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It's her decision vs Can't stop heartbeat: SC divided on ending 26-week pregnancy

One judge pulls up Govt for asking CJI to recall previous order, another ticks off AIIMS for not raising flags earlier

ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

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ALL WOMEN in the country, regardless of marital status, can end pregnancy up to 24 weeks. In September 2022, the Supreme Court extended the right to safe and legal abortion up to 24 weeks of pregnancy to unmarried and single women.

TWO DAYS after it allowed a married woman to medically terminate her 26-week pregnancy, a two-judge all-woman bench of the Supreme Court Wednesday disagreed on giving the go-ahead for the procedure and referred her plea to the Chief Justice of India to be considered by an appropriate bench of larger strength.

While Justice BV Nagarathna said the petitioner's "decision" not to continue with the pregnancy "must be respected", Justice Hima Kohli said "my judicial conscience does not permit" acceding to her request.

What changed Justice Kohli's mind was an email from an AIIMS doctor, seeking clarification on the Supreme Court's October 9 order permitting the woman to undergo MTP (medical termination of pregnancy) and asking her to appear before the AIIMS authorities for the procedure.

"Having regard to the information obtained in the email... I am not inclined to permit the petitioner to terminate the pregnancy," Justice Kohli said.

Differing with this, Justice Nagarathna said the October 9 order was a "well considered" one and "having regard to the concrete determination made by

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the petitioner, I find that her decision must be respected. The court is here not to substitute its decision for the decision of the petitioner."

The woman, a mother of two, had approached the court stating that she was suffering from lactational amenorrhea and

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FIRST FLIGHT OUT TODAY AS ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR ESCALATES

India launches Op Ajay to bring home citizens from war zone



Incoming rocket fire from the Gaza Strip has Israelis taking cover in Ashkelon, southern Israel, on Wednesday. AP

Jaishankar speaks to UAE counterpart; MEA, mission offices set up helplines

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

AS THE Israel-Hamas war escalated and countries scrambled to bring home their people trapped in the fighting or looking for a way out of the war zone, India Wednesday announced it was launching Operation Ajay to repatriate its citizens from Israel and Palestine starting Thursday.

The Indian government will facilitate the return of Indian citizens through special chartered flights. Indian Navy ships will also be pressed into service should the need arise.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, in a post on X, said, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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NO WORD YET FROM DELHI

Jaishankar met Canada Foreign Minister amid row, says report

Ottawa has not withdrawn diplomats ahead of India deadline, reports FT

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

IN AN indication of back-channel talks following the diplomatic row between Delhi and Ottawa after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged a potential India government link to the killing of Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Canadian counterpart Melanie Joly met last month in Washington DC, according to UK-based daily *Financial Times*.

While there was no official word on the meeting from the Indian side, the *FT* report said, "Joly held a secret meeting with India's foreign minister S Jaishankar in Washington, said people familiar with the situation."

The report also said "Ottawa was trying to resolve the situation with New Delhi, which had warned that diplomats who stayed beyond the deadline would lose diplomatic immunity, said several people familiar with the situation. One Canadian official said Ottawa had not withdrawn any diplomats ahead of the deadline."

Delhi had asked Ottawa to withdraw about 40 of its diplo-



A file photo of Jaishankar with Canadian counterpart Melanie Joly

mats to bring parity with the Indian diplomatic presence in Canada.

India has about 20 diplomats in Canada, while Canada, sources said, has three times more — about 60 diplomats.

Jaishankar was in Washington DC in the last week of September and met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and NSA Jake Sullivan.

While there, Jaishankar had said that the Canada issue did come up in his discussions with Blinken and Sullivan. Blinken had "urged" India to "cooperate fully" with the ongoing Canadian investigation into Nijjar's killing.

At the Hudson Institute in Washington DC, Jaishankar, responding to a question whether the Canada issue was discussed, CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

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At least four killed, 60 injured as Northeast Express derails in Bihar

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, OCTOBER 11

FOUR PERSONS were killed and about 60 people injured when six coaches of the Northeast Express, headed from New Delhi to Guwahati, derailed near Raghunathpur railway station in Bihar's Buxar district on Wednesday night.

While Buxar District Magistrate Anshul Agrawal confirmed the deaths, further details CONTINUED ON PAGE 13



At the site near Raghunathpur station in Bihar. PTI

Key conspirator behind 2016 attack on Pathankot airbase killed in Pakistan

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

JAISH-E-MOHAMMED (JeM) operative Shahid Latif, the key conspirator behind the attack on the Indian Air Force (IAF) base in Pathankot in 2016, was killed by unidentified gunmen in Pakistan's Sialkot district on Wednesday morning, sources in the Indian security establish-



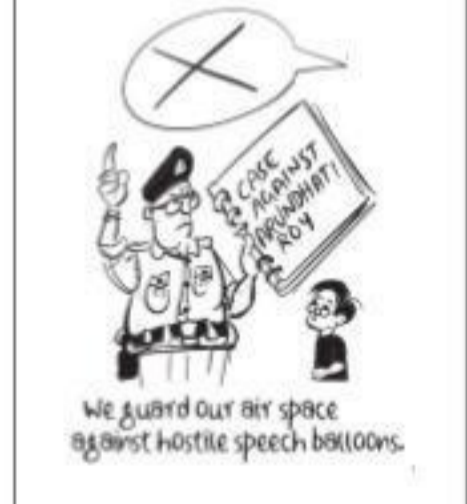
Shahid Latif, a Jaish operative, was killed in Sialkot

ment said. According to the Sialkot police statement, the shooting took place at about 5.30 am. "This morning, three unknown gun-

men entered the Noor Madina Masjid in Mundeke under Daska Sadr Police in Sialkot district and opened fire while people were offering Fajr prayers. In the firing, Shahid Sahib and his bodyguard, Hashim, were killed. We can call it targeted killing. We are already calling it terrorism," Sialkot district police officer, Hasan Iqbal, told the media. Another person, identified as Abdul Ahad, was CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

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Behind hurdler's handwritten tribute to senior: 'Taught me how to clear hurdles'

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NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

WHEN JYOTHI Yarraji, India's bright young hurdler, stood on the podium after winning the silver medal at the recent Asian Games in Hangzhou, at the back of the bib, which she had unpinned and held in her hand, was a handwritten message of gratitude: "Gautham, this is for you. We miss you".



Jyothi Yarraji holds her bib with the message: 'Gautham this is for you. We miss you'. Peh Siang San

helped her get admission in a sports hostel in Hyderabad, and hand-held her during her early days before she became a star. Her first pair of Nike shoes was gifted by him.

When Gautham died on August 31, four days after he met with a road accident in Kakinada, Jyothi lost her mentor and guide. "Actually, I wanted to win a gold for him at the Asian Games. But it was not to be. The message on the bib was my way of paying tribute to Gautham. I felt that I should dedicate the medal to him. He was always there for me... He was one of my seniors, he motivated me and inspired me in everything," Jyothi told *The Indian Express* on Wednesday.

At the Asian Games earlier this month, in an evening of drama in Hangzhou, officials first disqualified Jyothi and China's Yanni Wu for a false start. But after Jyothi and the Athletics Federation of India protested, she was allowed to run in the 100 metres hurdles final, and so was Yanni.

Yanni was disqualified after the race, and Jyothi's bronze was upgraded to silver. China's Yuwei Lin won the gold.

Jyothi was hailed for standing up for herself, putting her point across to officials without getting perturbed, and holding her nerve to win a medal. An emotional Jyothi shed tears on the podium as she gripped the CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

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India launches Op Ajay

"Launching #OperationAjay to facilitate the return from Israel of our citizens who wish to return. Special charter flights and other arrangements (are) being put in place. Fully committed to the safety and well-being of our nationals abroad."

The Indian embassy in Tel Aviv said it has emailed the first lot of registered Indian citizens for the special flight Thursday. "Messages to other registered people will follow for subsequent flights," it said.

Jaishankar also spoke to UAE's Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Wednesday evening.

"Discussed the ongoing crisis in West Asia. Agreed to stay in touch," he tweeted. This was his first contact with a Foreign Minister of an Arab nation after Hamas attacked Israel on October 7 and carried out large-scale killings, mostly of civilians.

The UAE and Bahrain have criticised Hamas for the attacks.

Earlier Wednesday, officials told The Indian Express that India had set in motion "contingency" plans to get its nationals out of harm's way in Israel and Palestine, including a small number of residents in Gaza.

As a first step, the Ministry of External Affairs set up a 24-hour control room Wednesday as Israel continued to pound Hamas-ruled Gaza with air strikes.

The stated objective of the control room is to help monitor the situation and provide information and assistance. According to a statement issued by the MEA, the contact details of the control room in New Delhi are: 1800118797 (toll-free), +91-11 23012113, +91-11-23014104, +91-11-23017905, +919968291988, situation-room@mea.gov.in.

Simultaneously, the Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv set up a 24-hour emergency helpline that can be accessed at +972-35226748, +972-543278392, cons1.telaviv@mea.gov.in.

India's Representative Office in Ramallah also set up a 24-hour emergency helpline: +970-592916418 (also WhatsApp),

rep.ramallah@mea.gov.in. The embassy also reminded Indian nationals in Israel to register with the embassy at the link: <https://indembassyisrael.gov.in/whats?id=dwjjwb>.

There are around 18,000 Indian citizens living and working/studying in Israel. A big chunk of them work as caregivers but there are also about 1,000 students, several IT professionals and diamond traders.

The control rooms will assess the number of Indian nationals in Israel and Palestine, their current location and willingness to move out of those places.

On Tuesday, when he received a phone call from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi "highlighted the issue of safety and security of Indian citizens in Israel". Netanyahu, the PMO said in a statement, assured full cooperation and support.

This set the ball rolling for Delhi to draw up contingency plans for possible evacuation of Indians there.

As the two leaders agreed to remain in close touch, Indian Ambassador to Israel Sanjeev Singla, in a recorded message on X, said: "This is to assure you that the embassy is working constantly for your safety and welfare. All of us are going through very difficult times but please do remain calm and vigilant and follow the local security guidelines."

"We are here to help you, and we thank many of you who have sent so many messages of appreciation to us. We are monitoring the situation closely and please stay tuned for any updates from the embassy. Jai Hind," he said.

The Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv, meanwhile, has reached out to a caregiver from Kerala, injured in the rocket shelling of Ashdod last Saturday, the day of the Hamas attack. The embassy has been in constant touch with her and her family in India.

Members of the Indian community there have also been visiting her in hospital. Her condition is said to be stable.

Pounding Gaza, Israel prepares for ground assault; forms emergency government

Israeli reprisal strikes on blockaded Gaza have killed 1,100 people and wounded 5,339, Gaza's Health Ministry said. Some 535 residential buildings had been destroyed leaving around 250,000 homeless, Hamas officials said. Most of the displaced were in UN-designated shelters, others huddling in shattered streets.

The group's armed wing, the Al Qassam Brigades, said it was still fighting inside Israel on Wednesday. Israel deployed tanks and armoured vehicles just north of Gaza where the clashes were reported, but had no immediate comment on the Hamas claim.

Later in the day, alerts warning of incoming aircraft were issued across northern Israel, well removed from Gaza in the south, but the Israeli military subsequently said these may have been a malfunction.

A Reuters TV crew saw a house hit by an apparent projec-

tile near Metulla in Israel's far north, close to the border with south Lebanon where the heavily armed Iran-backed Hezbollah group is active.

Hamas's armed wing said it had targeted the northern Israeli coastal city of Haifa with an R60 rocket. There were no immediate reports of casualties after sirens sounded in Haifa and nearby towns.

Israel has vowed swift punishment for the deadliest Palestinian militant attack in its 75-year history, which left corpses strewn around a music festival and a kibbutz community.

The military said dozens of its fighter jets struck more than 200 targets in a neighbourhood of Gaza City overnight that it said had been used by Hamas to launch its attacks.

"We started the offensive from the air, later on we will also come from the ground," Defence

Minister Yoav Gallant told soldiers near the fence on Tuesday.

Israel has put Gaza under "total siege" to stop food and fuel reaching the enclave of 2.3 million people, many poor and dependent on aid. Hamas media said on Wednesday electricity went out after the only power station stopped working.

With Palestinian rescue workers overwhelmed, others in the crowded coastal strip joined the search for bodies in rubble. "I was sleeping here when the house collapsed on top of me," one man cried as he and others used flashlights on the stairs of a building hit by missiles to find anyone trapped.

The Israeli military said its troops had killed at least 1,000 Palestinian gunmen who infiltrated from Gaza and the Chief of the General Staff met commanders to discuss their next steps.

"Wherever there are Hamas

leaders - the IDF strikes with precision and power," it said, referring to Israel's military.

West Bank violence

Scores of Israelis and others from abroad were taken to Gaza as hostages, some of whom were paraded through streets. Both sides have said many women and children were among the dead and wounded, and distraught relatives have held multiple funerals.

Israel said it was shifting schools to remote learning from Sunday and issuing more firearms to licensed citizens, predicting possible friction between its majority Jews and Arab minority amid calls for more protests in support of Gaza.

Israeli security forces have killed at least 27 Palestinians during clashes in the occupied West Bank since Saturday, as Palestinian factions called on people in the Palestinian territory to

rise up following Hamas' strike from Gaza.

The acting governor of the West Bank city of Nablus, Ghassan Daghlis, said Palestinians were shot at and reportedly wounded by Israeli settlers.

In another sign of the crisis widening, Israeli shelling hit southern Lebanese towns after a rocket attack by the powerful Hezbollah in the fourth consecutive day of violence there.

A ground offensive into Gaza carries risks for Israel, notably to the hostages held in the narrow, widely urbanised enclave. Hamas has threatened to execute a captive for each home hit without warning.

Palestinian sources said one of the homes Israeli air strikes hit in Gaza overnight killed three relatives of Hamas military wing chief Mohammed Deif, the secretive mastermind of the assault,

which was planned for two years.

International reaction

US President Joe Biden called the Hamas attacks "an act of sheer evil" and said Washington was rushing military assistance to Israel, including to replenish its Iron Dome aerial defence system. He urged Israel to avoid causing civilian casualties and said the US had strengthened its presence in the region by moving an aircraft carrier strike group and fighter aircraft.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was set to leave for Israel later on Wednesday in a show of solidarity and to work with regional US allies to try to secure the release of over 100 people Israel says Hamas took captive.

US officials say they do not have evidence Iran orchestrated the attacks, but point to the Islamic Republic's long-term support for Hamas. REUTERS

It's her decision vs Can't stop heartbeat: SC divided on ending 26-week pregnancy

depression and was, therefore, unwilling to continue with the pregnancy.

The communication dated October 10, which was addressed by the doctor to Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhat who represented the Centre in the matter, said the foetus appeared to be "viable" indicating a "strong possibility of survival".

The doctor said that in light of the situation, "we will need a directive from the Supreme Court on whether a foeticide (stopping the foetal heart) can be done before termination". The communication pointed out that doctors "perform this procedure (foeticide) for a foetus which has abnormal development, but generally not done in a normal foetus".

Following the email, Bhat moved the court of CJJ D Y Chandrachud Tuesday evening itself. The CJJ asked the Centre to file a formal application for recall of the October 9 order and asked AIIMS to put it on hold until the application was heard Wednesday by the bench of Justices Nagarathna and Kohli.

Hearing the matter, Justice Kohli took serious exception to AI-

IMS authorities seeking clarification by citing fresh concerns, and asked why the concerns were not conveyed to the court earlier when it had sought a medical opinion on the woman's request for MTP permission.

Justice Nagarathna also conveyed her displeasure over the Centre approaching the CJJ's bench against its order and said, "If a private party does that, there will be breakdown of the system of this court. We are concerned and disturbed about this," she said.

"Tell us, when this court decides a matter, without any pleading whatsoever, how can you move an intra-court appeal before a three-judge bench of this court and then interfere with the order of this court? We do not appreciate this. If the Union of India starts doing this, tomorrow a private party will also start doing it. We are an integral court. Every bench of the Supreme Court is the Supreme Court. We are one court sitting in separate benches. Speaking for myself, I don't appreciate this on the part of the Union of India. You could have only asked for the constitution of a

bench after filing pleadings. Even in the absence of a pleading, you have moved the Hon'ble Chief Justice. How is it possible?" she said.

Bhat said that upon receipt of the AIIMS letter seeking clarification, she tried to approach Justice Kohli, who was sitting in a different bench combination, but was asked to approach the CJJ, because it is only the CJJ who can reconstitute the special bench to hear a recall application.

At this, Justice Nagarathna said, "That is one thing. But in the absence of a pleading, how can you go and disturb the court of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and seek an intervention?"

To the bench's query on why the government could not have waited for one more day, Bhat said, "Since the court's direction was to carry out the termination yesterday only, I had to mention (the matter)."

Conveying her displeasure over the email, Justice Kohli said, "What's being said now... is entirely much wider. This is not what was being said (earlier). If they wanted, they could have done all of that then, and the

court would have taken notice of it because we are relying on the report... We ourselves asked for it... How is it that they decided to go this way only after the order was passed and not earlier?"

Bhat said, "These questions had arisen in our minds during the hearing of the matter."

Justice Kohli said, "That is you as an individual. We are laypersons... Why do we rely on the medical report? Because we don't know and they know better. And we are relying on a report because there is a whole team that is part of that interaction with the patient... After giving us an ambiguous report and saying yes, the lady does have that problem, it could go up, the mental issues and she could have then postpartum also, to say now... And which court will, pray, say stop a heartbeat of a foetus which has a life? We are wondering! Which court would do that? Speaking for myself, I wouldn't. So why weren't they not so candid we are very curious to know. Why were they hedging?"

"Now to say there is a strong possibility of survival and that we will stop the heartbeat if the court

says. For heaven's sake, which court will stop the foetal heartbeat? If this was the stand they had to take, they should have said all of it at that point in time, that though there is a financial, physical, mental, emotional thing on the lady, if you keep the child a bit longer, and we persuade her, the option of adoption could have been considered. Because if you remember, the parents did say that if we have no option, we will like to continue with the pregnancy and retain the child with us," Justice Kohli said.

Bhat said "they were extensively counselled" and "in all fairness, she (the woman seeking permission for MTP) was a little undecided".

The bench also interacted with the woman and her husband in light of the new medical opinion.

As the woman insisted that she did not want to have the child, Justice Kohli tried to explain that keeping the foetus for a few more weeks would improve the chances of it being born healthy, failing which there was a risk of it being born alive with physical and mental disabilities.

However, the woman said that she did not want to postpone the MTP.

The bench then asked her to submit an affidavit making clear what she wants. She accordingly furnished the affidavit stating "I have made a wilful and conscious decision to medically terminate my pregnancy and don't want to keep the baby even if it survives".

In the order, Justices Nagarathna and Kohli recorded their respective displeasure with the Centre and the email communication.

Justice Nagarathna also wrote, "This is not a case where the question of viable baby being born or unborn is to be really considered when the interest of the petitioner has to be given more balanced width and reference the socio-economic situation in which the petitioner is placed, the fact that she already has two children, the second child being only one year of age and the fact that she has reiterated that her mental condition, and the medicines she is taking for a mental condition, do not permit her to continue with the pregnancy."




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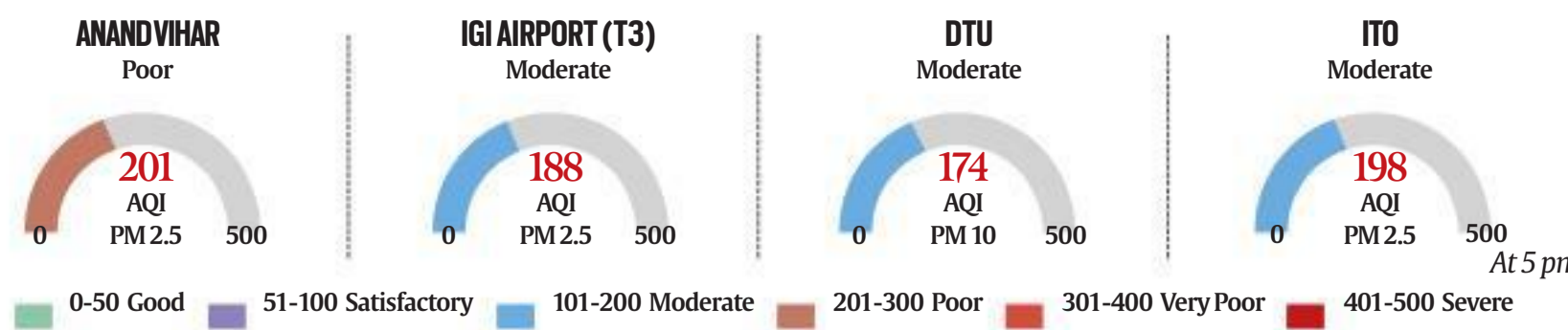
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2 CARJACKERS ARRESTED FROM MEERUT, SAY POLICE

Car stolen, cabbie dragged under wheel for a km, dies

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

AS 43-YEAR-OLD cab driver Bijender Shah waited near the Delhi airport to get a trip on Tuesday night, little did he know of the events that would unfold over the next few minutes — his Swift Dzire, which he had bought just eight months ago, was stolen by carjackers who then proceeded to drag him under its wheels for at least a kilometre when he gave chase. His body later dislodged from the wheels and he died on the spot.



'HIT-AND-DRAG': PREVIOUS CASES

DEC 31, 2022: 20-year-old Anjali Singh was killed after a car hit her scooter and dragged her for nearly 12 km in Kanjhawala. The Delhi Police arrested all five accused in the case and booked them under charges of rash driving and murder. A chargesheet has been filed



FEB 6: 3-year-old Saira Sen was dragged on the streets of Delhi Cantt for nearly 200 mts after she was mowed down by an SUV. Police said the car was driven by a student, Samark Malik (20), son of a senior Air India Officer. Police booked Malik under sections of rash driving and death by negligence. He was granted bail

JAN 1: 24-year-old delivery executive Kaushal Yadav was dragged for 500 metres in Noida's Sector 14 while he was on duty, and died of injuries. The accused were booked under road accident charges



A 44-second clip shows the accused overtaking trucks and other vehicles as Shah is stuck under the car. Express

Police have arrested two men, Mehraj Salmani (33) and Asif Anwar (24), from Meerut in connection with the case and recovered the stolen car.

Sources said the accused were aware Shah was stuck under the wheels but they kept driving. They allegedly threatened Bijender, who worked with cab aggregators, near Mahipalpur and pushed him out of his car. When he chased them, they ran over him and he got stuck, said police. A case has been filed under charges of murder for "knowingly driving rashly and killing him".

In videos shot by passersby, a 44-second clip shows the accused overtaking trucks and other vehicles as Shah is stuck under the car. When people start honking at the accused, they hit the brakes and turn to dislodge the body.

According to police, they received a PCR call about the incident around 11.30 pm. The callers said the driver had severe head injuries and had died.

"We received a call about an

unidentified male body lying on NH-48. Our team rushed to the spot and found that there was an accident and his car was missing. He was rushed to the hospital but he succumbed to injuries,"

IGI Airport, but were not stopped at any police pickets near Mahipalpur. "The accused were waiting near the Mahipalpur stretch at night and targeted the driver when they found him alone. They fled towards Haryana..." said the officer.

A special investigation team was formed to investigate the case. Teams analysed CCTV footage and mounted technical surveillance on the accused. "We got a tip-off that the accused fled to Meerut; we called local authorities for assistance. Police of both states worked hours and finally arrested the duo from Meerut along with the car," said Sagar Preet Hooda, Special CP (Law and Order).

During questioning, the duo revealed they waited for a taxi in Saket on Tuesday night. When they spotted Bijender, they pretended to be passengers and got into the car. Once they reached Mahipalpur, they threatened the victim and pushed him out to rob the car.

Police said Mehraj is involved in six criminal cases — four in UP and two in Delhi. Asif is also a history-sheeter with over nine criminal involvements in Delhi and UP. Shah's family lives in Faridabad's Shehzadpur Village. He is survived by his wife Suganti Devi and their five children — three daughters and two sons. His eldest, 20-year-old Sunita, is a Delhi University student while the other children are in school.

According to Shah's friend Shankar Singh, he had bought the car in February. "It was the first car he bought. While he had been driving a cab for several years, he saved up and bought the car with the help of a friend," he said.

Wanted to get him comfortable job: Kin lose their sole earner

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

THE SHAH family, who migrated from Bihar's Motihari district to Faridabad over a decade ago, wished to see 43-year-old Bijender step out of his hectic job and start a small business. For almost three decades, Shah worked as a driver for at least 12-15 hours every day. As he was growing older — his children dreamt of getting their father a "comfortable" job.



Bijender Shah (43) saved almost all his money for his children's education and for his dream — a car. Express

But, late on Tuesday, when Shah was run over and dragged by carjackers, his family lost their sole breadwinner. Shah was threatened and robbed of his car and subsequently, dragged for more than a kilometre. He was found dead on NH-48.

He is survived by his wife Suganti Devi (40) and their five children who live in a one-room house in Faridabad's Shehzadpur village. While three children study in Delhi, the others are still studying in Motihari as the family can't afford to keep them all in Faridabad. His eldest daughter, Sunita, a second-year student at Delhi University's Deshbandhu College, has been preparing for the UPSC exams.

Shah's younger brother, Nagender, narrated his brother's struggles. "He started working when he was very young and we

came to Delhi. We struggled for years and then started driving an auto-rickshaw. I was comfortable but he always worried for his children. He learnt how to drive, would practice for hours and soon got a licence. He had been driving in Delhi-NCR for 11 years," he said.

The family said Shah saved almost all his money for his children's education and for his dream — a car.

In February this year, one of his friends, Rajkishore Singh, helped him buy the car. Shah made a 'down payment' of a small amount and was paying the rest as an EMI of Rs 10,000-20,000 per month to Singh.

Ajoyous Shah clicked selfies with the car and sent them to his family. "He died chasing his car, which he bought eight months ago. Police found his body around midnight... the robbers had fled. They first called our brother Ranjit in Bihar, who called us around 1-2 am and informed us about Bijender's death. We took his photo to the hospital and were shocked to see the body Wednesday afternoon. He was badly injured. The video is horrific..." said Nagender.

Shah's friend, Shankar, said the family and friends were worried after his phone was switched off after midnight. He last spoke with his youngest son, Alok (14) around 7.30 pm.

Shah's phone location, checked by the children, was found to be at Delhi Cantt around 10-10.30 pm. "The family reached the hospital after 4-4.30 am. We waited almost 7-10 hours to see the body... We don't know what to do now, Suganti has no job and the children are young," Nagender further said.

Ram Vishwas, Bijender's friend, from Motihari district, said he was a careful driver and mostly took trips around the airport, Gurgaon, and Delhi to earn more. "Nobody would ever complain about him. We don't know why the carjackers targeted him..." said Ram.

BRIEFLY

Police book Narsinghanand for remarks against CM

Chaziabad: Chaziabad police have booked Dasna Devi temple chief priest Yati Narsinghanand after he made an objectionable remark against Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Tuesday. Police said a case under IPC sections 295A and 505 and Section 67 of IT Act was registered against Narsinghanand. He was leading a group of people who protested against police and the administration for registering FIRs against Hindu Raksha Dal leader Bhupendra Tomar alias Pinky Chaudhary. Recently, Chaudhary had threatened and abused a traffic cop for issuing a challan again a mini-truck for using religion-related remarks. When police stopped Narsinghanand, as he was trying to make his way to the collectorate, he blamed it on the UPCM and used indecent remark. He later apologised and said it was not his intention to disrespect the CM. ENS

Delhi govt to prepare over 1,000 ghats for Chhath puja: Atishi

New Delhi: The Delhi government will prepare more than 1,000 ghats across the Capital for Chhath puja this year, Revenue Minister Atishi said Wednesday. The minister, after a meeting to review preparations for the festival to be held next month, said the government will ensure more vibrant and grand celebrations this time. She directed officers to identify locations for setting up Chhath puja ghats and give special attention to sanitation. Officials must consider suggestions from Chhath puja committees for preparations of ghats, Atishi said. PTI

RAPE-MURDER OF 55-YEAR-OLD WOMAN

Not a single word on gangrape in chargesheet: Court raps ACP

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

A DELHI court Wednesday issued a show notice to an ACP-rank officer and his subordinate after it found that in a gangrape-murder case of a 55-year-old woman, the Delhi Police did not mention even a "single word" of her sexual assault in the entire chargesheet.

ASJ/Special Judge (NDPS), Rohini Court, Dhirendra Rana, said in his order that the court is surprised and deeply pained by the insensitive conduct of the investigation officer. "The offence, which was clearly visible on the very first day, has not been investigated by the IO for reasons best known to him. The chargesheet has been filed by ACP Manish Ladla and it is clear the ACP concerned has not even gone through the contents of the chargesheet prior to signing (it). If this is the level of investigation and supervision in a heinous crime like gangrape coupled with murder, then what to think of other minor offences," ASJ Rana said.

"... Show-cause notice be issued to IO and ACP concerned to file explanations as to why departmental action not be recommended against them as investigation is shoddy and negligence clearly visible," he added.

ASJ/Special Judge (NDPS), Rohini Court, Dhirendra Rana, said in his order that the court is surprised and deeply pained by the insensitive conduct of the investigation officer in the case

As per the chargesheet, the woman went missing on March 14 and her body was found in some bushes the next day. Police lodged an FIR of murder.

"Police recorded the statement of the victim's son, who claimed he'd seen his mother... talking to four boys, aged 16-17 years... The IO also recorded a statement of a head constable, Chetan, who was on patrol duty on the day of the incident. HC Chetan... informed he had seen four boys running out of the bushes. He identified one of them, who was previously involved in a snatching incident, and claimed he suspected the juveniles could be involved..." the order said.

Police told the court that on March 16, a post-mortem was conducted and the doctor preserved the exhibits, including vaginal swabs. "... On April 15, four juveniles were appre-

hended; they were identified by the victim's son as well as HC Chetan," the order further stated.

The court said all four were produced before the Juvenile Justice Board. "The ossification test of one of the accused, Ritik, was conducted and he was found to be a major on the date of commission of offence. In these circumstances, a chargesheet under sections 302 (murder), 392 (robbery) and 34 was filed against him," it said.

"Perusal of chargesheet reveals that on the date of registration of FIR, the crime team had recovered used condoms from the spot and the body was recovered in a semi-nude position. These two facts point that the deceased was sexually assaulted and, therefore, Section 376 IPC ought to have been incorporated in the investigation by IO on the same day," ASJ Rana said in his order.

"During JJB proceedings, Ritik's statement was recorded... wherein he admitted he (and) his associates, sexually assaulted the deceased, robbed Rs 800 from her, and strangled her. This version was recorded on April 15 and there were clear indications that the victim was first gangraped and thereafter brutally murdered... But not a single word has been mentioned in the entire chargesheet on the aspect of gangrape..." the judge said.

ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

YEARS BEFORE 33-year-old Vinod Kashyap took to spirituality and started his 'darbar' at his two-storey home in a Dwarka, the self-styled godman worked as a help at a nearby hospital - not out of passion but compulsion. After working there for four-five years, earning Rs 25,000 a month, Kashyap quit and decided to open his ashram. He claimed he was "blessed by god" to solve personal and health problems. His following increased steadily, with around 400 "distressed" people flocking to his house throughout the week to seek his blessings.

On Tuesday, Kashyap, who was accused of subjecting several of his devotees to sexual assault at his ashram and blackmailing them into remaining silent, was arrested.

Inside a small room at his 900 sqft house, Kashyap used to



Kashyap has been arrested in two cases of sexual assault

sit on a platform while his followers sat on a rug. With a camera person deputed at the entrance to let devotees in, and another distributing prasad, the darbar was held on Saturdays and Tuesdays for five to six hours.

According to DCP (Dwarka) Harsha Vardhan, Kashyap has been arrested in two cases of sexual assault based on complaints by two women devotees at his darbar. "He was running the place in (a Dwarka village) and also runs

a YouTube channel with a large following. In both cases, it is alleged he called the women devotees on the pretext of helping them with problems and told them that 'guru seva' must be done. He then sexually assaulted the women and threatened them not to disclose the incident."

Kashyap is currently on a three-day custody remand. One of the women has given her statement before a magistrate, reiterating the allegations against Kashyap, while the other

sought a day in view of ill-health.

In the FIRs, both women made similar allegations in September. One of them alleged, "... I live with my husband and two children... in order to ensure peace and good health for my family, I reached the... darbar of Kashyap where I was told there will be many problems in my house if I don't abide by certain solutions told to me by Kashyap. My husband and I did everything; Kashyap then told us we had to do 'Gurudharan' for which he started demanding Rs 5 lakh from me... I refused... he then called me on September 2 to do seva... Guruji (Kashyap) was sitting in his room and he called me inside. He started touching me inappropriately to which I protested. He then gave me prasad which made me unconscious, following which he raped me."

One of the victims told *The Indian Express*, "Whatever I have told police is the absolute truth... all I want is justice."

Kashyap got married in 2015 and has three children.

MINOR'S RAPE: HC JUNKS ANTICIPATORY BAIL PLEAS OF DELHI GOVT OFFICER'S CHILDREN

Minor told Khakha's daughter of incident, there was 'no change'

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

THE Delhi High Court Wednesday dismissed anticipatory bail pleas of the two children of suspended Delhi government's WCD department officer Premoday Khakha, who has been accused of allegedly raping a minor girl for several months and impregnating her.

Pointing to the "heinousness" of the offence, the Delhi police counsel opposed grant of anticipatory bail. With respect to Khakha's daughter, the police counsel argued that she was staying in the house and the minor girl had "shared" these incidents of assault with her. Despite this, the daughter failed to inform authorities, the counsel said.

With respect to the son, the police counsel argued that since he too was residing along with the other co-accused in his house and since he "procured the pregnancy medical kit, he was actively involved in the commission of the offences".

A single-judge bench of Justice Saurabh Banerjee, in the order,

stated that the court had interacted with the minor girl and her mother. With respect to Khakha's daughter, the HC noted that the minor "divulged details of the incidents to the applicant who was close to her and that she felt betrayed that despite informing the applicant, there was no change in what was going on with her".

"... No doubt, personal liberty of the applicant is a relevant factor. However, this court cannot overlook nature of the (repeated) offences allegedly committed over a period of time, after the affected one had just lost her father...; age of the affected one; severity of the punishment, in case of conviction; and gravity of charges involved herein; and also... that applicant was residing in the same household when alleged offences were committed," Justice Banerjee said.

The HC noted that both children were not traceable despite the probe agency's efforts, which leads to the conclusion that they may be a flight risk upon grant of anticipatory bail. The counsel for Khakha's children argued they have clean antecedents.

Harassment complaints in govt have to go online

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

ANY COMPLAINTS of sexual harassment within the Delhi government will now have to be logged online, instead of on paper, within a week to ensure transparency, as per directions of Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar.

The directions came after the WCD Minister Atishi, reacting to complaints of sexual harassment against a suspended deputy director, WCD Premoday Khakha who allegedly raped a minor in his care at his house, asked that a system be created to strengthen Internal Complaints Committees and identify officers having repeated cases of sexual harassment complaints against them.

Following this, the CS had ordered that members of ICCs be trained on how to deal with cases of sexual harassment. The Special Director, Union Territories Civil Services (UTCS), has been asked to arrange training sessions for members of ICCs within a month.

Officials said training has not started yet but UTCS has been doing training on sexual harassment for a long time. "UTCS conducts training on POSH (Prevention of

Sexual Harassment at Workplace) Act at least once a month which can be attended by any government employee. Specific training for ICC members was conducted on October 6; it was attended by 260 participants," said an official.

K Mahesh, Special Director, Training, UTCS, said, "Training on sexual harassment at workplace is top priority as it involves safety and security of women employees. We send our annual training calendar every year to all departments, followed by circulars to depute participants and members of the Internal Sexual Harassment Committee."

In the last six months, UTCS organised 14 programmes where 483 people were trained. The next training is in November. A three-member panel, with three senior women bureaucrats, has also been constituted to examine functioning of all ICCs and report shortcomings.



LAST LEG

Work is nearly complete on the flyover at Sarai Kale Khan. Gajendra Yadav

DAY AFTER ED RAIDS AT OKHLA MLA'S HOME

AAP won't bow down, will stay strong: CM after meeting Khan

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

A DAY after the Enforcement Directorate raided AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan's home, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal called on him and said the searches and cases against the AAP leaders were part of "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's attempts to destroy" the party.

"ED conducted a raid at Amanatullah Khan's home yesterday. This is not the first time PM Modi ji has got AAP MLAs' houses raided. Ever since our government was formed, the PM has tried to destroy AAP and its leaders," Kejriwal said Wednesday.

After the AAP formed its government in 2015, the Shunglu committee was formed in 2016 and it went through 400-450 files but could not find corruption of a single penny, Kejriwal said. "After that, Modi ji started targeting our MLAs by filing false and fake cases against them. They have so far filed 170 cases against our MLAs and judgments have come in more than 140 cases. All these judgments are against Modi ji... and were in our favour... As they failed, they started targeting and arresting our senior leaders," he added.



CM Kejriwal with AAP's Okhla MLA Khan, Wednesday. PTI

"They arrested Satyendar Jain, Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh and conducted raids at Amanatullah's house. I don't want to say much as the case is in court but if you had heard the last hearing in Sisodia's case... the court kept asking ED to give some evidence, but they had nothing...," the CM said. Further attacking Modi, the CM said, "They keep saying Kejriwal has done corruption over buses, roads and electricity... Do you think Modi ji would have spared me if he had proof?... Amanatullah Khan se badla utar rahe hai. Amanatullah ki kya akaat hai... Aise desh tarakki nahi karega..."

Kejriwal added, "... AAP is a party of nationalist and patriotic leaders and it's not going to bow down. It will stay strong..." On his part, Khan said, "ED of-

officials searched my house for 12 hours and found nothing... Earlier, the ACB conducted raids and found nothing. Today too, they found nothing. They just created trouble for my family and my mother, who is sick. They seized my phone and gave me a receipt."

An FIR on complaints regarding alleged illegal appointments, rule violations, and fund misappropriation in the Waqf Board was registered against Khan by the Anti-Corruption Branch in 2020. The ED has taken suo motu cognizance of the FIR.

Hitting out at Kejriwal, Delhi BJP PRO Harish Khurana said, "AAP is full of corrupt people. Kejriwal's revenue department itself had approved the... case against Amanatullah. FIR was lodged in 2016. Don't fool people by shedding crocodile tears."

Khan acquired huge amount of cash as proceeds of crime: ED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

A DAY after conducting searches at 13 locations linked to AAP's Delhi MLA Amanatullah Khan, as part of a money laundering investigation against him and others, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) Wednesday said Khan acquired a huge amount of cash as proceeds of criminal activities and this was invested in the purchase of various immovable properties in Delhi in the name of his associates.

"On Tuesday, the ED conducted search operations at 13 locations in Delhi linked to MLA Khan and his associates under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA). The searches were conducted in the case related to illegal recruitment of staff in Delhi Waqf Board and illegal personal gains by way of unfairly leasing out Waqf Board properties during the chairmanship of the Delhi Waqf Board by Amanatullah Khan during 2018-2022," an ED spokesperson said. The ED initiated the probe on

the basis of an FIR registered by the CBI under various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code. Further, three more FIRs registered by the Delhi Police are under investigation by the ED as the "role" of Khan and his associates came to light.

"During the search proceedings at these premises, several incriminating records and evidence in the form of physical and digital evidence have been seized, which indicate Khan's role in the offence of money laundering," the spokesperson said.

PRIORITY SECTION OF INDIA'S FIRST RAPID RAIL: OPS MAY BEGIN NEXT WEEK

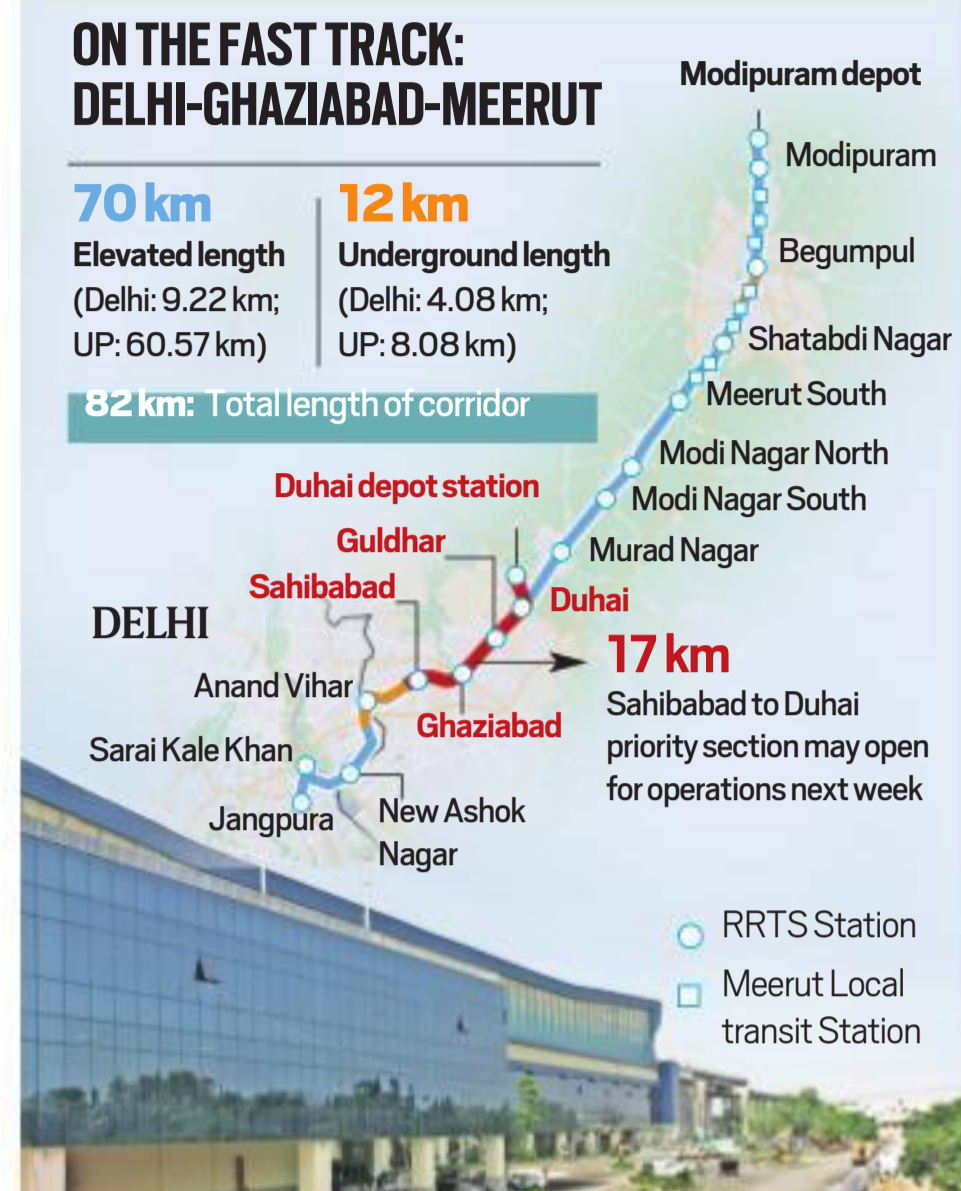
Soon, zip across 20-km Ghaziabad stretch on rapid rail — in just 12 mins

DHEERAJ MISHRA
GHAZIABAD, OCTOBER 11

SOON, IT could take just around 12 minutes to go from Sahibabad to Duhai — a distance of 20 km that normally takes more than 35 minutes by road — as the priority section of India's first Rapid Rail line, also called RAPIDX, may become operational by next week.

Sources said Prime Minister Narendra Modi may inaugurate the first phase of the 82-km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor. Officials said a total of five stations — Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duhai, and Duhai Depot — will become operational in the first phase; these will cover a total of 17 km. Officials also said a total of 10 trains will be operational on the said route and a single rapid rail will have space for 1,700 passengers.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also visit Ghaziabad Thursday to inspect the RAPIDX station in Sahibabad. Officials from the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), which is implementing the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project across NCR, will give a presentation to the CM about the details of RAPIDX operations.



On Tuesday, Ghaziabad MP and Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation General VK Singh (retired), DM Rakesh Kumar Singh, Mayor Sunita Dayal, Municipal Commissioner Nitin Gaud and

senior NCRTC officials visited the station to take stock of preparations.

The RRTS priority section will be the first railway system in the country to be opened for operations, which will cover its



One of the stations in Ghaziabad. Sources said PM Modi may inaugurate Phase 1 of the corridor next week. Express

entire length at a maximum operating speed of 160 kmph. It will ensure fast, safe and comfortable regional transit service for commuters, said officials.

Puneet Vats, Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO), NCRTC, said: "The inauguration date has not been finalised yet, but we are fully prepared for its operation. The CM will inspect the station and related services. Our next target is to complete all work related next phase which will cover a distance of 42 km from Sahibabad to

Meerut South. Four more stations will become operational in the next phase."

He further said women will play a key role in the operation of RAPIDX train services. "Among train operators appointed to operate RAPIDX trains, the number of women operators is more than men. Apart from this, women will also play a crucial role in other areas like station control and management, operation and maintenance, operation control centre, train attendants, customer care etc," said Vats.

New cultural centre to open in Vikaspuri

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

DELHI WILL get another cultural centre that will serve as a platform for children, young people, artists to help them showcase their talent through different forms of art, dance and singing.

Spread across a one-acre plot, the centre will comprise a auditorium, with a seating capacity of 260 people, a training hall, an art gallery, a multi-purpose hall

along with other facilities. According to officials, the cultural centre is a project of the Department of Art, Culture and Development and the execution will be done by the Tourism department.

"The centre is being planned in West Delhi's Vikaspuri. Currently, Mandi House, in the central part of Delhi, is known as the hub of art and culture, with several prominent centres like Sahitya Kala Academy, National School of Drama, Shri Ram Centre, Triveni Kala Sangam etc... But this centre is too far for people residing in West and Outer Delhi. So, the government is planning to construct a centre in Vikaspuri, so more talent can get a platform," said a government official.

The official further added,

"The main objective is to provide a platform to young students, children and artists living in West Delhi, Dwarka subcity and nearby areas to showcase their talents through different art forms — dance, singing, painting, drama and theatre, music festivals and art exhibitions etc... The centre, once constructed, will be managed by the Sahitya Kala Academy."

"Tenders have already been floated... a company has been shortlisted... Work will be awarded soon," said an official.

Sukesh case: L-G okays probe into role of 8 jail officials

NEW DELHI: L-G V K Saxena has granted permission to the Delhi Police to probe the alleged role of 8 prison officials in the case of an organised crime syndicate allegedly run by 'conman' Sukesh Chandrashekhar from Rohini jail.

Raj Niwas officials said officials deployed in Sukesh's barrack, helped him carry out criminal tasks. Call records show Sukesh had two mobiles and during probe, it was found that staff received money as bribes. **ENS**

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e-Tender No.: Ironil/SL1021/Tender/178/VSU-External Works Dated 09.10.2023
e-Tenders in two packet system are invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Execution of balance works of external services i.e. Rain water harvesting system/ Drainage system, External sewerage system, External water supply/flushing system and External firefighting system for Shri Vishwakarma Skill University at Village Dudhola, District-Palwal, Haryana (Package-14A) on behalf of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University."
Estimated Cost of Work Rs. 4,47,73,579/- (inclusive of GST)
Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission 30.10.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. (IST)
For further details, visit website: <https://etenders.gov.in/procure/app> Amendment(s)/ Corrigendum(s), if any, would be hosted on the website only. Chief Executive Officer/Ironil/SL B-40A, Sector-1, Noida-201301 Phone No. 8700807986, E-mail: ramesh.gupta@ironil.com

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Last Date & Time of submission On 27.10.2023 up to 16:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening On 30.10.2023 at 15:30 hrs.
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Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items :-

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	19232446	BRUSH HOLDER ASSEMBLY COMPLETE	1071 NOS	02-11-23
02	77236028	RUNNING CONTRACT OF PRE-STRESSED MONO-BLOCK CONCRETE SLEEPERS SPECIAL TYPES	435100 NOS	06-11-23
03	03232226	DECORATIVE THERMOSETTING SYNTHETIC RESIN BONDED LAMINATED SHEET (L.P.SHEET)	35097 NOS	06-11-23
04	09232036	ADAPTER	53427 NOS	06-11-23
05	19230135	AOH/TOH KIT FOR ELGI COMPRESSOR	308 SET	06-11-23
06	16234551A	VW GOVERNOR MAINTENANCE KIT	77 SET/NOS	08-11-23
07	06235038	RECTANGLE HOLLOW SECTION	292000 KGS	09-11-23
08	15235110	LIGHT WEIGHT TOWING EQUIPMENT	04 NOS	09-11-23
09	09232181A	BRAKE BEAM	2179 NOS	13-11-23
10	08235634	24 FIBRE ARMOURD OPTICAL FIBER CABLE	188 KM	14-11-23
11	07231356	CUSHION FOR TRANSVERSE MIDDLE BERTH	16572 NOS	20-11-23
12	07231530	AIR BRAKE HOSE COUPLING	22520 NOS	23-11-23
13	09232384	LOAD SENSING VALVE	7049 NOS	23-11-23
14	09232386	AUTOMATIC TWIST LOCK	6068 NOS	04-12-23
15	09232305	'K' TYPE COMPOSITION BRAKE BLOCK	36442 NOS	11-12-23

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Saleem S/o Sehazd, R/o Village Shehanshapur, Changanj Police Station, Age: about 54 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: Brown coloured Lower and Black coloured Jacket, admitted in RBTB Hospital Kingsway Camp, Delhi, during the treatment Doctors declared him dead. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the Mortuary of Subzi Mandi, Delhi. In this regard a DD No.25A dated 07.09.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi.



If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.
SHO
P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-23815444, 23810633
Mob.: 8750870127
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Eastern Coalfields Limited
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Sanctoria, Post: Dishergharh, Dist. Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal-713333
CIN:U10101WB1975GO030295
Ref. No. ECL/KKC/P&R/C-6/2023/1340 Date : 16.09.2023
To, Sri Tarak Gope, Designation: UG General Mazdoor, U Man No. 134325, Khas Kajora Colliery
Sub. : Notice of Enquiry (Final)/Ex-Parte Notice
Dear Sir,
In reference Charge Sheet No. KKC/P&R/C-6/CS/23/252 dated 20.02.2023 of the Colliery Manager, Khas Kajora Colliery, the undersigned has been appointed as enquiry Officer in to the said Charge Sheet and the date of enquiry was fixed on 12.04.2023, 16.05.2023, 15.06.2023 and 17.08.2023 at the Office of the Agent, Khas Kajora Colliery, but you did not present yourself on all the four dates. The final date of enquiry has been fixed on 16.10.2023 at 11:00 AM at the office of the Agent, Khas Kajora Colliery, with a request to attend the enquiry proceedings; otherwise the enquiry will be held ex-parte. You are requested to be present on above said date, time and venue with evidence and witness in your support. You can take assistance of co-worker during the enquiry proceedings
Sd/-
Ashim Kumar Nag
Manager (Min) / Enquiry Officer

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Extract of the audited consolidated interim financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2023 (₹ crore)

	Three month period ended September 30, 2023	Six month period ended September 30, 2023	Three month period ended September 30, 2022
Revenue from operations	59,692	1,19,073	55,309
Profit before tax	15,330	30,319	14,096
Profit after tax	11,380	22,500	10,465
Total comprehensive income for the period	11,162	22,362	10,538
Paid up equity share capital (Face value: ₹1 per share)	366	366	366
Total reserves (including non-controlling interests)*	90,840	90,840	89,480
Earnings per equity share:- Basic and diluted (₹)	31.00	61.26	28.51

*Balances for three month and six month period ended September 30, 2023 represent balances as per the audited consolidated balance sheet for the year ended March 31, 2023 and balances for three month period ended September 30, 2022 represent balances as per the audited consolidated balance sheet for the year ended March 31, 2022 as required by Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Extract of the audited standalone interim financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2023 (₹ crore)

	Three month period ended September 30, 2023	Six month period ended September 30, 2023	Three month period ended September 30, 2022
Revenue from operations	50,165	1,00,027	46,819
Profit before tax	14,444	28,376	13,303
Profit after tax	10,929	21,413	10,059
Total comprehensive income for the period	10,861	21,463	10,169

Notes:

- The audited consolidated financial results and audited standalone financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on October 11, 2023. The statutory auditors have expressed an unmodified audit opinion on these results.
- On April 21, 2022, Epic invoked payment of ₹1,163 crore (US \$140 million) out of ₹3,655 crore (US \$440 million) Letter of Credit provided as security, towards compensatory damages awarded by the District Court and confirmed by the Appeals Court. On July 1, 2022, the District Court passed an Order affirming the punitive damages at ₹1,163 crore (US \$140 million). The Company's second appeal in the Appeals Court to reduce the punitive damages subsequently affirmed by the District Court was disposed on July 14, 2023, with a re-affirmation of the District Court order awarding punitive damages of ₹1,163 crore (US \$140 million). The Company had already filed a petition to the Supreme Court to review the entire judgement including both the compensatory and punitive damages re-affirmed by the Appeals Court. The Company carries a provision of ₹208 crore (US \$25 million) towards punitive damages. Pursuant to encashment of the Letter of Credit towards compensatory damages, the value of Letter of Credit made available to Epic stands reduced to ₹1,263 crore (US \$152 million).
- The Board of Directors at its meeting held on October 11, 2023, has declared an interim dividend of ₹9.00 per equity share.
- The Board of Directors at its meeting held on October 11, 2023, has approved a proposal to buy-back upto 4,09,63,855 equity shares of the Company for an aggregate amount not exceeding ₹17,000 crore being 1.12% of the total paid up equity share capital at ₹4,150 per equity share subject to approval from shareholders.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format for three month and six month period ended September 30, 2023, are available on the BSE limited website (URL: www.bseindia.com), the National Stock Exchange of India Limited website (URL: www.nseindia.com) and on the Company's website (URL: www.tcs.com/investors).

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Mumbai
October 11, 2023

K Krithivasan
CEO and Managing Director

Punjab & Sind Bank
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Zonal Office : 14/15, Old Court House Street, Kolkata - 700 001 Telephone : 033-22485957/22485867
E-mail : zo.kolkata@psb.co.in
SALE NOTICE
(In terms of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002)
Whereas the Authorized Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank under the SARFAESI Act 2002 in exercise of powers conferred u/s 13(12) read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notice u/s 13(2) on the dates stated against the account, calling upon the borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of notice. As the borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) have failed to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice. Notice is hereby given to the following borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the property in exercise of powers conferred on Authorized Officer u/s 13(4) of the said Act read with relevant rules. Pursuant to the possession taken by the Authorized Officer under SARFAESI Act 2002 for recovery of the secured debts of Punjab & Sind Bank mentioned against borrower(s) detailed hereunder and interest thereon from date mentioned therein and with cost and charges. Offers are invited by the Authorized Officer in sealed cover for purchase of under noted property on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" AND "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" as per brief particulars given hereunder:-
Date of Sale 31.10.2023, Time of Sale 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM, Last date of EMD : 30.10.2023 Time upto 5.00 pm
Place of Sale : E-Auction through C-1 India Pvt Ltd
Branch Fraser Road Authorised Officer : Sanjeev Kumar, Contact No. : 78389 04321
Name of Account/Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Owner of the property etc. : Smt. Nilam Kumari (Borrower), W/o Sh. Sunil Kumar Tiwari (2) Sh. Sunil Kumar Tiwari (Guarantor) S/o. Rameshwar Tiwari both at Kalyani Co-operative, near Satya Gas Godown, New Harmichak, Patna - 800002.
Date of Notice u/s 13(2) : 01.08.2022 Date of Notice u/s 13(4) : 10.10.2022
Description of the property : Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of property (SALE DEED 3895 DATED 20.02.2010) at Mouza - Beur, survey and old Thana - Phulwari Sharif, Sub Sanction Limit registry office - Patna
Amount recoverable as per notice : ₹42,99,328.62 (Rs. Forty Two Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight and paise Sixty Two Only) and interest thereon from 31.07.2023 with costs and charges
Reserve Price : ₹75,71,000.00 (Rs. Seventy Five Lakh Seventy One Thousand only)
E.M.D. : ₹7,57,000.00 (Rs. Seven Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand only).
Branch Fraser Road Authorised Officer : Sanjeev Kumar, Contact No. : 78389 04321
Name of Account/Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Owner of the property etc. : M/s Tejashwini Pharma & Sh. Ranjan Kumar, Smt Sweta Twar, Shri Sunil Kumar Tiwari and Smt Nilam Kumari
Date of Notice u/s 13(2) : 20.09.2022 Date of Notice u/s 13(4) : 27.01.2023
Description of the property : All that part and parcel of the property consisting of title Deed No 104 dated "10.01.2000, Thana No 33, Taazi No 5607, Khata No 271, Ward No. 7/11, Society Plot No. 2 & 3, Block - B, Plot No. 409 at Mauza - Beur, P. S. - Phulwari Sharif within the District - Patna measuring 4080 Sq. feet. **Bounded :** On the North by - 12ft wide Samiti Road (Connected to plot), On the South by - Society Plot No. 1 of Chinta Devi and Ramashray Singh, On the East by - Samiti Plot, On the West by PWD road (Connected to plot)
Amount recoverable as per notice : ₹51,48,536.88 (Rs. Fifty One Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six and Paise Eighty Eight Only) as on 31.07.2022 and interest thereon with costs and charges
Reserve Price : ₹209.54 Lakh (Rs Two Core Nine Lakh Fifty Four Thousand only-)
E.M.D. : ₹20.95 Lakh (Rs Twenty Lakh Ninety Five Thousand only-)
Branch Fraser Road Authorised Officer : Sanjeev Kumar, Contact No. : 78389 04321
Name of Account/Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Owner of the property etc. : M/s Neelam Developers Pvt Ltd, Directors : (1) Sh. Sunil Kumar Tiwari, (2) Smt. Neelam Kumari, (3) Sh. Bhim Shankar Tiwari.
Date of Notice u/s 13(2) : 20.09.2022 Date of Notice u/s 13(4) : 27.01.2023
Description of the property : Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of property consisting of land and building situated at Beur (Bihar) bearing Title deed no-2274 dated 14.03.2005, Survey Plot No- 88(P), Thana No - 33, Taazi No-5607, Khata No -36 situated at Mauza - Beur, P. S. - Phulwari Sharif, Dist. - Patna measuring 7 Dec. = 2.2 Khata. Property Bounded by: On the North - Plot, On the East - Rasta and Satya Gas, On the South - Niz Rasta, On the West - Rasta, Samiti Plot and P. K. Verma
Amount recoverable as per notice : ₹50,46,112.72 (Rs. Fifty Lakh Forty Six Thousand One Hundred Twelve and Paise Seventy Two Only) and interest thereon with costs and charges
Reserve Price : ₹208.17 Lakh (Rs Two Core Eight Lakh Seventeen Thousand only-)
E.M.D. : ₹20.81 Lakh (Rs Twenty Lakh Eighty One Thousand only-)
Terms & Conditions:
1. Details of terms & conditions are available on www.bankeauctions.com
2. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction on the same day of the sale in cash or DD drawn as above and the balance bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale or such extended period as may be agreed in writing by the Authorized Officer not exceeding three months. In case of default, all amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold.
3. The successful bidder should bear statutory dues/taxes/fees payable for conveyance such as stamp duty, registration fees etc as applicable as per Laws and Income Tax Laws.
4. The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject tender or bid any or all the offers and for adjustment /postponement/ cancel the auction without assigning any reason there of and also to modify any terms and conditions of this sale without any prior notice.
5. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
6. The property can be inspected on 21.10.2023 between 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM.
7. This publication is also 30 days notice to all above borrower(s)/Guarantor(s).
For further details on the subject, please contact the Branch Manager personally or call at Phone No. 033-22431416.
Date : 11.10.2023 Place : Patna Authorised Officer, Punjab & Sind Bank
For details visit our website : <http://www.punjabandsindbank.co.in>

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER SOUTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
Phone: 0680-2281582, e-mail: ccesbam@gmail.com
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]
Bid Identification No. CCE, S.C (R&B)-BAM-16/2023-24
No. 3995 // Dated: 30.09.2023

- The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Government of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building works as detailed in the table below.
- Nature of work :- Building Works
- No. of work :- 3 Nos.
- Tender Cost :- Rs.10,000/- (online)
- Class of Contractor :- "B" & "A" Class and Special Class
- Availability of Bid document :- From 12.10.2023 10:00 AM to 26.10.2023 5.30 PM
- Date of opening of Bid :- 27.10.2023 at 11:30 A.M.
- The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website <https://tenders.odisha.gov.in>.
- Any addendum / corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur
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CORRIGENDUM NO. 02 AGAINST TENDER NOTICE NO. CON/2023/AUG/04
Corrigendum -02 for Tender Notice No. CON/2023/AUG/04, dtd. 14-08-2023 against Tender No.: CE/CON/MP/PMS/2023/04 has been published, for details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in.
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EASTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: 222-S/1/W-11, dated: 10.10.2023. Following e-tender is invited online by the Divisional Engineer/III, Eastern Railway, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: **Tender No.: TN-121-23-24. Name of the work:** Different Track Maintenance work along with all ancillary work in SSE/P/Way/ Krishnanagar under the jurisdiction of AEN/Ranaghat (for 01 year). **Tender value:** ₹ 84,71,615.90. **Earnest Money Deposited:** ₹ 1,69,400. **Completion period for the work:** 12 (twelve) months. **Date and time of closing of tender :** 06.11.2023 at 15.00 hrs. Tender documents and other details are at www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. Date and time of opening of tender is 06.11.2023 at 15.30 hrs. (SDAH-224/2023-24)
Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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REGIONAL OFFICE-GAYA
Branch- K.G ROAD,ARRAH
DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE TO BORROWER (UNDER SUB-SECTION(2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT,2002)
To, **Mr.Sanjay Kumar Gyani, Nawada Ward No.39,Near Maharaja College,Arrah,Bihar-802301**
Dear Sir,
Re: Credit facilities with our K.G. ROAD,ARRAH Branch-Sanjay Kumar Gyani A/C No.79880600000544

1.We refer to our letter No. 06/544/ADV/2023-24 dated 23-11-2020 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed Car Loan of Rs.7,25,000/- (Seven Lac Twenty Five Thousand Only) and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility account and the security interest created for such liability are as under:-

Facility Type	Limit(Lac)	Rate of Interest*	O/s as on 19.09.2023	Security agreement with brief description of securities
Baroda Car Loan	Rs. 7,25,000/-	Car Loan 10.20%	Rs.51,935/- +Unapplied interest from 24.07.2023+ other Charge if any.	Car Loan Registration No.BR01EZ4382,Model & Variant: Baleno Zeta YOM 11/2020,Engine No. K12MP4115284,Chasis No.:MBHEWB225L575521, Hypothecation of Vehicle No.BR01EZ4382

*Plus 2% penal interest in case of default.

- In the letter of acknowledgment(Of Car Loan Account No.79880600000544) of debt dated 23-11-2020 you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of (Rs.531935/- + Rs.56593.26)=Rs.5,88,528.26/- (Rs. Five Lac Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight Rupees Twenty Six Paise Only) as on 19.09.2023.The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest up to 24.07.2023 debited to the account.
- As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of installments on above loans/outstanding for the dated 23-11-2020.You have also defaulted in payment of installments/interest of term loan/demand and loans/Overdraft which have fallen due for payment of and thereafter.
- Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on 24-07-2023 (NPA) in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
- Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002,and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating Rs.588528.26/- (Rs.531935/- + Rs.56593.26) (Rs. Five Lac Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight Rupees Twenty Six Paise Only) as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section(4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
- Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para-1 above for each credit facility until payment.
- We invite your attention to sub-section (13) of Section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business),without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offense punishable under section 29 of the Act.
- We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
- Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have including without limitation the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Date:11.10.2023
Place:K.G ROAD,ARRAH
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BANK OF BARODA

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TRINAMOL MP Jawhar Sircar has written to Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy, warning against the risk in shifting 2-lakh artefacts out of the National Museum. In a separate letter to Union Housing Minister Hardeep Puri, Sircar has questioned the urgency to demolish the National Museum building ahead of Krishi Bhavan and Shastri Bhavan. It was in May this year that the Centre had announced that museum's exhibits would be shifted to a new museum called Yuge Yugeen Bharat in the refurbished North and South Blocks.

CULINARY CAUSE

INDIAN CUISINE is popular all over the world. Now, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations has hit upon a unique idea to recognise those who are serving the country's culinary cause in foreign lands. It has started an Annapurna Certificate Programme to recognise restaurants abroad that promote Indian culinary and cuisine traditions. The names of the first batch of recipients of the 2023 certificate will be announced on October 16.

9 years of Modi govt a 'cultural renaissance' for country: Shah

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 11

THE NINE years of the Narendra Modi government have been in a way a "cultural renaissance" for the country, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday. He also highlighted that the government has taken many decisions which will give further impetus to the economy and also take the country ahead on the diplomatic front. The senior BJP leader was addressing a gathering after unveiling a statue of Mahant Shri Chand Nath Yogi at the Baba Mastnath Math at Rohtak in Haryana. Referring to the recently held



G20 Summit, Shah said the grouping of emerging and developed economies adopted the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration by consensus. The declaration was adopted amid a situation in which "a war was going on between Ukraine and Russia and the world was divided", he said. Shah said that "many decisions have been taken (by the government) which in the coming time will prove to be ones that will give further impetus to our economy and take the country far ahead on the diplomatic front".

AIMS FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO 40-CRORE PEOPLE IN 15-29 YEARS' AGE GROUP

Cabinet okays one-stop portal for youth, to be unveiled on October 31

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

AFTER TAPPING into the 'nari shakti' plank through the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill last month, the government has launched a new initiative to tap into another big constituency — the 40 crore youth population in the country — ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

In a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, the Union Cabinet approved the establishment of an autonomous body called 'Mera Yuva Bharat' (MY Bharat) for "youth-led development and provide equitable access to youth". Announcing that the country

has 40-crore individuals in the age group of 15-29 years, Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur said that the primary objective of 'MY Bharat' is to become an overarching platform for youth development. The portal will be unveiled on October 31, to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, he said.

The youth in this age-group constitute 27 per cent of India's population and this platform will help integrate different schemes related to youths, Thakur said, adding the objective of voluntary community participation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 will also be achieved through this platform.

The platform is meant to offer suitable opportunities to youngsters to engage in voluntary work in the field of their choice, and look for such opportunities across the country. Once active, the platform will act as a one-stop shop for young people and various Central government ministries, and will also create a centralised youth database. However, Thakur clarified that there will be no financial remuneration involved.

"Today, our country boasts of a demographic dividend, with around 40 crore youth in the age bracket of 15-19 years... The move will unleash their true potential and provide them with opportunities to come forward and contribute to nation-build-

ing," he said. Under the new arrangement, with access to resources and connection to opportunities, youth would become community change agents and nation builders, acting as the 'yuva setu' (a bridge) between the government and the citizens, the minister said. The platform seeks to harness the immense youth energy for nation-building, he added.

In a statement issued after the announcement, the YAS ministry said that the establishment of MY Bharat would improve leadership skills in youngsters through experiential learning. It will also lead to investing more in youth to make them social innovators, and leaders in the communities.

Rumblings in Rajasthan BJP as fielding of MPs triggers discontent among aspirants

In first list, BJP has fielded heavyweight MPs to take on Cong, upsetting local leaders

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 11

THE FIRST list of 41 BJP candidates for the November 23 Rajasthan Assembly elections includes seven MPs, a move that stands out when compared with the saffron party's strategy in the previous polls.

In the 2018 elections, under the leadership of then incumbent chief minister Vasundhara Raje, the BJP had not fielded any MPs and had instead relied on sitting MLAs and local candidates. Of Rajasthan's 25 Lok Sabha MPs, there are 24 from the BJP, whose constituencies cover most of the Assembly segments in the 200-member Rajasthan Assembly. With seven sitting MPs already announced as candidates in the BJP's first list of 41 names, it is expected that more parliamentarians will be asked to contest in the remaining 159 seats. However, the decision to field MPs is already drawing opposition from several local BJP lead-



BJP has fielded Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore as MP from Jhotwara. It has fielded Jaipur rural MP Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore from Jhotwara

ers who were hoping to contest the elections from those seats.

Among the MPs whose candidatures have been announced in first list, Diya Kumari and Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore are considered as party heavyweights. Kumari is a first-time MP from Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore area of erstwhile Jaipur royal family.

Before she became an MP in 2019, Kumari was the BJP MLA from Sawai Madhopur between 2013 and 2018. Kumari, a member of the state executive, is viewed as a rising leader in the

party. She has been fielded from the Vidhyadhar Nagar Assembly constituency, where the sitting MLA is from the BJP.

Rathore, a two-term MP and former Union minister of state, was an Olympic silver medalist in shooting. He is also the BJP's national spokesperson. He has been fielded from the Jhotwara seat, an Assembly segment under his Jaipur Rural Lok Sabha constituency, which is currently held by the Congress. Both Kumari and Rathore have been fielded from seats that are considered relatively safe for the BJP, replacing party ticket aspirants who are considered close to Raje.

From the Tijara Assembly constituency, currently held by the Congress, the BJP has fielded Hindu priest Baba Balak Nath, who is the incumbent Alwar MP. Balak Nath is a disciple of the late Chand Nath Yogi, former BJP Alwar MP and mahant of the Baba Mastnath Math in Haryana's Rohtak. Before his death in 2017, Chand Nath had declared Balak Nath his successor. Jhunjhunu MP Narendra

Kumar has been fielded from the Mandawa seat in his home district. In 2018, Kumar had won the constituency but later had to resign after he won in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Thereafter, the Congress's Rita Choudhary had won the seat in a bypoll. The BJP has once again fielded Kumar to wrest the seat from the Congress.

Among the most prominent names in the BJP's first list is Rajya Sabha MP Kirodi Lal Meena, the party's tallest tribal leader in Rajasthan, from the Sawai Madhopur Assembly constituency, where the BJP lost to the Congress in 2018. By fielding Meena, a multiple-time MLA and MP with a formidable following in eastern Rajasthan, the BJP hopes to improve its performance in districts where it does not have any seats, including in Sawai Madhopur's four Assembly constituencies. In 2018, the BJP won only one of the 24 constituencies in eastern Rajasthan districts.

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On requests, EC shifts Rajasthan polling to Nov 25

Devuthani Ekadashi falls on Nov 23, considered auspicious for weddings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 11

FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIONS from political parties and social organisations, the Election Commission of India has shifted the date of polling in Rajasthan from November 23 to November 25. The earlier date coincided with Devuthani Ekadashi, considered auspicious by many, as well as thousands of weddings in the state.

Among the representations received by the EC was one by Lok Sabha MP P P Chaudhary, who said that the polling day coincides "with a very big festival, Devuthani Ekadashi, which is associated with cultural and religious devotion. On this festival, crores of devotees go to river, mansarovar and holy places to take bath. While this festival is celebrated all over the country, it has great influence in Rajasthan where it is famous as

'Abujh Saave'." Chaudhary said he received "a large number of letters from senior citizens, youth, organisations and the general public from various parts of Rajasthan. In view of this great festival, they have made a special request to conduct the voting two days before or after (the current polling date)."

The day also marks the beginning of the wedding season. Citing media reports, Chaudhary said that more than 50,000 weddings will take place on that day. "Various sections, including relatives, confectioners, tent services, bands are directly involved in a wedding. People travel from one place to another. In both circumstances, they would hardly be able to leave their work or function and go to vote," he said.

"It is our responsibility and the responsibility of the EC to increase the voting percentage..." he said.

PHONE-TAPPING CASE

Gehlot OSD to court: None of numbers belongs to Shekhawat

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 11

IN THE phone tapping case lodged by Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat against Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's Officer on Special Duty Lokesh Sharma, Sharma's lawyers Wednesday said that as per Delhi Police, none of the intercepted phone numbers belong to the minister.

During the hearing in the

Delhi High Court by Justice Vikas Mahajan on Wednesday, Sharma's lawyer Siddharth Agarwal said that as per the Delhi Police status report, the conference call which was intercepted/tapped was between three numbers belonging to Sanjay Baradiya alias Sanjay Jain, Rampal Singh of Rajasthan and Nagendra Singh of MP.

Sharma's lawyers said that since none of the three numbers belong to Shekhawat, he can't claim his phone was tapped.

Denied permission, Akhilesh scales gate to offer tribute on JP birth anniv

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 11

SAMAJWADI PARTY (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav scaled the gate of Jai Prakash Narayan International Centre (JPNIC) in the heart of Lucknow on Wednesday after he was denied permission to enter the premises to offer floral tribute to freedom fighter and anti-Emergency campaigner Jayaprakash Narayan on his birth anniversary.

Accompanied by party workers, the SP chief reached the centre's gates overlooking the Gomti Riverfront in the Gomti Nagar area around noon. As the centre remained shut, he scaled the gates along with other SP leaders and workers amid chaos and sloganeering. Police tried to stop SP workers and leaders from entering the premises and also used mild force to disperse the crowd.

Speaking to mediapersons after offering floral tribute at the statue of Jayaprakash Narayan inside the JPNIC, Akhilesh said it was unfortunate that



Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav scales the gate of Jai Prakash Narayan International Centre in Lucknow on Wednesday to pay tribute to Jayaprakash Narayan on his birth anniversary. Vishal Srivastav

policemen were deployed to stop him from entering the JPNIC.

"I am sad that they have deployed police to stop me. People should know who is the one stopping me. Every year, I come here to offer floral tribute. I remember when JPNIC was inaugurated, Netaji (SP founder and his fa-

ther Mulayam Singh Yadav) had come here. A museum was built here for the socialist leader, the only one in the country so that people could be inspired by his life. People can get inspiration on how to raise their voice in a democracy against the government," he said.

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Will be the first to garland Ajit Pawar if he becomes CM: Sule

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 11

ANNOUNCING THAT her political and ideological fight is only against the BJP and nobody else, Baramati MP Supriya Sule of the NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) Wednesday said that she will be the first to garland her rebel cousin brother Ajit Pawar if he becomes Maharashtra chief minister.

"The BJP has a habit of igniting internal fights. Be it within the Shiv Sena or among us. We will not let that happen. We'll not fall into this trap. My fight is only against BJP and nobody else," she said. Sule was speaking at the programme organised by NCP women's wing with party chief Sharad Pawar, state unit chief Jayant Patil on the dais.

"They (BJP) used to give a call for Congress Mukh Bharat. Really? Say thank you to Devendra Fadnis. What did he say? He said that he will make Ajit Pawar CM for five years in 2024. Me and NCP women workers will be the first to garland him (Ajit Pawar). Why not?" she said.

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After criticism, Uttarakhand govt revokes provision for home minibars

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 11

THE UTTARAKHAND government Wednesday cancelled a new provision that allowed people to open a minibar at home for their personal use. The provision was met with strong criticism for allowing minibars at homes in "Dev Bhoomi".

"Rule 13.11 (licensing for individual bar) of Uttarakhand Excise Policy Rules 2023 on the above subject is postponed till further orders. Ensure to take necessary action accordingly," said Commissioner Excise Hari Chand Senwal in a letter issued to all district excise officers. Senwal did not respond to calls seeking comment.

Under the policy, the state government had a provision to issue licences for maintaining mini-bars with an annual licence fee of Rs 12,000 and certain conditions. As per the provision, upon approval of the licence application, the holder was permitted to store a maximum of 9 litres of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), 18 litres of foreign alcohol, 9 litres of wine and 15.6 litres of beer at any given time. However, on Wednesday the provision was cancelled.

The mini-bar was allowed exclusively for personal purposes, and no commercial activities were permitted.

The provision allowed obtaining a home mini-bar licence with the submission of an affidavit affirming compliance with certain criteria. Additionally, the mini-bar must remain closed on notified dry days. This new policy initiative aimed to provide residents of Uttarakhand with a convenient and legal way to enjoy alcoholic beverages in the comfort of their homes, while still ensuring responsible consumption and adherence to local regulations. According to officials, there is a similar provision in the excise policies of states like Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh.

UP: Stalkers push teen in front of train; she loses legs, hand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MEERUT, OCTOBER 11

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl in Uttar Pradesh lost both her legs and her left hand and suffered multiple fractures after she was allegedly pushed before a moving train by two men who had been stalking her for the past two months, police said. The incident took place on Tuesday evening on the outskirts of Bareilly district, police added.

The girl was admitted to a private hospital where she underwent an operation that continued till early Wednesday morning and her condition is serious, hospital authorities said.

While Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath sanctioned a sum of Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the girl's family and directed that proper medical care should be ensured, three policemen were suspended for laxity.

The Bareilly police initially suspected that the incident was a suicide attempt over a relationship. On Wednesday morning, the police registered a First Information Report (FIR) after the girl's uncle, who is an advocate, filed a complaint, naming two people in the village where she lives.

"An FIR has been registered in this connection and the complainant has named two persons, both adults, who live in the same village for pushing his niece to the railway track on which a train was passing. We



During the NIA raid in Mumbai on Wednesday, Amit Chakravarty

which included various digital devices such as laptops, mobile phones, SIM cards, memory cards, pen drives, and hard discs. We have seized Rs 8.5 lakh cash, and incriminating documents during the operations," the spokesperson added.

The agency had taken over the probe from the Patna Police, which had registered an FIR on

July 12 last year. Ten days later, the central anti-terror agency re-registered the case and started its investigation. The Patna Police had raided the premises of one Athar Parvej in the Phulwarisharif area on July 11 last year resulting in the seizure of PFI literature and a document titled "India 2047 Towards Rule of Islam in India, Internal

Document: Not for circulation".

The NIA has filed three charge sheets so far against 13 suspects in this case and arrested 17 people. "Several individuals, including Athar Parvej, Md Jalaluddin Khan, Nooruddin Zangi alias Advocate Nooruddin, and Arman Malik alias Imteyaz Anwer, were arrested in the case. They are alleged to have been actively involved in furthering the unlawful activities of PFI, including the illicit funnelling of funds from overseas to the PFI members and suspects in this case," the spokesperson said.

Previously, the NIA had conducted multiple searches in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala in order to collect evidence against the accused persons and suspects in the present case.

During the ongoing investigations, the NIA apprehended Anwar Rashid, a former member of the banned organisation Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI).

ACTIVIST ACQUITTED IN BLASTS CASE ALSO SEARCHED BY NIA

Mumbai: Among the various places where raids were conducted included the Vikhroli residence of prisoners' rights activist Abdul Wahid Shaikh who was acquitted in the 7/11 Mumbai serial train blasts case after spending several years in prison. Shaikh refused to open the door till officers showed their identity cards and had the proper paperwork to carry out the raid at his residence. Uploading a video from inside his residence, Shaikh said, "Some people claiming to be police personnel came to my residence at 5 am. Neither have they identified themselves nor have they given any notice. They broke one door and broke my camera." **ENS**

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India, China hold 20th round of talks on border row

Both sides agree to maintain peace: MEA

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

INDIA AND China held the 20th round of military talks earlier this week and both sides agreed to maintain the momentum of dialogue through military and diplomatic mechanisms while committing to maintain peace in the border areas in the interim, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Wednesday.

The 20th round of Corps Commander Level Meeting was held at Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Indian side on Monday and Tuesday.

The latest round of talks comes nearly two months after the 19th round of military talks held in August where India had pressed for access to all old patrolling points along the LAC. The talks were held about a week before the BRICS leaders' summit where Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping had met.

"Both sides exchanged views in a frank, open and constructive manner for an early and mutually-acceptable resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC in the Western Sector, in accordance with the guidance provided by the national leadership of the two countries, and building on the progress made in the last round of Corps Commanders' Meeting held on 13-14 August 2023," the MEA said in a statement issued late Wednesday.

As per sources, disengagement of the troops deployed by both sides along the LAC and overall de-escalation of troops in the Ladakh region was part of

the agenda as was adherence to existing protocols and sharing of patrol information to prevent clashes on ground.

There has been no concrete forward movement in the last few rounds of talks on resolution of legacy issues or an overall de-escalation of troops in eastern Ladakh.

After the 19th round of military talks in August, there was also a Major General level meeting held between both sides to chalk out finer details of the points discussed in the corps commander level talks.

Commanders on the ground were also working on possible scenarios for limited disengagement at certain mutually-accepted points along the boundary. However, any such plan has not yet been implemented.

This will be the fourth consecutive winter marking the military standoff between India and China which began ahead of May 2020.

In September last year, both sides pulled back troops to disengage from Patrolling Point-15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area of Eastern Ladakh, marking a step forward in the military standoff between the two sides which began in May 2020.

Friction points such as Galwan Valley, north and south banks of Pangong Tso and the Gogra-Hot Springs area have seen some resolution in the last three years with the creation of buffer zones. There is, however, yet to be any disengagement at the legacy friction points such as Depsang Plains and Demchok. Around 50,000-60,000 troops remain deployed on both sides of the India-China border.

20TH CONVOCATION OF UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

Women ready to play a bigger role in leading country: Murmu



President Droupadi Murmu and Jammu and Kashmir L-G Manoj Sinha at Kashmir University in Srinagar on Wednesday. Shuaib Masoodi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 11

PRESIDENT DROUPADI Murmu addressed the 20th annual convocation of the University of Kashmir on Wednesday. She is on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing the university students, the President said, "I am confident that the Nari Shakti Vandan Act, 2023 would be a revolutionary step toward women-led development in the country." Murmu added that the country is proud of the "responsible youth of Kashmir" and urged the students to actively participate in social services along with their studies.

The President pointed out that in the National Education Policy (NEP) emphasis has been laid on

Indian knowledge systems. Noting that 55 per cent of the students at Kashmir University are women, she said that these women present the picture of our country and its destiny. "The women and girls are ready to play a bigger role in the leadership of the country." She also urged the university to be alert in preserving the Himalayan ecosystem. "I am happy to note that work related to glaciology, biodiversity conservation and the Himalayan Ice-Core Laboratory is at different stages. I hope that the university will work at a fast pace in all such areas," she added.

Referring to the motto of the University of Kashmir which means 'let us move from darkness to light', the President said that the more youth move to-

wards the light of education and towards the light of peace, the more our country will progress. "A society and country whose youth follow the path of development and discipline, move forward on the path of progress and prosperity."

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also addressed the convocation emphasising that out of total students conferred with gold medals, more than 66 per cent are women. "Accomplishment of our daughters, their self-confidence, courage and the ability to create new records in education and various other fields is a matter of great pride for the entire Union Territory. It is a reflection of a brighter future for the nation and a step towards women-led development," he said.

Odisha train tragedy: All 28 unclaimed bodies now cremated

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BHUBANESWAR, OCTOBER 11

THE CREMATION of 28 unclaimed bodies of people who died in the triple train accident in Odisha's Balasore district four months ago, was completed on Wednesday by women volunteers at Bhubaneswar.

The process of cremation began on Tuesday evening and was completed at about 8 am on Wednesday, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Mayor Sulochana Das said.

She said women volunteers actively participated in the funeral. "Women volunteers disregarding social stigma came forward and lit funeral pyres. The identities of these bodies were not known," the Das said.

The bodies had been kept in refrigerated containers for over four months, she said, adding that all the bodies were cremated at the Bharatpur crematorium by the BMC.

Madhusmita Prusty (37), Smita Mohanty (53) and Swagatika Rao (34) cremated the first three bodies.

"We came forward on our own to do this sacred ritual for the unidentified bodies. They might be our relation in some previous lives," Prusty said.

Rao said that the bodies were beyond recognition and one cannot identify whether they were males or females.

"They were all human beings and their last rites are done with dignity," she said.

An NGO was engaged to light the funeral pyre and collect the bone pieces for immersion in water bodies, according to ritual.

The unidentified bodies were kept in AIMS Bhubaneswar in a container after the triple train accident on June 2 at Baganaga Bazaar in Balasore district.

Icon of Kerala's adult literacy programme dies at 101

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 11

AN ICON of Kerala's adult literacy programme, Karthyayani Amma, died at the age of 101 at her home in Cheppad, Alappuzha early on Wednesday. Karthyayani had in 2018 hit the headlines when she emerged as the top scorer of the state literacy mission's Akshara Laksham project, the flagship adult literacy programme. She was later honoured with the



Karthyayani Amma with Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan shortly after she had emerged as a topper in 2018. X/@pinarayivijayan

Nari Shakti Puraskar by the country. When she was 96, Karthyayani scored 98 out of 100 marks in the exam which tested writing and mathematical skills.

The state government had presented a laptop after the widow expressed her intention to learn English. Karthyayani was then among 60,000 people in the state who had been initiated into the world of letters through over half-a-dozen literacy schemes run by the Mission.

Karthyayani had never been to school as she worked as a domestic help and cleaning staff. Her hus-

band Krishna Pillai had died in 1961, her children were busy with their own lives and she was ready to lead her own. Her daughter Amminiamma, 51, inspired her mother to join the classes. Amminiamma was also a dropout.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said Karthyayani Amma was Kerala's pride who inspired hundreds of school dropouts.

In 2020, Karthyayani Amma's record as the oldest student of the state literacy mission was beaten by Bhageerathi Amma, a 105-year-old, who cleared the 4-level education, with 74.5 per cent.

'KNIFE: MEDITATIONS AFTER AN ATTEMPTED MURDER' COMES OUT APRIL 16

A year on, Salman Rushdie announces memoir on knife attack

UDBHAV SETH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

MORE THAN a year after he was stabbed in a lecture hall in western New York, while delivering a speech onstage, losing an eye and being severely hurt in his left hand, forced into months of isolation and recovery, Booker-winning novelist Salman Rushdie has announced a memoir on the attack.

Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder comes out April 16, published by Penguin Random House, his publisher

for his latest and 15th novel, *Victory City*, about a 14th-century princess who gave rise to the historical Vijayanagara empire with the power of words and storytelling.

"This was a necessary book for me to write: a way to take charge of what happened, and to answer violence with art," said Rushdie in a statement.

"Speaking out for the first time, and in unforgettable detail, about the traumatic events of August 12, 2022, Salman Rushdie answers violence with art, and reminds us of the power of words to make sense of the



The 256-page 'Knife' will be published by Penguin Random House.

unthinkable. *Knife* is a gripping, intimate, and ultimately life-affirming meditation on life, loss, love, art — and finding the strength to stand up again," reads the description on the Penguin website. More details are awaited.

"*Knife* is a searing book, and a reminder of the power of words to make sense of the unthinkable. We are honored to publish it, and amazed at Salman's determination to tell his story, and to return to the work he loves," said Penguin Random House CEO Nihar Malaviya in a statement.

Last August, Rushdie was stabbed repeatedly in the neck and abdomen by a man who rushed the stage as the author was about to give a lecture in western New York. The attacker, Hadi Matar, has pleaded not guilty to charges of assault and attempted murder.

Rushdie was the target of a fatwa issued by the Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989, shortly after the publication of his fourth novel, *The Satanic Verses*.

The novel was accused of promoting blasphemy. After the

fatwa, under threats of violence from around the world, Rushdie went into hiding for six years and moved from the United Kingdom to the United States.

But for years since, he had moved about with few restrictions, until the stabbing at the Chautauqua Institution.

Rushdie, 76, did speak with *The New Yorker* about his ordeal, telling interviewer David Remnick for a February issue that he had worked hard to avoid "re-accrimination and bitterness" and was determined to "look forward and not backwards."

He had also said that he was

struggling to write fiction, as he did in the years immediately following the fatwa, and that he might instead write a memoir.

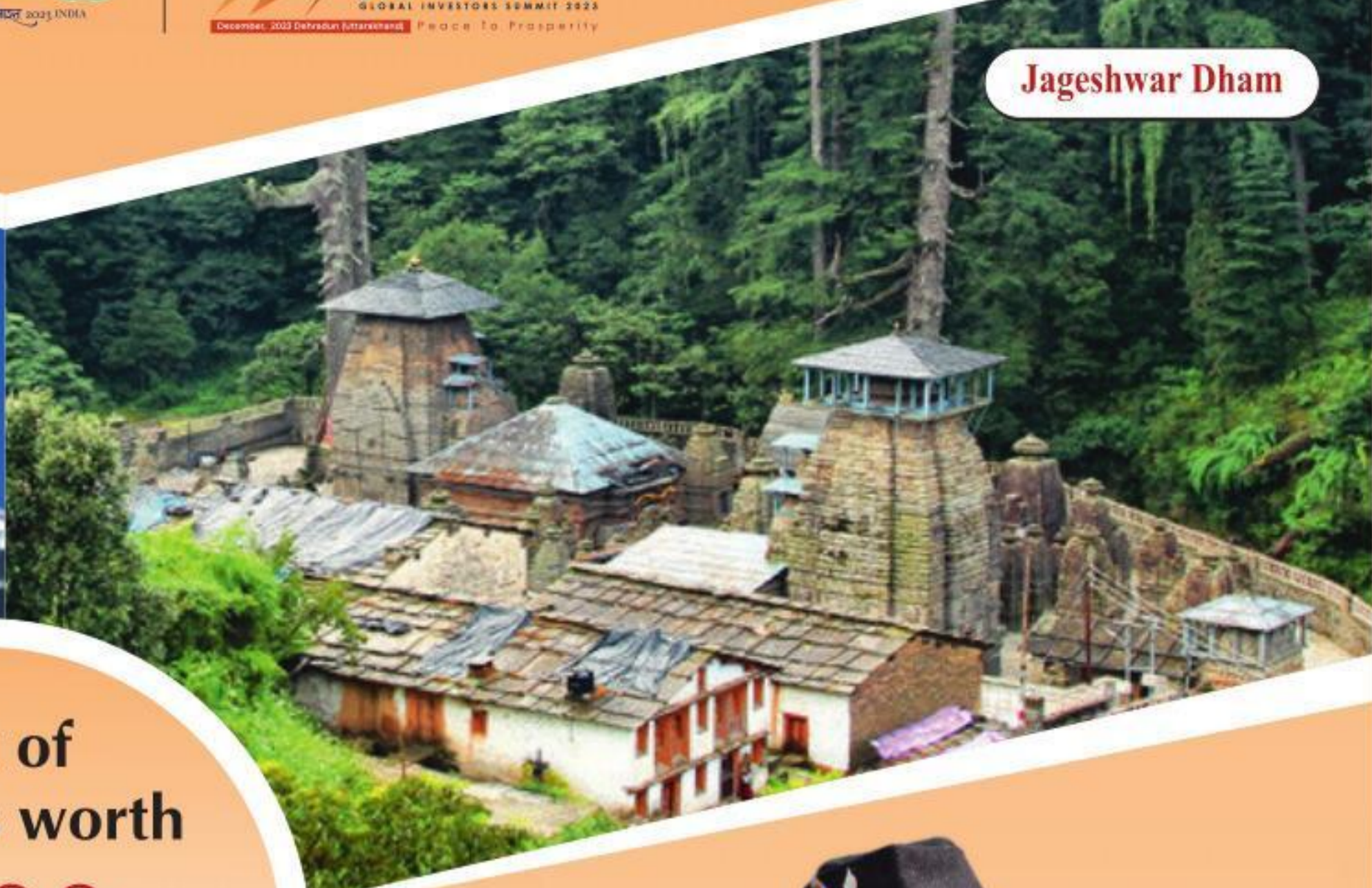
Rushdie wrote at length, and in the third person, about the fatwa in his 2012 memoir *Joseph Anton*. Rushdie won the Booker Prize in 1981 for his second novel, *Midnight's Children*, about children born at the stroke of midnight on August 15, 1947, as India became independent. United by telepathic (and other) powers, their destinies were chained to the nation's for the next thirty years.

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FCRA 'VIOLATIONS'

CBI files fresh FIR against NewsClick

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

Days after Delhi Police's Special Cell arrested NewsClick founder-Editor Prabir Purkayastha and its HR head Amit Chakraborty under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the CBI has registered an FIR against the news website, a private company, its director and others on allegations of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act violations.

Also, searches were conducted at Purkayastha's office and house in Delhi on Wednesday.

"It was alleged that the private company had received unexplained export remittance of Rs 28.46 crore (approx) through four foreign entities in violation of FCRA provisions. It was further alleged that there was an unexplained receipt of foreign fund of Rs 9.59 crore (approx) by incorrect characterisation of the fund as FDI. The director of the private company with his close associates had allegedly violated the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010," a CBI spokesperson said in a statement on Wednesday.

The spokesperson further said the FCRA "prohibits acceptance of foreign contribution by a

company engaged in production and broadcast of audio-visual news or current affairs programmes through any electronic mode and by any correspondent or columnist or writer or owner of such company". On Tuesday, a Delhi court had sent Purkayastha and Chakraborty to 10-day judicial custody.

The duo was arrested last week by the Special Cell, which registered an FIR in August under several sections of the UAPA and the Indian Penal Code.

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

Apart from Purkayastha, the FIR also names rights activist Gautam Navlakha, who is under house arrest in the Elgaar Parishad case, and US-based businessman Neville Roy Singham. NewsClick, which hit the headlines after the New York Times reported that it received funds from Singham for allegedly running pro-Chinese propaganda, has denied all the allegations.

Dilemma in court: Should 'viable' foetus be aborted or given life support?

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

AS A two-judge Supreme Court bench on Wednesday failed to reach an agreement on a woman's request for medical termination of her 26-week-old pregnancy, it brought a key medical question before the court: whether a "viable" foetus should be terminated or provided with life support in cases of abortion at advanced stages.

In the current case of a 27-year-old woman, who already has two children and is suffering from postpartum depression, a six-member medical board on October 6 advised against the termination, citing three reasons.

First, termination at an advanced stage of pregnancy can still lead to postpartum psychosis, a severe condition where the mother experiences hallucinations and delusions.

Second, the mother had undergone a caesarean section during her two previous pregnancies, increasing the risk of complications. And, most importantly, the baby is already viable and has a "reasonable chance of survival".

However, on October 9, the bench allowed the abortion.

But on Wednesday, after one of the members of the medical board sought clarification from the court, the two-judge bench

failed to reach an agreement regarding the woman's request for abortion.

In the present case, four key medical issues have been raised in the clarification sought by the doctor. First, the doctor has highlighted that the baby is currently viable, which means it will show signs of life and has a strong possibility of survival. Hence, the doctor has sought a directive on whether foeticide, the stopping of the foetal heart, can be performed before termination. "We perform this procedure for a foetus which has abnormal development, but generally not done in a normal foetus," the doctor wrote.

Second, the doctor has highlighted issues in a scenario if the foeticide is not performed. The doctor has said that a baby who is born preterm and with low birth weight will have a long stay in the intensive care unit, with a high possibility of "immediate and long term physical and mental disability", "...which will seriously jeopardise the quality of life of the child".

"In such a scenario, a directive needs to be given as to what is to be done with the baby. If the parents agree to keep the child this will take a major physical, mental, emotional, and financial toll on the couple," the doctor has said. Third, the doctor has highlighted if the case has to go for adoption, the process needs to be spelt out clearly.

PLEA TO END 26-WEEK PREGNANCY

I don't appreciate this: Justice Nagarathna on intra-court appeals

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

ISSUING A refrain on 'intra-court appeals', Justice B V Nagarathna rebuked the Centre on Wednesday for appealing to the Chief Justice of India to reconsider a decision of a two-judge bench in an abortion case.

"Every bench of the Supreme Court is the Supreme Court. We are one Court sitting in separate benches. Speaking for myself, I do not appreciate this on the part of the Union of India," Justice Nagarathna said.

The Centre had on October 10 moved an application before the CJ to "recall" an order passed on October 9 by a bench comprising Justices Hima Kohli and Nagarathna. In a dilution of procedure, the Supreme Court has seen several instances in 2017 of valid orders by two-judge benches being 'reconsidered' out of turn by the CJ which are termed 'intra-court' appeals. This practice also leads to inconsistency in judicial orders and undermines other judges.

As a polyvocal court, the Supreme Court sits in nearly 15 two-judge bench combinations except for the CJ who routinely sits in a three-judge bench combination. Judicially, every judge is equal while administratively, the CJ is the head of the Court.

Several intra-court appeals were heard during Justice Misra's tenure as CJ which was marked by controversies on his role in as-

signing cases as master of roster. In November 2017, a bench of Justices A K Goel and U U Lalit had issued notice to the Centre in a case seeking explanation on the delay in finalising the Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) to appoint judges. Only a day later, then CJ Dipak Misra constituted a special bench comprising himself, Justices A K Sikri and Amitava Roy and disposed of the case with no effective directions. In October 2017, a case with the bench of Justices Goel and Lalit on speedy hearing of criminal appeals was also transferred to a bench headed by then CJ Misra himself and then "recalled" the two-judge bench order. In September 2018, the same bench of Goel and Lalit had delivered a verdict on Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code which deals with dowry deaths. This ruling, too, was subsequently reversed by a bench led by then CJ Misra.

In 2018, in a land acquisition case, a three-judge bench comprising Justices Adarsh Kumar Goel, Arun Mishra and Mohan Shantanagoudar, in a 2:1 majority invalidated a 2014 judgment by another 2014 three-judge bench on the same issue, and declared it "per incuriam", or "lacking in regard for the law and facts". A bench of same strength cannot sit in appeal over a judgement of another bench.

However, when the Bar protested, then CJ Misra set up a larger five-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra to resolve the issue.

Wankhede complains of 'threats' from Insta user in Bangladesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 11

INDIAN REVENUE Service (IRS) officer and former zonal director of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Mumbai, Sameer Wankhede, has submitted complaint to the Mumbai Police after receiving "death threats" from an Instagram user, believes to be from Bangladesh.

Mumbai's Goregaon Police are looking into the matter.

Sources said that Wankhede, currently posted in Chennai, received direct messages from the Instagram user on Monday, after which he wrote an email to the Mumbai police commissioner Vivek Phansalkar.

The Goregaon police may register an FIR in the case, a police officer said.

The 2008-batch Indian Revenue Service officer Wankhede, is currently facing a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) first information report (FIR) for allegedly trying to extort money from Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan.

Wankhede headed the Cordelia cruise drug bust operation on the night of October 2, 2021, and led a team of officers to raid the cruise ship off the Mumbai coast.

The agency arrested 17 people, including Aryan Khan, son of Shah Rukh Khan.

Later, a high level inquiry found that Aryan was allegedly framed.

Cow vigilante Mohit Manesar sent to 14-day judicial custody



Mohit Yadav alias Monu Manesar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, OCTOBER 11

COW VIGILANTE Mohit Yadav alias Monu Manesar has been sent to 14-day judicial custody by a court in Pataudi on Wednesday. Yadav was sent to Bhondsi jail by the court of Tarannum Khan, sub-divisional judicial magistrate Pataudi.

According to Gurgaon police which sought judicial custody for 14 days, the interrogation revealed that on February 6, Monu Manesar had gone to the residence of Rakesh, also known as Sunil, a resident of Pataudi, along with his associates.

There, Rakesh had informed him that some people from the opposing party were creating trouble and that they were on their way. Rakesh had also called Lalit, a resident of Pataudi, for assistance. A short while later, the people from the opposing party arrived, and they began pelting stones at Rakesh's house, causing damage to the windows. When the accused came outside, they allegedly heard the sound of gunshots. They fired several shots from his licensed rifle 315 bore and also fired 01-02 rounds from his pistol. The accused Monu's ballistic report shows the recovery of a rifle, four live cartridges, two empty cartridges, and a bulletproof vehicle (white Scorpio)," police said.



NADDA MEETS TANZANIA PRESIDENT

BJP national president JP Nadda meets Tanzania President Samia Suluhu Hassan in New Delhi on Wednesday. Express

AAP's Chadha to Delhi HC: V-P applied his mind and issued the bungalow to me

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

AAM AADMI Party leader Raghav Chadha told the Delhi High Court on Wednesday that the Vice President of India had himself "applied his mind" and issued him the allotment of a type VII bungalow. The submission came in Chadha's plea against October 5 order of Additional District Judge Patiala House courts who had vacated an April 18 interim order which

stopped the Rajya Sabha Secretariat from dispossessing Chadha from the bungalow.

Chadha was earlier allotted a type VI bungalow in July 2022 but later in August, he made a representation for allotment of type VII bungalow which was approved. Appearing for Chadha, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi argued before Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani that his client's case was not one of overstay, fresh allotment or of public premises eviction.

"It is a case where after an exercise of full application of mind on the file reflected by no less than the Vice President of the country on September 8, 2022 leads to an offer of allotment and acceptance by me starting with occupation on November 9, 2022," he said.

He said, "Firstly there was an issue of security and secondly, Chadha was in charge of Punjab and hundreds of MLAs visited him everyday therefore that space was required. Today, mid-stream it has been cancelled by the Rajya Sabha secretariat on

March 3". Against this, Chadha filed a suit and subsequently against the interim order, the secretariat filed a review.

Justice Bhambhani asked if the cancellation of accommodation was a consequence of Chadha's suspension from Rajya Sabha to which Singhvi said cancellation happened much before in March. He said "115 out of 245 sitting MPs in Rajya Sabha have been granted accommodation above their default entitlement, but only Chadha has been sought to be evicted".

VIDEO OF MAN BEING BURNED DOES ROUNDS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Manipur govt bans circulation of images and videos of violence

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 11

THREE DAYS after a video of a Kuki-Zomi man being burned began doing the rounds on social media and Whatsapp, the Manipur government on Wednesday declared it will book and prosecute people found circulating images and videos of violence.

An order by the Governor issued through the state Home Department on Wednesday stated that the state government took circulating images of violent activities "very seriously and with utmost sensitivity." It stated that images of activities such as inflicting bodily harm and damage to public or private property are likely to facilitate the mobilisation of "mobs of agitators and

demonstrators," aggravating the law and order situation in the state. The order stated that the government has decided to "restrain" the spread of such images as "a positive step towards bringing normalcy in the State." It went on to say that anyone in possession of such images should approach the nearest Superintendent of Police and submit them for legal action, but if they are found to be circulating such images through social media, they shall be booked and prosecuted "under relevant provision of the law of land." It also stated that those found "misusing technology for inciting violence/hatred" will be dealt with under provisions of the IT Act and the IPC.

In a separate order on Wednesday, the state government extended suspending mo-

bile internet services in the state for another five days, stating that "there is apprehension that some anti-social elements might use social media extensively for transmission of images, hate speech and hate video messages inciting the passions of the public which might have serious repercussions for the law and order situation" in Manipur. While internet services have been either completely or partially suspended in Manipur since May 3 - apart from a brief three day window between September 23 and 26 during which mobile internet services had been restored - photos and videos throwing light on crimes committed during the course of the conflict have been surfacing in intervals, keeping the strife-torn state on the boil. On July 18, a video showing two Kuki-Zomi women being pa-

raded naked and sexually assaulted surfaced, more than two months after the incident had taken place on May 4.

Another watershed moment in the ongoing conflict was when on September 25, two photographs emerged which purportedly confirmed that two Meitei youngsters who had gone missing on July 6 had been killed. The emergence of these two photographs set off fierce protests in the state's Meitei-dominated valley areas and in the retaliation by security forces, multiple students received pellet injuries. During these protests, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's personal residence had also been targeted.

On the evening of October 8, a video showing a Kuki-Zomi man's body being burned started being circulated.

MHA bringing tougher measures in name of removing sedition provisions: Mamata

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 11

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday claimed that in the name of withdrawing provisions under the sedition law, the Union Home Ministry is introducing more severe and arbitrary measures in the proposed Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which can affect citizens more gravely," the chief minister wrote on 'X'. Stating that she has been reading the drafts prepared by the Union home ministry to substitute the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and

provisions in its efforts to substitute the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act.

"Earlier, there was Sedition Law; now, in the name of withdrawing those provisions, they are introducing more severe and arbitrary measures in the proposed Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which can affect citizens more gravely," the chief minister wrote on 'X'. Stating that she has been reading the drafts prepared by the Union home ministry to substitute the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and

the Indian Evidence Act, Banerjee said she is "stunned to find that there is a serious attempt to quietly introduce very harsh and draconian anti-citizen provisions in these efforts." While maintaining that the current Acts should be decolonised not only in form but also in spirit, she urged the "jurists and public activists of the country to study these drafts seriously for democratic contributions in the realm of the criminal justice system." Banerjee wrote on social media her colleagues in Parliament will raise the issues at the standing committee.

Israeli tourists cut Goa trips short, hope to return and enlist with defence forces

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
PANAJI, OCTOBER 11

AS THE conflict between Israel and Palestine continues to escalate, Israeli tourists in Goa are cutting their holiday short and returning to Israel to be with families and to volunteer in the defence forces.

At a Chabad House in Goa, several Israeli nationals gathered on Wednesday, fervently making enquiries about flight schedules, after some flights to Tel Aviv were cancelled, and in the hope of finding some shared solidarity.

Itamar (27), a former soldier in Israel Defence Forces from Sderot in Southern district of Israel, over a kilometre from Gaza strip, said he was waiting for the



Tamal Shahar (R) with her brother, who is in the Army

first flight out of Goa to return to his hometown to volunteer in the Army. "I came here a week ago, but I have to cut my trip short. I want to help my country and countrymen... Sitting here and watching the violence unfold in the news is harrowing. We are

constantly checking on friends and family. Some family members have had to relocate."

Tamar Shahar (26), a social media manager from Israel, was talking to her father over the phone, when she heard sirens going off. "I could hear the sound

of explosions. They kept getting louder...I am extremely worried. My sibling, parents and grandmother are all holed up in our old house. It does not even have a shelter for protection from rockets...My two friends are missing and my sincere hope is that they have been kidnapped, but alive," she said. Shahar came to Goa three weeks ago for a trip. She was supposed to fly from Goa to Abu Dhabi and take a flight to Tel Aviv on Thursday, but has been stranded after her flight was cancelled. "My elder brother was at a music festival in Southern Israel on Saturday morning when they came under a gunfire attack from militants. At least ten friends in his group were killed. It is a miracle that he managed to escape," she said.

Moments when we felt unsafe... no thought of leaving: Head of Indian Jewish group in Israel

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MOVING TO safe rooms the moment sirens go off, keeping glued to radio and TV, preparing for the worst: The past five days have been an unfamiliar time in the living memory of many in Jerusalem. Even though it is around 70 km away from the southern cities of Ashkelon and Sderot that have been directly attacked by the Hamas from the Gaza Strip, the days here are full of uncertainty.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* over the phone from Jerusalem, Noah Massil - who runs Mayboli, a quarterly magazine in Marathi published in Israel - says there have been



Noah Massil runs Mayboli, a Marathi magazine in Israel

many moments in the last four days when they've felt unsafe. Massil, an Israeli citizen of Indian origin who moved to Jerusalem from Mumbai five decades ago as a 21-year-old, says the deadly Hamas attacks Saturday morning have shocked them, considering the reputation of the Israeli

intelligence and armed forces. Massil, who is also president of the Central Organization of Indian Jews in Israel, says they took time to realise the scale of what had happened.

"On Sunday morning, a day after the attacks, the sirens went off in Jerusalem - signalling we had to immediately run to the shelter rooms in our building," he recalls, adding that all residential and office buildings across the country built in the last four decades have shelter rooms on each floor. "So now, 90 per cent of buildings in Israel have shelter rooms, where you can hide to evade such attacks," he says. And in case one is on the road, or driving, there are public shelters that can hold more than a 100 people at a time, says

Massil. Although there is some sense of normalcy in Jerusalem, with grocery stores and gas stations working and people being free to move, there is an air of apprehension. The sirens were rung a couple of times now, forcing people to rush to the shelters.

There are approximately 85,000 Jews of Indian origin in Israel, holding Israeli passport holders. The main waves of immigration into Israel from India took place in the 1950s and 1960s. The majority are from Maharashtra (Bene Israelis), and relatively smaller numbers are from Kerala (Cochini Jews) and Kolkata (Baghdadi Jews). In recent years, some Indian Jews from North-Eastern states (Bnei Menashe) too have been settling in Israel.

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WORLD SIGHT DAY



“Love Your Eyes at Work!”

In the captivating digital age, our eyes, the quintessential windows to our soul and the world, are under siege. With World Sight Day 2023 revolving around the theme "Love Your Eyes at Work," it becomes imperative to address the elephant in the room-Digital Eye Strain.

This modern-day challenge, often termed computer vision syndrome, is a testament to our evolving workspaces and habits. From long Zoom meetings to back-to-back deadlines met on glowing screens, our eyes are in constant battle with blue light and screen glare.

UNDERSTANDING THE DIGITAL STRAIN

The past decade has seen a seismic shift in how work is conducted. With technology's meteoric rise, physical files have transformed into tabs, and face-to-face discussions often take place via digital meetings. While this shift has increased efficiency and connected global teams, our eyes bear the brunt. Digital eye strain emerges from prolonged

screen exposure, leading to symptoms such as dry eyes, blurred vision, and even recurrent headaches. This strain isn't just a mere discomfort-it's a clarion call for better ocular health practices.

GUARDING THE GATES: HOW TO PROTECT YOUR VISION

The 20-20-20 Lifesaver: Make it a habit to pause every 20 minutes, shifting your gaze to an object 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds. This brief respite allows your eyes to relax, reducing strain.

Position Matters: Adjust your screen, ensuring it's at arm's length. The screen's top should align with, or be slightly below, your eye level, which can help minimize strain.

Tame the Glare: Lighting can make all the difference. Utilize soft ambient lighting and consider investing in anti-glare screens or protective eyewear. These adjustments can dramatically reduce the glare that exacerbates eye strain.

Stay Hydrated, Blink More: Ironically, in the digital realm, we blink less frequently, leading to dry eyes. Make a conscious effort to blink more and consider using physician-approved lubricating eye drops if dryness persists.

Embrace Regular Eye Check-ups: With digital strain becoming commonplace, regular eye exams are more crucial than ever. These check-ups can identify underlying issues and offer preventive measures tailored to your specific needs.

A CALL TO ACTION ON WORLD SIGHT DAY

At the Eye7 Group of Eye Hospitals, we continually witness the repercussions of unchecked digital strain. But, with awareness and actionable steps, everyone can "Love Their Eyes at Work."

This World Sight Day, let's not just be passive observers. Instead, let's actively champion the cause of better eye health in our digital age. By embracing best practices and promoting regular check-ups, we can ensure our eyes remain the clear, vibrant windows they were always meant to be.



Dr. Rahil Chaudhary receiving GUINNESS WORLD RECORD for 250 Contoura Vision Lasik Patients in one day on 25th December 2023

Introducing the SILK Laser Procedure: The Future of Flawless Vision - Say Goodbye to Glasses and Contact Lenses on World Sight Day!

There's an old saying: "The eyes are the windows to the soul." Indeed, our eyes play an integral part in how we experience the world around us. For many, the perennial dependency on glasses or contact lenses has been a tether, particularly for those who lead an active, on-the-go lifestyle. Vision correction surgeries like LASIK have promised a respite, presenting a vision of a world without the hindrance of corrective lenses. These treatments have now been a beacon of hope for over three decades.

However, in the rapidly progressing world of ophthalmology, what was revolutionary yesterday becomes routine today. At the forefront of this evolution is the groundbreaking "SILK Procedure" from the pioneers at Johnson & Johnson, USA. SILK stands for "Smooth Incision Lenticule Keratomileusis."

THE JOURNEY OF SPECS REMOVAL LASER EYE SURGERY

To appreciate the marvel that is SILK, we must understand the evolution it stands upon:

1st Generation: PRK - The pioneer that paved the way.

2nd Generation: LASIK - A name almost synonymous with laser eye correction today.

3rd Generation: SMILE - Brought a grin to many faces seeking a life without glasses.

4th Generation: CONTOURA VISION - Enhanced precision in vision correction.

5th Generation: SILK - Launched in October 2023, it promises a future where the vision is not just clear but beyond ordinary.

WHY SILK STANDS OUT?

SPEEDY RECOVERY: One of the most remarkable features of the SILK procedure is its rapid 24-hour recovery time. Compared to its predecessor, Contoura, which required individuals to take 5-7 days off from work and even restricted heavy physical activities for up to a month, SILK promises minimal disruption.

SAFETY: The innovative flapless technology of SILK not only ensures quicker recovery but also significantly boosts the overall safety quotient of the procedure.

SUPER VISION: SILK doesn't just promise normal vision; it delivers super-vision, an impressive 6/5 vision clarity.

ENHANCED COMFORT: Post-operative dryness has been a common issue with vision correction surgeries. However, SILK significantly reduces the instance of eye dryness, making the post-operative phase more comfortable for patients.

PLANNING FOR SPECS REMOVAL? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Eligibility: The minimum age requirement stands at 18 years, and your spectacles power should remain consistent for at least the prior six months.

Assessment: Even if the above boxes are ticked, a comprehensive set of 17-18 eye tests are essential to determine one's candidacy for the procedure. Only 70% of hopeful individuals are found suitable for laser vision correction.

Power Limitations: SILK efficiently corrects up to a -8 spectacles power. Beyond this, an alternative technology, known as ICL, becomes the suggested path.

Procedure Timeline: The complete process spans across three days: initial screening tests on the first day, the surgical procedure on the second, and a follow-up on the third. After this, patients can readily reintegrate into their daily routines.

Post-operative Care: While SILK reduces post-surgical dryness, patients are still advised to use prescribed eye drops for about two months to maintain optimal eye health.

THE UNVEILING AT EYE7 HOSPITALS

On the prestigious occasion of World Sight Day, Eye7 Hospitals have proudly announced the introduction of the SILK procedure. As a beacon of excellence in ophthalmology, Eye7's adoption of this technology promises to bring superior vision correction to the masses, changing the way we see the world, quite literally.

With the innovation of the SILK Procedure taking the ophthalmology world by storm, many have questions about what it entails and its benefits. We have collated the most common questions about this cutting-edge technology and addressed them below:

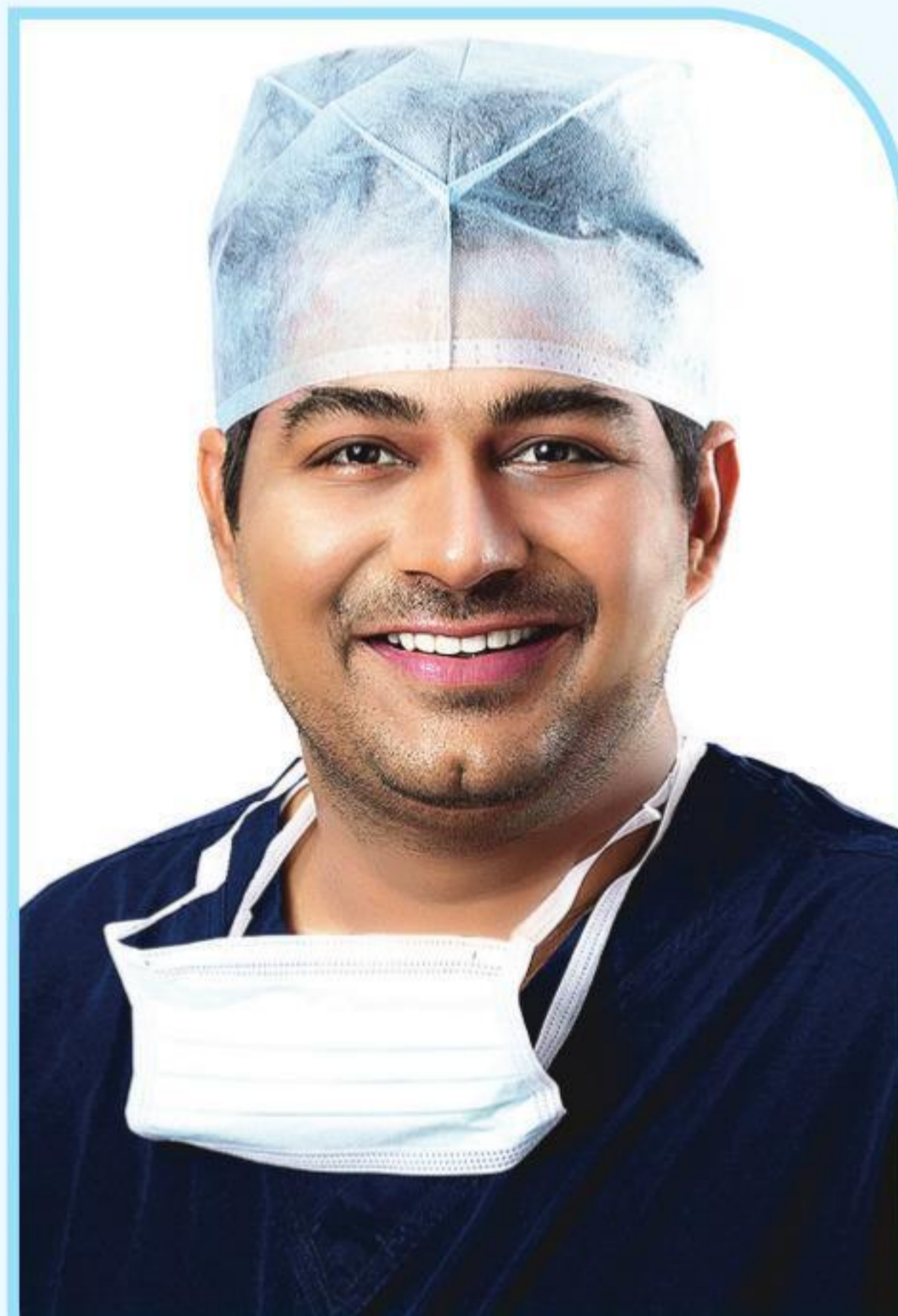
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) ABOUT THE SILK PROCEDURE

What is the SILK Procedure by J&J Vision?

The SILK Procedure is the latest refractive laser procedure introduced by J&J Vision. Touted as the world's most advanced FLAP-LESS Laser Vision Correction procedure, it's a solution designed to correct myopia (nearsightedness) up to 8D and astigmatism up to 3D. This groundbreaking procedure aims to enhance vision without the dependency on glasses or contact lenses.

How does the SILK Procedure work?

Utilizing the precision of



DR. RAHIL CHAUDHARY
Managing Director
Eye7 Group of Eye Hospitals, Delhi NCR



Femto-laser technology, the SILK Procedure addresses refractive issues like myopia and astigmatism.

The procedure entails the creation of a lenticule, a disc-shaped piece of tissue deep within the cornea, corresponding to the eye's power. This lenticule is then meticulously removed, leading to a reshaped cornea and consequently, improved vision.

What vision problems can the SILK Procedure correct?

SILK is primarily engineered to remedy myopia (nearsightedness) and astigmatism. However, it isn't a solution for hyperopia or "plus" powers.

Is the SILK Procedure safe?

The emphasis in developing the SILK Procedure was on safety and patient comfort. Considered to be a safe procedure, like all surgical interventions, potential risks and complications do exist. It is imperative to discuss these with your ophthalmologist prior to making a decision.

Is the SILK Procedure painful?

Patients typically experience minimal discomfort during the SILK Procedure. While the surgery itself is pain-free, a sensation of slight pressure might be felt. Post-surgery discomfort, if any, can usually be managed with medications prescribed by the doctor.

Is there an age limit for the SILK Procedure?

The procedure is tailored for adults with stable vision prescriptions for a minimum duration of six months. Hence, candidates should be at least 18 years of age.

Can I resume using digital devices like smartphones and computers shortly after the SILK Procedure?

Absolutely! In most cases, patients can revert to using digital devices, be it smartphones or comput-

ers, as early as a day post the SILK Procedure.

How do I determine if I am a candidate for the SILK Procedure?

If the SILK Procedure intrigues you, it would be best to book a consultation with an adept ophthalmologist. A comprehensive eye examination will be conducted, focusing on your prescription, corneal health, and overall ocular health to ascertain your suitability for the procedure.

How long should I expect my vision to remain stable after the SILK Procedure?

Post the SILK Procedure, vision stability typically persists until age-related changes start to manifest, which usually begins around the age of 45. While slight variations due to healing, age, or myopia progression from prolonged screen exposure can occur, your ophthalmologist will monitor your vision keenly and advise any necessary enhancements.

What is the recovery time for the SILK Procedure, and when can I return to work?

The SILK Procedure is known for its quick recovery. Most patients can return to work and normal activities within 24 hours. However, it's essential to follow your doctor's post-operative instructions and attend follow-up appointments.

In conclusion, as the world commemorates World Sight Day, the introduction of the SILK Procedure is not only a testament to the relentless strides in technological advancement but also symbolizes a beacon of hope for many. By providing clarity about the procedure through these FAQs, we hope to dispel uncertainties and provide a clearer picture of the brighter future the SILK Procedure promises. With esteemed institutions like Eye7 Hospitals leading the charge, the vision for the future is indeed crystal clear and laden with promise.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, KM PARAMJEET KAUR, W/O BALJIT SINGH R/O SAIFPUR FEROZPUR, BEHSUMA, MEERUT (UP)-250404, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PARAMJEET KAUR. 0040693293-3

It is for general information that I, Tarkeshwar S/O Ravinder Prakash, R/O RZ-36-Y-Block, New Roshan Pura Nazafgarh, New Delhi-110043, declare that name of my minor son has been wrongly-written as Divyansh in my minor son Divyansh Sharma aged-15-years in his School Records. The actual name of my minor son is Divyansh Sharma. 0040693289-4

It is for general information that I, Azam Parvez, S/O Mohd Yameen, R/O-12, Gali No.1, New-Kardampuri, Delhi-110094, inform that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Azam Parvaiz in my Passport. No.F5816483. The actual name of mine is Azam Parvez, which may be amended accordingly. 0040693291-10

It is for general information that I, SAURABH BANSAL, S/O RAJ KUMAR BANSAL residing at C-064, DLF Capital Greens, Kardampura, West Delhi, Delhi-110015, declare that the Name of mine has been wrongly written as SAURABH in my-10th and 12th-Class Marksheet and Certificate and in my ICAR records and in my Service Records. The actual name of mine is SAURABH BANSAL, respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0040693342-6

It is for general information that I, MOHD MUNISH S/O MOHD SABIR, R/O A-1/3, NAVJEEVAN CAMP, GOVINDPURI KALKAJI, SOUTH DELHI-110019 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as MOHD MUNEEESH in my minor daughter namely AYESHA aged 12 years in her school record. The actual name of mine is MOHD MUNISH which may be amended accordingly. 0040693193-1

It is for general information that I, MANJU BALA W/O VIJENDER SINGH, R/O Plot No-37B/37C, Shiv Park, Sani Mandir Wali Gali, Kakrola, Delhi-110078, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as MANJU in my minor son TANISH MEHRA aged 14 years in his School Records. The actual name of mine is MANJU BALA, which may be amended accordingly. 0070867983-1

I, pawan s/o sardar Singh, address-nangal Kalan(43), sonipat haryana, have change my name pawan kumar, for all purpose. 0040693334-6

I, Vinod Kumar Patel, S/O Ravi Lal Patel, R/O B-71, Ground floor, Mansarovar garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Vinod bhai Patel, permanently. 0040693291-6

I, Vimlesh D/o Ram Gopal, W/O. Sunil Kumar Pranjapati R/O. Room.No.-3, Navjivan-Chawl, Dattatrey Road, Behind Education-Society School- Mumbai Suburban Maharashtra -400054, Now after marriage my name changed to Nisha Sunil Kumar Pranjapati. Both name are one person. 0040693287-10

I, Vijender S/O Sukhveer Singh, r/o 266/3 gali no-3 kalighat Village, Wazirabad Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Vijender Kumar 0040693334-9

I, Vandana Bhatia W/O Rajat Bhatia R/O 0292, ATS Green Village Expressway Sector-93A, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Vandana Bhatia for all future purposes. 0040693269-2

I, Rajeev kumar, s/o late shakti parkash sharma r/o P-46, 3rd-floor pratap-nagar delhi-110007, changed my name to Rajeev sharma. 0040693291-3

I, VED PRAKASH BHARATI, S/O RAM ADHAR R/O H.NO.63, Indira Colony, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad (UP) have changed my name to VED PRAKASH. 0040693293-5

I, Thomaier Charles S S/O Susai Manickam R/O GB R-3 Maya Enclave Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Thomaier Charles. 0040693288-1

I, Tejdeep Singh, S/O-Sohan Singh Shekhawat, House.no-8303/8434, Apna Ghar Society, Sohna-Road, Sector-52, Faridabad sector-22, Faridabad, Haryana-121005. Changed My Name To Sohan Singh Shekhawat. 0040693295-4

I, Basanti alias Basanti Kumari alias Asha Bhandari D/o No. JC-563455 Rank Nony/CAPT Late Umed Singh Negi R/O B/D-93, Janakpuri B-1 Janakpuri New Delhi-58 have changed my name to Asha Kumari vide affidavit dt.11.10.23 before Delhi 0070867988-1

I, Banishi Lal R/O 568, Block-B, Rajeev Nagar, Begum Pur, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Banshi Lal Yadav permanently 0070867971-1

I, Sharanjeet Singh Anand R/O B-210 Fateh Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my minor Son's name, from Jassimer Anand to Jassimer Singh Anand, for all purposes. 0040693293-2

I, Satender S/O Dharmraj, R/O Village-Nogawan, Tehsil-Matanahail, Jhajjar, Haryana-124106, have changed my name to Satender Kakran. 0040693334-4

I, Sahil gupta s/o Jagmohan, R/O 81, Vaishali Pitam Pura Delhi-88 have Changed my name to Sahil Garg. 0040693293-7

I, Salyed Mukram Ali, S/O Hasam Ali R/O-H.No.A-257 Shri Ram Colony, Gali No.7, Dayalpur, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Mukram Ali, for all purposes 0040693287-9

I, SUPRIYA CHAUHAN, W/O PANKAJ SINGH BHANDARI, R/O SITE-4 HOUSE-NO-50 VIKASPURI, TILAK NAGAR, DELHI-110018, CHANGE MY NAME TO SUPRIYA BHANDARI. 0040693334-7

I, SUMAN DEVI, W/O MUKESH R/O, RZ-B-18, LAXMI-GARDEN, MAIN UTTAM-NAGAR ROAD, NAJAFGARH, NEW-DELHI-110043, have changed my name, from SUMAN DEVI to SUMAN, for all, future purpose. 0040693295-11

I, SHILPA SHARMA, D/O SHRI. BRIJENDER KUMAR SHARMA, R/O-40/41-B, NEW LAYAL PUR EXT.N, KRISHNA NAGAR, DELHI-110051, inform that SHILPA SHARMA AND SHILPA KHANNA, both names are of the same person. 0040693289-8

I, Rajshree Vashishth W/O Dwarka Prasad Vashishtha, R/O J-306, Ajnara Homes, Greater Noida West Devla, Sector-16B, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306, have changed my name to Raj Shree Vashishtha. 0040693289-7

I, Rahul Sharma S/O Brij Mohan Sharma, R/O H.No.-1077, Gandhi-Nagar, East-Delhi, Delhi-110031, have changed my name, from Rahul Sharma to Tinku, for all, future purposes. 0040693291-9

I, Rahat Khan, R/O-NA-83 Gali No-6, Vishnu Garden Delhi-110018, have changed my minor daughter name from Ayasha to Aarsha. 0040693334-8

I, RAJIV KUMAR, S/O PANNA LAL, R/O NEARRAO DAN SINGH, RESIDENCE SHANKAR-COLONY MOHINDERGARH HARAYANA-123029, CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJIV KUMAR AGARWAL. 0040693295-2

I, PARVEEN KUMAR S/O RAJ SINGH R/O VILLAGE SAIDPUR (239), SONIPAT, HARYANA-131402, HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME LAKSHIKA TO LAKSHIKA PANWAR. 0040693295-3

I, RAJESH KUDHINGRA, S/O VEER BHADUR DHINGRA, R/O. HOUSE NO-C-2/33 YAMUNA-VIHAR, NORTH EAST-DELHI-110053, changed my name to RAJESH DHINGRA. 0040693287-3

I, Parveen Kumar, S/O Ram Chander, R/O-SRS 176, Nasirpur-village Palam-village, South-West, New-Delhi-110045, Have changed my name Parveen Kumar to Praveen Kumar, for all, future pupurposes. 0040693287-1

I, PINKY DEVI W/O SHRI NIRPENDRA KUMAR, R/O F-31, Sangam Park, Chora Colony, Ghaziabad (UP)-201003, have changed my name to ANJU, for all, future purposes. 0040693293-4

I, OM PARKASH S/O BHAVAR LAL, R/O E-622, J.J. COLONY, MADIPUR, DELHI-110063, have changed my name to OM PARKASH PAWAR. 0040693287-4

I, Nerjeet Singh Anand S/O Manohar Singh R/O C-2/308 Janakpur New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Narjit Singh. 0040693291-8

I, NEERAJ, S/O JAGDEV, R/O N-77C/396 SAWAN PARK EXTENSION ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-3, DELHI-110052, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NEERAJ KASHYAP. 0040693342-4

I, Manik S/O Om Prakash Takkar, R/O 171-R Model-Town, Panipat, Haryana-132103, has changed my name Manik Takkar, for all purposes. 0040693342-5

I, MANSI MUNDHRA D/O ANAND DAS MUNDHRA R/O-36 SADHNA ENCLAVE, PANCHSHEEL PARK DELHI-110017 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANASI MUNDHRA. 0040693291-5

I, MANOJ KUMAR, S/O URBA DUTT, R/O 174 2ND-FLOOR, GALLI, NO-04 RAMESHWAR NAGAR AZAD PUR, DELHI-110083, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANOJ KUMAR JOSHI, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040693289-1

I, MANJOO LOHANI, W/O DHARMENDRA KUMAR LOHANI R/O, HOUSE, NO.66, BLOCK-B, B.K. DUTT-COLONY LODHI-ROAD, DELHI-110033, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM MANJOO LOHANI TO MANJU LOHANI, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSE. 0040693295-6

I, Ashok Agarwalla S/O Mahabir Prasad Agarwal R/O Flat No. C1-2802, Cleo County Sector-121, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Ashok Agarwal for all purposes. 0040693179-1

I, Anil Kumar M. A. S/O Mohanachary R/O C-2/1305, 13th Floor, Block C-2, Supertech Eco Village-1, NOIDA, GBN-201306, have changed my name to ANIL KUMAR. 0040693270-1

NOTICE IS HEREBY BE GIVEN THAT MASTER NISHAD SON OF DR HARSHAL RAMESH SALVE R/O DELHI HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS NISHAD HARSHAL SALVE 0040693261-1

I, Ashok Agarwalla S/O Mahabir Prasad Agarwal R/O Flat No. C1-2802, Cleo County Sector-121, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Ashok Agarwal for all purposes. 0040693179-1

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I, M JAYASHELIE, D/O, PETER MICHEAL, ADD-920, J.J-COLONY, MADANPUR KHADAR SARITA-VIHAR, SOUTH EAST-DELHI 110076, changed my name to JAYASHELIE, for all, future purposes. 0040693295-7

I, Luckesh, S/O-Ranbir Singh, Address-Siwach, House.no-1221 word.no-31, Kamla Nagar rohtak, haryana-124001. Changed my name to Lokesh. 0040693287-6

I, Kumari Shree, D/o Dwarka Prasad Vashishtha, R/O 6/59, Nehru-Nagar, Srinivaspuri S.O, South Delhi, Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Shree Vashishtha. 0040693289-6

I, Jaspreet Jolly W/O Sarabpreet Singh R/O C-2/308 Janakpuri New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Jaspreet Kaur Anand. 0040693291-7

I, YJOTI MARY, W/O PETER MICHEAL, ADD-920, J.J. COLONY, MADANPUR KHADAR SARITA-VIHAR, SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110076, changed my name to YJOTI MICHEAL, for all, future purposes. 0040693295-8

I, Hitherto Known As Shyam Nandan, S/O Ramavtar, R/O-H.No.608/7, Krishna-Gali No.9, Adarsh Mohalla, Maujpur, Delhi-110053, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Shyam Nandan Modanwal. 0040693291-4

I, HARI SHANKAR, S/O BRIJ MOHAN, ADD-D-2, D-BLOCK GALI, NO-1, SOUTH ANARKALI KRISHNA NAGAR DELHI 110051, HARI SHANKAR GUPTA, for all, future purposes. 0040693295-9

I, Shiv Shankar Kumar S/O Fuleswar Sah, R/O Ward No-02 Gram-Chaidha, Post-Babu Bagicha, Thana- Maheshkhunt, Mansi Khagaria, Bihar-851214. Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Shivshanker Kumar and Puleswar Sah in my Education Document, that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Fuleswar Prasad Sah in my Intermediate and Bachelor Of Arts. The actual name of Mine and My Father are Shiv Shankar Kumar and Fuleswar Sah, which may be amended accordingly. 0070867948-1

I, Sayyed Mohd Fayyaz and Sayd Mohd Fayyaz S/O Sh. Sayyed Babu Iqbal R/O H. No. L-1A, 235A, Gali No.8, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110062, declared that both the above name are one and belong the same person as per the Affidavit sworn in before the Notary Public on 15.09.2023. 0040693267-1

I, Guruprit Kaur Bhatia, W/O-Taranpreet Singh Bhatia, Address-K-57-A 2nd floor Fateh nagar, New Delhi-110018, changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur. 0040693287-7

I, Girish Pal, S/O Shivraj Singh, R/O C-46A, Phase-1, New Palam Vihar, Gurugram, (Haryana)- 122017, have changed my name to Girish Pal Singh. 0040693334-1

I, Devial, S/O Dharambir, R/O H.No.256, VPO-Noganwa (143), Tehsil-Matanahail, Jhajjar (Haryana)-124106, have changed my name to Devial Kumar. 0040693334-2

I, Deepak S/O Prem Singh R/O, H.No.350, Gali-No.2, Krishna Kunj Near-Maruti-Kunj, Naya-Gan, Bhondsi, Gurgaon, Haryana-122102, have changed my name to Deepak Singh. 0040693334-5

I, D P Vashishth, S/O Tara Chand, R/O J-306, Ajnara Homes, Sector-16B, Greater-Noida West, Devla, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306, have changed my name to Dwarka Prasad Vashishtha. 0040693289-5

I, Bilma W/o Markose R/O B-9/157, 3rd-Floor, Sector-4, VTC, Rohini North-West, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Bilma Nath for all purposes. 0040693269-1

I, BRAHM PRAKASH, S/O-HARI SINGH SAINI, ADDRESS:-285, CHATTARPUR ENCLAVE PHASE II, NEW DELHI-110074, changed my name to BRAHM PRAKASH SAINI. 0040693287-8

I, BINITA LUGUN D/O Soma Lugun, R/O A-3/247, Second Floor, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058, changed my name from BINITA LUGUN to BINITI LUGUN. 0040693289-3

I, Anisha khanna, w/o piyush munjal, r/o house.no.188, sharda-niketan, pitampura delhi, have changed my name to anisha munjal, for all, future purposes. 0040693287-2

I, Anil S/O Ajit Singh, R/O House No.143, Noganwa, Tehsil-Matanahail, Jhajjar, Haryana-124106, have changed my name to Anil Jakhar. 0040693334-3

I, Aadhar Singh S/O Sh.Dharmendra Chaudhary, R/O House.No.A-77, Sector-93B, Noida, Gautam Buddha-Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, inform that my father and mother name is wrongly-written as Dharmendra Chaudhary and Savita Chaudhary in my passport. But correct-name of my-father and mother is Dharmendra Singh Chaudhary and Savita Singh. Which may be amended accordingly. 004069321-2

I, Ranvir Singh, S/O-Shrilal, Address-Siwach, House.no-1221, word.no-31, Kamla-Nagar rohtak haryana-124001, changed my name to Ranbir Singh. 0040693287-5

I, Ram Kumar Mishra S/O Late, Babu Ram R/O H.No.113B, Shramik Kunj, Sec-66, Noida, UP-201301, have changed my name to Ram Kumar for all future Purposes. 0070867952-1

I, RAMADHAR PRASAD, S/O BASEV R/O H.NO.63, Gali.No .02, Indira-Colony, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad (UP) have changed my name to RAM ADHAR. 0040693293-6

I, R K Qumra S/O Baldev Sahai R/O- NP-113B, Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Ravindar Kumar. 0040693291-1

I, Niva Mishra, W/O Shaileendra Kumar Mishra, R/O F-52B, 2nd Floor, Lajpat Nagar-1, New Delhi-110024 have changed my name from Niva Mishra to Nibha Mishra for all purposes. 0040693213-1

I, Nidhi Agarwal W/O Ajay Agarwal R/O Flat No. C1-2802, Cleo County Sector-121, Noida-201301 (U.P.) have changed my name to Nidhi Siotia for all purposes. 0040693179-2

I, Neelam Rani D/o Late Sh. Bansilal, R/O-K-22, Srinivaspuri, South-delhi, Delhi-110065, Have changed My name to Neelam Arora, W/o Sh. Sunil Arora after Marriage, for all purposes, Adfvt-No. IN-DL78878941579928V, Dated-10-Oct-2023 0040693220-1

I, Sonkamble Harsh Ramesh S/O Ramesh Shankarrao Sonkamble R/O Barshi Road, Prakash Nagar, Latour, Maharashtra-413512, have changed my name to Harsh Ramesh Sonkamble for all future purposes. 0040693241-2

I, Saulat Fatima Syed D/O, Ayesha Begum R/O 13/340-342 Dda Flats Madangir New Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Saulat Fatima. 0040693181-1

I, Sarvesh S/O, Ramesh Kumar Yadav R/O Village Parkhotampur P.o Jatunasa District Rewari 123401 have changed my name to Sarvesh Yadav. 0040693205-1

I, SHABANA PARVIN W/O RYASAT HUSSAIN, R/O HOUSE NO-10, AB EXTN, SULTAN PURI DELHI-110086 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SHABANA NAZ TO SHABANA PARVIN 0070867919-1

I, hitherto known as AVINASH ALIAS AVINASH MISHRA S/O ANIL KUMAR MISHRA R/O FLAT NO. 615, G.F, SHREE AWAS APARTMENT RWA LT., DDA FLATS, SECTOR-18B, DWARKA, DELHI-110078 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AVINASH MISHRA. 0070867990-1

I, Washim S/O Md Harun R/O 261, Gali-5, Kaila Bhatta, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Wassem. 0070867979-1

I, Satish S/O Inder Singh, R/O H.no.C8/208, Sultanpur, C-Block Delhi-86 have changed my name to ANAND, for all Purposes. 0040693291-2

I, Vimal S/O R K Sharma, R/O A-7/8 Second Floor, Rohini, Sector-16, Rohini Sector-15, North West Delhi-110089, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Vimal Sharma. 0070867950-1

I, TULIKA SAWHNEY, W/O Sarabjeet Singh, R/O B-23, Patel Garden, Kakrola Mod, Delhi-110078, have changed my name to TULIKA KAUR, for all future purposes. 0040693293-10

I, Shiv Shankar Kumar S/O Fuleswar Sah, R/O Ward No-02 Gram-Chaidha, Post-Babu Bagicha, Thana- Maheshkhunt, Mansi Khagaria, Bihar-851214. Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Shivshanker Kumar and Puleswar Sah in my Education Document, that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Fuleswar Prasad Sah in my Intermediate and Bachelor Of Arts. The actual name of Mine and My Father are Shiv Shankar Kumar and Fuleswar Sah, which may be amended accordingly. 0070867984-1

I, MOHD NAEEMUDDIN S/O MOHD SARFUDDIN ANSARI R/O HOUSE NO-A-131, PHASE 2, VIJAY VIHAR SECTOR-4, ROHINI, NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110085, THAT MY FATHER'S correct name is MOHD SARFUDDIN ANSARI and MOHD SHARFUDDIN both are my father's names and both are the same person for all purpose in future. 0040693201-1

I, Lata Tyagi W/o Brijesh Kumar R/O D-294, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad 201013, have changed my name to Hemlata Tyagi for all future purposes. 0040693236-1

I, Kashif Ali R/O B.346, 4th Floor, Street No.20/4, North Ghoda, Subhash Mohalla, Delhi.110053 have changed my name from Kashif to Kashif Ali for all purposes 0040692810-2

I, JAHID HUSAIN S/O JAMALUDDIN R/O H. NO-16/1001, BLOCK-E-16, BAPA NAGAR, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005, have changed my name from ZAHID HUSSAIN to JAHID HUSAIN for all purpose in future. 0040693202-1

I, Inder Raj Singh Viridi S/O G.S.Virdi, R/O B-10, Second Floor, Priyadarshini Vihar, Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur, East Delhi-110092, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Inderraj Viridi. 0070867949-1

I, Gayatri Mishra W/O Shankar Kumar Panda R/O S-4/119, Plot No-76, Gali No-8, Old Mahavir Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Gayatri Mishra. 0040693258-1

I, Santosh Kumar S/O Munnal Lal Yadav R/O H. No.-185, Surya Colony, Sehatripur, Amarnagar Faridabad, Haryana-121003, have changed my name to Santosh Kumar Yadav for all future purposes. 0040693241-1

I, Sanjay Kumar Tekriwal S/O Loknath Tekriwal R/O C-604, Gaur Green Vista, Nyay Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Sanjay Tekriwal 0040693190-1

I, SHASHI SINGH W/O SATENDRA SINGH TOMAR R/O 130, SHIVAJI NAGAR, AMKHO, LASHKAR, GIRD, GWALIOR, MADHYA PRADESH-474001, have changed my name from SHILPA TOMAR to SHASHI SINGH as per my school record for all purpose in future. 0040693199-1

I, Ritesh Dua S/O Mukund Lal Dua, R/O F-9, Rajouri Garden, West Delhi-110027 have changed the name of my minor Son Ribhaw Dua aged about 13 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Jayant Dua 0070867970-1

I, Ruby Mukherjee D/o Satish Kumar Rastogi R/O H.No.A-418, Block-A, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096 have changed my name to Ruby Rastogi for all purposes. 0040693181-2

I, Ramesh Kumar, S/O-Late Sh. Sajjan Kumar Singhal R/O-CD-35, Vishakh Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110086, Have changed my surname After Marriage to GARIMA KAPOOR for all future purposes 0070867970-1

TRIVASAT HUSSAIN S/O MUBARAK HUSSAIN, R/O HOUSE NO-10, AB EXTN, SULTAN PURI DELHI-110086 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM RIVASAT HUSAIN TO RIVASAT HUSSAIN 0070867947-1

I, Promila Nagpal alias Kanchan Munjal D/o Late Sh. Ram Singh Nagpal W/o Sh. Surinder Pal Munjal R/O T-75, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Kanchal Munjal for all purposes. 0040693181-1

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Gujarat teacher thrashes 4-yr-old for not doing her homework; held

ENS & PTI
SURAT, OCTOBER 11

A WOMAN teacher of a private school was arrested Wednesday for allegedly beating up a four-year-old girl studying in the pre-primary section of the institute in Surat city, said police.

The teacher, Jashodaben Khokharia, was arrested and charged under Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and also relevant sections of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Assistant Commissioner of Police Vipul Patel said.

The incident took place on October 9 afternoon at Sadhna Niketan School in Punagam area where the student was repeatedly beaten up on her back and slapped with bare hands after she did not do her homework.

It came to light after the girl reached home and her mother spotted red swollen patches on her back while changing her clothes.

The next day, the girl's father reached the school to complain about the incident to the school principal. CCTV footage from the classroom showed Khokharia sitting near the child and slapping her on her back and on the face for nearly 30 times.

The girl's father later lodged a complaint at the Kapodra police station.

The authorities of the self-financed school have informed they have accepted the resignation of the accused teacher.

Meanwhile, state Education Minister Praful Panseriya took note of the incident after the assault video went viral on social media.

"The people responsible for such an incident will not be let off and they will be strictly punished," the minister told *The Indian Express*.

ED questions Abhishek's wife for 8 hours, raids rice mills in Bengal school jobs case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 11

OFFICIALS OF the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday questioned Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee's wife, Rujira, for over eight hours at its Salt Lake office in connection with the school jobs case.

The ED, which is probing the money laundering angle in the alleged irregularities in appointments of staff in government-aided schools, has claimed that a private firm, Leaps & Bounds, allegedly received kickbacks for the school jobs scam. Rujira is an ex-director of company, while husband Abhishek Banerjee is CEO.

This was the first time that Rujira was questioned by the ED in connection with the school jobs case. Earlier, she had been questioned by the ED in connection with the coal pilferage case.

Rujira, who reached ED's Salt Lake office around 10.55 am and left around 7.30 pm after over 8 hours of questioning.



Security personnel stand guard as ED raids a rice mill in Nadia on Wednesday. PTI

Sources in the ED said that Rujira was asked to explain in detail about her knowledge about Leaps & Bounds and why she quit as the director of the company.

The ED, which has questioned Abhishek Banerjee, has also issued summons to Abhishek's parents. Abhishek, who is the nephew of West Bengal chief

minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, is considered number 2 leader in the party.

Meanwhile, the ED conducted search operations in several rice mills, besides a few shops in four places in Nadia district in connection with its probe into the alleged irregularities in appointment of school staff, PTI reported.

Central forces personnel guarded rice mills at Shantipur, Dhubulia, Krishnanagar and Ranaghat where searches were underway. "...Money amassed from jobs scam was invested in the rice mills. We have documents to prove that Raids are being held in this connection," PTI quoted an ED official, as saying.

Punjab: NIA confiscates land belonging to Pak-based KLF terrorist Lakhbir Rode

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 11

A NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) team Wednesday confiscated a piece of land belonging to Pakistan-based designated terrorist Lakhbir Singh Rode, the chief of banned outfits Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) and ISYF.

The NIA team reached Kothe Gurupura village in Moga district (under Samalgar police station) of Punjab and seized the property.

The notice installed by the NIA at the site reads that one-fourth share in land measuring 43 kanal 3 marlas belonged to Rode which was being confiscated as per the order of the NIA special court un-

der Section 33(5) of UA(P/A) Act.

The court order dated October 5 stems from a case registered by NIA in Delhi on October 1, 2021, which pertains to several charges, including Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, Sections 16, 17, 18, 18B, 20, 38 and 39 of UA(P/A) Act, 1967, Sections 21B, 27A, and 29 of NDPS Act, 1985, and Section 120B of IPC.

This case involves a tiffin bomb blast that occurred on September 15, 2021, around 7:57 pm, near Punjab National Bank, Jalalabad town in Fazilka district, Punjab.

The investigations revealed that Lakhbir Singh alias Rode, Pak-based self-styled chief of proscribed terrorist organiza-

tions, ISYF and KLF, masterminded the whole conspiracy.

Working in collusion with his Pakistan-based 'masters', Lakhbir Singh also played a key role in sending consignments of terrorist hardware, including arms, ammunition, custom-made tiffin bombs, grenades, explosives as well as drugs, to carry out terrorist acts, particularly bomb blasts, to instil fear and terror among the people of Punjab, said the NIA in a statement.

He is a 'listed individual terrorist', under the UA(P/A) and fled to Pakistan around 1996/97. The NIA is investigating six cases against Rode for his 'active involvement' in terror-related activities between 2021-2023.

Agniveer dies of bullet wound, police probe misfire, suicide

Jammu: An Agniveer reportedly died of a bullet wound on Wednesday morning at a forward post along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Mankote sector of Poonch district.

Identified as Amritpal, he was recently deployed on the border after six months training.

According to police, inquest proceeding have been initiated to ascertain whether it was an accidental fire from deceased's own weapon, or an incident of suicide.

This is the first incident of an Agniveer dying of a bullet fired from his own weapon since the government introduced scheme for recruitment of soldiers. ENS

EC cracks the whip, orders transfer of officers in five poll-going states for laxity

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

THE ELECTION Commission on Wednesday ordered the transfer of several top police and administrative officers, including 25 police commissioners and superintendents of police, nine district magistrates and four secretaries and special secretaries, in the five poll-going states after finding laxity in their work, sources said.

During a review, the EC found that the performance of some officers was "unsatisfactory" and they were found "complacent, if not complicit" in various matters, including the illegal supply of liquor as a possible poll inducement, sources said.

The poll panel has asked the transferred officials to immediately hand over the charge to their respective immediate juniors. It has also directed the respective state governments to send by Thursday evening a panel of officers to replace those shunted out.

The assembly polls in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram will be held between November 7 and 30, and the counting of votes will take place on December 3.

During its review meetings in these five states, the poll panel had directed the enforcement agencies and district administrations for an increased vigil and zero tolerance towards the distribution of inducements during the electoral process.

"Without mincing any words, the commission has directed that the movement and distribution of liquor, cash, drugs and freebies should be dried up. These four are our top priority for

free, fair and inducement-free elections," Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had said during press conferences in these states.

Citing inputs received by the EC, sources said illegal liquor from Haryana and Punjab enters Rajasthan through Hanumanagarh, Churu, Jhunjhunu and Alwar districts for supply in the hinterland districts as well as the neighbouring state of Gujarat.

After assessing the performance of officials in these sensitive districts, the commission has ordered the transfer of the superintendents of police (SPs) of Hanumanagarh, Churu and Bhiwadi, and Alwar district election officer (DEO) in Rajasthan.

Similarly, during the review meeting in Telangana, the commission noted that several non-cadre officers were posted as district in-charges while officers from administrative and police services were given non-significant postings.

The commission has now ordered the transfers of 13 SPs and police commissioners in the state. Of the 13 police officers transferred in Telangana, nine are non-cadre police officers.

The security agencies concerned, including the BSF and Assam Rifles, have been directed to keep a strict watch along the international borders in Mizoram and Rajasthan. The proximity to the "golden triangle" makes Mizoram vulnerable to trafficking of drugs and arms.

The commission has also introduced a tech-based platform in these elections for real-time updates on seizures by enforcement agencies. The Integrated Election Seizure Management System would facilitate seamless coordination and intelligence sharing among different agencies.

₹5.1 crore cash, 7.7 kg gold seized by police ahead of Telangana polls

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 11

THE HYDERABAD Police on Wednesday said they have seized Rs 5.1 crore cash and 7.7 kg gold valued at Rs 4.2 crore from different parts of the city, as part of enforcement of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for the November 30 Assembly polls in Telangana.

In its commitment to ensuring a free, fair, and peaceful conduct of the elections for Telangana Legislative Assembly, the Hyderabad City Police has intensified its citywide enforcement efforts against illicit money, drugs, liquor, freebies and other inducements, a release from Hyderabad Police said.

Since October 9 (when the schedule for the Telangana Assembly elections was announced) till date (morning), the police have seized 7,706 kg gold valued at Rs 4.2 crore, 11.7 kg silver worth Rs 8.77 lakh, Rs 5.1 crore cash, 110 litres liquor, two kg ganja, 23 mobile phones and 43 quintals PDS rice, it said.

Local police, flying squad teams, Commissioner's Task force and other wings are monitoring 24x7 and maintaining a tight vigil, it said.

The Hyderabad Police reiterated its request to all citizens for their active participation and support by promptly reporting any instances of suspicious activities occurring in their respective localities, the release added.



RAJNATH IN FRANCE

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during an interaction with the CEOs of top French defence companies in Paris on Wednesday. PTI

Haryana IAS officer Jaibir Arya arrested in bribery case

SUKHBIR SIWACH
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 11

A DAY after the arrest of senior IAS officer Vijay Singh Dahiya in a corruption case, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Haryana on Wednesday nabbed a second IAS of the state, Jaibir Singh Arya, in a bribery case.

According to details provided by the government officials, a middleman was arrested in the case while accepting the bribe of Rs 3 lakh, allegedly on behalf of Arya. A case in this regard was lodged on Wednesday, with both the arrested accused to be produced in court on Thursday.

Arya, the managing director of Haryana State Warehousing Corporation, has been arrested under charges of seeking bribe for sanctioning a transfer. An official, in the know-how of the case, said that the money was sought for posting of an officer of the corporation as divisional manager in Kurukshetra. The money was to be delivered at a Panchkula shop.

Arya's profile on a social media website describes him as having spent 25 years working for the government of Haryana and the Election Commission of India in various capacities, including an as-

Allahabad HC dismisses PIL seeking transfer of Shahi Eidgah mosque land

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 11

THE ALLAHABAD High Court on Wednesday dismissed a public-interest litigation (PIL) seeking the transfer of the land on which the Shahi Eidgah mosque in Mathura is located to the Hindu community on the grounds that it was the original birthplace of Lord Krishna.

The order was passed by a bench of Chief Justice Pritynker Divaker and Justice Ashutosh Srivastava. The order in the PIL was reserved by the High Court last month.

Delhi-based lawyer Mahesh Maheshwari, who filed the PIL, said, "The bench dismissed the PIL on the grounds that several other suits in the Krishna Janmabhoomi are pending in the court."

The PIL was filed in November 2020, saying that Hindus should be given the right to pray at the mosque site on some days of the week, and on Janmashmti, till a decision on the petition is taken. "It is the original birthplace of Lord Krishna. We had also requested the court to decide the suit and hand over the land on which the mosque is built to the Hindu community," said the petitioner.

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Key conspirator behind attack on Pathankot airbase killed

injured in the attack.

Sources in the Indian security establishment identified 'Shahid Sahib' as Shahid Latif, the handler of the four attackers who entered the Pathankot air base in January 2016. Three IAF personnel were killed in the attack.

In its chargesheet filed in December 2016, the NIA had called Latif a key conspirator behind the Pathankot attack, along with JeM chief Maulana Masood Azhar. It had said the attack was planned in April 2014, at a meeting held by Latif in Sialkot. The chargesheet cited information gathered from a witness who was present at the meeting. It said the witness had attended a training camp in Pakistan, and identified Latif in a photograph.

"He (witness) further stated that he was present in a meeting at a dera in Sialkot, Pakistan, some time in April/May 2014, in which

Shahid Latif discussed the plan for the terror attack at the Pathankot Air Force Station. Shahid Latif also showed the location of the Pathankot Air Force Station on Google map and told him that it was easy to attack the base as there were forests surrounding the station," the chargesheet said.

The NIA also cited material and electronic evidence to establish that the attack was planned and originated from Pakistan, with the active involvement of Masood Azhar, his brother Abdul Rauf, Kashif Jan and Latif - all named in the chargesheet as key conspirators and facilitators of the attack.

"It has also been established through legal intercepts and statements of witnesses that Kashif Jan and Shahid Latif had guided, equipped and launched the four terrorists, who carried out the terrorist attack at the Air

Force Station, Pathankot, killing and injuring innocent persons and destroying public property. The recoveries from the scene of crime, material and documentary evidence, forensic reports and extensive call data analysis, conclusively establish the complicity of the terrorists of JeM, in the attack at the Pathankot airbase," the NIA had said in a statement.

In October 2020, the Ministry of Home Affairs had designated Latif as a "terrorist" under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. According to MHA, "Latif alias Chota Shahid Bhai who is Pakistan-based commander of JeM's Sialkot sector, and is involved in launching of JeM terrorists into India" was also "involved in planning, facilitation and execution of terror attacks in India".

A resident of Gujranwala in Pakistan, Latif came to Jammu and Kashmir in the early '90s as

part of the Harkat-ul-Mujahideen. He was reportedly among the militants holed up in the Hazratbal shrine during its siege in the '90s, and sentenced to eight years in a case registered at the Gandhinagar police station in Jammu, but he spent eight more years in prison because the J&K Police re-arrested him under the Public Safety Act (PSA). Latif was finally released in 2010, and sent back to Pakistan.

Around the same time, Masood Azhar, who was then with Harkat, was arrested by the J&K Police. He was released during the IC-814 hostage crisis in December 1999, and launched the Jaish.

NIA sources said investigations into the Pathankot attack revealed that Latif joined the Jaish

after he returned to Pakistan in 2010 and became a key member of the outfit.

This is the sixth such killing of a terrorist wanted by India in Pakistan in the last two years. The others include: Jaish operative and IC-814 hijacker Zahoore Mistry (killed in Karachi on March 1, 2022), Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Basheer Ahmed Peer (killed in Rawalpindi on February 20, 2023), Al Badr commander Sayed Khalid Raza (killed in Karachi on February 26, 2023), IS-Khorasan commander and terror recruiter in J&K Syed Noor Shalobar (killed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on March 5, 2023), and Khalistani terrorist Paramjit Singh Panjwar (killed in Lahore on May 6, 2023). There was also a blast outside the house of 26/11 attacks accused and LeT chief Hafiz Saeed in Lahore on June 24, 2021, but he escaped unhurt.

● Jaishankar met Canada Foreign Minister amid row, says report

had said, "To your question... Yes, I did with Jake Sullivan and Tony Blinken... They shared US views and assessments on this whole situation and I explained to them at some length... a summary of the concerns I had. I think hopefully we both came out better informed."

And, on the state of play between India and Canada on the allegations, Jaishankar said that the Canadian Prime Minister made some allegations "initially privately" and "then publicly".

"Our response to him, both in private and public, was that his allegation was not consistent with our policy. And if he had, his government had anything relevant and specific, we would look into," he said. "We were open to look-

ing at it now. That's where that conversation is at this point of time," he said.

It is possible that Jaishankar and Joly would have met in Washington DC. At that point of time, there was no word about their meeting in the US. Washington emerged as a key interlocutor between Delhi and Ottawa - Canada is a close US ally and India a strong strategic partner.

In early October, Foreign Minister Joly had said that she will continue to engage "privately" with India. She had told reporters in Ottawa that the Canadian government believes in having a "strong diplomatic footprint" in India.

"We are in contact with the Government of India. We take

Canadian diplomats' safety very seriously, and we will continue to engage privately because we think that diplomatic conversations are best when they remain private," she had said.

"In moments of tensions - because indeed there are tensions between both our governments more than ever - it's important that diplomats be on the ground, and that's why we believe in the importance of having a strong diplomatic footprint in India," she was quoted saying by Global News.

Ever since the diplomatic standoff began with Delhi rejecting Trudeau's allegation, at least five senior US officials and diplomats - Blinken, Sullivan, National Security Council Coordinator for

Strategic Communications John Kirby, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti and US Ambassador to Canada David Cohen - have made public statements: all of them measured with a nuanced message for both sides. In short, asking Delhi to cooperate, but also asking Ottawa to not jump the gun.

India has rejected the Canadian allegation, calling it "absurd" and "motivated". It has accused Ottawa of not acting against the Khalistan separatists in Canada, and not sharing any specific information on the killing of Nijjar. But at the same time, it has opened a window for cooperation, saying if any specific information is provided, Delhi would look into it.

● Train derails

were awaited. According to police, the incident took place at about 9.50 pm, when the 12506 Northeast Express, from Anand Vihar Terminal in Delhi to Kamakhya Junction in Guwahati, had left Buxar station and was near Raghunathpur railway station, about 40 km from Buxar and 160 km from Patna.

All the three main hospitals of Patna - Patna Medical College and Hospital, Nalanda Medical College and Hospital, and Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences - have been put on alert. Over a dozen ambulances have been sent to the spot from Patna. A Railways official said rescue operations were being carried out.

● Behind hurdler's handwritten tribute to senior: 'Taught me how to clear hurdles'

bib with Gautham's name on it. "He was the first person ever to tell me that I had talent. He happened to be in my hometown (Visakhapatnam) to visit relatives. He saw me at the ground where I was training. This was in 2015, when I had just started out. He told me that there is a SAI hostel for talented athletes, and put in a word to a coach. He was my senior at the SAI hostel. He was like a parent to me," Jyothi recalled.

She said Gautham looked out for her when she was at the hostel, motivated her, gave her training tips, advised her on her diet, and also asked her to be more social. "I was very young, I was shy and did not mingle. I didn't have any experience. I had no idea what a sports hostel was about. He explained to me how to go about things, taught me how to run, how to clear the hurdles," Jyothi said.

When Jyothi needed a new pair of shoes, Gautham bought them for her. "It was the first Nike shoes that I had ever owned. I had Nivia shoes, and that itself was a big thing for me. But when I told

him I was feeling a little pain, he got me a pair of Nike shoes," she said.

Gautham was overjoyed when Jyothi spoke to him on the phone after winning the gold in the 100m hurdles at the Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok in July. "When I won the Asian Championships, he was so happy. I thanked him for everything. He had recently got married and was attending functions at that time. I called him after the competition. I told him this was my first major compe-

tion (outdoor) and wanted to share the joy with him. It was a wonderful moment for both of us," Jyothi said.

Jyothi was in Mumbai when she got the news about Gautham's accident. She left for Kakinada to be by his side. But she could not talk to him. "I went to see him. He was in the hospital for four days. He was one of the most important people in my life, and supported me right through my journey... He was in the ICU, there were clots in his brain... so no movement... I was there for a day.

Everybody told me I should fulfil his dream. I wanted to do that at the Asian Games," she recalled.

If it was not for the false start drama in Hangzhou, Jyothi felt she could have gone faster. "After the race, I felt that maybe I can push a little more. But I am saving up for next year, maybe. Standing on the podium, I was a little disappointed because our national anthem was not playing. But it was an emotional race for me in more ways than one, and I am glad I could win a medal at the Asian Games," she said.



WORDLY WISE
THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT
THE FUTURE IS TO DESIGN IT.
— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

MOODY'S MESSAGE

Government must handhold semi-conductor industry, nudge it to adopt sustainable practices

IN DECEMBER 2021, the Centre launched the Semicon India Programme with an outlay of Rs 76,000 crore for the development of a semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem in India. The scheme was modified a year later to increase incentives to the industry. Experts have rightly pointed out that the government's plan to make India a semi-conductor hub would require not just financial backing but also investments in talent development. Now a report by the global rating firm, Moody's, has underlined another challenge. Climate change can damage manufacturing facilities, disrupt supply chains and lead to significant financial losses. The report warns that risks posed by global warming could deter investments in the industry and come in the way of India realising its ambition of becoming a chip-making hub. India is not the only country that faces such a challenge. Taiwan, the current leader in semi-conductor manufacturing, is also threatened by erratic weather patterns.

Today, silicon chips have become as essential as oil reserves. They enable advances in computation and are embedded in smartphones and defence equipment. They are also integral to clean energy appliances and machines such as electric vehicles, solar arrays and wind turbines. Here lies a paradox. The industry's environmental footprint is large. Chip fabrication plants — fabs — consume large amounts of water and generate hazardous waste. The sector is amongst the top GHG emitters today. In face of pressure from investors, however, a section of the industry is taking steps to clean up its act. Two years ago, the world's largest chip maker, Taiwan's Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, which supplies to Apple, amongst others, pledged to reach net zero emissions by 2050. Samsung, Intel and several companies in Europe have reportedly started conducting GHG audits. India's fledgling semi-conductor sector could find itself challenged by these outfits. At the same time, units in India have the advantage of starting from a relatively clean slate. They can learn from the experience of companies in other parts of the world and incorporate global best practices at the outset.

Moody's echoes IPCC reports in saying that costs related to flooding, water stress and sea-level could escalate significantly by 2050. India's Semicon programme does have the advantage of being concentrated in greenfield centres that do not have the crippling legacy of poorly planned drainage systems. Planned as a part of the government's Smart City Programme, these townships should find ways to prevent disruption during extreme rainfall events. The government has been positioning Dholera in Ahmedabad as a chip-making hub. It should be alert to heat-related stresses in the region that, by all accounts, are likely to be aggravated because of climate change. The message from the Moody's report is clear: Government will have to handhold industry, invest in climate-resilient infrastructure and nudge fab units to adopt sustainable practices.

BEST WOMAN FOR THE JOB

Claudia Goldin's work punctures myth that economic growth automatically reduces gender differences in labour market

EARLIER THIS WEEK, Claudia Goldin, professor at Harvard University, won this year's Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel — commonly referred to as the Nobel prize in economics. The citation stated that Goldin had "provided the first comprehensive account of women's earnings and labour market participation through the centuries. Her research reveals the causes of change, as well as the main sources of the remaining gender gap." That Goldin — whose pioneering work on understanding the key drivers of gender difference in the labour market — is only the third woman to win the economics Nobel since the award was instituted in 1969 is as tinged with irony as her work is full of insights.

Before Goldin started her work in the 1980s, there were several misconceptions about the role women played in an economy. For instance, it was commonplace to believe that as economies had become more industrialised and grown in size, women's participation had gone up. In other words, a growing economy was seen as an automatic solution to raising women's involvement in the labour market. Goldin showed that this was a myth. By studying US data going back two centuries — an achievement in itself — Goldin was able to establish a "U-shaped" relationship between the number of women in paid employment and the US economy's growth. Goldin found that women's engagement in the economy first went down (during the 19th century) as the US economy transitioned from agrarian to industrial, and then went up (in the 20th century) with rising education levels, growing scientific achievements (most notably, the development of the contraceptive pill), and evolution of social norms (especially about marriage and parenting).

The fact is, as the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences also noted, over the past century, the proportion of women in paid work has tripled in several high-income countries, and yet, the percentage of women in paid employment continues to be far lower than men. Moreover, when women work, they usually earn less. Not to mention the widespread prevalence of the (acutely unfounded) notion that economic growth alone can automatically reduce gender differences in the labour market. Many developing countries — India, in particular — need to study this issue more closely not just because it is deeply unjust to half the human race but also because it is downright inefficient to not have the best woman for the job.

CRICKET IN LA

It will take immense effort before cricket can be airdropped into the Olympics

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC Committee (IOC) could not stay immune to the undying passion for T20 cricket in the subcontinent, and the Los Angeles Games 2028 organisers have swooped in to peck at the financial pie. At the IOC Congress Executive Board meet in Mumbai a day after India and Pakistan play their 50-over league spectacle in the ongoing World Cup, cricket will be put to vote to be included in the Olympic programme. Early indications point to T20 cricket joining the LA Games — fancy stadiums have come up on the LA horizon where Major League Cricket matches took place over the summer. The T20 format can fit into the Olympics' time-brackets, even as the long-winded five-day Tests and day-long 50-over formats stood no chance in the 16-day Olympic programme.

Challenges remain. Not everyone in the IOC is tuned into the quaint bat and ball and field game, and a large part of the world will need to be taught how it's played or watched even. The onus will be on the ICC, subservient to the Indian board, to do the heavy lifting of spreading the sport. The football experiment at the Olympics didn't quite take off in its U23 avatar or ring cash registers for the IOC, despite being the world's most watched sport. Co-opting tennis and golf too didn't attract the best names. India might throw its weight behind the Olympics but the ICC will need to cede ground in the Olympic years.

Perhaps the biggest headache for cricket in the Olympics is how it tends to rush back to the dressing room at the first drop of rain. A farce played out at the Asian Games recently, when higher ranking decided the gold medal on a rain-marred Finals day. Climate change and unseasonal rain mean reserve days will need to be marked out throughout the Olympics. It's all very fine to want a share of the cricket money pie via the Olympics and make India-Pakistan play-act war-war for TV's sake. But it will take immense effort before cricket can be airdropped into the Olympics.

I saw darkness in Jerusalem



MRINAL PANDE

A happy Sabbath ended in death and bereavement, leaving in its wake whatabouteries of politicians

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, we were at an old friend's house in Jerusalem, celebrating the end of the week-long Feast of Tabernacles together. Our hosts told us that this Jewish festival is more than just another harvest festival — it also memorialises the past struggles of their race that had wandered for long in search of a home. So, at the end of the Feast, it was a tradition for families and friends to feast and pray together for a peaceful future, free of violence. It was a long and joyful evening full of family tales, gentle ribbing and genuine warmth all round.

Next morning, we awoke to the sound of air-raid sirens that we first thought were wake-up calls for sleepyheads to get over their hangovers and appear in synagogues for prayers. Suddenly, our gentle hostess appeared on our threshold, ashen-faced and in tears. She led us to a secure corner in the house she had been told would be a good air-raid shelter in case missiles came flying. This was the first time the spot was being used.

The three days that followed were a nightmarish blend of fear and shock as news and images from southern Israel surfaced. Waiting to find seats on the limited number of planes that ferried tourists out of the war zone, to our great shame we found that Air India was one of the first airlines to pack their own officials and crew in an Air Ethiopia plane and flee without so much as a by-your-leave to passengers like us who had bought two-way tickets and expected at least to be informed and counselled about alternate flights.

But this write-up is neither about the history of the region's conflict nor a prediction of how things will eventually pan out. Those on ground zero and in academia are better equipped to do that, and so, I shall resist the urge to make forecasts that are of secondary importance now. What I wish to focus on is the tragedy and the pathos that have hung over the area since November 29, 1947, when the United Nations adopted Great Britain's Partition Resolution, dividing Great Britain's

former Palestinian mandate into Jewish and Arab states in May 1948.

This partition is what set the trajectory of violent retaliations and counter retaliations that has not changed since 1948. What is happening in the region has happened to other warring regions as well and it will continue to happen. The Bosnians have faced it, as have the people in the Subcontinent. So, the question we must ask collectively is not when and how, but why. Why must wars tacitly permit acts of violence, plunder and murder in the name of "higher interests"?

It is true that within most nations long-concealed fault-lines of political tension, business rivalry and religious intolerance have existed between cohabiting communities. But we have also experienced courage and fellowship. All of us harbour within us a deep need for restoration of a just and humane order so we may continue to live as civilised nations with long, rich cultural heritages and institutions representing various beliefs. Just before the war broke out, we met a man calmly sweeping the streets of the holy town on a hot day with men and women from across the world milling around the historic buildings in its city centre. He had a jowly face, at once old and innocent, and a pot belly beneath his grimy t-shirt. "Shalom," he nodded to us, as we made our way to the shade of the trees. "We have always lived here like a big family," he said, "Muslims, Christians, Jews, we don't look for differences. You know people do not want to fight. They want to live like this, have babies, bring out the missus and family to fairs, have ice cream and give the children rides. No, the need for war comes from rulers always. Look for the persecutors among the kings that built these ruined walls and towers and fountains. From us? No! Never!"

Time travel in Israel, I learnt, is involuntary. The old man was not wrong. The week-long celebration of the Feast of Tabernacle, of good harvest and plenitude, was a day when the wretchedness that broke all

around us just three days later was unimaginable. It was as though we lived in sunshine when just a few kilometers away, in an area of darkness, there were people lurking to wipe out that joy and perpetrate the most horrific of crimes against fellow men and women — gunning down young people enjoying themselves at a music festival, dragging women and children by the hair and shooting them in cold blood.

One of the mysteries of this war is why so many good people stand by and choose to sing along with their politicians, apportioning blame on grounds of religion and ethnicity. With their dead eyes, these politicians appear on television, holding deep conversations full of historical whatabouteries. Just as resistance is natural, so unfortunately is radicalisation. Why are so many of our media anchors, sitting a thousand miles away from this war, getting all worked up about Mumbai terror attacks and rolling their eyes suggestively with a certain hellish delight and constant "I-told-you-so" analyses? Why are politicians informing voters about their telephone calls to leaderships on either side? This, one has to say frankly, is classic war porn. Most viewers want neither to watch, nor to listen to it, but are attracted by the rhetoric nevertheless. In a war that has killed many more civilians including a horrifically large number of children — the weakest of all civilians — are we saying we'll condemn only what the politicians deem condemnable and/or worth saving?

Having been present there that day when a happy Sabbath ended with so many deaths and bereavements, one is now, more than ever before, aware of the fragility of human relations. There are so many vulnerabilities that can undo joy and ruin millions of lives, when managed by political manipulators out to settle scores and save their falling ratings. These are the lessons I have carried back from Jerusalem.

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GENDER REALITY CHECK

Labour markets are tougher on women. Claudia Goldin's Nobel acknowledges that

MY FIRST REACTION to the announcement of the 2023 Economics Nobel Prize was the Hindustani phrase "der aaye, durust aaye" (better late than never). By duly recognising Harvard economist Claudia Goldin's insightful work, the Nobel Committee will hopefully compel the rest of the Economics fraternity to admit that labour markets are not gender-neutral, working efficiently to choose the best person for the job. Women have disadvantaged outcomes in terms of occupation and wages, even when they are just as qualified as men. Over the years, thanks to Goldin's work and that of several feminist economists, the sub-field within economics that focuses on male-female gaps and gender discrimination has grown exponentially, making it clear that labour markets work very differently for men and women. By choosing Claudia Goldin as the recipient of the highest award in Economics, the Nobel committee has provided the official stamp of legitimacy to this body of analysis.

Over more than three decades of exploration with mainly US data, Goldin has focused on the big picture questions of how women's labour force participation (LFP) and gender wage gaps have evolved historically. She is well-known for suggesting the U-shaped relationship between economic development and women's LFP based on cross-sectional data from over 100 countries. Countries at low levels of economic development have relatively higher levels of female LFP as women are engaged in agriculture, often as unpaid workers on family farms. As incomes rise, due to industrialisation and introduction of new technologies, women withdraw from paid work and re-

treating into the home. Their hours of work do not change but their labour force participation does. This is the so-called "income effect". As countries develop and women's education rises further, women move back into paid work.

In her 2021 book, *Career and Family: Women's Century Long Journey towards Equity*, Goldin examines the gender wage gap among college-educated US women over a century. She shows that since the 2000s, especially, the wage gap between college-educated men and women has stagnated. While in earlier decades, men earned more because they were better educated, that is no longer the case. Women today are more likely to have a college degree than men.

What explains the wage gap then? One factor is occupational segregation — women work in stereotypically feminine jobs that are lower paying. Goldin argues that in the US, gender wage gaps at entry level are not stark. Going up the occupational ladder, she highlights the phenomenon of "greedy" jobs, which have massive wage premiums but, in return, require long work hours, networking, late-night meetings, travel. In a family of two working parents with kids, only one parent would be able to afford to work this way. The other would be on the "mommy track", continuing in less demanding jobs which would allow taking care of the kids' school, homework, sports, music lessons, and doctor visits. The mommy track parent doesn't literally have to be the mother, but most often is. This creates a large pay gap between men and women, because the man is in the greedy job and the woman is on mommy track (in most cases).

Two other components of Goldin's work deserve special mention. One is her 2000 paper with Cecilia Rouse, "Orchestrating Impartiality: The impact of blind auditions on female musicians", which shows that auditions for symphony orchestras done behind a screen, where the jury cannot see the candidate, result in greater hiring and advancement of women. The other paper, with Lawrence Katz, is called "The Power of the Pill: Oral Contraceptives and Women's Career and Marriage Decisions", which shows that the pill directly raised the age at first marriage and enabled women to have greater control over their careers and timing the birth of children. This paper shows the importance of choice and agency in shaping women's outcomes.

How well do Goldin's results from US data apply to developing countries, such as India? Even within the US, do her results hold equally robustly for all categories of women? How do gender inequalities in the world of employment get mirrored in allocation of domestic work? These are deep questions, worthy of discussion. The hallmark of any insightful research is that it spurs a body of exploration that adds nuance and context to the original set of ideas. Goldin's analysis of gender gaps has certainly performed that role. The best way to celebrate her contribution would be to make all economic analysis and policy-making gender sensitive, incorporating nuance that recognises heterogeneity and intersectionality.

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OCTOBER 12, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

CENTRE-STATE TUSSELE

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi said that "states have been demanding that the powers of the Centre should be clipped, but at the same time, they are asking for central help, you cannot have both." She was talking to newsmen after an aerial survey of cyclone-affected areas of Nizamabad, Karimnagar, and others. She said there was no politics in allocation of funds to non-Congress (I) states.

Organisation witnessed a clash between Soviet and US delegations over the shooting down of the Korean airliner last month over Sakhalin island. The US delegation informed the WTO that the resolution seeking to condemn the Soviet action was sponsored by it along with Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines, Chile and Haiti.

AKALI STIR CONTINUES

THE AKALI DAL decided to continue its 14-month-old "dharanyudh morcha". The decision was taken after a meeting of the party high command, MPs and MLAs held at the

Teja Singh Samundri Hall in Amritsar.

ZIA REACHES OUT

PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT GEN Zia-ul-Haq was reported to be planning an overture to a select few constituents of the Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD) campaigning against his martial law regime for over eight weeks. The general named three parties in the alliance of nine whom he would invite besides three right-wing religious parties outside it, leaders of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam Pakistan reported after their three-and-a-half hours meeting with him.

15 THE IDEAS PAGE

Going nuclear

For a growing economy like India, leveraging nuclear energy is crucial to address climate change challenges and attain its net-zero goal



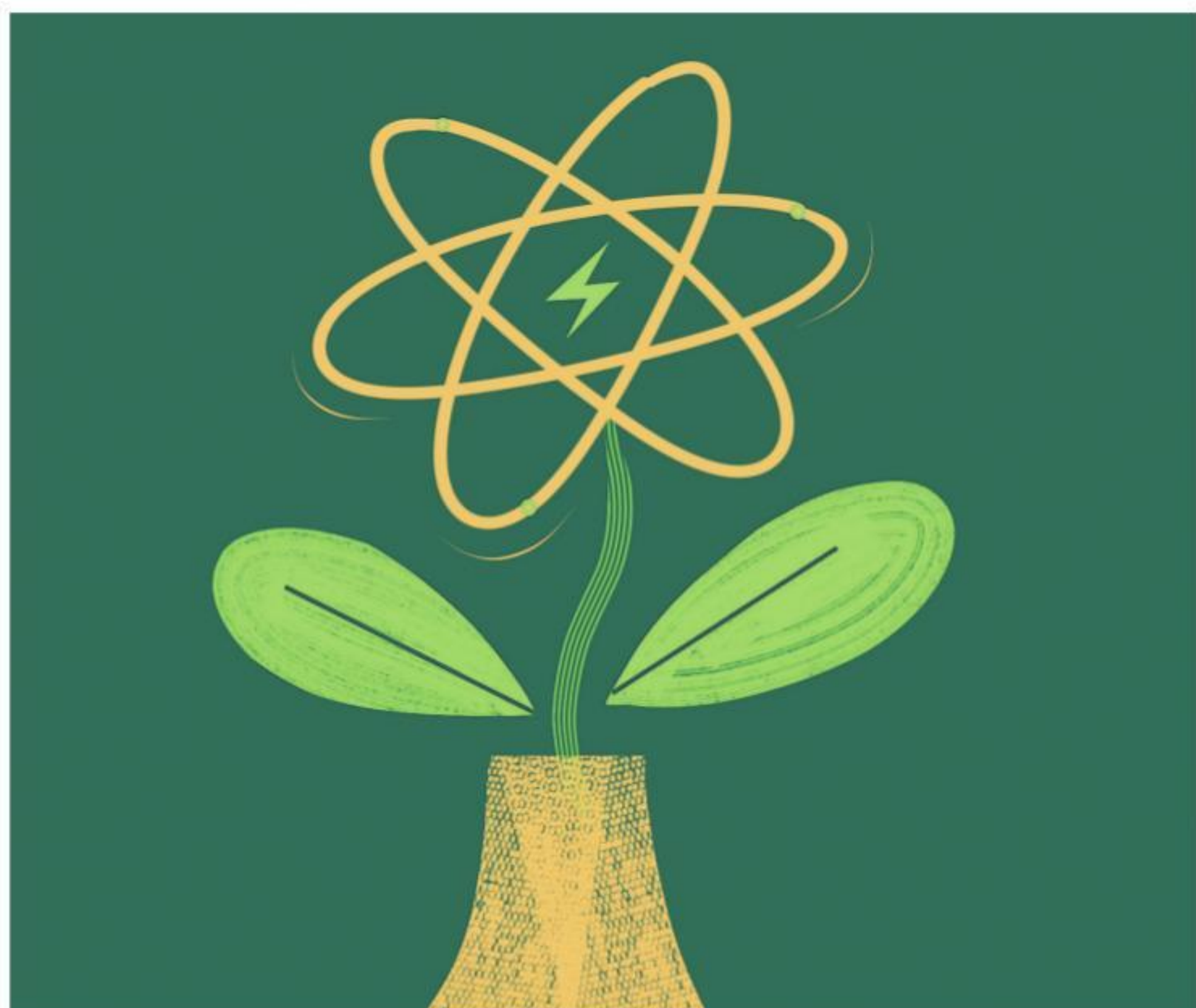
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INDIA'S ECONOMY IS growing rapidly. It is expected to surpass Germany and Japan and move up from number five to number three position before the end of this decade. Economic growth triggers demand for energy. One would thus expect significant growth in our primary energy consumption which is already the third-highest globally. Most of this is based on fossil energy.

Fossil fuel consumption is a major contributor to global warming, which has now become an existential crisis for humanity. Deep and immediate emission cuts, leading to net zero, have become unavoidable. There is now a global consensus to reach this goal before a 2045–2070 time frame. Transition to net zero involves massive transformation of energy systems, involving new technologies, restructuring of energy systems at supply-and-demand ends and large costs. For a large and developing country like India, the challenge of reaching net zero is much bigger. Our developmental aspirations require a manifold increase in per-capita energy use even as we transition to net-zero GHG emission. Our inability to meet this dual challenge would mean either compromising on development or failing to realise the net-zero target timeframe or both.

We all aspire to reach a Human Development Index (HDI) comparable to advanced countries of the world. For this, as per prevailing correlations, we need a minimum of 2,400 kilogram oil equivalent (kgoe) energy consumption per capita per year. This threshold could improve to around 1,400 kgoe, as a result of expected improvements in energy use efficiency. Even after considering this, the total clean energy requirement to support a developed India would work out to around 25,000–30,000 TWh/yr. This is more than four times our present energy consumption. While we are rightfully making rapid strides in deployment of renewable energy including hydro, would this alone enable us to become an advanced country? The answer is no.

Hypothetically, even if the entire barren uncultivable land in India is used up for setting up solar plants (which, clearly, is not possible), it would still fall way short of the target. The potential of wind energy is even smaller. The only way out then is a rapid scale-up of nuclear energy. For this, we need to shed the unfounded phobia around nuclear energy. Today, nuclear energy has emerged as one of the cleanest and safest of energies capable of effectively countering climate change. Since we pursue a closed nuclear fuel cycle, waste issue is also reduced to a negligible level. Based on a study done by Vivekananda International Foundation, with due analytical back-up from IIT-Bombay, it appears that nuclear energy would need to be scaled up to a couple of thousand GWe for an optimum solution to reach net-zero in a developed India. This is a major implementation challenge and the country must brace up to meet it. Luckily, on the technology front, we are capable of self-reliance. What is missing is the



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determination and requisite policy/management framework. Without nuclear energy playing its due role, the country will not be able to reach the status of a developed nation. We need to be guided by our own *sui generis* strategy and not be driven by foreign vendors.

In this context, it would be worthwhile to pursue a six-pronged national strategy for a rapid scale up of nuclear energy.

Indigenous 700 MWe PHWR, the first unit of which is already in commercial operation, should be the prime workhorse for base load electrical capacity addition. Fifteen more such units are already under construction in fleet mode. One should take up many such fleets for implementation leveraging multiple PSUs in addition to NPCIL.

Secondly, build indigenous SMRs at a large number of sites that would be vacated by retiring coal plants in the coming decades. As the experience with large PWRs has shown, importing these units would make electricity production unaffordable. NTPC, being the owner of the largest number of coal plants in the country, is a natural partner in this process. More industrial partners could be involved.

Thirdly, well-proven 220 MWe PHWR units can be offered as partially owned captive units for electricity and hydrogen for energy-intensive industries such as metals, chemicals, and fertilisers. AHW300-LEU developed by BARC can also be offered for this role after demonstrating a prototype.

Fourthly, develop a high temperature reactor for direct hydrogen production without resorting to electrolysis. This would enable cheaper green hydrogen production and

reduce pressure on excessive electrification of the energy system in the country, which otherwise appears inevitable. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has the requisite capability. Speed up second and third stage nuclear-power programme development to unleash thorium energy potential in accordance with the pre-existing plans for long-term sustainable energy supply.

Finally, emerging-economy countries, where one expects maximum net growth in energy consumption, should see rapid deployment of new nuclear-energy capacity to credibly address the climate-change challenge at the global level. Our PHWRs are globally competitive both in terms of performance and capital cost and are a good fit for meeting these requirements. Thorium-HALEU fuel in PHWR can make these reactors even more attractive in terms of economics, safety, waste management and proliferation resistance.

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Reaching 25,000–30,000 TWh per year from where we are today by the year 2070 corresponds to a CAGR of around 4.8 per cent. While this should clearly be feasible, leveraging nuclear energy in a significant way is inevitable. A large and growing economy like India can certainly implement this, provided it is driven as a national programme guided by a bold policy support that provides a level playing field for nuclear energy on par with renewable energy.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Guardian Australia believes a no vote will be a triumph for populist misinformation, a political victory devoid of practical answers and freighted with an unimaginable burden for First Nations people, who will know that the country has judged their call for inclusion and decided against it.” — THE GUARDIAN

The cost of cheap drugs

Lack of information about effects of unbranded generic medicines constricts patients' freedom of choice



BIBEK DEBROY

EVERY ONCE in a while, someone will list India's top brands. For most consumer products, people love brands and purchase them, if they can afford to. The word “brand” is a loose or marketing/advertising expression, since in intellectual property terms, brand protection can be through patents, copyright, trademarks, designs, or a combination. There are lists of the world's most popular or valued brands. Brands have snob value. To paraphrase Thorstein Veblen from many years ago, they are the face of conspicuous consumption. Branded products are expensive, perhaps more than they should be.

A brand differentiates the product. No product is a true monopoly, degrees of substitution are possible. To the extent a brand differentiates an item, the producer can charge a mark-up for that extra value, real or perceived. Given a choice, how many people will prefer to purchase an unbranded mobile rather than a branded one? Depends on the consumer, smartness of the phone, and nature of the brand (Samsung, Vivo, Apple, Xiaomi). The point is that a brand indicates quality and hence, there is brand loyalty. For every consumer product, there is a continuum, ranging from top brands to inferior brands, to unbranded. On grounds of freedom of choice, if I purchase an unbranded product, and it fails to deliver quality, I have myself to blame. I chose low price and inferior quality or service, consciously.

Those principles, based on common sense, go for a toss the moment it comes to pharmaceuticals. The spectre of big bad pharma haunts us. Pharmaceutical companies manipulate trials, don't tell us about side effects, get temporary monopolies through patents and other means, bribe doctors and harm patients. Particularly for pharmaceuticals, where asymmetric information doesn't lead to informed choice, health-care costs for patients are unnecessarily jacked up. There are grains of truth in all these assertions. And, depending on how we define health expenditure, medicines account for a large share of costs, especially if it is out-of-pocket. We should be concerned about the cost of drugs. Broadly, medicines are of three types: (1) Still on patent and therefore, a brand; (2) Off-patent and generic, but nonetheless produced by a reputed company, with a brand; (3) Off-patent, generic and unbranded.

Rarely is there a case of a perfect monopoly. Therefore, for a particular course of treatment, there may be a choice and substitution between (1), (2) and (3), with slight variations and possibly, some differences in side effects too, not just prices. We should be haunted, not only by the spectre of big bad pharma, but also by that of Bhagirath Palace (Delhi) and what it represents. For

those who don't know, it is a wholesale market for medicines and medical equipment. In 2017, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) and police conducted a raid or surgical strike there and found the obvious — tax evasion, spurious and sub-standard drugs, non-adherence to temperature and lack of other quality controls.

This is, of course, about distribution, but is the story remarkably different for manufacturing? Official figures are that there are 3,000 drug companies and 10,500 manufacturing units. Of these 8,500 are MSMEs. I have heard of GMP (good manufacturing practices) in pharma since 1988. As of now, out of the 8,500 MSME units, we know only 2,000 are GMP-compliant. If they have a turnover of more than Rs 250 crores, they now have to adopt GMP within six months. Below the threshold, they will be given twelve months. This promise of being GMP-compliant, which is supposed to be mandatory, has been floating around since 1988. Enforcement of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, or lack of enforcement, compounds the problem. There was a 2003 Committee (Mashelkar Committee) on drug regulatory issues. To quote, “the figures quoted in the media and by different sources about the extent of spurious drugs in the country have varied anywhere from 0.5 per cent to 35 per cent... Based on the samples tested by the state authorities, data were analysed for the period 1995–2003. According to these data, the extent of substandard drugs varied from 8.19 to 10.64 per cent and of spurious drugs varied between 0.24 per cent to 0.47 per cent.” There is a difference between spurious, meaning fake or counterfeit, and substandard. How much has changed since 2003? (The Mashelkar Committee also mentioned GMP.)

Spurious and substandard do not aid the cause of treatment. Since they can have adverse effects, they don't even serve a placebo function. In general, the thrust of GMP seems to be that we need it for pharma exports to do well. We need GMP not only for exports, but for the domestic market too. Better standards for exports and inferior standards for the domestic market is not an argument that washes. Any MSME that isn't GMP-compliant should simply close down, regardless of possible employment losses. Given this state of affairs, what is the idea behind pushing only unbranded generic, through Jan Aushadi outlets, or the proposal (now postponed) that doctors must mandatorily only prescribe unbranded generic? That unbranded generic is cheaper is obvious. Who has quantified the health costs of substandard drugs? Costs have aspects other than price. With asymmetric information, there is no true freedom of choice. Assuming an unbranded generic has been prescribed, as a patient, how do I decide? If pharma companies lobby and influence doctors, don't they do that with pharmaceuticals too? From that generic prescription, the pharmacist now recommends (1), (2) or (3). I don't think that's a terribly good idea.

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It's not just lifestyle

Structural inequalities play a role in high incidence of hypertension



RAJIB DASGUPTA

WORLD HEART Day was observed globally on September 29 to raise awareness about cardiovascular diseases (CVD) and promote heart-healthy lifestyles. Launched by the World Heart Federation in partnership with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2000, it became an annual event 11 years later. The aim is to “increase awareness, engage communities, and advocate for universal access to CVD prevention, detection and treatment”.

This year, several English-language national dailies carried full-page advertorials (the Cambridge dictionary defines an “advertorial” as an “advertisement that is designed to look like a written article. It seems to be giving information rather than advertising a product”). There was scarcely any meaningful campaign by the public health agencies such as the Union Ministry of Health. Unsurprisingly, the advertorials were sponsored by the diagnostics, devices and pharma industries. In addition, clinicians from high-end corporate tertiary care hospitals gave snippets of lifestyle modification advisories.

A few days earlier, an analysis of data from the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019–2021) published in *The Lancet Regional Health-Southeast Asia* indicated that 18.3 per cent of the country's population has hypertension (high blood pressure). The 2017–18 National NCD Monitoring Survey (NNMS) conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research

(ICMR) among the 18–69 years age group revealed a higher rate — 28.5 per cent. Given India's large population size, these percentages translate to large numbers in terms of health service provisioning. Both surveys point to a common set of worrying findings: Low levels of awareness, treatment, and control of hypertension and a yawning gap between awareness and treatment.

The NNMS observed that 28 per cent of those with hypertension were aware of it and 52 per cent of those aware were actually being treated. Among those surveyed, 47.6 per cent reported having their blood pressure (BP) measured in their lifetime — women had a higher probability owing to ante-natal check-ups. Those with higher levels of education and better-paying jobs had a higher probability of having their BP measured, and in turn, being diagnosed early. People living in south India had a nearly two-and-a-half times probability of having their BP measured — a likely marker of stronger health systems. Only 27.9 per cent of those detected with hypertension during the survey were aware of their disease status, 14.5 per cent were under treatment for hypertension and 12.6 per cent had their BP under control. Of those with hypertension, only 21 per cent accessed treatment from a public facility (there is no significant rural-urban difference on this count) and a very small proportion used AYUSH systems alone for the treatment.

The NFHS-5 analysis observed that among hypertensive individuals, 70.5 per

cent were screened at least once (had their BP measured), 34.3 per cent had been diagnosed before the survey and were therefore aware of their hypertensive status, 13.7 per cent were receiving treatment with (prescribed anti-hypertensive medicines), and 7.8 per cent had their BP under control. Males, illiterates, poor, residents of rural areas, smokers/tobacco users and alcohol users were less likely to be in any of the treatment cascades.

To put these figures in context, India launched the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) in 2010. It was rolled out in 100 districts across 21 states during 2010–12 and has been under implementation in all states since March 2016. The programme is primarily limited to screening and treatment and is also part of the Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) package.

The 2018 Astana Declaration on Universal Healthcare and SDGs has reaffirmed commitment to the primary healthcare approach. It redefined the core functions of UHC as service provision, multisectoral action and empowerment of citizens. In the case of highly prevalent conditions like hypertension, governments must commit more resources to primary health care, implementing interventions to retain the rural health workforce, training frontline health workers to deliver core health interventions and engaging them in multi sectoral collab-

orations. This also involves increasing community engagement.

Contemporary clinical approaches to controlling CVD lean heavily on a risk factor approach. They focus on “lifestyle” risk factors such as dietary habits, physical inactivity, smoking, and adiposity. Such approaches concentrate on the identification, modification, and treatment of individual-level risk factors. The WHO's Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH) draws upon a rich repository of credible evidence to underscore that the so-called lifestyle risk factors are not really outcomes of choices, but compromises. The Commission, therefore, focuses on socioeconomic influences on CVD that operate across the lifespan of an individual — low birth weight, growth retardation, educational and environmental factors, job stresses in adult life and inadequate medical care, especially for the elderly. Epigenetic modifications may emerge due to a lifetime of disadvantage, structural inequalities and discrimination — these, in turn, have inter-generational influences.

The CSDH report sums up the situation: “Reducing health inequities is... an ethical imperative. Social injustice is killing people on a grand scale.”

The writer is professor at the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Editor, Indian Journal of Public Health. Views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MAINTAIN PEACE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Rebuilding trust’ (IE, October 11). Every citizen is responsible for the peace and prosperity of their nations. At present, unscrupulous elements are creating obstacles and disaffection among society. Administrative authorities, bureaucrats, security forces, prominent citizens, media, NGOs and politicians must jointly make attempts to control the external hostility, and enemies within as well as sleeper cells for a harmonious environment more everyone. We should not forget the spiritual teachings of “love thy neighbour” and “sarve bhavantu sukhinah”.

Subhash Vaid, New Delhi

RIGHT TO ASK

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Women in the House’ (IE, October 11). Despite notable strides in various fields, the voice of women in the political arena remains disproportionately faint. This imbalance deprives our legislative processes of diverse viewpoints and also hinders the creation of equitable policies that address the needs of women. Encouraging women's participation in politics, starting at grassroots levels is a critical step toward achieving this goal. The involvement of women in decision-making isn't a matter of generosity but a matter of justice and equality.

Bhumika Sharma, via email

FASHION FOR ALL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘In space with Prada’ (IE, October 11). Prada pairing up with Axiom Space presents a unique fusion of fashion and space technology, especially because it is not what we expect when we talk about fashion. While high fashion might not be what space missions are concerned with, we cannot deny that this move will elevate the style and comfort of astronauts. A similar development was seen last year when NIFT designed the new uniform of the Indian Army. It is evidence that fashion is not limited to ramp walks or fashion shows; it can be part of our lifestyle. Prada's participation in the Artemis III mission proves that human creativity and the potential for collaboration across diverse fields know no bounds.

Yashi Navaya, Jammu

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Women in the House’ (IE, October 11). The writer has evaluated the empowerment of women MPs in terms of the number of questions they posed to the government during the parliamentary sessions as compared to their male counterparts. Based on findings, she concluded that under the leadership of PM Modi, female MPs within the BJP were empowered and encouraged. This stands in contrast to BJP women MPs' silence over inflation, and atrocities against women, particularly for incidents happening in BJP-ruled states. For instance, their silence in the Hathras (UP) rape case of a Dalit woman and her forced last rites without her family's consent, and the lack of response to the wrestler's protest in Delhi against sexual harassment suggest that they are guided by party lines.

LR Murmu, New Delhi

नीलामी नोटिस

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है जिला पुलिस पलवल द्वारा (थाना ट्रैफिक) धारा 25/47 पुलिस एक्ट, 102 सीआरपीसी के तहत जब्त किए गए 81 वाहनों (मोटरसाईकल) को जिला कण्डक्टरन बोर्ड पलवल द्वारा खुली बोली पर दिनांक 26.10.2023 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे जिला पुलिस लाईन पलवल में नीलाम किया जाएगा। बोली देने से पूर्व बोली दाता को अपनी रजिस्टर्ड फर्म के कागजात व दो आई-डी तथा 15,000 रु. का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट (धरोहर राशि) उपयुक्त पलवल के नाम से जमा कराना होगा। सफल बोलीदाता को पूर्ण राशि का 1/4 भाग मौके पर ही जमा कराना होगा तथा शेष राशि 72 घंटे के अन्दर-2 जमा करानी अनिवार्य होगी। शेष शर्तें मौके पर सुना दी जाएंगी। अगर कोई बोली दाता बोली में रखे जाने वाले उक्त वाहनों को देखना चाहता है तो जिला पुलिस लाईन पलवल में किसी भी कार्यदिवस में देख सकता है। बोली को स्वीकार/अस्वीकार (रद्द) करने का अधिकार जिलाधीश महोदय द्वारा गठित कमेटी के पास सुरक्षित होगा।

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कृते: जिलाधीश पलवल।

21808/HRY

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown**, Age about 40/42 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Shallow, Oval Face, Medium Build, Wearing White colour sandow and white colour pajama was found dead at Railway Bridge Near Jaat Dharamshala, Jamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 07.10.2023. In this regard a DD No. 06A dated 07.10.2023 has been lodged at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO

PS: Kashmere Gate, Delhi

DP/11495/N/2023

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown** was found unconscious on 16.09.2023 at 10:35 AM on Footpath besides Woodland Park near Gate 4, Pacific Mall, Delhi and Shifted to DDU Hospital declared brought dead on MLC No. 8333. In this regard DD No. 79 A, dated 16.09.2023, has been lodged at Police Station, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. The dead body of the deceased has been preserved in Mortuary DDU Hospital for identification for 72 Hrs. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 40 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Build: Thin, Face: Long, ID Mark: Old Scar on Left Forearm, Wearing: White Colour Shirt & Blue Colour Trouser and Grey Colour Slipper.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO

Police Station, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi

DP/11477/WD/2023

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a man namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown** was found dead on dated 04.10.2023 at 11:42 PM from Laxmi Deep Building V3S Mall, Preet Vihar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 71 A, dated 04.10.2023 has been lodged at Police Station, Preet Vihar, Delhi. The dead body has been preserve Subzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 hrs. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 52 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Build: Medium, Wearing: Red Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour Jeans.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO

Police Station, Preet Vihar, Delhi

DP/11537/ED/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons **Vishal S/o Parmanand R/o B-3/91, Raghurib Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No. 403/2016 u/s 25/54/59 Arms Act. P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi and has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Vishal** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vishal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Vishal** accused of FIR No. 403/2016 u/s 25/54/59 Arms Act. P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 11.12.2023.

By Order: **Sh. Devanshu Sajjan Metropolitan Magistrate-07 Room No. 289, 2nd Floor, Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi**

DP/11463/OD/23

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Dheeraj Kumar (Mentally Disturb), S/o Bansi Lal, R/o H-143, Jailer Wala Bagh, Phase-2, Ashok Vihar, Delhi. Age: 22 years, Height : 5'0", Complexion-Sallow, Build: Medium, Face: Oval, ID Mark-Bajrang Bali Tattoo on Right Hand, Wearing: Blue colour Pant** has been missing from his house, since 08.09.2023 at 07.00 AM. In this regard a vide DD No. 61A dated 12.09.2023 has been lodged at P.S.

Dheeraj Kumar Ashok Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this boy please inform undersigned.

SHO

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph. : 011-27243066, 27242917,
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DP/11449/NW/2023 8750870221

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, K R Pura Division, Old Madras Road, K R Pura, Bengaluru - 560 036

No: **EE/KRP/TND/03/2023-24** Date: **10.10.2023**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer (K.R. Pura) invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table given below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the table in appropriate class registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/any State or Central Govt. Organisations.

Name of the Work	Est. Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
Filling of Potholes in Ward Roads of K R Pura Assembly Constituency.	195.00	2,92,500/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **16.10.2023** at 11:30 am in the Office of the Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura, BBMP (For Two Cover System Works) (2) Last Date for Tender Queries & Clarifications is **18.10.2023** upto **4:00 pm**. (3) Last Date Submission of Tender Documents on or before **19.10.2023** at **4:00 pm**. (4) Technical Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division on **21.10.2023** at **4:00 pm** (For Two Cover System works). (5) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: www.bbmp.gov.in. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer - K R Pura Division

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (IRRIGATION WING)

CORRIGENDUM - 1 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No. 786/23/TS
Name of Office: Addl. Superintending Engineer, BC & Township Division, BBMB, Nangal Township
Name of work - Construction of BBMB Museum at Nangal Township
Documents download Start date & time 04.09.2023 at 09:00 hrs.
Download end date & time 09.10.2023 at 17:00 hrs.
Last date & time of online Bid Submission 19.10.2023 at 17:00 hrs.
Date & time of online Bid opening 20.10.2023 at 15:00 hrs.
For detailed NIT/term & condition etc. please visit/downloaded from BBMB website www.bbmb.gov.in, www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
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RO No: 988 TENDER NOTICE Date: 11-10-2023
The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Maneri Bhalai Stage-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders is given below:
Tender No: 1) NIT-39/EE (M)/MB-II/2023-24, 2) NIT-40/EE (M)/MB-II/23-24
Name of work / Supply/Services: 1) Servicing of EHG-100/G-40 Governor of Turbine at Dharasu Power House. 2) Repairing of Air Release Valves of 76 MW Turbine at Dharasu Power House.
Estimated cost: Rs.4,68,000/- Rs.7,81,200/-, Only Respectively (Taxes extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website: - 12.10.2023
Last date for submission of tender: - 02.11.2023 up to 11:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com"
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

TATA Power-DDL invites tenders as per following details:

Tender Enquiry No.	Work Description	Estimated Cost/EMD (Rs.)	Availability of Bid Document	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001604/23-24	4 Year Rate Contract for Maintenance of LT & HT Network in different zones of Tata Power DDL	210 Crs/ 19,53,000	12.10.2023	02.11.2023:15:00 Hrs/ 02.11.2023:15:30 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001602/23-24	Rate Contract for Supply of Poly-carbonate Bus-Bar Box	1.5 Crs/ 3,60,000	16.10.2023	06.11.2023:16:00 Hrs/ 06.11.2023:16:30 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/20001603/23-24	RC for Operation & Maintenance of CCMS units of street lights	1 Crs/ 2,66,000	16.10.2023	06.11.2023:15:00 Hrs/ 06.11.2023:15:30 Hrs

CORRIGENDUM / TENDER DATE EXTENSION

Tender Enquiry No.	Work Description	Previously Published Date	Revised Due Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date & time of opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001585/23-24	PO for supply of Paper Covered Copper Conductor	18.09.2023	16.10.2023 at 15:30 Hrs/ 16.10.2023 at 16:00 Hrs

Complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our website www.tatapower-dcl.com → Vendor Zone → Tender / Corrigendum Documents
Contracts - 011-66112222

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE BAWAL	CONSTRUCTION OF GURJAR CHOUPL FOR USE OF GENERAL PUBLIC + 1 WORKS	06.10.2023 13.10.2023	15.99 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8901202493 secy.mc.bawal@gmail.com

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF MEHTAAN PANA CHAUPAL, SUNARIA KALAN, WARD NO. 22, MC ROHTAK	09.10.2023 03.11.2023	63.86 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmrohtak@gmail.com
2.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	MAKING OF PUCCA PATHWAY TO VILLAGE FARMS, GARHI BOHAR (REVENUE RASTA), M.C. ROHTAK.	09.10.2023 23.10.2023	1.71 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmrohtak@gmail.com

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1.	HARTRON	PURCHASE OF 01 NO. MOBILE AND HARD DISK FORENSIC SOFTWARE ON BEHALF OF STF (SPECIAL TASK FORCE), GURUGRAM.	12.10.2023 27.10.2023	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2704922 dhardware.hatron@gmail.com

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JAL SHAKTI TH VIBHAG e-Procurement Notice

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Nurpur Distt. Kangra HP on behalf of Governor of H.P. in electronic tendering system in Two Covers for the under mentioned works from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with HPIPH Department.

Sr No.	Description of work	Estimate Cost	E/Money
1.	Providing Sewerage Scheme to Village Baranda and Adjoining Area in G.P. Baranda Tehsil, NurpurDistt. Kangra SH- C/O Sewerage treatment plant 0.60 MLD and laying. Joining of D.I. pipe in Sewer Network.	51948845	519488

Time Limit Two Years
Schedule of tendering

Sr.	Description of work	Estimate Cost	E/Money
1.	Date of online publication.	10-10-2023	at 5:00 P.M
2.	Documents Download start and End Date.	10-10-2023	at 5:00 P.M to 20-10-2023 at 11:00 AM
3.	Bid upload Start and End Date.	10-10-2023	at 5:00 P.M to 20-10-2023 at 11:00 AM
4.	EMD and cost of Tender Document through online mode (e-Payment)	10-10-2023	at 5:00 P.M to 20-10-2023 at 11:00 AM
5.	Opening of Technical Bid.	20-10-2023	at 11:30 A.M
6.	Opening of Financial Bid	After Evaluation of technical bid	

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website: hptender.gov.in
3227/HP
Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Nurpur

Rural Works Department

JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)

3rd Floor, F.P.P. Building, Dhurva, Ranchi 834004

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

(National Competitive Bidding through e-Procurement)
e-Tender No. - 103/2023-24-1834 Dated: 10.10.2023
The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for installation Commissioning, Maintaining and Monitoring of GPS based Vehicle Tracking System on hire basis in key machinery and equipment engaged in execution of road works in Locations as identified by PIUs under PMGSY-III in Jharkhand.

For details scope of work and other terms and condition, please refer to the RFP document available at <http://pmgsy3india.jharkhand.gov.in>
Interested agencies who qualify as per the criteria mentioned in the RFP document may submit their proposals online only through the e-procurement Portal as per the schedule of dates given below:

Procurement Officer	Place of Opening	Availability of tender (on-line) for bidding		Last date & time of seeking clarification	Date & time of opening (on-line) of tender	
		From	To		Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	5	7	8
Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	10.10.2023 at 10.00 AM	25.10.2023 upto 5.00 PM	13.10.2023 upto 3.00 PM	25.10.2023 at 5.00 PM	To be informed later

Note :-
1. Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document.
2. Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10,000/-) and Bid Security (Rs. 1,00,000/-) shall be deposited Online. Online payment through RTGS/ NEFT should not be made through SBI Branches.
3. In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/ uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.
4. For other Terms/ Conditions please refer to RFP Document.
Chief Engineer JSRRDA, Ranchi
PR 308873 Rural Work Department (23-24)_D

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Divl Rly Manager N.W.Rly Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works upto 15.00 hours on 06.11.2023 as below:-
Tender No. : 100, Name of Work with its Location: Raising of Passenger Platform as High Level at Nangal mound station on RE-SDLP section under ADEN/Bhiwani, Approx. Cost of Work: Rs. 13659644.62, Earnest Money: Rs. 218300.00, Tender No.: 101, Name of Work with its Location: Replacement of worn out Rubber Pad in the RE-BTI section in the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/East under control of ADEN Bhiwani, Approx. Cost of Work: Rs. 11581993.62, Earnest Money: Rs. 208000.00. Note-Other terms & conditions will be shown on the website www.irops.gov.in
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2623045, FAX: 0177-2626520, Website: www.hpsecd.in
No.: HPSEDC/Tables/SS/2K23-10968 Date: 10-10-2023
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Procurement of 18710 Tablets for Sanagrah/Shiksha in Himachal Pradesh. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 18/10/2023 (11:30AM) through Video Conferencing.
Last date for online e-bid submission is 06/11/2023 (upto 02:30 PM) and shall be opened on 07/11/2023 at 2:30PM. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEDC website www.hpsecd.in and <https://hptenders.gov.in>. 0732/HP General Manager (Technical)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location	शिविदिग ऑफ एकापोजी सिग्नलिंग कंट्रोल ऑन ब्रिज नंबर 14 इन DBSI यार्ड।
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 13,59,364.95/- only
Bid Security (₹)	₹ 27,200/- only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading 10.10.2023 (closing date & time: 01.11.2023 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.irops.gov.in & Notice board at S&T Branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No. 558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-1402 Dated : 10.10.2023 3145/2023
Serving Customers With A Smile

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo), Namely: **Rupa Rani, W/o: Ram Parkash, R/o: Behind Devta Mandir Jhuggi Village Ghumanhera, New Delhi. Aged: 53 Years**, has been missing from above address since 03.10.2023. In this regard a DD No. 96-A Dated 05.10.2023, has been lodged at P.S. Chhawla, New Delhi. Her physical description is as under: Height: 5'3"

Feet, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Yellow Colour Sadi & Red Colour Blouse & Chappal In Feet.

Any person having any information/clue about this missing female, may inform to the following at E-mail: cicbcb@cbi.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> or Fax No. 011-23011334, Tele No. : 011-23014046 (Direct), 23015229 & 23015218 Extn. 2101.

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P.S. Chhawla, New Delhi
Ph: 011-25316100, 8750871631

DP/11380/DW/2023

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

E-tender Notice No. : TRS-SRC-BG-P4-OVH-23-1696. For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS/Santragachi invites e-tender for the following works :
Description of works : Overhauling of flexi coil bogie of WAP-4 electric locomotives of ELS/SRC, South Eastern Railway, Qty - 90 nos. Tender Value : ₹ 1,18,37,469.60 including GST. EMD : ₹ 2,09,200/- Cost of tender document : NIL. Date of Opening : 06.11.2023 at 15.30 hours. Completion Period : 24 months. Last Date of Submission : up to 15.00 hrs. of 06.11.2023. Interested Tenderers must visit website www.irops.gov.in for all details, description, specification, corrigendum of the tender and submission of their bids and cost of tender form and EMD. In no case manual tender booklet will be issued or accepted. (PR-689)

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Open E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)-II, North Western Railway, Jaipur invites online open E-tendering system (Two Packet System) for the following works on prescribed electronic form E-Tender "No. : NWR/SC/D/O-GG-Civil/514110288. Name of work with its location: Construction of RPF Barr

17 ECONOMY

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹58,700	₹83.18	\$89.04	₹73,000

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 10

SENSEX: 66,473.05 ▲ 393.69 (0.60%) NIFTY: 19,811.35 ▲ 121.50 (0.62%) NIKKEI: 31,936.51 ▲ 189.98 HANG SENG: 17,893.10 ▲ 228.37 FTSE: 7,644.62 ▲ 16.41 DAX: 15,466.62 ▲ 43.10

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH MARKETS

Bourses ignore Middle East war, Sensex rebounds 1.46% in two days

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, OCTOBER 11

AFTER THE setback on Monday following the Israel-Hamas conflict, stock markets have made a smart comeback in the last two days amid expectations that the Middle East skirmish will be contained within the region and should not impact the crude prices. The BSE Sensex which fell by 0.73 per cent, or 483 points, on Monday gained 961 points, or 1.46 per cent, to close at 66,473.05 and NSE Nifty Index rebounded by 300 points, or 1.53 per cent, to 19,811.35 in the last two days.

What led to the recovery? The fundamental support to the market has come from the resilience of the US economy, the declining US bond yields and the hope that the Israel-Hamas conflict will remain a localised crisis which will not impact crude prices, analysts said. Domestic institutional investors, led by mutual funds, bought stocks worth Rs 3,000 crore in the last two days.

Further, global stocks edged higher on Wednesday, as investors cheered by Chinese stimulus hopes and a drop in bond yields before the release of the latest Federal Reserve meeting minutes and US inflation figures. The rise in risk appetite followed by dovish comments from US Federal Reserve officials which spurred optimism that the central bank might pause interest rate hike this year boosted the sentiments, according to Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

The rupee continued its gaining momentum for the second consecutive day and appreciated 7 paise to settle at 83.18 against the US dollar on Wednesday amid robust buying in domestic equities and a weak American currency overseas.

What are the concerns? 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. "It is important to appreciate the fact that even in the midst of the West Asian crisis, markets are resilient, globally. However, investors should remain cautious since the situation taking a turn for the worse cannot be ruled out," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

However, the recent stability on the global front has prompted this rebound and indications are in the favour of the prevailing tone to continue. "The total market breadth was strong, as investors believe that the Middle East skirmish will be contained within the region and should not impact the crude price." Amid dovish comments from the US Federal Reserve, the US 10-year bond yield traded lower. Sequentially, the September India CPI inflation is expected to cool due to ease in food and fuel inflation. And Q2 earning season will kick-start with the IT sector, which has a moderate expectation. However, the broad corporates are expected to provide a bumper result," said an analyst.

"The issue is that if the war persists for long, which is say, even a fortnight onwards, then the oil dynamics will change. Brent had crossed the \$ 90 mark but then retreated. Now we can use the 90 number to be the threshold beyond which there is trouble for the world economy. India can get affected if the price remains high due to further supply disruptions," said Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda.

If Iran joins the fray, it can affect the sea routes and push up transport and insurance costs. Higher crude will distort the country's balance of trade and CAD thus putting pressure on the rupee. "One of our major trade partners on the exports side is Israel which buys around \$ 5.5-6 bn of refined petro products from us. Therefore, the rupee depreciation is a distinct possibility which will require the RBI action. The currency range will shift upwards to the Rs 83-84 bracket in such a case," Sabnavis said

SIP CONTRIBUTION CROSSES ₹16,000 MARK

Inflows into equity mutual funds drop 30% in Sept

HITESH VYAS MUMBAI, OCTOBER 11

INFLOWS INTO equity mutual fund schemes declined by 30 per cent to Rs 14,091.26 crore in September, mainly due to the profit booking in large cap funds, the data released by the Association of Mutual Fund (AMFI) showed.

In August, the net inflows into equity schemes stood at Rs 20,245.26 crore.

The contribution from systematic investment plan (SIP) stood at an all-time high of Rs 16,042.06 crore in September. The mutual fund industry also crossed the four crore unique investor mark in the month.

The profit booking in September was due to the surge in the domestic equity markets. The BSE's 30-share Sensex and NSE's Nifty 50 had touched new life time highs in the month.

Small cap funds saw a 37 per cent drop in inflows to Rs 2,678.47 crore in September compared to Rs 4,264.82 crore. Inflows into mid-cap funds dipped to Rs 2,000.88 crore compared to Rs



Liquid funds saw large outflows last month. File

	SEPT	AUG
Equity	14091.26	20245.26
Debt	-10151.82	-25872.5
Hybrid	18,650.45	17,081.68

Net Inflows (+) / Outflows (-)
(All figures in ₹ crore)
Source: Association for Mutual Funds in India

2,512.34 crore in the previous month.

Large cap funds witnessed outflows of Rs 110.6 crore in September compared to outflows of Rs 348.98 crore in August.

"Large cap showed a negative number (outflows) of Rs 110 crore (in September) as some profit booking would have happened in the large cap funds," said N S Venkatesh, CEO, AMFI.

Sectoral or thematic fund inflows declined to Rs 3,146.85 crore compared to Rs 4,805.81 crore in August, the AMFI data showed.

Debt mutual fund outflows increased to Rs 1.01 lakh crore in September compared to outflows of Rs 25,872.5 crore in the previ-

ous month. "It (debt mutual fund outflows) is on expected lines. September is the quarter end as well as the half year end, and corporates would have withdrawn the money from the liquid and overnight funds to pay their half yearly taxes. The banks would also have withdrawn the money or otherwise they would have to maintain additional capital on these funds," Venkatesh said.

Banks would rather withdraw this money and park it with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) where they don't need to maintain capital, he said.

Liquid funds saw large outflows to the tune of Rs 74,176.55



MARRAKECH ROUNDTABLE

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in a Roundtable Discussion on "IMF policy priorities", hosted by US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, on the sidelines of the Annual Meetings in Marrakech, Morocco, on Wednesday.

@FinMinIndia

ONGC Videsh interested in oil and gas exploration in Sri Lanka

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

ONGC VIDESH (OVL) is keen to participate in oil and gas exploration opportunities in Sri Lanka and is waiting for the island nation to unveil its roadmap and policy on developing the upstream petroleum industry.

OVL is the overseas investment arm of India's state-owned

oil and gas major Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). According to OVL's Managing Director Rajarshi Gupta, a presence in oil and gas assets in Sri Lanka would gain from the synergies of the larger ONGC group, as the parent company has significant upstream assets and infrastructure in southern India.

Geologically, the island nation and its offshore areas are quite similar to part of southern India,

and ONGC is experienced in operating in such zones. Sri Lanka's Geographical proximity to India is also seen as a major attraction for OVL. Gupta added that OVL would be open to government-government negotiations, competitive bidding, or any other route that the Sri Lankan government decides on to enable participate in the island country's upstream petroleum sector. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

BRIEFLY

BoM hikes deposit rates

Mumbai: State-run Bank of Maharashtra has announced to increase its deposit rates by up to 125 basis points (bps) effective today. For deposits maturing in one year, the lender is offering an interest rate of 6.5 per cent, and above one year, the rates have been increased by 25 bps to up to 6.25 per cent. Senior citizens will get an additional benefit of 50 bps, with deposit rates of up to 7.5 per cent under 200/400 days' special scheme. **ENS**

Central Bank of India's new executive director

New Delhi: Mahendra Dohare has assumed the charge of Executive Director, Central Bank of India, with effect from October 9, 2023, the bank said in a release on Wednesday. **ENS**

Adobe puts generative AI at center of creativity, launches new AI tools

ANUJBHATIA LOS ANGELES, OCTOBER 11

ADOBE ANNOUNCED several new generative artificial intelligence (AI) enhancements across its core product lines on Tuesday, as Big Tech races to make the most of the buzzy AI capable of creating content, such as text or images. The software giant launched three models as part of Firefly, Adobe's generative AI imaging tool, as well as added features to Illustrator and Adobe Express, and improved Photoshop's text-to-image capabilities.

The announcement comes at the start of Adobe's annual MAX event in Los Angeles, California and follows other major tech giants like Google and Microsoft.

"We know that generative technology is not an end but an ingredient in your creative process. It's an onramp," Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen said during the keynote address. "We're focusing on making sure that we integrate it directly into your workflows to fuel your creativity and deliver the power and precision that you expect from us."

The Firefly Image 2 is designed to offer higher-resolution images, with the ability to show details like foliage, skin texture, hair, hands, and facial features when rendering photo-realistic humans. Adobe said Firefly Image 2 is available to try via the web-based Firefly beta and is coming soon to Creative Cloud apps.

The other two Firefly models are for generating vector images and design templates. According to the company, people have generated over 3 billion images through Adobe Firefly since it was announced earlier this year. The Firefly model is based on the content found within Adobe's Stock library, publicly licensed content, and public domain content for which the license has lapsed.

"We're committed to delivering the highest quality models in a thoughtful and responsible way, with transparency around the data on which they are trained and designed to be commercially safe," Narayen added.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com
(The writer is in Los Angeles at the invitation of Adobe)

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NI/2023-24/29502-14 ई-निविदा सूचना / 2023-24 Date: 10.10.2023
UEN: RRC2324VLO081171

निविदादाता को निविदा के लिए केन्द्र / राज्य सरकार के अधिकाधिक विचारों एवं उनके अधिकृत संदर्भों में पंजीकृत एवं अनुमोदी संकेतों से निर्धारित प्रथम में ई-प्रोक्चरमेंट प्रक्रिया से अनुमति प्राप्त निर्धारित आमंत्रित को जारी है:

कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (₹.)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Construction of Court Complex at Kaman, Bhanapur.	1346.74 Lakh	अलकान्तरीनी ई-570/23-24
SITC of VIVEK/VRB "स्मॉक" at State Cancer Institute, Pratap Nagar, Jaipur.	218.00 Lakh	ई-571/23-24

निविदा को सम्बन्धित रूप में निविदा सूचना, प्रथम जति, प्रदानकर्ता द्वारा व प्रोक्चर को जमा कर लिया जाएगा निर्धारित एवं निर्धारित वेबसाइट <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> पर <http://app.rajjasthan.nic.in> पर <http://roads.rajjasthan.gov.in/rsrdc> पर देखा जा सकता है। दृष्टकृत संकेतों को अपने निर्धारित हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाइट <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> पर सत्यापित करवाना आवश्यक है। **महाराष्ट्र सरकार**

SUGARFED PUNJAB
(The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd.)
Plot No. 53, Phase-III (Opposite Bassi Cinema), S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)
E-tender Notice-2023-24 :-

931000 Nos. of A-Type Jute bags ISI marked conforming to ISI: 15138-2010 as amended from time to time. Each bags shall measure 87.5 cm x 58.5 cm whereas weight will be 630 gms packed in 500 bags in each iron bond bale having a net weight of bale net less than 315 Kgs. Excluding the weight of the binding material.	3486546 Nos. of High Density Polyethylene HDPE/ Polypropylene (PP) Woven coloured Sacks (with liner for packing 50 Kg. Sugar IS 14968:2001 (Reaffirmed 2015-amended 2022 or with latest amendments). As per BIS standard.
882000 Nos. of HDPE Polyliner bags of size 100x60 cm whereas weight will be 35 gms ± 5% per piece. Tensile strength minimum 180 Kg./Cm2.	Un-SLAKED LIME 5069 MT unslaked lime with minimum 85%-90% of CaO contents, packed in polythene lined bags of 30 to 40 kg. each. Un-burnt lime should not exceed 2%. Silica oxide not more than 2%. HYDRATED LIME 700 MT % of available CA(OH) ₂ - min. 90% Active Cao% - min. 68.4% Acid insoluble - min. 1% Iron & Aluminium as Fe ₂ O ₃ & Al ₂ O ₃ - In traces Screened through Mesh-250 packing - PP/HDPE

Details are available on website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
For participating in the above e-tendering process, the bidders shall have to get themselves registered with <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and get user ID, Password. Class-3 Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, enrollment please contact help desk of NIC on 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284.

Managing Director

THE AHMEDNAGAR DISTRICT CENTRAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
Head Office - Station Road, Ahmednagar - 414001.
Maharashtra State. Ph. 0241-2450652 to 54, 2451655
E-mail : adccb@ahmednagarccb.com | website : www.adccb.com

Tender Notice for Lease of Movable and Immovable Property

We, The Ahmednagar District Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. Ahmednagar are inviting sealed tenders for leasing the below mentioned properties of Dr. B. B. Tanpure Sahkari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Shrivijaynagar, Tal. Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar. "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002". Bank has appointed Shri. N. K. Patil, General Manager of Bank as Authorized Officer of Dr. B. B. Tanpure Sahkari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Shrivijaynagar, Tal. Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar.

Advertising program is as follows :- The terms of the tender as well as information will be available at Head Office of the Bank from dt. 12/10/2023 onwards.

Dates of tender process are as follows -

SN	Particulars	Date
1	Tender Form Sale	12/10/2023 to 21/10/2023
2	Property Inspection Program	22/10/2023 to 31/10/2023
3	Last date for submission of tenders	30/10/2023
4	Date of Tender Opening	Will be informed

SN	Name of Factory	Capacity MT	Minimum Expected Rent Amount	Details of Assets	Deposit Amount Rs.	Due on 31/08/2023
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Dr. B. B. Tanpure Sahkari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Shrivijaynagar, Tal. Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar. Maharashtra State	4250 Per Day	Rs. 20.00 crore + GST as per govt. norms.	Sugar Factory Mill Distillery project	Rs. 5.00 Crore	Principle Rs. 90.03 crore Interest Rs. 34.72 Crores total of Rs. 124.75 crores.

A. The conditions for rent are as follows :-

- The aforesaid property will be given on lease basis. On condition the property where is and which condition is there. The bank not accepted any guarantee, surety, obligation, responsibility and liability regarding the said property. The bank is willing to give Dr. B. B. Tanpure Sahkari Sakhar Karkhana on lease. The bank will not accepting any responsibility regarding area of property. The lessor will be pay all provident fund, government taxes and amount, light bill, water bill and labour payment etc. also legally due amount to the parties.
- The rent of factory, Dr. B. B. Tanpure Sahkari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Shri Shivijaynagar is mentioned in column no. 4 of the above table. It should be more than the specified rental amount as well as the fixed rental amount specified in the rent column in Annexure No. 2 of the tender form and must be unconditional. It is important to keep this in mind while submitting the tender. On the day of tender opening the authorized officer will read out the tender amount in the financial bid received to all interested buyers. The tenders received will be opened in Board of Directors Meeting in the presence of tenders. Thereafter, opportunity to the tenders will be given for the reduce or increase the bid and the tender will be continued. The tender highest bidder will be confirmed.
- The Payment of EMD amount mentioned in column no.6 of above table for rent tender will have to be paid by the Nationalized Bank DD on the name The Ahmednagar District Central Co-op. Bank Ltd. and the same shall be deposited in the Head Office, Station Road, Ahmednagar prior to furnishing tender. Invalid tenderers will be refunded the earnest money on that day or the next day. Interest will not be paid on the earnest money. The authorized officer shall submit the received tender of rent in the Hon'ble Board of Directors meeting of the Bank for finalization.
- Rent Tender Booklet (Bid Tender Document) is available in the Bank's Headquarters in office of Authorized Officer of the Factory from 12/10/2023 to dt. 21/10/2023 during office days and office timing (excluding public holidays). However, payment of Rs. 25,000/- + GST will be required towards the tender document of rent before submitting / filing the tender / tender to the bank.
- Last date for submission / filing of tenders is on 30/10/2023 till 5.30 pm. Tenders should be submitted to Authorized Officer on the first floor at Bank's Head Office, Station Road, Ahmednagar.
- The opening date of tender will be communicated to the all tender holders as per the bank's convenience.
- The authority to lease property is vested to the authorized officer under the SARFAESI Act-2002. Accordingly, the authorized officer has right to accept or cancel any tender without giving any reason or to cancel the entire tender process.
- The successful tenderer shall made all expenses regarding stamp duty, registration fee etc. for the lease deed.
- All Terms & conditions (bid tender document) & tender book of lease are remain available in the office of Authorized Person till dt. 21/10/2023 at Head Office, Station Road, Ahmednagar for the sale.
- For clarification of the above tender's points, terms, conditions are available tender form of the bank and etc. term condition mentioned in the said tender notice published in Daily News Paper Sakal, Lokmat, Sarvmat and Punya Nagari in the Marathi Language and Indian Express in English and shall remain final.
- To interested tenderers can visit the factory site and inspect the property from dt. 22/10/2023 to 31/10/2023 during office hours between 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- All interested lessor tenderers are required to carry out due diligence themselves. The rent tenders received will be placed before the Executive Committee or Board of Directors for finalization. And the decision in this regard will be communicated to the tenderer separately.
- Annual fixed rent shall be deposited in bank prior to running sugar mill each season as per the above mentioned in column no.4.

Statutory Notice
Borrowers and Guarantors are hereby notified that the total outstanding loan of The Ahmednagar District Central Co-op. Bank Ltd Ahmednagar should be paid before opening of the tender. Otherwise the loan will be recovered by renting out the seized property. Also, it should be noted that if the total amount of rent received is not recovered, the rest of the outstanding debt will be recovered from you [Borrowers and Guarantors] along with interest and other expenses.
Shri. N. K. Patil
Authorized Officer
For The Ahmednagar District Central Co-op. Bank Ltd. Ahmednagar

18 THE WORLD

U.S. REPUBLICANS NOMINATE STEVE SCALISE OF LOUISIANA EX-SPEAKER MCCARTHY'S SUCCESSOR NOMINATED

Republicans narrowly nominated Representative Steve Scalise of Louisiana on Wednesday as their choice to lead the House after the sudden and dramatic ouster of ex-Speaker Kevin McCarthy last week. By a vote of 113 to 99, Scalise turned back a challenge by Representative Jim Jordan of Ohio. **NYT**

BIDEN PROMISES HELP TO NETANYAHU,
Blinken heading to Israel in show of solidarity

AMERICANS AMONG HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS,
eleven UN staffers among those killed in Gaza

COUNTRIES ARRANGE SPECIAL FLIGHTS
to evacuate citizens as fighting rages

US arms start landing to boost Israel war moves

Death toll in Israel from Hamas attacks now at 1,200; across Gaza, 1,050 killed

AGENCIES
TEL AVIV, OCTOBER 11

THE FIRST shipment of advanced US weapons and equipment have landed in Israel to boost US ally in war with Hamas, Israel's Ministry of Defence said on Wednesday.

The video footage and images released by Israel's Ministry of Defence showed the landing of a cargo plane that delivered the initial shipment of equipment procured and brought to the country through a joint operation.

The Ministry of Defence's Directorate of Production and Procurement, US Procurement Mission, and the International Transportation Unit within the Israel Defence Ministry in the operation oversaw the mobilisation of the cargo plane, ensuring the direct transport of armaments from the US, Mayan Lazarovich from the Ministry of Defence Spokesperson's Office said.

Biden he said he told Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, in a phone call on Tuesday, that militants intentionally target civilians while democracies like the United States and Israel are "stronger and more secure when we act according to rule of law."

Biden spoke after his third phone call in four days with Netanyahu, telling him if such an attack happened in United States "our response would be swift, decisive and overwhelming."

Washington on Tuesday said it had already begun delivering critically needed munitions and military equipment to Israel, and the Pentagon was reviewing in-

ventories to see what else could be sent quickly to boost its ally.

The weapons movement came as President Joe Biden announced that the US death toll in Israel has gone up to 14.

In addition to the 14 American citizens, Biden confirmed Tuesday that Americans are known to be among the hostages held by Hamas after its rampage over the weekend, delivering an emotional and angered denunciation of the terror and making clear he expected a forceful reprisal by Israel.

"We stand with Israel. And we will make sure Israel has what it needs to take care of its citizens, defend itself, and respond to this attack," Biden said.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was set to leave for Israel on Wednesday on a Middle East mission to prevent a wider war from erupting after an attack and hostage-taking by Palestinian Hamas militants and an Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip.

In a show of solidarity with Washington's closest Middle East ally, Blinken was due to meet senior Israeli officials, possibly including Netanyahu, to discuss further boosting military support.

Meanwhile, eleven workers with the UN Palestinian refugee agency have been killed in Israeli air strikes on the Gaza Strip since Saturday, and five members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent have also been killed in the conflict, the organisations said.

The Israeli military said over 1,200, including 155 soldiers, have died in Israel since Saturday's attack. In Gaza, the health ministry says over 1,050 have been killed.



Palestinian children injured in Israeli strikes are brought to a hospital in Gaza City on Wednesday. *Reuters*

Israel bombards Lebanon after Hezbollah rocket fire

ISRAELI SHELLING hit southern Lebanese towns on Wednesday in response to a fresh rocket attack by powerful armed group Hezbollah, as cross-border violence extended into a fourth day. Hezbollah said it had fired precision missiles at an Israeli position in response to the killing of its members in Israeli shelling earlier this week, pledging "decisive" responses to attacks on Lebanese territory, especially deadly ones. The Israeli military said it had hit a Hezbollah position with an air strike and had also "attacked" Lebanon after a military post near the Israeli town of Arab al-Aramsh was targeted with anti-tank fire on Wednesday. **REUTERS**

UK foreign minister visits Israel in show of solidarity

BRITISH FOREIGN minister James Cleverly traveled to Israel on Wednesday to show solidarity with the Israeli people following attacks by Palestinian militant group Hamas, the British foreign office said. "He will be meeting survivors of the attacks and senior Israeli leaders to outline UK support for Israel's right to defend itself" a foreign office spokesperson said. He took shelter as a siren went off during his visit to Israel on Wednesday, a video clip posted on social media by the Israeli foreign ministry showed. **REUTERS**

Israel freezes bank account linked to Hamas fundraising

A BANK account at British bank Barclays linked to fundraising for the Palestinian militant group Hamas has been frozen, Israeli police said. The Israeli police said in a statement on Tuesday that its cyber unit worked with British police to freeze a Barclays bank account linked to Hamas. A spokesperson for Barclays declined to comment on the freezing of the account, or confirm the accuracy of the detail in the police statement. **REUTERS**

PM, Opp agree on unity govt and war cabinet after attacks

AGENCIES
JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 11

A TOP opposition Israeli politician says he has reached an agreement to enter a wartime unity government with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Benny Gantz, a former defense minister and military chief of staff, released what he said was a joint statement with Netanyahu.

The statement said they would form a five-member "war-management" Cabinet. It will consist of Netanyahu, Gantz, current Defense Minister Yoav Gallant and two other top officials serving as "observer" members. It said the government would



Israel PM Netanyahu; Former Defence Minister Benny Gantz. *Reuters file*

not pass any legislation or decisions that are not connected to the war as long as the fighting continues. It was not immediately clear what would happen to Netanyahu's existing government partners, a collection of far-right and ultra-Orthodox parties. "An emergency unity govern-

ment now!" Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, who represents a hard right party close to the West Bank Jewish settler movement, posted on social media.

The unprecedented scale of the Hamas assault has helped overcome bitter divisions over plans by the most far-right government in Israeli history to enact legislation that would strip the highest court of much of its power.

In a statement Saturday opposition leader Lapid said he informed the prime minister that he was willing to put political differences aside and "establish together with him a professional, limited emergency government, which will manage the difficult, complex and protracted campaign before us."

COUNTRIES REPATRIATE CITIZENS

AUSTRALIA organised two special flights on Friday and Sunday to bring back citizens, PM Anthony Albanese said Wednesday.

CANADA plans to operate evacuation flights for stranded Canadians, Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said. About 1,000 Canadians in Israel want to leave, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs said.

GERMANY Foreign Ministry spokesperson said five thousand German citizens have registered to leave Israel, adding the ministry could not specifically say how many have left so far.

ITALY has arranged seven flights between Tuesday and Wednesday, the Italian foreign ministry said, as part of efforts to repatriate 900 Italian citizens.

UNITED STATES Delta Air Lines said it was working with the government as needed to assist with the repatriation of US citizens who want to return home.

SOUTH KOREA A jet with 192 South Koreans from Tel Aviv arrived Wednesday.



Israeli artillery fires from country's south towards the Gaza Strip, near the border, on Wednesday. *AP*

Secretive Hamas commander who masterminded attack

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DUBAI, OCTOBER 11

ISRAEL CALLS last week's devastating attack by Hamas its 9/11 moment. The secretive mastermind behind the assault, Palestinian militant Mohammed Deif, calls it Al Aqsa Flood.

The phrase Israel's most wanted man used in an audio tape broadcast as Hamas fired thousands of rockets out of the Gaza strip on Saturday signalled the attack was payback for Israeli raids at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque.

It was in May 2021, after a raid on Islam's third holiest site that enraged the Arab and Muslim world, when Deif began

planning the operation that has killed 1,200 people in Israel and wounded more than 2,700, a source close to Hamas said.

"It was triggered by scenes and footage of Israel storming Al Aqsa mosque during Ramadan, beating worshippers, attacking them, dragging elderly and young men out of mosque," the source in Gaza said. "All this fuelled and ignited the anger."

That storming of the mosque compound, long a flashpoint for violence over matters of sovereignty, religion in Jerusalem, helped set off 11 days of fighting between Israel and Hamas.

A survivor of seven Israeli assassination attempts, the most recent in 2021, Deif rarely speaks

and never appears in public. There are only three images of Deif: one in his 20s, another of him masked, and an image of shadow.

The whereabouts of Deif are unknown, though he is most likely in Gaza in the maze of tunnels under the enclave. An Israeli security source said Deif was directly involved in planning and operational aspects of the attack.

The source close to Hamas said the decision to prepare the attack was taken jointly by Deif, who commands Hamas's Al Qassam Brigades, with Yehya Sinwar, leader of Hamas in Gaza, it was clear who was the architect.

Secrecy was such that Iran, Israel's sworn foe and a source of



An illustration of Mohammed Deif. *Suvajit Dey*

finance, training and weaponry for Hamas, knew only in general terms that the movement was planning a major operation and did not know the timing or details,

a regional source familiar with the group's thinking said.

The source said that while Tehran was aware a major operation was being prepared, it was not discussed in operation rooms involving Hamas, Palestinian leadership, Iran-backed Lebanon militants Hezbollah, and Iran.

For Deif, staying in the shadow has been a matter of life or death. Hamas sources said he lost an eye and sustained serious injuries in one leg in one of Israel's assassination attempts.

His wife, 7-month-old son, and 3-year-old daughter were killed by an Israeli strike in 2014.

His survival while running Hamas's armed wing has earned him the status of a Palestinian folk hero. **REUTERS**

Early intelligence shows Hamas attack surprised Iranian leaders, says US

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WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 11

THE UNITED States has collected multiple pieces of intelligence that show that key Iranian leaders were surprised by the Hamas attack in Israel, information that has fueled US doubts that Iran played a direct role in planning the assault, according to several American officials.

These key Iranian officials did not know the attack was coming, according to the intelligence. The United States, Israel and key regional allies have not found evidence that Iran directly helped

plan the attack, according to the US officials and another official in the Middle East.

While they would not identify the Iranian officials who expressed surprise at the attack, the US officials said they were people who typically would be aware of operations involving the Quds Force, Iran's paramilitary arm that supports and works with proxy forces.

US officials said the intelligence investigation was continuing and could turn up evidence that Iran or other states were directly involved in the Hamas operation. Senior officials said they were keeping an open mind, reviewing old intelligence reports

and looking for new information.

Iran has provided large numbers of weapons and support to Hamas over many years. US officials have made clear that they believe this makes Tehran broadly complicit in attack. But that was a different issue than direct knowledge and involvement, they said.

Morgan Muir, a senior US intelligence official, told members of Congress in a briefing on Tuesday that there was no direct link between Iran and the Hamas attack, US officials said.

Muir provided few details but told lawmakers that US agencies had intelligence contradicting assertions that Iran had helped plan the attack. **NYT**

Pak SC upholds law seeking to cut powers of Chief Justice

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ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 11

IN A major blow to Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, the Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld a controversial law seeking to curtail the powers of the chief justice but barred its retrospective application to give the right of appeal to the parties in the cases decided under the suo motu jurisdiction.

The law upheld by the majority of judges, including the sitting chief justice, deprived the chief justice of forming benches for different cases as the new law provided that a committee of the chief justice and two senior judges would form judges. The law also provided the

right of appeal in the cases decided through suo motu notices which was not available previously. The bench by a majority of 9 to 6 upheld the part of the law to grant the right of appeal.

The verdict is a blow to Sharif, who is scheduled to return to Pakistan on October 21 ending his four-year-long self-imposed exile in the UK, as his chances of appealing against the disqualification are dashed down.

A full court bench led by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa declared the reserved judgment after the completion of a hearing of petitions challenging the Supreme Court (Practice & Procedure) Act, 2023.

In a split verdict, the court upheld the law with 10 judges back it while five others opposed it and rejected all petitions against it. **PTI**

Another quake strikes west Afghanistan; official says more homes destroyed

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KABUL, OCTOBER 11

A strong earthquake rattled Afghanistan's western province of Herat on Wednesday, forcing authorities to redeploy relief and rescue teams already in the field following a series of deadly quakes on Saturday.

There were no details on casualties so far, disaster management spokesman Janan Sayeeq told Reuters, but provincial officials said hundreds of homes had been destroyed.

The office of Herat's governor said some areas suffered "huge losses", without giving details.



A family picture on a wall of a damaged house after earthquake in Herat province, West Afghanistan, Wednesday. *Reuters*

"Mobile medical teams and officials have been working together and have transferred sev-

eral injured people to hospital," the governor's office said in a statement.

Saturday's tremors killed at least 2,400 people and injured more than 2,000, the Taliban-run government said, making the quakes one of the deadliest in the world so far this year.

Most of the casualties in that quake were women and children, the World Health Organisation said.

Governor Noor Ahmad Shahab said there were no casualties reported so far, as many villagers were already sleeping out in the open or in tents since the earlier earthquakes.

The German Research Center for Geosciences (GFZ) said the latest earthquake was a magnitude 6.3, and occurred at a depth of 10 km. **REUTERS**

Zelenskyy visits NATO as bloc considers more aid

LARA JAKES
BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 11

PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR Zelenskyy of Ukraine made a surprise visit to NATO headquarters on Wednesday, as top defense officials representing members of the military alliance gathered to consider how many more weapons — and for how much longer — the West can give Ukraine in its war against Russia.

Zelenskyy's appearance at the meeting was a stark reminder of the 19-month-old conflict on NATO's doorstep even as much of the West has turned its attention to the war between Israel and Hamas assailants in Gaza. That war broke out this past weekend

and, if it drags out, threatens to divert resources from Ukraine.

But that is not expected to happen in the near future, officials and experts said, since Israel and Ukraine are using different kinds of air defenses to protect their respective territories. And two of NATO's largest members, Britain and Germany, announced packages of military assistance to Ukraine hours before the two days of meetings began Wednesday.

Nevertheless, Zelenskyy has spent the days since the attack on Israel imploring West allies to continue to provide Ukraine with aid and weapons, comparing the assault by Hamas to Russia's invasion. He accused Russia of seeking to foment chaos in Middle East to undermine support for Kyiv. **NYT**

Blue Water Behemoth

This is the USS Gerald R Ford, the world's biggest aircraft carrier, now on the way to assist Israel, in case the need arises



GARGANTUAN SIZE

The nuclear-powered *Ford*, the newest and most advanced aircraft carrier of the US Navy, is the largest warship. It is 337 m long, more than the length of 14 railway coaches. It is 78 m wide at the flight deck, and 76 m high — the Qutub Minar is only 72 m high. It displaces 100,000 tonnes at full load — almost four times the weight of the steel used for the Howrah Bridge.

MASSIVE ARSENAL

The *Ford* can support more than 70 aircraft, including the fifth gen F-35, F/A-18 Super Hornet, E-2D Advanced Hawkeye, EA-18G Growler electronic attack aircraft, MH-60R/S helicopters, as well as a number of UAVs. A crew of more than 4,500 personnel is on board.

REMARKABLY AGILE

The aircraft carrier is extremely agile for its size. It has a top speed of more than 30 knots (56 km/h), powered by its two A1B nuclear

reactors, which offer 250% more electrical capacity than the previous Nimitz Class carriers.

TEAM GERALD FORD

Like all carriers, the *Ford*, despite its aircraft and onboard defence systems, travels with the defensive cover of a carrier strike group (CSG). A standard US CSG comprises a cruiser, at least two frigates or destroyers, and a supply ship. On occasion, a CSG may also have one or more submarines.

NAMED AFTER NO. 38

The carrier, which entered service in 2017, is named after the 38th President of the US, Gerald R Ford (in office 1974-77), who served in the US Navy during World War II. He enlisted after the Pearl Harbour attack of December 7, 1941 and served as an assistant navigator and anti-aircraft battery officer aboard aircraft carrier USS Monterey in the Pacific Theatre.

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AIRCRAFT CARRIERS OF OTHER MAJOR NAVIES

Country	Ship Name	Displacement (tonnes)	Length (metres)	Capacity (aircraft)
China	Liaoning	59,000	305	50
Russia	Admiral Kuznetsov	59,000	305	50
UK	HMS Queen Elizabeth	65,000	284	50
India	INS Vikramaditya	45,000	284	36
France	Charles de Gaulle	42,000	262	40

India and the Palestinians, over the years

Just as India's policy towards Israel has evolved over the decades, its position towards the Palestinian struggle has also undergone changes. A veteran Indian diplomat spoke to ARJUN SENGUPTA on the subject

EXPERT EXPLAINS



CHINMAYA R GHAREKHAN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has told his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu that the "people of India stand in solidarity with Israel in this difficult hour". Soon after the Hamas assault began on Saturday, Modi had expressed deep shock at "the news of [the] terrorist attacks". The Palestinians have not figured in any Indian statement so far.

Why did India's diplomatic policy lean towards Palestine in the initial years?

India voted against UN Resolution 181 (II) in 1947, which partitioned Mandatory Palestine between Jews and Palestinian Arabs. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru preferred a federal state instead, with Arabs and Jews enjoying the widest possible autonomy, with a special status for Jerusalem.

Nehru inherited this perspective from Mahatma Gandhi who, while deeply sympathetic towards the Jewish people for the historical persecution they had faced, was opposed to the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine. He felt it would be unjust towards the 600,000 Arabs who already lived there. Nehru also blamed British imperialism for the problem in Palestine.

After the State of Israel came into existence, a couple of factors coloured India's perspective. Though India recognised Israel in 1950, it did not establish diplomatic relations until 1992. India was home to a sizeable Muslim population. After Partition, Indian leaders were particularly sensitive to their opinion — and Muslims in India, by and large, were sympathetic towards the Arabs. Also, Indian leaders were wary of alienating the Arab countries; Pakistan was firmly in support of Palestine, and India had to match that stance.

Did establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel alter India's support for the Palestinians?

India's reluctance to establish diplomatic relations with Israel until 1992 should be seen in the context of Cold War dynamics. During the Cold War, the West, especially the US, was firmly behind Israel, and thus the Soviets had come out in support of the Arabs. India, which despite its non-aligned position found itself tilted towards the Soviets, simply thought it had very little choice but to continue with its pro-Palestine stance.

It was only after the end of the Cold War that the government of PV Narasimha Rao finally took the extremely bold decision to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, without caring about the fallout with the Arab countries. However, Prime Minister

Rao also continued to show vocal support for the Palestinians — he in no way abandoned India's principled policy of backing the Palestinian cause.

At the end of the day, diplomatic decisions are based on national interest. This translates — or should translate — into maintaining good relations with Israel as well as keeping up support for Palestine and further developing relations with the Arab world.

Has India of late embraced Israel at the expense of the Palestinians? Why?

India is closer today to Israel than ever before. The two Prime Ministers seem to be friends at a personal level. India and Israel have also developed a close economic relationship, especially in the defence sector, where India is one of Israel's biggest clients.

What has changed in India's relationship with the Palestinians is its overt rhetoric in support of Palestine. India has definitely toned that down in recent years, especially in fora such as the United Nations.

There is a feeling that India's pro-Palestine stance over the years has not yielded dividends in terms of national interest. After all, what have the Arab nations done for us with regards to Kashmir? In fact, Palestine has often offered unqualified support to Pakistan on the issue of Kashmir.

There might also be an ideological element to India's recent support of Israel. Many in India applaud Israel's firm riposte to the rocket and missile attacks from Gaza, but mistakenly interpret it as anti-Islamic action. Israel is considered by many Indians as an example to follow in dealing with cross-border terrorism. But it is important to keep in mind that our situations are not alike — Israel is dealing with an extremely weak adversary, unlike Pakistan which is a nuclear power.

That said, India's formal position remains unchanged — India supports the two-state solution, with Israel and Palestine living side by side as good neighbours. Prime Minister Modi visited Ramallah in the West Bank in 2018, becoming the first Indian PM to do so.

Should India worry about a backlash to its pro-Israel stance in the current escalation?

The Palestinians will not be happy — they have not been happy about India's growing closeness to Israel for a while. But India need not worry about a backlash from the rest of the Arab world.

Regimes in Arab countries have lost interest in the Palestinian cause. Countries such as Saudi Arabia want to normalise relations with Israel. While the Hamas attack will bring back the issue of Palestine in conversations on the Arab street, and may indeed revive popular support for the cause, it is unlikely to affect India's relationship with these countries. No Arab country will stop trading with India, or will suddenly become an enemy because of New Delhi's seemingly pro-Israel stance.



Rubble of buildings hit by an Israeli airstrike, in Jabalia, Gaza strip, Wednesday. Israel has launched intense airstrikes in Gaza, killing hundreds. Reuters

Why Gaza is called the world's biggest 'open air prison'

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

AFTER HAMAS on Saturday launched the biggest assault on Israel in decades, the country's defence minister, Yoav Gallant, ordered a "complete siege" of the Gaza Strip. "There will be no electricity, no food, no water, no fuel — everything is closed," he said.

Israel is able to impose such conditions on Gaza because the Palestinian enclave has been under an air, land and sea blockade since 2007. On Wednesday, Gaza's only power plant ran out of fuel, even as Israeli bombardment demolished entire neighbourhoods.

The Gaza Strip

A strip of land wedged between the Mediterranean Sea to the west, Israel to the north and east, and Egypt to the south, Gaza is home to more than 20 lakh Palestinians. It has been under Israeli military occupation since 1967, and even though Israel maintains that it pulled out in 2005, the United Nations, the European Union and other international organisations consider Gaza occupied territory.

The conditions created by the occupation and the blockade have led many, including UN experts, intellectuals, rights groups and even former British Prime Minister David Cameron to refer to Gaza as an "open air prison".

Beginning of the blockade

In the Six-Day War of 1967, Israel captured Gaza from Egypt. Between 1967 and 2005, Israel built 21 settlements in Gaza and urged Palestinian residents, through coercive measures as well as financial and other incentives, to leave the territory. However, that period saw rising Palestinian resistance against the Israeli occupation.

In 2005, Israel withdrew its settlements from Gaza. Between then and 2007, it imposed temporary blockades on the movement of people and goods into and out of Gaza on multiple occasions.

Under the Oslo Accords of 1993 and

1995, the Palestinian Authority got administrative control over Gaza, and an election was held in 2006. The militant group Hamas won. In 2007, Israel made the blockade permanent. Egypt, which also has a border crossing with Gaza, participated in the blockade. Israel justifies the blockade as being necessary for its security.

Walls, crossings

With walls on three sides and the Mediterranean on the fourth, Gaza Strip is surrounded by physical barriers.

In 1994, Israel built a 60-km fence along its border with Gaza. That has since been upgraded and a sophisticated border security system has emerged. Egypt, too, has built a wall on its border. In the west, Israel controls the sea route into Gaza and doesn't allow transfer of people or goods.

Currently, there are three functional border crossings between Gaza and the outside world — Karem Abu Salem Crossing and Erez Crossing controlled by Israel, and Rafah Crossing controlled by Egypt. Since Saturday's attack on Israel, all three have been effectively sealed.

Densely populated, poor

The Gaza Strip is 41 km long and 12 km wide at its widest point. Over 20 lakh live on just around 365 sq km, making it one of the most densely populated areas in the world.

According to a United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs report last year, the blockade has "undermined Gaza's economy, resulting in high unemployment, food insecurity and aid dependency". This has led to around 61% of Gaza's population requiring food aid, 31% of households having difficulty in "meeting essential education needs such as tuition fees and books, due to lack of financial resources", and an unemployment rate of more than 46%, the report said. It also highlighted the shortage of electricity, leading to power cuts at an average of around 11 hours per day.

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How new royalty rates for strategic minerals can help cut their imports

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THE CENTRE has approved an amendment to a key law in order to specify competitive royalty rates for the mining of three strategically significant minerals — lithium, niobium, and rare earth elements (REEs). The decision comes after the government removed six minerals, including lithium and niobium, from the list of 'specified' atomic minerals, which could set the stage for participation of the private sector through the auctioning concessions for these minerals.

These changes to the rules build on an earlier move to ease the issuing of mining leases and composite licences for 24 critical and strategic minerals, which are vital in key supply chains that include electric vehicle batteries, energy storage devices, and high-end motors.

In February, 'inferred' lithium resources

of 5.9 million tonnes were established in Jammu & Kashmir, the largest deposit of the white alkali metal in India. Lithium is a vital ingredient of rechargeable lithium-ion batteries that power electric vehicles, laptops, and mobile phones.

Significance of move

The specification of new royalty rates by amending the Second Schedule of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, effectively aligns India's royalty rates with global benchmarks, and paves the way for commercial exploitation of these minerals through auctions, which can be conducted by the Centre or states.

A competitive royalty rate ensures that bidders would be attracted to the future auctions. Item No. 55 of The Second Schedule of the MMDR Act, 1957, currently specifies a royalty rate of 12% of the average sale price (ASP) for minerals that are not

specifically listed in that Schedule. This rate is much higher than global benchmarks.

Lower royalty rates

After the Cabinet's decision on Wednesday, lithium mining will attract a royalty of 3% based on the London Metal Exchange price. Niobium too, will be subject to 3% royalty calculated on the ASP, in case of both primary and secondary sources. REEs will have a royalty of 1% based on the ASP of the Rare Earth Oxide (the ore in which the REE is most commonly found).

The Ministry of Mines has laid down the way to calculate the ASP of these minerals, on the basis of which the bid parameters will be determined. Domestic mining is sought to be encouraged with the aim of lowering imports, and setting up related end-use industries such as electric vehicles (EVs) and energy storage solutions. These critical min-

erals are also seen as an important prerequisite for India to meet its commitment to energy transition, and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070.

Push for lithium

India currently imports all the lithium it needs. The domestic exploration push goes beyond the J&K exploration, and includes exploratory work to extract lithium from the brine pools of Rajasthan and Gujarat, and the mica belts of Odisha and Chhattisgarh. The context is India's stepped-up economic offensive against China, a major source of lithium-ion energy storage products that are imported into the country.

India is a late mover in attempts to enter the lithium value chain. This is a time when EVs are seen as a sector ripe for disruption — the next couple of years are widely ex-

pected to be an inflection point for battery tech, with several potential improvements to Li-ion technology. More than 165 crore lithium batteries are estimated to have been imported into India between FY17 and FY20 for an estimated \$3.3 billion.

REEs value chain

The rare earths constitute another hurdle in the EV supply chain. Much of the worldwide production is either sourced from or processed in China, and it can be difficult to secure supplies.

In an EV, the rare earth elements are used in the motors and not the batteries. A permanent magnet motor uses magnets embedded in or attached to the surface of the motor's rotor — these magnets are used to generate a constant motor flux, instead of requiring the stator field to generate one by linking to the rotor. The magnets used in these motors are made with REEs such as neodymium, terbium, and dysprosium.

But rare earths are typically mined by digging vast open pits, which can contaminate the environment and disrupt ecosystems. When poorly regulated, mining can produce waste-water ponds filled with acids, heavy metals, and radioactive material that might seep into groundwater.

Niobium: for alloys

Niobium is a silvery metal with a layer of oxide on its surface, which makes it resistant to corrosion. It is used in alloys, including stainless steel, to improve their strength, particularly at low temperatures.

Alloys containing niobium are used in jet engines, beams and girders for buildings, and oil and gas pipelines. Given its superconducting properties, it is also used in magnets for particle accelerators and MRI scanners.

The main source of this element is the mineral columbite, which is found in countries such as Canada, Brazil, Australia, and Nigeria.

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- To participate in stray vacancy round, it will be mandatory for all eligible candidates to register themselves online on the website <https://upnet.gov.in> by depositing the registration fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only).
- Only those candidates will be eligible for the stray vacancy round, who have not been allotted any seat through the first, second & mop-up round of counseling of UP NEET PG-2023.
- Candidates allotted through first, second & mop-up round of counseling of UP NEET PG-2023 and candidates admitted through any round of All India quota counseling will not be eligible for the stray vacancy round.
- Security Money Rs. 30,000/- (Rs. Thirty thousand only) for Govt. Medical / Dental Colleges, Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. Two lakhs only) for private medical colleges and Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) for private dental colleges is mandatory to be deposited online by the candidates.
- Such un-allotted candidates from Round 1, 2 & mop-up round UP NEET PG 2023 counseling, whose Security money has already been deposited, are not required to deposit the Security money again for the stray vacancy round.
- If any candidate got allotment through stray vacancy round UP NEET PG-2023, but not taken admission, Such candidates will be debarred for UP NEET PG 2024-25 counseling and security money will be forfeited.
- All information related to UP NEET PG 2023 counseling will be uploaded on website <https://upnet.gov.in> and www.dgme.up.gov.in.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार

(बिहार सरकार का एक उपक्रम)
प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, पूर्वी गांधी मैदान, पटना

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अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या : 51/TEN/IDA/23

समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से प्रतिशत दर/मद दर निविदा

(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in के माध्यम से)

- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता (पीओडीओ), आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरव, पटना- 800004
- निविदा डाउनलोड करने की अवधि एवं समय : दिनांक 18.10.2023 से 25.10.2023 को 17:00 बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
- प्री-बिड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक 20.10.2023 को 15:00 बजे आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरव, पटना।
- निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 27.10.2023 को 17:00 बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
- अग्रघन राशि की मूल प्रति अथवा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक भुगतान का प्रमाण और परिमाण विपत्र मूल्य भुगतान का प्रमाण जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक 28.10.2023 को 15:00 बजे तक पीओडीओ शाखा, आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरव पटना।-800004
- तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 28.10.2023 को 15:30 बजे (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
- वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : तकनीकी बीड के निष्पादन के पश्चात। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
- निविदा वैधता की अवधि : 120 दिन
- कार्य का विवरण :-

क्र०	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (₹00 में)	अग्रघन की राशि (₹00 में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (अग्रघनपूर्ण ₹00 में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (माह में)
1	Construction of Remaining work of Plug & Play Pre-Engineered Multistorey Building at Industrial Area, Sikandarpur, Bihra, Phase-5	7,73,36,422.00	15,47,000.00	10,00,000.00	04 Months

- कोई भी संवेदक जो केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार/सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित हो अथवा अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय/राष्ट्रीय स्तर की ख्याति प्राप्त एजेंसी हो निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं परन्तु इस प्राधिकार में रजिस्ट्रेशन करना, उक्त कार्य का लेटर आफ एक्सेप्टेन्स (LOA) प्राप्त होने के बाद अनिवार्य होगा।
- अन्य विवरणी प्राधिकार के वेबसाइट www.idabihar.com/सूचना एवं जन-संपर्क विभाग के वेबसाइट state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar अथवा अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के नोटिस बोर्ड पर निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (NIT) में देखी जा सकती है या अधोहस्ताक्षरी से संपर्क कर किसी भी कार्य दिवस को कार्यालय अवधि में प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
तकनीकी-मुख्यालय

PR-010079 (Ni.Ni) 2023-24

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

संशोधन प्रेस विज्ञापित

समाज कल्याण विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश के अन्तर्गत संचालित आईओएस/पीओसीएस/परीक्षा पूर्व प्रशिक्षण केन्द्रों में अभ्यर्थियों के चयन हेतु आयोजित होने वाली सम्मिलित प्रवेश परीक्षा में आवेदन हेतु निदेशालय पत्र संख्या 1118-19/सोको/विकास/कोचिंग संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा/2023-24 दिनांक 11.09.2023 एवं पत्र संख्या 1350-51/सोको/विकास/कोचिंग संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा/2023-24 दिनांक 05.10.2023 द्वारा विज्ञापित प्रकाशित करायी गयी थी, जिसमें संशोधन किया जाना है, प्रतिभाग करने हेतु छात्र/छात्रा विभागीय वेबसाइट www.socialwelfareup.usdc.gov.in पर आवेदन कर सकते हैं। प्रवेश परीक्षा में सम्मिलित होने हेतु समय सारिणी निम्नवत् है:-

क्रमांक	विवरण	प्रस्तावित दिनांक
1	ऑन लाइन आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि	16-10-2023
2	प्रवेश पत्र डाउनलोड करने की तिथि	25-10-2023
3	प्रवेश परीक्षा की समाप्ति तिथि	05-11-2023
4	प्रवेश परीक्षा का परिणाम वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित करने की अनुमानित तिथि	15-11-2023
5	कोचिंग सत्र संचालन की समाप्ति तिथि	01-12-2023

UPID-195759 Date-11/10/2023
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(कुमार प्रशान्त)
निदेशक।

योजना एवं विकास विभाग
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल-02, दानापुर
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या - 05/SBD/2023-24
(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

बिहार के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग/निगम/अन्य राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार/सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम या राष्ट्रीय या अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्थापित के किसी भी एजेंसी में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से प्रतिशत दर निविदा दो बीड प्रणाली (तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। यदि संवेदक बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग/निगम/अन्य राज्य के पूर्व निम्नलिखित कार्य का स्वीकार पत्र (लेटर ऑफ एक्सेप्टेन्स) प्राप्त होने के बाद बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग/निगम (जिसमें निबंधन की प्रक्रिया लागू हो) में निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि (लाख ₹00 में)	अग्रघन की राशि (ऑन लाइन मोड या ऑफ लाइन मोड में केवल B.G. के रूप में) (लाख ₹00 में)	परिमाण-विपत्र का मूल्य (अग्रघनपूर्ण केवल ऑनलाइन मोड में मुगलान) (₹000 में)	बीड प्रोसेसिंग चार्ज (अग्रघनपूर्ण केवल ऑनलाइन मोड में मुगलान) (₹000 में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि (माह में)
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- पटना जिला अंतर्गत विक्रम प्रखंड के महलपुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।
- पटना जिला अंतर्गत विहटा प्रखंड के यमुनपुर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।
- पटना जिला अंतर्गत विक्रम प्रखंड के बिरौरी शेर कटारी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।

- विज्ञापन निर्मित करने की तिथि : दिनांक -09.10.2023
- निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की प्रारम्भिक तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 01.11.2023 को 10.00 बजे पूर्वानुक्रम से। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
- प्री-बीड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि : दिनांक 02.11.2023 समय 3.30 बजे, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, सिद्धेश्वरिया भवन, छतुपे तल, कमल नं-423, वैली रोड, पटना-800015
- निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 07.11.2023 समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
- तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 10.11.2023 समय 3.30 बजे अपराह्न से। (कठिनाई 5 में उल्लेखित अंतिम तिथि से दो कार्य दिवस के पश्चात की तिथि)। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
- वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
- निविदा खोलने का स्थान : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
- निविदा की वैधता अवधि : 120 दिन/निविदा संपि की अंतिम तिथि के बाद)
- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन प्रमण्डल, कार्य प्रमंडल-02, दानापुर।

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन,
कार्य प्रमंडल-02, दानापुर

PR. No. 10053 (Planning) 2023-24

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE DY. COMMISSIONER, REMUNRATIVE PROJECT CELL (25th Floor), Civic Centre, New Delhi-110002

Request for Proposal for Selection of an Agency for Collection of Parking Charges Using FASTag for four/six wheelers and UPI/NCMC/QR for two wheelers along with Operations and Management of MCD Owned Public Parking Spaces (Cluster 1 & Cluster 2).

PRESS NOTICE E-TENDER

E-Bids are invited on behalf of Commissioner, MCD from eligible bidders for allotment of parking spaces in form of Cluster 1 and cluster 2 under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (Technical and Financial) for a period of three years and extendable further as per RFP vide Tender NIT No. 1729 dt. 11.10.2023. The Schedule of bids are as follows:-

- Bid Download Start Date:- 12.10.2023 at 09.00 AM onwards,
- Pre-bid Meeting - 18.10.2023 at 3:00 PM Conference Hall at 20th Floor, Civic Centre,
- Bid submission start date: 12.10.2023 from 09.00 AM onwards, 4. Last date of Submission of E-Tender: 01.11.2023 upto 03.00 PM, 5. Opening date of Technical Bids: 02.11.2023 from 03.00 PM onwards, at R.P. Cell/MCD Deptt. 25th Floor, Civic Centre. (For details visit MCDs website: www.mcdonline.nic.in and www.etenders.gov.in with reference No. 51/DPI/MCD/2023-24)

Assistant Commissioner
R.P. Cell/MCD

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank

CIRCLE SASTRA, Circle Office: ARA, Arrah, Hotel Regal, Second Floor, District-Bhojpur, 802301

POSSIBLE NOTICE (For Immoveable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle SASTRA, Arrah, Hotel Regal, second Floor, Ara- 802301 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 18.02.2023 calling upon the Borrower M/s Trinetra Intt Bhatta Udhog, Prop Sh. Ram Vinay Singh S/O Ramadhar Singh, Smt. Urmila Devi W/O Ramadhar Singh, Sh. Triloki Singh S/O Shri Bachan Singh to repay the amount mentioned in the notice i.e. Rs. 22,26,087.78 (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakhs Twenty-Six Thousand Eighty-Seven and Paise Seventy-Eight Only) with further interest and charge there on from 18.02.2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 7th day of October, 2023. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank for an amount Rs. 20,78,142.52 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty-Two and Paise Fifty-Two only) as on 30.09.2023 along with future interest and expenses from 01.10.2023 until payment in full.

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

Description of immoveable Property

- All that part and parcel of immoveable property situated at Mauza- Chaugain, Thana no- 318, Khata no. 42, Plot no. 2887 (p), Thana-Dumraon, District Buxar, Area- 14 dhur 18 1/2 Dhurki. Owner/Mortgagor: Ram Vinay Singh S/O Ramadhar Singh. Registered Sale Deed No. 8401 dated 05.07.1994. Boundaries: North- Ram Vinay Singh Sahu Majkur, South- Plot Haja ka hissedar Basgit Singh, East-Radha Singh, West-Mukhlal Koiri.
- All that part and parcel of immoveable property situated at Mauza- Chaugain, Thana no- 318, Khata no. 42, Plot no. 2887 (p), Thana & Anchal-Dumraon, District Buxar, Area- 5 1/4 decimals. Owner/Mortgagor: Ram Vinay Singh S/O Ramadhar Singh. Registered Sale Deed No. 4390 dated 29.04.1993. Boundaries: North-Ram Vinay Singh Mokir Saleh, South- Plot Haja Ka baki Hissedar, East-Mukhyalaya Mandal, West- Mukhyalaya Mandal.
- All that part and parcel of immoveable property situated at Mauza- Chaugain, Thana no- 318, Khata no. 1146, Plot no. 2911, Thana & Anchal-Dumraon, District Buxar, Area- 14 decimals. Owner/Mortgagor: Ram Vinay Singh S/O Ramadhar Singh. Registered Sale Deed No. 12134 dated 24.12.2002. Boundaries: North-Ramgati Singh, South- Ram Vinay Singh sahu Majkur, East-Sahu Majkur Ram Vinay Singh, West-Shankar Sahu Kewaladar.

DATE: 07/10/2023
PLACE: Buxar
Authorized Officer
Punjab National Bank

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER LOCAL AREA ENGINEERING ORGANISATION, WORKS DIVISION - MADHEPURA NIT NO 02SBD /2023-24 (CIVIL WORKS)

(Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

The Executive Engineer, LAEO, Works Division- Madhepura on behalf of the Governor of Bihar invites percentage rate bid in two bid system (Technical/Financial) from the eligible and approved contractors registered in Bihar state works department/corporation/other State & Central Government/PSU or any Agency of National or International repute for following works. However, registration within the state of Bihar in any works department/corporation (in which registration facility is available) will be essential after issue of letter of acceptance 1.DETAILED OF WORK :-

Gro up No.	Name of work	BOQ Amount (Rs. in Lakh)	Amount of Earnest Money online mode or off line mode BG only (Rs. in Lakh)	Cost of B.O.Q. (non-refundable to be paid online only) (in Rs.)	Bid Processing fee (non-refundable payment only through online mode) (in Rs.)	Time of completion (in months)
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
01	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Raghunathpur Panchayat under Murliganj Block, District Madhepura.	304.65148	6.09400	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
02	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Jhikija Panchayat under Ghailadh Block, District Madhepura.	256.38318	5.12800	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
03	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Sahugadh-1 Panchayat under Madhepura Block, District Madhepura.	303.24791	6.06500	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
04	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Itwa Jivachhpur Panchayat under Gamhariya Block, District Madhepura.	257.80253	5.15700	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
05	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Israin Kala Panchayat under Kumarkhand Block, District Madhepura.	309.01799	6.18100	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
06	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Ranipatti Sukhasan Panchayat under Kumarkhand Block, District Madhepura.	306.60915	6.13300	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
07	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Madanpur Panchayat under Madhepura Block, District Madhepura.	302.82472	6.05700	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
08	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Dhurgaon Panchayat under Madhepura Block, District Madhepura.	305.45791	6.11000	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
09	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Babhni Panchayat under Gamhariya Block, District Madhepura.	361.62825	5.23300	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
10	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Bhelwa Panchayat under Madhepura Block, District Madhepura.	303.65056	6.07300	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
11	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Manikpur Panchayat under Madhepura Block, District Madhepura.	302.95705	6.06000	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
12	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Murho Panchayat under Madhepura Block, District Madhepura.	303.94945	6.07900	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
13	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Chhatti Panchayat under Ghailadh Block, District Madhepura.	257.31769	5.14700	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
14	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Israin Beka Panchayat under Kumarkhand Block, District Madhepura.	308.84583	6.17700	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
15	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Kamargama Panchayat under Singheshwar Block, District Madhepura.	258.85000	5	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
16	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Lalpur Saropatti Panchayat under Singheshwar Block, District Madhepura.	262.78633	5.25600	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
17	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Manpur Panchayat under Singheshwar Block, District Madhepura.	258.57726	5.17200	10000	According to e-proc2 Web page	18 Month
18	The Construction of Panchayat Sarkar Bhawan at Chikni Panchayat					

कानपुर विद्युत आपूर्ति कम्पनी लिमिटेड
 14/71, सिविल लाइन्स "केसा हाउस" कानपुर (An ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company) अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा ई-निविदा पृथक-पृथक दो भागों में निम्न सामग्रियों हेतु केस्को ई-निविदा वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर आमंत्रित की जाती है, जिसकी खुलने एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि नीचे दिये गये तालिका में निर्धारित है। निर्धारित तिथि को अवकाश घोषित होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में नियत समय पर खोली जायेंगी। ई-निविदा धनराशि का भुगतान ऑन लाइन एन0ई0एफ0टी0 आर0टी0जी0एस0 (खाता सं0 628805018266 आई.एफ.एस.सी. कोड ICIC0006288) के माध्यम से किया जायेगा। वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ यू0टी0आर0 की स्कैण्ड प्रति अपलोड करना अनिवार्य है। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग में धरोहर धनराशि का भुगतान ऑन लाइन एन0ई0एफ0टी0 आर0टी0जी0एस0 (खाता सं0 628805018266 आई.एफ.एस.सी. कोड ICIC0006288)/ वी0जी0, जो केस्को कानपुर के पक्ष में देय होगा के द्वारा स्वीकार किया जायेगा एवं निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित पी0क्यू0आर0 एवं तकनीकी अभिलेख होंगे तथा निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरें एवम् व्यवसायिक शर्तें होंगी, बिना धरोहर

धनराशि के तथा शर्तें निविदायें खोली/स्वीकार नहीं की जायेंगी। निविदा सं0 : 63/23-24; पात्र फर्म : मूल निर्माता; विवरण : 400 के0वी0ए0 11/0.43 के0वी वितरण परिवर्तक की आपूर्ति हेतु; धरोहर धनराशि (रु0) : 1498000/-; निविदा धनराशि (रु0) : 11800/-; ई-निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि : 25.10.2023; ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि : 26.10.2023 उपरोक्त ई-निविदा की पूर्ण प्रक्रिया केस्को की ई-टेंडरिंग वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> के माध्यम से की जायेगी। तकनीकी योग्यता पूरा न करने वाले निविदादाता के निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। सामग्री क्रय की मात्रा घट बढ़ सकती है। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास बिना कोई कारण बताये किसी एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकृत / अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा। 1. सूक्ष्म एवं लघु एवं स्टार्टअप इकाईयों को निविदा सेट निःशुल्क उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा। 2. सूक्ष्म एवं लघु एवं स्टार्टअप इकाईयों को ई0एम0डी0 से छूट अनुमत्य है। 3. सूक्ष्म एवं लघु एवं स्टार्टअप से सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र को अपलोड करना अनिवार्य है। "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें", हस्ता./- (मदन लाल), अधिशाही अभियन्ता (भण्डार क्रय) संख्या-587/एस0टी0पी0/ए0-11/2023-2024 दिनांक 11.10.2023

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग, प्रखण्ड-आगरा
 पता - आई0एस0बी0टी0 बस स्टैंड के सामने, ट्रांसपोर्ट नगर, आगरा-282002
 फ़ोन : 858 / ग्र0अ0 वि0 / निविदा / लेखा / 2023-24 / दिनांक - 15.09.2023
 ई- निविदा सूचना-24

महामहिम राज्यपाल महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग, प्रखण्ड-आगरा विभाग में A, B, C & D मार्ग श्रेणी में कार्य की लागत के सीमा के अनुरूप पंजीकृत निविदादाताओं से 5% प्रतिशत दर के आधार पर ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से निम्नलिखित कार्यों की स्वीकृति की प्रत्याशा में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदादाता किसी एक अथवा समस्त कार्यों हेतु निविदा डाल सकता है। कार्य से सम्बन्धित विवरण निम्नवत् है।

क्र.सं.	विवरण	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (लाख में)	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख में)	विड की कुल धनराशि (लाख में)	कार्य सम्पत्ति का काल (वर्षों/माहों/दिनों)
1	अन्य	ग्राम पंचायत अंगुठी में जसराज के मकान से जाट/बालीक बस्ती में मंगला के घर तक सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	14.21	0.30	766	तीन माह
2	अन्य	ग्राम धनराम, कहरौ में कृष्ण गोपाल के घर से शम्भुनाथ रोड की ओर सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	15.96	0.32	854	तीन माह
3	अन्य	दिनेश में मौजूदा प्रान्त जो से एकुलाम के घर की ओर सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	16.04	0.33	854	तीन माह
4	अन्य	बिसेरी जमीन में मूख्य मार्ग से जाटव बस्ती में सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	17.17	0.36	854	तीन माह
5	अन्य	नगला सबल में दाऊजी से रामबाबू के घर की ओर सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	18.63	0.38	854	तीन माह
6	अन्य	ग्राम नूरपुर में देवताल के घर से रघुनाथ के मकान की ओर सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	11.82	0.24	766	तीन माह
7	अन्य	खानपुर में महाजन फार्म हाउस से छोटोताल के मकान की ओर सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	18.31	0.38	854	तीन माह
8	अन्य	पौरवपुरी कोलाही में मन्0-616 से मन्0-654 तक सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	18.69	0.38	854	तीन माह
9	अन्य	नौ अरब पकौली में कुसुमीर के घर से अजयपाल के घर की ओर सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	15.47	0.32	854	तीन माह
10	अन्य	मिठापुर में फतेहपुर सीकरी रोड से तनुबन्द की घर की ओर सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	18.04	0.38	854	तीन माह
11	अन्य	लक्ष्मदा में प्राणिक से आननबाड़ी केन्द्र की ओर सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	11.36	0.24	766	तीन माह
12	अन्य	दण्ड में राशन की दुकान से आननबाड़ी केन्द्र तक सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	16.47	0.34	854	तीन माह
13	अन्य	ग्राम कुलाही में हनुमान मन्दिर से प्रेम सिंह के घर तक सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	17.23	0.36	854	तीन माह
14	अन्य	ग्राम जोधपुर में भजनताल के घर से लक्ष्म सिंह के घर तक सी0सी0 कार्य।	20.815	0.42	854	तीन माह
15	अन्य	ग्राम पहाडी कला के नगला पहाडी में राजवीर के घर से रज्जो प्रान्त की सम्पत्तिबल की ओर सी0सी0 कार्य।	17.056	0.36	854	तीन माह
16	अन्य	ग्राम बाबाद में सुनील शर्मा के घर से सरकारी स्कूल तक सी0सी0 कार्य।	15.347	0.32	854	तीन माह
17	अन्य	ग्राम टीका का पुत में मुखे के घर से पप्पू के घर तक सी0सी0 कार्य।	16.082	0.34	854	तीन माह
18	अन्य	ग्राम इन्द्रनगर में मुरारीनाथ के घर से प्रमोद के घर तक सी0सी0 कार्य।	15.062	0.34	854	तीन माह
19	अन्य	ग्राम छतारपुर (मिठौर) में अतर सिंह के घर से भवान सिंह कुम्हारों के घर की ओर सी0सी0 कार्य।	19.224	0.40	854	तीन माह
20	अन्य	एलादपुर खन्वीसी रोड पर मुडी बौरा के रोडविकास का कार्य।	13.220	0.28	766	तीन माह

क्र.सं. विवरण दिनांक समय

- ई-टेंडरिंग वेबसाइट पर बिड डाक्यूमेंट उपलब्ध करने की तिथि 16.10.2023 10:00 प्रातः
- ई-निविदा के माध्यम से बिड डाक्यूमेंट अपलोड करने की तिथि व समय 23.10.2023 12:00 दोपहर तक
- बिड डाक्यूमेंट खोलने की तिथि व समय 23.10.2023 02:30 अपराह्न
- निविदा अधिकांश में निम्न-09 के अर्धीन आने वाले प्रकृति बिड डाक्यूमेंट को संतोषित करने अथवा परिश्रम अधिकांश करने का निर्देश है। बिडिंग मांग शिर्षक के समान वच में उपलब्ध नहीं किया जायेगा। अतः निविदादाता निम्नलिखित <https://etender.up.nic.in> वेबसाइट का अवलोकन करते रहें।

(दिनेश सिंह)
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Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited
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Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited invites e-tenders (www.mstcecommerce.com) for purchase of short term power for the period from 01st Nov-23 to 31st Mar-2024 (RTC) as per Ministry of Power, Government of India guidelines dated 30.03.2016 and its amendment from time to time against Tender Specification No. 13/CE (COMM)/UPCL-13/2023 as detailed below:-

Month	Timings		Quantum of Power (MW)	Minimum Bid Quantity (MW)	Delivery Point
	From	To			
01.11.23 to 11.11.23	00.00	24:00	200	20	Uttarakhand State Periphery
12.11.23 to 30.11.23	00.00	24:00	150	20	
01.12.23 to 31.12.23	00.00	24:00	225	20	
01.01.24 to 31.01.24	00.00	24:00	250	20	
01.02.24 to 29.02.24	00.00	24:00	200	20	
01.03.24 to 31.03.24	00.00	24:00	150	20	

The timelines for short term procurement/ bid process and activities thereafter are as under:-
 Last Date of request for purchase of tender document 25.10.2023 upto 10:00 hrs
 Last date and time of submission of e-tender document 25.10.2023 upto 12:00 hrs
 Date and time of opening of tender document(Part-1) 25.10.2023 upto 13:00 hrs
 Date and time of opening of Initial Price Offer (IPO) & e-Reverse Auction (e-RA) 26.10.2023 at 11:00 hrs.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of Bank Guarantee should be in favour of Executive Engineer (CM), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun and to be submitted in the office of SE(Commercial), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun Rs. 30,000/MW/month of offered capacity

Cost of tender Specification (Demand Draft in favour of) Executive Engineer (CM), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun and to be submitted in the office of SE(Commercial), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun Rs. 29,500/- (Rs Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) including taxes.

The qualifying requirements for a bidder to bid for this tender are as follows:
 1. The bidder must quote not less than 20 MW quantum of power from single source of generation.
 2. The quantum of power offered by the bidder shall be firm power for the duration mentioned above.
 3. The bidder must submit the details of Bidder Company as per Annexure 'A' of tender specification for consideration of their bid. Bidder shall ensure submission of (General/Technical/Financial Information for last three years supported by unabridged Annual Financial Statements, assets and liabilities statements and other financial statements duly certified.)
 4. If Bidder is a Trader, it should submit a copy of valid Category license or equivalent Trading License issued by CERC/Appropriate Commission.
 5. If Bidder is a Trader, it should submit a copy of at least one number executed power purchase agreement or an equivalent arrangement for supply of power/Letter of intent.
 6. The consultancy/Joint Venture firm deputed by UPCL as a consultant shall not be eligible for participating in aforesaid tender
 7. The bidder has to submit a self declaration in Rs. 100/- non judicial stamp paper declaring that the bidder has cleared all his dues/liabilities and has no outstanding net financial liability/net dues towards UPCL on the last date of submission of bid.
 8. UPCL being a distribution licensee is having Long Term Access. Accordingly, no Short Term Open Access charges shall be payable for inter-state transmission system as per the Regulation dated 04.05.2020 up to the limit of LTA, however, if any additional open access will be required to be taken by the bidder, with prior written consent of UPCL, over and above the LTA then the same will be duly reimbursed by UPCL.
 9. Application for Open Access shall be made by bidder/trader on behalf of UPCL. Timely application shall be made to ensure supply of contracted capacity on RTC basis at delivery point and all applicable charges shall be to the account of bidder except the Open Access Charges (if applicable). Any subsequent applications for change in approved open access quantum shall be processed only after prior written consent of UPCL. Any consequences towards delay in application shall be to the account of bidder.
 UPCL reserve the right to unilaterally reject the bid at any stage of the processing of the tender if any declaration submitted by the bidder is found false/incorrect/misrepresented. The documents will be issued to the bidders only through e-tender i.e. (www.mstcecommerce.com). E-tenders will be received and opened on the dates as mentioned above. In case the above date is holiday, the tenders will be received & opened on the next working day at same time. The undersigned reserves the right to refuse to issue the tender documents to any applicant and also to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof and no claim on this account shall be acceptable. The tenders received after the date & time mentioned above shall not be considered. Bid will be submitted on (www.mstcecommerce.com) only and hard copy of technical bid will also be submitted to the office of SE (Commercial), UPCL. All other details and terms & conditions are available in tender document. For any assistance on E-tendering, please contact on telephone number 011-23217850.
 No. 458/1/EE (CM)/UPCL/A-2 Date: 11.10.2023
 Superintending Engineer (Commercial)
 "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATIONS" Use LED Bulb to Save Electricity. (Toll Free No. 1912) "Pay Electricity bill online 24x7 from www.upcl.org" (For information on Electricity Theft, informer may report to Toll Free No. 1800 180 4185/ Fax No. 0135-2760911)

LUCKNOW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
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 Website : www.lmc.up.nic.in

Tender Notice No.: D/555/EE/23-24 Dated: 11.10.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (2nd Call)

Online bids are invited from bidders for the following work as listed below and will be received online on the website <https://etender.up.nic.in> as per time schedule (key dates) in the notice published on the above website.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Tender Fee Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Time Period Years
1	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FACTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-1 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
2	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FACTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-2 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 41,00,000/- (Rupees Forty One Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
3	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FACTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-3 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 92,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
4	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FACTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-4 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
5	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FACTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-5 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
6	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FACTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-6 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 98,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
7	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FACTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-7 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
8	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FACTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-8 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 89,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years

Manual for paying processing Fee & EMD Payment Online -
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 • Fill the details in the form and select the payment type Tender Fee/EMD/Security Deposit with other details.
 • Postvalidating, Bidder needs to click on "proceed" Button.
 • Bidder will get the option to pay through Credit Card/Debit Card/Net Banking & NEFT/RTGS Challan Mode.
 • For NEFT/RTGS Challan mode - after generating the challan, bidder needs to initiate NEFT/RTGS through their bank as per the beneficiary details provided in the challan.
 • Bidder can check the status of the payment.

Event of Calendar:

Sl. No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Online Tender purchase Start date	13.10.2023 by 5:00PM
2.	Online Tender purchase End date	20.10.2023 by 3:00PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End date	20.10.2023 by 5:00PM
4.	Hard copy of technical submission End date	21.10.2023 by 3:00PM
5.	Technical Proposal Open Date	21.10.2023 by 3:00PM

Note: The bidders shall have to submit their bids online and upload the relevant documents from as per key schedule (key dates).
 1. The bidders intending to participate in this tender are required to get enrolled/ registered on the e-procurement website <https://etender.up.nic.in> Enrolment/registration on the above portal is mandatory.
 2. Tender documents can be purchased only online from <https://etender.up.nic.in> by making online payment as specified above as per key dates. The Bidders shall have to submit their Bids online and upload the relevant documents from as per time schedule (key dates).
 3. Conditional tender will not be accepted and liable to be rejected. LMC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
 4. Since the online bidders are required to sign their bids online using Digital Certificates, Contractors are advised to obtain the same at the earliest.
 5. For any Query contact on envegmknko@gmail.com

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
AGRA CIRCLE, P.W.D AGRA
Notice inviting E-Tender

Letter No. 5548 / 14M-AC/2023 Dated: 03.10.2023

1. The Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D, Agra on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the Percentage rate bids from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP, P.W.D, Road work. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

2.

Sl. No.	Draws	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Time of Completion	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1		Construction of Bridge, Approach Road, Retention Wall, Culvert, etc. at various sites on National Highway, Tehsil, District, Agra	225.00	13.25	STC - TC : GST - 2360.00	04 Month	Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D. Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D. Agra	Class A

3. Time allowed for completion is including Rainy Season.
 4. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and Prahari (<http://wms.upgpwd.gov.in/Prahari>) From 20-10-2023 to 26-10-2023. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://etender.up.nic.in> and Prahari App with all documents as per GO No 14/2020/879(1) 23-7/2020/176(RK)06 Dt 25-08-2020 on or before 12:00 pm Dt. 26-10-2023. Technical Bid received online will be opened on 26-10-2023 at 12:30 pm. The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.
 6. Contractor should Quote their rates without G.S.T., which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.
 7. Labour Cess @ 1.00% will be deducted from contractor's bill at the time of payment.
 8. Original MM-11 forms proof of royalty shall have to be produced at time of every running bill in accordance to Principal Secretary, Directorate of geology & mining under Pradesh Letter No-2146/86-2019-52(सं0)2019 Dt. 30.09.2019, G.O. No- 115(1)86-2020 dated 15.01.2020 and other relevant Government orders, circulars for all the materials procured from the quarries.
 9. The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No.-742/78-2-2018-42 I.T.2017 T.C., I.T. & Electronics Section-2 Dated- 03-12-2018 follows as :
 (1) Online Tender Cost towards the cost of bid document (As per Column 6) by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account (Non Refundable).
 (2) Online Bid security (As per Column 5) in favour of designation of Column 9 by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account.
 (3) Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B(4) of ITB as per G.O. No.-3070/78-2-2018-42 I.T.2017(22)I.T. and Electronics Section-2 Dated- 03-01-2018.

(G.K. Varshney)
 Executive Engineer
 CD-2, P.W.D., Agra

UPID-195577 Date 10/10/2023
www.upgov.nic.in

(Anand Kumar)
 Superintending Engineer
 Agra Circle, P.W.D., AGRA

LUCKNOW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
 T.N. Road, Lalbagh, Lucknow - 226001 (U.P.)
 Website : www.lmc.up.nic.in

Tender Notice No.: D/557/EE/23-24 Dated: 11.10.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (2nd Call)

Online bids are invited from bidders for the following work as listed below and will be received online on the website <https://etender.up.nic.in> as per time schedule (key dates) in the notice published on the above website.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Tender Fee Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Time Period Years
1.	Request for Proposal for Selection of Concessionaire for Transportation & Processing of Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste and Disposal of Residual Waste to SLF in Lucknow Municipal Corporation on PPP Mode	Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)	Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Only)	15 Years

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4.	Hard copy of technical submission End date	25.10.2023 by 5:00PM
5.	Technical Proposal Open Date	26.10.2023 by 11:00AM

Note: The bidders shall have to submit their bids online and upload the relevant documents from as per key schedule (key dates).
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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SRI NO.	NAME OF BOARD CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HAFED	SHORT TERM E-TENDERS/ E-AUCTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF 250 MT SOYABEAN REFINED OIL FOR HAFED OIL MILL, REWARI. THE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON HTTPS://ETENDERS.HRY.NIC.IN AND WWW.HAFED.GOV.IN	CLOSING DATE 18.10.2023	2 LACS	www.hafed.gov.in	01722590497 hafed.oilmills@gmail.com

21788/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SRI NO.	NAME OF BOARD CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HAFED	E-TENDER FOR CHEMICAL TESTING OF THE FOODGRAIN STOCKS STORED IN THE GODOWNS OF FOI IN WHICH PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STOCKS IS DONE BY HAFED (HARYANA)	11.10.2023 18.10.2023	AS MENTIONED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENTS	www.hafed.gov.in	01722590520 hafed@hry.nic.in

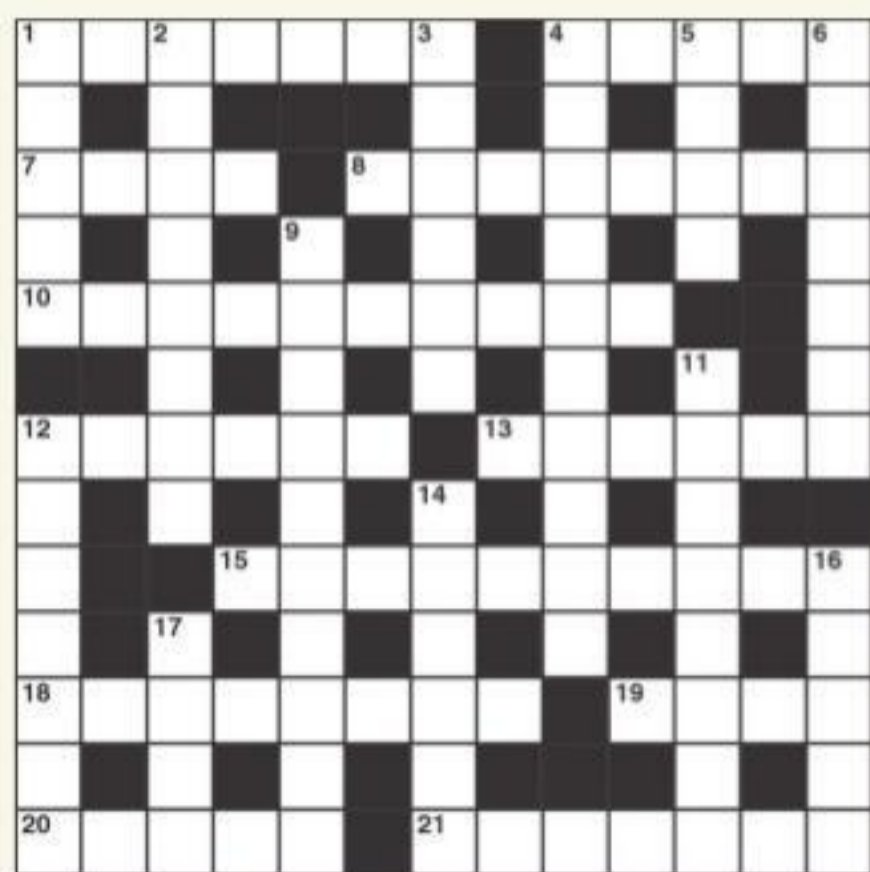
21787/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY, (UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)
 3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR MOVABLE ITEMS

Pursuant to attachment of movable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004(KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court the Special Officer & Competent Authority(Under KPIDFE-IMA and other Scam), is issuing notice for e-auction of the movables attached through e-auction on "as is where

CROSSWORD 5180



- ACROSS**
- 1 A number beaten in the final (7)
 - 4 One way to cook assorted meats (5)
 - 7 The barrel end of a gun (4)
 - 8 Spot a feline holding another with love (8)
 - 10 Fitting a new model tiara perhaps (6-4)
 - 12 Address for delivery? (6)
 - 13 Doctor strives to obtain films (6)
 - 15 Amazed by a dishonest arrangement (10)
 - 18 Fat animal seen in port (8)
 - 19 Wise men having a different image out East (4)
 - 20 Way the French follow an animal home (5)
 - 21 Tract of grassland left out (7)
- DOWN**
- 1 Explorer sailor in bed (5)
 - 2 One whom people don't admit is not a favourite (8)
 - 3 Anything but happy with my new logo (6)
 - 4 Those who do presumably won't take defeat lying down (5,2,3)
 - 5 It's bad to be overthrown (4)
 - 6 Threats can seem ridiculous (7)
 - 9 Criterion for a jester (10)
 - 11 Bouncer drunk at dance (8)
 - 12 Makes slow progress on a street car (7)
 - 14 Stock type of pen (6)
 - 16 Don't struggle to get the meaning (5)
 - 17 Combat wear (4)

Solutions Crossword 5179 Across: 1 Contemplate, 9 Adopted, 10 Nerve, 11 Item, 12 Felonies, 14 Sampan, 16 Terror, 18 Up-todate, 19 Taxi, 22 Radio, 23 Arrange, 24 French chalk Down: 2 Ozone, 3 Tito, 4 Madden, 5 Londoner, 6 Tierier, 7 Magic square, 8 Tea strainer, 13 Hand down, 15 Matador, 17 Attach, 20 Annual, 21 Arch

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

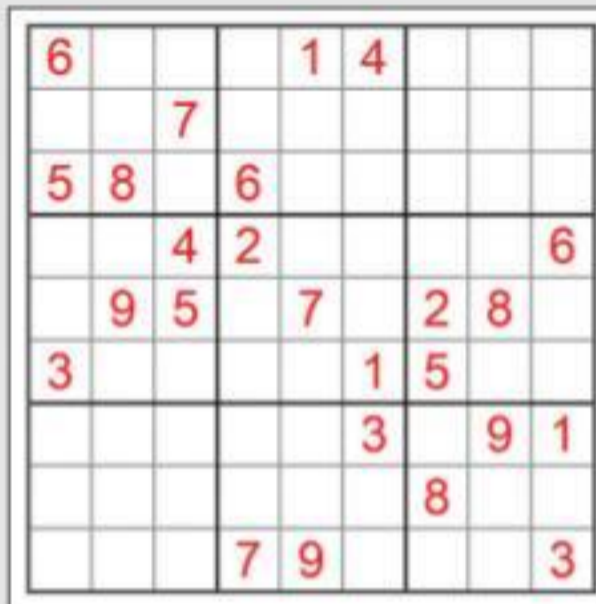
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Answer: If one is lucky, a solitary can totally transform one million realities. - Maya Angelou (7)

SUDOKU 5348

Difficulty Level 5s 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.



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5347



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
This is one of those times when all your normal standards and preconceptions need to be put on hold. There is no point in either judging yourself or criticising other people according to what happened in the past. If ever there was a time to live in the present, this is it.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
It is impossible to tell whether it is home and family life or professional and worldly ambitions which require the most attention. All that is certain is that twenty-six hours in the day are not sufficient to deal with all that you have on your plate.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
The planetary clarion call is to be adventurous. However, for many of you, three areas of your life stand out: legal questions, travel plans and higher education. In all these matters you should take very detailed notice of your own situation and set out to offer others a helping hand.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
Whatever you do, select an adventurous path. Don't take risks, but do extend yourself in areas as yet unknown to you. In some strange way an overseas connection, perhaps from the past, is about to acquire an increasing significance.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
Don't be confused by the fact that money seems to be so important. The vital issue now is your value system, and the judgments you make both on yourself and other people. Try to be aware of the ways in which this is shaping your relationships.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**
Your own finances are inextricably linked to other people's and the consequences right now seem to be two-fold. First, you must realise that your actions will have a profound effect on other people. Second, there may be some developments outside your control.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
You seem to be suffering from a strange desire to rake over the coals, fanning the flames of some old argument or dispute. Whether you go ahead or not is your choice, but it may be worth looking at the possible consequences before you make a start.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
For the fourth day running you can benefit from inspired planetary alignments but you may also be somewhat muddled, if only because new options are opening up. Your best policy is to be as adaptable as possible, for if you bend with the wind you should do very well indeed.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
From your solar chart it looks as if you are entering the realms of imagination and mystery which take you further into your dreams than ever before. Watch out for confusion in the so-called real world and take care at work, but enjoy your fantasies.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
It is time to take your physical state in hand, making sure that you have enough relaxation and that you are getting the diet and exercise appropriate to your circumstances. Get in shape for the future now and hang on to, or restore, your youth.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
It is artistic Virgos who are best fitted to survive the week, and find the success you all deserve. You may not count yourself amongst this select group, but you'd be wrong. There are a hundred and one ways to develop your untapped creative potential, so get on with it.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
Something rather theatrical is stirring in your soul, and over the next few days you may be carried to heights of romantic endeavour. Always remember that at such times you run the risk of disappointment, so keep at least one foot partially on the ground.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Canara Bank Regional Office: Delhi By Pass Road, Opp. Jannat Banquet Hall, Kamal Colony, Model Town, Rohtak, Haryana 124001 Phone No. 01262-273434, 7496919268, E-mail: recroroh@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" in Auction arranged by the service provider M/s CANBAN COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED Contact: Mr. Pakhare DD (9480691777/8553643144). Email id: eaction@ccsl.co.in through the website www.indianbankseaction.com, www.canarabank.com, www.ibapi.in

LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 09.11.2023 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 13.11.2023 12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M. (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

SL NO.	Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Total Liabilities as on specified Date	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Details of A/c No. IFSC CODE Possession notice
1.	Canara Bank : Sirsa Main Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Raj Singh, (M) 8572801403 E-mail: cb1403@canarabank.com	Residential Property Bearing No. 148-R-III measuring 689.72 Sq Yards situated in C-Block, New Mandi Township, Distt. Sirsa standing in the name of Sh. Dinesh Kumar Godara (Borrower & mortgagor) S/o Sh. Ranbir Singh Godara 148-R-III, C-Block Opposite Bhupinder Gas Service Sirsa, Haryana - 125055. 2. Sh. Ranbir Singh Godara S/o Sh. Sahab Ram (Guarantor) 148-R-III, C-Block Opposite Bhupinder Gas Service Sirsa, Haryana - 125055.	Total liabilities as on 08.04.2021 Rs. 1,17,21,719.84/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any).	Rs. 388.90 Lakhs	Rs. 38.89 lakhs	209272434 CNRB0001403 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
2.	Canara Bank : Tohana Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Raj Singh, (M) 8572803165 E-mail: cb3165@canarabank.com	Residential house measuring 102.00 Sq Yards, H No 314/17, Ward No - 21, Gali No - 1, Situated at Kumharan Vali Gali, Bhatia Nagar, Near Bhatia Dharamsala, Tohana District, Fatehabad.	Total liabilities as on 17.07.2017 Rs. 12,29,419.22/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any).	Rs. 13.60 lakhs	Rs. 1.36 Lakhs	209272434 CNRB0003165 PHYSICAL POSSESSION
3.	Canara Bank : Tosham Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Basant Kumar Dash, (M) 8572804758 E-mail: cb4758@canarabank.com	All that part and parcel of the commercial land & building measuring (157.50 Sq Yds) 0Kanal 5.2 Marla i.e. 212848th share of land measuring 35 Kanal 12 Marla comprising in Khewat No. 2601//2306 min. Khatoni No. 3140 bearing Khasra Nos. 213//13(8-0), 14(8-0), 16(3-12), 17(8-0), 18(8-0) situated at ward no. 1, Mansa Colony, Tosham, within the revenue estate of Tosham, Distt. Bhiwani, in the name of Sh. Mukesh Kumar S/O Maman Chand vide registered sale deed no. 821 dated 14/06/2017. Boundaries of the property are as given below:- North: 45'-0"-Plot of Mukesh Kumar, South: 45'-0"-Plot of Jangbir, East: 31'-6"-Plot of Ramesh, West: 31'-6"-Gali.	Total liabilities as on 01.06.2021 Rs. 26,43,929.78/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any).	Rs. 16.99 Lakhs	Rs. 1.70 lakhs	209272434 CNRB0004758 PHYSICAL POSSESSION
4.	Canara Bank : Bahadurgarh Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Raj Singh, (M) 9416400358, E-mail: cb19257@canarabank.com	Residential property measuring 100 Sq Yrds comprising in Khewat No 851/759, Khata No 8/7(8-0), 13/2(2-19) Kitte 2 situated in Gali No 1 H, Ward No 8, Netaji Nagar (Baljeet Nagar) Line par, Bahadurgarh-124507 regd vide sale deed no 5606 in the name of Asha Nand S/O Sh Ram Chander and bounded as under:- East-Plot of others, West - Street 14 feet Wide, North- Workshop of Sh Ashanand, South-Plot of Shri Om. Cersaid id: 400038048009	Total liabilities as on 07.09.2022, Rs. 15,43,991/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 18.23 Lakh	Rs. 1.82 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0019257 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
5.	Canara Bank : Bahadurgarh Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Raj Singh, (M) 9416400358, E-mail: cb19257@canarabank.com	EMT of Residential property Measuring 100 Sq Yrds comprising in Khewat No 851/759, Khata No 1379,1380,1381, Khasra No 996/1min(0-12), 996/1min(0-13), 996/1min(0-14) with in revenue state of Bahadurgarh Situated at bank Colony, bahadurgarh, within Municipal Corporation limit of Bahadurgarh distt. Jhajjar owned by Sh. Pawan S/o Dalbir Singh resident of Bank Colony, Bahadurgarh bounded:- On the North by: Plot of Others (54.6), On the South by: House of Sh. Sumit (54.6), On the East by: Gali (14ft) Wide, On the West by: Plot of Others (54.6)	Total liabilities as on 27.05.2021, Rs. 13,54,615.89/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 20.70 Lakh	Rs. 2.10 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0019257 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
6.	Canara Bank : Sirsa-2 Branch, Authorised Officer, (M) 9416800129 E-mail: cb18267@canarabank.com	Hypothecation Of Ice Cool White Colour Renault Kwid Rxt Petrol Having Chasis No. MEEBBA009J2576118, Engine No. 84AA400E199460 Registration No. HR24Z3976, Registered On Dated. 18.09.2018 In The Name Of Mahender Singh S/O Kartar Singh No.11, Begu Road, Preet Nagar Sirsa, Haryana, Pin Code: 125055.	Total liabilities as on 09.05.2023 Rs. 3,62,373.01/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 1,57,500/-	Rs. 15,750/-	209272434 CNRB0018267 HYPOTHECATION

Terms & Condition :- (NOTE: The Movable properties at Sr No.9 Will Be Put In E-Auction Under Hypothecation Agreement) The Assets Under Hypothecation Agreement With Canara Bank Are Put For Sale On "as is where is" "as is what is" and "whatever here is" basis. All charges including Registration Charges For Conveyance, Transportation Charges, Stamp Duty/gst Registration Charges/etc, As Applicable Shall Be Borne By The Successful Bidder Only.

SL NO.	Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Total Liabilities as on specified Date	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Details of A/c No. IFSC CODE Possession notice
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5.	Canara Bank : Hissar Parao Chowk Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Anurag Kaushal, (M) 8572808579 E-mail: cb8579@canarabank.com	Total measuring 90 Sq. Yards, being 3 marlas which is 1/70 share out of total measuring 10Kanal 10 Marlas (Non agricultural land), which comprised in khewat number 832khatoni number 1040 khasra number 58 killas 27 situated within revenue estate of Jind & within municipal limit of M.C. jind bearing property number 16-A ward number 2 situated on Julani road, Anand Parvat Colony, Jind Property bounded as under:- East - 4Karam- land of Surajbhan, West:- 4Karam- Rasta/street, North:- 6Karam- land of others, South:- 9Karam- land of Ramdhari.	Total liabilities as on 05.03.2021 Rs. 41,84,050/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 29.16 Lakh	Rs. 2.92 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0008579 PHYSICAL POSSESSION
6.	Canara Bank : Tosham Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Basant Kumar Dash, (M) 8572804758 E-mail: cb4758@canarabank.com	EMT of Residential House Situated in Khewat No.2601//2306 min.Khatoni No. 3140 bearing Khasra No.213//13(8-0), 14(8-0), 16(3-12), 17(8-0), 18(8-0) situated at ward no. 01, mansa colony, Tosham, Distt. Bhiwani, in the name of Sh. Mukesh Kumar S/o Maman Chand vide registered sale deed no. 858 date 05/06/2013 Measuring 157 Sq. yds and Bounded as Under:- EAST: h/o Sataranayan, WEST: Gali, NORTH: Gali, SOUTH: Comm.. Building Mukesh Kumar.	Total liabilities as on 02/06/2021, Rs. 25,58,140.05/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 21.00 Lakh	Rs. 2.10 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0004758 PHYSICAL POSSESSION
7.	Canara Bank : Bahadurgarh Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Raj Singh, (M) 9416400358, E-mail: cb19257@canarabank.com	Residential property measuring 100 Sq Yrds comprising in khewat No 331, Khata No 432, Kila No 8/7(8-0), 13/2(2-19) Kitte 2 situated in Gali No 1 H, Ward No 8, Netaji Nagar (Baljeet Nagar) Line par, Bahadurgarh-124507 regd vide sale deed no 5606 in the name of Asha Nand S/O Sh Ram Chander and bounded as under:- East-Plot of others, West - Street 14 feet Wide, North- Workshop of Sh Ashanand, South-Plot of Shri Om. Cersaid id: 400038048009	Total liabilities as on 07.09.2022, Rs. 15,43,991/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 18.23 Lakh	Rs. 1.82 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0019257 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
8.	Canara Bank : Bahadurgarh Branch, Authorised Officer, Sh. Raj Singh, (M) 9416400358, E-mail: cb19257@canarabank.com	EMT of Residential property Measuring 100 Sq Yrds comprising in Khewat No 851/759, Khata No 1379,1380,1381, Khasra No 996/1min(0-12), 996/1min(0-13), 996/1min(0-14) with in revenue state of Bahadurgarh Situated at bank Colony, bahadurgarh, within Municipal Corporation limit of Bahadurgarh distt. Jhajjar owned by Sh. Pawan S/o Dalbir Singh resident of Bank Colony, Bahadurgarh bounded:- On the North by: Plot of Others (54.6), On the South by: House of Sh. Sumit (54.6), On the East by: Gali (14ft) Wide, On the West by: Plot of Others (54.6)	Total liabilities as on 27.05.2021, Rs. 13,54,615.89/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 20.70 Lakh	Rs. 2.10 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0019257 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
9.	Canara Bank : Sirsa-2 Branch, Authorised Officer, (M) 9416800129 E-mail: cb18267@canarabank.com	Hypothecation Of Ice Cool White Colour Renault Kwid Rxt Petrol Having Chasis No. MEEBBA009J2576118, Engine No. 84AA400E199460 Registration No. HR24Z3976, Registered On Dated. 18.09.2018 In The Name Of Mahender Singh S/O Kartar Singh No.11, Begu Road, Preet Nagar Sirsa, Haryana, Pin Code: 125055.	Total liabilities as on 09.05.2023 Rs. 3,62,373.01/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 1,57,500/-	Rs. 15,750/-	209272434 CNRB0018267 HYPOTHECATION



TODAY'S MATCH

Australia vs South Africa, 2pm
Live on Star Sports network

He's a nice guy: Naveen after hugging Kohli on the field



Virat Kohli and Naveen-ul-Haq shared a hug and exchanged pleasantries. PTI

PRATYUSH RAJ
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

NOT JASPRIT Bumrah's bowling, not even Rohit Sharma's breathtaking century, the moment of the India-Afghanistan match came in the 26th over. Rashid has dismissed Rohit and during the break Naveen-ul-Haq and Virat Kohli were seen exchanging pleasantries. Holding arms, then a pat on the back. Naveen initiated it, and both shared a lovely smile.

The handshake should now relegate to the past the five-month-old on-field altercation between the two during the IPL. In May, the two players had an argument on the field that triggered a football-style clash between Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB).

After the game, Naveen was asked about Kohli and the nice moment they shared. The player said: "He is a nice guy, a good player and we shook hands. It's always in the ground, it was nothing outside the ground. People make it big. They need that stuff for their followers. He said we are done with that and I said yes we are done with it. We shook hands and hugged." The on-field spat back then was the subject of viral videos, and memes. It wasn't forgotten as India and Afghanistan faced off in New Delhi on Wednesday, but the hate towards the bowler was less.

Earlier this year, the Kohli-Naveen tiff spilled over to the ceremonial end-of-game handshakes between the two teams. Again, words were exchanged, and the two had to be separated, with Naveen pulling out of the handshake angrily.

Kohli in an RCB video had said: "A sweet win. If you can give it, you got to take it. Otherwise, don't give it."

Naveen, too, wasn't apologetic. "You get what you deserve. That's how it should be and that's how it goes," he posted on Instagram.

A month later, Naveen had opened up about his spat with Kohli during an interview with BBC Pashto.

"He shouldn't have said all those things during the match and after it. I didn't start the fight. After the match, when we were shaking hands, Virat Kohli started the fight," he had said. "When you will look at the fines, you will understand, who started the fight. I just want to say one thing I generally don't sledge anyone, and even if I do it I would say it to the batters only when I am bowling because I am a bowler. In that match, I didn't utter a single word. I didn't sledge anyone."

"Players, who were there they know how I dealt with the situation. I never lost my temper, when I was batting or after the match. What I did after the match can be seen by everyone. I was just shaking hands and then he (Kohli) caught my hand forcefully and I am also human being and I reacted," he said.

"If someone is saying something to me I won't back off. I have had it since I started playing the U-16 for Afghanistan in 2010. I never badmouth anyone but if anyone does that to me I don't stay silent. I give it back. You can call it wrong but that's how it is. Be it a young player from the opposition or a senior team member, be it in a club match, playing for Afghanistan, or in the IPL, I play the cricket match with same intensity," he said.

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7 With 7th ton, breaks Sachin Tendulkar's record for most centuries in the tournament

63 Breaks Kapil Dev's mark for fastest century by an Indian at WC with a 63-ball ton

131 Breaks Sachin's record for highest score by an Indian in a WC run-chase

556 Goes past Chris Gayle for most sixes in international cricket

31 Surpasses Ponting's tally of 30 ODI tons - only behind Sachin (49) & Kohli (47)

RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT

Rohit reigns in the Capital

India captain scores fastest Indian WC ton, his 7th in tournament history, as eight-wicket victory is secured with 15 overs to spare

PRATYUSH RAJ
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

FOR ALL the acclaim Rohit Sharma has received over his career, the word 'best' is rarely used to describe his batting. Coming through the ranks, he was anointed the heir apparent to Sachin Tendulkar, a pedestal subsequently occupied by Virat Kohli. He was considered the best proponent of the Mumbai school of batting, but didn't display the ruthlessness and hunger that's its characteristic trait, especially in his earlier days and especially in the longer format. He is not even considered the best player in the current team.

But when it comes to the 50-over World Cups, Rohit is in a league of his own. The batsman with the most hundreds - his seventh coming in Wednesday's eight-wicket thrashing of Afghanistan, India's second win in two matches in the tournament - he invariably shines when he gets on a roll in the 50-over format, as his three ODI double hundreds would attest.

Moreover, Tendulkar took 44 innings to get his six World Cup hundreds over six editions. Rohit needed just 19 knocks over three tournaments to get to seven, with five coming in 2019 alone. The latest ton came off just 63 deliveries, the fastest for an Indian in the World Cup.

As far as ODIs in general are concerned, with his 31st ton, Rohit went past Ricky Ponting to be third on the list of batsmen with most centuries, with only Tendulkar and Kohli above him. He also went past Chris Gayle for the most sixes in international cricket. That is some legacy for a player not considered the best in his generation.

It was his innings that made a target of 273 seem like at least 100 too few, with the home team surpassing it with 15 overs to spare.

As far as aesthetics are concerned, there are few who are easier on the eye. Rohit seems to have more time when he bats than less mortals. But on Wednesday, it seemed as if he was batting in the highlights, such was the frequency of fours and sixes. Admittedly, the flat Kotla pitch and friendly Afghan attack played a part, but the 16 fours and five sixes spelt utter domination.

During optional practice on the eve of the game, Rohit had given a glimpse of what was



Rohit Sharma's innings made the target seem like at least 100 too few. Abhinav Saha

in store for the match. The India captain, who didn't trouble the scorers in the previous game against Australia, was looking in zen mode. The net bowlers faced the brunt and a day later, it was time for the Afghan bowlers.

Rohit teed off with a clip in the third over off Fazalahaq Feroze. He reached 1,000 runs

in the World Cup, the joint-fastest, with a six over wide long-off in the next over of the left-arm, whose fourth over went for 17. Rohit reached his fifty in 30 balls and the next fifty came off 33.

Rohit's pull shots were typically regal as the Kotla was won over. After he was clean

bowled by Rashid Khan, the Indian captain received a standing ovation from the capital's cricket faithful. Next batsman Kohli raced towards him to give a hug and a gentle tap on his helmet.

Entertainment continues

Now it was Kohli's turn to entertain the home crowd, and he did so with a delightful and effortless fifty. He remained unbeaten on 55 and finished the game with a four. Ishan Kishan (47) and Shreyas Iyer (25 not out) also got some game time in the middle. Rashid bagged the two wickets that fell in India's innings.

Earlier, Afghanistan skipper Hasmatullah Shahidi walked the talk and played a quality knock of 80. It was his 121-run stand for the fourth wicket with young Azmatullah Omarzai, who scored a feisty 62, which allowed Afghanistan to post a respectable total.

"You need to put runs on the board to win matches," Shahidi had said on the eve of the match. But on a pitch where 350 looked like a par total, 272 was a walk in the park. Afghanistan's scoring rate slump between the 35th and 45th overs, when they kept losing wickets. As it turned out, judging by the manner in which the Indian skipper batted, it wouldn't have made a difference.

For India, Jasprit Bumrah was the pick of the bowlers, taking four scalps for 39 runs, his best figures in a World Cup game. Left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav (1/40) was hit for a few sixes by Omarzai, but bowled decently on a flat surface. For Ravindra Jadeja, the ball did not turn much, but he also managed to keep the Afghan batsmen in check. It was a poor outing for Mohammed Siraj, who was all over the place and conceded 76 runs in his nine wicketless overs.

India will now travel to Ahmedabad for the highly-anticipated clash against Pakistan on Saturday. Both the teams have won their two matches in convincing fashion. On Tuesday, Pakistan rewrote the record books, chasing down 345 to beat Sri Lanka.

Pakistan have not beaten India in their seven meetings in the 50-over World Cup so far. But maybe, the two neighbours can provide something that has been lacking in this World Cup - a close match.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA vs AFGHANISTAN	
FEROZE SHAH KOTLA, NEW DELHI	
Toss: Afghanistan chose to bat first	
AFGHANISTAN	
Gurbaz † c Thakur b Pandya	21 (28b, 3x4, 1x6)
I Zadran c †Rahul b Bumrah	22 (28b, 3x4)
R Shah lbw b Thakur	16 (22b, 5x4)
H Shahidi (c) lbw b K Yadav	80 (88b, 8x4, 1x6)
A Omarzai b Pandya	62 (69b, 2x4, 4x6)
M Nabi lbw b Bumrah	19 (27b, 1x4)
N Zadran c Kohli b Bumrah	2 (8b)
R Khan c K Yadav b Bumrah	16 (12b, 1x4, 1x6)
M Ur Rahman not out	10 (12b, 2x4)
Naveen-ul-Haq c Kohli b Pandya	9 (8b, 1x4)
■ Extras (b 2, lb 3, nb 2, w 8)	15
■ Total 50 Ov (RR: 5.44)	272/8
■ FoW: Fall of wickets: 1-32 (Ibrahim Zadran, 6.4 ov), 2-63 (Rahmatullah Gurbaz, 12.4 ov), 3-63 (Rahmat Shah, 13.1 ov), 4-184 (Azmatullah Omarzai, 34.2 ov), 5-225 (Hashmatullah Shahidi, 42.4 ov), 6-229 (Najibullah Zadran, 44.2 ov), 7-235 (Mohammad Nabi, 44.6 ov), 8-261 (Rashid Khan, 48.1 ov)	
■ Bowling: J Bumrah 10-0-39-4, M Siraj 9-0-76-0, Hardik Pandya 7-0-43-2, S Thakur 6-0-31-1, K Yadav 10-0-40-1, R Jadeja 8-0-38-0	
INDIA	
R Sharma b Rashid Khan	131 (84b, 16x4, 5x6)
I Kishan c I Zadran b R Khan	47 (47b, 54x2x6)
V Kohli not out	55 (56b, 6x4)
S Iyer not out	25 (23b, 1x4, 1x6)
KL Rahul not out	97 (115b, 8x4, 2x6)
Hardik Pandya not out	11 (8b, 1x6)
■ Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 10)	15
■ Total 35 Ov (RR: 7.80)	273/2
■ FoW: 1-156 (Ishan Kishan, 18.4 ov), 2-205 (Rohit Sharma, 25.4 ov)	
■ Bowling: F Ferozi 6-0-50-0, M Ur Rahman 8-0-64-0, Naveen-ul-Haq 5-0-31-0, A Omarzai 4-0-34-0, M Nabi 4-0-32-0, R Khan 8-0-57-2	

In WCs, you need to respond with different styles of play. Looking at India-Pakistan like we did this game."

ROHIT SHARMA

Breaking Sachin's record is a career-fulfilling feat for Tendulkar fanboy

DEVENDRA PANDEY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

IN HIS schooldays, Rohit Sharma, an average student by his own admission, was allergic to books. But he could not resist borrowing The Making of a Cricketer, written by Ajit Tendulkar on his younger brother Sachin, from a friend. In the book, the writer details the sacrifices and hard work that went behind the making of the man that Donald Bradman referred to the closest to him in style and technique.

Sharma read every single line of the book, perhaps reread too. He could suddenly relate to the legend. "I could relate to his life. I know people will wonder how I found something common between his life and my life," he once told this newspaper.

Their backgrounds were different. Tendulkar was brought up in a middle-class, intellectual household. Sharma used to sleep

on the floor with his uncles in his grandfather's house, away from his parents. But still, he found the vital, emotional connection. "That book gave me the feeling that I was in some way part of his universe as I realised that Sachin had played in the same school tournament in which I was playing in at that time," he went on.

In the maidans and school, he always wanted to emulate Tendulkar, in demeanour, in strokes and attitude. Of course, Sharma's game is quite different to Tendulkar's. But none captured his imagination as vividly as Tendulkar did. He bunked his school to watch Tendulkar bat at a stadium for the first time in 2000-01, a Ranji game between Mumbai and Baroda at the MIG ground in Bandra. "I quietly picked my school bag during the break, got into a local train without buying a ticket I didn't have a match pass but luckily there was a wooden stand erected alongside the road to allow those who didn't have a pass to watch the game. Though the stand was full, I some-



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how managed to find some place near a tree that was beside the stand. What I recall is that Tendulkar batted brilliantly that day," he had added. He, in fact, scored a sparkling 108.

Then when Tendulkar started using MRF

bats, Sharma too wanted to buy one. But it was too expensive. "Whenever I used to pass by sports shops, I would stand and stare at MRF bats. I even searched for a MRF sticker to paste on my bat but couldn't find one," he said. Years later, MRF would sponsor Sharma's bats too. "I couldn't help but laugh when the MRF company contacted me asking me to put their MRF logo on my bat. I had tried to get a MRF bat all my life and now they wanted me to play with one." Such are the twists of life. Now, he has broken a record of the man he had idolised all his life - the most hundreds by an Indian in a World Cup.

It would be another four years after his first sighting of Tendulkar in flesh that he met him. Then Mumbai coach Chandrakant Pandit introduced the star-stuck youngster to Tendulkar at the Cricket Club of India (CCI) where he was playing a warm-up game against Australia. Soon, they were pitted as opponents in the Challenger series in Chennai, before they would soon play together in the

few domestic games Tendulkar squeezed in. Soon, they would be India teammates too. Sharma would watch, awestruck, his hero completing his maiden ODI hundred in Australia in the first final of the VB series in 2007-08. And he would make his Test debut in Tendulkar's farewell series.

Sharma would forever cherish those moments, as well as Tendulkar's simplicity. Their bond tightened and Tendulkar called Sharma in 2012 when the youngster was going through a lean patch. "He told me not to worry about my form. He told me that I was not the first cricketer to go through a bad patch. He went out of his way to get my Sri Lankan number and took the effort to call me. That speaks volumes about him as a person," he recounted.

The fanboy has become an icon himself, he has broken a record of his too, he is the contemporary torchbearer of Mumbai school of batting, but Sharma might readily admit that he is still a Tendulkar fanboy.

LEADER OF THE ATTACK

With four-wicket haul, smiling Bumrah back to his celebratory best

PRATYUSH RAJ
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

MORE THAN the wicket-taking ball, it was Jasprit Bumrah's celebration that went viral. He stood there watching the Afghan opener Ibrahim Zadran nick a peach of an away-shaper, and with his lips curling into a lovely smile, he put his index finger on his temple, presumably to announce he had out-thought Zadran. It's a celebration seemingly inspired by the England footballer Marcus Rashford but before we get to that, we must zoom into the ball first.

The ball seamed away but he released it almost as if he wanted to swing it. A leg cutter that's released like an outswinger. Bowlers usually cut their fingers across the seam to get that seaming-cut away but the smiling assassin Bumrah kills it in his own method. L Balaji, former India swing bowler and a coach now, explains to this newspaper how Bumrah does it.

"It's his back-spin at release that makes it deadlier. It's what makes the seam of the ball hold up so perfectly for most of the trajectory. When Bumrah does it, the balls don't wobble in the air too early. The seam is so upright and

only then the ball will seam or swing late in the air and beat the batsman's plans about what the ball is about to do. Pace and full length, yes but that seam has to be upright for it to deviate late.

"If it wasn't for that back-spin, the seam of the ball would start wobbling early due to aerodynamic drag, as we call it. Put simply, the ball will fall limply without that much venom. The backspin allows the ball to cut through the air that much quicker with a proud seam and that's what beats the fast bat-speed of even the good batsmen." And hence, the ball travels like a seam-up delivery, and yet manages to cut away without any finger-across-seam involvement.

Zadran had no chance. He had been repeatedly beaten, and cut into half by vicious nipbackers but this one straightened, even shaded out a bit, taking a slice of edge along with it. Much better batsmen have fallen for this.

On a flat Delhi surface, Bumrah picked up four for 39, his best figures in the ODI World Cup. Bumrah, who has been sidelined for almost a year due to a career-threatening back injury, looked the Bumrah of the old.

Against Afghanistan, Bumrah looked like a problem solver for India. But he has had



Bumrah kept the scoreboard under check with figures of 4/39. Abhinav Saha

Former Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhtar was among the one, who said Bumrah will never be the same bowler again. But Bumrah has shown he has retained and even honed his old venom.

more to work out over the past year than at any time in his meteoric career. A couple of months ago, the Indian cricket team's preparation for the ODI World Cup was in limbo. There were uncertainty over Bumrah's availability for the tournament. There were speculations about whether he would or won't he? Former Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhtar was among the one, who said Bumrah will never be the same bowler again. But Bumrah has shown he has retained and even honed his old venom.

Now, to that celebration. Rashford does something similar after he scores goals to acknowledge his mental health and confidence issues following the racist abuse he had re-

ceived after missing the penalty in the Euro 2020 final against Italy.

Bumrah too has faced some trolling on social media. Six-years ago, the Jaipur traffic police put up an advertisement making fun of Bumrah after he had overstepped when he got the wicket of Pakistan opener Fakhar Zaman in the 2017 Champions Trophy final. The left-hander was on three and he went on to score 114 off 106 balls. The advertisement read "Don't cross the line. You know it can be costly." A young Bumrah lambasted the Jaipur traffic police, "Well done Jaipur traffic police this shows how much respect you get after giving your best for the country."

During his eleven month absence from the game, the social media was full of memes, making fun of the bowler that he only wants to play the IPL. Amidst all this chaos, he took a leaf out of his hero Zlatan Ibrahimovic autobiography "I am Zlatan," where the Swedish superstar wrote "I wanted to stand up to the whole world and show everybody who'd doubted me who I really was."

On Wednesday, when other Indian bowlers were leaking runs, struggling to get their line right, Bumrah was not only hurrying the Afghan batsmen but also intimidating them with the precision of his lengths and ac-

curacy. In his first spell his numbers were 4-0-9-1. In his second spell when Azmatullah Omarzai and Hasmatullah Shahid were involved in a 121-run partnership for the fourth wicket, Bumrah kept the scoreboard under check with 3-0-12-0. At the death, he took three wickets, removing Mohammad Nabi (19), Najibullah Zadrان (2), and Rashid Khan (16) to end Afghanistan's dream to reach the 300 runs mark.

Zadrان failed to pick a full-length slower off-cutter, slicing it to the local boy Virat Kohli at deep cover. Nabi was pinned with Bumrah bowling wide from the crease with his trademark nip-backer. Next came another variation of the slower ball, this one to the aggressive Rashid Khan was dug in short and the slow pace induced Rashid to mistime his cut to deep point where Kuldeep Yadav grabbed it on the second attempt, much to the meritment of the crowd.

Against Australia on a low and slow track of Chepauk, where the spin trio of Ashwin, Jadeja and Kuldeep earned all the praise, Bumrah did his job, picking up two wickets for just 35 runs. At Kotla, on a belter, he looked unplayable and India will be sighing in relief that he is red-hot form when he faces Pakistan next.

SHORT TAKES

STANDINGS

	M	W	L	T	PTS	NRRR
NZ	2	2	0	0	4	+1.958
Ind	2	2	0	0	4	+1.500
Pak	2	2	0	0	4	+0.927
SA	1	1	0	0	2	+2.040
Eng	2	1	1	0	2	+0.553
Ban	2	1	1	0	2	-0.653
Aus	1	0	1	0	0	-0.883
SL	2	0	2	0	0	-1.161
Ned	2	0	2	0	0	-1.800
Afg	2	0	2	0	0	-1.907

Won't be rotating bowlers unless we have to: Aus skipper Cummins

Lucknow: Australia skipper Pat Cummins on Wednesday said the team doesn't plan to rotate its fast bowlers during the ODI World Cup unless it's absolutely necessary. Australia, the most successful team in the competition, has a fiery pace department comprising Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood. "The intention is to try and play every game. We won't be rotating bowlers unless we have to... (if) someone is feeling extremely fatigued, someone is managing a niggle and needs rest," Cummins said on the eve of Australia's second game against South Africa. "The intention is to try and have everyone on the selection table for each game. You pick your best 11. It's a World Cup, you can't really take any game lightly. Probably later on in the tournament, we'll look at that if we need to. But at the moment, yeah, there's no plans." PTI

Inexperienced bowling attack failed: Theekshana

Hyderabad: An inexperienced bowling attack's failure to execute plans cost Sri Lanka the World Cup match against Pakistan despite posting 344 on the board, said off-spinner Maheesh Theekshana. "I think because the experience that we got over the fast bowlers, even the spinners that we have, they don't have much experience. Even they didn't play any games all over India," he said at the post-match press conference. "Me and Wanindu (Hasaranga) are the only players, who have played all over India. I haven't played in Hyderabad. So, I think they have to get more experience and play more games." PTI

Curran says Eng thankful to not pick up outfield injuries

Dharamsala: England all-rounder Sam Curran said they were thankful to have come through World Cup win over Bangladesh without picking up injuries after players struggled to keep their feet due to the state of the Dharamsala outfield. "It was pretty bad," Curran said. "We're pretty happy to get through that game without any injuries... That's pretty important and we don't have to come back here. "Hopefully, the outfield does get better. It's not very nice, what's happened to it. But I thought the wicket was really good. Luckily we're all fit." Dharamsala will host three WC matches this month with South Africa playing Netherlands next. PTI

SA's Rob-Ball awaits tougher test

Australia were found well short against spin in Chennai, and need to exorcise ghosts before marquee match-up

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A BATSMAN once judged too slow for white-ball cricket reeling off the fastest century in the World Cup; a troubled maverick rediscovering the joy of batting and representing his country again; an inconsistent six-hitting machine fulfilling his gifts; a one-time prodigy realising his potential at 34, South Africa's batting has dramatically transformed under coach Rob Walter, a once health-and-conditioning journeyman coach bafflingly entrusted to revive his country's cricket from the chaos that had engulfed it. From a disjointed group, he has carved a fearsome top-six.

Few bowling units would not dread a line-up that wields the destructive capabilities of Quinton de Kock, Rassie van der Dussen, Temba Bavuma, Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen and, well, David Miller. And after racking up two scores in excess of 400 runs in the last four games — in the other two games, they piled 300-plus totals — there is a bubbling buzz around them. As is en vogue these days, the press in South Africa has promptly termed the aggressive brand of cricket, Rob-ball.

The self-effacing, largely behind-the-scenes coach, has laughed off the phrase, but explained the gist of his approach during the series against Australia at home, in which they bounced back from a 0-2 deficit to win 3-2.

"The game is riddled with risk. Sometimes it's going to pay off and other times it isn't. I was happy with the progress we made."

His could not be the most gifted side, there are no world-beating names in the line-up but for the quick, Kagiso Rabada. There is no happy headache in picking high-class all-rounders; Kusal Mendis and Co exposed their at-times shoddy bowling in Delhi last Saturday.

But after the storming of the Kotla, there is a sudden thrill about watching their batting, though the sample size is too thin to pass a judgement that they could be one of the surprise packages in the tournament. Bizarrely, this was the least-burdened South Africa team to have ever entered a World Cup. No one whispered the choke-word, few counted them as likely semi-finalists, fewer still placed them as elites.

This indifferent build-up suits South



South Africa's Heinrich Klaasen, Aiden Markram and Quinton de Kock play football during practice. Reuters

Africa, believes their legend AB de Villiers. "I have played in previous teams that had more superstars in its ranks but struggled to deal with the pressure that came with that," De Villiers wrote in his column for the ICC.

"The longer we can fly under the radar the better, as those are often the tournaments you win. Suddenly you get to a semi-final, and it is knockout cricket where anything can happen," he elaborated.

In several ways, this looks like a different South Africa, modest and laidback, but clinical and ambitious. Bavuma, for all the criticism he has copped for his fluctuations in form, has been a relaxed captain. Even during the onslaught of Kusal Mendis, he did not panic. There were no frantic discussions with bowlers, no fretful expressions, no moves in hurry, seldom chewing the bowlers' ears. On the field, he looks less frazzled than he used

to in the early days of his captaincy, which seemed as though it was thrust on him. Runs help — he has piled three hundreds in his last 10 outings in this format.

Tougher tests ahead

But caveats abound. Rob-Ball would better be measured against teams of superior bowling and its effectiveness and execution in big tournaments. The Australian bowling that they battered was at best an experimental line-up that featured just two front-liners, Josh Hazlewood and Adam Zampa (but Zampa did bleed 113 runs in his 10 overs); Sri Lanka's bowlers were skittish, as Pakistan's batsmen reinforced in Hyderabad.

As Quinton de Kock would later admit, the hype is presumptuous. "It's only one game into the World Cup, so it's hard to say

how we're really going. Even though we've had it really well our last couple of games, it hasn't been over a course of years. It's only been a course of over a month or a couple of months."

So in every sense, a realistic assessment of Rob-Ball could be arrived at only after they reproduce their aggression against stronger teams. Like Australia, who they duel on Thursday. Their encounters are less vibrant than they once were — lop-sidedly dominated by the Proteas, having won 15 of their last 20 clashes against the multiple world champions. There are few scripts within scripts of fabled match-ups, fewer characters and mind-games. It seems like a ghost rivalry.

From the last half of the last century to a decade into this one, theirs was the rivalry that defined cricket, one built purely on

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sporting pedigree. Both have lost some of their lustre. Australia are billed to reach the semifinals, but are not irreplaceable favourites. They have their cracks to gloss over, after the reality check received during the Chepauk thrashing.

The form of their lone specialist spinner is worrisome — Zampa seemed to have lost his belief after Klassen's clubbing in Centurion. Their batsmen have looked tired and confused, playing in uncharacteristic fashion against spinners. South Africa's spinners might not possess the devilish streaks of the Indian spin trio, but Keshav Maharaj is a grossly understated proposition. Among his left-arm finger spin contemporaries, he possesses the fourth-best economy rate (4.75), a number better than even Ravindra Jadeja (4.90).

Bear in mind that he plies his trade in largely spin-unfriendly conditions in South Africa, and to still manage such an economy rate is staggering. The reaid Ekana surface might not be as conducive to tweakers as Chepauk. But Maharaj could keep a tight lid on Australia's batsmen, seeking to exorcise their Chepauk trauma.

In that sense, Lucknow's quiet would have been akin to a detox. It's hot, but without the sweltering humidity of Chennai. The capital of India's most populous state loves its cricket, but it's not as obsessed with it as Chennai. Besides there is little baggage of history, which Glenn Maxwell called a leap into the unknown.

The pitch too is something of an unknown. A notorious turner during the IPL, the curator was axed after a low-scoring T20I shootout between India and New Zealand. Chasing 100, India won with just a ball to spare. The talk among the locals is that the reaid surface is full of runs. If that be the case, Australia's spin-stung batsmen could exorcise the demons, while South Africa's Rob-Ball could roll on.

Rizwan's recipe for success: Hard work, bravery, luck and dua

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MOHAMMAD RIZWAN appeared relaxed in the press conference. He would stroll in, unencumbered by any lingering pain from the cramps and back pain that clutched him during his fire and brimstone 131 not out. He would check the microphone and playfully ask: "I am too loud? Should I go back a bit? Is everyone settled?"

He would move back and forth on his chair, adjust the height of it and stroke his neatly-trimmed beard, his eyes flickering here and there, with no hint of impatience.

Perhaps, the pain was lost in the sweetness of the knock. "Sometimes, it's pain, sometimes it is acting," he said, giggling. He did not make much fuss of the pain and did not dwell too long on it. "I think I will give credit to our physio Clifly. The way he gave me some magic, I don't know what you call it, the cramp fix, it's a medicine," he would say.

The pain kept fluctuating. "At the moment I am fine, but sometimes pain or cramp comes, sometimes it doesn't come," he said.

But when batting in the middle, there were clear signs that he was in immense pain, often

clutching his pain and holding his back in agony. At no point though did he give up: "But during my batting I didn't want to give it away, because you know the bowling of Sri Lanka, they have decent bowlers. If I give him the wicket at that moment, it's difficult for the new batsman. I have seen this in the start of my career because I was coming on seven or eight... in that position. If I give him a wicket at that time, it's very difficult for the other batsman that follow," he said.

Thanking destiny

Though Pakistan lost Imam-ul-Haq and Babar Azam early on they did not combust "So when we reached the ground today, Abdul Rahman who is also our coach and there were 2-3 more players with me, said, Rizwan this pitch looks like a batting pitch. When we were bowling inside, I think it was 33-32 over that time, I told Nawaz and 2-3 players, if we restrict it to 340-plus, then I hope it's the best. If it goes above that, it means we're not doing good bowling," he recounted.

At times, though he turned philosophical, thanking destiny for his century, and down-playing the innings. "I know the demand of Allah. The demand of Almighty from me..."

He would repeat the word dua (prayer) sev-

eral times in the press conference. For proof, he pointed out to a thick edge early on in the innings that flew over the point fielder. "In any match, and if you look at my first edge for three runs, which went over the fielder, it could have gone in the hands of the fielder too. But I believe in these things," he said. In typically self-deprecating style, he termed himself as a hardworking player rather than one blessed with oodles of talent. "It is hard work; it is bravery and then it is execution of a good deed which you do at the right time. The rest I leave to Allah," he said.

The mood once again lightened, when he spoke about the love—mohabbat and his teammates received from the crowd: "I felt like I was playing in front of crowd of Rawalpindi, our ground in Lahore is big, a lot of people come there, this ground felt like Rawalpindi. Today it seems that Pakistan's match is taking place in Rawalpindi."

He would occasionally be playful. When a journalist from Pakistan asked whether he is audible, he said, sharpening his ears to the direction of zoom call: "Haan bhai, haa, awaaz aara hain..." like you see in the 90s movies (Yes brother, can you hear my voice?). He then looked at the crowd: Bahut door se aate hain. Time lag jayega aawaz sunne ke liye (It's com-



Mohammad Rizwan was suffering cramps while in action against Sri Lanka on Tuesday. PTI

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MOHAMMAD RIZWAN
- ON CRAMPS AFFECTING HIS BATTING

Nizam saab ka mahal dekha!" (We have only seen Nizam's palace). Replying to a long winding question, he would say: "Sawaal ka jawaab bhool gaye toh bata dijiyega. Chaar sawaal ho gaye mere khayala se." (Please remind me if I forget the answer to your question. I think that was four questions asked.)

The joy of that knock lingered as he posed with selfies with some of the guards and attenders, without any haste or fuss, soaking in the moment. As he left the press conference room and ambled into the dressing room, he took a long deep look at the ground and looked up at the dull sky, just as the tired groundsman began to fasten a tarpaulin sheet over the ground. Did he shed a tear? Perhaps he would have. A tear of joy.

VITAL ROLE

Omarzai's street-smartness comes to fore against Kuldeep at Kotla

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AZMATULLAH OMARZAI played a vital role in Afghanistan getting to a respectable total against India at Delhi on Wednesday. His innings of 62 and partnership worth 121 with skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi (80) gave the team something to defend after being 63/3.

Growing up in Nangarhar, Omarzai and his brothers were not allowed to step outside the house after sunset. The region was one of the strongholds of Tehreek-e-Taliban, who were in a running war with the Pakistan army.

But his life changed in 2014 when Afghanistan beat Bangladesh for the first time, in the Asia Cup. That was when Omarzai's father asked him what he wanted to become in life. And the 14-year-old said that he loves cricket and wanted to become a cricketer.

"In 2014, me and my family were watching Afghanistan's match against Bangladesh in the Asia Cup. Afghanistan won that match and even my father, who did not understand much about the sport, enjoyed the experience. He used to ask us what was happening whenever we celebrated any four or six hit by

our team. He celebrated Afghanistan's victory and gave us the car keys to go out and celebrate even though we were not allowed to roam out in the evenings," Omarzai had told the Afghanistan Cricket Board's (ACB) YouTube channel in 2021.

"When we came back, my father asked me if I wanted to become a cricketer. I told him that I had loved the game for a long time and played tennis-ball street cricket. After that, my father allowed me to play," he said.

Four years on from playing on the street with a tennis ball, the youngster went on to play for the Afghanistan U-19 team and was part of the 2018 World Cup led by seamer Naveen-ul-Haq. His other teammates included Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran, Ikram Aikhil, Qais Ahmad, Zahir Khan and Mujeeb Ur Rahman.

In the quarter-final, Omarzai smoked a 23-ball 66, hitting seven maximums, against hosts New Zealand as Afghanistan won by 202 runs. Although they lost the semifinal against Australia, they showed that the future of Afghan cricket was in safe hands.

"The U-19 Cricket World Cup in New Zealand was a great experience and a great start to my career. Against New Zealand, Ibrahim Zadran, Gurbaz and Basheer Shah gave us a brilliant start. Then I went in and



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executed the plan and the role that the coach had given me as a finisher. It was the first match I played which was broadcast live," Omarzai recalled.

Shining on the big stage

Cut to the present, the all-rounder has showcased the indomitable spirit that has characterised Afghanistan's sharp rise in

world cricket. The most fascinating part of his batting on Wednesday was the way he played Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja.

He generally bats down the order but against India, was promoted and proved the decision right. In the 25th over, he hit Kuldeep for two sixes, which broke the shackles. It was clean hitting and provided a glimpse of the knock he played five years ago in the U-19 World Cup. Jadeja was also hit for a six with the same disdain but the best was the last one, when he picked Kuldeep's googly and dispatched it over long-on.

Hardik Pandya's celebration, when he finally got rid of Omarzai could be seen as a sign of relief.

This was not the first time Omarzai has rescued his team from a precarious situation. He credits his success to street cricket and recalls a story that has made him the cricketer he is today.

"I have sweet memories of street cricket. My elder brothers used to play tennis-ball cricket. One day, they needed a player and decided to take me in. During the match, the situation at one time was such that the opposition needed only 15-16 runs with five wickets in hand. The captain threw me the ball. I used to bowl off-breaks back then. I grabbed the opportunity and turned around the

match by taking four wickets in a single over and we won the match," he said.

Omarzai, who considers himself a genuine all-rounder, idolises Virat Kohli and Mohammad Nabi and wants to play in the Indian Premier League and other high-profile leagues.

"I love batting. It's my primary role and I have worked hard on it. Whenever I am set at the crease, I strive to score quickly and help the team set a high score on the board.

"However, I developed a liking for bowling a bit later. My coaches have worked with me and now I consider myself a proper all-rounder. I aspire to play around the world in different leagues, especially in the IPL, since so many Afghan cricketers play in that league. I hope, Inshallah, that I will become a great cricketer for my country," he said.

Omarzai's knock on Wednesday might have attracted the attention of the scouts of many IPL franchises and he might get a call-up. But it's going to be a long road to achieve that dream. But the street-smart cricketer has definitely shown the hunger and the technique to prosper on the bigger stage.

Whatever the future holds for him, he will never forget those four sixes in front of approximately 20,000 people; and neither will the streets of Delhi.