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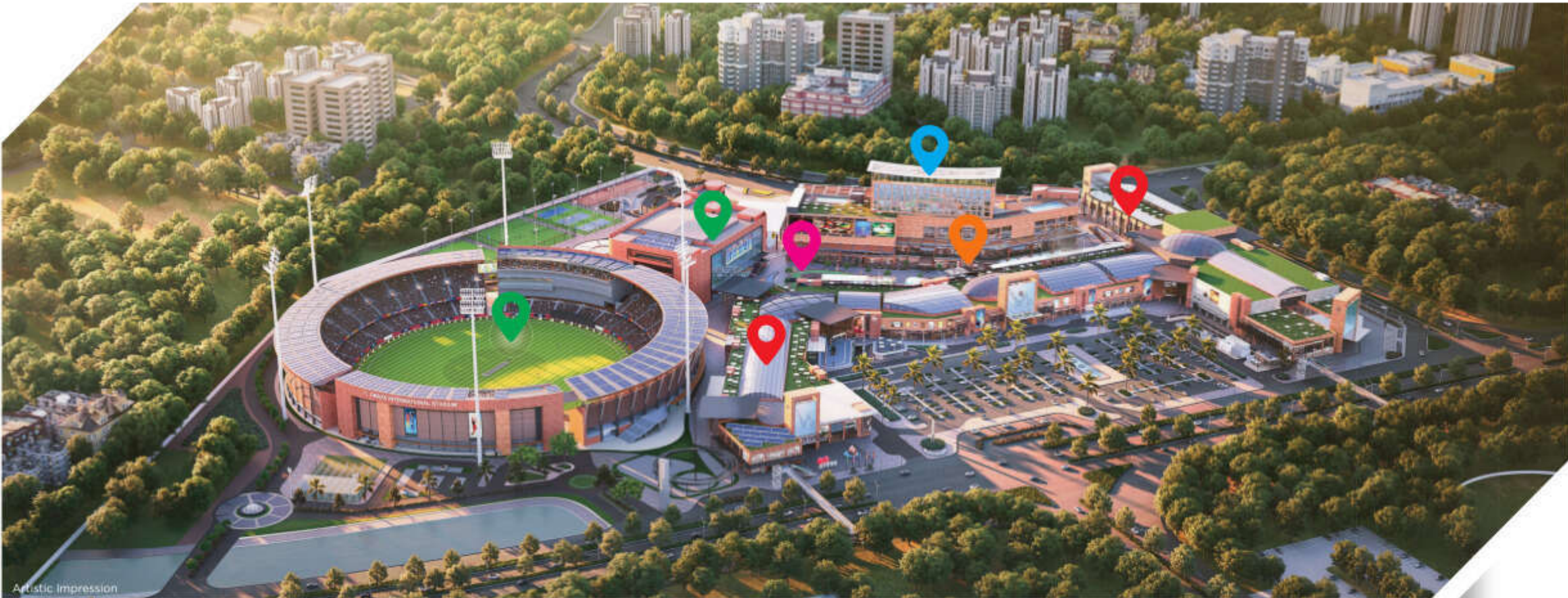
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Note: Results and turnout in 2014 based on broadly analogous post-delimitation seats. Source: EC

Phase 3 voting: **Oct 1**

J&K Phase 2 today, foreign diplomats to 'observe' polls in Srinagar

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 24

A GROUP of diplomats from 16 foreign missions, including the United States, European Union, Russia and Australia, will arrive in Srinagar on Wednesday to observe the voting in the second phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. The 20-member delegation includes four representatives from the Ministry of External Affairs.

This is the first time that the central government has invited foreign diplomats to witness the election process in the Union Territory. According to sources, the aim is to showcase the "peaceful conduct of the electoral process" and "participation of people at a large scale".

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THEIR THIRD MEETING

PM Narendra Modi with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in New York on Monday. **PTI** **REPORT, PAGE 6**

MAHARASHTRA

As Ajit Pawar's finance dept objects, Cabinet says no to land for state BJP chief trust

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE MAHARASHTRA Cabinet on Monday turned down the revenue department's proposal for "direct allotment" of 5 hectares of

land (12.35 acres) in Nagpur for educational purposes to a public trust headed by State BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule, following strong objections by the finance department headed by Deputy Chief Minister and

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KARNATAKA LAND ALLOTMENT

HC upholds Gov nod to probe Siddaramaiah

Conspiracy, misuse of Raj Bhavan: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 24

IN A setback to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday dismissed his petition challenging the approval granted by Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot to three private complainants to file corruption cases against him.

On August 16, Gehlot had allowed the complainants to file cases in court seeking a probe against Siddaramaiah over alleged irregularities in allotment of 14 housing sites by the Mysore Urban Development Authority



Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Tuesday. **PTI**

(MUDA) to his wife in 2021 (when the BJP was in power) in exchange for 3.16 acres of land acquired from her by Mysuru authorities.

While Siddaramaiah had challenged this in the HC, the

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Outgoing Delhi HC Judge on past transfer: 'No consent'

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

IN A rare instance of a sitting Judge speaking out against the Collegium's decision on his transfer and the manner in which it was undertaken, Justice Rajiv Shakdher, the outgoing second most-senior judge of the Delhi High Court, said on Tuesday that he was transferred

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DIRECTIONS TO CHECK FOOD ADULTERATION

All eateries must display names of owners: Yogi

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 24

TAKING COGNIZANCE of incidents involving food adulteration, including spitting or mixing urine in eatables, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday issued a series of directions, including mandatory display of name and address of operators, proprietors and managers at eateries across the state.

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EXPLAINED

E. What the top court said

STAYING NAME display orders of police in Uttarakhand and UP for the Kanwar route, the SC had on July 22 said the "competent authority" may issue such orders under the food safety Act, and the power cannot be "usurped" by police.

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HC upholds Gov nod to probe Siddaramaiah

single-judge bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna upheld Gehlot's decision on Tuesday.

"The facts narrated in the petition would undoubtedly require investigation. In the teeth of the fact that the beneficiary of all these acts is not anybody outside, but the family of the petitioner. The petition stands dismissed," the HC said.

Speaking to reporters after the HC's decision, Siddaramaiah accused the BJP-led government at the Centre of indulging in "vendetta politics" against Opposition-ruled state governments. He said he would decide on his next course of action after consulting legal experts and party leaders.

"I still say I have done no wrong," he said, adding that he would not resign. Accusing the BJP and JD(S) of "conspiracy, misuse of Raj Bhavan", he said: "All ministers including Deputy CM, MLAs, party leaders, workers and high command are with me."

In its summary of findings, the HC said: "No fault can be found with the Governor exercising independent discretion to pass the impugned order. It would suffice if the reasons are recorded in the file of the decision making authority, particularly of the high office, and those reasons succinctly formed part of the impugned order. A caveat is that reasons must be in the file."

"Reasons for the first time cannot be brought before the constitutional court by way of

objections. The gubernatorial order nowhere suffers from want of application of mind. It is not a case of not even a semblance of application of mind by the Governor but abundance of application of mind," it said.

The "grant of an opportunity for hearing prior to grant of approval under Section 17A is not mandatory, if the authority chooses to do so it is open to it," it said.

The HC ruled that the three private individuals – all anti-corruption activists – were justified in approaching the Governor for seeking approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended in 2018.

"The approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act is mandatory in the current situation. Section 17A nowhere requires a police officer to seek approval in a private complaint registered under Section 200 of CrPc or 223 of the BNSS against a public servant for offences punishable under the provisions of the Act," Justice Nagaprasanna said.

Karnataka Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty had argued that the Governor's sanction was sought prematurely by the complainants, and, under Section 17A, a police officer is mandated as the authority to seek sanction after a preliminary probe.

"It is the duty of the complainant to seek such approval. The Governor, in the normal circumstance, has to act under the aid and advice of the council of

ministers as contained in Article 163 of the Constitution of India, but can take an independent decision in exceptional circumstances, and the present case projects one such exception," the HC ruled.

With the CM's lawyers arguing that Gehlot showed unusual urgency, granting approval within 20 days, while requests for investigations against some former BJP ministers were pending for over two years, the HC ruled that the Governor had not taken a hasty decision.

"A decision of the Governor of alleged hot haste has not vitiated the order. The order is read to be restrictive to an approval under Section 17A of the Act and not an order granting sanction under Section 218 of the BNSS (for prosecution)," the HC ruled.

Siddaramaiah's counsel had argued that the Governor should have rationalised his decision in his final order, giving his reasons for granting approval, and said he (Governor) "cannot assume the advice of the cabinet of ministers is biased and assume discretionary powers".

Senior advocate and former Advocate General Ravi Varma Kumar, who also appeared on behalf of Siddaramaiah, had said the Governor's order was flawed since it did not take into consideration documents that showed the land allotment was done as compensation for land acquired by the authorities.

The advocates for the three private complainants had argued that the Governor's ap-

proval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act was legally valid.

While hearing Siddaramaiah's petition, the HC had said the special court – where the complaints were filed by the three individuals, T J Abraham, Snehamayi Krishna and Pradeep Kumar – should defer its proceedings till the conclusion of the HC matter. The HC order on Tuesday is expected to pave the way for proceedings to resume.

Siddaramaiah's counsel sought an extension of the stay on proceedings in the special court in order to facilitate the filing of an appeal. Justice Nagaprasanna said that would not be possible but indicated that the final orders would be made available at the earliest.

If the special court asks the complainants to approach an anti-corruption investigating agency like the Karnataka Lokayukta, an FIR is likely against Siddaramaiah. This is expected to result in pressure for his resignation by the Opposition BJP.

The complaints have alleged corruption in the acquisition of 3.16 acres of land in Kesare village of Mysuru in 2004 by Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law B M Mallikarjun, who gifted the land in 2010 to Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi B M, and the subsequent allotment of 14 housing sites by the MUDA in 2021 under a 50:50 scheme (where land equivalent to half the acquired land is allotted in a developed area). —WITHPTI

● As Maharashtra Cabinet says no to land for state BJP chief's trust

NCP chief Ajit Pawar.

While objecting to the revenue department's proposal – based on the demand of the Shri Mahalaxmi Jagdamba Sansthan, Koradi – the finance department said the "trust does not seem to be active in higher and technical education".

The revenue department, which is headed by Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil of the BJP, has now instructed the trust to follow government procedure for allocation of land to public trusts.

When contacted, Bawankule said it was an old trust and he was the president for only two years. "This is not a personal matter. I am working for a religious cause. This is noble work. Our trust will pay the ready reckoner rate of the land, and take it on lease. This will not be my personal property," he said.

He declined to comment on the finance department's remarks, saying it was administrative work. "We will not be doing any illegal work and will follow every rule," he said.

The issue dates back to November 29, 2023, when the trust had sought the land through

its secretary, Dattuji Samaritkar, for constructing a junior college, science-arts-commerce college, and technical and nursing education college as skill development centres.

In its note in Marathi to the Cabinet on Monday, the finance department referred to the guidelines for allotment of land for social, educational, health and charity purposes, as detailed in the revenue department's policy dated July 25, 2019.

"...as per point 10, the said trust is not involved in research activities. However, it works for divyang and deprived sections of society... (the work) is in between and based on the situation... the said work does not require permanent land," it said.

It also referred to point 11, which is related to proceedings for allotment of land for educational institutions active in higher and technical education.

"As per the report from District Collector, Nagpur, procedure to initiate junior college and science-arts-commerce college under Shri Mahalaxmi Jagdamba Sansthan, Koradi, is underway... as per the report, the said trust does not seem

to be active in higher and technical education," the finance department said in its note, while also pointing out that Bawankule is the president of the trust.

The trust "does not qualify the criterion of being a renowned institution for which exception can be made... Based on this, the finance department opposes the direct allotment of land to the said trust," it said.

Following the finance department's objections, the revenue department changed its original proposal on allotment of land, and directed the trust to follow the procedure as mandated by the policy instead.

According to the 2019 policy, after listing the available land parcels, the district collector will present a proposal for possible use of land, which will be scrutinised by the state government. After the conditions for allotment are finalised, the district collector will seek applications by publishing advertisements. The collector's office will carry out the primary scrutiny of applications, following which a shortlist will be sent to the divisional commissioner, who will then forward it to the government.

However, some can qualify for "direct allotment", including individuals with exceptional qualities, renowned organisations, those involved in research activities, working for divyang and deprived individuals, and educational institutions involved in higher and technical education who require adjacent government land parcels.

There have been cases in the past when the Cabinet has overruled the finance department's objections, to clear land allotment. Last month, the Cabinet approved a proposal to lease prime land in South Mumbai near Mantralaya measuring 2,995.75 square metres, to a non-profit organisation called Jain International Organisation for 30 years to build a primary and secondary school, despite the finance department's objections.

In another case, a 2,566.57 square metres MHADA plot in the prime Sion area (South Central Mumbai) was leased to Mumbai District Central Co-operative Bank, of which BJP leader Pravin Darekar is the chairman, despite the finance department's negative remarks.

● J&K Phase 2 today, foreign diplomats to 'observe' polls in Srinagar

Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts will vote on Wednesday, and sources said "this phase is the most feasible" for foreign observers. The delegation will likely skip Jammu and only travel in the Budgam and Srinagar districts.

A delegation from the US mission in India had also visited Kashmir in the last week of August. Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs Graham Mayer and First Secretary Gary Applegarth were among those who came to the Valley at the time and met former J&K chief minister Omar Abdullah and J&K Peoples Conference chief Sajad Lone. Representatives from several G20 countries had also participated in a tourism roundtable held in Srinagar during last year's G20 conference.

The one-day visit by foreign diplomats comes at a time when J&K is voting in its first assembly elections after the abrogation of its special status, and the erstwhile state's bifurcation into two Union Territories.

National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah told The Indian Express, "It's strange that the government always talks about J&K being an internal matter for India and discourages other countries from commenting, but is now organising guided tours to witness elections. If diplomats can be brought on guided jaunts, why have all foreign journalists – including those with OCI cards – had their requests for permission to cover the elections

turned down?"

PDP spokesperson Waheed Para said, "On one hand, the government says we don't want any interference from outside and no international attention on Kashmir, and on the other, they hold G20 and showcase people's participation as their own success story. Our mobilisation in elections is purely driven by people and credited to locals. The government's claims over our participation is akin to selling people's urge for representation as their own achievement."

Chief spokesperson of the J&K BJP, Sunil Sethi, welcomed the visit of delegates and said, "Why should we be opposed to someone desirous of visiting Jammu and Kashmir to see for themselves the festival of

democracy being celebrated in a free, fair and transparent manner? We are only opposed to outside interference of any kind."

Meanwhile, in a post online, the Srinagar Police wrote on Tuesday night, "Apropos to social media assertion by certain quarters that thousands of people are lying in the jails, it is stated that few mischievous elements with past conduct and proclivity of disrupting electoral process and having criminal antecedents are being dealt and bound down under preventive sections of the law. The sections provide law enforcement agencies security for keeping peace and good behaviour. Legal measures duly reported are adhered to ensure free and fair electoral process."

● Outgoing Delhi HC Judge on past transfer

to the Madras High Court in 2016 although he "did not give (his) consent". He admitted that he was "deeply unhappy" at the time.

Justice Shaktidher, who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh HC, was speaking at a farewell event organised at the Delhi HC.

"The events of April 2016... much to my disappointment, sadness... I was shifted to another court. Today is a day of confessions and I want to make one. I was deeply unhappy," Justice Shaktidher said.

"Of course, there was no consent. Another confession, I did not give my consent (to the transfer). Finally, I said 'you've taken a call to move me, I will abide (by it)'... Though I went (to Chennai) not too happy, it was a wonderful experience," he said.

In 2016, Justice Shaktidher's transfer from the Delhi HC to the Madras HC had led to widespread criticism from the Bar. The transfer was considered "punitive" by many in the Bar. A group of eminent lawyers, including Fali Nariman, Soli Sorabjee and K K Venugopal had written to then Chief Justice of India T S Thakur, expressing "great regret" that an "outstanding Judge" known for his "independent and forthright judgments" was being transferred.

Incidentally, while in the Delhi HC, Justice Shaktidher had set aside the Centre's lookout notice against Greenpeace activist Priya Pillai – the



Justice Rajiv Shaktidher

notice had led to her being offloaded from a London-bound flight. Pillai was on her way to speak on the alleged violation of forest rights of tribals but was told that her name was on a database of those not allowed to leave the country.

In 2018, Justice Shaktidher was transferred back to the Delhi HC.

"So, to cut a long story short, it is the Bar which constantly evaluates you, it's almost like the unseen hand of God which protects you. Whether we believe it or not, they know the right from the wrong, and there is a silent majority... who stand with you when the chips are down... They stood by me and there was a message communicated to the Bench, to the Collegium," Justice Shaktidher said on Tuesday.

On July 11 this year, the SC Collegium had recommended his appointment as Himachal Pradesh HC Chief Justice. The government cleared the appointment last week, after the Supreme Court flagged the issue of pending judicial appointments.

Justice Shaktidher will have a short tenure as Himachal Pradesh HC Chief Justice, since he is due to retire on October 18.

SC Collegium recommends Andhra HC judge as CJ of Uttarakhand HC

ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE SUPREME Court Collegium on Tuesday recommended appointment of Justice Narendar G, currently serving as a judge of Andhra Pradesh High Court as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Uttarakhand.

The Collegium comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and

Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai noted that the current Chief Justice Uttarakhand Ritu Bahri is due for retirement on October 10, 2024, and therefore appointment to that office is required to be made.

The Supreme Court Collegium also recommended elevation of nine advocates as judges of the Bombay High Court.

Those recommended for election are Advocates Nivedita Prakash Mehta, Prafulla Surendrakumar

Khubalkar, Ashwin Damodar Bhohe, Rohit Wasudeo Joshi, Advait Mahendra Sethna, Rajesh Sudhakar Datar, Sachin Shivajirao Deshmukh, Gautam Ashwin Ankhad, and Mahendra Madhavrao Nerlikar.

The Collegium also recommended appointment of Judicial Officers Shashi Bhushan Prasad Singh and Ashok Kumar Pandey as judges of the Patna High Court.

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Seen crawling to office, 74-yr-old Odisha woman gets pension delivered at doorstep

SUJIT BISOIYI
BHUBANESWAR, SEPTEMBER 24

OFFICIALS OF the Keonjhar district administration in Odisha have taken old-age pension money to the doorstep of a 74-year old woman, who was seen in a viral video crawling to the panchayat office to collect the money.

The woman, Pathuri Dehury, a native of Raisuan gram panchayat under Telkoi block in Keonjhar district, received the pension amount on September 18. The block office also provided her with a wheelchair, officials said.

According to officials, the woman was going to the panchayat office to collect the pension on September 15, when someone recorded the video that went viral a week later. Telkoi block development officer



Pathuri Dehury on her way to panchayat office to collect pension on September 15. PTI

Geeta Murmu said authorities had not asked her to collect the money from the panchayat office on September 15.

While the old-age pension was initially being sent to Dehury's bank

account, after she became ill and expressed her inability to visit the bank, the local administration started disbursing the pension by hand, the BDO said. Since then, Dehury and two others from her family, who have disabilities and use wheelchairs, were collecting the pension from the panchayat office, located 500 metres away from their home.

However, recently, Dehury's condition worsened and she became unable to walk properly, leading to her having to crawl to the panchayat office in the hope of collecting this month's pension. But pensions were not disbursed on September 15 at the village. On September 18, officials brought the pension money to her home. The district administration has also directed local officials to deliver the monthly ration, under National Food Security Act, at her doorsteps, officials said.

As woman, 2 sons arrested for daughter's murder, a family fears for life in UP village

NEETIKA JHA
SAMBHAL, SEPTEMBER 24

AROUND 4.30 pm on Tuesday, a blue tractor parked outside a single-storey house in a village in UP's Sambhal district is being loaded with household items. A wooden cot, three plastic chairs, a gas stove, an LPG cylinder and heaps of clothes have already been placed on the tractor's trolley.

"We are leaving forever," says the mother of a 14-year-old boy who has been accused of "raping" a 16-year-old girl from the same village. Two days after the Sambhal police arrested a 45-year-old woman and her two sons, 25 and 26 years old, for allegedly killing their 16-year-old sister, the family of the boy accused of eloping with the girl is leaving the village out of fear.

"If they can murder their own daughter, who can vouch for our safety? My son (the 14-year-old) was saved because he was at the hospital with his grandfather, otherwise he would have been behind bars once again," says the mother. The 14-year-old was apprehended for "raping" the girl in February and sent to a juvenile care home. He was released on September 11 after the girl told a court that she was in a relationship with the boy.

On September 19, the girl was

shot dead at the entrance of a primary school in the Sambhal village around 11 pm.

One of the brothers of the girl went to the police station and claimed that she had been shot dead by the minor boy and his uncle. Within three days, the police arrested the girl's brothers and mother. "They kept changing their statements," says Station House Officer Rajiv Malik.

The SHO says their investigation revealed that the girl and her mother boarded a bus from Ghaziabad to the village on September 19. "The girl's brother picked them up from the bus stop on a bike. He told us that the sister was sitting between him and the mother on the bike but when we checked the CCTV footage, we saw her sitting behind the mother. Also, the mobile phone location of one of the brothers was traced to spot where the girl was shot. He went to his uncle's house after the shooting," the officer says.

When the brother was questioned, he confessed to killing his sister, says Malik. The brother told the police that he bought a pistol for Rs 25,000 from a man in the village and plotted to shoot his sister as she was adamant on living with the boy. According to ACP, Sambhal, Anuj Kumar Chaudhary, someone recorded a video of the girl with the boy and showed it to her brother. "He lost his control

and planned to kill her," he said.

"The issue has nothing to do with our village," says Gram Pradhan Veer Singh. He says the girl's family shifted to Ghaziabad around 12 years ago. "The family set up a small business of renting e-rickshaws and tractors in Ghaziabad. They seldom come here," says the pradhan.

"Both (the victim's family and the boy's family) are neighbours. A year ago, the boy shifted to Ghaziabad for work and joined the business of one of the brothers of the victim. He was also living with the girl's family since they were from the same village. The girl and the boy fell in love. In February, the girl, her friend, the boy and one of his friends went missing. After 3 days, the girl's family members lodged an FIR with the Ghaziabad police," says Singh. Soon the 14-year-old was apprehended. "My son was at his elder brother's wedding when the police arrested him. We had no idea about the (rape) allegations levelled by the family," the mother says.

The girl's relatives believe the mother has nothing to do with the murder. "Respect matters to everyone; we are Yadavs. How could we sit in silence? But killing her (the 16-year-old) was not needed. They could have asked her to leave the house," says the mother's brother-in-law.

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Hip implants: NCDRC directs J&J to pay Rs 35 lakh each to four complainants

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

DAISY BHARUCHA, Usha Gupta, Purushotham Lohia, and Lalita Rajpurohit — four patients who were adversely impacted by hip implants produced by multinational pharmaceutical company Johnson and Johnson (J&J) — were recently awarded Rs 35 lakh as compensation by the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC). This is inclusive of the Rs 25 lakh each already paid by the firm to the patients, said the commission.

NCDRC, which relied on various medical evidence provided by the complainants, said the implants suffered from “inherent manufacturing defects and released a harmful amount of metal

debris, which was poisonous”. The ASRXL Acetabular System and ASR Resurfacing metal-on-metal implants were voluntarily recalled globally in 2010. Along with paying for revision surgeries of the victims, the firm had also voluntarily paid Rs 25 lakh each to all those impacted by its implants, according to court records.

In 2018, *The Indian Express* reported that the Indian arm of Johnson & Johnson “suppressed” key facts on the harmful aftermath of surgeries conducted on patients using hip replacement systems it imported and sold. These findings formed the core of a report prepared by an expert committee set up by the Union Health Ministry to investigate complaints on the hip implant devices sold by the firm in India.

In 2012, Jennifer Bharucha fil-



Reuters/File

Compensation inclusive of Rs 25 lakh each already paid.

ed a plea on behalf of her mother, Daisy, seeking compensation, stating that her mother had to undergo several revision surgeries due to the hip implant, state the court records. As per some studies, about a quarter of patients had to undergo revision surgeries.

Mumbai-based Daisy underwent her first hip replacement in 2007. Four years later, after cracking sounds at every step and se-

vere pain, she underwent her revision surgery. She passed away on April 29, 2014. In her case, NCDRC noted that lesions in the cerebral white matter that resulted in a brain tumour were caused by the implants. “All these ailments had causal connection with excessive cobalt and chromium released from metal-on-metal ASR hip implant,” it observed.

Usha, from Noida, was 52 at the time of the first surgery in April 2009. After facing serious discomfort, she had her revision surgery four years later.

Purushotham, whose car collided with a truck on March 20, 2006, was taken to Poona Hospital and Research Centre in Pune after he sustained various injuries. In June of 2008, he underwent a full hip replacement surgery.

Lalita from Ahmedabad had

undergone her first surgery in mid-2007. In January 2008, she started feeling extreme pain, discomfort, and difficulty in movement in the hip region. She sought compensation of Rs 107.52 crore.

J&J argued that it had supplied the “information for use” to hospitals and surgeons. It also said in its defence that its hip implants were not defective 85% of the time and had no side effects.

The firm also submitted that as per Section 14(1)(d) of the Consumer Protection Act (1986), at most an order for the replacement of the defective goods can be passed. It said it had already reimbursed the revision surgery expenses. No evidence was provided to show patients faced a monetary loss amounting to crores, it said.

However, NCDRC rejected these arguments of the firm.

Man arrested for installing cameras, spying on tenant in East Delhi: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

A 30-YEAR-OLD man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly installing a camera and spying on his father's tenant in East Delhi's Shakarpur.

The woman, who lived alone in the apartment and was preparing for competitive exams, began suspecting that she was being spied on after she noticed her WhatsApp account was linked to a device she was not familiar with. This prompted her to search for further evidence of invasion of privacy, leading her to find a hidden

camera in the bulb holder of her bathroom, said police. Disturbed, she called the police. Upon further probe, police found a second hidden camera in the bulb holder of her bedroom. “(The woman) revealed that she often entrusted her house keys to the landlord's son, Karan, who lives on a different floor of the same building,” said DCP (East) Apoorva Gupta.

During police questioning, Karan allegedly said he installed the spy cameras three months earlier. When the victim had gone to her hometown in Uttar Pradesh, he took the opportunity to buy three spy cameras from a lo-

cal electronics market and installed two in her apartment.

“Since these cameras could not be operated online and used a memory card to store videos, he persistently requested the woman's house keys under the pretext of needing to repair electrical fixtures and fans so he could transfer the recorded videos from the memory card to his laptop,” said DCP Gupta.

One spy camera was recovered from Karan's possession, along with two laptops used to store the recorded videos. He has been booked for voyeurism under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Govt plans optometry course at Guru Nanak Eye Centre

ANKITA UPADHYAY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE DELHI government is planning to start an optometry training course at Guru Nanak Eye Centre, which will also have a separate wing on specialised optometry consultation for patients with eye ailments.

Official sources said there are plans to depute optometrists who undergo training at the centre to

mohalla clinics as well.

Sources said the programme will include a four-year bachelor course in optometry and a one-year internship. “The degree will be awarded by Delhi University or Indraprastha University,” said the official source.

The fees for each year will be Rs 20,000. The student intake will be 20 per year. Students will also be paid Rs 5,000 each month during the internship, said sources.

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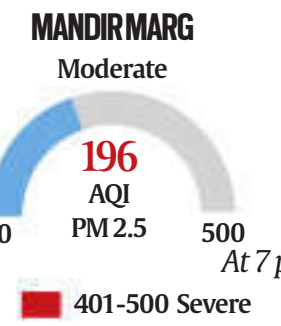
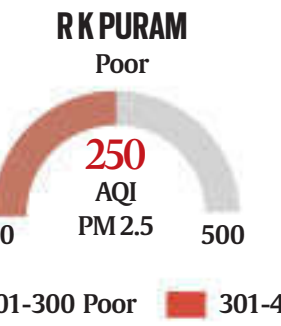
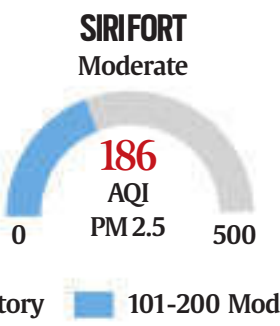
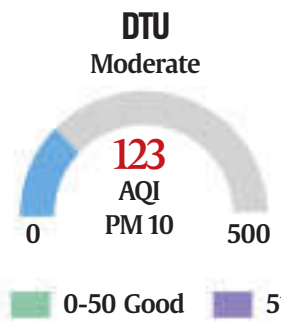
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FIRST MEETING OF AAP CABINET 2.0 & OFFICIALS

Atishi strikes ‘cordial’ note with bureaucrats

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

AT HER first meeting as Chief Minister with the capital’s senior bureaucrats, Atishi, and Delhi’s Cabinet ministers alongside her, sought to put their best foot forward on Tuesday.

Underlining how frequent run-ins with the bureaucracy have marred the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Delhi government’s relationship with its own officials since coming to power close to a decade ago, sources in the bureaucracy interpreted the move as a strategic one before the upcoming Assembly elections.

“The meeting was both cordial and conciliatory, similar to ones that Atishi, who has over a dozen portfolios under her charge, has been chairing since she was inducted into the Council of Ministers last year. This certainly sets her apart from her predecessor,” a senior government official said.

A bureaucratic source termed the interaction a “break from the past” with regard to similar ones between the Arvind Kejriwal-led Cabinet and the bureaucracy even as several key projects from the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana — under which eligible women beneficiaries are entitled to a monthly payout of Rs 1,000 — in addition to others are in the pipeline.

On the other hand, Atishi’s cabinet meeting as well as a meeting of the National Capital Civil Services Authority — that is at the helm of transfers, postings and vigilance matters of bureaucrats posted in the city — were likely this week, sources said.

“The new cabinet seems to be taking things forward in somewhat of a flexible manner till now given the four-month window till the Assembly elections; it appears to be a strate-



Delhi CM Atishi at the temple, Tuesday, Praveen Khanna

CM VISITS HANUMAN TEMPLE

New Delhi: On Tuesday, Atishi visited the Hanuman Temple in Connaught Place. “Hanuman ji has been our troubleshooter. In the last two years, we have been attacked, attempts have been made to break us, and attempts have been made to stop the work in

Delhi. But Hanuman ji has protected Kejriwal ji and the Aam Aadmi Party. I have prayed to Hanuman ji that we should continue working for Delhi with his blessings and make Kejriwal win the upcoming elections and make him chief minister again,” she said. ENS

gic move to ensure that the coming months remain as far away from any form of policy paralysis as possible,” another official said.

This was Atishi’s first meeting alongside cabinet ministers and all department heads of the Delhi government. Gopal Rai, Kailash Gahlot, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Imran Hussain, and Mukesh Ahlawat were present, along with Chief Secretary Dharmendra and all the respective heads of Delhi government departments.

A senior Delhi government functionary said there was “no particular agenda” for the meeting and “no issue was discussed per se” even as government sources said the new cabinet was scheduled to go into “governance mode” starting Wednesday.

“The Delhi government and officials stationed in Delhi are fully accountable to the people... it is our duty to ensure government services reach even the last person in line, and that the government lives up to their expectations... the Delhi government and officials will work together to ensure every person in need receives government services and can live with dignity,” Atishi was quoted as having said at the meeting.

“The work of officials has a significant impact on the lives of the people of Delhi. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all officials to work for the betterment of the people of Delhi. As a government, we will provide full support to officials,” she said at the meeting.

EV policy 2.0 in the works, Govt looking to extend existing one till March: Gahlot

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE DELHI government plans to extend its Electric Vehicle (EV) policy till March 2025 with Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot, who took charge Tuesday, directing his department to prepare a proposal regarding the extension and submit the file before the Cabinet for approval.

With this, beneficiaries’ wait for the Delhi government’s subsidy and other perks such as exemption of road tax after the purchase of a new e-vehicle is likely to end soon.

“We have started work on the EV policy 2.0 and it will take about 2-3 months to prepare the final draft... I have also directed the Principal Secretary, Transport, to expedite the project. In the meantime, I have also directed the department to move a proposal for extension of the existing policy, so that the public does not face any difficulties,” said Gahlot.

“We have plans to extend the existing policy till March... Those who have applied for subsidies in the last six months will receive the amount and benefits...,” he added.

The policy — one of the AAP government’s flagship schemes

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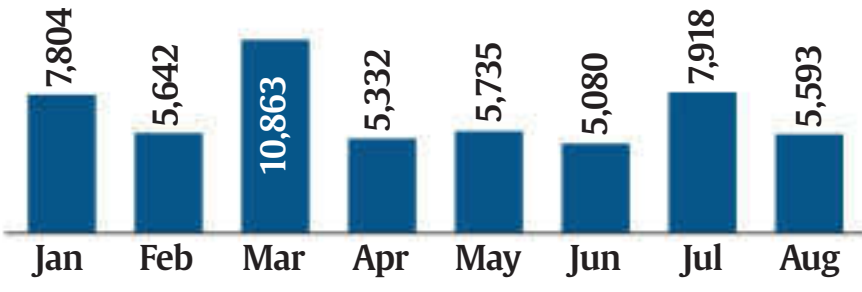
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— was launched in August 2020 to curb vehicular pollution and increase EVs nationally to 25% by 2024. The policy expired after three years in August 2023. The government extended it for six months till December. It was supposed to get another six-month extension till January until the EV policy 2.0 was to be finalised. However, it has been in limbo

for the past six months. “... the policy could not get approval due to several reasons like the Lok Sabha polls and pending cabinet approval as the then CM (Arvind Kejriwal) was in jail and he headed the Cabinet.. Now, as the new CM (Atishi) is appointed, we are expecting a Cabinet meeting to be held in the coming week and the policy will get an exten-



Kailash Gahlot, Express

sion,” said a senior official.

According to data shared by the Transport Department, 9% of the total vehicles registered in Delhi from 2020 was electric.

Between August 2020 and August 2024, Delhi saw a total of 2,20,618 e-vehicles sold/registered, including 2,14,805 battery-operated vehicles and 5,813 pure EVs.

Until August this year, Delhi saw 10.71% of EV sales. The total EV sales stood at 11.02% in 2023.

Further, the data shows that between January and August this year, 53,587 e-vehicles were sold and registered in Delhi. These include 595 buses, 15,626 e-rickshaws and e-rickshaw carts, 418 goods carriers, 1,760 cabs, 3,745 cars, 25,008 two-wheelers, 6,414 three-wheelers (including both passenger and goods), and 117 motorised cycles.

DDA extends deadline for final 25% payment of flats at Dwarka Sector 19B

UPASIKA SINGHAL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) Tuesday extended the deadline for the final 25% payment for flats in Dwarka’s Sector 19B till October 31.

However, if the allottees do not make the remaining payment before October 31, they will have another month to complete their payments but with a 10% interest. The DDA had initially set the deadline for final payments for August 29, but extended it by

a month on September 5.

The deadline extension comes days after the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) took up for hearing various complaints related to the quality of flats being constructed. However, the DDA’s Tuesday circular mentioned appeals from allottees for more time for the payments as their reason for extending the deadline.

The flats in Sector 19B was DDA’s first segue into luxury real estate, launched just after Diwali in November last year. However, flat allottees maintained the flats are nowhere near completion.

Moreover, they complained that quality of construction is well below par for what is expected for luxury apartments.

In a letter to the DDA chairman on April 8 and another to both the DDA and the Ministry of Housing on June 15, the allottees detailed the poor construction quality of the flats, including loose wall plaster, weak cementing and brick quality, glaring gaps between the wall and the door and window frames etc. On September 9, RERA took up the matter against the quality of the flats and gave DDA till October 14 to respond.

HC dismisses plea against installing Rani of Jhansi statue at Shahi Idgah park

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE DELHI High Court Monday dismissed a petition that opposed the installation of a ‘Rani of Jhansi’ statue inside Shahi Idgah Park in Sadar Bazar and sought that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) be restrained from such encroachments.

The Shahi Idgah (Waqf) Managing Committee had moved the petition, through its president Haji Shakir Dost Mohammad, seeking directions to not encroach upon Waqf property of the Shahi Idgah in Sadar Bazar, which, they claimed, also included the surrounding Idgah Park.

The petitioners had moved court after a machine was brought to dig up one of the parks adjoining the Shahi Idgah on August 29. According to the petitioners, digging was being done at the behest of DDA and MCD “trying to encroach upon the said park and planning to install a statue of Maharani of Jhansi”.

The court of Justice Dharmesh Sharma, relying on the Delhi Waqf Board’s submissions, held that the surrounding area inside the Idgah boundary, which are the parks/open ground, belongs to the DDA and that the committee’s claim that the entire property within the Idgah’s walls is the property of Shahi Idgah “cannot be sustained in law”.

Noting that the open area of the park has been maintained by the Horticultural Division-II of the DDA, which is responsible for ensuring the site is used by public visitors for recreational purposes, the court went on to record: “The bottom line is that since the parks/open ground adjoining the Shahi Idgah and located within the Idgah walls are the property

The HC held that the surrounding area inside Idgah boundary belongs to the DDA and the committee’s claim that the entire property within Idgah’s walls is that of the Shahi Idgah “cannot be sustained in law”

of respondent No.1/DDA, it is solely the DDA’s responsibility to allocate portions of the said land for public use as it deems fit... It would not (be) out of place to observe that the real bone of contention seems to be the installation of the statue of Maharani of Jhansi at the inner corner section of the property in question...”

“Although apprehension has been expressed that the installation of the statue at the site might create a law-and-order situation, inasmuch as a decision has already been taken by the Standing Committee of the MCD to relocate the statue at the aforesaid site, this court cannot go into the issue of administrative wisdom of the MCD in the implementation of such a resolution...,” it further said.

“Even assuming for the sake of convenience that the petitioner/committee has locus standi to prefer the instant writ petition, this court does not see as to how their right to offer prayers or to perform any religious rites is being endangered in any manner... That being the case, the petitioner has no legal or fundamental right to oppose maintenance and upkeep of parks/open ground surrounding the Shahi Idgah, by... DDA and thereby oppose the installation of the statue by... MCD at its behest,” the court concluded.

After Atishi and Sisodia, Gahlot now invokes Ram

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

AFTER TAKING charge as Delhi Transport Minister in Chief Minister Atishi’s team, Kailash Gahlot Tuesday said he will work like Hanuman to complete pending projects as he likened the former CM and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal to Lord Ram and the national capital to his Ram Rajya.

Gahlot, a two-time MLA from Najafgarh, also kept a statue of Lord Hanuman on his table as he assumed charge as minister. “Today is a very good day... I think I too will become Lord Ram’s Hanuman and complete all the work of my departments. The Delhi government is trying to establish the same Ram Rajya that Ram had imagined,” he said.

Asked about Atishi leaving a seat vacant for Kejriwal in her office, he said, “I don’t think it is a problem as in our Hindustani culture, we respect our elders and brothers. For the people of Delhi, Kejriwal is the real CM... they want him back in that seat. So, I don’t see anything wrong with it. In the absence of Ram, Bharat ruled by placing his khadaun (sandals) on the throne. Toh kya kya aap keh rahe hain ki woh bhi galat tha?”

While taking charge as the

Delhi Chief Minister Monday, Atishi placed a chair next to hers as she likened Kejriwal to Lord Ram. On Sunday, former deputy chief minister and AAP leader Manish Sisodia called himself Lakshman and Kejriwal Lord Ram.

Gahlot is in charge of five portfolios including transport, home, women and child development (WCD), IT, and administrative reforms. One of the AAP government’s top promises — the Mahila Samman Rashi scheme — is under his department.

The scheme was one of the top announcements made by the AAP Delhi government in its ‘Ram Rajya’ theme budget 2024-25 ahead of Lok Sabha polls. Gahlot said, “The most difficult thing is to allot funds, which we have already done... Preliminary discussions have already taken place regarding the proposal... We will further discuss how to implement and execute it... and give it a final shape after holding a few meetings.”

The minister also said once the proposal is finalised, it will be sent to the Finance and Law department for comments. “Any changes required or suggested by the two departments will be made... After they accord approval, the WCD department will prepare the final draft and place it before the Cabinet,” he said.



STAYING SAFE

An NDMC worker fumigates Bhagat Singh Market, Tuesday. The city has reported over 300 more dengue cases in the past 7 days, as mosquito-borne diseases record a slow but steady rise in the national capital, according to official data. Praveen Khanna



ACJ Manmohan (centre) flanked by the two elevated judges — Justice Rajiv Shakdher (L) and Justice Suresh Kait (R).
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out a godfather in the profession. Paying homage to Dr B R Ambedkar, he said, “I’m from a rural background but have been able to achieve this height because of our Constitution. For this, I pay homage to the father of the Constitution, Dr B R Ambedkar.”

He also thanked his staff, including his chauffeur, usher and personal security officer, by name.

Notably, a division bench headed by Justice Kait was due to hear the bail pleas of the accused in the large conspiracy of the 2020 Delhi riots, including that of Umar Khalid, Sharjeel

Imam and others, on October 7.

Listing down the contributions of Justice Kait during his tenure at the Delhi HC — his parent HC — Acting Chief Justice Manmohan said he is a decisive and relief-oriented judge with a straightforward approach and his performance has always been admired by the Bar and the Bench.

In NABI Alam vs State (GNCTD), ACJ Manmohan pointed out, Justice Kait had interpreted Section 50 of the NDPS Act 1985 “as regards the right of an accused to get a search conducted in the presence of the

magistrate and in doing so he adopted a fine balance between constitutional safeguards of the accused and the right of the agency to investigate fairly”.

“... Justice Kait enriched jurisprudence in bail matters and other areas concerning constitutional protections by his pronouncements. In a recent pronouncement on reduction of sentence of a convict, a bench headed by Justice Kait adopted a reformative approach and balanced principles of sentencing by upholding the concept of reformation in criminal law,” the ACJ said.

Calling wife ‘parasite’
an insult to her, entire
womankind, says HC

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE DELHI High Court has held that a woman forced to leave her matrimonial house, on account of her husband's extra-marital affair, makes the wife a victim of domestic violence.

The court made this observation while dealing with an appeal against a sessions court order directing a husband to pay Rs 30,000 a month as maintenance to his wife. The husband had contended his wife, being an able-bodied woman, "cannot be allowed to become a parasite on the petitioner by misusing the law".

The court of Justice Subramonium Prasad, in a verdict delivered on September 10, refused to interfere with the sessions court order and held that a woman being able-bodied does not absolve a husband of not providing maintenance to his wife and children. It recorded that the contention that the "respondent is only a parasite and is abusing the process of law is nothing but an insult not only to the respondent herein but to the entire womankind".

The court observed, "In the complaint...it is stated that she was subjected to physical and mental abuse by the petitioner herein. No lady can tolerate that her husband is cohabiting with another lady and has a child with her. All these facts make the respondent/wife a victim of domestic violence. The contention of the petitioner that the complaint filed by the respondent/wife does not come within

A woman being able-bodied does not absolve a husband of not providing maintenance to his wife and children, the court said

the four corners of the DV (Domestic Violence) Act cannot be accepted. The respondent had to leave her matrimonial house because she was unable to tolerate the fact that her husband is living with another woman. Since the respondent/wife was not in a position to take care of her two children, she had no option but to leave them with the parents of the petitioner herein. Looking at the peculiar facts of the case, the action of the respondent/wife cannot be found fault with."

Dismissing the husband's argument, the court went on to record, "The financial and asset profile of the petitioner reflects a comfortable and affluent lifestyle and, therefore, (he) is in a position to pay Rs 30,000 a month to the respondent/wife as maintenance... The fact that the respondent is able-bodied and can earn a livelihood does not absolve a husband not to provide maintenance to his wife and children... The contention that the respondent is only a parasite and is abusing the process of law is nothing but an insult not only to the respondent herein but to the entire womankind."

CENTRE-RUN FACILITY WRITES TO UNION HEALTH MINISTRY

Don't apply reservation in contract
faculty appointments: RML Hospital

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

RAM MANOHAR Lohia Hospital and the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences (ABVIMS & Dr RML Hospital), Delhi, has written to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) not to apply reservation in the recruitment of assistant professors in Super Speciality departments on a contractual basis, it is learnt.

ABVIMS has also requested that these recruitments need not be given for the EWS category.

The Indian Express has learnt that a letter dated June 12 this year, sent by the institute's Dean Professor Arti Maria to the Ministry, sought clarification on whether there is any rule to convert OBC/ST/SC seats into unreserved seats after two unfulfilled interviews like in case of the EWS category.

There are 44 faculty positions vacant in the institute at present, hospital sources said.

In response to this letter, the Ministry has asked ABVIMS and Dr RML Hospital as well as Lady Harding Medical College, and Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital for a "comprehensive examination in the matter" and "send the proposal" to it.

These three institutions in Delhi are run by the central government. Dr RML Hospital, earlier known as Willingdon Hospital, is where most VIPs, including Members of Parliament,



Dr RML Hospital, earlier known as Willingdon Hospital, is where most VIPs, including Members of Parliament, are treated. Archive

are treated.

Dr Maria's letter was written concerning permission to fill up posts of contract Assistant Professors (Board/Super Speciality) may be allowed at Director/Medical Superintendent level subject to adherence of sanctioned strength, available vacancy and fulfilment of eligible criteria.

She wrote: "Since there is no reservation in admission in NEET SS (Super Speciality Courses), hence, the reservation roster would not apply during the interview for the post of Assistant Professor in Super Speciality on a contract basis."

Asked about the suggestion to not provide reservation in faculty appointments, Dr Maria said "that was not the intent".

However, she did not respond to questions sent by The Indian Express.

Manisha Verma, Addl.DG (Media) at Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, AYUSH, Chemicals and Fertilisers, also did not respond to questions sent by The Indian Express.

In ABVIMS & Dr RML Hospital, the total sanctioned strength of faculty is 245 whereas the actual strength is 201 (181 regular and 20 on contract). Forty-four posts are vacant.

The immediate effect of this letter, if accepted, would change the reservation equation in these 44 vacant posts: it would be 11 seats for OBC, six for SC, three for ST, four for EWS and 20 for unreserved as per the existing reservation roster.

Currently, the 201 faculty positions at ABVIMS have 33 from OBC, 28 from SC, 13 from ST, and none from EWS and 127 (including two physically handicapped) from the unreserved category.

Recruitment of faculty in these institutions is made by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). However, vacant positions are filled by the institution with the approval of the MoHFW on a contractual basis.

Contracts are given for three years and reservation norms are applied. A circular issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on September 24, 1968, stated that in respect of appointments to central government posts and services, there shall be reservations for Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Class candidates in temporary appointments which are to last for 45 days or more.

OBC was added to the list later when reservation was granted to the category as per the Mandal Report. The latest such circular issued is dated May 15, 2018 by the DoPT.

Other institutions like IITs and IIMs have also been facing a shortage of faculty and the government has tried to fill up reserved posts in the last few years. In February this year, the Union government said in the Lok Sabha that Central Higher Educational Institutions, including IITs, have undertaken a mission mode and more than 4,440 faculty vacancies of SC/ ST/ OBC categories have been filled.

Mayor flags stalled waste collection

New Delhi: Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi Tuesday wrote to MCD Commissioner Ashwini Kumar to draw attention to the lack of door-to-door waste collection of vari-

ous wards in the city. The failure is "a grave dereliction of duty by the waste collection agencies as well as concerned MCD officials", she stated in her letter. ENS

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25th September 2024 Theme – Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs



On World Pharmacists Day (September 25th), we recognize the vital role pharmacists play as drug information specialists and accessible healthcare providers, pharmacists have a unique opportunity to Educate patients and healthcare professionals on the benefits of generic over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription medications, Initiate conversations with patients, addressing concerns and promoting informed decision-making and Leverage social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to increase awareness about safe use of medicines. The theme of this year is underscored by the increasing recognition of pharmacists as integral members of the healthcare team, capable of contributing significantly to various aspects of patient management and health promotion.

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On this World Pharmacists Day, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your invaluable contributions to the healthcare sector. This year's theme, "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs," perfectly captures the vital role you play in addressing the health challenges of today's world.

Pharmacists are at the forefront of the healthcare system, ensuring the safe and effective use of medications. Your expertise not only enhances patient outcomes but also supports vital public health initiatives.

In our interconnected world, your responsibilities have expanded beyond merely dispensing medicines. Your ability to bridge the gap between patients and the healthcare system ensures that everyone has access to the care they need, regardless of their circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted your resilience and adaptability as you continued to provide essential services under challenging conditions. As we look to the future, your commitment and professionalism will remain key in addressing global health needs.

You are an essential part of the global healthcare workforce, and your contributions are vital for achieving universal health coverage and improving health outcomes worldwide.

I thank you all for your unwavering dedication and for the critical role you play in improving the health and well-being of our communities.



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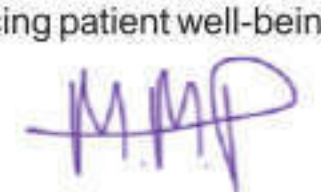
"Happy World Pharmacists Day-2024!

Dear Fellow Pharmacists

Today, we celebrate the invaluable contributions of pharmacists in promoting health and wellness worldwide. Your dedication to ensuring safe and effective medication use, as well as providing pharmaceutical care to individuals and communities, is truly commendable. The theme for this year's World Pharmacists Day is "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs". This theme highlights the crucial role pharmacists play in meeting global health challenges and promoting better health outcomes. We recognize the significant impact pharmacists have on healthcare systems, from dispensing medications to counselling patients on proper usage and ensuring drug safety. Your expertise and commitment to lifelong learning are essential in improving patient outcomes. Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) has indeed been a stalwart institution in ensuring pharmacy education and practices in India meet global standards. Recently, PCI has made significant strides in transforming pharmacy education and practices. Some notable initiatives include: Specialized Training Programs, GPAT Funds and Scholarships to secure the future of pharmacy education, Exit Examination for D. Pharm Students-Ensuring graduates meet excellence standards, Aadhar Authentication, Bringing transparency to teaching and professional activities, Streamlining pharmacist registration across state councils, Pharmacy Training Centers, Collaborations opening doors for Indian pharmacists globally, Monitoring medication safety with Pharma Co-Vigilance Centres, Embracing innovation and technology, Revised B. Pharm Curriculum- Aligning with NEP 2020 for relevant pharmacy education. In collaboration with the Government of India (GOI) and Quality Council of India (QCI), launched transformative initiatives to upskill pharmacists, enhancing their expertise and contributing to India's healthcare excellence. PCI proudly declared state pharmacy councils as training centres for upskilling of registered pharmacist pan India. These efforts demonstrate PCI's commitment to excellence in pharmacy education and practice.

I wish to extend my deep sense of appreciation to all the pharmacists for their tireless efforts in safeguarding public health and promoting accessible and affordable healthcare. We appreciate their dedication to the pharmacy profession and unwavering commitment to enhancing patient well-being.

Warmest wishes to all pharmacists on this special day!



(Dr. Montukumar M. Patel)

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BORROWED PROMISES

THE BSP, led by Mayawati, never releases any manifesto or list of promises for the Assembly or Parliamentary polls. The party is maintaining the same stand in the ongoing Haryana Assembly polls as well. However, its candidate from Dadri Assembly seat in Charkhi Dadri district, Anand Sheoran has made six promises, including unemployment allowance and free LPG cylinders. When asked about it, a party office-bearer said these promises are part of the nine-point agenda of BSP's ally INLD. Since the BSP has no manifesto of its own, its candidate is using the promises of INLD to appeal for votes.

SWEET START

UNION AGRICULTURE Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who held his first meeting with farmers and farm union leaders on Tuesday, got some surprise gifts from the delegation. It is learnt that farmers from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana brought cow ghee and peda, made of cow milk, for the minister. Chouhan, on his part, requested the farmers to have breakfast, which was being served at the venue, Pusa Complex.

BAR NO BAR

AT THE Delhi Bar Association's farewell event for Justices Rajiv Shakhder and Suresh Kait, who are due to take charge as Chief Justices of Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh High Courts respectively, Justice Vikas Mahajan caught everyone's attention as he chose to stand with the members of the Bar instead of following the Bench formalities of taking a seat next to his peers. His action prompted ASG Chetan Sharma to remark in jest that Justice Mahajan "is reliving the joys of being an advocate".



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain in New York, Tuesday. *ANI*

Jaishankar, his Bangla counterpart discuss ties on UNGA sidelines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar met his Bangladesh counterpart Touhid Hossain Monday evening and discussed bilateral ties between the two countries on the sidelines of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

"Had a meeting with Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain of Bangladesh in New York this evening. The conversation focussed on our bilateral ties," Jaishankar said in a post on X.

Jaishankar met Hossain for the first time since Nobel

Laureate Muhammad Yunus took charge as the chief adviser of an interim government following the ouster of Bangladesh's former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar also met his counterparts from the G4 countries, reaffirming the grouping's commitment to urgent reform of the UN Security Council through text-based negotiations.

The G4 comprises Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan. Jaishankar, who is in the US on an official visit, also met his Japanese counterpart Yoko Kamikawa, Germany's Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Brazil's Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira.

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

Known for his technology-driven governance, Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu alleges animal fat was added to laddoos distributed at the Tirupati temple when the government of his archrival Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy was in power.

Almost eight months after the Ayodhya Ram Temple consecration, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar writes to PM Narendra Modi, lauding him for the temple's construction. Nitish also highlights his government's scheme to develop Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi that is revered as the birthplace of Sita.

WHILE THESE moves of the BJP's two most important allies have been projected as their increasing convergence with the BJP, a sec-

tion of the ruling party sees this as attempts by its coalition partners "to keep their Hindu support base intact" and to stop it "being weaned away by the BJP".

Sources in Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP) said though the Tirupati controversy primarily targeted Jagan Mohan Reddy, the "long-term benefit will be retaining our Hindu support base".

"Naidu's is a tactical move to corner Jagan. He has not just raised the laddoo issue, he is building on it by talking about Jagan not giving an undertaking for entering the temple (Jagan is a Christian, and non-Hindus are required to sign an undertaking before entering the temple). Lord Venkateshwara in Tirupati is not a Hindutva icon, he is Hinduism, more universal. So, Naidu wants to ensure that Jagan's comeback is blocked and, in the process, he

GRATEFUL FOR CLEAR SUPPORT OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY: UKRAINE PRESIDENT Modi meets Zelenskyy: Committed to stronger ties, peaceful resolution

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

MEETING PRIME Minister Narendra Modi for the third time in four months, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday expressed gratitude for "the clear support of our sovereignty and territorial integrity".

After meeting PM Modi, Zelenskyy said, "We are actively developing our relations and working together to strengthen cooperation across various fields. The main focus of our conversation was on enhancing our interaction on international platforms, particularly at the UN and G20, as well as implementing the Peace Formula and preparing for the second Peace Summit. We had a substantive discussion on the available opportunities."

"I am grateful for the clear support of our sovereignty and

territorial integrity," he said.

Briefing the media about the meeting, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri cited Mahatma Gandhi's statement that "there is no path to peace, peace is the path", and said there needs to be an agreement on that. He said the two sides are not yet at a stage where the second peace summit can be discussed, and a lot of work needs to be done.

Modi met Zelenskyy in New York on the sidelines of the UN Summit of the Future, before wrapping up his three-day visit to the US. This approach is a far cry from Zelenskyy's public criticism of Modi's visit to Moscow in July, when the Prime Minister met Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Following his meeting with Zelenskyy, Modi posted on X, "Met President @ZelenskyyUa in New York. We are committed to implementing the outcomes of my visit to Ukraine last month to



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during their meeting in New York. *Reuters*

strengthen bilateral relations. Reiterated India's support for early resolution of the conflict in Ukraine and restoration of peace and stability."

He reiterated "India's clear, consistent and constructive approach in favour of a peaceful resolution of the conflict through diplomacy and dialogue as well

as engagement between all stakeholders", according to a statement released by the External Affairs Ministry.

The Prime Minister also conveyed that India remains open to providing "all support within its means to facilitate a lasting and peaceful resolution of the conflict". Vikram Misri said the meet-

Will try to do whatever possible, Chouhan promises farmers in first weekly meeting

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

DAYS AFTER he announced "seedha sanvad (direct dialogue)" with farmers every week, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday held his first interaction with a delegation of 50 farmers and farm union leaders at the Pusa complex in New Delhi.

The delegation, including farmers from Maharashtra, UP, Haryana and Delhi, raised issues such as fair price of their produce, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and losses caused by stray animals. Senior ministry officials were also present at the meeting.

After the interaction, Chouhan told reporters, "I have said earlier also that agriculture is the backbone of the economy and farmers are its soul. Serving the farmers is like worshipping God for us."

Referring to his announcement of weekly meetings with farmers, he said, "Last time, when I was talking about the achievements of 100 days (in third term of the NDA government), I had an-



Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at a meeting with farmers in New Delhi on Tuesday. *PTI*

nounced I will start meeting farmers and farmers' organisations every Tuesday because many times we do not understand their problems while sitting in office. It is our duty to talk directly with those who have problems and if any issue comes up, resolve it."

"Today, I met about 50 farmer leaders and received many suggestions from them. Some are related to price of crops, some are about crop insurance schemes, some are about the

loss due to stray animals. Many suggestions have come about what decisions should be taken when the farmers' crops are ready for harvest... We will try to do whatever is possible. Discussions were held in a cordial atmosphere," Chouhan said.

He said the farmers praised many decisions of Narendra Modi-led government such as raising import duty on palm oil to 27.5%, removal of minimum export price on Basmati, reduction

Restore repealed farm laws, says Kangana

SAURABH PARASHAR & RAAKHI JAGGA
SHIMLA, LUDHIANA, SEPT 24

BJP MP from Mandi Kangana Ranaut has said that the three farm laws which were repealed in 2021 following protests by farmer groups should be restored as they are for farmers' welfare.

As the Congress and AAP, the ruling party in Punjab which witnessed largescale protests over the legislation, condemned her remarks, the BJP distanced itself. BJP's media department said, "Kangana Ranaut's statement is not the authorised party line, and the party distances itself from it. The party has nothing to do with it...."

Known for targeting those

who participated in the farmers' protests, Kangana made her latest remarks at an event to mark the final day of Kevot Mela, a local religious fair, in Nachan assembly segment of Mandi on Monday.

"I believe the repealed farm laws should be brought back. I understand it may become controversial, but I think these farmer welfare-oriented laws should be brought back. Farmers should demand these laws themselves," she said. "Just as the 'One Nation, One Election' initiative would benefit bureaucrats and government employees, who often have to go on election duty, farmers too should demand the return of the three farm laws, which were opposed only by a few states."

The three farm laws, enacted in September 2020, were re-



Her remarks are not party line, says BJP

pealed in November 2021.

Himachal Pradesh BJP chief spokesperson Karan Nanda said, "The statement of MP Kangana Ranaut on the three repealed farm laws is her personal view... In fact, earlier the BJP had made it clear that any statement of the MP related to the three farm laws will be her personal opinion."

Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar said, "Farmers should let her be. Her words help the farmers' cause more than their own efforts."

Darshan Pal, national coordi-

of export duty on onions from 40% to 20% and procurement of tur (arhar), urad and masoor varieties of pulses from farmers.

"The dialogue that we have started has been liked by everyone. It will continue. We will talk to our farmers and try to solve their problems," the minister said.

nation committee member of Samyukta Kisan Morcha which led the protests, said, "Kangana is trying to provoke the farmers..."

Punjab Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa said, "The BJP is using her as a proxy to further its anti-farmer agenda. I call for immediate clarification from the government..." AAP MP and spokesperson Malwinder Singh Kang said, "The AAP strongly condemns the statement made by Kangana in which she once again targeted the farmers of Punjab."

In a video on X on August 26, Kangana had alleged that "bodies were seen hanging and rapes were taking place" during the farmers protest. She alleged, "What happened in Bangladesh, it could have happened here too. There is a conspiracy by foreign powers."

Working with NIA, states: Vaishnaw on action in train sabotage bids

PARUL KULSHRESTHA
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 24

RAILWAY MINISTER Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday said the Centre would work with state police forces and the NIA to take strict action against those responsible for alleged attempts at sabotaging trains.

He interacted with reporters in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur after inspecting a train fitted with the Kavach system, an automated system to avoid train collisions and ensure railway safety.

"I want to tell the people who would do this kind of derailment that instead of regional politics, they should think about the safety of passengers. If they won't stop doing this, we will take action against them by working with state police and the NIA," he said.

"There is dialogue going on with state governments, DGPs and home secretaries. The NIA is also involved. Strict action will be taken against anyone who tries to cause such an accident. This is our resolve," he told reporters.

Over the last few days, there have been a number of incidents of attempted sabotage, including "detonators" being discovered on railway tracks in Madhya Pradesh's Ratlam, and gas cylinders being found on tracks near Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh.

Regarding the Kavach system, Vaishnaw said it is the "way to proceed towards better train safety as this will help stop trains that are on the same track. We have spent a separate budget on security and safety of the trains. This is the priority of Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

House using AI for proceedings in regional languages, says Speaker Birla

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday said artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies were put to use to make available House proceedings in different regional languages to members of Parliament.

Addressing a press conference here after the two-day meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region, Birla said the Lok Sabha Secretariat was also sharing its expertise in technology with legislatures of states and UTs to speed up digitisation.

Birla said during the conference, presiding officers from across the country also deliberated on the agenda of the upcoming 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) in Sydney from November 3-8.

The CPC has short-listed eight topics including support of legislatures to promote LGBTQ+ participation, use of artificial learning (AI) in parliamentary proceedings, violence and abuse of parliamentarians, human trafficking, refugees and immigration across commonwealth nations for deliberation by participants.

POLLING FOR 26 SEATS TODAY, 239 CANDIDATES IN FRAY

J&K second phase: Shrinking PDP footprint after 2014, NC dominant

ANJISHNU DAS
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

ON WEDNESDAY, 26 seats across J&K will go to polls in the second phase of voting. At 15, a larger number of seats voting in this phase fall in the Kashmir division, with the remaining 11 in Jammu.

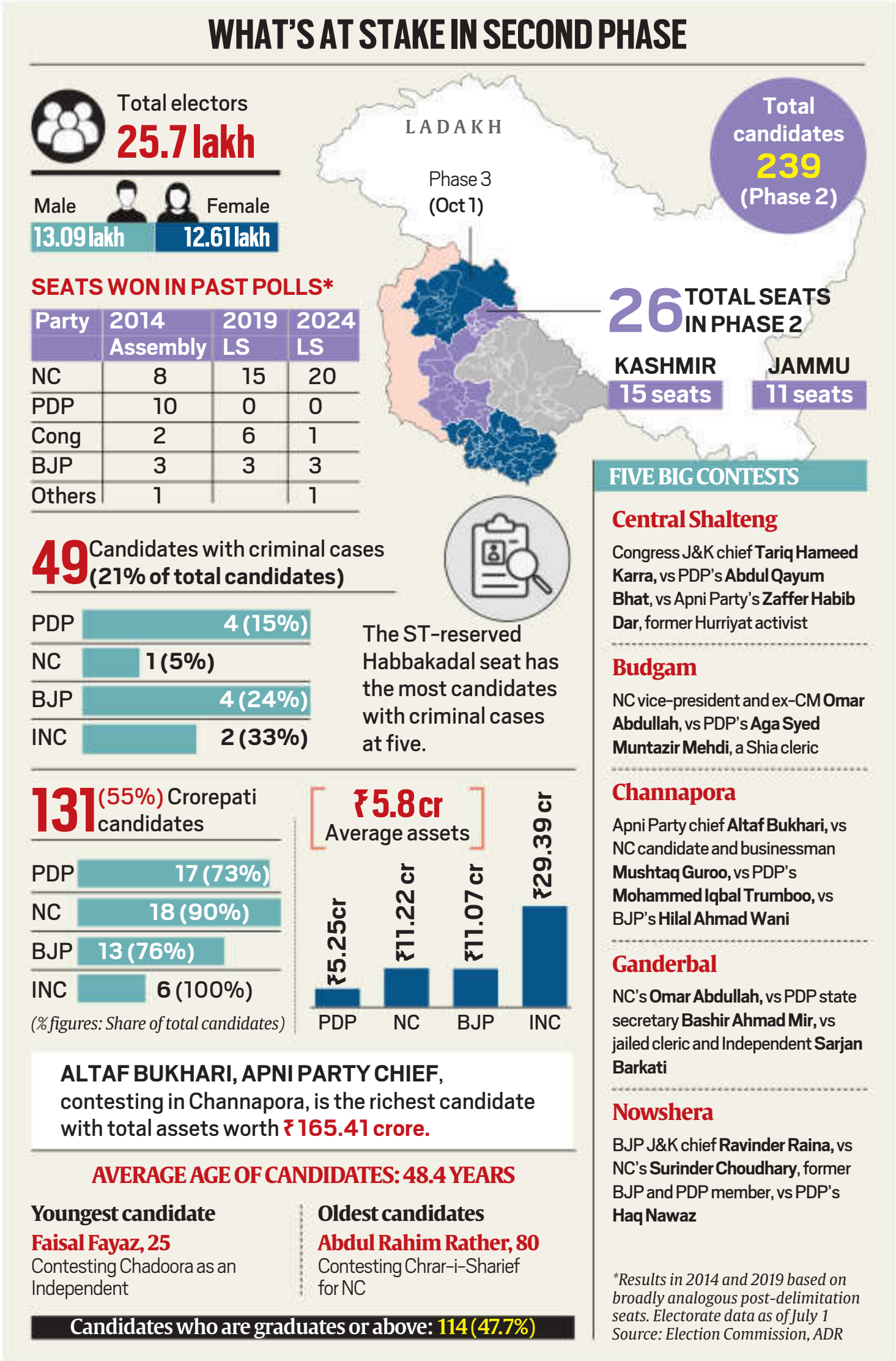
Of the 26, nine are Scheduled Tribe-reserved seats – Budhal, Gulabgarh, Mendhar, Rajouri, Surankote, Thannamandi, and Kangan. Of these, only Kangan falls in the Kashmir division.

At least seven of these 26 seats have been renamed or carved out of other constituencies, and roughly correspond to 24 seats prior to delimitation in 2022.

In the 2014 Assembly polls, the Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP and the Farooq Abdullah-led NC were the protagonists of the contest in these 26 seats. The PDP led with wins in 10 seats, followed by the NC in eight seats. Among the remaining seats, the BJP won in three and the Congress in two, with the People’s Democratic Front winning one seat. In terms of vote share, the PDP led with 31.04% in these seats, followed by the NC at 28.66%, the Congress at 14.19% and the BJP at 12.53%.

The 2019 Lok Sabha polls, held after the collapse of the PDP-BJP government, saw big losses for the PDP. The party failed to secure a lead in any of the Assembly segments which are voting on Wednesday. The NC was the dominant party, leading in 15 Assembly segments, followed by the Congress in six and the BJP in three.

In the recent LS polls, the NC continued its strong performance, leading in 20 Assembly segments. The PDP again was not the front-runner in any of the 26 Assembly segments. The BJP led in three segments, followed by the Congress and Independent Engineer Rashid in one segment each.



Bulldozers back in Assam village days after eviction drive violence killed two

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 24

TWELVE DAYS after an eviction drive in Kachutali village in Assam’s Kamrup metropolitan district took a violent turn, leaving two dead, evictions resumed Tuesday, with the homes of 150 families being demolished.

On September 9, the Kamrup metropolitan district administration and police arrived at the village, where most of the residents are Bengali Muslims. The eviction drive was launched on grounds that the area was under the notified tribal belt of South Kamrup.

The sale, purchase, lease, and settlement in notified tribal belts and blocks is restricted to “protected classes”, which include STs, SCs, Santhals, tea tribes, and Gorkhas.

Over the next three days, 151 families were evicted and 237 structures demolished. On the fourth day, things took a violent turn. Police alleged residents attacked them with sharp weapons and stones and that police personnel fired in retaliation and used teargas shells. This led to the deaths of two residents, Haidar Ali (22) and Zubahir Ali (19), and wounding of 11 residents. As many as 22 police personnel were injured, including the Circle Officer and officers-in-charge of two police stations.

Assam DGP G P Singh suggested there could have been a “conspiracy” behind the violence. Residents claimed they got agitated after police began throwing their food and belongings.

Villagers also had to contend with being labelled “Bangladeshi” and being accused of carrying out “land jihad”.

Visiting the site day after the violence, the DGP had said the village had first come under scrutiny last month, when two tractors found ferrying construction material on the road leading to the village at midnight led to a “suspicion” that “Bangladeshis” were moving in.

‘Complete fraud’: SC dismisses Punjab’s NRI quota appeal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE SUPREME Court Tuesday dismissed Punjab government’s appeal challenging a Punjab and Haryana HC’s September 10 order quashing its decision to expand the definition of ‘NRI quota’ for undergraduate medical and dental admissions to include relatives of non-resident Indians.

The August 20 notification of Punjab government expanded the NRI quota to include even distant relatives “such as uncles, aunts, grandparents, and cousins” of NRIs for admissions under the 15 per cent quota for this group in medical college admissions.

Terming the government move a “complete fraud”, CJI DY Chandrachud, presiding over a three-judge bench, said, “We must stop this NRI quota business now.” The CJI remarked that “this is nothing but a money spinning machine”.

The CJI pointed out that the change in the admission scheme

Assam Minister Ashok Singhal claimed, “After our Assam government’s eviction drive, the encroachers of the tribal lands in Sonapur are now going back. They came from Morigaon and Darrang, and encroached on the tribal belt’s land in Sonapur... This is how they are enforcing ‘land jihad’ in Assam, being supported by some political parties.”

When *The Indian Express* visited the village, residents expressed annoyance at such allegations. “Many of us have been here for around 20 years. We have not occupied the land here, we bought it, but we are being called Bangladeshi citizens. My family moved here from Gagalhari panchayat in Morigaon district due to destruction caused by river erosion,” said Ali Hussain (60).

Since September 12, eviction activities had come to a stop in the area and some residents had moved Gauhati HC for relief. Forty-nine residents had challenged the eviction order claiming they were issued land pattas in the 1920s, before the area had been notified as a tribal belt. The court directed Deputy Commissioner to decide on their claims and ensure they are not evicted till their representation was disposed of.

Speaking to reporters, Sonapur Circle Officer Nitul Khatanar said the homes of petitioners were not affected by Tuesday’s evictions. “In the first phase, we had conducted evictions on government land. This is the second phase where we are conducting it on personal patta land. On the first day, we kept a target of 150 families, but we can see that people have left. We have removed the structures and are carrying out demolitions so that they don’t come and settle again,” he said.

Tuesday also saw another eviction drive in Goalpara district, where 450 families were evicted. According to officials, they were illegally occupying 55 hectares of the 118 hectare Bandarmatha Reserve Forest and that the exercise was carried out in line with a Gauhati HC order.

Kerala actor-MLA Mukesh arrested for rape, gets bail

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 24

MALAYALAM ACTOR and CPI(M) MLA M Mukesh was on Tuesday formally arrested on rape charges and released on bail.

The development came hours after the Kerala HC denied anticipatory bail to fellow actor and former Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA) general secretary Siddique, who has also been booked on charges of rape.

The complaints against the two actors and other prominent members of Malayalam film industry came in the aftermath of the release of Justice Hema Committee report, which revealed that rampant sexual misconduct was among several problems faced by women working in the industry.

The case against Mukesh was filed on the basis of a complaint by a woman actor, who accused the two-time MLA from Kollam of raping her in 2010 at his flat in Kochi after promising her membership in AMMA. He has denied the allegations.



Actor-MLA Mukesh and (right) actor Siddique who was denied anticipatory bail by the Kerala high court

Mukesh’s arrest in Kochi came after nearly three hours of questioning by a special police team. He had been granted anticipatory bail by a court in Ernakulam district earlier this month. On the basis of this, he was released from the police station itself after his arrest Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, the Kerala HC rejected Siddique’s anticipatory bail application. He was booked on charges of rape and criminal intimidation after a woman actor filed a complaint against him alleging that he sexually assaulted her at a hotel room in Thiruvananthapuram in 2016. Siddique denied the allegations.

Police have since visited the

hotel and collected evidence.

Of all the prominent actors against whom complaints were filed after the Hema Committee report’s release, Siddique is the only one whose anticipatory bail application was rejected.

Rejecting Siddique’s anticipatory bail application, Justice C S Dias of Kerala HC said the “petitioner’s custodial interrogation is inevitable for the proper investigation of the crime” based on “overall scrutiny of the facts, gravity and seriousness of the accusations alleged against the petitioner, coupled with the materials placed on record that prima facie shows the petitioner’s involvement in the crime”.

On Siddique’s argument that the complaint lacks credibility, the court said it reflected an uncharitable view of the complainant’s circumstances. “A woman’s experiences of sexual assault are not a reflection of her character, but rather an indication of her suffering. The attempt to blame a woman for speaking out may be a strategy to silence her, which is hostile to the supremacy of the law,” the court said.



President Droupadi Murmu and CAG Girish Chandra Murmu at the inauguration of the 16th Assembly of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions in New Delhi, Tuesday. PTI

President: CAG plays key role in accountability of public finance

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OBSERVING THAT the CAG plays a key role in ensuring transparency and accountability in country’s public finance. It was not without reason that the Indian Constitution vested the office of CAG with a wide mandate and complete autonomy... I believe the office of the CAG has lived up to the expectations of the Constitution-makers.

Addressing the opening session of the 16th assembly of Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI), Murmu

said, “The CAG of India plays a key role in ensuring transparency and accountability in country’s public finance. It was not without reason that the Indian Constitution vested the office of CAG with a wide mandate and complete autonomy... I believe the office of the CAG has lived up to the expectations of the Constitution-makers.”

Stating that Mahatma Gandhi should be a “role model”, especially for independent supreme audit institutions, the President said, “He would have wanted

public auditors to speak truth – without ambiguity. Sharpness and bluntness are opposing qualities, but an ideal public auditor is one who combines them.”

Highlighting that the mandate of public sector audits has expanded beyond traditional auditing to include assessing effectiveness of public welfare schemes and projects, she said, “Audit, therefore, needs to keep up with the technological evolution in order to be able to perform its oversight functions effectively.”

BADLAPUR SEXUAL ASSAULT

‘Fake encounter’: Father of deceased moves Bombay HC; CID takes over probe, forms team

VIJAY KUMAR YADAV
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE FATHER of the 23-year-old janitor, accused in the Badlapur sexual assault case, who was shot dead in alleged retaliatory firing after he allegedly opened fire at a police team to escape custody, approached the Bombay High Court on Tuesday, seeking a probe into the alleged fake encounter of his son.

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra CID, however, Tuesday has taken

over the inquiry into case, according to Thane police. An FIR was registered at the Mumbai police station against the accused on charges of attempt to murder for opening fire at police officers. A CID team also visited Mumbai police station Tuesday evening.

The plea of the deceased accused’s father was mentioned before a bench of Justices Revati Mohite-Dere and Prithviraj K Chavan. The lawyer, representing the father, informed the bench that the accused was killed in an alleged “encounter” with the po-

lice Monday and apprehended that evidence in the case will be destroyed, therefore sought urgent relief. The father alleged that his son was “murdered under the garb of a shootout.” The bench posted the matter for hearing on Wednesday.

A dedicated team was formed by Ashutosh Dumbre, Commissioner of Police, Thane, which will be headed by Punjabrao Ugale, Additional Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch to investigate Monday’s incident. Ugale is the Crime Branch chief in Thane.



25-year-old Rupin Samria (centre) with his parents Amar Chand Samria and Vandana Samria

would call again once we’ve found a hotel.”

But they never found a hotel. Within minutes of this phone

LATE-NIGHT INSPECTION BY V-C



Students of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, stage a protest, Tuesday. Express

RGNUL students’ protest enters Day 3, govt seeks report

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL
LUDHIANA, SEPTEMBER 24

STUDENTS OF Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Patiala, continued their sit-in protest for the third consecutive day Tuesday, demanding the resignation of Vice-Chancellor Prof Jai Shankar Singh.

Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains said on X the higher education department has sought a report from RGNUL registrar and assured students that “justice will be done”.

The university was shut, until further orders, following university administration order Monday.

The protesters alleged the university administration had locked washrooms, cafeteria and drinking water facilities. Washrooms and drinking water facilities were opened after they registered a protest, they said. The hostel mess, however, remained functional.

A protest broke out at RGNUL Sunday after V-C conducted an “unannounced inspection” of girls’ hostels, including their rooms. Students also accused the V-C of “passing casual and sexist remarks” on women students time and again, including on their clothes, choice of career, and personal activities, among others.

The V-C denied all charges.

Demanding the V-C’s immediate resignation, the protesting students also lodged a complaint with Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana HC Justice Sheel Nagu, the ex-officio chancellor of the university. A nine-member “special committee” constituted by the registrar had called students for talks Monday but the deadlock continued after the students said they would only talk to the V-C. The students demanded an “open meeting” with V-C.

On Tuesday, university administration again invited students for talks at 5.30 pm but they refused, reiterating their demand to only speak with V-C.

Speaking with *The Indian Express*, several students said the protest was not just a result of Sunday’s hostel inspection, but “a culmination of many incidents since Dr Singh took over as the V-C in March”.

Another student said the V-C often passes “rude and insensitive remarks on whatever students do. When we lost our four friends in a road accident, he was insensitive and blamed students for partying, saying ‘aur jaiye 9 pm ke baad baahar’.” Students alleged even on Teacher’s Day, the V-C accused women students of wearing “short clothes” even though they were wearing traditional clothes.

No evidence youth’s sacred thread was cut, says TN Police

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 24

A BRAHMIN youth’s family in Tirunelveli alleged on Saturday that unidentified persons on motorcycles cut off his sacred thread, prompting a visit from Union Minister J Murugan at his home. However, a probe, including CCTV footage analysis, has found no evidence, with the police issuing a statement to this effect.

The complainant, M Sundar, 58, alleged that his differently abled son, Akhilesh, 24, was approached by four persons on two motorcycles around 4.30 pm in Thyagaraja Nagar on September 21, while he was heading to a religious event at Asthiga Samaj, a Brahmin community centre near their home. Sundar alleged the persons not only cut off his son’s “poonool” but also warned him not to wear it again.

Sundar reported the alleged incident to the Perumalpuram police that evening, and it was recorded in the Community Service Register (CSR), which typically logs non-cognizable offences and complaints pending further investigation. The next day, the incident gained attention in right-wing circles in the state, and Murugan, the Union MoS for I&B, visited the family

Monday. Murugan told reporters, “The law and order situation in TN is in a dire state, and incidents like these must not be allowed to continue.”

The Tamil Nadu Brahmins Association called the incident “deeply offensive” and said “Brahmins will not be cowed down by such attacks”. K Kutralanathan, state secretary of the right-wing Hindu Munnani, posted online, “If the police hesitate to act, the public will be forced to chase down and thrash these perpetrators.”

However, the Tirunelveli City Police issued a statement Monday denying that any such incident had taken place. “Based on the evidence available, there is no basis to the claim that Akhilesh was accosted and his sacred thread was snatched by any individuals on two-wheelers,” the police said.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Sundar said, “I was reluctant to file the complaint, fearing it would ultimately be concluded that no such incident has happened for lack of evidence. But after the police were informed about the incident by Samaj officials, they reached the spot and requested that I file a complaint as they cannot ignore such an incident. But I am sure something occurred... He is yet to come out of the shock.”

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 24

AT HARIDWAR’S holy ghats, a middle-aged man in an almond-coloured T-shirt walks around, frequently stopping strangers and waving a crumpled orange-and-yellow poster.

The poster bears the photo of a bearded young man in a white kurta and a sky-blue scarf around his neck, along with the words: “Missing Person: ₹51,000 reward for anyone who provides any information”.

Since August 1, Amar Chand Samria, a 50-year-old LIC agent

from Rajasthan’s Beawar district, has been looking for his missing 25-year-old son Rupin Samria, last seen just before the flash floods of Kedarnath.

According to government data, at least 79 people have died, 37 injured, and 25 still missing since June 15 due to rain-related disasters in the state.

Rupin, an engineer from IIT Roorkee who embarked on pilgrimage to the shrine with his friend Ghanendra Singh (25) on July 29, was at the Gaurikund base camp on July 31 when the floods struck. The oldest of two sons, Rupin graduated on July 27. “I spent the first week search-

ing for him everywhere on the route. Then someone suggested that I put up posters and announce a reward,” he says now, his voice hoarse from all the talking he’s been doing while looking for his eldest son.

According to Ghanendra, Rupin wanted to visit the shrine after securing his degree. On July 31, he and Rupin stopped to camp at Gaurikund on their way back from the shrine, he says.

“Rupin had lost his phone. So around 8.30 pm, after we reached Gaurikund, he called his father using my phone,” he says. “I assured his father that we would be fine and that Rupin

call, when a large boulder struck nearby, unleashing a torrent of water. Ghanendra’s foot got caught and he fell into the gushing water, fainting. The last time he saw Rupin, his friend’s backpack had caught on something in the gushing waters.

“I floated for around 150-200 meters and finally got stuck in a pile of wood,” he says.

When he woke up an hour later, there was no sign of his friend. “I chanted the Hanuman Chalisa and ran to the Gaurikund police station, where I told them everything,” he says.

For over a month now, Ghanendra has been helping

Amar Chand look for his lost son. So far, the duo has put up 300 posters and distributed over 1,000 pamphlets.

“Then an astrologer predicted that my son was alive and within 23 km of where he was last seen. So, I have rented a bike and am currently searching everywhere within that radius... Next, I will trek to Baba Kedar and search for him there. Maybe seeing his friend getting washed away did something to him and he’s hiding,” Amar Chand says, adding that his wife Vandana and second son Siddharth are getting worried.

According to Ghanendra, Rupin was always interested in

business and entrepreneurship and had even founded a start-up. The duo has also been using social media to make appeals in an attempt to track down the missing man. “We’re also getting help from IIT Roorkee to find him. We even wrote to the Chief Minister (Pushkar Singh Dhami), but nothing has happened so far,” he says.

Despite these efforts, hope is fast fading. Ghanendra now hopes for a miracle.

“I didn’t believe in miracles before, but a miracle saved me. Now I believe in miracles. And that’s what we need. We need a miracle.”



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IN J&K SECOND PHASE

Omar plays it safe with two seats, but is not sitting pretty

After near miss in 2014, defeat in LS polls, NC vice-president is hoping family turf of Ganderbal won't let him down

BASHAARAT MASOOD
BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 24

FOR DECADES, Ganderbal has been a family bastion of the Abdullahs. Since National Conference (NC) founder and Omar Abdullah's grandfather Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah first contested the Assembly seat in 1977, the party has represented it six out of seven times. Five of these times, the winning candidate has been an Abdullah. The one time an Abdullah candidate lost from here was 2002, when Omar was defeated by Peoples Democratic Party's (PDP's) Qazi Mohammad Afzal. Though he regained the seat in 2008, the shock defeat of 2002 lingers, with Ganderbal no longer seen as an invincible Abdullah fortress.

This was one reason attributed to Omar's decision to contest from two seats in 2014 – the same as he is doing now. In 2014, the decision proved fortuitous for the then sitting chief minister as he lost Sonawar and narrowly managed to win Beerwah. He had taken the surprise decision to skip Ganderbal then after the NC candidate trailed behind the PDP's in the Assembly segment in the Lok Sabha polls that year, followed by desertion of several local senior NC leaders.

This time, Omar is back in Ganderbal, but is also fighting from Budgam, which neighbours Beerwah. The two seats – which will vote in the second phase on Wednesday – saw the maximum votes for the NC among Assembly segments in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

Ganderbal falls under the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat, and the NC's winning candidate, Aga Ruhullah, secured more than 50% of the votes polled in the Assembly segment. Budgam falls under the Baramulla parliamentary seat, and while Omar himself lost from there in the Lok Sabha elections, he still got a 45% vote share in the segment.

However, things are not expected to be easy for Omar this time. Despite Ganderbal being the family turf, he is seen as a non-native, along with two other candidates in the race – the PDP's Bashir Ahmad Mir and the Awami Ittehad Party's (AIP's) Sheikh Ashiq. There is a candidate in the race who belongs to Ganderbal, and it is Ishfaq Jabbar. In 2014, after Omar vacated the seat, it was Jabbar who won it for the NC. No longer in the party and contesting as an Independent, Jabbar is expected



Omar Abdullah campaigns in the Budgam Assembly seat ahead of the second phase of voting in J&K. PTI

VOTE SHARES (%) IN GANDERBAL AND BUDGAM

BUDGAM	
Party	2014
NC	43.76
PDP	39.71
PC	3.41
BJP	1.28
Cong	0.76
GANDERBAL	
NC	36.38
PDP	35.27
Cong	5.96

Source: Election Commission

to get a sizeable number of votes.

Even the PDP's Mir won't be a pushover, having long been the PDP's face in the neighbouring Kangan seat, where he always gave a tough fight to senior NC leader and Gujjar face, Mian Altaf. With Kangan now an ST-reserved seat, Mir had to shift base, and is seen as the prime challenger to Omar. Mian Altaf is now an MP, having won recently from Anantnag-Rajouri.

Ashiq, the AIP candidate, is also a known face, having been president of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries in the past.

What Omar will be hoping for is a division of the anti-NC votes among the above three candidates, besides 11 other, lesser-known politicians in the race. They include Sarjan Ahmad Barkati, the jailed separatist leader who had emerged as the face of the protests that rocked Kashmir following the killing of Burhan Wani.

But the Barkati family that is campaigning for him, particularly his daughter, have been more focused on the Beerwah

Assembly segment, the other seat Barkati is contesting. Omar has alleged Barkati has been propped up by the BJP, and that the separatist jumped into the fray from Beerwah expecting Omar to contest from there.

Omar instead chose Central Kashmir's Budgam, some 35km from Ganderbal, which has also been an NC stronghold. Since 1967, the party has won the seat eight out of nine times. The only time it did not win was in 1972, when the NC did not contest. Aga Ruhullah, the NC's newly elected Srinagar MP and Shia leader, is its three-time MLA from here.

Omar's challenge in Budgam is ensuring Shia votes do not consolidate against him. Apart from the fact that Ruhullah is not in the race, the NC is seen as having sidelined its other Shia leader, Aga Mehmood, to give the ticket to Omar. While the party has managed to convince Aga Mehmood to campaign for Omar, it still can't be sure that would be enough for Shia voters.

Besides, the PDP has put up a Shia candidate, Aga Muntazir Mehdi, who also happens to be Ruhullah's cousin.

In the 2014 Assembly polls, Muntazir's father Aga Syed Hassan had been propped up against Ruhullah. But the message from the community was while they revered Hassan, they had to stand by a Shia candidate. Shias comprise around 25% of Budgam's population, and have traditionally voted in larger numbers than Sunnis.

An NC leader admitted being nervous about Aga Mehmood staying away. "But now that he has relented, we hope to have smooth sailing."

In his campaign, Omar talked about larger issues such as Article 370, "the importance of keeping the BJP out" and Kashmiri identity, but also raised smaller developmental issues.

IMAGE OF THE DAY



ALONG FOR THE RIDE: In Haryana's Nuh district, the Congress used bulldozers during its election campaign on Tuesday. PTI

'For BJP, Constitution means more than Gita'

THE BJP has not won Haryana's Kharkhauda Assembly seat since it was carved in 2009 following delimitation. The Scheduled Castes (SC)-reserved constituency in Sonapat district adjoining Delhi has always been bagged by the Congress. This time, the incumbent BJP has fielded former Haryana Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation chairperson PAWAN KHARKHODA from the seat, seeking a change in its fortunes here. Kharkhoda first unsuccessfully contested the seat as an Independent in 2014. He again lost the seat in 2019 on the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) ticket.

In an interview with LALMANI VERMA, Kharkhoda speaks about his prospects in the October 5 polls, the Agniveer scheme and wrestlers' protest, among other issues. Excerpts:

The BJP has always lost the Kharkhauda seat. What makes you hopeful of a turnaround this time?

There is a wave of change in Kharkhauda. The run-up to the elections has been good and people of "chhattis biradris (36 communities)" from all 58 villages and urban areas as well as intellectuals are supporting me. Moreover, Independents are also in my support.

Also, there is anti-incumbency against Congress MLA (Jaiveer Singh). The people want to defeat him and have made the election a Kharkhoda versus Singh battle. It is also an insider versus outsider battle. People believe that their problems would be solved only if Singh is defeated.



THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW

PAWAN KHARKHODA
BJP'S KHARKHAUDA (SC) CANDIDATE

During the recent Lok Sabha polls, the Opposition had raised the issue of reservation and Constitution, which might have led to Dalits voting for the INDIA bloc. How are you approaching SC voters now?

For us (BJP), the Constitution is a "pavitra granth (holy scripture)" which means more than the (Bhagavad) Gita. The BJP will never allow it to be changed. On the contrary, the Congress harmed the Constitution and imposed the Emergency in 1975. They have changed it hundreds of times as they have an anti-Constitution mindset.

The BJP-led state government has made promises for Agniveers. Is that helping the

party to deal with the anger of youths who aspire to join the Army?

The people know that the BJP is the only party that thinks about the country while the Opposition is only trying to reap political benefits in its name. They try to divide people in the name of caste and religion while the BJP takes everyone along.

The wrestlers' protest against ex-BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has dominated discourse in Haryana. Has it damaged the BJP's chances?

Wrestlers and other athletes are making our country proud. They bring honour to the nation and the Tricolour. If something becomes an issue due to one person (Brij Bhushan), it has no relevance. Many times, it becomes a fight of ideologies. The wrestlers' protest was politicised by the Congress. The BJP never meted out injustice to them and has always stood in support.

Has anti-incumbency declined for the BJP after it replaced Manohar Lal Khattar with Nayab Singh Saini as the chief minister early this year?

The BJP gives opportunity to every worker and it is the only party where a ground-level worker of any caste or religion can reach the top position. In contrast, the Congress will renominate an MLA till he is alive. All BJP CMs have done good work and the change was a routine exercise. Manohar Lal and Saini both have done good work. The BJP is working for the growth and progress of Haryana.

'I, Selja, Hooda, all want to be CM... up to the party'



Surjewala campaigning in Narawana, Monday. Facebook

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 24

AT A time when there are reports of discord in the Congress in Haryana, the party's Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Singh Surjewala on Tuesday said the central leadership would decide who the Chief Minister would be if the party won the October 5 polls.

His comments came a day after his son and the party's Kaithal candidate Aditya said he would like his father to be the next CM.

"Who will become the CM? Everyone aspires to become a chief minister," Surjewala told reporters in Kaithal. "(Sirs) MP (Kumar) Selja ji also wants to be one, why not? She is my elder sister. Chaudhary Bhupinder Singh Hooda would also like to be the CM. Besides the three of us, some other party workers can also have this aspiration. But, the final decision will be taken by Rahul Gandhi ji and Mallikarjun Kharge ji. They will decide and whatever decision they take will be acceptable to all of us."

Hooda, Selja, and Surjewala so far have not been seen on the same platform during the ongoing campaign. They are expected to be on the dais when Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, addresses an election rally in Barwala in Haryana district on Thursday.

Asked about Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's offers to Selja to join the BJP, Surjewala said, "I respect Manohar Lal Khattar ji because of his age, due to his stature, he is my elder. But Narendra Modi ji did not even bring Khattar ji to his Kurukshetra rally to avoid any vote-cutting. I would like to suggest to Khattar ji that he should worry about his ministerial berth and see that he is not removed as the minister the same way he was removed as the CM." Hooda also dismissed the reports of factionalism in the state Congress unit. "The entire Congress, all workers are working hard, not only one leader or another. There is an immense wave in the party's favour," Hooda said on Tuesday.

KEY PLAYERS

His party in doldrums, Bukhari tries to shrug off BJP tag

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 24

IF THERE is one Assembly segment that could shape the future of politics in Kashmir, it is Channapora in Srinagar. For, in this seat's triangular contest is tied the fate of three businessmen-turned-politicians, including Altaf Bukhari, the founder-president of the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party.

And Bukhari is conscious of that. Raw from the drubbing received by his party candidates in the recent Parliament elections, he is on an aggressive poll campaign, going door to door and trying to connect to every voter in his constituency.

Called Amirakadal before the delimitation of the J&K Assembly seats in 2022, Channapora had been won by Bukhari as a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) candidate in 2014.

But the politics of Kashmir has seen a drastic change in these 10 years – and one of the principal characters of that change has been Bukhari. Having been expelled from the PDP in January 2019, he had formed the Apni Party in the vacuum after the abrogation of Article 370 when all the main political leaders of Kashmir were put under detention. This had immediately earned Bukhari, among the richest candidates in the J&K elections, with assets of Rs 155 crore (including his wife's), the tag of a BJP "proxy".

The tag was one of the reasons that the Apni Party could not perform well in the two electoral tests it has seen so far – first the District Development Council (DDC) elections in 2020, and second, the recent Lok Sabha elections.

The DDC polls were devised by the Centre as a new form of representative governance, to



Bukhari campaign trail in Lal Chowk. He is in a do-or-die battle from the Channapora seat in Srinagar. Shuaib Masoodi

counter accusations of crushing democracy in J&K post-Article 370 abrogation. A lot of its hopes were seen as vested in the Apni Party. However, when the polls

were held, the Apni Party could secure only 12 out of the 280 DDC seats across J&K.

In the recent Lok Sabha polls, Apni Party candidates could not

VOTE SHARE (%) IN CHANNAPORA

Party	2014
PDP	54.57
NC	29.71
BJP	6.32
Cong	1.48

Note: Prior to delimitation, the seat was known as Amirakadal. Source: EC

register a lead in any of the 36 Assembly segments across the parliamentary seats of Srinagar and Anantnag-Rajouri that it contested. Its candidates failed to secure a lead even in their home constituencies, and forfeited their security deposits.

The same was also true of the Bukhari's home constituency Channapora, part of the Srinagar parliamentary seat. Here, Apni Party candidate Mohammad

Ashraf Mir could secure only 3,101 votes.

Since the Lok Sabha results, the Apni Party has tried to distance itself from the BJP. The party has fielded 46 candidates in the Assembly elections – 35 from Kashmir and 11 from Jammu. Last month, announcing the party's plans for the Assembly polls, Bukhari said: "We learned a big lesson from the parliamentary elections. The people of Jammu and Kashmir are not pleased about (us) supporting or seeking the support of any one. We are not going to be part of any alliance. We will not seek support from anyone nor will we support anyone during the assembly polls."

But the Apni Party is finding that this is easier said than done, especially in the face of constant allegations by its rivals.

Iqbal Trumboo, the PDP candidate from Channapora, says: "He (Bukhari) is on record say-

ing what is wrong in being a BJP ally. Even BJP leaders have been saying that he is their man... He may have changed his statements now, after the poll debacle, but who will listen to him?" A resident of Natipora in Channapora, who does not want to be quoted, also talks about Bukhari's "BJP links", even as he believes all political leaders are opportunists. "You never know who is going to ally with the BJP, but Altaf Bukhari has been openly saying in the past that he is an ally of the BJP. So it is difficult for us to trust him."

The Channapora constituency, when called Amirakadal, used to be a stronghold of the NC, which has represented it six times. The Congress has won the seat three and the PDP once.

While there are eight candidates in the fray, the real contest is between Bukhari, the NC's Mushtaq Ahmad Guroo and the PDP's Trumboo.

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Why ISRO’s planned mission to Venus is important

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THE UNION Cabinet last week approved India’s first mission to planet Venus, with ISRO aiming for a launch in March 2028. This will be India’s second inter-planetary mission after the Mars Orbiter Mission that was launched in 2013.

The mission spacecraft, which will orbit Venus, will carry scientific instruments to study the surface, atmosphere, and ionosphere of the planet, and its interaction with the Sun.

Why is it important to study Venus?

Venus is often referred to as Earth’s “twin” because of the two planets’ similarities in mass, density, and size. Importantly, it is thought to have had liquid water in the past. For a long time, scientists believed that Venus could have supported life — like Earth.

However, the planet differs from our own in some very significant ways.

First, it has an extremely high surface temperature of around 462 degree Celsius. This is higher than even Mercury, the planet closest to the Sun. Scientists believe that this is because of a runaway greenhouse gas effect. The water present on the Venusian surface is thought to have evaporated due to the planet’s proximity to the Sun, with the water vapour acting as a greenhouse gas trapping more heat and further evaporating water from the planet’s surface.

Second, the atmospheric pressure on Venus is much higher than Earth. It is almost similar to the pressure felt underneath the oceans on Earth. This is because the Venusian atmosphere is about 93 times thicker than Earth.

The combined heat and intense pressure have meant that no Venus lander has survived on the planet for more than a couple of hours.

Third, more than 96.5% of the dense atmosphere of Venus is made up of carbon dioxide. Nitrogen makes up around 3%, with trace amounts of other gases like sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide, water vapour, argon, and helium making up the rest. The atmosphere also contains clouds of sulphuric acid, with acid rain not uncommon.

Fourth, Venus rotates very slowly on its axis as compared to Earth. One rotation of Venus lasts around 243 Earth days. Scientists study the similarities and differences between Earth and Venus to better understand the evolution of our home planet — and why it became hospitable to life, compared to its “twin”.

What will ISRO’s Venus mission look like?

Earth and Venus come close to each other once every 19 months, offering a short window for launching a spacecraft to the planet.

While the mission was originally slated for 2023, according to the latest timeline, the launch will take place some time in March 2028, with the spacecraft set to take around 140 days (after exiting Earth’s orbit) to reach the planet.

The spacecraft will follow a similar trajectory as other ISRO space exploration missions — first it will gain speed in Earth’s orbit, then it will be sling-shot towards Venus, and ultimately be captured in Venus’ own orbit.

The mission will carry scientific payloads weighing around 100 kg. Proposals for at least 17 Indian and seven international experiments were selected for the mission by 2019. The Indian payloads include an L and S band Synthetic Aperture Radar that can help in imaging the surface of the planet, a thermal camera, an experiment to study the flow of interplanetary dust particles, an experi-

ment to study the high-energy particles entering the Venusian atmosphere leading to its ionisation, and another one to study the composition, structure, variability and the thermal state of the Venus atmosphere.

How will the Venus mission be different from previous ISRO undertakings?

The Venus mission will be the first from India to perform aero-breaking.

Initially, the spacecraft will be placed in a highly elliptical orbit of 500 km x 60,000 km around Venus. This is due to fuel considerations. However, such an orbit is too high for conducting scientific experiments. This is where aero-breaking will come in.

The spacecraft will be brought down to either 300 km x 300 km or 200 km x 600 km orbit with the help of this technology. The spacecraft will be pushed down to around 140 km above the Venusian surface several times, at which point it will skim through the outer layer of the planet’s atmosphere. This

will create drag and slow down the atmosphere, thus gradually reducing its orbit.

It will take roughly six months of manoeuvring for the spacecraft to reach the intended orbit, as per discussions of scientists during ISRO’s Venus science meet in 2022. Once there, the satellite will completely exit the planet’s atmosphere to ensure it does not slow down further, or burn fuel to prevent the orbit from further reducing.

What are some other missions planned to study Venus?

There have been several missions to Venus in the past by the United States, the erstwhile USSR, Japan, and a collaborative mission by Japan and the European Space Agency.

The US has planned at least two more missions to Venus in the future — DaVinci in 2029 and Veritas in 2031. The European Space Agency has planned the EnVision mission for 2030.

EXPLAINED SCIENCE

WHEN DID HUMANS FIRST RIDE HORSES? THE COMPLEX ANSWER IN NEW STUDY

CAN HORSEBACK riding alter the shape of the human skeleton? The answer, according to a new study, is complicated. A team of researchers has found that although horseback riding leaves subtle marks on human skeletons, those changes cannot confirm whether people have ridden horses during their lives. Other activities, such as prolonged sitting or cart riding, can also result in similar alterations.

The findings cast doubt on a long-held theory in the field of archaeology. Known as the Kurgan hypothesis, it argues that humans began domesticating horses as early as the fourth millennium BC.

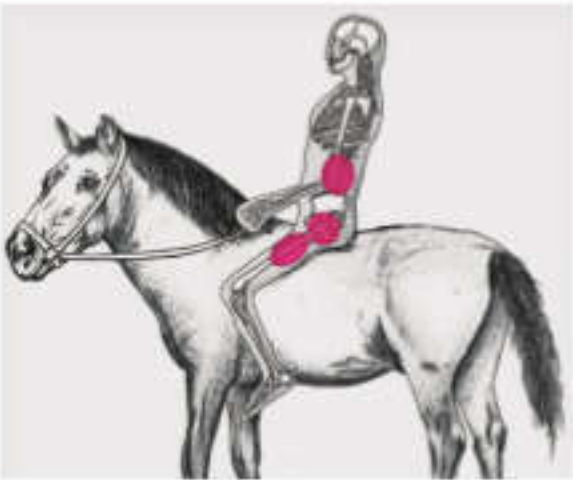
The new study, “Tracing horseback riding and transport in the human skeleton”, was published in the journal *Science Advances* on September 20. It was carried out by Lauren Hosek, Robin J James, and William T T Taylor, all from the University of Colorado Boulder in the United States.

What is the Kurgan hypothesis?

The question of when humans first started to use horses for transport has been a subject of debate for long. The Kurgan hypothesis emerged in the early 20th Century and proposed that domestication of horses began around 3500 BC by ancient humans, known as the Yamnaya, who lived near the Black Sea. They used the horses to travel across Eurasia, and by doing so, spread primordial versions of the languages that would later evolve into English, French, etc.

William T T Taylor, one of the authors of the new study, told *Phys.org*, “A lot of our understanding of both the ancient and modern worlds hinges on when people started using horses for transportation... For decades, there’s been this idea that the distribution of Indo-European languages is, in some way, related to the domestication of the horse.”

In 2023, a team of scientists published a study analysing a handful of human skeletons belonging to the Yamnaya people, dating back to around 3000 BC. The researchers claimed to have found evidence of wear and tear in the skeletons from horse riding, which supported the



Horseback riding leaves subtle marks on human skeletons. *Science Advances*

Kurgan hypothesis.

The new study, however, has introduced a layer of scepticism regarding the findings of that analysis.

What has the new study found?

Lauren Hosek, who is the lead author of the study, and her team examined numerous medical studies of modern equestrians and records of human remains across thousands of years.

They found that the changes in the shape of the hip joint, which some researchers have cited as evidence for early horseback riding, can result from various activities. For example, ancient humans — who are believed to have used donkeys, wild asses, and cattle to pull carts before domesticating horses — could have experienced similar changes due to riding carts or chariots.

“Over time, this repetitive, intense pressure from that kind of jostling in a flexed position could cause skeletal changes,” Hosek told *Phys.org*.

This means that human skeletons alone cannot be enough evidence to confirm that the Yamnaya people domesticated horses.

“We need to couple...[human skeleton] data with evidence coming out of genetics and archaeology and by looking at horse remains, too,” Hosek said.

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IN A setback to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday allowed an investigation against him in the alleged Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam case.

Justice M Nagaprasanna upheld Governor Thawarchand Gehlot’s decision to grant sanction to a probe against the Chief Minister. The decision to allow investigation is an “irresistible conclusion,” the 200-page ruling stated.

What is the case against Siddaramaiah?

On August 16, Governor Gehlot allowed the police to investigate the Chief Minister’s involvement in the alleged MUDA scam. The development came in response to complaints filed by three anti-corruption activists — T J Abraham, Snehamayi Krishna, and Pradeep Kumar.

According to the complaints, the Chief Minister’s wife, Parvathi, got 14 housing plots in Mysuru in 2021 (when the BJP was in power) in exchange for 3.16 acres of land that was allegedly acquired illegally by MUDA around 2013. This allegedly resulted in a Rs 55.80 crore loss for the state.

On August 1, Karnataka’s Council of Ministers met and passed a resolution “strongly advising” the Governor to withdraw the complaints. However, the Governor allowed proceedings against the Chief Minister under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

Why did the Governor grant sanction?

This sanction is necessary under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) to investigate and prosecute public officials for offences allegedly committed during the “discharge of official functions or duties”. The police officer must receive the “previous approval” of the “authority competent to remove” the public official from office, which in the case of the Chief Minister is the Governor of the state.

The Governor’s order stated that this was an “extraordinary circumstance” because it is difficult to conclude that the Council of Ministers acted “fairly and in a bona fide manner”. The order also said that it is “natural” that the Council of Ministers would support the Chief Minister who is responsible for their appointments. The Council of Ministers also ignored certain key pieces of information regarding the transaction in their resolution, according to the order.



Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah (right) is administered the oath of office by Governor Thawarchand Gehlot in Bengaluru in 2023. *Jithendra M*

On what grounds did Siddaramaiah challenge the sanction?

Siddaramaiah moved the Karnataka High Court, challenging the Governor’s decision on three grounds.

First, whether sanction can be given when the complaint is made by a private person. Section 17A of the PCA specifically deals with the procedure when the police seek sanction to conduct an inquiry.

Second, the sanction is invalid since Siddaramaiah was not discharging any official functions at the time of the land acquisition that is in question. He was an MLA but was in the Opposition.

Third, the Governor ignored the advice of the Council of Ministers and allowed a probe against the Chief Minister. Under Article 163 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers.

What did the court decide?

On whether a private complaint can be entertained: The High Court said that if a private person could not seek recourse under the PCA when they had a complaint against a public official, they would be forced to file a complaint under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. As a result, the police would have no choice but to register the crime and begin the investigation. This, the High Court said, would make the protection of requiring prior sanction under the PCA “redundant” as it means to protect public officials from being the target of frivolous cases.

So, not only can a private individual file a complaint under the PCA, it is also “necessary” for private individuals to seek the necessary approval under Section 17A, the

court said.

On whether Siddaramaiah was a ‘public servant’: The Chief Minister argued that none of the allegations in any of the complaints points to a single decision or recommendation made by Siddaramaiah. This, they argued, was a necessary requirement to grant sanction under Section 17A of the PCA as the offence must be “relatable to any recommendation made or decision taken by such public servant in discharge of his official functions or duties”.

On this issue, the court noted that the alleged scam pertains to the series of transactions and apparent irregularities surrounding the 3.16 acres of land in Mysuru. The reasons are:

■ Siddaramaiah was a member of the ruling party when his brother-in-law acquired the land in 2004 and got permission to convert it from agricultural to residential land;

■ The rule for compensation was amended in 2015 following Parvathi’s application, increasing the amount of land given to the land loser;

■ Their son Yathindra S was an ex-officio member of the MUDA when compensation of 14 sites in Mysore city for Parvathi was finalised in 2017;

■ Parvathi should have been allotted 4,800 sq ft of land as compensation, according to the rules. However, she was allotted 38,284 sq ft of land worth Rs 55.8 crores.

The court also found that significant action from the state appeared to coincide with Siddaramaiah’s stints as MLA, Deputy Chief Minister, and Chief Minister. Justice Nagaprasanna said, “If this does not require investigation, I fail to understand what other case can merit investigation, as the benefici-

ary is the family of the petitioner and the benefit is by leaps and bounds, it is in fact a windfall.”

“If this were to be a case of common man, he would not have fought shy of facing the investigation. In the opinion of the Court, the Chief Minister, a leader of the proletariat, the bourgeois and of any citizen, should not fight shy of any investigation,” he also said.

On the issue of the powers of the Governor: The court held that the Governor can act independently to give permission to prosecute a Chief Minister or a Minister if there is a “real likelihood of bias” from the state government. Justice Nagaprasanna said, “What would unmistakably emerge is that the decision of the Cabinet – the cabinet nominated by the Chief Minister, would not be free from bias or being partisan towards their leader. It is in such exceptional circumstance, independent discretion is imperative”.

The High Court cited the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Madhya Pradesh Police Establishment v. State of Madhya Pradesh* (2004), where the court held that the Governor could provide sanction if the material on record shows a *prima facie* (at face value) case against the public official. Governor Gehlot also relied on this case in his order which granted sanction.

The High Court also stated that although the Governor is typically bound by aid and advice of the Council of Ministers, in this case, the “exceptional circumstances” of a possibility of bias justify the Governor’s decision to grant sanction.

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With ‘Laapataa Ladies’ India’s official Oscars entry, how selection works

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THE KIRAN Rao directorial *Laapataa Ladies* (“Missing Women”) on Monday became India’s official entry for the Best International Feature Film category at the 97th Academy Awards, to be held next year.

Backed by veteran actor Aamir Khan’s production house, the Hindi film became critically and commercially successful following its release in March 2024. It focuses on two newlywed women who accidentally swap places during a train ride to their respective husbands’ homes.

Rao took to Instagram to express her “heartfelt gratitude to the selection committee and to everyone who believed in the film”. She said, “It is indeed a great privilege to be selected from among such amazing Indian films this year — who are equally

worthy contenders for this honour.”

The Film Federation of India (FFI) announced the film’s selection in Chennai. A total of 29 movies were under consideration, including Payal Kapadia’s Cannes winner *All We Imagine As Light*, Anand Ekarshi’s National Award-winning *Aattam*, and Sandeep Reddy Vanga’s controversial blockbuster *Animal*.

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What is the FFI?

On its website, the FFI describes itself as the “parent body of all the leading film associations of India”. Its objectives include promoting “commerce in general and in particular to promote, protect and watch over the interests of the Indian Film Industry and allied industries and trades, including the interests of producers, distributors and exhibitors of films and of all other persons connected with the film industry.”

It also aims to “popularise the film in-



Laapataa Ladies was released in March.

dustry and its products in India and abroad”, and appoints the 13-member jury that decides which film to send to the Academy

Awards. These members are “senior qualified people” from the “creative field”, according to a press release. This jury also has a chairperson — currently, Assamese director Jahnu Barua — whom the FFI nominates.

The current jury only comprised men, leading many on social media to comment on the “laapataa (missing)” ladies in the selection committee, and criticising the arbitrariness of the process.

How does FFI select the entry?

The executive committee, headed by the FFI president (currently Ravi Kottarakara), typically “invites” filmmakers to submit their cinematic works for jury evaluation.

The submissions must fit the Academy’s eligibility rules, such as the film being at least 40 minutes long and produced outside the United States. More than 50% of its dialogues should be in a non-English language. It should have had at least a seven-day theatrical release between November 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024.



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IN COLD BLOOD

When accused are killed and police get away with murder, it's a stain on the justice system. The courts should step in

ASTRAVESTY IS unfolding, across states, and in an otherwise noisy democracy, it is playing to a disquieting silence. Reports in this paper on Tuesday shone a light on three police “encounters” of alleged criminals in three states on Monday. In Badlapur, a 23-year-old janitor arrested last month for allegedly sexually assaulting two four-year-old girls, was killed by the police in “retaliatory firing”; in Unnao, the UP Special Task Force gunned down an accused in a jewellery robbery case, days after his co-accused was killed in a police encounter; in Chennai, one of the most wanted men in the region became the third history-sheeter to be killed in similar circumstances since July. Common to these killings in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu is not just the fact that all three men who were killed had serious criminal charges against them, but also this: All three deaths reek of a police vigilantism that is allowed to get away with murder — literally. Going by past record, it is safe to say that these killings will not be thoroughly scrutinised for the short-circuiting of due process in a constitutional democracy, nor taken up as an urgent issue by the Opposition parties or the Court, nor made into a cause for mobilisation by society. The culture of quietude and impunity in which they take place criminalises the police while making everyone else a witness, if not complicit.

The police approach of shoot first and ask no questions later, far from being censured, is celebrated and encouraged politically. In UP, for instance, most notably on the watch of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a dismal pattern has been firmed up by this brutalised policy of crime and punishment. The accused, who, according to similar-sounding FIRs, arrive invariably on a “motorcycle” and are killed in the early morning hours or at night by policemen who claim to have carried out “nyuntam (minimal) firing”, are treated as guilty, and law enforcers are cast as agents of vigilante justice. The political establishment is self-congratulatory. Last month, after the rape and murder of the RG Kar Medical College doctor, Mamata Banerjee’s ever-ascendant nephew, who likes to seize the moral high ground against his political rivals, called for short-circuiting due process by hanging or killing “rapists” in an encounter. Police encounter numbers are totted up and projected as evidence of the government’s “zero tolerance” on crime. And, as in the killing of Atiq Ahmad, don-turned-politician and his brother, at point blank range by assailants, right under the nose of policemen who were escorting them to hospital in 2023, it also enables a dystopian scenario of citizens conducting their own encounter killings.

The Supreme Court has recently spoken out against “bulldozer justice” — the outrageous practice of state governments demolishing homes and properties of people accused in crimes, in the name of acting against “illegal encroachment” — and invited suggestions for pan-India guidelines. It must now turn its attention to the other routinised violation of due process, across states, of encounter killings. In a constitutional democracy, when the executive crosses lines, other institutions need to act as a check. In this case, “the people” seem unmoved because few will shed a tear for a rape-accused or a murder-accused. However, their execution in cold blood is a stain, deep and dark, on the justice system. Every encounter killing is the state thumbing its nose at the law and at due process. Only the courts can — and they should — step in to draw the line.

CLEAN-UP SANS TEETH

Vacancies in pollution control boards point to an environmental regulation dogged by lack of expertise and autonomy

IN THE PAST five years, several studies have documented the health and economic effects of pollution in India. These have underlined that bad air, poor quality water and tardy waste management are problems not just of big cities, they undermine the quality of life of people in Tier 2 and 3 cities as well. The problem does not stem from a lack of laws. Effective monitoring and implementation have been the Achilles heel in the battle against pollution. The problem, as an affidavit submitted by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to the National Green Tribunal acknowledged, is that regulatory bodies have been chronically understaffed. Nearly half of all posts in state pollution control boards (SPCB) are vacant, some for decades. Nearly 54 per cent of the sanctioned posts in the National Capital Region, whose problems with bad air begin with the onset of the festive season in October and continue well into winter, are vacant.

SPCBs were set up in 1974 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. Over time, their mandate has extended to tackling air and noise pollution and managing hazardous waste. However, environmental regulation has rarely kept pace with the demands of the post-liberalisation economy. The SPCBs haven’t just failed to fill up their sanctioned strength. They have also not done justice to their mandate by failing to rope in an adequate number of independent scientists in pollution control exercises. The autonomy of these agencies on technical issues is often compromised because civil servants and officials with a background in government, and not experts, hold most of the top posts. Moreover, the terms of the chairperson and member secretaries of these agencies vary from a year to three years — only in rare cases have these officials held a position for more than five years. Such short tenures are not ideal for developing long-term pollution abatement plans.

These problems have persisted for decades. Yet, there has been scarcely any attempt to delineate their underlying causes. In the past five years, even as the Centre has embarked on ambitious clean air, waste management and water quality improvement projects, it and the state governments have devoted very little attention to improving regulatory efficiency. A start can be made by leveraging some of the expertise in the country’s universities and technical institutions for environmental regulation. This could be a forerunner to increasing the financial and institutional autonomy of pollution control agencies.

MOO DENG

As the baby pygmy hippo’s viral fame shows, the rules of celebrity are the same for humans and animals

FOR WEEKS NOW, a baby pygmy hippo in Khao Khoew Open Zoo in Chonburi, Thailand, has been the darling of the internet. Inspiring a deluge of fan art and memes, photos and videos of Moo Deng have achieved a virality that, arguably, rivals those of pop singers and film actors.

The rules of the fame game, it would appear, apply equally to all celebrities, whether or not they’re of the human variety. Take, for example, the fact that people are now drawing make-up inspiration from Moo Deng: From beauty influencers to a global cosmetics chain, there is a range of advice on how to use blush to achieve the exact peachy-pink tint of the baby hippo’s chubby cheeks. Her home, the zoo, has of course planned a range of merchandise to capitalise on her fame, but her mug has already appeared on fan-created products all over the globe, leading the zoo to trademark her name and image. The craze for the celebrity selfie, too, has not left Moo Deng untouched: The surging crowds around her enclosure have led to her meet-and-greet window being cut to a mere five minutes.

But if fame can be intense and unrelenting, it is also, almost universally, fleeting. By the next season, there will be a new flavour and the scrutiny of adoring fans, online and offline, will shift to another adorable animal. Already, there is a new kid on the block in the shape of a baby king penguin named Pesto in Melbourne Zoo who, with his hefty 22-kg frame and fluffy down, is on his way to viral social media fame. For Moo Deng, a future of chewing grass in obscurity could be a blessing.

And the woman vanishes



KISHWAR DESAI

The citation that commends ‘Laapataa Ladies’ for the Oscars undermines its own case

THE SCREEN LADIES may be *laapataa*, but then so are the rest of us ladies. Lost. Adrift. Especially after reading why *Laapataa Ladies* (LL) was chosen.

While every year the official entry to the Oscars is usually that one film that is unlikely to win, this time it is the citation for LL which may ensure that this chosen film will lose. “Indian women are a strange mixture of submission and dominance,” says the citation authoritatively as though the jury had stumbled upon some unique and alien species called “Indian women,” after viewing LL. Obviously, till this film was made, the jury had no idea that Indian women could be both submissive and aggressive. They had probably always believed that Indian women could be either one or the other. Not even passive-aggressive or aggressive-passive. Just One. Or the other. Never, ever, a mix. Unheard of. Strange. For sure.

And, apparently, it is this unique quality about Indian women revealed in this film that makes it Oscar-worthy. “Well-defined, powerful characters in one world, *Laapataa Ladies* (Hindi) captures this diversity perfectly, though in a semi-idyllic world and in a tongue-in-cheek way.”

The diversity here is not that the women are from different communities, castes or cultures — or even LGBTQIA+ — but that they are both aggressive and passive — and so, they are diverse. And how is the world of LL even remotely “semi-idyllic”? Unless you think that women who live in a world where they are abused is semi-idyllic because it is idyllic when they are not being abused. And “tongue in cheek”? That completely wrecks any notion of authenticity.

The next line is even more banal: “It shows you that women can happily desire to be home makers as well as rebel and be entrepreneurially inclined.” So the jury accepts that women have choices, because — surprise! — this film reveals that too! Seventy-seven years after Independence, the world gets a wake-up call, and realises that Indian women can multitask, or have mul-

tiiple identities, all through LL.

But why does one have to “rebel” in order to be “entrepreneurially inclined”? And do it all “happily”? Really? Do women need to do all this happily or have I lost the plot?

“A story that can simultaneously be seen as one that needs change, and one that can bring about change. *Laapataa Ladies* (Hindi) is a film that can engage, entertain and make sense not just to women in India but universally as well...”

All these mindless little sentences in the citation makes one realise that the jury was struggling to find one really outstanding thing to say about the film. Why does it have to make sense to women in India and not the men?

So the real question is: If the jury saw it as such a mundane film, with nothing new or revolutionary to say in either the way it is scripted or shot, why bother to send it?

To be officially nominated for the Oscar is something every filmmaker dreams about. And to do so with her second directorial attempt is to Kiran Rao’s enormous credit. I do want to add that given the struggle that women face, and the glass ceilings they have to break, to direct a film itself is a huge step forward. Thus, is the citation a recognition for Rao’s film or is it just damning with faint praise because we have to send a “nice” film to the Oscars? A “happy” little film made by an Indian woman starring other Indian women who outwit the misogynistic bad guys at the end?

Because definitely, all these well meaning messages are in Rao’s film: Young girls in rural India need to look beyond marriage and take up organic farming, instead. They need to be financially independent. They need not despair when abandoned at railway stations as other marginalised individuals will be there to help them. They should resist wearing *ghoonghats*, etc. The problem is, that in the hands of a master filmmaker like Hrishikesh Mukherjee, all the messages would have rolled out, subtly, wittily and even yes, humorously. Not so with Rao, whose heart is obvi-

ously in the right place and her intentions are noble — but each message hammers you on the head, till you acknowledge its presence.

It is also not clear how much this film represents India or the changes that have taken place in filmmaking. It is a sweet, but dull film — with tropes that are so familiar that many like me have practically grown up watching them on Doordarshan and on other “do good” (not necessarily “feel good”) platforms. But where is the edginess, the anger, the angst, the restlessness, the cleverness, the excitement, that you can always sense in a film that deserves to win every award? That is totally *laapataa*.

We are all content with Rao’s film, and pleased with its success. But as a “*laapataa* lady” myself (at a metaphorical level), I do not understand the bland citation. Having been on juries, I know that sometimes it is not the best candidate but the “compromise” one that wins. For example, *Aattam* is a film that deserves to be sent to the Oscars. Fabulously shot and with an amazing cast, it was not chosen; neither was another celebrated woman-led film, Payal Kapadia’s *All We Imagine As Light*.

But, could it be that for the official entry, we often confuse our Indian identity with what we want the world to see about us at the Oscars? Shouldn’t we just be hungry for the award? The world has changed and we should showcase the best of Indian cinema abroad — no matter how difficult the subject, and how much it challenges our own perceptions of our country. Playing it safe with a woman-led film about gender justice will not ensure glory, as the award will go to the best product, not the best intention.

If the jury really wants the film to do well, can Rao at least ask them for a rewrite of the patriarchal citation? Or, forgive me, was it just happily “tongue-in-cheek”?

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THE ARUNA VASUDEV I KNEW

With a larger artistic vision, she brought together people and sensibilities

ARUNA VASUDEV’S MULTIDIMENSIONAL personality made her truly irreplaceable. Remembered essentially for her immense contribution to the domain of cinema, especially Asian cinema, she had many other intriguing facets in her personality that contributed to her being recognised as a legend in her own time.

She wore her various accolades with immense ease and was an affectionate, insightful, and social personality who, it appears to me, had a deep sense of purpose. Perhaps this purpose was to share, communicate and showcase diverse sensitivities in an experiential and selfless manner. She was always more interested in pioneering interventions rather than celebrity status. Her writings and engagements reflected a deep critical and aesthetic bearing, rather than a factual articulation of techniques of the craft and its medium of representation. She looked at Asian cinema essentially as an art form, with a firm commitment to experiencing, exploring and showcasing to the rest of the world its strength and vitality. She endeavoured to present the “Asian essence” to Asians and Asian ingenuity and uniqueness to the rest of the world. This earned her a special position and stature internationally. She had a single-minded aim and vision.

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Perhaps what pleased her the most was the interactive fertility of the interdisciplinary, where new ideas and possibilities emerged. She handled these with ease, glamour and elan. She was a real queen, her husky voice calling and inviting many of us to her gatherings, saying, “...have called only a few friends.” One realised only later that one was amongst a large group, of a size and scale that one could hardly comprehend. All this was part of her *niswarth* (selfless) agenda in binding people and sensibilities together with her larger ambition and purpose. Assimilating aesthetics, diverse sensibilities, theoretical studies in their realisation mode is what she achieved! This did not limit itself to the regional, but extended to the international in the true spirit of a cultural emissary, with a holistic vision of life and creative pursuits.

Our personal association with Aruna went back over two decades or more — particularly for my wife and a group of mutual friends. This small group of family and friends spent an enriching time together, observing, experiencing, drawing, painting, and interacting. Although they seldom exhibited, this exercise was more an engagement with the “inner self”; essentially

swanta sukhaya (self-satisfaction). The intention was not to seek worldly appreciation — as a true *rasik*, each was pursuing the larger context of the subliminal creative expression through the medium of “Sumi-e”, the Japanese concept of creative expression that relates to the inner vitality of creative thinking and its representation.

It is evident that Aruna’s involvement with Buddhism served a meaningful purpose in her life which transcended material gains. Although she led her life on her own terms and conditions, the larger meaning of existence had a deeper metaphoric purpose which, when viewed in totality, reveals how to be a pioneer, explore the unexplored, unify sensibilities and celebrate life with ease, poise, and sensitivity — all of which Aruna achieved.

Alas, that husky, affectionate, ever-welcoming voice fell into eternal silence on September 5. When I last saw her at her cremation, her face wore a smile. The word “aruna”, as part of its literal meaning, represents the charioteer of the Sun god. In her life, Aruna was the charioteer of the Asian film movement, a true seeker with an Asian spirit and the zest to share it with the rest of the world. Aruna, you will always be remembered for your poise, elegance, sincerity, and vision.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

GOLDEN TEMPLE TALKS

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE Golden Temple complex issue appear to be nearing a solution as Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had a second meeting with President Zail Singh in the last three days. Home Minister PV Narasimha Rao was also present. Over 30 Punjab Congress (I) MLAs pled with them that the Golden Temple complex should be handed over to the high priests and the Army withdrawn.

FOR PEACE IN REGION

THE PRIME MINISTER stressed the need for increased vigilance in the Indian Ocean in

view of the changing security environment around India. Inaugurating the annual senior naval officers’ conference, the Prime Minister warned that the situation in the Indian Ocean was not one of mere confrontation between the superpowers. The presence of other nations’ navies did not augur well for the peace and stability of the region.

HISTORIC RESOLUTION

PROBABLY FOR THE first time in the history of the state, the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet adopted a resolution against former Governor Ram Lal. The Cabinet expressed “deep sorrow and concern” over Ram Lal’s action in having ignored

the advice of the council of ministers tendered to him on August 15 to summon the Legislative Assembly three days later.

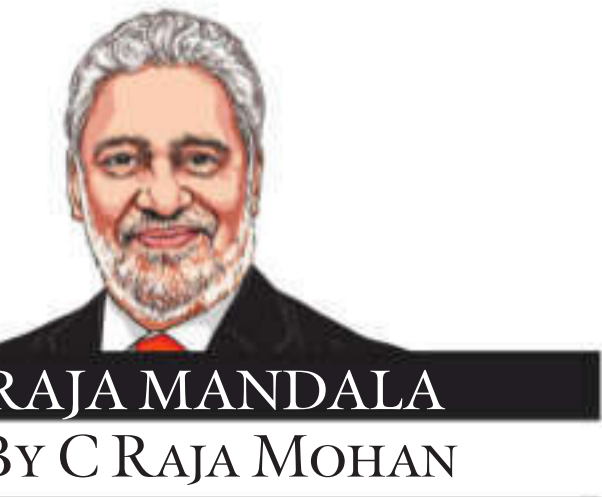
US CHANGES TUNE

US PRESIDENT, RONALD Reagan, who had not long ago denounced the Soviet Union as an “evil empire” signalled a flexibility in US’s attitude towards Moscow by announcing his readiness to enter into “constructive negotiations” with the Soviets. “We recognise that there is no sane alternative to negotiations on arms control...between our two nations which have the capacity to destroy civilisation as we know it,” President Reagan said.



Tech diplomacy 4.0

Modi government’s progress with the US is not the first time Delhi has put technology on the top of its agenda. But today, domestic, external factors are coming together to facilitate a deepening partnership



RAJA MANDALA
By C Raja Mohan

WHICHEVER WAY ONE cuts it, there is no missing the centrality and intensity of technological cooperation in Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s just-concluded visit to the United States. Technology has been at the centre of Modi’s bilateral interactions with President Joe Biden, the minilateral summit of the Quad leaders, his interaction with the US CEOs, and the address to the United Nations Summit of the Future.

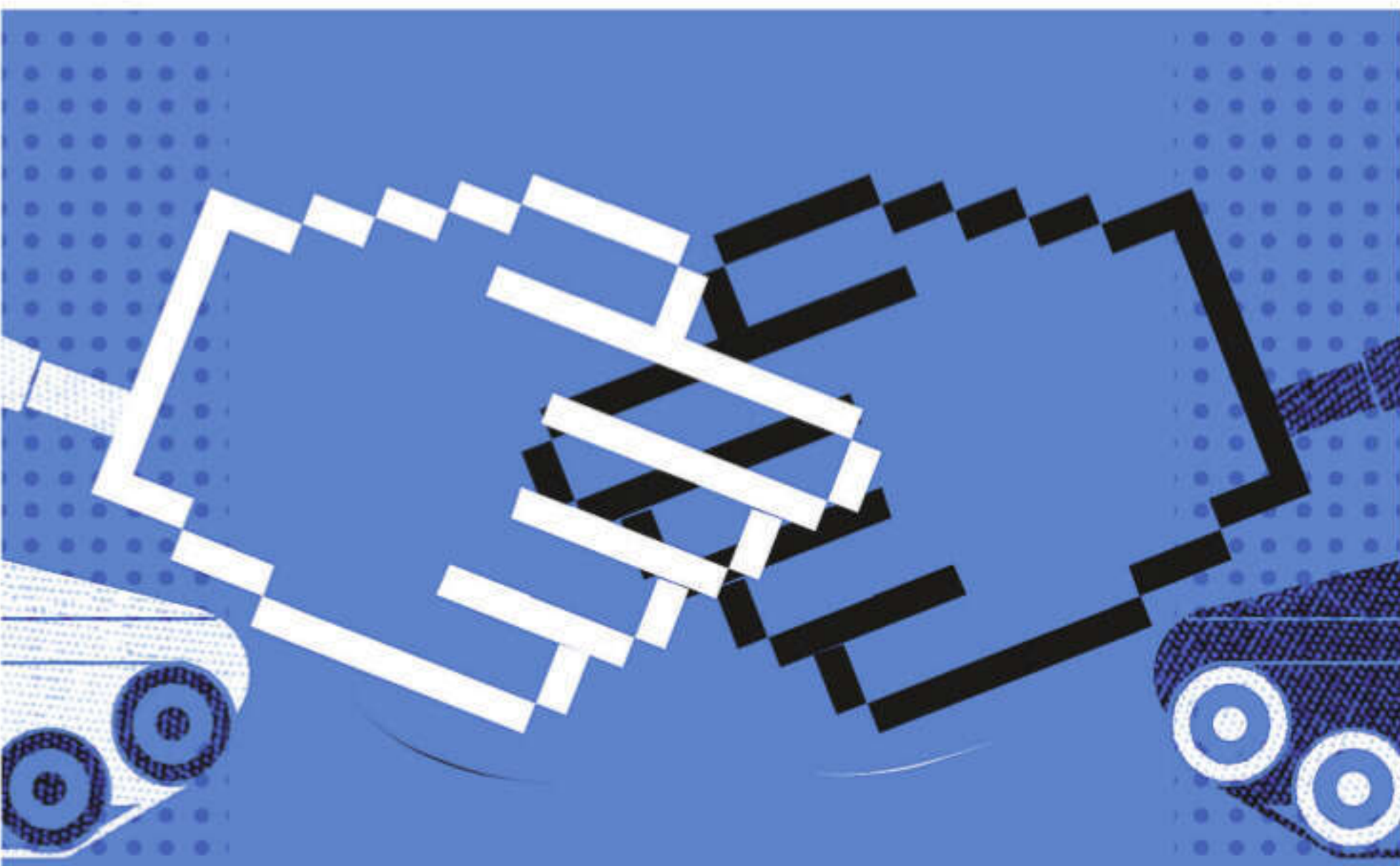
The outcomes from the PM’s technology diplomacy are expansive — you have to be a real nerd to go through the long joint statements issued by the PM in the bilateral with Biden and the Quad summit and a tech policy wonk to absorb the meaning of the range of new initiatives. They cover areas ranging from semiconductors to biotechnology, telecom to artificial intelligence, clean energy to quantum computing, and small and modular nuclear reactors to robotics. They cover both advanced civilian and military applications and are bound to contribute to the modernisation of India’s techno-industrial base.

This is not the first time though that technology has figured at the top of India’s national strategy and diplomacy. There have been at least three earlier occasions in independent India’s history when technology took centre-stage. Each of those phases ended without a realisation of India’s full possibilities because internal and external factors had severely constrained technology strategies. Today, the domestic and the external are coming together to turn the fourth phase of India’s technology diplomacy into a consequential one for India’s security and prosperity.

The NDA government’s new focus on building advanced technology capabilities, Washington’s quest for capable partners amid the deepening rivalry with Beijing, and the effort to rearrange global supply chains are driving India on the one hand and the US on the other. Technology has become an important focus of India’s engagement not just with the US but several countries including France, Germany, Britain, Australia, Japan, South Korea and Singapore, and the European Union.

Back in the 1950s, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru put special emphasis on gaining access to advanced technologies as a key driver of India’s economic modernisation. Together with Homi Bhabha, Nehru reached out to the US and other Western powers to successfully lay the foundations for the development of nuclear and space technologies in India. The US also became a major supporter of the Green Revolution through collaboration in agricultural technology. The geopolitics of the moment — the perception of India as a democratic alternative to communist China — as well as the spirit of “scientific internationalism” and “developmentalism” in the US lent much-needed momentum to Delhi’s technology diplomacy.

By the 1970s, the momentum began to



C R Sasikumar

flatter amidst India’s economic populism, anti-Americanism, growing bureaucratisation of science and technology, marginalisation of India’s private sector, Delhi’s drift towards Moscow, India’s nuclear test of 1974, and the consolidation of the global nonproliferation regime that steadily reduced the space for technology diplomacy.

The space that existed in the then non-sensitive areas was treated with disdain in Delhi. Recall that Delhi made it hard for IBM to stay in India. And its lack of interest drove US semiconductor makers to Singapore and Malaysia. Meanwhile, the large number of scientists and technologists trained in Indian universities and IITs, frustrated at the lack of opportunities at home, stepped out and walked through America’s open door to technological talent. Meanwhile, Soviet Russia’s salience in India’s defence, atomic energy and outer space programmes began to grow in the 1970s.

To their credit, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi made a big effort in the 1980s to correct the failures of the first phase by putting technological cooperation back at the heart of India-US relations and exploring the space that existed outside the realm of the non-proliferation regime. Rajiv Gandhi’s strong technological orientation and his special emphasis on telecom and computing capabilities provided the political energy at the top to push for greater technological collaboration with the US. While the second phase produced some significant results, structural constraints — internal bureaucratic resistance and the external constraints driven by the non-proliferation regime — limited progress.

India’s nuclear tests of 1998 made matters worse as the US imposed additional sanctions, but they also persuaded Washington to seek a long overdue reconciliation with India on nuclear issues. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh governments sought to build on this opportunity and the big moment came in 2005 with the India-US civil nuclear initiative. But deep divisions within the political class and opposi-

The return of a majority government to power in 2014 unleashed fresh energy into India’s technology diplomacy in the fourth phase. For one, the Modi government began to tie up some loose ends of the US nuclear deal and put digital and green technologies at the top of the policy agenda in the first term. The technological focus expanded to include AI and semiconductors in the second term. These initiatives were in tune with the technological revolution unfolding in the world and have acquired fresh momentum in the third term. On the American side, the growing recognition of the challenges presented by China under George W Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and Biden led to the expanding investment in the defence and technological partnership with India. This culminated in the initiative on critical and emerging technologies (ICET). Last Saturday’s joint statement at Wilmington adds to the broad framework for strategic and technological cooperation unveiled during Modi’s state visit to Washington in June 2023.

The shared US and Indian geopolitical interest in stabilising the Asian balance of power has been reinforced by the common desire to reduce excessive global economic dependence on China, and build technology coalitions among like-minded countries. The Indian “brain drain” to the US from the late 1960s has now become a living technological bridge between the two nations.

The fourth phase of India’s technology diplomacy has done well to seize the new international possibilities, but it needs to be buttressed at home with the long overdue reform of the science and technology sectors. Otherwise, the internal bureaucratic resistance will inevitably lead to sub-optimal outcomes.

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An Indian compass for future

At UN, it championed peace, global goods and needs of the Global South



LAKSHMI PURI

INDIA HAS AN unbroken, civilisational heritage of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. This ethos was imprinted on to our G20 presidency by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The country has the largest youth population in the world, it is the largest and most vibrant democracy, and is technologically future-facing. Intergenerational solidarity is also intrinsic to Indians. India thus has the greatest stake in any collective, global envisioning of a perfect future for humanity. This is what the Pact for the Future (PFF), the Declaration on Future Generations (DFG) and the Global Digital Compact (GDC) adopted at the UN Summit of the Future on September 23 attempts.

PM Modi joined 142 counterparts at the Summit and positioned India as a vishvamitra representing a sixth of humanity. He emphasised India’s vision of human-centric development and successes in SDGs, DPI and solar energy, which he offered to share. He brought the message of the G20 New Delhi Declaration (NDLD) and amplified the voice of the Global South. He urged eschewing war and addressing threats from new arenas — terrorism, cyber, maritime and space. Warning that reform is the key to relevance, he pointed to the admission of the African Union to the G20. “Global action must match global ambition” he urged.

The UN Secretary-General admitted the “UN can’t build a future for our grandchildren with the institutions of our grandparents” and that the “multilateral system is gridlocked in dysfunction”. This crisis contributes to and reflects the emerging world disorder. Global flashpoints such as the NATO-Ukraine/Russia

conflict, the West vs China cold war and the war in Gaza are of such intensity that leaders are invoking the unthinkable spectre of a nuclear armageddon and another World War. The UN is unable to prevent, mediate or resolve them, but is caught in the middle or made to pick up the humanitarian pieces.

The international community seems to have taken its eyes off the terrorism ball. A furious rearmament race is on. False narratives and foreign information manipulation and interference around democracy and human rights is being used perversely to bring about regime changes in developing countries. Meanwhile, the world is lagging in 88 per cent of the SDG targets. Extreme weather events are causing devastation due to climate change.

Much-needed financing from donors and unreformed and underfunded Multilateral Financial Institutions (MFIs), critical green technologies and debt relief have not materialised for developing countries. There is a serious solidarity deficit, undermining multilateralism by resorting to coercive unilateralism, transactional bilateralism, plurilateralism, minilateralism and regionalism.

Against this background, the Summit represented “a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help rebuild trust and bring outdated multilateral institutions and frameworks into line with today’s world, based on equity and solidarity.”

The PFF’s 58 actions partially did this by addressing issues in the global public good areas of conflict prevention, peacemaking, disarmament and counter-terrorism; SDGs, environmental protection and climate action and its financing; human rights and democracy including gender equality; disaster risk reduction and humanitarian response, and science, technology, digital revolution and transforming global governance.

The Summit demonstrated the convening, consensus building and norm power of the UN to get governments to come together. It reiterated key earlier principles and pledges, vowed to implement them and assumed some new responsibilities. Countries got to “prevision” the future perils and possibilities to better shape the present. However, sceptics point to the Summit being more about “why” and “what” but not how to operationalise and enforce these “soft law” commitments. For instance, the PFF vowed to “take bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative actions” to achieve SDGs and climate action. What was missing was the call the NDLD made “to scale up SDG and climate finance for developing countries from billions to trillions” and pin down the amount needed.

India has reason to be satisfied with the commitment “to pursue a future free from terrorism” and “violent extremism conducive to terrorism” in every way and at all levels including through revitalising the Convention against Terrorism. It condemned terrorism “in all its forms and manifestations committed by whomever, wherever, whenever. All terrorist acts are criminal and unjustifiable regardless of motivation or how their perpetrators may seek to justify them.” UN mechanisms, however, are still hobbled by

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“By a whisker, Mr Scholz’s party won a regional vote on Sunday that doubled as an unofficial referendum on his government. But after a tumultuous month, it feels like a pyrrhic victory.” — THE GUARDIAN

Making campus equal, excellent

The problem of universities having low fees and high costs can be resolved through endowments, scholarships and cross-subsidies



MANISH SABHARWAL AND PRAMATH SINHA

THE GOLDEN RULE of modern higher education — those with the gold rule — has infuriated teachers, parents and policymakers for centuries because making universities equal (low fees) conflicts with excellence (high costs). Public funding breaks this tyranny, but India’s public debt — already 85 per cent of GDP — can’t expand indefinitely or infinitely without us being irresponsible ancestors. Thankfully, the conflict between equality and excellence is being broken by new non-profit Indian universities that raise money for endowments and scholarships while using differential student fees to cross-subsidise. Over time, these universities will improve our science and technology game, reduce Indian enrollment in mediocre overseas universities, and raise international student enrollment in India.

A great university has low fees and high costs (quality faculty, rigorous research and a nice campus). In contrast, low fees and low costs create low quality, while high fees and high costs create exclusion. In theory, public universities have what Hungarian economist Janos Kornai called soft budget constraints — they can get higher government allocations irrespective of performance. In practice, even high-quality public universities in rich places like California, Canada and England face brutal budget cuts because of the cost disease (productivity in education can’t rise as fast as costs do), policy-mandated fee caps, and tighter visa regimes for full-fee-paying international students. Higher education regulators in England and Canada suggest 40 and 50 per cent of their institutions will run a deficit this year. US universities have an endowment of over \$800 billion but massive inequality: 20 of its 5,000+ universities account for 50 per cent of this money.

Our civilisation recognised the power of learning centuries ago — *Vidya Dadati Vinayam, Vinaya Dadati Patram* (knowledge gives humility, which gives capability) — but public funding faces the tyranny of dividing money between K-12 schooling, vocational training and universities. All three matter, but the first two deliver more inclusive public goods and face financing market failures. Colleges create wage premiums and have more options for funding. Consequently, about 75 per cent of India’s 40 million university students study in non-profit, non-government institutions (only 25 per cent of America’s 18 million and 15 per cent of the UK’s three million students do so). The global resource challenges of government-funded higher education will only increase with ageing, technology’s deflationary impact creating employed poverty, and a ravenous welfare state.

Empire of Ideas by William Kirby suggests leaving out universities from studies of global political and economic power in the last three centuries has been a mistake. In the 17th and 18th centuries, France dominated Europe more by its ideas than military prowess. Elites from Cambridge and Oxford ensured many British-modelled institutions in their colonies. German universities became the destination of choice for scholars because they redefined what universities

could be. And the “American century” was partly fuelled by the prestige and alumni of its universities. Kirby’s thesis reinforces our belief that 20 Indian universities among the world’s top 100 are a national security goal for the next decade because *shastra* & *shastra* (knowledge and weapons), *vidya* & *vikas* (learning and development), and *praudyogiki* & *pratibha* (technology and talent) are inseparable.

Ironically, the golden rule of education is being broken by enlightened gold that recognises supporting higher education improves India’s infrastructure of opportunity. A new crop of innovative Indian non-profit universities are diversifying their funding beyond fees. Only 4 per cent of the costs of Azim Premji University are met by fees — this is similar to central government-funded Delhi University — because it started with more endowment than what the US’s prestigious Brown University had accumulated over a century. The endowment raised by the Indian School of Business (ISB) from multiple donors has allowed it to innovate and take the long view; it ranks highly in global business school rankings without offering an MBA “degree”. Over 200 donors have enabled Ashoka University to offer 24 per cent of students a 100 per cent tuition waiver and 60 per cent some financial aid.

The biggest challenge for non-profit universities is convincing philanthropy to fund revenue expenses because it is easy to confuse university buildings with building universities. However, software trumps hardware; what makes universities great is the quality of their faculty. The coming tsunami of AI and virtual reality promises to revolutionise the role of teachers and will finally — and thankfully — make that awful noun and verb “lecturer” obsolete. The best teachers in the next few decades will use technology but recognise that humans have an unfair advantage in being human. They will combine being an *adhyapak* (information provider), *upadhyay* (combiner of information and knowledge), *panidit* (deep subject knowledge), *acharya* (imparts specific skills), *drushta* (visionary view of a subject) and *guru* (awakens potential). However, the notion that the spiritual rewards of teaching compensate for fair financial rewards is flawed if our goal is attracting quality talent and retaining them in India. While the new wave of non-profit universities has built a strong track record of not loading capital expenditures onto fees, the next frontier for them is raising untied funding for operating costs. Early trends in scholarship funding commitments and research grants augur well.

In his autobiography, *Avoid Boring People*, James Watson, the co-discoverer of DNA’s structure, reflects on a lifetime in science and suggests, “Don’t back schemes that demand miracles”. The first best option for financing universities is a massive expansion of government funding, but that scheme demands a miracle. Life is second best at best. We must acknowledge government budgets’ acute and chronic constraints and recognise that school and vocational education have higher moral claims on that finite money pool. Instead of more cooks in the kitchen, let’s try a new recipe: Non-profit universities offering equality and excellence through cross-subsidised fees, scholarships, and endowments. It is an equal and excellent future for higher education that must be encouraged and expanded.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOR AN EQUAL STATE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Social justice must include her’ (IE, September 24). Kerala has been at the forefront of social justice by doing away with centuries-old feudalism — thanks to the vision of CM E M S Nambodiripad. But the state has failed to extend that spirit of social justice to women, as is evident from the findings of the Hema Committee report. Women play second fiddle to men in every field in our country, and cinema is no exception. The ruling dispensation must be reminded that it is its job to ensure fairness and equality everywhere — including the film industry. It needs to ensure that a woman complaining of sexual exploitation by a man wielding clout is not deprived of her job.

SH Quadri, Bikaner

CHESS CHAMPIONS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘The medal sweep’ (IE, September 24). History has been made in Indian chess with Team India winning gold in both the men and women’s categories at Budapest. With this achievement, India has joined a se-

lect club of nations, including China and the erstwhile Soviet Union — both of whom clinched the golden double in the same edition of the Olympiad. The light kindled by Viswanathan Anand has increased its glow manifold through his worthy successors. The victories show India’s growing prowess in chess.

SSP Paul, Nadia

A BLOT ON HISTORY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘What Manipur needs’ (IE, September 23). The Manipur conflict remains a textbook case of how not to handle an internal security matter. Marred by shocking violation of human rights, anarchy seems to be the new normal in the state. What’s worse is that government machinery is solely responsible for not containing this violence in time. Overhauling the unified command and state government leadership along with initiating a dialogue between communities can bring a ray of hope and help to address the catastrophe. But this will need iron will from the Centre as well as judicial intervention at this juncture.

Sagar Borade, Chhattisgarh

14 THE WORLD

TOP OF THE WORLD



Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrives for UNGA on Tuesday. AP

UNITED KINGDOM

US to send \$375 million in aid to Ukraine

Washington: The U.S. will send Ukraine an undisclosed number of medium-range cluster bombs and an array of rockets, artillery and armored vehicles in a military aid package totaling about \$375 million, U.S. officials said Tuesday. Officials expect an announcement on Wednesday, as global leaders meet at the UN General Assembly, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy uses his appearance there to shore up support and persuade the U.S. to allow his troops to use long-range weapons to strike deeper into Russia. The following day, Zelenskyy meets with President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris in Washington. The aid includes air-to-ground bombs, which have cluster munitions and can be fired by fighter jets. AP

SINGAPORE

Ex-minister with Indian roots guilty of graft

Singapore: Singapore's High Court in a corruption case on Tuesday convicted Indian-origin former transport minister S Iswaran of lesser amended charges. The prosecution sought a jail term of six to seven months for the 62-year-old former minister who pleaded guilty on the first day of trial after saying for months that he would contest the case to clear his name. Iswaran admitted to four charges under Section 165 of the Penal Code, which forbids all public servants from obtaining any valuable thing from someone involved with them. AP

PAKISTAN

Teen gangraped in front of her family members

Lahore: A 17-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped during a highway robbery in front of her family in Pakistan's Punjab province, prompting Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz to give a 48-hour deadline to the police for arresting the culprits. A man was going to his hometown along with his wife, two children and a 17-year-old niece after visiting relatives in Pakpattan. PTI

NETANYAHU SAYS ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO POUND HEZBOLLAH TARGETS

Israel kills Hezbollah commander in Beirut, thousands flee South Lebanon

Toll from Israel's Monday strikes rises to 558; over 1,800 injured

REUTERS
BEIRUT/JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 24

AN ISRAELI airstrike on Beirut killed a senior Hezbollah commander on Tuesday as cross-border rocket attacks by both sides increased fears of a full-fledged war in the Middle East. Israel's military said the airstrike on the Lebanese capital killed Ibrahim Qubaisi, who it said was the commander of Hezbollah's missiles and rocket force. Two security sources in Lebanon described him as a leading figure in the Iran-backed group's rocket division.

The attack dealt another blow to Hezbollah after a series of setbacks at the hands of Israel over the past week, and Israel later said it was carrying out "extensive strikes" on Hezbollah targets.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would continue to pound Hezbollah targets and urged Lebanese citizens to escape the grip of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah. "Anyone who has a missile in their living room and a rocket in their garage will not have a home," Netanyahu said at an army base. "Our war is not with you, our war is with Hezbollah. Nasrallah is leading you to the brink of the abyss... Rid yourself from Nasrallah's grip, for your own good."

Hezbollah said it had fired



The site of an Israeli airstrike in the southern village of Akbieh, Lebanon, Tuesday. AP

rockets into northern Israel on Tuesday. The Lebanese health ministry said at least six people were killed and 15 wounded in Tuesday's strike on a building in the neighbourhood of Beirut. The Israeli government has made securing the northern border and returning residents there a war priority, setting the stage for a long conflict, while Hezbollah has vowed that it will not back down until a ceasefire is reached in Gaza.

Lebanese authorities said 558 people had been killed in airstrikes on Monday, including 50 children and 94 women. A further 1,835 were wounded, they said, and tens of thousands more

have fled for safety from South Lebanon. "We felt as if we were in a war, a very difficult war," said Rima Ali Chahine, 50, speaking at a makeshift shelter for displaced people at a Beirut college.

Calls for diplomacy are growing as the conflict worsens, with UN human rights chief Volker Turk urging all states and actors with influence to avert further escalation in Lebanon. US national security adviser Jake Sullivan said that he believed a diplomatic solution is possible.

Urging restraint, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer called for "all parties to step back from the brink."

EXPLAINED

Fears of wider war grow

THE FIGHTING has raised fears that the US, Israel's close ally, and regional power Iran, which has proxies across the Middle East - Hezbollah, Yemen's Houthis and armed groups in Iraq - will be sucked into a wider war. Israel is shifting its focus from Gaza to the northern frontier, where Hezbollah has been firing rockets into Israel in support of Hamas.

UN chief: World cannot afford Lebanon to be another Gaza

REUTERS
UNITED NATIONS, SEPT 24

UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Antonio Guterres denounced on Tuesday a growing number of governments and other groups who feel they are "entitled to a get out of jail free card," citing wars in Ukraine, the Gaza Strip and Sudan.

"They can trample international law. They can violate the United Nations Charter," Guterres told world leaders at the UN General Assembly. "They can invade another country, lay waste to whole societies, or utterly disregard the welfare of their own people. And nothing will happen." "The level of impunity in the world is politically indefensible and morally intolerable," he said.

"Lebanon is at the brink," he said. "The people of Lebanon - the people of Israel - and the people of the world - cannot afford Lebanon to become another Gaza." "Civilians are paying the price - in rising death tolls and shattered lives and communities," Guterres said on War in Ukraine, adding that it was time for a just peace based on the UN Charter, international law and UN resolutions.

Guterres' speech summed up the state of the world as unsustainable, but said the challenges faced could be solved.



US President Joe Biden addresses the 79th UN General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, Tuesday. AP

FINAL UN ADDRESS AS U.S. PRESIDENT

Putin's war has failed, diplomatic solution to Middle East tension still possible: Biden

STEVE HOLLAND
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 24

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden addressed world leaders at the United Nations for the final time Tuesday, declaring that Russia's war in Ukraine has failed and that a diplomatic solution between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah was still possible.

With four months left in office, Biden stepped up to the green-marbled lectern at the UN General Assembly with wars in Ukraine, the Gaza Strip and Sudan still raging and likely to outlast his presidency, which ends in January.

He sought to calm tensions as the nearly year-long war between Israel and Hamas in the besieged Gaza Strip now threatens to engulf Lebanon. "Full scale war is not in anyone's interest, even if situation has escalated, a diplomatic solution is still possible," he told the 193-member UNGA.

To a round of applause, Biden called on Israel and Hamas to finalise the terms of a Gaza cease-

fire and hostage release deal put forward by the US, Qatar and Egypt. "The good news is Putin's war has failed at his core aim. He set out to destroy Ukraine, but Ukraine is still free," said Biden.

"We cannot grow weary, we cannot look away, and we will not let up on our support for Ukraine, not until Ukraine wins with a just, durable peace," he said.

Countering China and Iran, which backs both Hamas and Hezbollah, have consumed major chunks of the president's time.

Biden said on Tuesday that progress toward peace in the Middle East would put the world in a stronger position to do "with the ongoing threat posed by Iran."

"Together we must deny oxygen to its terrorist proxies ... and ensure that Iran will never, ever obtain a nuclear weapon," he said.

He said the US was seeking to responsibly manage competition with China so it does not veer into conflict. Biden also had strong words for the leaders of Sudan's warring parties: "End this war now." REUTERS

First-time lawmaker Harini Amarasuriya takes oath as Sri Lanka's first woman PM in 24 years

REUTERS
COLOMBO, SEPTEMBER 24

SRI LANKA'S new president, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, named college professor and first-time lawmaker Harini Amarasuriya as the new prime minister of the Indian Ocean island nation on Tuesday, making her the third woman to be appointed to the post.

Dissanayake, 55, has taken the key finance portfolio himself as Sri Lanka looks to emerge from its most punishing economic crisis in 70 years and its first debt default, while keeping promises to aid the nation's poor.

The Marxist-leaning fire-brand politician will also hold the economic development and tourism jobs in the cabinet. Dissanayake's intentions to slash taxes and desire to revisit the terms of a \$2.9 billion International Monetary Fund bailout have worried investors, who fear that it could delay a crucial \$25 billion debt restructuring.

His comments during Monday's inauguration offered few clues as to how headline his economic approach will be.

"Our politics needs to be cleaner, and the people have called for a different political culture," the 55-year-old said. "I am ready to commit to that change."

He picked veteran legislator



Harini Amarasuriya with President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, in Colombo on Monday. AP

Vijitha Herath to helm foreign affairs and public security, among other portfolios, according to the president's office. While Herath, 56, has been a parliamentarian since 2000, Amarasuriya, 54, only entered the legislature in 2020. An academic with a doctorate in social anthropology from the University of Edinburgh, Amarasuriya, will also hold the portfolios of education, media and women and children affairs.

She is the third woman prime minister of Sri Lanka, following the world's first woman prime minister, Sirimavo Bandaranaike in 1960, and her daughter Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga in 1994.

Harini Amarasuriya's DU connection

SUGANDHA JHA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

HARINI AMARASURIYA, Sri Lanka's new prime minister, has a special connection with India as she spent her formative college years at Delhi University.

The 54-year-old academic-turned-politician, who took office as the 16th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka on Tuesday, studied at the prestigious Hindu College in the early 1990s.

Amarasuriya, who is also the first woman to hold the office since Sirimavo Bandaranaike in

2000, pursued a Bachelor's degree in Sociology at Delhi University from 1991 to 1994.

Hindu College Principal Anju Srivastava expressed pride in the college's distinguished alumna.

"It's an honour to know that a Hinduite has become the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. Harini was a student of Sociology from 1991 to 1994, and we are extremely proud of her accomplishments. I hope her time at Hindu played a part in shaping her path to success," Srivastava told PTI.

She added, "Hindu College has a long tradition of student government, and we elect a

HOUSE DISSOLVED, SNAP POLLS ON NOV 14

Colombo: Sri Lanka's newly appointed President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Tuesday signed the special gazette notification ordering the dissolution of parliament, officials said. The dissolution will be effective from Tuesday and the election will be held on November 14. The dissolution has come 11 months ahead of schedule. The Election Commission has announced its readiness to conduct an election. PTI

prime minister and a leader of opposition every year. Harini's appointment is another milestone in our college's storied history." Nalin Rajan Singh, a batchmate and now a Bollywood director, recalled his time with Amarasuriya during their student years.

"I vaguely remember her, but I know she was very involved in college festivals and debates. It was the 90s, and a lot of us - people like Imtiaz Ali and Arnab Goswami - were starting to make our mark. To see her become prime minister is amazing." PTI

Bangla Army chief pledges support to Yunus's interim govt 'come what may'

DEVJYOT GHOSHAL & RUMA PAUL
DHAKA, SEPTEMBER 24

BANGLADESH'S ARMY chief vowed to back the country's interim government "come what may" to help it complete key reforms after the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, so that elections could be held within the next 18 months.

Zaman told Reuters at his office in Dhaka on Monday that the interim administration led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus had his full support and outlined a pathway to rid the military of political influence.

"I will stand beside him. Come what may. So that he can accomplish his mission," Zaman said. Following the reforms, Zaman - who took over as the army chief only weeks before Hasina's ouster - said a transition to democracy should be made between a year and a year-and-a-half, but underlined the need for patience.

"If you ask me, then I will say that should be the time frame by which we should enter into a democratic process," he said. Bangladesh's main two political parties, Hasina's Awami League



General Waker-uz-Zaman

and its bitter rival Bangladesh Nationalist Party, had called for early elections. Yunus, the interim administration's chief adviser, and the army chief meet every week and have "very good relations", with the military supporting the government's efforts to stabilise the country after a period of turmoil, said Zaman.

Zaman said that the Bangladesh Army that he leads would not intervene politically. The army, too, is looking into allegations of wrongdoing by its personnel and has already punished some soldiers, Zaman said, adding that some military officials may have acted out of line.

In the longer-term, however, Zaman wanted to distance the political establishment from the army, which has more than 130,000 personnel. "A soldier must not indulge in politics." REUTERS

TUVALU'S PM To ASK UN MEMBERS To SUPPORT ITS PUSH FOR PERMANENT RECOGNITION OF ITS MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND STATEHOOD

Sinking Tuvalu fights to keep its maritime boundaries as sea level rises

KIRSTY NEEDHAM
FONGAFALE, TUVALU, SEPT 24

TUVALU AND its 11,000 people, who live on nine atolls scattered across the Pacific, are running out of time.

Fukano Laafai would like to start a family. But she is struggling to reconcile her plans with rising sea levels that scientists predict will submerge much of her homeland by the time her children would reach early adulthood. "I think we are about to sink," said the 29-year-old clerical worker.

Tuvalu, whose mean elevation is just 2 m, has experienced a sea-level rise of 15 cm over the past three decades, one-and-a-half times the global average.

By 2050, NASA scientists project that daily tides will submerge half of the main atoll of Funafuti, home to 60% of Tuvalu's residents, where villages cling to a strip of land as narrow as 20 m in parts.

Life is already changing: Tuvaluans rely on rainwater tanks and a central raised garden for growing vegetables, because salt-water inundation has ruined groundwater, affecting crops. A

landmark climate and security treaty with Australia announced in 2023 provides a pathway for 280 Tuvaluans annually to migrate to Australia, starting next year. On a recent visit to Tuvalu and in interviews with more than a dozen residents and officials, Reuters found anxiety about rising seas and the prospect of permanent relocation.

Tuvalu aims to change the law of the sea to retain control of a vast maritime zone with lucrative fishing rights, and sees two pathways to achieve that: a test case in the international maritime tribunal,



or a United Nations resolution. Frustration with the global response to Tuvalu's plight, even af-

ter the breakthrough deal with Australia, had led Tuvalu's diplomats to shift tactics this year, two

of the officials said. The new approach and methods have not been previously reported.

Tuvalu's land amounts to just 26 square km. But it is dispersed across a far-flung archipelago, creating an exclusive economic zone of some 900,000 square km - more than twice the size of California.

In this close-knit and deeply Christian society, residents say they feared relocation would mean the loss of their culture.

For now, Tuvalu is attempting to buy time. Construction of sea walls and barriers to guard against

worsening storm surges is occurring on Funafuti, which is 400 m at its widest. Tuvalu has built 7 hectares of artificial land, and is planning more, which it hopes will stay above the tides until 2100. By then, NASA projects a sea-level rise of 1 m in Tuvalu, or double that in a worst case, putting 90% of Funafuti under water.

Under Tuvalu's plan to secure such legal assurance, some residents would stay as long as possible, ensuring a continued presence to help underpin the nation's enduring sovereignty.

Dry land is another key re-

quirement for statehood, so Tuvalu wants to change the law of the sea. On Wednesday, the United Nations General Assembly is scheduled to hold a high-level meeting on sea-level rise, where Prime Minister Feleti Teo will seek support from UN members for Tuvalu's campaign to have its maritime boundaries and statehood recognised as permanent, Tuvalu officials say. Teo will speak at the opening plenary, according to Tuvalu's permanent secretary for foreign affairs, Pasuna Tuaga, along with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. REUTERS

MOVE AIMED TO DISCOURAGE IMPORTS FROM CHINA

Must seek fresh approvals for laptop imports from Jan 1: Govt to importers

RAVIDUTTAMISHRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE MINISTRY of Commerce and Industry on Tuesday said that companies will have until the end of the year to freely import laptops and personal computers, but will have to seek fresh approvals from January 1. Existing permits issued till September 30 will stay valid till the end of the year. The ministry further informed that "detailed" guidelines for approvals will be released shortly.

This comes after India had announced the new system for imports of laptops, tablets, personal computers and servers last year after it rolled back an earlier plan to impose a licensing regime following criticism from industry over shortages and United States Trade Representative (USTR) during the G20 meeting in India.

"Importers would be required to apply for fresh authorisations



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for the period from January 1, 2025 subject to detailed guidance to be provided shortly," an official notification issued on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the government sources indicated that there could be a further extension of the regime by at least another quarter after the current December deadline.

The government is currently in a wait and watch mode as companies move to start production under a revised production

linked incentive (PLI) scheme for IT hardware, and could impose restrictions once domestic manufacturing in the sector reaches a critical mass.

The original move to introduce a licensing regime for import of laptops and personal computers last year was aimed squarely at discouraging imports from China, which commands a lion's share in the supply of these devices to India. However, *The Indian Express* had earlier reported that China's

share in overall laptop imports surged since the government rolled back the policy temporarily last October, amid severe push-back from the industry.

"India's repeated delay in implementing laptop import restrictions, likely influenced by US concerns, needs to end. It's time for India to enforce these measures and boost local production. Such restrictions would push American tech giants like Apple, Dell, and HP, which manufacture in China, to set up operations in India," Ajay Srivastava, former Indian Trade Service officer and head of economic think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (CTRI) said.

The US's stance on China is inconsistent, Srivastava said, adding that it imposes tariffs and restrictions on Chinese goods like solar cells and electric vehicles to protect its own interests but resists when other nations take similar steps that might affect American companies. "India has a strong

case for building its own laptop manufacturing capabilities. China controls 81 per cent of the global PC and laptop market, and any disruption there could have global repercussions," he said.

As per the commitment made under the Information Technology Agreement in 1997 at the World Trade Organization, India cannot increase the duty on laptops, PCs and similar IT products, which currently come into the country at zero duty. This is one of the reasons why the import management system was put in place instead of a duty hike to boost domestic manufacturing under the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme.

China is the largest exporter of PCs and laptops in the world, with a dominant share of 81 per cent. In 2022, China's global exports of these items stood at \$163 billion. Top firms such as Lenovo, Apple, Dell and HP make most of their laptops and PCs in China.

After revision of monetary limits for tax appeals, SC strikes off 573 direct tax cases

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

AFTER THE revision in monetary limits for filing appeals in direct and indirect tax cases in the Union Budget 2024-25, the Supreme Court on Tuesday struck off 573 direct tax cases where the tax effect is less than Rs 5 crore, the Ministry of Finance said in a statement on Tuesday.

The Finance Ministry said the measures are expected to "significantly reduce the burden of tax litigation and expedite the resolution of tax disputes" in alignment with the government's efforts to promote 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Doing Business'.

"The CBDT and CBIC has issued necessary orders to enhance the monetary limit for filing appeals in their respective domains. As a result, it is expected that the cases pending before various appellate fora will come down and reduce tax litigation," the Ministry said.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting the Budget in July, had proposed to increase monetary



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limits for filing appeals related to direct taxes, excise and service tax in the tax tribunals, high courts and Supreme Court to Rs 60 lakh, Rs 2 crore and Rs 5 crore respectively. In 2019, the government had set the threshold for filing appeals at Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) at Rs 50 crore, for high courts at Rs 1 crore and for Supreme Court at Rs 2 crore.

Around 4,300 cases are estimated to be withdrawn from various judicial forums over the course of time, the Ministry said. The 4,300 cases would include 700 cases in ITAT, 2,800 cases in high courts and 800 cases in the Supreme Court.

The limit for filing appeals was also similarly raised for indirect taxes, with the limit for CESTAT

EXPLAINED

Hike in monetary limit

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting the Budget in July, had proposed to increase monetary limits for filing appeals related to direct taxes, excise and service tax in the tax tribunals, high courts and Supreme Court to Rs 60 lakh, Rs 2 crore and Rs 5 crore respectively.

SBI HAS PROPOSED TO INVEST ₹24.33 CRORE IN SUPREME INFRASTRUCTURE INDIA LTD'S PREFERENTIAL ALLOTMENT

After taking haircut, SBI to invest in defaulter SIIL

GEORGE MATHEW & HITESHVYAS
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

AFTER TAKING a substantial haircut in a debt restructuring proposal of Supreme Infrastructure India Ltd (SIIL), State Bank of India (SBI) has proposed to invest in the preferential share issue of the defaulting company.

SBI, India's largest bank, has proposed to invest Rs 24.33 crore in SIIL's preferential allotment, acquiring 28.55 lakh shares at Rs 85.23 per share, giving the bank an equity stake of 2.08 per cent stake in the company, according to exchange filings. After the approval of debt restructuring plan, creditors' outstanding debt has come down from Rs 2,200 crore to Rs 464 crore, leading to a haircut of 79 per cent. Haircut in banking parlance is the loss suffered by

BANKS' EXPOSURE IN SIIL (RS IN CRORE)		
Bank/ FI	Amount of default	Period of Default
State Bank of India	1,023	> 365 days
Union Bank of India	238	> 365 days
Punjab National Bank	296	> 365 days
Bank of India	148	> 365 days
Central Bank of India	115	> 365 days
Canara Bank	197	> 365 days
ICICI Bank	122	> 365 days
Axis Bank	17.94	> 365 days
HDFC Bank	2.55	> 365 days
Indian Overseas Bank	13.67	> 365 days
SREI	130	> 365 days
JM Asset Reconst.	81.67	> 365 days
L&T Finance Ltd	2.65	> 365 days

(As of March 2023). Source: SIIL Annual Report

the creditors when the current realisable value of the asset/loan declines from the original loan value. SBI has an outstanding debt of Rs

1,023 crore in SIIL. Banks, including SBI, had burnt their fingers in several such equity investments in defaulted

companies. In the case of defunct Kingfisher Air loans, banks that converted the debt into capital at a price of Rs 65 per share made losses as the company collapsed and its shares are no longer traded on the exchanges. Many banks were treading cautious in the wake of the arrests of bank officials involved in the Kingfisher wilful default case.

When asked about the debt conversion plan and haircut, SBI and SIIL did not respond to the mails from *The Indian Express*.

Banks have taken a haircut when the restructuring proposal of the company was approved by the financial creditors. "The total outstanding debt to financial creditors, which was Rs 2,200.36 crore, has been reduced to Rs 464 crore as the settlement amount. The company is now under process with NCLT to obtain final approval," SIIL said in a statement in

July this year. It had secured a majority vote from its financial creditors on the 'Composite Scheme of Compromise and Arrangement', with 92 per cent of the votes in favour, the company said.

According to the Annual Report of SIIL for the FY23, SBI had an exposure of Rs 1,023 crore, Union Bank Rs 238 crore, PNB Rs 296 crore, Bank of India Rs 148 crore, Central Bank of India Rs 115 crore, Canara Bank Rs 197 crore, ICICI Bank Rs 122 crore and SREI Rs 130 crore. "Banks should be trying for recovery of loans stuck in the company. They have already taken a haircut of 79 per cent," said a former banker involved in bankruptcy cases. The company made a loss of Rs 953.54 crore and a revenue of Rs 81.45 crore in FY23. In the December quarter of FY24, it made a loss of Rs 292.34 crore and a revenue of Rs 8.70 crore.

BRIEFLY

Sebi mandates UPI for debt securities

New Delhi: To streamline the application process for public issues of debt securities, markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday asked individual investors applying for amounts up to Rs 5 lakh through intermediaries to use only UPI to block funds. Further, investors will continue to have the choice of availing other methods like applying through Self-Certified Syndicate Banks or the stock exchange platform for making applications, Sebi said in its circular. **PTI**

CS Verma appointed as SML Isuzu Chief

New Delhi: SML Isuzu Limited has appointed CS Verma as the new chairman effective from September 22 in place of SK Tuteja, the company said in a statement. Verma has been the Chairman and MD of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) from June, 2010 to June, 2015 and also held additional charge of CMD, National Mineral Development Corporation for nearly two years. **ENS**

'Delaware SC ruling affirms BYJU'S default'

New Delhi: US lenders on Tuesday said that the Delaware Supreme Court ruling has affirmed that BYJU'S defaulted on Term Loan B while the edtech firm asserted that it has no impact on legal proceedings going on in India. **PTI**

SAF blending norms for domestic flights likely only after global mandates take effect

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE GOVERNMENT is likely to come up with mandates for blending of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) with aviation turbine fuel (ATF) for domestic flights only after the global mandates for international flights kick in from 2027, according to sources in the know.

The government has been working on a roadmap for introduction of SAF in domestic flights and there were indications earlier that some sort of a blending mandate or recommendation could take effect over the next couple of years. However, given the high cost of production of the biofuel and opposition from airlines over apprehensions of fuel cost escalation, the government is now looking at introducing any such mandate only from 2027 or beyond.

SAF is a biofuel that is produced from sustainable feedstocks and has chemistry similar to conventional ATF or jet fuel, which is derived from crude oil. This means that existing aircraft engines can easily use the SAF-ATF



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blend. For instance, Airbus claims that all its aircraft are capable of flying on a maximum 50 per cent blend of SAF and conventional fuel. Various Indian airlines have already operated successfully a few test and demonstration flights using jet fuel doped with SAF.

A committee on SAF constituted by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) had submitted its recommendations to the government last year. According to people with direct knowledge of the matter, the panel had recommended an initial SAF blending mandate of 1 per cent from 2025, and scaling it up progressively over subsequent years. At the time, top officials at the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) as well as the MoPNG—the two key ministries dealing with SAF—had in-

dicated that blending mandates could be rolled out as per these recommendations.

"SAF is extremely expensive with high technology and production costs. It is not produced at scale yet...we feel it will take a few years for the costs to come down as production increases globally and in India. The airlines are also not too keen to have a mandate for domestic flights, until costs stabilise and they have had some experience with SAF-blended ATF in international operations...So, 2027 or thereafter seems to be the better choice," said a government official, who did not wish to be identified.

The year 2027 will be an important one for adoption of SAF globally with the mandatory phase of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO)

Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) kicking in. CORSIA, which applies to international flights, would require airlines globally to offset any growth in carbon dioxide emissions beyond the 2020 levels. Using jet fuel blended with SAF is one of the ways through which carriers can keep their emissions under permissible levels.

India, while not a participant in the voluntary phases of CORSIA, will have to comply with the mandatory phase starting 2027. In line with the CORSIA mandate, the National Biofuel Coordination Committee (NBCC) has set the initial indicative targets for blending of SAF with jet fuel 2027 onwards, starting with international flights. The indicative targets are: 1 per cent blending in 2027 and 2 per cent in 2028. India is seen as a price-sensitive aviation market and fuel accounts for around 40 per cent of Indian airlines' operational expenses. This makes the carriers particularly cautious and sensitive to any fuel-related cost escalation. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA'S PACKAGE MARKS THE LATEST ATTEMPT TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE

China unveils most aggressive stimulus since pandemic

REUTERS
BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 24

CHINA'S CENTRAL bank on Tuesday unveiled its biggest stimulus since the pandemic to pull the economy out of its deflationary funk and back towards the government's growth target, but analysts warned more fiscal help was vital to hit these goals.

The broader-than-expected package offering more funding and interest rate cuts marks the latest attempt by policymakers to restore confidence in the world's second-largest economy after a slew of disappointing data raised



People's Bank of China Governor Pan Gongsheng at a press conference in Beijing on September 24. **Reuters**

concerns of a prolonged structural slowdown.

But analysts questioned how

productive the People's Bank of China's liquidity injections would be, given extremely weak credit

demand from businesses and consumers, and noted the absence of any policies aimed at supporting real economic activity.

"This is the most significant PBOC stimulus package since the early days of the pandemic," said Capital Economics analyst Julian Evans-Pritchard.

"But on its own, it may not be enough," he added, saying more fiscal stimulus may be needed to return growth to a trajectory towards this year's official target of roughly 5 per cent.

Chinese stocks and bonds rallied and Asian stocks hit 2-1/2 year highs as Governor Pan Gongsheng announced plans to lower bor-

rowing costs and inject more funds into the economy, as well as to ease households' mortgage repayment burden. The yuan currency jumped to a 16-month high against the dollar.

Pan said the central bank will in the near future cut the amount of cash that banks must hold as reserves - known as reserve requirement ratios (RRR) - by 50 basis points (bps), freeing up about 1 trillion yuan (\$142 billion) for new lending. Depending on the market liquidity situation later this year, the RRR may be further lowered by 0.25-0.5 percentage points, Pan said, in rare forward-looking remarks.



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Income	Rs. (in Lakhs)	Expenditure	Rs. (in Lakhs)
Donation & Other Income	2318.98	Capital Expenditure	369.06
Interest Income	911.43	Revenue Expenditure	6353.42
Other Misc Income	7125.95	Miscellaneous Expenditure	178.22
		Income Over Expense	3455.67
Total	10356.36	Total	10356.36
Liabilities	Rs. (in Lakhs)	Assets	Rs. (in Lakhs)
Trust Funds	5095.81	Land & Buildings	26389.18
		Capital work in Progress	1524.89
Reserves	45011.93	(CWIP)	
		Furniture & Equipments	5395.51
Liabilities	1017.71	Inventories, Investment,	17436.78
		Cash & Bank Balances	
		Loans & Advances	379.09
Total	51125.45	Total	51125.45



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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR Appointment of agency for development and operation of the Silica Sand Project at Lalapur with the Revenue Sharing Model
NMDC Ltd., a Navratna Public Sector Company under the Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, intends for Development and Operations of the Silica Sand project at Lalapur with the revenue sharing model, which is located at village Kolhai, in Otgi Tarhar, Tehsil Bara, District Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. NMDC invites Expression of Interest from the interested parties in the field of expertise for "Appointment of agency for development and operation of the Silica Sand Project at Lalapur with the Revenue Sharing Model" for a period of 5 (five) years. A brief of the project, format for submitting the EOI can be viewed and/or downloaded from the NMDC's website <https://www.nmdc.co.in/> and Central Procurement portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in/>) from 25.09.2024 to 15.10.2024. Last date for receipt of EOI application is 15.10.2024. For accessing the document from NMDC Website's Tenders Section (<https://nmdcportals.nmdc.co.in/nmcdctender>), the party has to register as 'New User'. For accessing the document from Central Procurement Portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in/cpp/#main-content>) the party has to click on "Latest Active Tenders". For further clarifications, contact - Email: red_ho@nmdc.co.in Phone: +91-040-23536760
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I, Sana Tabassum W/o Mohd Zubair R/o Flat No. 1206, Tower-I, Logix Blossom County, Sector-137, Noida-201305, have changed my name Sana Tabaseem to Sana Tabassum for all future purposes. Sana Tabaseem and Sana Tabassum both are same person. 0040750967-1

I, Salma, W/O Javed Siddiqui R/o W-272 Second Floor, Tihar Village, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi-110018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Salma Khan 0040750951-6

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I, SWAMI BHAKTI VEDANTA MUNI MAHARAJ S/O SANKARASAM SAMAL R/O RAMACHANDRA GHERA RADHAKUNT MATHURA - 281504, UTTAR PRADESH, want to change/split my name/surname BHAKTI VEDANTA MUNI MAHARAJ SWAMI to SWAMI BHAKTI VEDANTA MUNI MAHARAJ for all future purposes. 0040750960-1

I, Rajini Arora W/o Kulbhushan Arora,R/o EA-48, Inderpuri, New Delhi-110012, have changed my name to Rajni Arora permanently. 0040751044-2

I, Rajesh Kumar, S/o Jawahar Lal Goyal, R/o H-32/89, upper ground floor, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Rajesh Goyal 0070925784-1

I, RADHEY SHYAM S/O RAM ADHAR R/O GI-120/107, MAYA PURI VIHAR PHASE-2, DELHI-110064, declare That name of mine RADHEY SHYAM has been wrongly written as LOKANT in my Minor Son KRISHNA, aged about 14 years in his School Records. The actual name of mine is RADHEY SHYAM 0070925857-1

I, Priya W/o Nitin R/O-A1/46 A, Kh.No.588, Flat No-A-1, Chattarpur Extension, Delhi-110074 have changed my name to Priya Saxena 0070925838-1

I, Pragati Soni (Aadhar No. xxxxx1541) daughter of shri santlal soni, resident of h. no. 231/16, part-2, manav kunj, mukand pur, delhi-110042, Do Submit That My 10th Certificate my name mentioned as pragti soni. I declare that both the name Pragati Soni & Pragti Soni One & the Same Person. In future I shall be known by Pragati Soni 0040750957-1

I, PRADEEP SINGH S/O AVDHESH SINGH R/O FLAT NO.C-1901, THE HYDE PARK, Sector-78, NOIDA, DISTT-GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, U.P.-201301, have changed my name to PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH for all-purpose 0070925861-1

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Late Shri. Manak Chand R/o.Gali No-59, House No-4304, Regar Pura, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 My name has been wrongly mentioned as Naresh in my child Khushi in School Record. My correct name is Naresh Kumar 0040751039-1

I, MAHESH SINGH S/O Deen Dayal R/O A1-125, Vijay Enclave, Delhi- 110045, have changed my name to MAHESH KUMAR 0040751046-4

I, Laxman Singh, S/O Bhagwan Singh, R/o RZ-168A, Durga Vihar Phase-2, Deenpur, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name from Laxman Singh to Laxman Singh Bisht. 0070925762-1

I,INDERJEET SINGH,S/O HARCHARAN SINGH, R/O H.NO.-19/302, Basti Sarai-Rohilla, Sarai-Rohilla, Onkar-Nagar, Delhi-110035,have changed my -minor son's name JAPLEEN SOUNDH to JAPLEEN KAUR. Aged-14-years. 0040751044-3

I,SUNITA,W/O Munim Kumar Sharma,R/O Flat No-A-74,Dwarka Sector-19B,Delhi-110075,have changed my name to SUNITA SHARMA. 0040751012-5

I, Girish Singh S/o Chandra Singh Rawat R/o 201/A, Second Floor, Gali No-9, Thar Singh Nagar, Anand Parbat, New Delhi-110005 My and my wife name has been wrongly written as Girish Singh Rawat and Deepa in my child Arnav Singh Rawat in School Record. My and my wife correct name is Girish Singh and Deepa Rawat. 0040751039-2

I, Anil Kumar S/o Subhash Chand R/o-H.No.488/9,H-2, Pocket-E, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095,have changed my name from Anil Kumar to Anil Kumar Goyal,for all future purposes 0040750966-1

I, Agraia D/o Mr. Kamal Kumar Srivastava R/o 105 A2 Rail Kunj Sector-3 Vasundhara-201012 have changed my name to Agraia Srivastava for all future purposes. 0070925760-1

I, AJAY KUMAR, S/O JOKHU LAL, R/O HOUSE NO.84, PRATAPPUR KHAHAD,UTTAR PRADESH-212402, Have changed my name to AJAY KUMAR YADAV For all future purposes. 0070925854-1

I,Arvind Kumar,S/o-Karan Singh,R/O-347, 2nd-Floor, Pocket-9, Sector-21,Rohini, Delhi-110086,have changed my minor son's name,from Bhavya,to Bhavya Kamboj 0040751047-9

I,Wakil Ahmed S/o Ashraf Ali R/o H.No.725, ST-10, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, New Mustafabad, Near Rehmani Masjid, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Wakil Ahmed for all purposes. 0040750951-5

I,Vijai Kumar S/O Puran Dass R/O A-40,Duggal Colony,Devli Road,Khanpur,Delhi-110062 Have Changed my Name to Vijay Makhiya. 0040751046-1

I,Sonia Mittal W/o Sh. Pardeep Kumar Mittal R/o 120, Upper Ground Floor, Engineers Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34, do hereby declare that my husband's name is wrongly written as Pardeep Kumar in my Passport No.Y4120159. My husband's correct name is Pardeep Kumar Mittal which may be amended accordingly. 0040750951-6

I,Shiv Prakash Virbhan Verma S/O, Virbhan Verma R/o 68,sf, Hemkunt Colony, GK 1, New Delhi 110048 have changed my name to Shiv Prakash Verma for all future purposes, on 23/09/24 before notary R.A Ansari, New Delhi 0040751003-1

I,Sandeep Kumar Parwal S/O Jaswant Singh Parwal R/O H.NO.121,Vill.-Kanhai, Gurgaon Haryana-122002 Have changed my Name to Sandeep Parwal. 0040751046-3

IRakesh Kumar Kadayala S/O-Dwarka Parshad,R/o-RZ-52A, Block-B-1, Raghu Nagar, Pankha Road,New Delhi-110045 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Ananya to Ananya Kadayala for all purposes. 0040750964-1

IRakesh Kumar Kadayala S/O-Dwarka Parshad R/o-RZ-52A, Block-B-1, Raghu Nagar, Pankha Road,New Delhi-110045 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Aparna to Aparna Kadayala for all purposes. 0040750963-1

IRabindra Sah S/O Chaban Sah R/o Gram-Mokari, Po-Mokari, Kaimur(Bhabua) Mokari, Bihar-821101, have changed my name to Ravi Nandan Sah 0070925791-1

I,Manohar Lal Bhimwal alias Manohar Lal S/o Sh.Ram Parshad R/o House No.205, Block-C-7, Sultanpur, C-Block, PO: Sultanpuri, Distt. North West Delhi, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Manohar Lal Bhimwal for all purposes. 0040750951-4

I Km Karishma D/o Lakhnan Singh R/o D-214, Sector-61, Noida, UP-201301 (Present Address) and Sabdaldpur, Doulatpur Kala, Bulandshahr, UP-202398 (Permanent Address) have changed my name from Km Karishma to Karishma Raghav for all future purposes. 0070925827-1

I,Beena Raj B. W/O, Bright Sam R/o B-5, Tower-15, Type-4, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-23 have changed my name to Beena Bright. 0040750986-1

I,Hardeep Singh S/o Sh.Sarwan Singh R/o 668/12, Gali No.2 Srinagar, Rani Bagh, North West Delhi, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Hardeep Singh Dhillion for all purposes. 0040750951-3

IBHARAT S/O SHAM LAL,R/O-W-124 1ST-FLOOR, TILAK NAGAR,DELHI-110018,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BHARAT KUMAR HANDA,FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040751014-6

IAshmeet Singh Khanuja S/O Satpal Singh R/o-176, 2nd-Floor, State Bank Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Ashmeet Singh 0070925851-1

IAnju W/o Sh.Ajay Kumar R/o Flat No.141, C&D Block, Kaniska Apartment, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Anju Devi for all purposes. 0040750951-2

IAbhay Bansal S/o Sh.Ramesh Bansal R/O C-32, Rohit Kunj, Pitampura, North West Delhi, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Abhhay Bansal for all purposes. 0040750951-1

I Pardeep Kumar Mittal S/o Shri Krishan Dass Mittal R/o 120, Upper Ground Floor, Engineers Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34, do hereby declare that my name is wrongly written as Pardeep Kumar in my wife's Passport No.Y4120159. My correct name is Pardeep Kumar Mittal which may be amended accordingly. 0040750951-7

I,Sudesh Kaur W/O Late Balwant Singh R/O Patia Dhillon Marg,Model Town,Patiala Punjab-147001 Have Changed my Name to Sudesh Arora. 0040751046-2

I,Gurudev S/o Jeevan Singh, R/o Ward No.2,Gurudwara Mohalla, Sohna, Gurugram (Haryana)-122103, have changed my name to Gurdev Singh. 0040751043-1

We, Arijun Narang and Ruchika gupta Narang parents of Arika Narang have decided to change our daughter's name from arika Narang to Aarya Narang. A-285 Meera Bagh pachim vihar ground floor 110087 0040750981-1

I,Ajay S/o Sh.Shambu Prasad,R/o 670, Sector-7,Bahadurgarh Distt Hjaigar-1224507(Haryana),have changed my name to Ajay Budhakoti. 0040751043-5

IAHAMAD JAN,S/O -MOHAMMAD JAAN R/O,H.NO.-A-89,JJ COLONY, CAMP NO.-2, NANGLOI,DELHI-110041,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AHMAD JAAN. 0040751008-6

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It is for general information that I,Supreet Kaur Anand, W/O Harshvinder Singh Anand,R/O 14/30A(FP) Tilak-Nagar New Delhi-110018, declare that in my minor daughter Jasreet Kaur Age 13 year in her school record my name is wrongly written as Supreet Kaur.The actual name is Supreet Kaur Anand respectively,which may be amended accordingly. 0040751043-8

It is for general information that I,Harshvinder Singh Anand,S/O Gurvinder Singh, R/O 14/30A(FP) Tilak-Nagar,New Delhi-110018, declare that in my minor daughter Jasreet Kaur Age-13 year in her school record my name is wrongly written as Harshvinder Singh. The actual name is Harshvinder Singh Anand respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0040751043-7

It is for general information that I, SANJAY S/O HET RAM R/O 209, CHIPYANA BUZURG, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH- 201009 declare that name of my minor son has been wrongly written as UJJWAL KUMAR aged 17-year in his adhaar Card No. 699886140703. The actual name of my minor son is SIDHANSHU INDORIA which may be amended accordingly. 0040751026-1

I,pawan kumar s/o, Chetan Dass r/o, E-18/227,sector-3,rohini Delhi -110085,have changed my name to pawan kumar satija for all purposes. 0040751014-1

I,VIJAY PAL SINGH,S/O- JUVINDER SINGH, R/O,H.N.356 AND GALI NO.6,MOONGA-NAGAR KARAWAL NAGAR,DELHI-110094,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIJAYPAL. 0040751048-1

I,hitherto known as SANDHYA,D/o RAJESH KUMAR,R/o-0-27, CHANDER SHEKHAR,AZAD COLONY, KISHAN GANJ,DELHI-110007,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SANDHYA CHAUTALA. 0040751012-9

I,hitherto known as MAN VEER SINGH alias MANOI,son of, DHARMVIR, residing at,118,Yusufpur-Manota, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201206,have changed my name and shall hereinafter be known as MANOI. 0040751047-4

I,Vishvendra Pal,S/O-Raja Vishwanath Singh,R/O.Asothar, Raja Sahab Ka Kila Asothar, Fatehpur,Uttar Pradesh-212620, changed my name to Raja Vishvendra Pal Singh,for all purpose 0040751014-9

I,Vipin Rani Tomar,W/O-Ravindra Singh Tomar,R/o-H.No.1506,Janta Flats,GTB-Enclave, Nand Nagri,Delhi-110093,that my husband's service record in my name & DOB mentioned Vipin Rani & 10.03.1979., My correct name & DOB is Vipin Rani Tomar & 12.03.1979. 0040751047-7

I,Shakeela Sofi wife of No-9111367H Nk Farooq Ahmad Lone presently residing at Vill: Waoorra Po: Gogal Teh: & Distt: Kupwara (J&K),have changed my name from Shakeela Sofi to Shakeela Habibullah vide Affidavit No. IN- JK17610433768772W dated 24 September 2024 before Court Srinagar (J&K) 0020481918-1

I,Satinder Paul Singh Rana,S/O Gajinder Paul Singh,R/O FA-36, Shivaji Enclave Rajouri Garden Delhi-110027,have changed my minor son's name,from Naunidh Paul To Naunidh Paul Singh. 0040751008-9

I,Sameer,S/O Iqbal Hussain R/o H.No-738, C-Block,Gali No-07,Old Mustafabad, Delhi-110094,have changed my name to MOHD SAMEER .Permanently. 0040751047-1

I,Sama Parveen,W/o Mumtaz Ahmad,R/o 116,Sarai Behleem Rangro ki Chopal,P.S.Kotwalli, Meerut,Uttar Pradesh-250002,have changed my name to SHAMA PARVEEN, Permanently 0040751014-5

I,SANTUSHTI,W/O-KAARTIKEYA JOSHI,R/O PLOT.NO.11,SECTOR-10C,Vasundhara,Ghaziabad,U.P-201010,have changed my name to SANTUSHTI THAKUR,For all purpose. 0040751048-6

I,Rohit S/o Krishan,R/o H.No.30, 100 FT Road, Shyam-Colony, Ballabgarh,Faridabad have changed my name to Rohit Baisla. 0040751012-7

I,Rohit Mathur,S/o Rambher Mathur,R/o,H.No.108,Karan Vihar-2nd,Kirari Ext.,New Delhi-110086,Inform that My Both Minor Son's (1) Ishant Mathur School Record My Wife Name wrongly-Written Neetu Mathur Correct Name is Nitu And(2) Harsh Mathur Me and My wife Name wrongly-written Rohit and Neetu Correct Name is Rohit Mathur and Nitu. 0040751052-1

I,Ravinder Kumar,S/o Brij Mohan,R/O-T-121 punjabi Basti Near-Gurudwara Baljeet Nagar,Patel-Nagar, Delhi-110008,that my minor child school-record child named changed Aman to Aman kumar and Child mother name Vimesh Devi to Bimlesh Devi. 0040751048-8

I,Vineet Kumar, residing at J 102 D, Adani Samarsa Vilasa, Golf Course Extension Road, Opp. Worldmark, Section 63, Bhonsi, Ghamroji, Gurgaon-122002, have changed the name of my minor daughter AADYA AHUJA aged 12 years and she shall hereafter be known as AADYAA AHUJA. 0040750962-1

I,Ravi Kumar,S/o Ram Lal Makhiya R/o H.No.202,Sector 21A, Faridabad,have changed my name to Ravi Makhiya. 0040751012-8

I,Ramachandran Sivarajan,R/O B-838,Palam Vihar,Gurugram-122017(Haryana),have changed my Minor Son name from Aryan to Aryan Iyer. 0040751043-3

I,Rajesh Kumar Mishra S/O-Mahendr Narayan Mishra,R/O-A-3 Second floor Majlis Park Adarsh Nagar New-Delhi-110033,Have changed my Name to RAJESH MISHRA Permanently 0040751048-3

I,Rada Devi,D/o Avadhesh Singh R/o-307/4A Signature Global Solera,Sector-107,Dharampur, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122006,have changed my name to Radha Devi. 0040751043-6

I,RUBINA ALIAS RUBINA BEAGUM ALIAS RUBY IRSHAD, W/O IRSHAD ALI,R/O-8153,GALI.NO.5 CHIMNI MILL BARA HINDU RAJ,DELHI-110006,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RUBINA BEGUM PERMANENTLY. 0040751014-3

I,RAJESH KUMAR S/O JAMUNA PRADESH, ADDRESS:-39,BUDH VIHAR COLONY,BADARPUR, NEW DELHI-110044,changed my name to RAJESH KUMAR BARANWAL 0040751014-2

I,RAJ KUMAR,S/O-GURMUKH DASS,residing at D-57/58, 1ST FLOOR,AMAR COLONY-LAJPAT NAGAR-4,DELHI-110024,have changed my name to RAJ KUMAR JAWA,for all future purpose. 0040751046-5

I,Puja Gujral,W/o Ankush Gujral R/o House.No-14B/12,3rd-Floor, East Punjabi Bagh,Delhi-110026,have changed my name POOJA GUJRAL,Permanently. 0040751008-7

I,Prem Prakash S/o Shri Krishan Sharma R/o 6470, Sector-B, Pocket-9, Vasant Kunj,New Delhi-110070,have changed my name to Prem Prakash Sharma. 0040750995-1

I,Preeti D/o,Ram Avtar ,19/138, Kalyan Puri Chilla Saroda Khadar,Delhi-110091,will continue with the,name as Preeti Singh for all,purpose and correspondence. 0040751047-3

I,Prabhjyot Kaur Chhatwal W/o-Rajbir Singh,R/O-3, Southern Avenue Maharani Bagh,New Delhi-65,have changed my name to Prabhjyot Kaur. 0040751012-1

I,Pawan Bhatia, H.No.10-S-F, Pkt-1, Paschim Puri Delhi-110063, have changed my minor Son's name from Daksh Bhatia to Dakshesh Bhatia (DOB- 28.08.2010). 0040751047-6

I,PRADEEP GUPTA S/O VINOD KUMAR GUPTA R/O C-309,JANAKPURI, SHALIMAR GARDEN, GHAZIABAD,UP HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRADEEP KUMAR GUPTA 0040751047-2

I,PALLAVI PRATAP NUPUR,D/O-VIVENDRA PRATAP YADAV,R/O-A-90 SECOND FLOOR/LGF SOUTH EXTN PART-11,DELHI-110049,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PALLAVI PRATAP,FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040751014-7

I,NARAYAN SINGH, S/O-SH.PARMAL SINGH, R/O-H.NO.159,ALI GANJ,KOTLA MUBARAKPUR, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110003,inform that NARAIN SINGH and NARAYAN SINGH,both names are same person. My correct name NARAYAN SINGH,for all purpose. 0040751047-5

I,Mohd Chaman Alias Mohd Shamir,S/O-Haji Abdul Waheed,R/O,H.No.7134,Street Tellyan,Ahata Kidara, Sadar-Bazar,Delhi-110006, declare that both the names Mohd Chaman and Mohd Shamim belong to me only and hence the names of the same-person. 0040751048-7

I,Mohammad Saifali,S/O Mohd Abbas,N-39,1st-Floor Batla House,Jamia Nagar,Okhla ND -110025,have changed my name to Mohd Saif Ali,for all,future purpose 0040751008-2

I,Manjet,R/O-H.No.-414,Good Will Public School,-Area Surakhpur Road,Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 have changed my minor daughter's name from Shreya to Shreya Maan,for all future purposes. 0040751048-2

I,MUNIM KUMAR,S/O Bansii Dhar R/O,Flat.No.A-74,Dwarka Sector-19B,Delhi-110075,have changed my name to MUNIM KUMAR SHARMA. 0040751012-4

I,MOHAMMAD YAMIN,S/O -HABIB AHMAD R/O-H.No.301, QUTAB GARCH ROAD, LADPUR., DELHI -110081 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO YAMIN. 0040751008-5

I,Karan Naulakha,S/o-Chhagan Lal Nawlakha,R/o-A-80,First Floor,Priyadarshni Vihar,Delhi have changed my name,from Karan Naulakha, to Karni Dan Nawlakha,for all purposes. 0040751047-8

I,Kamla Devi,mother of,Mukesh tiwari, Presently,residing at,Behind st Paul's school, Damuwadhunga, kathgodam Nainital uttarakhand 263126, have changed my name from KAMLA DEVI to KAMLA TIWARI,Vide-Affidavit date-24.09.2024. 0040751008-11

I,Ayushi Barua,W/o Ketan Dhacholia,R/o C-1/213,Ground Floor,Janakpuri,Delhi-110058,have changed my name to Ayushi Barua Dhacholia Permanently. 0040751008-8

I,AASIYA W/O-MOHD ISLAM,R/O -H.NO.-A-89,CAMP NO.-2, NANGLOI,DELHI-110041,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AASHIYA. 0040751008-3

I,KM.SHAMA PARVEEN W/O- ANWAR KAMAL,R/O,H.NO.X-181,JJ COLONY,NO.-2, NANGLOI, DELHI-110041, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHAMA. 0040751008-4

I,Javed Khan S/o-Shaukeen khan, H.No.V-99,street no-27, Near-Shiv mandir Vijay-park mounjpur Shahdara,Delhi-110053,have changed my-minor son name Amaan to Amaan Khan. 0040751008-10

I,Harjinder Singh,S/o-Shri Rattan Singh,R/O-40,Punjabi Mohalla, Zamrudpur,GK-1,New Delhi-110048,My name is mentioned in some papers/documents as S Harjinder Singh Rattan and other some places/Documents as Harjinder Singh both name i.e. S Harjinder Singh Rattan and Harjinder Singh belong to one and same-person. 0040751014-8

I,HARPREET KAUR R/O-E-001,TOWER-E, GREENBURG, SECTOR-86, P.O. SIKANDERPUR, DISTT.GURGAON,HARYANA-122004,have changed my minor daughter name from HAZEL SINGH to HAZEL KAUR. 0040751043-9

I,Esha,Rohit Kumar,W/O Rohit Kumar,R/O E-15/87,Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Esha Sirya Kumar,for all,future purposes. 0040751008-1

I,Dilkusha Gazala,W/O Tauseef Ahmed,R/o-1808,Gali chabuk sawar, Ial kuan Delhi-110006, Have changed my name to DLKUSHA GHAZALA Permanently. 0040751014-4

I,Dharmender Kumar S/o Balbir Singh,R/o Flat.No.B-2/105 Hoovers Apartment West-Sant Nagar,Burari, Delhi-110084, changed my minor Daughter name,from Lavanya to Lavanya Joon,for all purposes. 0040751012-6

I,Brjesh Kumar Sharma S/o Jai Narayan Sharma R/O A2/189, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Brjesh Sharma. 0040751044-1

I,Bharat Bajaj,R/O H.No.593,2nd Floor,Sector-4,Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my Minor Daughter name,from Mishika to Mishka Bajaj. 0040751043-4

I,BHARTI,D/O VIKAS LUTHRA,R/O,A-3/5,BLOCK. A .LAL QUARTER KRISHNA NAGAR EAST-DELHI-110051,have changed my name, to BHARTI LUTHRA,for all,future purposes. 0040751048-5

I,Arvind Kumar Nagri S/o Tej Kishan Nagri,R/o E-102,Park Grandeura, BPTP,Sector-82, Faridabad,have changed my name to Arvind Nagri. 0040751012-2

I,Harjeet Singh Shal,S/o Gian Singh Shal,R/O C-23,Fume-Nagar, West Delhi,110018, have changed my name to Harjeet Singh. 0040751043-2

I,Anuj Kant R/o-F-304, Budh Nagar Inderpuri IARI, Delhi-110012 have changed my minor Daughter's name from SRISHTI to SRISHTI SINGH.(DOB-12.11.2009). 0040751012-10

I,AYUSH MAAN,S/O VED PARKASH,R/O H-121,NEW SEELAMPUR,DELHI-110053,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AYUSH MAAN THAKUR. 0040751048-4

I,ADNAN SADIQ SHAIKH,S/O MOHAMMED SADIQ,residing at FLAT.NO.B-344,DDA MIG FLATS EAST OF LONI-ROAD,DELHI-110053,have changed my name to ADNAN SADIQ. 0040751012-3

I, VARUN SINGH CHAUHAN S/O SHRI RAJBIR SINGH R/O 31, NANGALI RAJAPUR, NEAR ISBT, SARAIKALEKHAN, NEW DELHI-110013 have changed my name VARUN SINGH CHAUHAN to VARUN SINGH for all purposes. 0070925839-1

I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Birbal Joshi, R/o B1B- 901 Samridhi Apartments, Sector- 18B, Dwarka Sector-18, South West Delhi-110078, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sanjay Kumar Joshi. 0070925818-1

I, NITENDRA SINGH CHAUHAN R/O F-803, SAKET DHAM APARTMENTS, SECTOR-61, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, U.P-201301 inform that my daughter's actual & Correct name is Vedika Chauhan.Vedika & Vedika Chauhan are one and the same person. 0040751128-1

LOST AND FOUND

I, Mrs P.K.Shaw w/o Balraj Shaw R/o 009, Mahagun Morpheus, Sector-50, Noida-201302, have lost my original Lease deed of my Shop.No.10, JOP Plaza, Sector-18, Noida-201301 (U.P.). Finder Contact above address. 0070925828-1

I, Ramesh Rajpal S/o Krishan Lal Rajpal R/O A-305 Prerna CGHS Ltd.Plot No13, Sector-10 Dwarka Delhi-110075,have lost my Share certificate finder plz Contact-8527328461 0040751046-10

I, Amandeep Dhimian S/o Mr. Vijay Kumar and Mrs. Sudha Saryu Malhotra W/o Amandeep Dhimian R/O H.NO 1753, Sector-4, Urban Estate, Gurgaon. We are the owner of Residential Plot No. 145, Pocket-B, [OC/B-145/P/N] measuring 259.30 Sq.Year (216.81 Sq.Meter), "Amanvillas", Olive Court, Sector-89, Faridabad, Haryana. We have lost our buyer buyer agreement copy (Reg. O-3318 and dated 12.05.2028) and allignment letter dated 04.03.2018 and customer code AMB450-A5. We have also lodged FIR (Application no: 132271002400893). Anyone who finds a documents should contact us at the above address and Mobile no 9999949111. That Legal action will be taken against any person who misuses the documents. 0040751008-3

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public at large that my client Mr. Jasvinder Pal Singh and his wife Kamajjeet Kaur R/o WZ-350/1, Sri Nagar Shukar Basti, Delhi-110034, have severd their family relations and disownd their son MANMINDER PAL SINGH from their movable and immovable properties due to their disobedient behavior. My client and their other family members will not responsible for any act or dealings of their son in future. Sd/- RAVINDER KUMAR Advocate CHAMBER NO-839, SAKET COURT, NEW DELHI-17

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sardar Satnam Singh S/o Late Sardar Khazan Singh and Sardarbhai Randhawa Kaur Wife of Sardar Satnam Singh, Both Residents of B-2105, Sector 16, Rohini Delhi-11009, are concerned with the fact that they had ended several of all concerns and relations with their son Sardar

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EXTENSION OF LAST DATE

The Last date for submission of online applications for the position of “REGISTRAR” is extended up to **07.10.2024**.

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Subject: Interview for the post of Officers of University advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 24.08.2022 & 04 of 2023 dated 31.03.2023-reg

ABBREVIATED INTERVIEW NOTICE

It is notified for information of all the concerned candidates that interview for the positions of Director Planning & Monitoring, Director Research, Director Extension, Registrar, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 24.08.2022 read with corrigendum issued under endorsement No. Au/Adm/GAD/Adv/OU/2022/9939-90 dated 26.08.2022 & Dean, Faculty of Forestry advertised vide Notice No. 04 of 2023 dated 31.03.2023 shall be held at Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Main Campus, Shalimar as per the schedule indicated hereunder:

S. No.	Date/Time of Interview	Name of the Position
1.	27.09.2024 (09:30 am)	i. Director Extension, ii. Dean, Faculty of Agriculture
2.	28.09.2024 (09:30 am)	i. Registrar, ii. Dean, Faculty of Forestry
3.	29.09.2024 (09:30 am)	i. Director Research, ii. Director Planning & Monitoring

The detailed interview Notice & details of shortlisting candidates in this regard is available on Official website of the University www.skuastkashmir.ac.in

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No. AU/Adm(GAD)/Adv-OU/24/2124-44 (Parveez Ahmad Bhat)
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Conducting Geospatial Services for Developing Garjepoti Scheme Information Management System (GSIMS) in 95 Villages of Thane & Raigad District (2nd Call)

CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of e-tendering invites “ON LINE” lumpsum Proposal in two bid system (**Part-I Technical Bid & Part-II Financial bid**) from Sole Proprietary firm duly Registered / duly Registered Partnership firm under Indian Partnership Act, 1932 (as amended till date) / Limited Liability Partner(LLP) firm duly established under Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 (as amended till date) / Company incorporated under Companies Act-1956 or Companies Act-2013, for “Conducting Geospatial Services for Developing Garjepoti Scheme Information Management System (GSIMS) in 95 Villages of Thane & Raigad District” who have completed the work of similar nature like fulfilling the mandatory conditions of eligibility and scoring minimum 75 marks out of 100 in evaluation as per Annexure-I of NIP. The details for proposal are as mentioned below:

1. Name of Work : Conducting Geospatial Services for Developing Garjepoti Scheme Information Management System (GSIMS) in 95 Villages of Thane & Raigad District. (2nd CALL) 2. C.A. No. : 01/CIDCO/CLSO(Garjepoti)/2024-25 3. E.M.D. : Rs. 50,00,000/- To be paid via online payment Gateway mode or in the form of Bank Guarantee from Nationalize Bank 4. Duration : 180 (One Hundred and Eighty) days including monsoon 5. Cost of Blank Proposal document : Rs. 59,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Nine Thousand only) (Non-Refundable) (Including 18% GST) (Rs. 50,000/- Bid cost + Rs. 9,000/- for 18% GST) 6 Selection Process : Quality & Cost based selection (QCBS)

Bid Document along with Bidding programme will be available on the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> from 25/09/2024 at 17.01 Hrs.

CLSO (Garjepoti)
CIN - U99999 MH 1970 SGC-014574
www.cidco.maharashtra.gov.in CIDCO/PR/24/2024-25

Government of India
Ministry of Defence, New Delhi 110011
No. C/06320/SWC/169/18(08)/AG/DV-2/586/D(AG)
MS-12635L, Capt. Ritu Khanna Dhawan

ORDER **Dated 14.08.2024**

1. WHEREAS, MS-12635L, Capt. Ritu Khanna Dhawan was granted commission in the Army Medical Corps on 01 February 1994.

2. **AND WHEREAS**, while being posted at 175 Military Hospital the officer was granted 30 days part of annual leave with effect from 02 August 1995 to 31 August 1995. However, on expiry of the said leave the officer failed to rejoin duty.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, an Apprehension Roll was issued on 14 September 1995 to the Civil Police authorities for her apprehension and handing over to Army authorities but the Officer has neither been apprehended nor has she reported on duty till date.

4. **AND WHEREAS**, a Court of Inquiry was held on 01 October 1995 to inquire into the circumstances under which MS-12635L, Capt. Ritu Khanna Dhawan was absent with out leave and the Court of Inquiry declared the officer as a deserter with effect from 01 September 1995.

5. **AND WHEREAS**, the above facts were placed before the Chief of the Army Staff who after considering the entire circumstances of the case, was of the opinion that due to her continued absence from duty, the trial of MS-12635L, Capt. Ritu Khanna Dhawan by Court Martial was impracticable but her further retention in service was undesirable. The Chief of the Army Staff directed to inform the said Officer accordingly and to call upon her to show cause as to why her services should not be terminated under the provisions of Section 19 of the Army Act, 1950, read with Rule 14 of the Army Rules, 1954.

6. **AND WHEREAS**, a Show Cause Notice Number C/06320/SWC/169/18(08)/AG/DV-2 dated 01 April 2022 was served to the officer at her last known address, giving her thirty days time to submit her reply to the said Show Cause Notice.

7. **AND WHEREAS**, the fact regarding giving of the Show Cause Notice to the Officer was published in newspapers like The Tribune (English), Rashtriya Sahara Newspaper (Hindi), Punjabi Kesari (Hindi) and Punjab Kesari (Punjabi). MS-12635L, Capt. Ritu Khanna Dhawan has neither replied to the aforesaid Show Cause Notice nor surrendered herself till date.

8. **AND WHEREAS**, after considering the material available on record regarding her illegal absence from duty, the Central Government is satisfied that the said Officer has no cause to show against the proposed termination of service.

9. **NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred vide Section 19 of the Army Act, read with Rule 14 of the Army Rules, the Central Government hereby orders. termination of service of MS-12635L, Capt. Ritu Khanna Dhawan by way of Dismissal without pension or gratuity, with immediate effect.

(SK Gaur)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS) ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-3

No. CE/STBR/RIDF-XXX/NIT/28/2024-25/8
PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER (RE-BID)

The Chief Engineer, PWD, (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Ghy-3 invites online bids on behalf of the Governor of Assam online for **5 (five) Nos. of Packages under MMUPPNA (RIDF-XXX) of NABARD for the year 2024-25 amounting to Rs. 2525.885 Lakhs (approx).** Including GST etc. from approved & eligible Contractors registered with PWRD, Assam.

Details have been made available at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and the last date of submission of Bids is 03-10-2024. Amendment/Addendum to the SBD, if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned (State Bridge Design Branch) during office hours. The Contractor/Bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWRD, Assam website <http://assamtenders.gov.in>

Note:

1. The Scheme is being sanctioned from competent authority. In the event of non-sanction of the Scheme, the bids may be cancelled and no claim what so ever on this account shall be entertained from the bidders.

2. The approximate N.I.T. Value is inclusive of GST (12%), L.C. (1%) etc.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer PWD (Roads),
Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.

JANASANYOG/CF/1597/24/25-SEP-24

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
Bank of India

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[SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)]
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **27-10-2024** for recovery of **Rs.25.83 lakhs** + interest due to the Bank of India, Bettiah Branch Secured Creditor from **M/s Ravi Kumar Prop: Ravi kumar S/o Shri Harischandra Prasad**. The reserve price will be **Rs 4.02 Lakhs** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.0.40 lakhs**.

Description of the Immoveable property:
Property situated at Dhumnagar Mauza Dhumnagar PS: Nutan District: West Champaran (Bihar) Plot no: 3503 Khata no: 335 Thana no: 185 Tauzi no: 951 Total area: 6.00 Dhur or 0.30 Katha or 2.25 Decimal in the name of Shri Ravi Kumar S/o Shri Harischandra Prasad vide sale deed no: 18015 date 27-10-2015.

The property is bounded as:- East - P.C.C Road, West - Moti Mahto, North - Muslim Miyan, South - Moti Mahto

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.ebkgray.in

Date : 23.09.2024
Place : Siwan

Authorised Officer
Zonal Office, Siwan

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, रौंची
अति अल्पकालीन ई-पुर्ननिविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
PR No.-334431 REO (24-25).D

पत्रांक:-
अति अल्पकालीन ई-पुर्ननिविदा संख्या:-10/RE/2024-25/RWD/EE/RANCHI

दिनांक-

क्रम सं०	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्रायकलित राशि (रुपये में)		कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि / अवधि	टेण्डर कोल नं०
			अंक में	अक्षर में		
1	RWD/RANCHI / 31/2024-25	ग्राम पंचायत देवरी में एन०एच०-२३ से दिलीप केसरी के घर होते हुए कुम्हार टोली के विभिन्न गलियों का पथ निर्माण कार्य। (ल०-1.300 कि०मी०)	1,43,62,600.00	एक करोड़ तैंतालीस लाख बारसठ हजार छः सौ रुपये मात्र।	9 माह	द्वितीय
2	RWD/RANCHI / 34/2024-25	नयाटोली सिमलिया पुल से आदर्श नगर कॉलोनी के विभिन्न गलियों तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (ल०-2.470 कि०मी०)	2,72,27,800.00	दो करोड़ बत्तर लाख सत्तासठ हजार आठ सौ रुपये मात्र।	15 माह	द्वितीय

1. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:-24.09.2024
2. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:-30.09.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:-01.10.2024 अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, रौंची।
5. ई-निविदा प्रक्रांछ का दूरभाष नं०- 0651-2360137
वित्तु जनकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, रौंची

PR 336847 REO(24-25).D

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Bank of India

ZONAL OFFICE, PATNA ZONE
1st Floor, Chanakya Place, R-Block, Patna-800001
(Tel. 0612-2506639/2506932)
APPENDIX IV, Rule 8(1)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable property)

Whereas,
The Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **BANK OF INDIA** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed in the table hereunder written calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount shown in the respective notices mentioned against their names in the table, within 60days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantors mentioned below having failed to repay the amount shown in the respective notices issued u/s 13(2) within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the aforementioned borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property/ies (Secured Assets) described in the table given below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sub section of (4) of Section 13 of the said Act red with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **19.09.2024** mentioned against the respective property.

The aforesaid borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies mentioned in the table hereunder written and any dealings with the said property/ies will be subject to the charge of the **BANK OF INDIA** for the amount shown in the respective column of the table and table and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower	i. Branch, ii. Date & Amount as per Notice u/s 13(2)	Details of Property	Date of Possession of Assets
Mr. Ajaj Ahmad	(i) Retail Business Centre Branch, Patna (ii) Demand Notice Date : 14.12.2023 ₹ 5,96,982.16 and interest from 31.05.2021.	Description of the Immoveable Property: EQM of the property in the name of Mr. Ajaj Ahmad vide Deed of Agreement of Sale Deed No. 701 dated 28.01.2014, Flat No. 306, 3rd floor, Neelkanth Dinesh, Jamshaut, Plot No. 2321, Thana No. 30, Tauzi No. 5456, Khata No. 178, PS: Danapur, Patna, Area: 1100 Sq.ft., the said flat is bounded as follows:- North: Open Space, South: Open Space and flat- 303, East: Stair case and Flat 301, West: Lift and flat 305.	19.09.2024

*** With further interest at applicable rate till repayment.**

Place: Patna
Date: 19.09.2024

Authorised Officer
Bank of India

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **27-10-2024** for recovery of **Rs.23.25 lakhs** + interest due to the Bank of India, Sonepur Branch Secured Creditor from **M/s Kisan Sewa Kendra Prop: Shri Ajay kumar S/o Late Shri Vishwanath Bhagat**. The reserve price will be **Rs 34.31 Lakhs** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs 3.43 lakhs**.

Description of the Immoveable property:
Property situated at Near Sabji mandi, Bakarpur, Sonepur. P.S - Sonepur District – Saran Plot No: 487 & 488 Khata no: 83 Thana no: 72 Tauzi no: 2954 Total area: 1 Katha 14.00 Dhur 15 Dhurki or 1.74 Kathas in the name of Shri Ajay Kumar S/o Late Shri Vishwanath Bhagat vide sale deed no: 1339 date 04-06-2020.

The property is bounded as:- East –Shri Shyam Babu Prasad, West-Shri Lal Babu Prasad, North-Fourlane NH, South – Self

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.ebkgray.in

Date : 23.09.2024
Place : Siwan

Authorised Officer
Zonal Office, Siwan

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **27-10-2024** for recovery of **Rs.14.69 lakhs** + interest due to the Bank of India, Bettiah Branch Secured Creditor from **M/s Jai Traders Prop: Shri Manjay Kumar S/o Shri Ramchandra Prasad**. The reserve price will be **Rs 11.48 Lakhs** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 1.15 lakhs**.

Description of the Immoveable property:
Property (1) situated at Dhoonagar Plot no: 2540 Khata no : 314 Thana No: 185 Tauzi No: 951 Ward no 12 Mauza Dhumnagar PS Nautan District: West Champaran (Bihar) in the name of Shri Manjay Kumar S/o Shri Ramchandra Prasad. Vide Sale deed no: 707 dated 18-01-2017 Total area 16.75 Decimal or 2.09 Katha

The property is bounded as:-

	for Area 12.50 Decimal	For Area 4.25 Decimal:
East	Manjay Kumar & Mirtunjay Kumar	Mirtunjay Kumar
West	Niz Seller	Niz Seller
North	PCC road	Shri Dhurb Prasad
South	Baidnath mahto & Suresh PD	PCC Road

Property (2) situated at Dhoonagar Plot no: 4020,3277 Khata no : 508 Thana No: 185 Tauzi No: 951 Ward no 13 Mauza Dhumnagar PS Nautan District: West Champaran (Bihar) in the name of Shri Manjay Kumar S/o Shri Ramchandra Prasad. Vide Sale deed no: 1436 dated 03-02-2017 Total area 0.74 Decimal or 0.10 Katha

The property is bounded as:- East –Shri Mirunjay Kumar, South–Shri Mirunjay Kumar, West - P.C.C Road North - Shri Amar Lal Prasad

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.ebkgray.in

Date : 23.09.2024
Place : Siwan

Authorised Officer
Zonal Office, Siwan

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
Bank of India

Asset Recovery Department, Gaya Zone

STAR MEGA E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

E Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Notice is hereby given to public in general & in particular to following Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) that the below mentioned Immoveable properties mortgaged/hypothecated to bank of India (Secured Creditor), the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India will be sold on “**AS IS WHERE IS BASIS**”, “**AS IS WHAT IS BASIS**” for recovery of respective dues as detailed hereunder against the secured assets Hypothecated/Mortgaged to Bank of India from the respective borrower(s)/Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit is shown there against each secured assets. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-Auction platform provided hereunder.

DATE & TIME of Auction: 09.10.2024 between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM (With auto extensions clause in case of bid in last 10 minutes before closing) (in lakh)

Sr No	Name of the borrower/Guarantor or Owner/Partner/ Mortgagor of the Property	Lot No	Details of Immoveable properties to be sold	Details of banks dues	Possession	Minimum Reserve Price in lakhs	EMD in lakhs	Date & Time of E Auction
1	Mr. Neeraj Kumar	1	Equitable mortgaged property in the name of Mr. Neeraj Kumar having sale deed no: 7014 dt. 02.07.2020, situated at Mauza: Kajha, bearing Khata No: 30(N), Plot No: 411 (N), Thana No 539, PS: Wazirganj, Dist: Gaya, Bihar, Total area is 6.24 decimal.	Ledger outstanding Rs. 45.68 lakh plus uncharged interest and other applicable charges from the date of NPA i.e. 04.10.2021	Physical	15.20	1.52	9 th Oct 2024 From 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM

TERMS & CONDITIONS of E Auctions are as under:

1. E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and will be conducted online.

2. For downloading further details, process compliance, terms & Conditions please visit a) <https://bankofindia.co.in> b) Website address of E Auction service provider is- <https://ebkgray.in>. Bidder may visit <https://ebkgray.in> where guidelines for bidders are available with educational videos. Bidders have to complete following formalities well in advance in order to participate in E Auction.

Step-1: Bidder Registration-Bidder to register on E Auction platform (link given above) using his mobile number and Email ID.

Step-2: KYC Verification-Bidder to upload requisite KYC Documents. KYC documents shall be verified by the E Auction service provider.

Step-3: Transfer of EMD amount to bidder Global EMD wallet: On-line/Off-line transfer of fund using NEFT/Transfer using challan generated on E Auction platform.

Step-4: Bidding Process & Auction Results: Interested bidders can bid online on E Auction platform after completing Step 1.2 & 3. Please note that Step 1 to 3 should be completed by the bidder well in advance, before E Auction date.

3. To the best of knowledge & information of the authorized officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, title of properties put for E-Auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The E Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to bank. The Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for third party claims/rights/dues. No claim of whatsoever nature will be entertained after submission of On-line bid regarding properties put for sale. 4. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provide. **Date of Inspection of Immoveable Properties: 08.10.2024 from 11.00 AM to 4:00 PM** with prior appointment with above mentioned respective branches on the contact numbers given against respective branches. 5. Bids shall be submitted through online procedure only. 6. Bidders shall be deemed to have read & understood the terms & conditions of sale & be bound by them. 7. The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price & bidders shall improve their further offers in multiples of Rs.10, 000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand only) & 8. The Earnest Monet Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. 9. The Earnest Monet Deposit (EMD) shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price inclusive of EMD already paid, immediately upon same day or next working day as the case may be. The balance of the purchase price shall have to be paid within 15 days of acceptance / confirmation of sale conveyed to them failing which Bank is at liberty to forfeit the amount deposited by the successful bidder. 10. Neither the Authorized Officer/ Bank nor E Auction service provider will be held responsible for any Internet Network Problem/ Power failure any other technical lapses etc. In order to ward off such contingent situation the interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power back up etc. for successful participation in E Auction event. 11. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties, registration charges and other incidental charges and also the statutory and non-statutory dues, taxes, assessments etc. 12. The Authorized Officer/bank has the absolute right & discretion to accept or reject any or all offers or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the E Auction or withdraw any property thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason therefor. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 13. The sale certificate will be issued in the name of purchaser(s)/applicant(s) only and will not be issued in any other name(s). 14. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. For further details / enquiries, if any, of the terms and conditions of sale, can be obtained from the respective branches on the contact numbers given. 15. While inspecting the properties, preventive measures such as social distancing, compulsory wearing of mask at places of public gatherings and all other rules prescribed by State & Central administration must be followed to contain the spread of COVID19 pandemic. 16. For the properties where symbolic possession is taken and put for E Auction, actual possession of the properties will be handed over to successful bidders strictly after obtaining permission for physical possession from district magistrate.

SALE NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS
This Notice is also to be treated as Statutory sale notice to borrower and Guarantor (L/Rs) Under Rules 8(2) Security Interest (Enforcement), Rule 2002.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of India is having full powers to issue this notice of sale and exercise all powers of sale under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Rules framed there under. You have committed default in payment of the outstanding dues and interest with monthly rests, costs and charges etc. in respect of the advances granted by the bank mentioned above. Hence the bank has issued a Demand Notice to all of you under section 13(2) to pay the above mentioned amount within 60 days. You have failed to pay the amount even after the expiry of 60 days. Therefore the Authorized Officer, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4), took symbolic/physical possession of the secured assets, more particularly described in the schedule mentioned above. Notice is hereby given to you to pay the sum as mentioned above before the date fixed for sale, failing which the immovable properties will be sold and balance due, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost from you. Please note that all expenses pertaining to demand notice, taking possession, valuation and sale etc. shall be first deducted from the sale proceeds, which may be realized by the undersigned and the balance of the sale proceeds will be appropriated towards your liability as aforesaid. You are also at liberty to participate in the sale to be held on the terms and conditions thereof including deposit of earnest money or may bring suitable buyers.

Authorised officer
Bank of India
Date- 24.09.2024
Place- Gaya
NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

(From right) Olympic medallists Lovlina Borgohain and Manu Bhaker in conversation with Mihir Vasavda, Deputy Associate Editor, *The Indian Express*

‘It’s still difficult for women in sports. Even parents are hesitant to let their children pursue sports’

At an Adda in New Delhi, twin bronze medal-winner in shooting at the Paris Olympics Manu Bhaker and Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist in boxing Lovlina Borgohain spoke on their journey, life after the medals and women in sports

On the aftermath of Tokyo and Paris Olympics medals

Lovlina Borgohain: It took almost two to three months to settle down from the Tokyo Olympics win in 2021 as the hopes of the entire country were riding on my shoulders. Moreover, I was the first woman from Assam to enter the competition. Assamese people are very emotional, so their reaction is also very strong... This time (at the Paris Olympics), I expected to change the colour of my medal. But that didn't happen. However, people's love did not decrease, nor did I receive any negative comments as I had given my 100 per cent. There are many emotions connected to sports, so yes, people are a little angry if their expectations aren't met. Parents also get angry. But there wasn't that much anger this time. I am more scared of the reaction I get from social media than my parents.

Manu Bhaker: I had a bittersweet moment in Paris. While I was happy with the medals, I also felt that I missed the silver by 0.1 points. The very next day, we had the mixed team match. So I was all hyped up that I had to do good and I had to try and do better than the day before so that we could qualify for a bronze medal match. The final air pistol match for mixed doubles was like a do-or-die situation. That was really interesting. The people in the crowd were going crazy. It was really interesting for me. Coming from Tokyo, I really know the value of these medals. I realised how much hard work we all as athletes put in

and then it's converted into a medal that we win for the country. The fourth-place finish is never good. It doesn't feel very good. But the overall experience was kind of bittersweet. I'm happy, but not satisfied.

On how life changed after the medals

Bhaker: Honestly, I'm getting to wear different kinds of clothes but other than that, it's going to be the same. As athletes, our main goal is to just perform and try and do good in competitions for India. So that is going to be the primary goal. Only the bonus point for me, being a girl, would be wearing different kinds of clothes, trying different things and making new friends. So that is cool. But I think life should remain

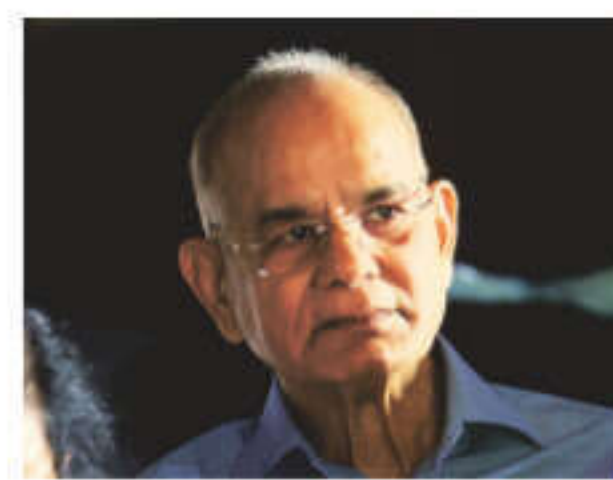
the same.

On their backgrounds

Bhaker: There is a small school in Goria village, Jhajjar, Haryana, called Universal Senior Secondary School. I started my shooting career from there. Our school would transform the assembly area to resemble the Olympics arena. They would make the school students sit in that area to create that pressure. I got my initial training there. I was also selected for the Indian team while I was in school, and even qualified for the Commonwealth Games. When I was young, I wanted to get stronger in case I got into an untoward situation. I didn't want to be scared and wanted to be able to fight back. Therefore, I liked combat



(From left) Manu Bhaker's parents, Sumedha and Ramkishan Bhaker; yoga expert Anil Jain; advocate Daksh Jain

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sports and would also get into several fights... Shooting taught me a lot of patience — both in happy and nervous situations.

Borgohain: Our family comes from a lower economic background. My mother, two sisters and I used to be alone in the house while my father worked in the tea garden. Therefore, my mother insisted that we learn martial arts for self-defence. I learnt muay thai and that gave me confidence. As muay thai wasn't an Olympic sport, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) gave me a chance to shift to boxing. Initially, it was difficult to travel long distances by train to different places across the country. Girls in my state still face those hardships if they have to think about pursuing boxing. But SAI has helped ease a lot of these problems.

On the Vinesh Phogat incident

Borgohain: I was at home when I heard the news (about Phogat). Even in a combat

sport like boxing, a difference of one or 0.5 grams in weight means we won't be allowed to compete. However, in boxing, if our weight increases after we reach the finals, we get the (silver) medal. We are not disqualified but we are not allowed to compete. Therefore, I had hoped that would be the case for Phogat as well. However, in wrestling the rule is to disqualify the person. There was a lot of expectation and we all felt bad (after Phogat's disqualification). It feels bad after a player works hard and does not get the recognition.

When we control our weight, for two-three days, we don't get food and even water intake is heavily measured. It feels bad to get this result after doing all of this. It is difficult to control oneself in those moments, I could feel that. In my last Olympics, I was playing at 69 kg and then suddenly it changed and now I am competing in the 75 kg category. When I played in the 69 kg category, my weight went up a little bit and



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QUICK QUESTIONS

MANU BHAKER

● **The one congratulatory message you received after the medal that you most cherish?**

My coach, he is barely happy with my performance. So, with that one, I was like, I'll take it.

● **What did he say?**
He said, 'You did well'. I know when he says that, he really means it.

● **Your strategic advantage over your rivals?**
It's not a one-on-one sport. It's me versus me only. So that's the strategy.

● **If not a shooter, what would you be?**
Most likely, a doctor.

● **Rich or famous? If you had to pick one.**
Come on, tell me who is rich and not famous, or who is famous and not rich.

● **The one question that you are irritated hearing repeatedly?**
There are many, let's not talk about that. One very basic question is, 'How do you feel like after the medal?' Of course, I feel very happy.

● **If you could change one thing about your sport, what would you change?**
Vasavda: The playlist at Karni Singh shooting range?
Oh, yes, definitely. They've kept the playlist the same. It's been years that we've been listening to those same 20-30 songs on repeat, every single day of my life, for the last eight years.

● **The one thing that Indian athletes can learn from Chinese athletes?**
Consistency and how they have this mindset of winning, only winning the gold.

● **The one Olympian you admire and why?**
Usain Bolt's story has really inspired me. He was really young at the time of his first Olympics. The next time he went there, he won all three golds in his categories. So that is fantastic.

● **Is there any Paralympian whose story has touched you?**

I have come across many stories of our brilliant Paralympic athletes. I am very connected to the shooting ones, so I know a lot about them. Avani won gold in the last Paralympics and in this one. Her journey is very inspiring, we can all take lessons from that.

● **How would you describe the Indian audience?**
Very loving but also impulsive in nature. You can't imagine the extent that they can love you, but when times are not good, sometimes people tend to also criticise you. You have to be very careful of whatever you do.

● **What do you prefer — a father as a coach or a coach as a father figure?**
Actually, both have equal importance. Without my father, my mom and my coach, I would never have been able to make it till here. So both are equally necessary. But, of course, having that kind of a bond with the coach is going to help you in the long term, in your career and how you become as a person as well.

● **Fame or money?**

I think it's most important to be happy.

● **Any punch outside the boxing ring that you remember?**
I was travelling by train from my house to the hostel and was in the general compartment, where I hit a man. At the time, people used to often harass girls in the general compartment.

● **Muhammad Ali or Mike Tyson? Who is the better boxer?**
I follow both, their style is different — one attacks, the other defends. I was more inspired by Muhammad Ali at first, and later I followed Mike Tyson. Both are famous and their game is good.

● **Do you ever feel you made a mistake by choosing this sport and should go back in time and choose another?**
There are a lot of positives and negatives about boxing but it has given me so much. You might scold someone a lot but you can't stay upset forever — it's the same with boxing for me.

● **One question that irritates you?**
When people ask, 'What went

wrong this time?' I can't express that in a word, the result does not depend on a day, it's a long journey.

● **If you could change one rule in boxing?**
The scoring system.

● **Do you binge watch or sleep during a long flight?**
Both. Maybe sleep because rest is more important.

● **One thing you'd learn from Chinese athletes?**
Their winning mentality.

● **One advice for other women athletes?**
Focus.

● **One Olympian you admire and why?**
Mary (Kom) *didi* because she continued the sport after her marriage, children. She has given so much to the country.

● **One Paralympian whom you follow?**
We're inspired by Paralympians. They did so well in Paris despite difficult situations.



(From left) Dr Rashmi Saluja, Executive Chairperson, Religare Enterprises, with Olympic medallists Manu Bhaker and Lovlina Borgohain



Manu Bhaker with guests at the event



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but then muscle mass is lost, fat increases and fitness decreases.

Bhaker: I am happy I am not in weight sports. When I first heard she won the fight with the Japanese athlete and that the latter was the world number one, I was so happy. I was like, it's gonna be gold for her. I'm sure everyone was very positive about it. We all were really happy. But sometimes unexpected things happen in sports. I'm not comparing anything but, for example, last time in Tokyo, I had a pistol malfunction. Sports teaches us how to deal with very different situations and it can be really brutal at times. But that is something that will actually make us really strong going forward and you can never expect what can happen next.

On rethinking career choices

Bhaker: Experience teaches us a lot. I lost many competitions before I headed to Paris. I told myself that I would try my best and let's see what happens because I've seen the fall in Tokyo. So I was not really scared of the outcome. Losing will teach you many things. Even winning will teach you many things.

I tried to take a break from shooting after what happened in Tokyo. I was so restless. I thought I have to change this somehow. The last time, I was so confident. As soon as Tokyo ended, I was like, next time I'm going to win a gold. That dream continues. At least I'm in the right direction. So I had hardships also after that. I was really doubting my choices. I was actually thinking of opting for a different career path. Maybe something in the education field. Maybe an MBA or something.

On the pressures of performance

Bhaker: Sports is such a thing that you have to sustain for a long time, your career should be at least 10-15 years long, if not 30 years. It is difficult to be injury-free and mentally stable during that because there are highs and lows. It is challenging to maintain yourself dur-

ing the lows. Sometimes when I am shooting, all sorts of thoughts go through my mind — if I lose, what are the criticisms I would hear, or if I win what will that high feel like. Whenever such things happen, I start humming a song. I rely a lot on music. We have these International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) playlists or we always have some sort of music playing in the ranges. That helps me a lot. I don't have any favourites but I like to play Punjabi music when I'm shooting.

Borgohain: It's important to stay calm. Boxing is an aggressive sport but if I get angry in the ring, then our decision-making will not be right. In the ring, there are situations when we are getting hit but we have to think of our next move and hit back. We have to seem aggressive but calm on the inside. I try to chant the Hanuman Chalisa inside the ring, which makes me feel a different kind of aggressiveness and energy.

On sportspersons joining politics

Bhaker: It's a personal choice, of course. Some people think they can improve some things if they foray into politics. If they had a long career, they can actually give back to the sport and sports, in general, in the country. There are cons too. For instance, it can impact their personal life. We can all contribute to doing good for the country in whatever way. I think we all should try to do that. Be it through politics, sports or any other profession.

On the safety of women in sports

Borgohain: It's still a tough situation. It was even tougher before, you could not even think of joining sports. Today, at least you can think about it. However, it is still difficult for women in sports. Even parents are hesitant to let their children pursue sports. It should be rectified. I feel it is gradually changing. If we are aware and more people start getting aware, then I think it can bring some change.

AT WHAT AGE DID YOU OR YOUR MOTHER REALISE YOU ARE CUT OUT FOR SHOOTING?

BHAKER: When a child is given a lot of choices, it becomes easy to choose a career path. When I got that flexibility from home, and realised I excel in sports, I thought perhaps I was meant for this and decided to give it my 100 per cent. At first, I didn't even know that shooting was a sport... I would say, I was discovered by my school coach. He said I should play for a year, and I will start doing well soon.



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HOW DO YOU MANAGE WORK-LIFE BALANCE? WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST MOTIVATION?

BORGHAIN: Since I joined sports, there have been times when I haven't been able to visit home for almost a year because one competition follows another. So we

have to learn to be focused. Also, after Tokyo, I have tried to spend more time with my family. Earlier, I could not ask them to come as often as our financial situation wasn't that good, but now, after Tokyo, I try to travel with them between competitions. And our work-life is sports. We have to focus on that. Training might be twice, but we wake up and sleep accordingly. We stay away from distractions and focus on sports.

BHAKER: It's a little different for me. My mother is a lecturer and father is an engineer. Everyone in my family is in these two professions. So there was some pressure on me, especially during the 10th board exams because the results are published in the newspaper; it would have been embarrassing if I didn't do well. So I told them at the time that I need a tutor, only then can I sustain. I used to do sports and studies, and still do. I try to get good marks and do well in sports.

IN YOUR SPORT, DO YOU FOLLOW ANY STRATEGY OR IS IT JUST CONCENTRATION, PATIENCE, FOCUS?

BHAKER: We do have strategies. For example, in which competition should we peak, which one to skip, where not to practice, which one to attend for practice. We participate in different events with different motives — some competitions are more significant for us while we can take some others a little lightly. I think that is true of every sport. We also have many strategies for injury management, if the injury is getting aggravated we can opt to skip events. There are also strategies in the competition; if we are feeling low we approach the game differently, if we are excited we have a different approach.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE TO TODAY'S YOUTH?

BHAKER: One advice I would like to give everyone, especially the young, is



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that there is nothing on social media. You should save your time. Spend time with your family, on the playground and playing different sports. Read about other people's journeys. *Social media se thoda door raho aur jitna ho sake natural life ki taraf vapas jao* (stay away from social media and lead as natural a life as possible). Being on the playground, spending time with your friends and being out will actually help you develop and become a better person in life.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR OTHER ATHLETES?

BHAKER: I would say strength, a lot of strength. Being young, we also really need somebody, a good mentor or someone to actually guide us through the hardships and the good times and the bad times. So a mentor is very, very important. When we have good direction, we get strength or passion and success, everything follows.



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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**Notice of Invitation E-Tender**

Divisional Railway Manager, N.W. Rly, Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tender for the following works on the date shown as below; **Tender No: S&T/BKN/ET 299; Name of Work with its Location:** "Provision of new Hot standby El architecture in place of old warm standby El at 7 stations of SOG-SGMR Section and provision of new Hot standby El architecture in lieu of obsolete GE make warm standby El at 2 stations of HHM- SGMR section over Bikaner division". **Approx Cost of Work:** 139661688.04; **Bid Security:** 848300.00; **Date & Time for submission of Tender & opening of tender:** Up to 15.00 Hrs. of 15.10.2024; **Website from Which complete Tender details can be seen & download:** www.ireps.gov.in **1103-AN/24**
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WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION**OUTSOURCING OF AC COACH ELECTRICAL ATTENDANT**

E-Tender Notice No. Sr.DEE/ADI/40 (24-25). dt.19-09-2024. **Sr.No.1: Tender No.** EL-50-1-ADT-1-53-2024-25 **Name of Work:** Ahmedabad Division : Outsourcing of AC coach electrical attendant for Escorting operation & trouble shooting of LHB & Conventional AC coaches of primary maintenance trains of Ahmedabad division for two years. **Estimated cost:** ₹ 3,67,63,973.51/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹ 3,33,800/- **Date and Time of Submission and opening:** Not later than 15:00 Hrs of 17-10-2024 and 17-10-2024 at 15:30 Hrs. **Address of the office and Website details:** Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, D.R.M. Office (W.R.), Near Chamunda bridge, Opp. G.C.S hospital, Naroda road, Amdapura, Ahmedabad-382345. Website: www.ireps.gov.in **ADJ-183**
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tender Notice No 116 to 117-24-25
Divt. Rly, Manager, N.W.Rly: Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works up to 15:00 hours on 14.10.2024 as below:- **Tender No. 116, Name of Work with its Location:** Soft upgradation of Loharu station of Bikaner Division under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme under ADEN/N.W.RLY - Sadulpur. **Approx. Cost of Work:** Rs. 79720974.66; **Earnest Money:** Rs. 548600.00; **Tender No. 117, Name of Work with its Location:** Soft Upgradation of Raisinchnagar station of Bikaner division under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme under ADEN/ Hanumangarh-II. **Approx. Cost of Work:** Rs. 69715180.70; **Earnest Money:** Rs. 498600.00; **Note-** Other terms & conditions will be shown on the website www.ireps.gov.in. **1101-AN/24**
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Tender Notice No. Elect-Chg-OT-24-25-19ACCI. Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/Santragachi, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division acting on behalf of President of India invites open tender from respective eligible contractors through e-Tendering in www.ireps.gov.in website as per details mention below. Respective contractors are requested to apply for the same through online only, in www.ireps.gov.in website. No offline tender will be accepted for this tender. Please read the tender document carefully uploaded in the document section for details. **Name of the work :** Escorting Job of ACCI for AC coaches & ACCEA for first AC in various trains at Santragachi Coaching Depot for Two Years. **Tender Value :** ₹ 8,94,80,123.78. **EMD/Bid Security :** ₹ 5,97,400/- **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 14.10.2024, 11:00 hrs. **Tender Notice,** tender document and other details are given in the www.ireps.gov.in (PR-641)

North Eastern Railway**E-Tendering Notice**

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), North Eastern Railway, Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India, invites Online "Open" tenders (E-Tendering) for the following work: **S.N. 1. Tender Reference No. :** E-Tender-L-27-24-25, **Name of Work :** Provision of amenities at PRRB & JI in connection with Kumbh Mela-2025, **Approx. Cost (in Rs.) :** 71,08,398.75, **Earnest Money (in Rs.) :** 1,42,200.00, **Completion Period :** 02 Months, **Date & Time of Closing Tender :** 16.10.2024 14:30 Hrs., **Date & Time of Opening Tender :** 16.10.2024 14:30 Hrs.
For full details of above E-Tender and to participate in tenders please visit Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in.
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TRENCHING, LAYING & TERMINATION OF SIGNAL-LING CABLE ETC. WORKS

Tender Notice No. NFR. C. RE. GHY. KIR. 02; Dated: 16-09-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Tender No.:** NFR. C. RE. GHY. KIR. 02. **Name of work :** Trenching, laying & termination of signalling cable and transfer of existing running signalling circuit at Kachina station & Bangalbari station on section Barsoi Junction-Radhikapur of Kathar division of N. F. Railway". **Tender Value:** ₹ 11.23.118/-; **Bid Security:** ₹ 22,500/-; **Date & time of closing of tender at 11:00 hrs. on 08-10-2024.** For details of tender and any corrigendum, please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

- The Chief Construction Engineer, Rayagada (R&B) Circle, Rayagada on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover mode to be received in online mode only for the construction of works as detailed in the table below:-
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- Availability of Bid Documents in the website :** 11.00 Hours of Date. 30.09.2024 to 17.00 Hours of Date. 17.10.2024
- Date of opening of Bid :** 11.00 Hrs of Dt. 18.10.2024.

The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website <https://tendersissa.gov.in>. Any Addendum/ Corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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Tender Notice No: 140 /2024-2025

The tenderers willing to submit tenders for Construction of Tiruchirappalli Bypass Road along Koraiyaru and Uyyakondan Rivers – Section–II in Tiruchirappalli City Corporation, at an estimated amount of **Rs.68.00 Crore**, to be executed under the SUIDF Fund 2024-25 are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in <http://tntenders.gov.in> as well as through sealed hard copies on or before **3.00 p.m. of 28.10.2024**, which will be downloaded and opened at **04.00.p.m.** in the same day. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.

Pre bid meeting in this regard will be held on **09.10.2024 at 11.00 am** at Commissioner's Conference Hall, Corporation Main office. Other details may be obtained in the Engineering section, Main office during office hours in working days.

Tender Conditions are available in the above said website.
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Tiruchirappalli City Corporation
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**OPEN TENDER NOTICE (Through e-Tender)**

E-Tender Notice No. 352451888 Date: 21.09.2024
On the behalf of President of India e-Tenders are invited by the Dy. CMM/GSD/NWR, Jodhpur. **1. Name of item:** 1. STATIC ELECTRONIC WEIGH BRIDGE CAPACITY-100 MT(TON TURNKEY BASIS). Specifications as attached with tender. This includes all CONCOMITANT ACCESSORIES, Foundation, installation, commissioning and proving test of machine, warranty (2 years) and AMC (5 years after warranty). 2. CAMC of 05 years after warranty period. **Rate of Discounting: 10% Start After Year: 2]; 2. Approximate Cost of items:** 2810592/- (Rs Twenty Eight Lac Ten Thousand Five hundred ninety two only); 3. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** 56210/- (Rs Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred Ten only); 4. **Last date and time for Submission of E-Tender & Opening of E-Tender:** 14.10.2024 Before 14:25 Hrs; 5. **Web site from E-Tender forms can be obtained:** www.ireps.gov.in; 6. **Address of the NIT issuing Office:** Office of Dy Chief Material Manager/ GSD NWR, Jodhpur-342001 (Rajasthan); **Note:** 1. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be summarily rejected. 2. Cost of tender document & EMD online through e-transfers i.e. through payment gateway facility on the IREPS website. **1105-AN/24**
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WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION**CORRIGENDUM**

Corrigendum to Tender Document of Tender No. DRM BRC 085 of 2024-25 of Tender Notice No. DRM BRC 085 of 2024-25 dated 19.09.2024. Tender No. DRM BRC 085 of 2024-25. At tender documents Page No. 13 (Tender form - Second Sheet) Similar nature of work may be read as "Construction of any Building work" instead of "Construction of and Building work". The other terms & condition will remains unchanged. BRC-179-A
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**E-Tender**

DRM (Electrical) NWR Ajmer on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work up to 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Tender No:** DRM- Elect - 15- 24- 25; **Name of Work:** All Div: Electric work due to augmentation of linen facilities at Ajmer Station. **Approximate Cost of work:** Rs. 2648387/-; **Earnest Money:** Rs. 63000/- **Date of Closing E-Tender:** 14.10.2024; The details of above E - tender are available on website www.ireps.gov.in **1106-AN/24**
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Traffic Manager
Deendayal Port Authority

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ई-निविदा

ई-निविदा क्र. (07.08,09)/चांधकाम विभाग/2024-25
मुख्याधिकारी नगर परिषद परकी वैजनाथ यांनी ई-निविदा प्रणालीद्वारे निविदा सुचना दिनांक 23.09.2024 रोजी वेळ 18.00 वाजता पुढील सांकेतीक स्वकारण प्रसिद्ध केली आहे. www.mahatenders.gov.in या वेबसाईटवर निविदा नमुना पहावा. निविदा बाबत सुचना सदर सांकेतीक स्वकारण प्रसिद्ध केल्या आहेत. तेव्हा इच्छुक निविदा घारकांनी दि. 01.10.2024 रोजी वेळ 18.00 वाजेपर्यंत निविदा भरवी.

स्वाक्षरित /-
मुख्याधिकारी तथा प्रशासक
नगर परिषद परकी वैजनाथ

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, गोड्डा

शुद्धि-पत्र

अल्यकालीन ई०-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं० 17/2024-25/RWD/EE/GODDA दिनांक 19.09.2024 जिसका PR 336189 (Rural Work Depatment) (24-25).D द्वारा समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित हुआ है मैं, अपरिहार्य कारणवश निम्नवत संशोधन किया जाता है:-

- 1.ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 09.10.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
- 2.क्रम सं० 01 RWD/EE/GODDA/36/2024-25, बड़ा कल्हाजोर स्कूल से सालेडीह तक पथ का निर्माण कार्य में कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि 18 माह के जगह 15 माह पड़ा जाय। अन्य शेष शर्तें पूर्ववत रहेंगे। कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, गोड्डा

PR 336839 (Rural Work Department)24-25"D

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग वृत्त, सिरौही

क्रमांक :- एकाउंट/निविदा/2024-25/1952 दिनांक: 20.09.2024

निविदा सूचना संख्या-03/2024-25

NIB Code PWD2425A1685

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से पुल निर्माण कार्य के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी के सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों / केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ढाक एवं दूरसंचार विभाग / रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समक्ष हो, से कार्यों हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में प्रप्त की जायेगी।

ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तरीका 26 सितम्बर 2024 प्रातः 9:30 बजे से 17 अक्टूबर 2024 सायं 6:00 बजे तक

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in.

<http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> व <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर ऑनलाईन सम्पदित की जायेगी। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट पर <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है। कार्यार वृ.बी.एच. संख्या निम्नानुसार है।

हस्ता /-
(एस.एम.ए.ए.)
अधीक्षण अभियंता
सांनिविड वृत्त सिरौही
1 PWD2425WSOB06106

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, हटिया योजना, रौंकी। E-mail :- dwsdhatiaproject@gmail.com

शुद्धि पत्र
एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि Request of Proposal for Supplying Various Chemicals and Reagents in 16 nos in Dumka Zone जिसका Tender Ref. No.- LAB/DWSD/09/2024-25 dt. 13.09.2024 एवं PR No.-336081 जो विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित हुई है में निम्नांकित संशोधन किया जाता है:-

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| 3 | वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय | 28.09.2024 at 1:00 PM से। |
| 4 | प्रौ बीड बैठक की तिथि एवं समय | 04.10.2024 in the Office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Executive Director, Programme Management Unit, DWSD, Jharkhand, Dandara, Ranchi at 3:00PM |
| 5 | ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय | 14.10.2024 at 4:00 PM |
| 6 | ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय | 15.10.2024 at 4:00 PM से। |

निविदा का शेष अंश यथावत रहेगा।
कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, हटिया योजना, रौंकी।

PR 336991 Drinking Water and Sanitation(24-25)D

AXIS FINANCE LIMITED
(CIN U65921MH1995PLC212675)
Axis House, C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai – 400 025

APPENDIX IV
Sec Rule 8(1)
SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable property)
[As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Axis Finance Limited (AFL)**, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 27th June, 2024 calling upon the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) (1) **MR. HITESH GOYAL (2) MS. KANTA DEVI** both at: Plot No. 82-83, Second Floor, Pocket 14, Sector – 22, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi – 110086, (3) **M/S STONE AGE** at: Plot No. 66, Khasra No. 70, Extended Lal Dora, Village Singhola, Narela, North West Delhi, Delhi – 110040 who have mortgaged the immovable property more particularly described hereunder to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **INR. 59,67,230/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lacs Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Only) due as on 06.06.2024** with further interest at the contractual rate thereon till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) 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 Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 17th day of September of the year 2024. The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) 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 Axis Finance Limited for an amount of **INR. 59,67,230/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lacs Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Only) due as on 06.06.2024** and further interest thereon at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, etc. of Axis Finance Ltd until the full payment or realization in full. The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) & sub section (13) of section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Property details –
All the piece and parcel of the property, "Plot No. 82-83, Second Floor (without roof and terrace), Pocket 14, Sector – 22, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi – 110086 admeasuring **344 sq. ft"** and bounded as under
East : Plot No. 84
West : Plot No. 81
North : Road
South : Plot No. 87 & 86
Date: 17.09.2024
Place: New Delhi

Authorized Officer
Axis Finance Ltd.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS**"THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS"**

TENDER NOTICE No. : S/2024/74 Date: 23.09.2024
The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter 3rd floor, Near Jawahar circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur-302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tenders on www.ireps.gov.in site as follows. All the E-tenders will be closed at 14.25 hrs.

Sr.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Unit	Due date
1	37242084	Constant contact polyurethane	1582	Set.	09.10.24
2	37242088	Constant contact polyurethane (pu) side bearing pad assembly for casnub 22NLR bogies	1772	Nos.	14.10.24
3	30242182A	Primary spring for generator car outer	501	Nos	14.10.24
4	30243327	Stiffener plate of front carrier plate	2368	Nos	14.10.24
5	60235517	Supply, installation, commissioning & testing of EOT crane 25/10 Ton and accessories	02	Nos	15.10.24
6	6324ENG33	Running contract for manufacturing and supply of joggled fish plates for 60 kg rails	10075	Set	16.10.24
7	40241739	110 VOLT BRUSHLESS DC (BLDC) RAILWAY CARRIAGE FAN, FIXED TYPE 400 MM SWEEP	3179	Nos	21.10.24
8	65245001	Pit less electronic in-motion Railway weigh Bridge	02	Nos	23.10.24
9	30241358	POH kit FOR SHOCK ABSORBER CAPACITY- 600 KGS. MAKE ESCORT CONSISTING OF 18 ITEMS.	1580	Set	28.10.24
10	30240095	Set of side buffer assembly	39	Set	28.10.24
11	60245336	EOT CRANE CAP30/10T	01	Nos	13.11.24

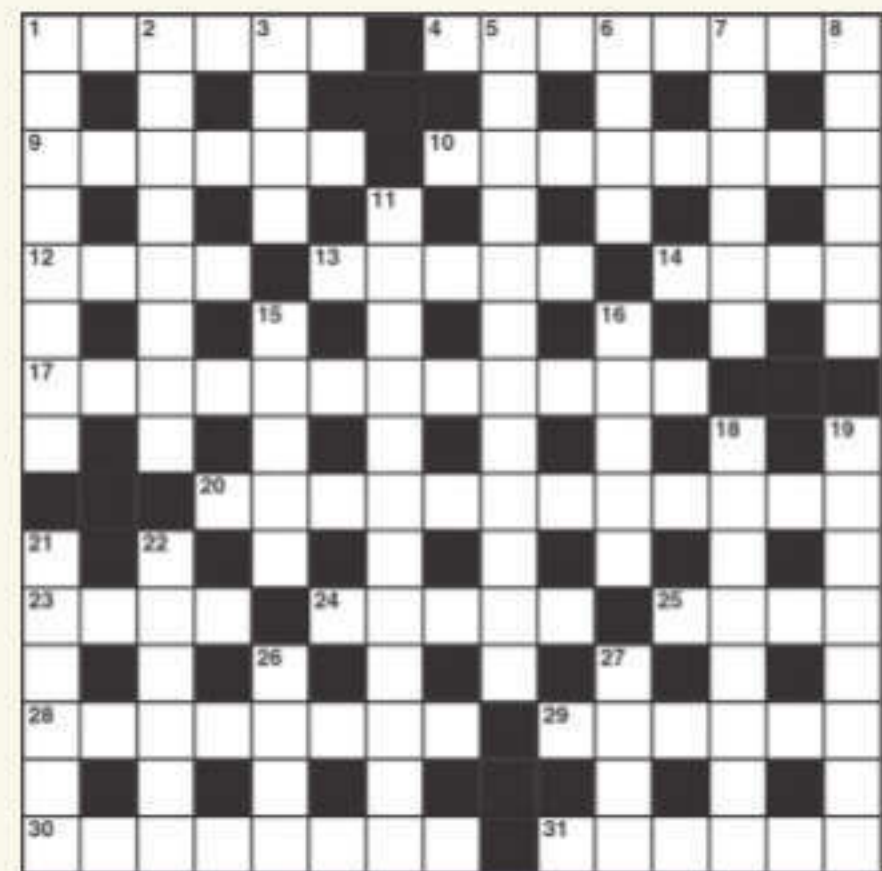
CORRIGENDUM

Sr.	Tender No.	Description	NIT No.	TOD	Amendment in Nit / Eligibility criteria
1	60235534	Design, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and proving of Eot crane 30/10T	S/2024/72 Dt.04.09.24	30.09.24	Modification in inspection clause from existing product inspection to process inspection & upload new document
2	60235533	Design, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and proving of Eot crane 30/7.5T	S/2024/72 Dt.04.09.24	03.10.24	Modification in inspection clause from existing product inspection to process inspection & upload new document
3	60235514 A	Design, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and proving of surface traverser 80Tan	S/2024/72 Dt.04.09.24	07.10.24	Modification in inspection clause from existing product inspection to process inspection
4	60245341	Supply, installation, testing, commissioning and proving of airless centrifugal shot blasting machine-rotary table type	S/2024/72 Dt.04.09.24	22.10.24	Modification in inspection clause from existing product inspection to process inspection
5	6324ENG 20	Running contract for manufacturing and supply of thick web switches	S/2024/73 Dt.12.09.24		Eligibility criteria is modified

Note:- (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website ireps.gov.in for Full details/ description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. (2) For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 25 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit www.ireps.gov.in
Please join us on www.facebook.com/NWRRailways **1102-AN/24**

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation
Notice Inviting Tender

CROSSWORD 5478



- ACROSS
- 1 Traces wrongly directed supplies (6)
- 2 Sends round a small sum in allowances (8)
- 9 Honour I dream about (6)
- 10 Put on record (8)
- 12 He ruled in one Roman era (4)
- 13 He gives the direction in the entrance (5)
- 14 Rigid forms of worship (4)
- 17 Marksman who has a meteoric career? (8,4)
- 20 They rise or fall to some degree (12)
- 23 Scandinavian cooked loaf (4)
- 24 He may be winned when taken out (5)
- 25 Men wise in imagination (4)
- 28 Breaking up is commonly so wonderful (8)
- 29 A place of growing importance (6)
- 30 Inside man (8)
- 31 Get out of position? (6)
- DOWN
- 1 Relatively close? (8)
- 2 Cat given alternative to din after midnight (8)
- 3 It's not well done in extra rehearsals (4)
- 5 What an expert in depreciation makes? (3,5,2,2)
- 6 Suffering from a nip (4)
- 7 In June the rates will be lower (6)
- 8 Nervous tension makes rest difficult on board (6)
- 11 A trip out of town? (7,5)
- 15 Feeling irritable? (5)
- 16 Young trainee acted badly (5)
- 18 Andy's one to provide a non-committal answer (3,3,2)
- 19 In Genesis a derelict property is made over to him (8)
- 21 An active talker maybe but his talk is idle (6)
- 22 Where in Africa one supports the law to some degree (6)
- 26 Drive off though said to go on foot (4)
- 27 Superior water colour (4)

Solutions Crossword 5477 Across: 1 Sally, 4 Damaged, 8 Cos, 9 Discredit, 10 Dawdles, 11 Infer, 13 Stroll, 15 Strict, 18 Paste, 19 Estates, 21 Climb down, 23 Imp, 24 Saladin, 25 Event Down: 1 Secedes, 2 Last words, 3 Yodel, 4 Disuse, 5 Marxist, 6 Gad, 7 Deter, 12 Faint line, 14 Lieback, 16 Tossport, 17 Heroin, 18 Picks, 20 Tinge, 22 Ill

JUMBLD 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.

Nothing so much enhances a good as to make ___ for it. - George Santayana (10)

OPAER

ACTUCS

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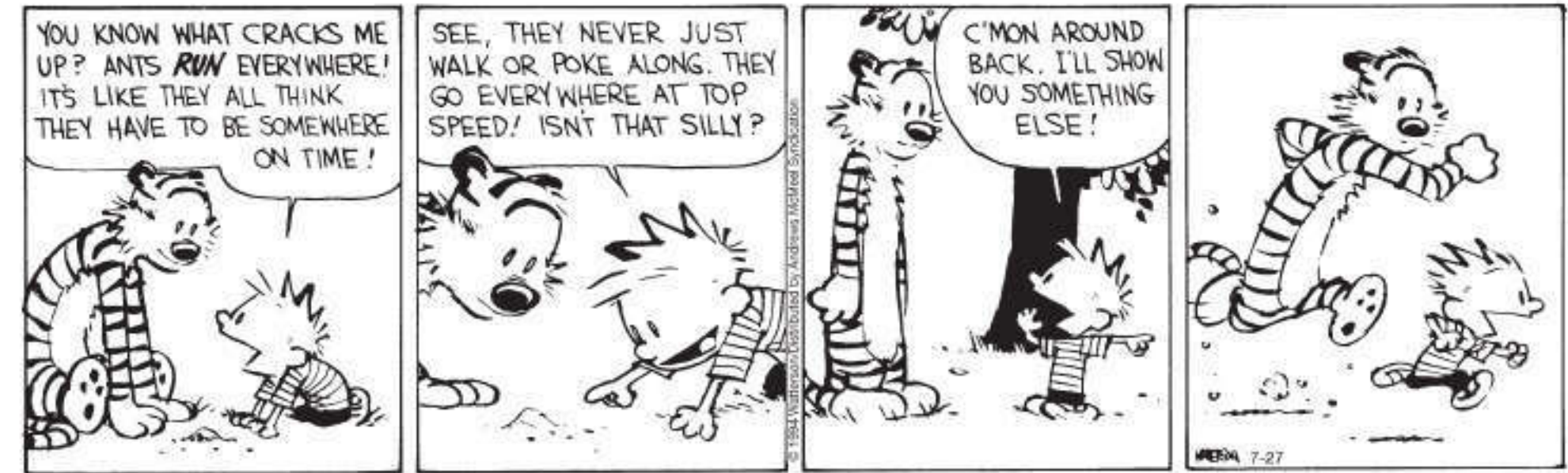
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SOLUTION: OPAER, ACTUCS, FENCER

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 5724

Difficulty Level 2s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5723

2 4 1 5 6 8 7 3 9

7 8 3 1 4 9 5 6 2

5 6 9 7 3 2 1 8 4

9 2 8 4 1 6 3 7 5

3 1 6 9 5 7 4 2 8

4 5 7 8 2 3 6 9 1

1 9 2 6 7 5 8 4 3

6 3 4 2 8 1 9 5 7

8 7 5 3 9 4 2 1 6

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Perhaps you have overstepped the mark and allowed yourself to be pushed into a corner, with the result that you simply have to retaliate in order to protect your position. However, friends are still on your side, and that is reassuring news.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Under stressful planetary aspects you have no doubt learned a few harsh lessons. Perhaps you have realised that, while it is nobler to give than receive, you must not promise what is beyond your power to deliver. That way, you won't be caught out by family members.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Stick to the straight and narrow and place your faith in dialogue and reason. It is long-term relationships which are important to you, so please pay attention to partners' wants and desires. Watch out for a legal minefield and don't bend the rules.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Sometimes it is wiser to let things take their own course rather than intervene at every turn. Consider current developments with great care, for your interference may exacerbate a number of complex situations. And prepare for a financial squall.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Your planetary patterns have been intense, and there must have been many moments during past few months when you have come close to throwing in the towel. However, you are by your nature a fighter and unlikely to admit defeat. That is your major strength.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Neptune is one of those planets which has a particular meaning for you. Right now it is likely to bring offers of practical assistance that should keep you active and prevent you from dwelling on past associations which may have turned remarkably sour.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Try to get away from your usual environment as new encounters could lead to associations which are emotionally rewarding or potentially profitable. Events, connected to higher education or the law, are highlighted. But, then, so are artistic and athletic interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

A particular emotional tie is much more important to you than you care to admit. From now on, maintaining such vital associations will require more effort than you have been prepared to put in, in the past. That could leave you with more time in the long run.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Look upon this as a time for psychological spring-cleaning. Challenging planetary pressures are being transformed into harmonious influences, and all parts of your life will benefit. It's amazing how easy it is to make a fresh start.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You will soon be so preoccupied with unexpected developments related to your home life, that you will be forced to abandon a number of commitments. That's no great burden though, for there are responsibilities that you'd be happy to see the back of.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Few of you have avoided some sort of major upheaval recently. Whether your experience was fortunate or not, it seems to have made you that much more understanding and broad-minded. You must never forget that occasionally, you do have to judge others.

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

Regd. office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.

Corporate Identity Number: 140109PB2010SGC033813

Website: www.pspcl.in, (Contact no. 96461-20640)

Tender Enquiry no. 1715/CHP/EMCO&MPC-2595

Dated: 24-09-2024

Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-I), GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the Procurement of Power Cables, Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 24-09-2024 from 17:00 hrs. onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

NO.37997/PB

GHPT 80/24

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sh. Abhishek Tyagi**, Director Authorized Signatories of VPG Stores Pvt Ltd. R/o 608, 6th floor, DLF Tower-A, Jasola District Center, Jasola Vihar New Delhi-110025, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR. No 13399/17 U/s 138 NI Act.**, has been registered at **P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the, **Sh. Abhishek Tyagi** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Sh. Abhishek Tyagi** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Abishek Tyagi** of **FIR. No. 13399/17 U/s 138 NI Act.**, registered at **P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **05.12.2024**.

By Order

Sh. Rupinder Singh Dhiman, JMJC, NI Act-06,
(CD) Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/12647/CD/2024

Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd.

(CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704)

Regd. Office: 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-02

(E-mail: cetjusunl@gmail.com)

SHORT e-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. – 208/PR/ JUSNL/ 2024-25

E-tender in two parts i.e. Technical (Part-I) and Financial (Part – II) is invited from reputed, capable, experienced and financially sound firm for the following works :-

Name of work	Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132 KV D/C Simaria GSS to 132/27 kV TSS, Simaria Transmission Line on turnkey basis
Estimated cost (Rs.)	Rs. 11,05,44,845.00 (including GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 22,10,900.00 On line mode
Completion Period	09 (Nine) Months
e-Tender fee	Rs. 10,000.00 + 18% GST On line mode.
Start Date & Time of Download the Tender Documents	25.09.2024 at 11:00 AM
Start Date and time of upload of BID	25.09.2024 at 11:00 AM
End date and time of upload of BID	14.10.2024 upto 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for technical part	15.10.2024 at 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for price part	Will be communicated
Procurement Officer and address for communication	General Manager, C&M (NWB), 2 nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002

1. e-Tender document and BOQ including terms & conditions, tender specification can be downloaded from website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned (8987421011) during office hours.

2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only.

3. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.

स्वाहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा वचावे। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को 18003456570(कॉल सेंटर) पर दर्ज कराये।

Sd/-

General Manager, C&M (NWB)

JUSNL, Ranchi

PR 336985 (Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd) 24-25 (D)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE

FOR INVITING SPECIAL ATTENTION OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CHARGED UNDER RAILWAY SERVANTS. (DISCIPLINE & APEAL) RULES-1968.

Whereas the undersigned has been Disciplinary Authority Officer for departmental Disciplinary case No.42-Elect/82/E-1 dated 30.11.22 initiated against Smt.Anita w/o Late Sh. Vinod Kumar, Electric Khalsai at Electrical Power Depot under SSE/PS/Delhi Kishan Ganj. She is remaining unauthorized absent from her duty since 28.02.2022 to till date, Many registered reminders in written has been sent to her available residential address is House No.229/B, Gali No.8, Padam Nagar, Kishanganj, New Delhi-110007.

Now, therefore, she is hereby finally informed and advised to report for duty in this office within 15 days from the publication of this Notice otherwise proceeding of the said inquiry shall be completed ex-party which may invite a stiff major penalty.

DEE/G/DLI

2967/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, HINGANGHAT, DIST.-WARDHA (MAHARASHTRA)

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender No. Construction 2/2024/25

Dated: 24/09/2024

E-tenders in B-1 form are invited from the contractor of Public Works Department of Maharashtra Government of authorized category regarding the construction of 5700 MT cold storage with machinery at Nandgaon site of Agricultural Produce Market Committee Hinganghat.

Note:-

1) The tender process will be done online through e-tender.

2) The detailed tender notice can be available on <http://mahatenders.gov.in> from 25/09/2024.

3) Other terms and conditions of the work are available in tender form.

Adv. Sudhir Kothari

Chairman, APMC, Hinganghat

Madhusudan Harne

Chairman, Construction Sub-Committee

T.C. Chambhare

Secretary

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT,

ROAD DIVISION, GUMLA-835207, E-mail :- eercdgumla-jhr@nic.in

Very Short Term e-Procurement Notice

e-Tender Reference no.- RCD/Gumla /684 Dated :- 23/09/2024

1	कार्य का नाम	घाघरा-वैतराहाद पथ को घाटी क्षेत्र में किमी 38 से 47 00 तक में गार्डवाल नगरमिति कार्य।
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	Rs.- 15000000.00
3	बीड सिक्विरीटी (राशि)	Rs.- 3000000.00
4	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	03 Months
5	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	27.09.2024 from 10.30 A.M.
6	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	30.09.2024 upto 12:00 Noon
7	निविदा खुलने की तिथि एवं समय	01.10.2024 at 12.30 P.M.
8	निविदा खुलने का स्थान	Chief Engineer (Com) cum -Nodal Officer, e-Procurement Cell, RCD, Jharkhand, 1st Floor, Engineer's Hostel No. -2, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004.
9	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम, पता एवं दूरभाष संख्या	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, गुमला। मोबाईल नं:- 8709076211
10	ई-मेल	eercdgumla-jhr@nic.in
11	ई-प्रोक्यूमेंट सेल का सहायता दूरभाष संख्या	0651-2401010

Note : Estimated amount may vary.

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,

Road Construction Department, Road Division, Gumla

PR 336781 Health Med Edu and Family Welfare (24-25)D

Executive Engineer, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Maharashtra Rural Road Development Association, Jalgaon

E-Tender Notice No. Jalgaon - 42/2024-2025 (3rd Call)

E-Tenders are invited Percentage Rate Tender for Upgradation and 10 Years Maintenance of (Research and Development) (R&D) (White Topping) Road works in Jalgaon District, Under Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-2 (Batch-1) for Total 01 Package (02 Works, Total Estimated Cost Rs. 871.96 Lakh.)

Detailed E-Tender Notice will be available on website <https://www.mahatenders.gov.in> from Date - 25/09/2024.

E-Tender Notice No.	Total No. of Works	Total Estimated Cost (Including Maintenance Cost)
42/2024-2025 (3rd Call)	2	Rs. 871.96 Lakh

Sd/- (Sanjay Rathod)

Executive Engineer, PMGSY, MRRDA, Jalgaon

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Rahul Kumar S/o Rajender Kumar, R/o: RZ- 13, B-Block Gopal Nagar Najafgarh, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 58/2020, Dt. 29.01.2020, U/s 33/58 Delhi Excise Act , P.S.: Bawana, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Rahul Kumar**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Rahul Kumar**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Rahul Kumar**, of **FIR No. 58/2020, Dt. 29.01.2020, U/s 33/58 Delhi Excise Act , P.S.: Bawana, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **02.11.2024**.

By Order

Sarthak Panwar

DP/12773/ON/2024

LD. Judicial Magistrate First Class-05 North District Rohini Court, Delhi

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer,

Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, No. 301, 2nd Floor, BEML Complex, 3rd Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098

No: EE/Proj/RRN/TEND/01/2024-25

Date: 24.09.2024

POSTPONEMENT OF TENDER NOTIFICATION-1

Ref: This office tender notification No. BBMP/EE/Proj/RRN /TEN /01/ 2024-25 dated 28.08.2024

With reference to the above, the tender invited by this office as per the above mentioned tender notice is postponed due to technical reasons. The dates pertaining to the tender are amended as follows due to unavoidable reasons. There will be no other changes.

Revised Date & Time Schedule

(1) Documents can be downloaded from KPP Portal Website from: **25.09.2024** Onwards.

(2) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries: **27.09.2024 at 4.00 PM.**

(3) Pre-bid meeting at the Office of Executive Engineer, Project Division RR Nagara Zone: **30.09.2024 at 3.00 PM.**

(4) Last Date for Submission of Tender document : **07.10.2024 up to 4.00PM.**

(5) Opening of Technical Bid : **08.10.2024 at 4.30 PM.**

(6) Opening of Financial Bid : **Will be Intimated to the Technically Qualified Bidders**

Sd/-

Executive Engineer (Project),

Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, BBMP

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Naresh, S/o Sh. Duli Chand, R/o I-1, Aruna Nagar, Majnu Ka Tilla, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **E- FIR No. 000144/2020, U/s 392/411/34 IPC, dated 03/03/2020 P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Naresh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Naresh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Naresh** accused of **E- FIR No. 000144/2020, U/s 392/411/34 IPC, dated 03/03/2020 P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.11.2024**.

By Order

Sh. Gaurav Goyal,

Judicial Magistrate First Class - 06 Cental District, Room No. 247

Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/11899/N/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPc

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **RAJ KUMAR S/o: Ram Suhag Shah, R/o: WZ-5A/97, 3rd Floor, Vishnu Garden, Khyala, Delhi, Permanent Add.: Village-Pusamali Nagar, P.S.-Chakmehsi, Distt.-Samtampur, Bihar**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 241/2020, Dt. 28.03.2020, U/s 188 IPC, P.S. Khyala, West Distt., Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **RAJ KUMAR** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **RAJ KUMAR** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **RAJ KUMAR** accused of **FIR No. 241/2020, Dt. 28.03.2020, U/s 188 IPC, P.S. Khyala, West Distt., Delhi**, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **04.11.2024**.

By Order

Ms. Sukriti Singh

DP/12614/WD/2024

Judicial Magistrate First Class-04 (West) Room No. 268, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Kavinder Kumar Singh s/o Lt. Kedar Nath Singh R/o F-1119, Ground Floor, C R Park, New Delhi**, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR.No. 122/17 U/s 498A IPC.**, has been registered at **P.S. C R Park, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Kavinder Kumar Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Kavinder Kumar Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Kavinder Kumar Singh** of **FIR.No. 122/17 U/s 498A IPC.**, registered at **P.S. C R Park, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.12.2024**.

By Order

Sh. Anam Rais Khan, MM-01 Mahila Court-01,

DP/12312/SD/2024

Room No.508, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi

22 SPORT

BRIEFLY

Teenager Drona Desai hits 498 runs

Gandhinagar: Eighteen-year-old **Drona Desai** has registered his name in the record book as he struck 498 runs for his school St Xaviers (Loyola) against JL English School during Diwan Ballubhai Cup under-19 multi day tournament at Shivay cricket ground, Gandhinagar on Tuesday. The annual tournament is conducted by Central Board of Cricket Ahmedabad which comes under Gujarat Cricket Association. Desai became the sixth batsman in the country to score such a tall score. Mumbai's Pranav Dhanawade (1009 not out), Prithvi Shaw (546), Dr Havewalla (515), Chamanlal (506 not out) and Arman Jaffer (498) were the previous highest run getters in an innings. Desai said he was upset that he missed out on the 500 runs mark as he wasn't aware he was so near to the milestone. "There is no scoreboard in the ground and my team didn't inform me that I was batting on 498, I went to play my stroke and got out but I'm happy that I managed to get those runs," Desai said. His innings came off 320 balls which had seven sixes and 86 fours. His team registered an innings and 712 runs win over JL English school, who played the entire game with ten players as one player walked in late. **ENS**

IOA treasurer takes on president Usha

New Delhi: Indian Olympic Association (IOA) treasurer Sahdev Yadav on Tuesday threatened legal action against the body's president PT Usha for "defaming" his image after she issued a show cause notice to him on the basis of a complaint challenging his eligibility to hold the post. Under the Sports Code, it is mandatory for an official to step aside after 12 consecutive years in office. Yadav has also been a former secretary of the Indian Weightlifting Federation and has been on its board for 15 years. **PTI**

Little room for error with Pant, says Lyon

Mumbai: Veteran Australian spinner Nathan Lyon feels there is no room for error when bowling to Rishabh Pant, adding that the young Indian wicket-keeper-batter has a superabundance of talent to tame the best attack in the world. Pant will be an integral part of the Indian batting lineup during the upcoming five-Test Border-Gavaskar series beginning in Perth on November 22. "You're bowling against someone like Rishabh Pant, who is electric. He's got all the skills in the world," Lyon said. **PTI**

Treesa-Gayatri advance in Macau

Macau: Indian third seeds Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand overcame a stiff challenge from the Japanese pair of Akari Sato and Maya Taguchi in women's doubles to move to the second round of the Macau Open badminton tournament here on Tuesday. The Indian pair lost the opening game before winning 15-21, 21-16, 21-14 in a round of 32 contest that lasted nearly an hour. The pair of Sikki Reddy and Ruthvika Shivani got the better of Hong Kong-China's Cheung Yan Yu and Chu Wing Chi 21-15, 21-10. **PTI**



STARS CHECK IN

India captain Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill, who had scored 119 from 176 balls at the Chepauk Stadium in the first Test, arrive at the hotel ahead of the second match of the series against Bangladesh in Kanpur on Tuesday. **PTI**

INDIA VS BANGLADESH, 2ND TEST

Slow turner, rain and a security threat in the script

A low and slow track awaits both teams in the second Test at Green Park, starting Friday but the first two days could see 'unseasonal rain'

PRATYUSH RAJ
KANPUR, SEPTEMBER 24

JAGGU DADA tears up a couple of pan masala packets, puts the contents in his mouth and boasts "41 saal se yahaan pitch bana raha hun. Idhar toh teesre din se his turn milta hai (I have been preparing the pitch here for the past 41 years. The spinners will be in action from Day 3)."

The 65-year-old Jaggu's debut Test match as a groundstaff member was in October 1983, when Malcolm Marshall's all-round show helped West Indies thump India by an innings and 83 runs at the Green Park stadium in Kanpur. "Gordon Greenidge scored a century but it was Marshall, who stole the show."

Jaggu dada jogged off once he was called by BCCI chief curator Ashish Bhowmick and Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association's (UPCA's) Shiv Kumar, who had started walking towards the pitch.

"We have readied two pitches for the match and the final decision will be taken tomorrow," Shiv Kumar told The Indian Express.

The paper understands that not a tinge of grass will be left on the surface as per Bhowmick's instructions.

Both the centre pitches have been watered every three hours since the time Bhowmick arrived at the venue on September 20. Historically, the Green Park has black soil pitches, where the bounce is low and the clay, when watered, tends to hold the surface together for long and batsmen usually have a good outing.

From playing on bouncy red soil in Chennai to a low and slow surface in Kanpur, both teams might have to make a couple of changes in their playing XIs.

Against New Zealand in 2021, India fielded three spinners in Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel. This time round, the hosts will most likely add hometown boy Kuldeep Yadav in the playing XI, in place of a fast bowler. For Bangladesh, Shakib Al Hasan's doubtful availability is a concern and they might add left-arm spinner Taijul Islam or off-spinner Nayeem Hasan in their playing XI.



Groundsmen on Tuesday were seen busy doing the drill of running with the covers. The angles kept on changing as per the simulation given to them. *Pratyush Raj*

Rain threat looms large

The unseasonal rain is likely to play a spoilsport in Kanpur.

The UPCA has sought additional ground covers from the Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA), as there's a high chance of rain on the first two days of the Test.

According to the AccuWeather forecast, Kanpur is set to receive thunderstorms from late Wednesday evening to Saturday night. On Friday, the opening day of the Test match, the prediction of rain is 92 percent, while on Saturday it's 80 percent.

"Yes, there are chances of rain, but we are well equipped for any challenges. Drainage here is good, so we are hoping to have a full Test match," said Amit Pal, a District Sports Official (DSO) with the Uttar Pradesh Sports Department.

Most of the groundsmen on Tuesday were seen busy doing the drill of running with the covers. The angles kept on changing as per the simulation given to them by Bhowmick and Kumar.

Heavy security

Security at Green Park Stadium has been strengthened.

The Hindu Mahasabha has threatened to protest during the game against "atrocities" on Hindus in Bangladesh.

The visiting team arrived in Kanpur on Tuesday and will have their first net session at the venue on Wednesday morning.

"From hotel to the ground, we have given the task to the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) to form a three-layered security for both teams," Kanpur Police Commissioner Harish Chander told reporters at the venue.

"The police are alert about the situation in Bangladesh. Tight security arrangements have been made for the match. We are taking inputs from the intelligence agencies. If anyone tries to protest, action will be taken accordingly," he said.

The Hindu Mahasabha has already called for a bandh on October 6 in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior, where both teams will play the first T20I of the three-match series.

"We will not allow the match to take place here. It has been decided in our meeting that when the Bangladesh team comes to Gwalior, we will protest," said Hindu Mahasabha vice-president Jaiveer Bharadwaj.

Part of Green Park stadium deemed unsafe before Test

PRATYUSH RAJ
KANPUR, SEPTEMBER 24

THREE DAYS before the second Test between India and Bangladesh at Kanpur's Green Park Stadium, the Uttar Pradesh Public Works Department (PWD) has deemed one of the stands dangerous.

The government officials felt that the structure may not be able to take the load of the full capacity of the stand during the match and could come down. As a result, less than half the capacity of the Balcony C stand will be up for sale during the Test.

"The PWD has raised some issues and we have agreed that we will not sell all the tickets of Balcony C," UPCA CEO Ankit Chatterjee told The Indian Express.

"We have been told to sell only 1700 tickets for the stand, which has a capacity of 4,800. The repair work will continue for the next couple of days," he added.

According to PWD officials, there is a big risk if a sizable crowd assembles in that particular part of the stadium. On Tuesday, a group of engineers spent nearly six hours at the Balcony C stand. They have warned the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA) to close the stand during the match starting on Friday. "This stand won't be able to take the weight of even 50 fans, if they start jumping after Rishabh Pant hits a six."

This part of the stadium is in dire need of repair," a PWD engineer told this paper. At 5 PM when the workers left the stands, both parties - PWD officers and UPCA officials - held a meeting near the stand and agreed that it wouldn't be able to take the load to its full capacity.

The Green Park Stadium is owned by the Uttar Pradesh government's sports department and in recent years, has not had much international exposure. One of the main reasons is the recently-built Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium



Engineers spent six hours inspecting Balcony C stand on Tuesday. *Pratyush Raj*

in Lucknow, which has better facilities and the UPCA also functions out of there.

"This stadium is not directly under UPCA, and we have a clear window of 40 days be-

fore a match to get it ready. We have done our best to keep everything intact before this important World Test Championship (WTC) match," said Chatterjee.

STADIUM FLOODLIGHTS ISSUE YET TO BE RESOLVED

IF THE pillars of the old stands can't take the weight of the fans, the floodlights at the stadium can also be a concern if bad light affects the game. The last time India played at the Green Park, the last-wicket pair of Rachin Ravindra and Ajaz Patel secured a draw for New Zealand as poor visibility played its part during the last session of Day 5.

THE LAST 10 minutes of the drawn Test were dramatic with Indian players looking overhead with the hope the light would improve. It is almost three years from that epic Test and the floodlights issue has not been resolved yet. "Eight bulbs of the floodlight near the VIP pavilion are not working properly," said a sports department officer.

SHORT AND STOIC TALISMAN

Mushfiquur Rahim: Bangladesh's everyman hero needs to step up

SANDIP G
SEPTEMBER 24

IN BOTH their worst of times and best of times, Bangladesh often turn onto Mushfiquur Rahim, their short and stoic talisman. In bad times, he has been their guiding light; in good times, he has been their blazing lamp.

Two weeks ago, he co-scripted their most historic Test series, against Pakistan. Three days on, he would be in the middle of his country's efforts to stave off another embarrassment at the hands of India.

More than the brigade of seamers, the guiles of the spinners on turners, India would fear him the most. Not just his batting, his persona, his fight and tenacity. No other cricketer from Bangladesh encapsulates the aspirations and angst, rage and resilience of the country. He is an everyman hero, without the celebrity trappings of Shakib Al Hasan or the culthood of Tamim Iqbal. He appears in unglamorous ads, of a biscuit brand where his co-star is a German Shepherd, of him spreading awareness of the internet in the countryside, innocently funny Tik-Tok videos when he throws innocuous under-armers to his wife.

In Chennai, it required two insuperable moments to dismiss him. In the first innings, Jasprit Bumrah nailed him with a pearly that seamed away after landing, a ball designed in a batsman's hell. In the second, where he looked to counterpunch, KL Rahul's acrobatic swoop extinguished his redemption hopes. On both instances, India celebrated ecstatically. Not just because he had been a pantomime villain in the past, but he has a sterling body of work.

Nearly two decades later after he blunted a fearsome England quartet at Lord's on his Test debut, as a fresh-faced 16-year-old, Mushfiquur is Bangladesh's highest run-getter in Tests, owns the highest individual score for his country in Tests (219) and the best average (39.1). Over the last seven years, he has averaged 48.70; since 2020, only Kane Williamson (67.54) and Joe Root (55.14) command a better average than him (53.54). His average has spurted from 32 to 39 in this span. His powers of concentration have intensified — he faced 341 balls for 191 against Pakistan recently; his 175 not out against Sri Lanka in 2022 consumed 355 balls. His batting average when he has kept wickets (37) is better than those of Alec Stewart, Mark



Mushfiquur Rahim has featured in 20 of the 21 Tests Bangladesh have won, and in those he averages 55. *File*

Boucher and Ian Healy. He rarely keeps these days, though it guarantees entertainment as well as expert glove work. He has featured in 20 of the 21 Tests Bangladesh have won, and in those he averages 55.

Yet, Mushfiquur barely enters serious conversations of contemporary Asian greats. He might not be the greatest Asian batsman around, not in the league of Virat Kohli or Babar Azam perhaps, is still susceptible to high-class swing bowling overseas, but one of the most important ones of his time. The one often thrust to drag his team through distress, the one fated to shoulder the burden of expectations of a country that believes it has underachieved, be the source of stability among shifting teammates, a captain in troubled times, the embodiments of his country's cricketing values.

Study in contrasts

At times, he looks like a paradox. He investigates opponents as much as he endears. One moment, he is the human caricature of the naagin dance; the next he is chatting with opponents as though they were long-lost brothers. He expends all his vocal energy on the field, yet some of his coaches, like Russell Domingo, felt he was introverted and nice to a fault. He values friendship, even though he has drawn flak for persisting with some of his close friends, like Mahmudullah, in the team.

His mentor and now BCB director Nazmul Abedeen Fahim sheds more light on his often misconstrued persona. "He is one of the friendliest persons you could come across. Down to earth, organised and hard-working. He is obsessed about his cricket, the typical first one to enter the nets and the last one to leave, and extremely serious about his job," Fahim says.

A meeting between them before the pandemic turned out to be crucial in the remaking of Rahim. Low scores had piled up, technical glitches had crept in, when he knocked on the doors of Fahim. "The solution was simple on paper. He was not scoring any runs through the off-side. Behind the square he was, but not through the covers."

It was bizarre because when he burst forth, Mushfiquur used to score heavily through the off-side. The debut knock featured a couple of gorgeous back-foot punches, with a nimble shuffle of his feet and crisp bat-swing, reminiscent of Wasim Jaffer. But over the years, perhaps necessitated by his fallibility outside the off-stump, he remoulded into a leg-side lasher. Flicks, pulls and slogs dominate his highlights package. "So the primary focus was to get him tick-

ing along through the off-side, especially through the covers. Look how he is batting now and a few years ago. You would see the difference," Fahim says.

He doesn't detail the specifics, but the difference is evident. Mushfiquur's front shoulder does not open up as much, and consequently, moves in a straight line when meeting the ball. The head and feet follow. The bat-swing too is straighter, not at a crooked angle as was earlier the case. The front foot glides out, the back-foot switch is frictionless. He has shelved the wishful stabs. "Now he is more aware of his batting, and has worked incredibly hard to achieve it, facing thousands of balls in the nets," the mentor says.

The aesthetics of his batting are undervalued. The drives have an oriental insouciance, the flicks have rubbery elegance, the dabs through third man have a weightlessness. But Mushfiquur has an array of banal strokes, like the cross-bat swipe over mid-wicket, the bone-crushing scoop and a manufactured pull. Perhaps, the overload of short-form games had deformed his long-format purity. But nearly two decades after his debut, he remains Bangladesh's biggest hope and India's threat in Kanpur.

Shock & awe in world of chess

Grandmasters Rapport and Giri put India’s domination at the Olympiad into perspective

AMIT KAMATH
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE INDIAN contingent made the world sit up and take notice after their performance at the Chess Olympiad where the country claimed three team gold medals — for open section, women’s category and the overall section — besides four individual golds, won by Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Divya Deshmukh and Vantika Agrawal.

It was the kind of dominance that is unprecedented at an Olympiad, particularly since there are over 180 nations competing.

India’s performance was so devastating that even opponents could not help but applaud.

“India were playing at their best and other opponents were struggling. It was a landslide!” Hungarian grandmaster Richard Rapport told *The Indian Express*.

Grandmaster Anish Giri puts it in perspective. “What we saw at the Olympiad was what we expected to happen. With the trends that we were seeing in the past few years, it was obvious that India was going to dominate at some point. Everybody was talking about it. But it’s one thing to talk about it in the abstract and assume that some players will dominate. It’s another thing to see who will dominate and how. And to watch it happen! So everybody was surprised but not surprised at the same time,” Giri told *The Indian Express*.

Giri even went to say that he was actually inspired by how well some of the Indians were playing. “I started the event shaky, but then I had six wins at the end of the tournament. I was inspired by how they played at the Olympiad. I started to play better. It was incredible to see not just that India won, but also how powerful some of the players these days are, especially the young ones. The number of points Arjun Erigaisi, Gukesh scored!” added Giri, who, in the upcoming Global Chess League, will be teammates at the PBG Alaskan Knights with Nihal Sarin, the fourth star of the Indian ‘prodigy quartet’.

“In the open section, India completely dominated from the beginning (of the Olympiad). They won the event without a loss. They beat us 3-1 which was actually a decent result for both teams. We didn’t have chances on any board,” said Rapport, who managed to hold Gukesh to a draw (one of the two times the Indian teenager was held to a draw in 11 rounds at the Olympiad). “For me it was way more impressive that India won the women’s section. They were not as big a favourite as India in the open section. It was a tight competition



The Indian men’s team celebrates after winning the FIDE Chess Olympiad.

FIDE

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ANISH GIRI

in the women’s event. But in the open section, it was a landslide.”

Rapport pointed out that India’s greatest strength was its depth.

“When you have players like Arjun and Gukesh playing at their absolute best it’s very tough to play (India). And when you have Arjun playing on board 3 it’s even tougher because you don’t expect a player of his calibre (on board 3). That showed how strong

India were playing at their best and other opponents were struggling. It was a landslide! When you have players like Arjun and Gukesh playing at their absolute best it’s very tough to play (India).”

RICHARD RAPPORT

the Indian team was. On your last board you had Vidit (Gujrathi). He was playing in the Candidates this year. He’s a solid player and he could easily be playing the first board in most other teams in the Olympiad. And Vishy Anand didn’t even play! And there are some young players who are not in the team yet but someday will be additions to the roster,” gushed Rapport, who will be teammates with Praggnanandhaa in the Alpine SG Pipers



Delhi HC refuses to stay AITA election

SHASHANK NAIR
SEPTEMBER 24

THE DELHI High Court refused to grant a stay order on the All India Tennis Association (AITA) elections, set to be held on September 28 but asked for the publication of the result to be withheld. The petition brought to the court by Somdev Devvarman and Purav Raja challenged the AITA’s call to hold elections and stated that they were being held while being in violation of the National Sports Development Code.

The argument made by Devvarman and Raja’s counsel was that the AITA elections were being held in a ‘clandestine manner’ and that there was no mention of the election taking place on the sports body’s website.

Senior counsel Rahul Mehra told *The Indian Express* that he also made his arguments on the violations that are allegedly being committed by the AITA.

“Firstly, the age and tenure restrictions. You can’t have a member running for office who is above the age of 70. No matter the post or office and not only restricted to the President, registrar and secretary, but all elected posts who are violating tenure and cooling off period. You need a minimum 25% eminent sportspersons of outstanding merit both in the general assembly of the body as well as the executive committee and these have to be elected through the athlete commission of the body,” said Mehra.

The court while ordering the results to be withheld, made it clear that if the election was found to be in violation of the sports code, the office bearers who had been elected would not be allowed to carry out their functions and an independent ad-hoc committee could be created to run the affairs of the sport.

“I am not staying. Elections require a lot of preparation. If the election process is conducted in defiance of the subsisting directions, the office bearers will be restrained from functioning. Then we will consider appointing someone as the ad hoc (body)...That election will be set aside,” the court said. “In the meantime, the election of respondent no 2 will be subject to the outcome of the instant writ petition.. The result of the election shall not be published,” the court ordered, according to PTI.

In the petition filed by Devvarman and Raja on Monday, they had alleged that the AITA had flouted many rules that were codified in the Sports code.

Harvinder taking aim at able-bodied archery events

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HARVINDER SINGH’S immediate ambitions are modest - making the state squad, and helping the team win the next Recurve Archery Nationals. But he is quietly looking forward to taking on men whom he calls ‘Olympics ke Ustaad.’ Masters of Olympics.

The 33-year-old Paris Paralympics Recurve champion, with impairments weakening both feet, is aiming at a fairly difficult target - competition in the able-bodied category, which makes his pursuit unique.

The Kaithal (Haryana) archer, has been shooting over the same 70 metre distance (as the able-bodied) with some brilliance in the past few months - he nailed five 10s, on clutch shots (needing 10-to-win), to claim the Paralympics gold. Same arrows, same bow, same match format, same target. Getting into the Open category mix might simply be about adapting to the prospect of competing against men with nothing holding them back in fitness - all standing still. But Harvinder backs himself.

“I’m aware that there’s no dearth of excellent archers in India. But I would like to try out in able-bodied events, knowing I can produce 10s at decisive moments. I have the confidence to pull off 10s in big competitions with a medal on the line,” Harvinder says.

The first thing he did towards that endeavour was to buy himself an electric scooter - to avoid having to walk 70 metres to fetch the arrows stabbed into targets during practice. “My restriction is that I can’t lift weights, walk for too long without getting tired, run for fitness, and have balance issues in both legs, so I need stronger recovery techniques after standing for 2-3 hours,” Harvinder says. The electric scooter helps.

“But in a 3-arrow set, I can hit a 10 on the final arrow,” he stresses. “On the whole, amongst Indians in both para and Olympics, that last arrow is where we fall short. But I can hit 10, I trust my technique and confidence.”

At age 12, Harvinder recalls being assertive on a big decision for the first time in his life. “My parents had taken me to all possible doctors to undo the damage of a wrong injection, but finally a Delhi doctor spelt it out: ‘Dhoke mein nahi rakhna aapko, issey theek nai hoga.’ (Don’t want to give you false hope, no treatment can undo the damage),” recalls the archer, also pursuing a PhD in



Paris Recurve gold medallist Harvinder Singh believes he is a 'very good match shooter' who can nail 10s when the situation demands.

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Punjab’s labour reforms.

He encountered the first googly of his career when he found the Compound bow irksome. “I suffered from Compound archery’s face-phobia or target-panic, where archers misfire early and botch a shot because of the bow design. Recurve was easier for me, which is rare,” he recalls.

Learning from setback

His 10-to-win golden form that fetched the Paralympics top spot, though, came after heartbreak at the Tokyo Games that he remembers vividly. “In the Tokyo semifinals, I’d allowed my mind to race ahead of me, needing to shoot 8 against a Korean in the 4th set. In my head, I’d already hit 8 or above, but I missed it,” he recalls.

It’s then that he started exercising complete control over his thoughts. “I don’t allow any thoughts when shooting, neither negative nor positive. We get 10 seconds to load an arrow, I actually allow 3 seconds to pass, so there’s no free time in the end for thoughts to enter.”

His simulations at the makeshift shooting lane on his farm include blaring podcasts, interesting interviews, crowd applause tapes to test if he could still shoot 10 amid loud noises.

Harvinder maintains that he remains one of India’s best duelling match shooters. “I have cracked that exact microsecond in between two breaths when it’s best to shoot even under intense pressure. My qualification scores aren’t high, so I need to work on that to get into able-bodied teams. But I am a very good match shooter,” he says.

In search of first ICC title, India hold extensive sessions with psychologist

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LIKE MOST top international teams converging in UAE, India would have liked to fly to Dubai to take part in the T20 Women’s World Cup 2024, with a few international games as preparation. Instead, India opted for a short camp in Bengaluru, and sessions with a psychologist.

Like the men’s national team before this year’s T20 triumph in the Caribbean, the women’s team too have been falling short in title races at ICC events. They haven’t won any major title till date, but they believe that this is the best bunch of players that can bag them their first crown.

The Bengaluru camp comprised five intra-squad T20 games in a span of ten days, and coach Amol Muzumdar explained it was specifically done for aspects that went beyond mere skills. “We had a camp where we did not touch skills, in that, we tried to introduce the psychologist. That is an area we would like to tap into. I was pretty happy with the results, what we had, by the end of the camp. There were certain things that we tried to address. Mugdha Bavare was with us and she’s been fantastic with the group and she continues to be there,” Muzumdar said.

Talking helps, reckoned skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, speaking ahead of their departure for the World Cup. She said that in a team game it is important for everyone to open up so that the team can offer help.

“We had a few sessions where we talked to each other, how we are feeling and how we want to go about it. With Mugdha’s help, there were a lot of sessions after which we felt well and then after executing it on the ground, we felt well. She’s really working hard on us, and so far it is really helping us,” Kaur stated.

The camp also focused on athletic abilities and the streamlined focus was to enhance these. Muzumdar stated that the team management had designed the camp specifically to concentrate on that aspect. “Some yoga sessions were added, some psychological sessions were added. Overall it was just a lovely camp. We identified a few areas and we tried to work upon it,” he said.

Learning from past

The team has addressed areas of concern and things where they might be going wrong. Kaur narrated how during the Asia Cup the team played good cricket throughout, but one odd game in the final, denied them the title.



The Indian women’s team haven’t won a major title till date. Sankhadeep Banerjee

“There are a lot of areas where as a team, we sit and discuss how we have to go about it. We are working on that and the previous camp, we tried to find where we can improve if next time these same kind of situations come in our path and hopefully in this World Cup, we will try to play good cricket,” the Indian captain added.

The team is confident in their preparation but when asked whether lack of competitive game-time will hamper India’s performance, Muzumdar replied that as a team they have ticked boxes which they felt they needed to address.

“We did a lot of fitness and fielding in the first camp, the entire 15 days were delegated to that aspect of the game. The next camp was just the skills camp where we focused not just on the net session but we also had almost five games in 10 days’ time. So if you ask about game time, we have ticked that box. We played some very competitive games. There were different oppositions, there were different skill sets that were chosen for those particular games. So as far as game time is concerned, I think we are on it,” he pointed out.

The Indian team has had to contend with the last minute change in venue from Bangladesh to UAE after the neighbouring country witnessed unrest. The International Cricket Council (ICC) decided to shift the T20 Women’s World Cup, and that needed tweaking of plans since the Indian team had planned their preparation keeping the Bangladesh venue in mind.

“It came as a surprise for everyone,” Muzumdar replied. Further elaborating, he said, “We had specifically gone to Bangladesh in May and played five T20Is to get used to conditions. But things have changed and it has shifted to Dubai. I think conditions would be similar to what we have over here in India at start of the IPL season.”

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