (12b, 2x4) K Mendis c Buttler b Willey 65 (54b, 7x4, 1x6) SSamarawickrama not out Extras (w3)

**Total** 25.4 Ov (RR: 6.23) **FoW:**:1-9,2-23

Bowling: Chris Woakes 6-0-30-0, David Willey 5-0-30-2, Adil Rashid 4.4-0-39-0, Mark Wood 4-0-23-0, Liam Livingstone 3-0-17-0, Moeen Ali 3-0-21-0

sure-shot semifinalists. But all they hoarded was 28 wickets in these games, that is less than six a match. The best economy rate a seamer could manage was 6.50. Wood's strike rate was 70, Woakes 72. Buttler was at a loss to explain the reason for the capitulation. "That much is obvious - it's never for a lack of effort, it's never for a lack of hard work or preparation. Look around the room. It's not a lack of talent," he said, exasperation shining on his face.

Some champion teams arrive with their aura shattered and their crown already slip-

ping. But not England. "You get on the plane to come to India and we're in a really good position as a team. Everything was looking like it's going to plan," he said. And suddenly, shockingly, you end up losing games in

a flurry. Buttler kept returning to his stock words—

frustrating and shocking. "It's a shock to everyone. I'll walk back in the dressing room after this and look at the players sitting there and think how we found ourselves in this position with the talent and the skill that's in the room. But it is the position we're in, it's the reality of what's happened over the last three weeks and that's a huge low point," he added, pausing for deep breaths in between.

Buttler himself has looked ragged, far from the buoyant self with the bat. Like Bairstow, Buttler seemed someone else, a duplicate perhaps. "I've been a long way short of my best. As a leader, you want to lead through your own performance and I've not been able to do that,"

he admitted. Though Buttler stressed that the mind of his team is on winning the remaining games, unavoidable is a feeling that England would embark on a massive revamp, of spirit and personnel, as the tournament is done and dusted, as they did after the 2015 embarrassment. Buttler could have perhaps sensed the winds of changes howling when his eyes traced the Nissanka six that soared out of the stadium.



(L-R) England's Jos Buttler, Chris Woakes and Ben Stokes look dejected after losing to Sri Lanka. Reuters

## SL's open-chested predator

SANDIPG

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 26

IN HIS Twitter intro, Lahiru Kumara describes himself as "a strongly built right arm quick bowler. Gasman Lahiru." No one quite knows the genesis of the Gasman epithet, or who named him thus. The common reference is that he could bowl at high pace all through the day. Some others think it's because he is imposingly built, like a Marvel superhero.

Whatever be the origins, he was his country's Gasman against England, bowling 10 mean overs of sustained aggression and hostility. Pace was always his biggest gift once he chanced to lay his hands on a cricket ball. The path he chose was incidental. He was a hockey player in his teens, but after a cut he sustained on his forehead when playing the sport, his mother burned the hockey gear. He then just walked into the nets in his school and started revving up a serious pace. Last time when India toured Sri Lanka for a Test series, then bowling coach Champake Ramanayake would rave about a stocky bowler in the nets. "See, he is easily clocking 140 kph, in a couple of years he could be touching 150kph," he would aver. By that time, he had already made his debut in Tests, in Zimbabwe.

You could see where he gets the pace from. From that barrel chest and oak-like shoulders. The run-up is but a leisurely stroll. The leap is non-existent, much like his country's most celebrated white-ball phenom, Lasith Malinga. But in his load-up, his giant shoulders whirr into action, producing frightening pace. Though he is not too tall or has a high-arm action, he hits the deck so hard that he generates substantial bounce. His pace and bounce hustled and harried all English batters, and throughout the day, except when he attempted the cutters and slower balls, he

hovered in the 140 kph region. But often in the past, he could not marry his pace with discipline and direction, a reason he could bleed plenty of runs. In his only other game of the tournament, he leaked 47 runs in four overs, against Australia. He has conceded 6.54 runs an over in 27 previous outings, putting coaches in a dilemma whether to pick him or not. "So I did a lot of spot training, day in and day out so that I was able to strike good lengths. This was the biggest concern before the World Cup," he would later say.



Lahiru Kumara took three wickets. PTI

Besides, he is horribly injury prone. On a larger note, this has been the plight of Sri Lanka's new crop of fast bowlers. There is no shortage of potential, but most are wracked with injuries and are not the perfect models of discipline. But on Friday, he as well as the largely green Lankan colleagues blended pace with aggression and discipline.

Making Kumara deadlier was the seam movement he generated off the surface, slower but bouncier. He foxed Jos Buttler with a hint of away movement that induced an inside edge, though Buttler's drive was both expansive and injudicious. He would then blast the pad of Liam Livingstone, with a nip-backer, his stock ball. Everything in his action sets him up perfectly for the back-bender to the right-handers. The snap of the wrists powers the ball with the devilish skid he bargains off the surface. A more famous in-ducker had accounted for Hashim Amla in Cape Town, where he snaffled a six-for. He would later credit this wicket for making him believe that he has the quality to bowl in Test cricket. But such moments would arrive few and far between, in between long pauses of

injuries and his own inconsistency. He was a man possessed, a riot of wild emotions. He would scream and snarl, scowl and gnarl as he pumped up relentless onyour-face aggression. Thus, in the space of a match, he transformed from a puzzle to his country's lead bowler. He preserved his best man who calls himself the Gasman.

for Ben Stokes, who he repeatedly beat with the away-seamers and the ones that went with the angle. In the end, he consumed him with a short-ball. The ball, again, was quicker than Stokes had thought and he could not get the requisite power into the stroke. Kumara celebrated with a kiss into the skies and struck a triumphant pose for the cameras. "Stokes was my favourite wicket," he would say.

Not just Kumara, the entire crew of Lanka's bowlers put in an inspired show. Dilshan Madhushanka, the left-armer in his eleventh ODI, produced swing into the righthander and had Jonny Bairstow trapped leg before the wicket of the first ball of the game, though both the umpire and his colleagues thought he had nicked, only for the replays to show there was no wood. The expensive figures do no justice to the torment he subjected the England batters with the new ball.

Like Kumara, Kasun Rajitha too has copped criticism for his waywardness in his 30-match ODI career. But he too pounded stifling lengths, built pressure and bargained the ball wickets of Jonny Bairstow and Chris Woakes.

Holding them together was the seasoned Angelo Mathews. No longer his country's talisman he once was, he coolly put in a throwback shift. The waistline has expanded, the movements are not as athletic as they used to be. The thick curls have thinned. But he dug deep from the wealth of experience to produce the first breakthrough. Sri Lanka's bowlers had begun to wither after a robust start when Mathews struck first. He consumed Dawid Malan with a classic away nibbler, merely 125 kph, but so precise that Malan was forced to commit and the away movement kissed his edge. He would then effect a sharp run out, flinging in a quick throw from point to the keeper Kusal Mendis, who caught Joe Root short of the crease.

From that moment, Sri Lanka's pacemen and the thrifty trickster Maheesh Pathirana got a vice-like grip on the match and ensured that they didn't squander the advantage as they contrived several times in the past. They have yielded 428 and 345 already in the tournament. An ordeal beckoned, on a ground where Australia had ransacked 367/9. But Sri Lanka, the new unpredictables, put on a disciplined yet hostile show of bowling, bowling out the world champions for the lowest total on this ground. And at the heart of it was a

#### **BACK-UPS**

### In Pandya's absence, Kohli, Gill, Surya roll their arms over



Virat Kohli during training in Lucknow on Thursday. PTI

**PRATYUSH RAJ** LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26

WITH HARDIK Pandya set to miss the Lucknow tie against England and India continuing with the five-specialist-bowlers formula, the team management is banking on parttimers to bail the team out if one or more of the main men have an off day.

The key highlight of India's first net session in Lucknow on Thursday was Virat Kohli, Shubman Gill and Suryakumar Yadav rolling their arms over to cover for any contingencies during the game against the beleaguered holders. Kohli, who completed Hardik's over in Pune against Bangladesh after the all-rounder went off due to an ankle injury, was the first to bowl, sending down around a dozen balls to captain Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill.

Surya was the one to bowl the most in the nets among the three designated to perform the sixth bowler's role. He bowled to Rohit and Shreyas Iver, and even deceived the latter, receiving a big hug from Ravichandran Ashwin. After bowling in tandem with the veteran off-spinner for a good 15 minutes, Surya joined Ravindra Jadeja at the adjoining nets, where the skipper was batting, bowling for a further 15 minutes there.

Back in 2014, Surya's action was reported for a suspect bowling action during the Champions League T20 tournament while playing for Kolkata Knight Riders against Chennai Super Kings in the final.

The most curious battle of the net session was between Mohammed Siraj the batsman and Gill the bowler. The opening batsman bowled for at least half an hour to the opening bowler, and every time after beating the outside edge, he would shadowpractice the forward defence in an apparent coaching tip to Siraj.

their arms over, the specialist bowlers fine-tuned their batting skills. Jasprit Bumrah was the first to hit the nets and batted for a good 45 minutes, taking throwdowns from batting coach Vikram Rathour.

With frontline batsmen rolling

Mohammed Shami and Ishan Kishan were the only two members of the squad who skipped the optional training session.

One of the key concerns about the Indian team ahead of the World Cup was the inability of their top-order batsmen to chip in with a few overs and the lack of reliability of their bowlers when it comes to contributing runs down the order. All-rounder Pandya's unavailability for at least the next two games puts this facet under even more focus. He missed the game against New Zealand in Dharamsala last Sunday, and is at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru to be treated by a specialist from England.

## Hockey: Savita and Co. look to revel in rare chance to play at home

VINAYAKK MOHANARANGAN RANCHI, OCTOBER 26

THE SIGNBOARDS for the Asian Champions Trophy at the Ranchi railway station are unmissable. A cab driver talks about witnessing a massive reception for the Koreans at the airport a few days back. Closer to the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium, the billboards increase in number and size. The gates at the stadium see a heavy security presence with Hockey Iharkhand hoping for a significant turnout, especially

At a pre-tournament press conference, India captain Savita Punia is bombarded with questions by a strong local media presence that she jokes halfway through that she needs a break from answering.

with free entry.

The buzz is palpable. The Indian women's hockey team have rarely played a tournament at home – it's been at least more than

a decade.

"It's so exciting to play a tournament in

India, And I know how Jharkhand supports hockey, and this is a new challenge for us as a team," Savita said on Thursday. "I have played domestic tournaments here, I remember playing National Games in 2011, from when I know how big the craze is for hockey here. Very few women's tournaments have happened in India. So this is a big deal for us." While an Asian tournament at the end of

the season and post-Asian Games could have been seen as less-than-ideal timing, the recent announcement that the Olympic qualifiers will be held at this venue in January has certainly added more sheen to the event. Chief coach Janneke Schopman, however, wants the team to first enjoy this tournament for what it is.

"For us, as the women's team, to play a tournament in our own country, in front of a crowd, is something super special. As a player, I think there is nothing more you can ask for," the former Dutch star said. "Those moments don't come often and we should just appreciate fully for what it is. We want to



(R-L) Captain Savita Punia, coach Janneke Schopman and defender Deep Grace Ekka pose with the mascot. PTI

show our best here, but yes January is very crucial and we want to get things working right now so that we know what we have to work on for the next two months.'

For a state that has produced multiple Olympians and internationals in the past, it is perhaps surprising that this ACT edition is the first time ever Ranchi hosts India in a

For a state that has produced multiple Olympians and internationals in the past, it is perhaps surprising that this ACT edition is the first time ever Ranchi hosts India in a multination tournament

multi-nation tournament. Jaipal Singh Munda, Michael Kindo, Silbanus Dungdung, Manohar Topno, Ajit Lakra, Nikki Pradhan, and Salima Tete are the Olympians from the state. Jaipal Singh, in fact, was named the captain of the first-ever Indian team to take part at the Olympics in 1928. A statue of him is at the entrance of the stadium.

"Iharkhand has hockey in its heart, it wasn't quite right that we never had India play here before," Bholanath Singh, Secretary General, Hockey India and President, Hockey

Iharkhand said, "We have seen during Hockey India League how the crowd can be. There is no doubt that Odisha is a hub for Indian hockey and they have great facilities. But we also want to show that other places can host as well, it is important to spread hockey. We saw really good crowds in Chennai for the men's event recently and it will be the same for women in Ranchi too." Singh also spoke about the reception that

Karthi Selvam received at his home ground in Chennai, and expected similar support for Nikki Pradhan, Salima Tete and Sangita Kumari – the three Jharkhand players in India's squad.

The tournament features six teams: India, defending champions Japan, three-time winners Korea, Asiad gold medallists China, Malaysia, and Thailand. The first four teams are favoured to reach the semifinals but the level amidst them is quite close. India's defeat against China in the semifinals in Hangzhou was a disappointment and ACT provides India

a quick chance to put that behind. "The biggest learning for me [from

Hangzhou] is that we are one of the bigger teams in the world and that it comes with different expectations. We are learning to deal with it. We have to play our own game, regardless of who we play against. Asian Games was a valuable lesson but not with the outcome we wanted so hope we can do better," Schopman said.

"We were all disappointed and then the only thing you can do is pick yourselves up, we did that there and that gave us the bronze medal. We are excited to be playing again."

Savita added: "Our preparations were good for Asiad too, we understand that the semifinal defeat happened because we didn't play well, how the opponent played was secondary, but we weren't happy with our game that day.

Responding to a cheeky question on what she is predicting for the tournament, Schopman said: "I don't do forecasts, but I will say this, I expect them to work their ass off. I want to see a team that fights, fights, fights. A team that shows their own fans how

well we can play hockey."



Pakistan captain Babar Azam ahead of a practice session in Chennai. PTI

## Can cornered Pakistan earn their stripes again?

It's now time to

But if they sink, it

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VENKATA KRISHNA B CHENNAI, OCTOBER 26

THE LAST brutal shove came on Thursday morning. Even as they called for support for their team through a statement, the Pakistan cricket board made it clear that Babar Azam, the captain, and Inzamam-ul-Haq, the chief selector, had the full freedom to pick the World Cup team. In other words, the failure was entirely on the shoulders of the team

management.
A World Cup campaign for Pakistan without their former players going after their players, with or sans merit, is incomplete. Sharp criticisms coming from all quarters – from past and present cricketers, some that get personal, some so sharp and to the point that it has even convinced a few of them to feel sorry for their captain, some so far away from the truth that their players are just laughing it off.

Beyond the thrill of watching their fast bowlers, what makes watching Pakistan fascinating is how well they manage to duck all the bullets fired at them and fire in unison when the world least expects them to. Since 1992, at almost every World Cup barring the 1996 and 2011, they have been seeking to revive a new version of cornered tigers. And if there was ever a moment where they can revoke the spirit of 1992, it

is here. With just two wins

from five matches with all the four coming up – including their one against South Africa on Friday at Chennai – being a must-win, they look a team that is so disjointed that you don't know if they would be able to arrest their slide.

But before they regroup and raise, it would be interesting to see how Pakistan manages to put behind all the noise that is being directed at them. Their vice-captain Shadab Khan, who himself has been under pressure, offered a simple solution.

"The mentality is that when someone is not in the team, they are the best. When someone is in the team, they are the worst. It's like that. But reality is -you have to win. You have to win. Because if you are winning, everything will cover up. And if you are losing, it doesn't matter how good you are, how your team is playing before. So the main concern is – if you are winning, everything will cover it," Shadab said.

However, beating South Africa, a team that is flying high at the moment, will be no easy thing. So below-par has been their performance, post their defeat to Afghanistan – that didn't really come as a shock – Babar Azam has been facing calls to quit as skipper. And after inviting the likes of Inzamam-ul-Haq, Muhammad Yousuf and Aaqib Javed for a meeting, the Pakistan Cricket Board's statement wouldn't have helped either.

"Looking ahead, the board will make decisions in the best interest of Pakistan cricket based on the team's performances in the

World Cup. At present, the PCB encourages fans, former players and stakeholders to rally behind the team as they strive to make a triumphant comeback in the mega-event," the PCB said. "Captain Babar Azam and Chief Selector Inzamam-ul-Haq were given freedom and support in forming the squad for the ICC World Cup 2023."

#### Nose dive

For a team that went into the Asia Cup in September as the No 1 ranked ODI side, they have been on a nose-dive since. It is hard to pinpoint one reason behind the dramatic change in fortune, but the evening in Colombo where pacer Nasim Shah limped out injured, broke Pakistan's back that they haven't been able to stand tall since then. Sans Nasim, with Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf struggling for rhythm, their bowling which has been their strongest suit has let them down. And with a batting line-up

that follows a decade-old template in place, and fielding being lacklustre, they have only been making it more and more challenging each game

challenging each game.

"I think we have underperformed, in all three matches. We haven't underperformed this way before. We know that we are not playing good cricket. But our team has bounced back from this situation before and hopefully, we will come out of this situation. I feel that the way our bowling line-up is, it has

underperformed a lot in the World Cup. So, as a bowling unit, we will have to get up and win for our team. From tomorrow, our door-die matches start. We have to play on our strengths and try to do extra," Shadab said.

But if there is any team that tends to thrive on adversities, it is Pakistan. It is part of their DNA that stirs them to come back from the dead. But if they sink, it won't be a surprise. If they stay afloat, it won't be a surprise either. It's Chennai's Chepauk that once gave them a memorable Test win in India, it's Chennai where they drowned to a loss at the hands of Afghanistan the other day, and it's Chennai where their 2023 world cup fate will now be decided.

STANDINGS								
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Ind	5	5	0	0	10	+1.353		
SA	5	4	1	0	8	+2.370		
NZ	5	4	1	0	8	+1.481		
Aus	5	3	2	0	6	+1.142		
SL	5	2	3	0	4	-0.205		
Pak	5	2	3	0	4	-0.400		
Afg	5	2	3	0	4	-0.969		
Ban	5	1	4	0	2	-1.253		
Eng	5	1	4	0	2	-1.634		
Ned	5	1	4	0	2	-1.902		

#### **UTTAR PRADESH CRICKET STORY**

# Imran's kebab memories, Rinku's sixes, a teenage girl's India dream

As India prepares to face England in Lucknow, those who have witnessed the various stages of the game's evolution in UP look back and to the future

PRATYUSH RAJ LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26

THESE ARE exciting times for cricket in Uttar Pradesh. A state as large in both area and population can never be short on talent, but it has often been a cricketing backwater in comparison to Mumbai, Delhi, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Not any longer. With the relatively new stadium in Lucknow hosting five World Cup games – including India's clash against holders England on Sunday – an IPL team representing the city and the state, and a new venue coming up in the Prime Minister's parliamentary constituency of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh has become a big player in Indian cricket.

Despite having an incredible talent pool, they have won the Ranji Trophy only once. But things are changing. The state now has an IPL franchise in Lucknow SuperGiants. The Green Park in Kanpur is not the only international cricket stadium in the state. Lucknow is back on the cricket map. With a new cricket stadium being built in Varanasi, the sporting infrastructure is on a boom in the state. As Lucknow gears up for its mostanticipated cricketing fixture in recent memory, *The Indian Express* talks to a few individuals who have seen the sport grow and others who now dream of making it big.

#### Imran and Javed wowed

Ashok Bambi, a former Ranji Trophy cricketer who was the local team manager of the Pakistan cricket team, narrates a story about how the Lucknow crowd and the city left Imran Khan and Javed Miandad in awe.

"It was in 1989 when Pakistan played Sri Lanka in a Nehru Cup match. It was a thriller which Pakistan won by six runs, with Imran playing a masterclass (84 not out). After the toss, Imran and Javed Miandad (who didn't play that match due to a back spasm) were talking to me. About 99 per cent of the crowd was supporting Pakistan and the stadium was full of Pakistan flags. Imran turned towards me and said 'Bambi saab, itna support Lahore-Karachi mey nahi milta (We never got such support even in Lahore and Karachi). Miandad jumped in to say 'Imran, hum Lucknow ko apna home venue bana sakte hai (We can make Lucknow our home venue)," recalls Bambi.

"Imran was intrigued by the support and next day, was hell-bent on experiencing Lucknow. He wanted to see the Shia culture. Security was a massive issue. We finally managed to get three cars. We roamed around all the historical places in Lucknow, he tried the famous galouti kebab and on our way back to the hotel, kept praising the city," adds Bambi.

Bambi was also the local manager of the Indian team that played a Test in Lucknow against Sri Lanka in 1994. He recalls that more than Sachin Tendulkar's century and Anil Kumble's 10-wicket haul, the match was remembered for Navjot Singh Sidhu's sixhitting.

"Sidhu scored a century and hit five or six sixes against Muthiah Muralitharan. The match ended in three days and Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga was fuming about a few umpiring decisions," laughs Bambi.

The last time an England team came to Lucknow was in 1993 under the captaincy of Graham Gooch to play a three-day practice









(Clockwise from above) Young cricketers at the KD Singh Babu Stadium; Tanya Singh, a left arm seamer, with her coach Asif Khan; Ashok Bambi, the local team manager of the Pakistan team in 1989; Under-19 World Cupper Archana Devi.

game against Board President XI.

"It was so cold that I remember England coach Keith Fletcher shivering. He termed Lucknow's winter harsher than that in the UK. The match was a trial for Vinod Kambli and Nayan Mongia before the Test series. Kambli retired hurt after being hit on the wrist, while Mongia scored a fifty. Kambli went on to make his Test debut in that series."

#### **Breaking Mumbai's monopoly**

Gyanendra Pandey, a former India cricketer and Uttar Pradesh captain, says there is so much talent in the state that it can easily field three teams in the Ranji Trophy.

Pandey, a veteran of 117 first-class matches, bases his opinion on the number of cricketers from the state who have played for the country over the last two decades. Pandey was one of the first from the UP's golden generation who broke into the Indian side. He was followed by Mohammed Kaif, Suresh Raina, Piyush Chawla, RP Singh, Parveen Kumar, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Kuldeep Yadav and Rinku Singh. "There is no dearth of talent in UP. We have won the Ranji Trophy, we are always a good team. I won't be exaggerating if I say that we can easily line up three different playing XIs in the Ranji Trophy," the former all-rounder says.

"The problem with UP cricket was its infrastructure. Earlier, Green Park was the only place where you had all the facilities and with such a big state, it was not enough. Now things are changing, we have a world-class stadium in my city (Lucknow). One is under construction in Varanasi. There's one in Greater Noida as well," he adds.

Pandey's fondest cricketing memory is of Uttar Pradesh defeating Mumbai at the Wankhede Stadium. "Wo match kranti le ke aaya tha UP cricket mey (That match brought change in Uttar Pradesh cricket). Our mentality was changed. We used to be scared of Mumbai but after that win, the tables turned. We ended Mumbai's monopoly against us. (Ashish Winston) Zaidi bagged six wickets in the first innings, and Obaid Kamal got five in the second. I scored a century in the first innings and hit the winning run in the second. Best day of my cricketing career, bigger than my international debut," says Pandey.

"We lost the Ranji final against Karnataka. I led Central Zone to the Duleep and Deodhar Trophy titles. The performances earned me an India call," he adds.

#### Rinku, badshah of Aligarh

Rinku Singh is not yet a finished product in international cricket, but has shown glimpses of his potential in Ireland and at the Asian Games. During the IPL, he grabbed headlines by hitting five sixes in a row in the final over to win a game. Rinku's breakout season with Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) has earned him recognition as one of the best finishers in T20 cricket.

He says the biggest takeaway from his career is that one should never give up on their dreams. "Sapne sach hote hai (Dreams do come true). But for that, one should never give up. There is no shortcut in life and cricket. If you love cricket, keep on hustling. The rewards will come."

#### Archana learns from Kuldeep

Archana Devi was in tears following the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL) auction earlier this year. Despite playing a key role in India's U-19 World Cup triumph, she went unsold. "I felt bad. Most of my teammates got picked but I wasn't," says Archana, who is currently in Vadodara, playing in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy.

"My coach, Kapil (Pandey) sir, gave me the example of Kuldeep (Yadav) bhaiya. I have seen Kuldeep bhaiya trying to make a comeback to the India team after injury. He used to work so hard," she says.

Archana credits Kuldeep for motivating her. "Archana tumhe bhi India ke liye khelna hai (Archana, you also have to play for India), he told me once and I just nodded. I also want to play for India. There will be turbulence but I think I can deal with it," she says.

Archana also seeks inspiration from her mother Savitri Devi, who lost her husband to cancer and a son to a snakebite, and was called a 'daayan' (witch). "When my mother sent me to an all-girls boarding school, my relatives said that she had sent me on the wrong path," she says.

At 20, Archana had already experienced a lot in life and as her coach Kapil Pandey says "Her upbringing has made her mentally tough. She will be playing for India soon."

#### Tanya, a first from Lucknow

Mohammed Asif Khan, a cricket coach at the KD Singh Babu Stadium, is swamped by more than 100 kids. After dividing them into four units, he turns his attention towards Tanya Singh, a 16-year-old left-arm seamer who became the first woman cricketer in the stadium's 70-year history to be picked for Uttar Pradesh, at the U-19 level. Tanya, who idolises Mitchell Starc, hails from Varanasi but moved to Lucknow with her mother and elder sister earlier this year after being spotted by Asif at a school tournament.

"You don't generally see a left-arm seamer in women's cricket. When I saw her, I immediately spoke to his father. On my insistence, the family has moved to Lucknow and now are living on rent. Her father is a truck driver in the Indian Army," Asif says.

#### A BETTER ROADMAP

## The four-year plan that lifted SA from lows of 2019 to success in 2023

VENKATA KRISHNA B CHENNAI, OCTOBER 26

IT WAS at their lowest ebb, when they were eliminated from the 2019 world cup, that South Africa started to focus on how to change things in the 2023 world cup in India.

"Post 2019 World Cup the only thing we spoke about is what do we do for 2023, where the conditions will be even more challenging because it will be held in India," Prasanna Agoram, who was their team analyst then recalls to *The Indian Express*.

It is the blueprint with which South Africa turned their attention for the 2023 World Cup, just days after they returned home from England in 2019, with just three wins from nine games. "The first and foremost thing we did was to figure out who will commit to playing the World Cup. If we had any doubts about anyone's availability, irrespective of how big name he is, we were ready to move on. Stature, reputation didn't matter because you needed to put a vision on board. So once we did it, we knew

getting results would be difficult, but it was the only way to groom players for this World Cup," Prasanna said.

Not since the 1992 edition, their first one after readmission has South Africa come into a World Cup where a majority of their squad has no previous experience of playing in the tournament. Apart from Quinton de Kock, David Miller (three World Cups), Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Tabraiz Shamsi, Aiden Markram and Rassie van der Dussen, this World Cup is the first one for the rest, including their captain Temba Bavuma.

The road to India was not easy. Having lost few key talents to England and New Zealand, the collapse of Kolpak because of Brexit would come as a blessing in disguise. Although T20 franchises hovered over some, Cricket South Africa would go the extra mile to give improvised national contracts that opened the door for many to commit to the Proteas.

"To do well in India, you need to have a strong top 4, bowlers who can give wickets in the first powerplay and two good spinners. They have all these bases covered. In case,



South Africa are 2nd on the points table and comfortably placed to reach semis. AP

their pacers don't get wickets in the first powerplay, then their spinners will struggle. And that to me is their lone weak link," Prasanna says.

There were a few stumbles on the way to India. The need to start their own T20 league to keep pace with the rest of the

world would even put their direct qualification for the World Cup in a jeopardy, but a timely series win over England allowed them to breathe easy before things went for the worse again. With Mark Boucher stepping aside as coach, just 10 months to go for the World Cup, South Africa would

bring in a new head coach, Rob Walter, altering their focus to the 2027 edition that they are in line to host.

#### Very little expectations

So when the World Cup began, they arrived on Indian shores with very little expectations. That the rugby World Cup was on, took the limelight away from them. But with the ones originally handpicked for the 2023 project clicking together, South Africa are beginning to dream again. And sans expectations, South Africa have appeared liberated on the field with De Kock, Van Der Dussen, Markram, Heinrich Klaasen all batting with the sort of freedom that you saw mostly only in AB de Villiers. And with big totals on board, their pacers have found extra spring in their bowling.

Since their readmission, barring the 2003 and 2019 edition, South Africa have always dominated the group stages. It is the knockouts that has proved to be their biggest stumbling block, where despite being the topdogs they have been weighed down time and again by the expectations.

And at the ongoing World Cup as South Africa, considered rank outsiders to get past the group stages, are setting the tournament on fire literally with the bat and ball, there is one lingering question that is on everyone's lips.

Prasanna points to an important facet of this team that gives him hope.

"Not many of these guys have gone through the disappointment of going to the knockouts and losing. Smith had seen 2003, 2007 and in 2011 the memories of those were still fresh that when you enter knockouts you are invariably under pressure.

"Same for the 2015 team, who played New Zealand in the semifinals, who eliminated them in 2011. I have been part of the dressing room, where there will be negative vibes and all of a sudden you are thinking about something other than the skillset that is going to pull you down. You could see it in the faces, pressure mounting on them. They wanted to prove people wrong and it was not allowing them to express themselves. But without any such baggage, this team is playing freely." Prasanna says.

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#### **SECTOR WATCH TECHNOLOGY**

## Why many states in the US have sued Meta over kids' mental health

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What had Frances Haugen

revealed about Instagram's

impact on mental health?

In the lawsuit, Haugen's

testimony to Congress has

been cited. In 2021, she came

out with a set of blockbuster in-

ternal documents from Meta.

One of them was an internal

survey which Instagram had

carried out to find the app's im-

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of the survey. Teenagers also

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SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

DOZENS OF US states have sued Instagram and Facebook's parent company Meta over its alleged impact on young users, accusing them of contributing to the youth mental health crisis through the addictive nature of their social media platforms.

In a complaint, the attorneys general of 33 states including California and New York said Meta repeatedly

"misled" the public about the dangers of its platforms, and knowingly induced young children and teenagers into addictive and compulsive

social media use. The lawsuit "We're disappointed that incomes two years after former Meta employee Frances Haugen emerged as a whistleblower with allegations that the company was knowingly preving on vulnerable young people to boost profits. She had revealed an internal study at Instagram which found that many young girls using the app were suffering from depression and anxiety around bodyimage issues.

#### What has the lawsuit alleged?

While a majority of the lawsuit has been redacted from public view, it specifically names features such as likes, alerts and filters that are "known to promote young users' body dysmorphia". Body dysmorphia leads a person to spend a lot of time worrying about flaws in their appearance, and often these perceived flaws are unnoticeable to others.

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THE RESERVE BANK of India (RBI)

on Thursday proposed norms

which restrains regulated entities

and their recovery agents from

calling borrowers or guarantors

before 8 am and after 7 pm for re-

The RBI suggested that regu-

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"Meta has harnessed pow-

## War worries, high US bond yields keep markets jittery

FPIS PULL OUT ₹25,000 CR FROM INDIA IN OCTOBER SO FAR

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

JOINING A global market slide, Indian markets fell for the sixth consecutive day on Thursday as investors turned risk averse amid fears over the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict and surge in 10-year US government bond yields.

The Sensex declined 900.91 points, or 1.41 per cent, to end at 63.148.15 even as foreign investors pulled out funds from stocks on Thursday. The Nifty closed at 18,857.25, down 264.9 points, or 1.39 per cent.

In the last six trading sessions, the 30-share BSE has slipped by 3,280 points, or 4.9 per cent, and the Nifty 50 dropped by 954 points, or 4.82 per cent.

Analysts warn that the markets might take a turn for the worse if the Israel-Hamas conflict spreads to other neighbouring countries. If crude oil prices cross \$ 100 per barrel, countries like India which are dependent on oil imports would be impacted. A major worry for the market is another round of spike in inflation and

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AN INDUSTRY lobbying group

representing big tech companies

Meta, Google, Amazon and Apple

has urged the centre to provide a

12-18 month long transition pe-

riod to comply with certain key

provisions of the data protection

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of State for Electronics and IT

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the Asia

Internet Coalition recommended

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Bar recovery agents from calling borrowers between 7 pm-8am: RBI

In a letter to IT Minister

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

**HOW THE WORLD MARKETS FELL** 

	UCT-1/	UCL-26	Change (%)
KOSPI Comp	2,454	2,299	-6.32
BSE Sensex	66,428	63,148	-4.94
Nikkei 225	32,063	30,601	-4.56
Hang Seng	17,806	17,044	-4.28
FTSE 100	7,675	7,347	-4.27
DAX	15,211	14,666	-3.58
SSE	3,076	2,988	-2.86
DJI	33,869	33,035	-2.46
CAC 40	7,016	6,848	-2.39
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interest rates. Bank of Baroda in a report said the US yield soared sharply inching closer once again to the 16-year peak of 5 per cent. This comes in the wake of better-than-expected US home sales, climbing to 19month high (12.3 per cent in September 2023) as median house prices have fallen.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said, "till date, the actual domestic Q2 results are below par in comparison to the excited earnings forecast earlier. Similar disappointments are visible in developed economies.

Big Tech asks for 12-18 months to

comply with data protection Act

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Downgrade in earnings and valuation is arising due to risk of further slowdown of the economy due to geopolitical and elevated interest rates. Also selling pressure intensified due to expiry-led volatility influencing investors to stay cautious."

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) are pulling out funds from the Indian market as concern over the Israel-Hamas war has prompted investors to opt for safe haven assets like the US Treasury and bonds. As the yield on 10-year benchmark US government bonds are close to five per cent, investors are exiting

letter. They also asked for a 18

months compliance window to

enable the right to data erasure

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and misleading representations.

part of the RBI's effort to protect

borrowers from harassment by

recovery agents for collection of

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"Since this is a novel concept

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emerging markets for US bonds.

FPIs have pulled out Rs 25.000 crore from the cash market in October so far. On October 25, foreign players sold stocks worth Rs 4,236 crore from the cash market and Rs 7,702 crore on October 26. The benchmark indices plummeted despite purchases worth Rs 23,000 crore by domestic institutions in October so far.

According to an analyst with a broking firm, there is risk-off in global equity markets triggered by a combination of economics and geopolitics. "The Israel-Hamas conflict continues to be a major headwind for markets. If the conflict lingers for long, it has the potential to impact global growth when the global economy is already in the midst of a slowdown," he said.

In the near-term, however, the strongest headwind for the market is the stubbornly high US bond yields.

"With the 10-year bond yield at near 5 per cent, FPIs are likely to be in the sell mode. Sectors like banking and IT which constitute the largest segments of the assets of FPIs are likely to be under pressure," said an analyst.

#### **NCLT** declines SBI's plea against Bajaj Hindusthan

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

THE NATIONAL Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has dismissed a petition filed by the State Bank of India against Bajaj Hindusthan Sugars after analysing an application submitted by the bank for withdrawal of insolvency petition.

On October 15, Bajaj Hindusthan Sugars said that NCLT has considered the submissions made on behalf of the State Bank of India concerning withdrawal of the insolvency petition. The next date for hearing was fixed as October 25. "In view of the averments made in the application and the statement made by the Ld. Counsel representing the Financial Creditor and there being no objection of the Ld. Sr. Counsel for the Corporate Debtor to the said withdrawal of the main petition, the present application is allowed and the main petition is

dismissed as withdrawn," NCLT

said in its October 25 order.

## higher income: CBDT

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RETURNS FILED by individual taxpayers increased to 6.37 crore in Assessment Year 2021-22 (financial year 2020-21) from 3.36 crore in AY 2013-14, an increase of 90 per cent over the nine-year period. Terming it as an indication of the widening of tax base due to measures taken by the Income Tax Department, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) in a statement on Thursday said there is a "robust growth in the gross total income of individuals across different income groups". Around 7.41 crore returns have

been filed for AY 2023-24 till date during the current fiscal, including 53 lakh new first time filers, it said. The number of returns filed by individual taxpayers increased by 32 per cent from 2.62 crore in AY 2013-14 to 3.47 crore in AY 2021-22, while in the range of gross total income of Rs 5-10 lakh, and Rs 10-25 lakh, the returns filed by individual taxpayers registered an increase of 295 per cent and 291 per cent from AY 2013-14 to AY 2021-22, respectively.

"This indicates that individual taxpayers are showing a positive trend of migration to a higher range of gross total income," it said. The Department, however, clarified that the range of gross total income upto Rs 5 lakh includes individuals having income below taxable limit who may not be filing returns.

The CBDT statement comes days after Congress had questioned the widening gap between



Around 7.41 crore returns have been filed for AY 2023-24 till date. File

the ultra-rich and the middle class. In a post dated October 23 on social media platform X, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh had said analysis of tax data between 2013-14 to 2021-22 points towards increasing income inequalities. "The top 1 per cent of income tax payers made 17 per cent of all income in 2013-14. By 2021-22, the top 1 per cent made 23 per cent of all income. Further, the income growth of the ultra-rich was much faster than for the middle class. The top 1 per cent of income tax payers saw their income grow at 13 per cent year-on-year from 2013-14 to 2021-22 — a massive 60 per cent faster than the income of the lowest 25 per cent of taxpayers," he said.

The CBDT in its statement said the "proportionate contribution of gross total income of top 1 per cent individual taxpayers vis-à-vis all individual taxpayers has decreased from 15.9 per cent in AY 2013-14 to 14.6 per cent in AY 2021-22". **FULL REPORT ON** 

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'Tender Reference No: - MahalT/TC500/001/057- Request for

Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Third Party Agency (TPA) for Audit of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Phase Under BharatNet Phase-II Project in Maharashtra Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation Limited, (Government of Maharashtra Enterprise) is inviting proposals from

reputed & experienced companies to participate in the competitive

bidding process for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Third Party Agency (TPA) for Audit of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Phase Under BharatNet Phase-II Project in Maharashtra. Tender document will be available for downloading from 10.00 hrs. of 27.10.2023 on the official website of Government of Maharashtra

https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app. Tender submission would be online and deadline to submit the proposal is 17.11.2023 till 17.00 hrs.

Managing Director,

Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation Limited

**Karnataka Renewable Energy** 

### BRIEFLY \_\_\_

covery of overdue loans.

#### **SBI** organises outreach program

New Delhi: The State Bank of India (SBI) organised a comprehensive workshop aimed at enhancing the outreach of Jansuraksha schemes at the gram panchayat level. The workshop brought together bank officials from 11 states and union territories to empower the district managers to facilitate the adoption of Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyothi Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) among eligible citizens. **ENS** 

#### Canara Bank Q2 net profit grows 43%

New Delhi: Canara Bank on Thursday reported a 43 per cent rise in net profit to Rs 3,606 crore during the September quarter on higher interest income and lower provisioning. The bank posted a net profit of Rs 2,525 crore in the July-September quarter. The public sector bank's net interest income grew 19.76 per cent to Rs 8,903 crore. The total provisioning came down to Rs 2,608 crore. PTI

### ONGC hopes to recover over \$400 mn dividend

New Delhi: India's top oil firm ONGC is hoping to recover about \$413 million of unpaid dividend from an oilfield in Venezuela after sanctions on the Latin American nation were eased, a top source said on Thursday.

The US Treasury Department partially lifted sanctions on Venezuela's oil and gas sector last week. The partially lifted sanctions are through a new six-month license authorising transactions in the country's oil and gas sector. The license is to be renewed only if Venezuela can meet commitments leading to fair voting in the next year's presidential election.

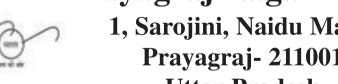
The US government also amended two other licenses to remove the secondary trading ban on certain Venezuelan sovereign bonds and PDVSA debt and equity. **PTI** 

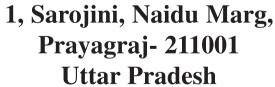
### **India begins** producing 'reference' fuel

New Delhi: India on Thursday began producing 'reference' petrol and diesel, joining a select league of nations that produce the highly specialised fuel which is used for testing automobiles.

Launching the fuel, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the start of production of 'reference' fuel is another step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat as it will end imports. These fuels, which have higher specifications, are critical for calibrating and testing by automobile manufacturers and testing agencies. For decades, India has relied on imports to meet the demand for these fuels. PTI









#### **E-TENDER NOTICE**

#### Date: 26.08.2023 Nit No/720 ENV/2023

This is to inform to all prospective bidders having the required qualification mentioned in the RFP document that Municipal Corporation Prayagraj invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Agency for Roadside Plantation and Divider Plantation works in Prayagraj Municipal Corporation.

#### **Schedule For Tender**

S. No.	Activity	Date	Time
1	RFP Document Availability	28.10.2023	14.00 hrs onwards
2	Last date of Bid submission	28.11.2023	up to 15:00 hrs
3	Technical Bid opening Date	28.11.2023	16:00 hrs onwards

For more details, please visit the website at http://www.etender.up.nic.in.

> Sd/-**Uttam Kumar Verma Environment Engineer**

पत्रांक सं. डी.-2811/ज.सर्म्प.अधि./2023 दिनांक- 26.10.2023

#### **Development Limited** (A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

#6/13/1, KREDL Office Building, 10th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072.

SHORT-TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

#### The KREDL, Corporate office, Bengaluru - 560 072, invited electronic bids under two cover

system duly uploaded by the manufacturers of wind turbine generators OR Operation and Maintenance experience in wind power plants. The details of the bids are available in e-procurement portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). For more details please contact 080-2228 2220 during office hours, interested bidders need to register with e-procurement portal for participation in the bid. SI. Enquiry No. EMD **Particulars** Amount put

No.			to Tender	amount
			Rs. in Lakh	Rs. in Lakh
1	KRED/08/Sogi- O&M/F-197 (Vol.5)/ Call-3/ 2023, DATE: 12-07-2023	Operation and maintenance of 2 Nos. of 1.25 MW capacity WTG and other related equipments at Sogi Village Huvinahadagali Taluk, Ballari District for a period of 36 Months.	78.75	1.60
2	KRED/08/MVH- O&M-8.4 MW/F- 1984/Call-2/2023, DATE: 12.07.2023	Operation and maintenance of 4 Nos. of 2.1 MW capacity WTG and other related equipments at Mavinahunda Village, Raybagh Taluk, Belagavi District for a period of 36 Months.	264.6	4.00
3	KRED/08/MVH- O&M-0.5 MW/F- 727(Vol.6)/Call-2/ 2023 Date: 12.07.2023	Operation and maintenance of 1 No. of 500 kW capacity WTG and other related equipments at Mavinahunda Village, Raybagh Taluk, Belagavi District for period of 36 Months.	15.75	0.40
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Schedule of Events

Bid documents available on e-portal : 27.10.2023 to 10.11.2023 up to 15.00 Hrs

Last date for submission of Queries : 02.11.2023 at 16.00 Hrs Pre-bid meeting at KREDL office, : 03.11.2023 at 11.00 Hrs

Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru

Last date and time for submission of Bid: 10.11.2023 up to 16.00 Hrs

: 16.11.2023 at 16.00 Hrs

**Opening of Techno- Commercial Bid Opening of Financial Bid** 

: will be intimated later to responsive bidders a) The bidders can view the tender details / download the details consisting of qualifying requirements, eligibility criteria of bidders, scope of the service to be provided and terms & conditions of contract to be complied from the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

b) For further information, please contact help desk phone number +91-8046010000/ +91-8068948777 of e-procurement department or KREDL Phone Number: 080 - 22282220.

Sd/- Asst. General Manager, Wind, KREDL

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Classifieds

#### **PERSONAL**

I Simraan Ali S/o Naimullah Ansari R/o Patna, Mehraunaghat, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh-274502, have changed my name to Zavn Ali

0070870298-1

I,RUKHSANA KHATOON /RUKHSANA W/O.MOHD IBRAHIM, ADD-J-3A/21 KHIRKI,EXT,MALVIYA-NAGAR SOUTH, DELHI-110017, changed my name to RUKSANA KHATOON, for all, future 0040695481-2 purposes.

I,RIZWANA,D/O.MOHD IBRAHIM.ADD-J-3A/21 KHIRKI-**EXT, MALVIYA-NAGAR, SOUTH** DELHI-110017, changed my name to RIZWANA SAIFI, for all, future purposes.

0040695481-3

I.RASHID AHMED TAWNAR, S/O.KHURSHID AHMED TAWNAR.HOUSE.NO.49. **VILLAGE AND POST-OFFICE** DHAUJ (17), FARIDABAD, HARYANA 121004. Changed my name to RASHID AHMED.for all, future purposes. 0040695467-5

I,MOHD ISLAM,S/O.MOHD IRFAN, ADD-F-55 VISHWAKARMA COLONY MB ROAD, SOUTH-EAST, DELHI-110044. Changed my name to MOHD ISLAM SAIFI, for all, future purposes.

0040695467-10

I,Tabassum,W/o-Mohammad Shahid, H.no-165 Tilak Khand Giri Nagar, Kalkaji South, Delhi-110019, changed my name to Jikra Tabassum. 0040695476-4

**Swati** W/o Sunil Kwatra,R/o C-8/458, Second-Floor, Sector-8,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Swati Kwatra. 0040695476-10

I.Shivdutt Dwivedi S/o Sidh Gopal Dubey, R/o 27/77, Third-Floor, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-26, have Changed my name to Shiv Dutt Dubey. 0040695471-1

HAMID,R/O.463 Igdah colony Gohana Sonipat Haryana Have Changed My Name To SAHABUDIN.for all.future 0040695467-3 purposes.

I,Shabudeen,S/O ABDUL

I.SHIWANI SINGH.daughter of,BANAY SINGH SINSINWAR, resident of,287/3,WAC Quarters, Subroto-Park, New Delhi-10.have changed my name, from SHIWANI SINGH to SHIVANI SINGH, vide Affidavit IN-DL85833874873176V dated-23-10-2023 before-NCT, DELHI.

0040695391-10

**I.Ritu** Dobhal W/o-Kusum Chander Doval R/o-603, Imperial Block, Supertech Estate, Sector-9, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P-201010, have changed my name to Ritu Doval. 0040695391-3 **.Rabani** Kaur.W/o Kanwal Deep

Singh Kukreja, R/o.H.No-1,3rd-Floor, West Punjabi, Bagh Shivaji,Road Punjabi,Bagh Delhi-110026, changed my name to Rabani Kaur Kukreja 0040695476-6

I,RAJENDER MITTAL,S/O SATYA NARAYAN MITTAL R/O B-68, SECOND-FLOOR, GALINO. 1, MAJLIS PARK, ADARSH NAGAR, DELHI-110033, have changed my name to RAJENDER PRASAD.

0040695476-3

**,RAHUL** S/O SUDHISH SEHGAL **RESIDENT HOUSE NO-**768, SECTOR-14, SONIPAT, HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAHUL SEHGAL. 0040695467-2

I.RAHUL MOHAN.S/O

VENKATESH MOHAN, R/O FLAT NO-2706,TOWER-SG-2,27TH FLOOR SAYA GOLD AVENUE, VAIBHAV KHAND, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD ,UTTAR PRADESH-201014, changed my minor son's name HRIDAYA RAHUL MOHAN to HRIDAYA MOHAN. 0040695391-5

.Mohd Yaqoob Siddqvi,S/O Mohd Zaki R/O RZ-3258A, First-Floor, Gali. no-36, Tughlakabad-Extension Kalka ji, New Delhi -110019. Have changed my name to Mohd Yaqoob, permanently.

0040695391-7

**,Mohamad** Amin Kathwari,S/o Gulam Ahmed, R/o, C-30 Friends Colony, East Srinivaspuri, New Delhi-110065, That the name of mine has been wrongly-written in my Aadhar-Card and Passport as Mohammad Amin Kathwari and Mohamad Amin istead of Mohamad Amin Kathwari which may be amended accordingly, for all, future purposes.

0040695391-6

**I,Mithlesh,W/o** Manish Goval.R/o-D-56, street.no-1 Bhajanpura Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Mitali

0040695480-4

I,MOHD IBRAHEEN/ **MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM** /MOHAMAD IBRAHIM. S/O.KHAIRATI ADD-J-3A/21 KHIRKI, EXT, MALVIYA NAGAR-SOUTH, DELHI-110017, changed my name to MOHD IBRAHIM, for all, future purposes.

0040695481-1

I,MANJEET KAUR,W/O GURDEEP SINGH VIRDI,R/O.WZ-39,PLOT.NO-47,SHAM NAGAR EXTN, VISHNU GARDEN, DELHI 110018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANJEET KAUR VIRDI. 0040695391-1

I, Nasima W/o Sabir R/o 6, Mathania Mohalla. Kankerkhera, Meerut have changed my name to Naeema. 0070870376-1 I,Lokesh S/o Joginder Kumar, R/o Flat No.557, Pocket-1,Sector A-6,Narela,Delhi-110040, have change my name to LOKESH DAHIYA permanently. 0040695476-8

I,LOKESH,S/O.MADAN LAL,ADD-**RZC-116, RAJINDRA PUBLIC** SCHOOL, NIHAL-VIHAR NANGLOI JAT, OUTER, DELHI-110041. Changed my name to LOKESH KUMAR, for all, future purposes. 0040695467-6 I,Khurram,S/o Azizuddin,R/o-F-

Karawal Nagar Delhi, have changed my name to Khurram Siddiqui, for all purpose 0040695480-3

430 Street No.14, Chand Bagh

I.KM POOJA AWASTHI.D/O PUTTAN LAL AWASTHI, R/O C-7-8, ARYA-SAMAJ ROAD, AGGARWAL SWEETS UTTAM-NAGAR, DELHI-110059.have changed my name to POOJA AWASTHI. 0040695476-1

KAILASH CHAND, R/O 9/46 A,DOUBLE STOREY,MOTI NAGAR, RAMESH-NAGAR, DELHI-110015, have changed my name to KAMAL SHARMA. 0040695476-2

I,KAMAL KISHOR SHARMA,S/O

I,K C Dobhal,S/o Late S.N Doval, R/o-603, Imperial Block, Supertech Estate, Sector-9, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P-201010, have changed my name to Kusum Chander Doval. 0040695391-2

Gupta, C/o B.P. Singhal, R/o-463, Jwala-Nagar, Maharathi Colony, Opp. Vatsalya Mandir, Shahdara North-East, Delhi, Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Arti Aggarwal. 0040695467-1

I.Hitherto Known As Arti

I.Hemant Kumar Arora, S/o Krishan Kumar, R/o-1841, New **Housing Board-Colony Sector-**11, 12, Panipat, Haryana-132103, have Changed my name Hemant Kumar, for all 0040695480-2 purposes. I,HITHERTO known as Purnima

Mondra,W/o Shishir Moondra, permanently, residin g at, Flat.no.3B123, GC Grand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar-Pradesh, Pin: 201014, has changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Purnima Moondra. 0040695391-11

I,Pooja Madnani alias Dia Dhamecha, D/o Roshan Madnani, W/o-Bhavesh Dhamecha.R/o GP-115.First-Floor Pitampura, North West-Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Dia Dhamecha.

0040695476-5

**I.GULASHA** KHATOON,S/O MOHD DOMEN R/O.BUTH 11, New Sabzi Mandi Sonipat Haryana Have Changed My Name To GULESHA KHATUN, for all, future purposes.

0040695467-4

I,Devesh S/o Sanjay Dabas R/o 64, Near Primary School Ladpur North.West Delhi-110081,have changed my name to Devesh Dabas. 0040695481-4

I,DHARMANDER,S/O GYAN CHAND.Address.F-154, GROUND-FLOOR, SUSHANT LOK PHASE-2, SECTOR-57, WAZIRABAD (75), GURGAON, HARYANA-122003, changed my name to DHARMANDER SAINI.

**I.DALJEET BAMRAH S/O HAZOOR** SINGH R/O HOUSE NO-91, VIKASPURI EXT PART-1, NILOTHI, DELHI-110041, HAVE **CHANGED MY NAME TO** DALJEET SINGH. 0040695391-4

I,BIJENDER,S/O SHRI VED PARKASH Presently, residing at, vill DATTOUR, PO SAMPLA, DISTRICT ROHTAK HARYANA -124501, have changed my name, from **BIJENDER to BIJENDER** KAUSHIK.vide-Affidavit.dated-26.10.2023. 0040695476-11

**I,Atul** S/o Joginder Kumar R/o Flat.No. 557, Pocket-1, Sector A-6,Narela,Delhi-110040,have change my name to ATUL DAHIYA, permanently.

0040695476-9

I,Anand Prakash Goyal S/o Om Prakash Goyal, R/o-834/52,Lekhu-Nagar,Tri-Nagar, Kanhaiya-Nagar, Onkar-Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Anand Prakash Goel, for all future purposes. 0040695459-10

**I,Aditya** Mohan Paul S/O Narender Mohan Paul, R/O 1672 **Brahmaputra Apartment** Sector-29, Noida Gautam Budh-Nagar -201301, Have changed my name to Aditya Paul, Permanently.

0040695391-8

I,AARZOO PARWEEN,W/o-ABDUL QUAIYOOM, ADD-I-41, 3RD-FLOOR, ABUL FAZAL, ENCLAVE-1.JAMIA-NAGAR-OKHLA. SOUTH-EAST, DELHI-110025.changed my minor-son name MOHAMMAD RAYAAN to MD RAYAAN, for all, future purposes. 0040695467-8

I,AARZOO PARWEEN,W/o-ABDUL QUAIYOOM, ADD-I-41, 3RD-FLOOR ABUL FAZAL-ENCLAVE-1.JAMIA NAGAR OKHLA. SOUTH-EAST, DELHI-110025, changed my minor-son Name MOHAMMAD HUZAIFA to MD HUZAIFA, for all, future

0040695467-9 purposes. I, Anjali Solanki W/o Bharat Sonker R/o E-151, Sector-22, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P-201301 have changed my name from ANJALI to ANJALI

SOLANKI for all future

purposes. 0070870387-1 I Meenakshi D/o Sh.Balram Singh W/o Sh.Rinku Kumar R/o H.No.1/3116, Ram Nagar, Mandoli Road, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my name

to Minakshi for all purposes. 0040695382-2 I,AARZOO PARWEEN,W/o ABDUL QUAIYOOM, ADD-I-41, 3RD-FLOOR, ABUL FAZAL-ENCLAVE-1, JAMIA-NAGAR OKHLA,

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SOUTH-EAST, DELHI-110025, changed my minor-son name MOHAMMAD AYAAN to MD AYAAN.for all.future purposes. 0040695467-7

Srivastava D/O Jagdish Chandra Bhatt W/o Pradeep Srivastava R/O H.No. 636/43 Jai Nagar, A-Block, Moh. Rafi Nagar, Takrohi Bazar Indira Nagar, Lucknow U.P-226016 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Poonam Deep Srivastava.

I, hitherto known as Poonam

**Bhatt alias Poonam Deep** 

0070870382-2

I, Anand Verma S/o Sh. R. C.

Patparganj, Delhi-110092

hereby declare through

resident of Flat No.15,

Verma, aged around 50 years,

Aamarpali Apartments, Plot

affidavit dated 23rd October,

2023 that Anand Verma and

Anand Kumar Verma are the

same person. For all future

as Anand Verma only.

225-2nd Floor Hazrat

purpose my name will be used

I Mohammad Nasim Khan S/O,

Mohammad Yamin Khan R/o

Nizamuddin West Near Qureshi

Masjid South Delhi New Delhi-

to Mohammad Naseem Khan.

TAmit Kumar S/o Shri Ved Pal

Floor, Mayfield Garden, Sector-

changed the name of my minor

daughter from Kaira to Kaira

Singh R/o Flat No.B-5, First

50, Nirvana Country,

Gurugram-122018 have

Sharma for all purposes.

I,SABINA BABUL, D/O BABUL,

ADD-1441, 2ND-FLOOR, GALI

GONDNI WALI, KALAN MAHAL

DARYAGANJ, CENTRAL, DELHI-

110002, changed my name to

SABINA, for all future purposes.

I hitherto known as Nidhi alias

Nidhi Gusain D/O Ravinder

Singh R/O H.No. S-169, Third

Floor, Aram Bagh Chitragupta

Road, Near Durga Pooja Park

110055, have changed my name

and shall hereafter be known as

Nidhi Gusain. It is certified that I

have complied with other legal

LOST & FOUND

I Sanjeev Mehra r/o Shipra

inform- original letter of

possession is lost for my

property at A-502, Ainara

may contact 9212109029

Grace, Raj Nagar Extn. Finder

**Lost** my allotment letter and

Omicron-1,Plot-120,Square

Resident, SF-09, EWS Society

Meters, Greater Noida. Finder

please contact.Ratnesh Kumar

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sh. Tek Chand Jindal and Smt. Geeta Wio Sh. Narender Jindal, Rio F-1/1-2 D.D.A Market, Sultan Pun, North West Delhi, Delhi -110086 do hereby solemniy affirm and declare that their Son Veenu Jindal and his wife Smt Monika Jindal Dio Sh. Shanker both are out of our control and do

Shanker both are out of our control and do not obey them in any way. That is for the information of the General Public to note

case will do so at his own risk and the shall not be responsible for them in an

case. That they shall not be responsible their acts, deeds & consequences which

hey shall do with any of the person. Tha hey and their children debar/disow

im from their movable and immovab

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that

sq. yrds., and one third undivided share in roof of Second Floor, built on property bearing No. WZ-84, Rect. No. 1, Killi

No. 1, etc., Village nangli Jalib, colony known as Krishna Puri, Street No. 16 New Delhi vide Rgd. GPA along with ATS & Will dt. 30.09.2008 executed by

Mrs. Balbir Kaur and Mr. S. Avtar Singl

is the undisputed owner of above said property. OR Any person / firm institution / company having any claim

ray of inheritance, share, sale

assession, legal heirs, partners of

e date of publication of this notice of

all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of

notice period, the claims, if any, of such

also treated as waived and not binding

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

v client. Raiinder S/D Shri Kalu Ram and

nt, Sunita W/D Shri Ralinder R/O 95

West Delhi, Delhi-110085, have

severed/discontinued all their

umar due to his bad habits/bad behaviou

ebarred their said son Hritik Kumar from a

their movable and immovable

innerties/Assets etc. whichever/wherev

tuated. Anyone/whoever dealing wit

fritik Kumar will do so at his/her/their ow

isk and responsibility and my both client ill not be held responsible/liable for

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मवक्किल श्रीमति महारानी पत्नी स्व0 श्री मोहन

लाल ने अपने पुत्र सुनील कुमार पुत्र स्व0 श्री मोहन

लाल एवं अपनी पुत्रवधु सीमा पत्नी श्री सुनील कुमा

निवासी C-94, गली न-5, चंचल पार्क, नांगलोई,

नई दिल्ली 110041 को इनके शत्रुतापूर्ण औ

आक्रामक व्यवहार के कारण अपनी सभी चल

अचल सम्पति से बेदखल कर सभी सबंध विच्छेद

कर लिये है। भविष्य में इनके द्वारा किये गए किर्स

भी तरह के लेनदेन और कृत्यों एवं पुलिस केस व

लिए मेरे मुविक्कल और उनके परिवार की कोई

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Ahuja, Mr. Raghav Ahuja & Mr. Sanju Ahuja

hereinafter referred to as the said

flortgagors/Borrowers), are purchasing

ntire Second Floor, with roof rights, built on

Plot No. 254, admeasuring 200,05 Sq. Yds., Bhirochi CHBS Ltd., Bhera Enclave,

PaschimVihar, New Delhi(hereinafte

referred to "said property") from Mrs. Kusum

Arorawho is it's absolute owner by virtue

of Sale Deed dated 02.04.2002 bearing Doc.

No. 5554 read with Relinquishment Deed

dated 18.07.2012 regd. as Doc. No.

3883. The Borrower will create mortgage in

respect of the said property in favour of our clients IDFC First Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor,

Express Building, 9-10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002. Any person, body,

individual, institution having any claim

and/or objection in respect of the said

property by way of sale, exchange, lease,

en, mortgage, charge, encumbrance, gift,

trust, easement, maintenance, inheritance

testamentary deposition or otherwise of

having in their custody any title documents

ertaining to the said property shall

ommunicate the same to the undersigned

at our address within 10 days from the

publication of this notice with documentar

the claim, of such person shall be

considered to have been waived and/or

abandoned. Any objections raised after the

completion of the 10 days shall not be

binding upon the said property or my client.

A-38, Kailash Colony, New Delhi -110048 Tel.: +91-1149774545

Ms. Priya Rekhi (Advocate)

vidence in support thereof, failing which all

जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी ।

En. No. D-1048/08

अमित कुमा

D/7901/2020

My clients have disowned/disinherited an

erson shall be treated null and void and

agreement, lease, license, git

is hereby required to intimate in writin to the undersigned within 07 days from

plot number-A-13,Sector

Singh,S/o-Shri Narsingh

Beta-1, Greater Noida.

possession letter related to my

Krishna Vista, Indrapuram

Pahar Ganj Central Delhi-

requirements in this

connection.

110013 have changed my name

0040695381-1

0040695393-1

0040695382-1

0040695086-7

0040694547-4

0040695481-7

No.56, Indraprastha Extension,

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Jagpal Singh residence J-706, Amrapali Silicon City, Sector-76, Noida, my daughter's name is Vaani Chauhan as wrongly mentioned in my daughter's School Records. But correct name is Vani Chauhan for all future purpose. 0070870399-L Sourabh Kumar S/o Pramod

Prasad Jaiswal, R/o H.No-257, Gali No-2, Nangli Poona, North-West, Delhi-110036, have changed my name Sourabh Jaiswal for all future purposes. 0040695435-1

**I,Bhavika** Dhamija,D/o Rohit

Dhamijaa R/o-QU-250B, Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Bhavikka Dhamija

0040695476-7

0070870315-1

I, Shivam, S/o- Anil Gulati R/o:G-1/475, Dal Mill Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 Have Changed My Name to Shivam Gulati for all Purposes.

I, SUNNY GUPTA S/O RAKESH MITTAL R/o B - 7 HOUSE NO -163/164 ROHINI SECTOR 4 DELHI 110085. I have changed my name to SUNNY MITTAL for future purposes 0070870329-1

I. Roshni Garq W/o Ariun Pratap Singh Saharan R/o D-105, Vivek Vihar, AWHO Colony, Sector-82, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P-201301 have changed my name to ROSHNI SAHARAN for all future purposes.

0070870313-1

I. Rafia Ali W/o Saivid Yusuf Ali R/o 1701, Tower-3, Unitech Heights, Sec-CHI3 G.Noida have changed my name to Rafia Owais. 0070870392-I, Prem Singh Her S/o Hardev

Singh Her, R/o H.No.1222, Gali No.10, Govind Puri, Delhi-19, have changed my name to PREM SINGH for all purposes. 0040695397-1

I, Preeti D/o Bhagwan Das R/o RZ-2704/30, Tuglkabad Extn. Aali. South Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Preeti Kushwaha for all future purposes. 0040695384-1

Ikhtiar Singh R/o 09171, ATS, Pristine, Sec-150, Noida, G.B.Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name to Narendra Singh Teotia for all future Purposes. 0070870396-1

I, Narendra Singh S/o Late

I, Naman Nagpal S/O Surinder Nagpal, R/o C-86, Top Floor, Phase- 1, Ashok Vihar, North West Delhi-110052. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Tanishka Nagpal aged about 5 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Nieesara Naman Nagpal

0070870325-1

I, Mohd Suaib S/o Nisar R/o 249, Village Ambehata Mohan. Saharanpur have changed my name to Mohd Ssuveb. 0070870377-1

I, Mohd Naved Yunus S/o Mohammad Yunus R/o 1319. Gali Chain Sukh Dass, Kalan Mahal, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-2, have changed my name to Mohammad Naved Yunus.

I, Jitendra Bhati s/o Inchha Ram r/o 266, GHONDLI Village, Krishna Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Jitendra Singh Bhati.

0040695428-1 I, Ishant S/o Anil Gulati R/o:G-

1/475, Dal Mill Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 Have Changed My Name to Ishant Gulati for all Purposes.

0070870322-1

I, IFFAT SHAHEEN, W/O MOHAMMAD TASLIM ALI R/o 213, STREET NO.10, RAMESH PARK, LAXMI NAGAR, East Delhi-110091 have changed my name to IFFAT SHAHEEN KHANAM 0070870292-1

I, Deepa Bisht W/O Kamleshwar Bisht, R/o Plot No- 137-138, 2nd Floor Pocket-19, Sector-24 Rohini, Rohini, North West Delhi-110085. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Myra Bisht aged about 11 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Shreenika Bisht

0070870328-1

I, Bharti Singhal D/o Vinod Kumar Singhal R/o 1/5712. Balbir Nagar Chowk, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Bharti D/o Vinod Kumar, for all purposes.

0040695387-1

I, Beena Pandey, W/o Pramod Kumar Pandey, R/o RZ-79, 2nd Floor, Gali No 5, Sukhiram Park, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Vina Pandey 0070870302-1 I, Aman Kansal S/o Sh. Grish Chand Kansal R/o Flat No 9B. 9th Floor, Tower B7, SS The

Leaf, Sector 85, Gurgaon, Haryana-122004 have changed the name of my minor daughter aged 11 yrs from Rhea to Rheea Kansal.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Indu Jain W andan Jain R/o.112, Veer Nagar, Ja Colony, Rana Pratap Bagh Delhi is th registered Owner of property bearing No No. IX/6375. Ground Floor, Cent Market, Netaji Gali, Gandhi Nagar, Delh 110031. The Original sale deed & release deed are registered vide Registration N 4373, Addl. Book No. 1, Vol. No. 230-Page No. 185 to 192 on dated 29/03/2006 and vide Registration No. 5357, Book N , Vol. No. 1155, Page No. 128 to135 dated 05/08/2017 in the office of Su Registrar VIII, Delhi respectively. The same were deposited to ICICI Bank whi avail OD facilities. The ICICI BANK h my client against which FIR/NCR vide L No.1032680 Dated 17.10.23 was register If anyone finds said documents, plea eturn/inform at above said address.

> Deepak Yada Enrl. No. D-1952/10 Office No.30, CSC-2, DDA Marke Pocket D-14, Sector-8

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that original tit documents including Original Sale

Deed dated 20.01.1976 registered

Document No. 243 Volume No.1 Book No. 2597 at pages 78 to 98 with Sul Registrar, Delhi Sub-District-II an Mutation Document pertaining to property described as Dera Taran Dham, Plot No. EL-2, Anar Vihar, Block L, Hari Nagar, New Delhi admeasuring 425 Sq. Yds are missir and not traceable by my Client Maha Baba Bishan Das ji Chela Baba Tarar Das ji, aged about 71 years R/o Dera Taran Dham, Plot No. EL-2, Anar Vihar, Block L, Hari Nagar, New Delhi (Permanent resident of Village Changl Distt. Sangrur, Panjab-148025), who the legal and lawful owner possession of the said property. It is also informed to the public at large that my Client Mahant Baba Bishan Das ji ha neither sold/ transferred /mortgaged alienated /leased or rented out hi aforesaid property or any part thereof t any one nor entered into any agreeme to sell/created any lien/taken any loan respect of and/or against his aforesai property. Anybody entering into title transfer/ mortgage/ loan/lease /ren transaction or any other transaction(s) of like nature in respect of aforesaid property of my client on the basis of abovesaid lost/missing title documer and/or otherwise forged/fabricate documents, shall be doing so at his own

> (R.S. CHAGGAR Advocat 68, WESTERN WING TIS HAZARI COURTS **DELHI-11005**4

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My Clients Mohan Sharma Sa Baburam Sharma Husband Of Neet Sharma Both R/o 9695, Bagh Raw Ji Basti Lal Singh, Kishan Ganj, Delhi-110006 have discovered their Son A Sharma and Akshay Sharma from heir all movable and immovable properties and my Clients have als Severed his all relations with him due to Anybody dealing with them in ar nanner whatsoever Will be doing his/her own cost, risk & responsibility

PUBLIC NOTICE

risk, cost and consequences

PUBLIC NOTICE

client Mrs. SADHVI SURI W/o R Kumar Suri aged about 74 years, perm resident of D-45. South Extension Part-1 New Delhi- 110049, (Holding Indi Passport no. Z3464659) and Indian Adhaa card No. 604409827689 have disowned a sinherited her son Mr. Rajat Sur esident of 119, Jal Vayu Vihar, Bangal 560043. (Having Adhar No - 3885 260 2302. And Passport Number - Z40445 From all her properties movable a mmovable whatsoever and where so ev ituated and also severed all her relation social and economical, with him. Anybor dealing with him shall be at his/her/the own risks and my client shall not

> DHARMENDER SHARMA Ch. No. 211, Lawyers' Chambers

PUBLIC NOTICE PROPERTY BEARING NO. A-396, SITUATED BE IT KNOWN TO ALL THAT MY CLINET HA ENTERED INTO AGREEMENT TO SELL FO BUILT-UP PROPERTY BEARING NO. A-SITUATED AT DEFENCE COLONY NEW DELF UNDERNEATH MEASURING 261 SQYDS., (SA SAID PROPERTY'), DIRECTLY FROM ITS OWN MR.SANTOSH KUMAR SACHDEVA S/o LAT SH.KANWAR KRISHAN SACHDEVA WHO HAV ABSOLUTE & EXCLUSIVE OWNER OF THE SA PROPERTY AND HAVE FURTHER REPRESENTE SORTS OF ENCUMBRANCES (REGISTERED O UN-REGISTERED) INCLUDING BUT N CHARGE, LIEN, CLAIMS, DISPUTES, ETC. ANY GOVT. INSTITUITION/BANK/OTH OR UPON THE SAID PROPERTY OR ANY PAI THEREOF BY VIRTUE OF SALE, INHERITANCE CHARGE, OR OTHERWISE HOWSOEVER AND WHATSOEVER NATURE IS HEREBY REQUIRE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN 15 DAYS, FRO FAILING WHICH MY CLIENTS SHAI CONCLUDE THE SALE AND ANY CLAIM AND/O WAIVED AND ABANDONED AND SHALL NOT I

INDING UPON MY CLIENTS. MANOJ GUPTA (Advocate Enrl. No. D/1864/200 Ch. No. 651, Western Wing Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all public that i

client Mr. Vinod Kumar S/o I Shri Sumera R/o H.No. K-470 Dakshin Puri, Ambedkar Naga New Delhi-62 Has disowned/disbarred his ov elder son Vikram and his wif Vinita from all immovable and movable properties/assests and severed all relations due to h disobedience and bad behaviou My client shall not be responsib for his any acts and deeds in an

manner whatsoever.

DHARMENDRA SING Advocate Ch. No. 414, Lawyer' **Chamber Block Saket Courts Complex** New Delhi-17

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to the general public at large that my client smt. Shakuntala kataria age 79 years W/o Lt. sh. Dharamvir kataria R/r B-4/198-199, 1" Floor, Sector-7, Rohin Delhi has ended all her relations and tie with her elder son Sh. Satish kataria S/o L sh. Dharamvir Kataria and Daughter-in-la mt. Indu Kataria W/o Sh. Satish kataria R/o R/a B-4/198-199, Ground Floor, Sector Rohini, Delhi and had debarred and disinherited them from all her movable an mmovable properties in all manners. M client had no concerns with their marrie life. Anybody dealing with them may do so at their own risk and responsibility. My clier shall not be responsible in any manner. MANU SISHODIA (ADVOCATE) (D/1617/2002) HIGH COURT OF DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it know to all that my client Debabrata Das has entered into transaction with Dr. Rohit Garg, S/o Shri Chajju Ram Garg: and Dr. Anchal Gupta, w/o Dr. Rohit Garg both of the address J-922, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi and a construction agreement is proposed to be executed between the parties with respect to property bearing, no. K-1992 Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi 110019. The public at large is advised not to be misled about any representation made in respect of the said property. Aashi Jain, Advocate

Enrolment: D/3806/2020 A-408, LGF, Defence Colony New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

NIKITA AJMANI D/O SH. RAJESH CHOPRA R/O I-62. SECOND FLOOR, KIRT NAGAR, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110015 declare that my mothe SMT. SNEH LATA remarried to AMIT AJMANI 13.04.2021 vide marriage certificate no. 90730000177515 after the divorce of my biologica father SH. RAJESH CHOPRA Henceforth I want to change the name of my father and he sha hereafter be known as AMIT AJMANI for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

my client Mrs. Mona W/o Sh. Sandeep R/o WZ-542, Naraina Village, South West Delhi, Delhi-110028 has served all her relations with her daughter Miss. Bhumika due to her bad habits my above-named client has also disowned and debarred her said daughter from all her movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Miss. Bhumika will do so at his/hen/their own risk and responsibilities and my client will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Miss Bhumika. Anupama Sethi (Advocate) Off:Plot-9. Basement, CC Market, Naraina, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Public at large is hereby informe that our client Sh. Brijesh Chauhar S/o Sh. R.K. Chauhan R/o B-212 Sant Sunder Dass Ji CGHS Ltd. Plot No.21, Sector-12, Dwarka New Delhi-78 was maintaining as Account No.8708000100005045 with Puniab National Bank Dwarka More, New Delhi and one of his cheque-book of the said account containing 20 signed cheques leafs (768851 to 768870) has been stolen/lost/misplaced in the year 2020 regarding which h has lodged an online FIR No.388122/2023 on 28.04.2023. If any person, whomsoever he/sh may be, for any purpose whatsoever, misused or intent to misuse any of the said stolen/ lost misplaced cheques of our client, i that event, our client shall not incur any liability qua any of the said cheques as the abovesaid account o our client stands closed w.e. 19.10.2023 due to the theft/loss of his aforesaid cheque- book in the year 2020.

> PANKAJ RAJ SHARMA Advocate Ch. No. 436, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Coruts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

D-350 D-Block Anand Vihar Delhi-92 H.No-192 Ager Enclave East Delhi-1100 I/We have lost my all original proper Documents sale deed of plot no-618 -A/8old plot no -96 vill chandrawali vishw nagar Shahadra Delhi-32 date 10/01/20 Reg no 385 book no 1 vol no 5,171 page 160 to 166 & I/we have lost my sale dee dated 19/05/2006 & I/We have lost partition deed 02/09/2002 & Reliqui deed 25/09/1987. I / we also logged fir L.r no 134197 /2023 .09/02/23 cri Branch Delhi I/we Future it I found the documents I/We will not missus it. Any of Found it please contact - 9811507024

PUBLIC NOTICE

in behalf of our client that Mr. Pankaj Gupt the owner of Flat No.94,C. on Serv Floor, Type-MIG. in Block-C-3-A, Situate Janakpuri "the said property", by virtu f Relinquishment deed dated 13.10.2022 edistration No. 26619, executed by M B. Gupta legal heirs of late Mrs. Shar Supta. All persons are hereby informs the said property to Mr. Tushar Arora ar Mrs. Archana Arora, who is taking hor anybody has any objection's upon ti aid property/partion/floor, its ownership ts Title /Sale & mortgage, kindly inform th ned address within 10 days of the prese Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultan

200, 2nd Fir. 23 Shivaji Marg. Moti Nagar, N.Delh-1 legal@knalegal.com Ph: 011-41112527-28

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVOCATE, CHAMBER NO. 576-WESTERN WING TIS HAZARI COUR DELHI-110054, ON BEHALF OF M CLIENTS (1) SH. RAJU S/O LATE. LAKHMI & (2) SMT. SUNITA W/O RAJU R/O HOUSE NO. 19, M.C.D COLONY, ROOP NAGAR, DELHI-11000 SNAPPED AND BROKEN ALL THE RELATIONS AND TIES WITH THEIR SO MANISHA AND GRAND CHILDRE KAVISH @ KRISHNA AND MOKSH DU TO THEIR ACTIVITIES AND HA DEBARRED THEM FROM INHERITENCE PROPERTY. MY CLIENTS SHALL NO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY GIVE ANI TAKE AND ANY ACT OF OMMISSIO ANY BODY DEALING WITH THEM SHALL DO AT THEIR HIS/ HER OWN

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DRM (S&T)/ North Western Railway Jaipur, for and on behalf of The President of India, Cancel E-Tender No. SNT-JP-17-2023-24 of the following work due to administrative reason. (1) Name of work with its location: Provision of Strengthening of VHF Network over Jaipur Division by replacing (25W & 5W) on age cum condition basis along with improvement of power plant of 25Watt VHF Sets.

DRM (S&T) NWR, Jaipur

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G2 E-Tender Notice No - . 42235528

Dy.CMM/NWR/Ajmer, acting for and behalf of the President of India invites E Tender against Tender No. , 42235528 closing date: 17.11.2023 at 14.25 Hrs Bidders will be able to submit their Original / Revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offers received shall be ignored Sr.No.1. Description of work: Supply Installation and Commissioning o adjustable Heavy Duty Racking System (Selective Pallets Racking System) with decking panels and Cantilever Rack single sided to be installed inside timber ward of Carriage Stores Depot, Ajmer Detailed specifications and requiremen as per Annexure A, B, C & D and drawing as per Annexure E & F. attached 2. Quantity: 01 Set; 3. Date & time for submission of tender: Submission of E-tender up to 17/11/2023 at 14:25 Hrs. 4. Website particular: www.ireps.gov.in

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that one accused Mohd. Ashif S/o Mohd. Aslam, R/o H.No. E-135, Gali No.3, Hardev Nagar, Jharoda, Delhi have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 115/2019 u/s 354/354A/354B IPC has been registered at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Mohd. Ashif cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mohd. Ashif has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or Ms. Reetika Jain Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate Mahila Court-03,

DP/12184/N/2023 (Court Matter)

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSONS ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Babu Lal (3) Chikku S/o Babu Lal (4) Kiran W/o Roshan Lal R/o Jhuggi No. 68, AO Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 632/2022 U/s 186/353/332/147/148/ 149/307/308/34 IPC at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Minakshi (2) Roshan Lal (3) Chikku (4) Kiran cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Minakshi (2) Roshan Lal (3) Chikku (4) Kiran have absconded (or are concealing themself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Minakshi (2) Roshan Lal (3) Chikku (4) Kiran of FIR No. 632/2022 U/s 186/353/332/147/148/149/307/308/34 IPC at P.S.: Shalimar Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 16.12.2023. By order Ms. Ritika Kansal

> North West, Room No.208, 2nd Floor Rohini Courts, Delhi

personl namely Sumit Kumar S/o Manoj Kumar R/o H.No.431, PKT-6, Sec-A5, Police Colony Narela, Delhi has been missing since 20.10.2023 at 10.00 PM from his house. In the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi. In this regard a case vides DD No. 47-A dated 21.10.2023 has been registered at PS. Narela, Delhi. The description of missing person is as

Height: 5'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Grey Color T-Shirt Blue Color Pajama and Sport shoes in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/12130/ON/2023

P.S., Narela, Delhi Ph.: 011-27280435 7065036323



one female namely Rani Devi W/o Jichu Mandal R/o B-4/200, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. Age 75 yrs., Height 5', Complexion Shallow, Built Fat, Face Round wearing Orange Colour Saree & Sleeper in Feet has been missing since 15.04.2019 from her house. Sincere efforts have been Rani Devi made by local police to trace out this

female but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard

a DD No. 82A dated 27.07.2023 has been lodged at PS Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing

female may kindly inform to the following. Website: http://cbi.nic.in Email: cic@cbi.gov.in PS Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi Fax: 011-23011334

Ph.: 011-27811933, 9205191350 Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218 e-mail: sho.bhalswa@delhipolice.gov.in DP/11960/ON/2023

## SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY



one lady namely Laxmi Devi, W/o Munna Rajput, R/o H-16/1437, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi. Age about 46 years, Height 5', Complexion Wheatish, Face Round, Built Medium, Wearing White Blue colour saree and chappal in feet has been missing since 21.08.2023 from the Jurisdiction of PS Sangam Vihar New Delhi. Sincere efforts

General public is hereby informed that

have been made by local police to trace out this lady but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a DD No. 72A dated 13.10.2023 has been lodged at PS Sangam Vihar, New Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing

lady may kindly inform to the following. Website: http://cbi.nic.in Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-23011334 Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218

DP/12095/SD/2023

SHO PS: Sangam Vihar, New Delhi Ph.: 7669888033, 7988328984 8750870833

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

 Raman Sharma, Secretary, 2. Sh. B.B. Bansal, President, The Vasudhaya Kalyanam Urban Co-Op, Thrift & Credit Society Ltd., R/o 2527/192, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case Case Reg. No. 7671, 7672, 7809, 15538, 15541/2019, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said 1. Raman Sharma, Secretary, 2. Sh. B.B. Bansal, President cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said 1. Raman Sharma, Secretary, 2. Sh. B.B. Bansal, President has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said 1. Raman Sharma, Secretary, 2. Sh. B.B. Bansal, President accused of case Case

Reg. No. 7671, 7672, 7809, 15538, 15541/2019, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.01.2024. By Order Sh. Vaibhav Chaurasia Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)

Court No. 112, 1" Floor Rohini Court, Delhi DP/11566/NW/2023

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Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mohd**. Ashif of FIR No. 115/2019 u/s 354/354A/354B IPC has been registered at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi is required to before 30.11.2023.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that four accused persons namely (1) Minakshi D/o Babu Lal (2) Roshan Lal S/o

LD. Metropolitan Magistrate-07

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING** General Public is hereby informed that one

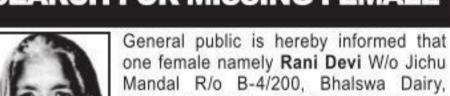


DP/12025/NW/2023

Name: Sumit Kumar, Age: 23.5 yrs., Built: Medium,

Website: http://cbi.nic.in e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

### SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)



E-tender is Re-invited for the supply of following item.

Note: For more details, log on to website <a href="https://mahatenders.gov.in">https://mahatenders.gov.in</a> PRO/AAM(M)/97/2023 GENERAL MANAGER

#### OSBI

IT-Partner Relationship Department, State Bank of India, Global IT Centre, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614

#### CORRIGENDUM-2

Please refer to RFP No. SBI/GITC/IT-Partner Relationship/2023/2024/1042 Dated: 22.09.2023 for Empanelment of IT Companies for Providing Niche technology Resources for Various Applications and IT initiatives of the Bank skill wise. Please visit 'Procurement News' at https://www.sbi.co.in and e-Procurement agency portal https://etender.sbi/SBI/ for Corrigendum-2

issued on 27.10.2023. **Deputy General Manager** 

Place: Navi Mumbai Date: 27.10.2023

IT-Partner Relationship Department

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			TENDER NOTICE hrough e-tendering)	Acres (Matrotte	
Name of Work with its location Replacement of existing 8 Fiber OFC with 48 Fiber OFC & Fiber of Cable with 6 quad cable in remaining Delhi area of DLI Division.					
Approx. Cost of	the wo	rk	Rs. 3,66,59,946.35/-only		
Earnest Money D	eposit	Rs	. 3,33,300.00/-only .		

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Address Railway 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055 Tender uploading / closing date & Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender time-22/11/2023 up to 15.00 hrs. Website particular & notice See the Northern Railway website board location where www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry complete details of the

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**Tender Notice** Office of the Executive Engineer (Maintenance) Tiloth Power House Uttarkashi invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No. :- (I) 09/EE(M)/2023-24 (ii) 10/EE(M)/2023-24 Name of Work :- (i)Repairing and overhauling of switchyard of DPH Tiloth and Heena (ii) Testing of various equipments and pressure vessels of Tiloth Power House

Estimated Cost:- (i) Rs. 20,72,346.00 (Taxes Extra) (ii) Rs. 1,06,750.00 Date of availability of bid document on website: - 25.10.2023

Last date of submission of tender: - 16.11.2023 at 16:00 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com" Executive Engineer (Maintenance)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Manoj Sharma S/o Tara Chand R/o House No. D-93, South Ganesh Nagar, Shakarpur, Delhi and Village Kurthal, District-Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in CC No. 12795/2019 U/s 138 NI Act and CC No. 12796/2019 U/s 138 NI Act registered at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said Manoj Sharma could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Manoj Sharma has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Manoj Sharma is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.11.2023. By Order

Ms. Bhujali, Metropolitan Magistrate, (NI Act-01) Central,

Room No. 201, Second Floor, DP/11833/CD/2023 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi (Court Notice)

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSONS ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that three accused persons namely (1) Shabh Singh (2) Poonam (3) Suresh Chand R/o Nai Abadi Ngla Padma Near Ashaiyana State Colony Naina Jat Gwalior Road Agra UP Rathore Computers Near Khanujiya Book Depot Naulakha Sadar Bazar Agra UP has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CR No. 1201/17 U/s 498A IPC at P.S. Mayur Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Shabh Singh (2) Poonam (3) Suresh Chand cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Shabh Singh (2) Poonam (3) Suresh Chand have absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Shabh Singh (2) Poonam (3) Suresh Chand of CR No. 1201/17 U/s 498A IPC at P.S.: Mayur Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 24.01.2024. By order

Ms. Shazadi Halima Sadiya Metropolitan Magistrate Mahila Court-02, East Karkardooma Courts Delhi

Government of Jharkhand Directorate of Industries 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi-834002

DP/11995/ED/2023

Advertisement PR No: 308705, Date: 09.10.2023 Very Short Term Tender Notice (2nd Call)

Sealed tenders are invited by Director of Industries, Government of Jharkhand for Design, Erection, Decoration, Maintenance & Management of Jharkhand Pavilion during "India International Trade Fair- 2023" scheduled from 14th to 27th November, 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Publishing of RFP/ Tender on website	October 26, 2023
2.	Period of downloading and Submission of tender	Start date: October 26, 2023 to End date November 01, 2023, 12:00 PM
3.	Presentation on approach & methodology	November 01, 2023 at 01.00 PM
4.	Technical proposal opening	November 01, 2023 at 02.00 PM
5.	Financial Bid Opening	To be notified
6. Cost of Tender		INR 10,000/- in Form of Demand Draft in favour of Director- Industries, Ranchi
7.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	INR 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakhs only) in form of Bank Guarantee in favour of Director- Industries, Ranchi.
8.	Website for downloading Tender Documents	https://www.jharkhand.gov.in/industri es
9.	Mode of submission of Tender	Offline
10.	Contact Details	Directorate of Industries, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand 834002. Website: https://www.jharkhand.gov.in/industrie

Tender document can be collected from O/o Director Industries, Directorate of Industries, 3rd floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi or downloaded from https:// jharkhandindustry.gov.in

s Email: jhr-doi@nic.in

For any clarification, please contact Sh. Rajnish Kumar Shukla, Asst. Section Officer, Directorate of Industries, Mob: 7717761248. The Directorate of Industries reserved the right to reject, cancel any particular or all bid offer without assigning any reason what so ever. The decision of the directorate shall be

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### राष्ट्रीय मात्स्यिकी विकास बोर्ड

National Fisheries Development Board मत्स्यपालन विभाग/Department of Fisheries

मत्स्वपालन, पशुपालन और डेवरी मंत्रालय / Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying भारत सरकार / Government of India

स्तम्भ संख्या-235, पी.वी.एन.आर एक्सप्रेस वे, डाक-एस.वी.पी.एन.पी. ए, हैदराबाद- 500052 Pillar No: 235, PVNR Expressway, SVPNPA Post, Hyderabad-500 052 फोन/ Phone No. 040- 24000201; फैक्स/ Fax No: 040-2401 5568; मेल/ Mail; info.nfdb@nic.in

#### Invitation of tenders for Event Management Services Date: 27-10-2023 No. NFDB/D1/PMMSY/WFI/2023-24

The National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad invites manual tenders for managing the Department of Fisheries, pavilion and connected exhibition stalls of the WORLD FOOD INDIA - 2023 a Praghathi Maidhan, New Delhi. Interested firms/organizations/ institutes involved in providing the event management services may please visit website www.nfdb.gov.in and submit the bids in prescribed formats on o before 5pm on 28/10/2023 at the office of NFDB, Hyderabad.

**Executive Director (Tech)** 

#### **PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE**

It is for the information of general public that the vehicle bearing registration number UP80DT7407 belonging to Sh. Gurtek Singh Sodhi S/c Sh. Kuldeep Singh Sodhi and the goods loaded in it will be put to public auction (on "as is where is" basis) on 07.11.2023, Tuesday at 12 P.M. in the 0/0 Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Faridabad (South), Behind District Court, Near Sports Complex, Faridabad by the order of the Collector-cum-Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Faridabad (South) u/s 79 of the Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017. The details of the con veyance and goods to be auctioned are as mentioned below: Conveyance: Registration No. UP80DT7407, Open Body

> Eicher Pro 5016 M HSD WF Engine No E624CDJB191703 Chassis MC2T1MRCOJB007307 Year of Mfg. 2018

> > HSN Code Quantity Value

#### Goods:

Sl. Description of goods

No		100	276 18	
1.	POLYSTER FABRIC	54076190	11300 MTR	197750
	LED FLOOD LIGHTS	94051090	96 PCS	216000
_	FLOOR RUBBING MACHINE	68042200	06 PCS	300000
4.	NICKEL PLATES	7506	520 KG	1040000
5.	COPPER WIRE	7408	991.610KG	892449
6.	PVC WATER PIPES	3917	24 BUNDLE	96000
7.	PVC FOOTWEARS	6403	3700 PCS	111000
8.	BATHROOM FITTINGS	7418	04 CTN	80000
9.	COSMETIC LIPSTIC	330410	648 PCS	67392
10.	NAIL POLISH	33049920	576 PCS	14976
11.	LIPSTIC	330410	288 PCS	29952
12.	LIQUID LIPSTIC	330410	2880 PCS	126720
13.	LADIES PURSE	42023120	08 PCS	25000
14.	SPORTS GOODS	9506	01 CTN	15000
15.	FRIDGE STAND	9506	24 PCS	20000
16.	MOBILE CHARGER	8504	500 PCS	12000
17.	LED LIGHTS	94051090	360 PCS	14400

The Successful bidder has to deposit 25% of the amount of the accepted bid by authority on the spot and the remaining amount, i.e. 75% of the amount of accepted bid within 15 days of auction date. Once the complete payment is made, the ownership will be transferred by the Competent Authority to the successful bidder and the necessary certificate shall be issued. A refundable security deposit of Rs 10,000/- shall be deposited by each participating bidder in case with an Identity proof before the start of auction process. Rest of the terms and condition will be conveyed before the start of the auction.

are welcome to attend.

NAME OF WORK

**NOTICE TENDER** 

ALONG ROAD FROM RAIL

WAY CROSSING AT CHOTU

**NIZAMPUR AND TOWARDS** 

KOMAL PUBLIC SCHOOL IN

PLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF FLAT

PANEL MOBILE CARM MACHINE FOR BATE CON-

THE SUPPLY OF MEDICINES TO VARIOUS HOSPITALS OF GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA FOR A PERI-

PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF ANSWER

BOOKS FOR SEC./SR.SEC./D.EL.ED

**EXAMINATION YEAR2024** 

**INKLESS PADS** 

OD OF TWO YEARS FOR "GROUP A" MEDICINES

TRACT OF TWO YEARS IN STATE OF HARYANA +

NAME OF BOARD

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BAHADURGARH

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CORPORATION

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**EDUCATION** 

22242/HRY

**AETO (HO)-cum-Proper Officer** O/o Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioner (ST) Faridabad (South)

**AUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS STORES** 

OF ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL PARK & TRAINING

AREA (AEPTA) DHAULA KUAN, NEW DELHI-110010

Auction for miscellaneous unserviceable stores will

be held on 31 October 2023 (Tuesday) at 1100 hours

at Army Environmental Park & Training Area, Dhaula

Kuan, New Delhi-110 010. Vendors interested to bid

HONORARY SECRETARY

ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL PARK AND TRAINING AREA

Contact Number: 011-25693830 & 011-25684179

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

CLOSING DATE

(TIME)

CLOSING

DATE

02.11.2023

OPENING DATE: AMOUNT/EMD

(APPROX.) IN

RUPEES

**CRORES** 

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

CLOSING

14.11.2023

25.10.2023

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

25.10.2023

06.11.2023

OPENING DATE AMOUNT/EMD

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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#### **SALUTE THE SOLDIER**



ASI/EXE RAJENDRA PRASAD CISF UNIT, PGCIL WAGOORA CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On 27-10-2018, he laid down his lives at the altar of duty while fighting with the terrorists in J&K. His courage and bravery would remain an

abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noblest deed.



located at Nava

Nangal (Punjab)

(A Govt. of India Undertaking) एन एफ एल Nangal Unit, Naya Nangal-140126 (Punjab) NFL Tel. No.01887-220568, E-mail: vpbhagat@nfl.co.in Date: 27.10.2023

Tender No. SN/MHCC/2024-25

TENDER NOTICE

On-line bids in Two Pa through GEM portal fo Item Description		CONTRACTOR AND ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY ADDRESS OF THE PROP	Last Date & Time for submission and opening of tender
Contract for the Job of Material Handling/Carting Contract for Two years at its plant located at Nava	Lakh	Rs.137.88 Lakh plus applicable GST extra	As per GeM bid schedule

For further details and scope of work etc. please visit Website: www.nationalfertilizers.com; https:/gem.gov.in Any further amendment/corrigendum to this tender shall be

displayed only on aforesaid websites. Vendors are advised to visit aforesaid websites regularly. DGM (Matls.)

Pragati Vihar, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003.

Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road. Vadodara- 390 007 Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kurla Complex,

Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400 051 **PUBLIC NOTICE - WILFUL DEFAULTER** 

Public at large is hereby informed that M/s Maharana Pratap Education

Centre ("the Borrower") having its registered office at 117/Q/66, Sharda Nagar, Kanpur, U.P. 208025, India and Mr. Ram Singh Bhadauria (in his capacity as Chairman), Mr. Shailendra Bhadauria (in his capacity as Secretary), Mr. Gaurav Bhadauria (in his capacity as Joint Secretary) and Mrs. Surabhi Bhadauria (in her capacity as Joint Secretary) have defaulted with ICICI Bank in meeting their repayment obligations under the credit facilities amounting ₹ 612.1 million as on September 01, 2023. Accordingly, after following due process, the Borrower and its aforesaid Chairman, Secretary and Joint Secretary (ies) have been declared as "Wilful Defaulter" by ICICI Bank in terms of the extant RBI guidelines. The matter has been reported to RBI/CIBIL as required under extant RBI guidelines. This notice is hereby issued in public interest and for information to all concerned.



Bhadauria

WERSITE OF THE

**BOARD CORP./AUTH** 

https://etenders

hry.nic.in

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www.hmscl.org

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Place: Delhi

Date: October 27, 2023



Bhadauria

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Mr. Gauray Bhadauria



Bhadauria Sd/-

**Authorised Signatory** For ICICI Bank Ltd.

B-1140

4. Cost of tender paper

Tender Enquiry No.

Work Description

#### Government of Odisha, e-Procurement Notice **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Bid Identification No. C.C.E.Dkl.(R&B) 18/2023-24 Email Id-sedklpwd@gmail.com Letter No. 3309 /Dt. 20.10.23 The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of

Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in

ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Bridge work as detailed

below: 1. Name of the work : Bridge works 2. No of works

: 1 (One) No. 3. Estimated Cost : Rs. 6.04 Crore (as given in column No. 03 of table)

5. Class of contractor : 'A' & 'Special' Class (as given in column No. 07 of table)

: Rs. 10,000.00

6. **Period of Completion of work**: 09 (Nine) Calender months (as given in column No. 08 of table)

7. Date and time of availability: From Dt. 26.10.2023 to 05.00 P.M. of of bid Document in the Dt. 09.11.2023 website

8. Date of opening of bid : Dt. 09.11.2023 at 5.30 P.M.

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisa.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum. cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal OIPR-34132/11/0024/2324

Oct 27, 2023

20.11.2023;1630 Hrs

TATA POWER DELHI DISTRIBUTION LIMITED A Tata Power and Delhi Government Joint Venture TATA POWER-DDL Regd. Office: NDPL House, Hudson Lines, Kingsway Camp, Delhi 110 009 Tel: 66112222, Fax: 27468042, Email: TPDDL@tatapower-ddl.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

TATA Power-DDL invites tenders as per following details:

Last Date & Time Estimated Availability of Bid Submission/ Cost/EMD of Bid Date and time of (Rs.) Document Opening of bids TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001607/23-24 25.30 Crs/ 20.11.2023;1600 Hrs/ 27.10.2023 Rate Contract for Operating Call

CIN No.: U40109DL2001PLC111526, Website: www.tatapower-ddl.com

10,55,000 Centre for 4 years CORRIGENDUM / TENDER DATE EXTENTION Revised Due Date & Time Tender Enquiry No. Previously Published of Bid Submission/ Date Work Description Date & time of opening of bids TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001588/23-24 31.10.2023 at 1600 Hrs/ 27.09.2023 Procurement of BW on HANA - 4 TB 31.10.2023 at 1630 Hrs TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001585/23-24 01.11.2023 at 1530 Hrs/ 18.09.2023 PO for supply of Paper Covered Copper 01.11.2023 at 1600 Hrs TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001583/23-24 02.11.2023 at 1500 Hrs/ SITC of OT Firewall, Firewall Management 14.09.2023 02.11.2023 at 1530 Hrs System, CTD Sensor and associated Hardware/Software TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001593/23-24 08.11.2023 at 1500 Hrs/ 27.09.2023 RC for supply of 11 KV RMUs 08.11.2023 at 1530 Hrs Complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our

website www.tatapower-ddl.com → Vendor Zone → Tender / Corrigendum Documents Contracts - 011-66112222

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Construction Division-2, P.W.D, Bulandshahr No. 3130/7A Dated: 16-10-2023

#### **E- Tender Notice**

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh. Executive Engineer. Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate bid online through http://etender.up.nic.in from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD, from Date 03.11.2023 10.00 A.M. to 08.11.2023 up to 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-1 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated **08.11.2023 at 12:30 Noon.** If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time and validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

cost (Rs.in (Rs.in Lacs)

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	Special Repair Work of Under Construction	3 24.40	4 2.44	5 05 Month	6 Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500	7 A, B, C & D
	Radar in Front of Bhokheda to Sikandrabad- Kakod Link Road				+GST 18% 144= 944	(Road work)
2	Special Repair Work of Sikandrabad-Dankaur Road to Hasanpur Jagir Via Baviya Vishwana Link Road	33.77	3.38	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
3	Special Repair Work of Vair to Roni Saloni Link Road	18.81	1.88	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
4	Special Repair Work of Hasanpur Jagir to Sherpur Via Andhel Link Road.	25.34	2.53	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
5	Special Repair Work of M.B. Road to Khushalpur Road to Mohali Link Road	29.90	2.99	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
6	Special Repair Work of Sikandrabad-Khurja Road to Tota Nagla, Baroda Via Kankpur Link Road	20.45	2.04	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
7	Special Repair Work of N.H91 to Hridaypur Link Road	5.80	0.58	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
8	Special Repair Work of Gesupur Kalounda Jarcha link road	1.92	0.19	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 75+500 +GST 18% 103= 678	A, B, C & D (Road work)
9	Special Repair Work of The Link Road till Kali River Bridge in Sentha	30.69	3.07	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
10	Special Repair Work of M.B. Road to Husainpur Link Road	11.26	1.13	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
11	Special Repair Work of Baral-Aurangabad to Mohali Link Road	23.46	2.35	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
12	Special Repair Work of N.H91 to Aminagar Link Road	25.64	2.56	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
13	Special Repair Work of Sikandrabad-Baral to Nai Basti Bambe Ki Patri Link Road	28.30	2.83	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
14	Special Repair Work of Sirodhan to Esmailpur Link Road	17.45	1.74	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
15	Special Repair Work of Faizabad Ridhawali Link Road	10.31	1.03	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
16	Special Repair Work of M.B. Road to Dhak Baral Ki Madhaiya Link Road	8.99	0.90	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
17	Special Repair Work of Bahorabas Gangraul to Sherpur Link Road	11.30	1.13	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
18	Special Repair Work of Sherpur to Salempur Link Road	14.34	1.43	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500	A, B, C & D (Road work)
19	Special Repair Work of Chandrapura- Asafabad Railway Gate to Village Asafabad	20.49	2.05	05 Month	+GST 18% 131= 856 Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500	A, B, C & D (Road work)
20	Chandrapura Link Road  Special Repair Work of Vair to Arora Link		1.64	05 Month	+GST 18% 144= 944 Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500	A, B, C & D
21	Road  Special Repair Work of Dibai-Karnavas to		1.03	05 Month	+GST 18% 144= 944 Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500	(Road work)
22	Ghusrana Gail Link Road in Km. 1  Special Repair Work of Dibai-Raighat Road to		0.53	05 Month	+GST 18% 131= 856 Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500	(Road work)
23	Lachimpur Link Road  Special Repair Work of Ghusrana Gail Link		0.72	05 Month	+GST 18% 131= 856 Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500	(Road work)
24	Road in Km. 1(730)  Special Repair Work of Ghusrana Gail Road to		2.70	05 Month	+GST 18% 131= 856 Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500	(Road work)
	Mohammadpur Kalan Link Road			05 Month	+GST 18% 144= 944	(Road work)
25	Special Repair Work of Dibai-Karanwas Road to Khushalabad Link Road	4.81	0.48		Tender Cost-Rs. 150+500 +GST 18% 117= 767	A, B, C & D (Road work)
26	Special Repair Work of Jargwa Kalyanpur Road to Nagla Kothi Link Road		1.52	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
27	Special Repair Work of Aligarh-Ramghat Road to Gangagarh to Monipura Link Road	28.21	2.82	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
28	Special Repair Work of Unchagaon Bangar to Sabdalpur Pesri Link Road	26.71	2.67	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
29	Special Repair Work of Khushalabad to Satoha Link Road		1.08	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
30	Special Repair Work of Bugrasi Bharana to Kiriyawali Link Road	9.71	0.97	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
31	Special Repair Work of B.S.B. to Mankdi Bambe Ki Patri Link Road	24.58	2.46	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+500 +GST 18% 144= 944	A, B, C & D (Road work)
32	Special Repair Work of Barauli Vasudevpur to Chitsaun Alipur Link Road	4.90	0.49	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 150+500 +GST 18% 117= 767	A, B, C & D (Road work)
33	Special Repair Work of Village Kiriyari to Pilakhni Link Road	8.13	0.81	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
34	Special Repair Work of Amargarh Thana Gajraula Peer Ki Mazar to Thana Village Link Road	5.90	0.59	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
35	Special Repair Work of Balrampur to Shadipur Banboi Link Road	14.20	1.42	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
36	Special Repair Work of B.S.G to Chingrawathi Link Road	4.16	0.42	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 150+500 +GST 18% 117= 767	A, B, C & D (Road work)
37	Special Repair Work of Ghungrawali to Bunbhora Link Road	9.05	0.91	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
38	Special Repair Work of Amargarh to Duldkeda Link Road	12.08	1.21	05 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 225+500 +GST 18% 131= 856	A, B, C & D (Road work)
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through Internet Banking only.

2. All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 year and details of maximum cost work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chanakya Software before submission of tender.

3. Details of e-tender uploaded on https://eternder.up.nic.in shall also be uploaded on uppwd Chanakya software, before last date & time of submission of bid.

4. Tender or have to upload required documents as per Government order No. 879(1)/23-7-2020 P.W. Anubhag-7 Lucknow Dt. 25-08-2020 for Prahari Application in Chanakya Software for Tendering Process. 5. Terms & Other Conditions related to bid are available on

https://etender.up.nic.in UPID-196409

**Assistant Engineer Construction Division-2, PWD** 

Date 19/10/2023 www.upgov.nic.in Bulandshahar

**Executive Engineer** Construction Division-2, PWD Bulandshahar

**Managing Director** 

Last date

#### BOARD OF SCHOOL E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF 2000 25.10.2023 8168476169 08.11.2023 org.in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in DRACE JAL ITAHAMIE **OFFICE OF**

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THE MANAGING DIRECTOR **GUWAHATI METROPOLITAN DRINKING WATER AND** SEWERAGE BOARD 1ST FLOOR, TRIPTI TOWER, GANESHGURI G. S. ROAD, GUWAHATI-781006

No. GJB/PMC/01/2023/01

Description

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**JANASANYOG/CF/3243/23/27-OCT-23** 

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Managing Director, Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water & Sewerage Board invites online "Express of Interest" from eligible consultants for shortlisting of them to participate in the RFP process for selection of most suitable among them to provide necessary consultancy service for execution of balance works for South Guwahati West Water Supply Project (107 MLD)

**Tender** 

Completion

	of Work	Timeline	Processing Fee	Submission Meeting Date	of Submission of EOI		
1	Consultancy service for execution of balance works for South Guwahati West Water Supply Project (107 MLD)	24 months	INR 2000.00	04.11.2023, 01:00 PM	13.11.2023 02:00 PM		
The detailed REOI and subsequent amendments if any will be available at official website of Guwahati							
Metropolitan Drinking Water and Sewerage Board (www.https://gmdwsb.assam.gov.in) and							

www.assamtenders.gov.in from 27.10.2023. The EOIs will be received through the e-procurement portal

**Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking** Water & Sewerage Board

Pre

Name of

Work and

its location

**Bid Security** 

Address of the office

2. Nature of work

5. Class of Contractor

7. Pre-Bid meeting

of

document in the website

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-613-

Aurangabad

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-614-

Bagaha-2

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8. Date of opening of Bid

3. No. of work

4. Tender cost

6. Available

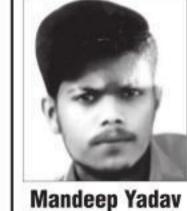
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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering) Tender No: 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/AMC/076/2023-24 Dated: 26.10.2023 Name of work with its Comprehensive Annual maintenance Contract of SSDAC of Medha make for three years. Location Rs. 21,44,815.20/-only App. Cost of the work **Bid Security** Rs. 42,900/- only Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Address of the office Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055 Date & Time for upload the Tender uploading 26.10.2023 /closing date & time tender/ closing of tender 17.11.2023 up to 15.00 hrs. Website particular & notice See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in board location where & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, complete details of the tender State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055. can be seen etc.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY** General public is here by informed



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NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD CONDUCTOR WITH

AT MUD. MUZ. MUT. PQY, MOZ. DBD & NANGAL UNDER

UNDERGROUND CABLES AND ASSOCIATED OTHERS WORK

Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi,

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 3343/23

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**WORKS DEPARTMENT** 

E-mail- ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

1. The Chief Engineer (World Bank Project), Odisha on behalf of

construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below:

Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double

cover system in ONLINE MODE firm eligible contractors for

: 01 no.

9. 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.

Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) - 31 / 2023-24

: Bridge work

: Dt. 03.11.2023

: Rs. 10,000.00 (on-line)

: Special/ Super Class Contractor

Chief Engineer

World Bank Project, Odisha

OIPR-34003/11/0051/2324

bid: From 10.00 AM of 27.10.2023 to

5.00 PM of 15.11.2023

: Dt. 16.11.2023 at 11.30 AM

22.11.2023, 12.00 Hrs.

30-Elect-32-T-2023-24-E3

Approx. Cost of the works in Rs. 72.35 lacs

Opening of tender | 22.11.2023, 12.00 Hrs.

www.ireps.gov.in

Date & time of submission of tender

JURISDICTION OF SSE/PS/MTC.

notice board | & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

Rs. 144700.00

that this boy namely Mandeep Yadav S/o Ashok Yadav R/o K-63, Khasra No. 631, Gali No. 4. Khadda Colony, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi Age: 19 years, Height: 5'7" Face: Long, Complexion Wheatish, Build: Medium, wearing blue colour T-shirt and brown colour jeans, has been missing

since 02.09.2023 from the jurisdiction of P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 98-A dated 14.09.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the following:-

Fax: 24368639, Tel.: 24368638/24368641 P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi Tel. No.: 011-27495198. 27497179, 08750870226

SHO:

#### BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004

No. EL/1131/W-1155/1.3R1 **E-TENDER NOTICE** Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Maintenance, BLW, Varanasi actiNo EL/1131/W-1155/1.3R1ng or and on behalf of President of India invites ope E-Tenders for the following work: S.No.: 1, Tender No.: EL/1131-W-1155-1-3 R1. Name of work: Electrification & LT power distribution network in Newly constructed installations, Approximate cost ₹ : ₹ 65,47,454.71 Completion on period: 4 Months. Earnest money: ₹ 1.31.000/-. Tender opening date and time: 20.11.2023 at 15:30 hrs. **Note:** For details and to participate e tender please visit Indian railways website www.ireps.gov.in. PRO/BLW/E-10 **Assistant Electrical Engineer/HC** 

/blwvaranasi Website- blw.indianrailways.gov.in

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **DHANBAD DIVISION -**STORES DEPARTMENT OPEN TENDER Batch No- 14/2023 Dt. 20/10/2023

E-Tender Notice for supply of materials

"Participation in through" Web Portal of IREPS - www.ireps.gov.in. Offers are invited for supply of the following material The closing time for the tender is at 14.00 Hrs. SL. No.:-01, Tender No.:-39235668 Short Description of item: - HUCK BOLTING MACHINE WITH POWER PACK AND TOOLS SIZE: 1/2", 3/4", 5/8",1" & 13/8" as per Annexure attached. Quantity: 04 Sets. Publishing Date & Time:- 19 October 2023 19:13 Hrs, Tender Closing Date & Time: - 16 November 2023 14:00 Hrs Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web Portal o IREPS www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal. Sr. DMM/ECR/DHN

PR/01473/DHN/STORE/T/23-24/36

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-628-

Chakia

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-629-

Dhamdaha

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-630-

Dumraon

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-631-

Total

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-633-

Jamui

Total

Kishanganj-2

A1

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A2

#### EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🍥 E-TENDER NOTICE

Open Tender Notice No. :- SPJ-ST-S-16-2023. DRM (S&T)/Samastipur invites open e-tender on behalf of President of India for following work. Name of work with its location : Provision of associate S&T work in connection with

different engineering work of Elimination of level crossing by LHS in Samastipur division, 2. Approx. cost of the work ₹86,29,476/- (Rupees Eighty Six Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Six Only), 3, Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited : ₹1,72,600.00/-(Rupees One Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred only), 4. Date & Time for Submission of tender & opening of tender 10.11.2023 Up to 16:00 Hrs. 10.11.2023 at 16:30 Hrs. 5. Details of website where full details of tender may be seen www.ireps.gov.in, For further details please visit the website www.ireps.gov.in. Railway reserves the right to postpone/cancel tender or to modify the tender. Divisional Rail Manager (S&T)/ ECR/Samastipur

PR/001479/SPJ/S&T/T/23-24/36

Nandlal yadav

baccha Singh ke

ghar hote huve

Arun Singh ke ghar

Adivashi Tola

Kishanpur Balua

Barkona Adivashi

Tola

Amthua harijan

Hata ke Dera

Katorwa M Dalit

tola

Dark Bunglow

Sobhakap

Kanjas Mahto Tola

Khojpura

Baidrabad Tola

Katwa Rasalpur

Mahadalit Tola

babu saheb ke

baundriwall tak via

Manjhitola babu

NARBADA

MANJHHALI AHAR

Paswan Tola

Sakal Mushahri

Bichla Tola

sethabari RCD

Darogaon

Baghalbari middle

school -2

Purab Panasi

Ganabadi

Chorigadi

Makhan Pokhar

Paschim

Babangaon Tea

Garden

Naya Tola

Kabaristan

PMGSY road

Galgalia

Sisabadi Adiwasi

tola

Kasi badi hindu

tola hote hue

Muslim tola

Aadiwasi tola hote

hue Bangdogra

iluabadi

Budhigach

Saraikut hota hua

Raluhadi

Bhulan Patel

Munna singh ke ghar

SH 65

Gachkata

krishnabrahm arion

Raidiha to kulhawa

katorwa 80 feet road

near mahabir asthan

NH 83

Cherki Doumuhan RCD

Road tirka

Telhara Mina Bazar

Telhara Meenabazaar

Road Via Naima

Baidrabad PMGSY

Islampur-Rajgeer Road

ITI jamui

NARBADA MANJHHALI

Kharagpur Manjhway

Sakal PMGSY Road

Sakal PMGSY Road

Nimunda Tola

Pothiya islampur RCD

road near donk pul

KTTG RCD Road

Indarpur

Dahelbari primary

school

Tipu Chowk

Hekal badi

Chhamathia

Jhinakhor Nasim

House

Karigaon

(Chechuabadi)

4

Bangal border

Adiwasi tola Hospital

T04 Kishanganj

Thakurganj

Bhudhi bhita

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Hafizudeen @ Hafizul @ Happy Kana, S/o. Jafar, R/o. B-278, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 363/2023, dated 31.05.2023 U/s 380/454/34 IPC registered at P.S. Jagatpuri. Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Hafizudeen @ Hafizul @ Happy Kana cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Hafizudeen @ Hafizul @ Happy Kana has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Hafizudeen @ Hafizul @ Happy Kana accused of FIR No. 363/2023, dated 31.05.2023 U/s 380/454/34 IPC P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.12.2023

> Ms. Aayushi Saxena, Metropolitan Magistrate- 05, Room No. 48, Shahdara District Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

By Order

THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING

DP/12144/SHD/2023

DP/12030/Rly/2023

0.870

1.470

1.520

1.360

2.880

1.100

0.800

1.900

0.566

0.558

0.719

1.843

1.200

1.400

1.100

1.200

4.900

0.470

0.925

0.310

0.830

1.055

3.590

1.791

0.914

0.928

1.231

4.864

0.712

1.497

1.621

1.146

4.976

0.997

0.846

0.847

1.988

4.678

1.030

1.344

0.785

1.182

0.991

5.332

2.942

0.614

2.122

7.378

0.698

1.880

3.331

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

person(s) Shekhar @ Arun S/o Sachin Dass R/o H. No. 1325. Poltry Farm Vidhanand Colony, Sanoli Road, Panipat, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 08/2021 U/s 363/354/354A/354B/509/34 IPC Act, PS Old Delhi (Delhi Main) Railway Station and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Shekhar @ Arun can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Shekhar @ Arun has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Shekhar @ Arun of FIR No. 08/2021 U/s 363/354/354A/354B/ 509/34 IPC Act, PS Old Delhi (Delhi Main) Railway Station is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **04.12.2023**. By Order Sh. Muneesh Garg

(Court Matter) 0.600 54,440 6.799 61.239

7.870

14.669

19.969

19.016

38.985

8.586

20.480

8.006

4.460

11.840

24.306

18.555

11.947

7.952

17.156

55.610

6.261

14.177

2.576

12.509

16.050

51.573

27.497

14.736

16.258

18.742

77.233

5.906

21.025

23.822

17.771

68.524

15.879

11.855

12.884

28.246

68.864

17.740

20.197

12.273

18.964

13.517

82.691

40.428

5.672

29.927

96.935

9.269

24.542

49.427

83.238

15.876

17.659

28.355

78,500

132.940

217.490

152.802

370.292

102.090

75.600

177.690

46.905

46.687

55.728

149.320

114.660

105.609

99.305

124.010

443.584

45.891

89.778

33.769

78.255

84.140

331.833

293.682

110.936

100.969

142.769

648.356

66.701

168.020

167.793

145.648

548.162

114.030

97.002

148.540

201.142

560.714

105.553

137.902

84.349

132.826

127,336

587.966

302.466

80.653

229,494

841.877

76.130

191.549

345.463

Additional Session Judge-01 (POCSO) Central, Room No. 116. Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

86.370

147.609

237.459

171.818

409.277

113.984

84.186

198.170

54.911

51.147

67.568

173.626

133.215

117.556

107.257

141.166

499.194

52.152

103.955

36.345

90.764

100.190

383.406

321.179

125.672

117.227

161.511

725.589

72.607

189.045

191.615

163.419

616.686

129,909

108.857

161.424

229.388

629.578

123.293

158.099

96.622

151.790

140.853

670.657

342.894

86.325

259.421

938.812

85.399

216.091

394.890

696.380

148.571

140.443

192.471

2.952

2.952

8.186

8.186

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3.473

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9.984

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14.512

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12.334

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13.413

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18.776

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13.928

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9.630

9.630

1.376

1.376

248.605

Chakia

Dhamdaha

Gaya

Hilsa

Jamui

Kishanganj-2

Kishanganj-2

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Masaurhi

#### E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in

### **Rural Works Department** Notice Inviting Tender (No.-RWD/MMGSY(NDB)/HQ/ET/68/2023-24)

12.391

The Government of Bihar has a loan no. [18IN01] from New Development Bank (NDB) towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Mukhya Mantri Gram Sampark Yojana) to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction & maintenance of works as detailed in the Table-1 below. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding document

T02 NH-139

CHATRAMORE

Gautam Budhha Public

School near lebura

turn Village Simra Mansara

RWD road

Atrauli ban to atrauli

ban MMGSY

End of PCC road

**GTNSY** 

5

Govehiya

madhyavidayalaya

dhahwa

2

Bhagrwa Road

khowaha gorakh

choukidar ke ghar

2

Deepak Ram

Darha

Babarchak Gaon Sthit

Sri Sahendra Yadav Ke

Ghar ke Nikat

Pura Naiya Bigha Road

Betiah Sariswa PWD

Road

**Dudha PMGSY Road** 

Shabajawa PMGSY

Chaurahiya ward-16

vinod Kunwar ke ghar

Shabajawa ward-15

jata ram ke ghar

Chaurahiya MMGSY

A1

A5

A1

A2

A2

A1

A2

A1

A1

A3

A1

A3

A2

A3

A2

A3

A4

A2

A4

A1

A2

A1

A1

A2

A3

Bus Stand eshua

Kanar Bijulaka Kon

Kanar Bijulaka Kon

5

PMGSY Road New

Delhi

Ara Sasaram PWD

Rajpur katariya road

Sahshi jaghira harijan

kapil dev paswan ke

Aklu mahto ke ghar

kataha mil chowk

bandh

Rajepur PWD Road

Description of the Works [CONSTRUCTION AND Earnest Amount Constructio Maintenance Total Payable to MAINTENANCE OF ROADS (A) / BRIDGES (B)] Money

BHARTHAULI

Simra Garh

Pipal tree near

sudama paswan

house

khaira vishunpur

govrhiya bazar

samserwa Raja

choudhary ke ghar

rajkiye buniyadi

dhawaha

khagesh vishwas

State/Central Govt. departments. Payable<sup>3</sup> Works From (In Lacs) (In Lacs) (In Lacs) (In Lacs) Division

Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Works Department, on behalf of Governor of Bihar invites, SBD based Percentage rate tender in electronic tendering system under Mukhya Mantri Gram Sampark Yojana (MMGSY) for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with RWD/RCD/CPWD/MES /Railways/Othei 10 4

Gaon k uttar taraf Mahaveer Tola 0.400 47.973 1.961 49.934 Transformer

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-611 2.359 Ara Pawar uchya A2 Pawar RCD road 64.660 3.351 68.011 madhyamik 0.700 vidyalaya Total 1.100 112.633 5.312 117.945 2.359 MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-612 A1 Khatangi to Rambigha 0.260 31.571 2.611 34.182 0.684 Arwal 0.684

0.260 31.571 2.611 34,182 1.760 142.514 15.827 158.341 dihri bigha NH 98 0.450 38.242 4.346 42.588 bhuiya bigha road 10.187 1.120 104.591 114.778 1.050 100.280 8.145 108.425

178.217 17.186 195.403 1.765 6.145 563.844 55.691 619.535 12.391 207.670 229.770 1.850 22,100 7.792 159.830 1.400 143.540 16.290 3.250 351.210 38.390 389.600 7.792 1.050 130.500 13.030 143.530 7.996 1.850 236.100 20.190 256.290 366.600 33.220 399.820 7.996 57.393 3.553 60.946 4.118 Baisi 132.556 12.387 144.943 1.190

2.900 0.550 15.940 1.740 4.118 189.949 205.889 273.470 302.720 6.054 Banka-2 2.122 29.250 2.122 273.470 29.250 302.720 6.054 0.610 50.260 4.460 54.720 1.094 Barh 0.610 50.260 4.460 54.720 1.094 1.500 148.380 14.630 163.010

Phulbariya Gaon via Smart village Samudayak Bhawan Harauli Khairwa Chaita Toa 1.900 195.850 20.060 215.910 11.890 Betia 11.130 133.080 Chhaurahiya 1.050 121.950 Shabajawa ward -7.950 82.490 53.770 594.490 11.890 5.200 540.720 anusuchit basti 0.930 93.000 8.650 101.650 tintolwa ward-18

panchayat sarkar bhawan hote 188.330 1.850 171.170 17.160 16.304

road jawahar yadav ke jamunia tola ward bhagarwa MMGSY bettiah mainatar 322.560 362.580 road ward -8 darshan 3.750 40.020 road lohiariya Sharma ke ghar T01 pandey tola shankar mahto ke 1.220 148.400 14.230 162.630 PMGSY road ghar tak barohiya 7.750 735.130 80.060 815.190 ghurbhari sah ke ghar 1.280 125.890 12.710 138.600 ghogha siwan tak harizan basti hote

1.000

1.600

3.880

0.950

0.950

0.550

95.270

167.090

388.250

78.206

78.206

44.610

56.207

52,988

74.403

228.208

115.780

192.170

172.810

707.940

8.270

16.880

37.860

7.285

7.285

8.057

9.457

3.643

13.415

34.572

1.559

18.841

9.549

103.540

183.970

426.110

85.491

85.491

52.667

65.664

56.631

87.818

262.780

23.250

141.616

63.349

125.010

213.390

186.860

773.150

se dalit basti hoye khorwa Amin miyan ke huye dip tola ghogha ghar siwan tak Nautan khurd pitch Sikarpur vidyut road 3 NH-80 By pass (Arayan Barun Singh se Motor)

BENAR DALIT NH-33 NONIA PUL TOLA MADHUTAR BENAR NH-33

**BELDARI TOLA** DALIT BASTI SARE NH-31 SARE Soyba Alipur road Paswan tola Bypass (NH) Bayas Ghar Tola Husaina Bridge

0.730 0.660 0.900 2.840 0.250 Beldar Tola purani esua Beldaria aur

hasanpur muslim

baragobind mai

asthan via ward no

11

uday singh ke ghar

tak via mushar

nageshar rai ke

ghar

Gosaipur village

via Arya nagar

21.691 1.380 122.775 0.660 53.800 1.400 1.060 chauhan Tola 4.750 Chaudhary Tola 0.225 Tilai Sanjhauli (Uttar 1.030 Tola) 1.255 Middle school 1.200 pipradh

1.250

2.200

1.500

112.433 17.745 130.178 74.338 15.455 89.793 385.037 63.149 448.186 24.560 0.922 25.482 106.286 97.348 8.938 121.908 9.860 131.768 115.180 14.201 129.381 1.200 115.180 14.201 129.381 1.640 154.970 13.960 168.930 0.700 72.210 6.750 78.960

9.230

21.220

14.050

65.210

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-632-22 Aurangabad

23

21

18

Bagaha-2 Bagaha-2 MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-634-24

26

27

28

29

Betia

Betia

Bhagalpur

BiharSharif

BiharSharif

Bikramganj

Buxar

Chakia

16.304

8.522

1.710

1.710

5.256

5.256

8.964

8.964

2.635

2.635

2.588

2.588

15.463

15.463

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-635-25 Kishanganj-2 Total

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-637-

Kishanganj-2

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-638-

Kishanganj-2

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-639-

Kishanganj-2

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-640-

Kishanganj-2

Total

MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-641-

Total

**Grand Total** 

Downloading of Bidding Documents

Place, date and time of Pre-Bid Meeting

For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

Online Bid Submission last Date

Offline Bid Submission last Date

PR. No.010747 (RWD) 2023-24

Online Bid Opening Date

Cost of Bid

A4 A1 MMGSY-NDB-BRRP-636-Kishanganj-2

A3

A4 A1

A1

A2

A2

Kachi badi Idgha PWD road Raipur A3

khekibasi Kheki basti iluabadi road Jharuadangi MMGSY Road Pipalbadi MMGSY Kishanganj Thakurganj

khanki PWD road Pahantola PWD road Kishanganj Thakurganj PWD road

Bababgachh Adiwasi tola via Miramani Miramani Tola Taiyabpur Sonapur jamalpur Road purandarpur Bhusipur Muslim Tola koimari

91

Nikarbadi tola Bhebheri tola Dharam bhitta Fala panchayat hote hue Bhawan chowk Dubanochi Ambadi Gilabadi School hua Kathkua chowk tak Milk basti Gewoda loti pakamolana PMGSY road

Gilabadi gaon hota parukupi road Pothahi Baraipur RCD Lochana Path ke Beldarichak

Table-2

For any queries regarding e-tendering process kindly contact -MMGSY Cell, 6th floor, Vishveshwaraiya Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-15. Phone -8986915224 or email at

on 04.12.2023 up to 1500 Hours

on 04.12.2023up to 1500 Hours

on 04.12.2023 at 1530 Hours

Executive Engineer.

613.142 5.909 0.982 132.695 0.987 1.771 3.740 0.600 0.600 107.302

122.784 164.116 419.595 64.070 64.070

Concerned office of Superintending Engineer on 22.11.2023 from 1100 Hours

61.890 481.485 4.730 68.800 4.730 68.800 11129.657 1300.569 12430.226 From 13.11.2023 (0900 Hours) to 04.12.2023 (1500 Hours) Rs. 10000.00 per package (non-refundable) only in form of Demand Draft in favour of concerned

Engineer-in-Chief

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Rural Works Department