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THE WORLD

PLANS TO TURN *INFOWARS* INTO PARODY OF ITSELF
 'THE ONION' BUYS ALEX JONES'S 'INFOWARS'

The Onion, a satirical publication that skewers newsmakers and current events, said Thursday that it had won a bankruptcy auction to acquire Infowars, a website founded and operated by the conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. It plans to reintroduce Infowars in January as a parody of itself, mocking "weird internet personalities" like Jones who traffic in misinformation, *The Onion* said. **NYT**

TOP OF THE WORLD



Qatar Emir Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani. File

TURKEY
 Turkey, Qatar sign deals on trade, military

Ankara: Turkey and Qatar signed a series of agreements on Thursday ranging from trade facilitation to military and technical cooperation during Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani's visit to President Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara. Erdogan and al-Thani were co-chairing the Turkey-Qatar High Strategic Committee meeting. Al-Thani's visit, focused on investment and trade, comes after Doha said at the weekend it had told Hamas and Israel it will stall efforts to mediate a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal until they show willingness and seriousness. Turkey does not deem the Palestinian group Hamas as terrorists, and some of its officials regularly visit Turkey. **REUTERS**

NETHERLANDS
 'Police violence' after protest under probe

Amsterdam: Dutch authorities on Thursday said they were investigating reports of police violence against pro-Palestinian protesters after a banned rally on Wednesday evening had been broken up. The Amsterdam police said on X that they were aware of online footage, which seemed to show police officers beating protesters. A total of 281 protesters were detained as they rallied in Amsterdam Wednesday defying a ban imposed after violence stemming from a football match between Ajax and Israeli club Maccabi Tel Aviv last week. **REUTERS**

PAKISTAN
 7 killed after car bomb blast in KPK province

Peshawar: A powerful car bomb accidentally went off in a house in a former stronghold of the Pakistani Taliban in the restive north-west Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least two children and five suspected militants, police said. The explosion took place before dawn in the city of Mir Ali in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province when a militant, identified as commander Rasool Jan, was fitting a bomb in a car at his house, said Irfan Khan, a local police official. **PTI**

VOTER TURNOUT AT 65%

Sri Lanka votes, early trends point to edge for Dissanayake's coalition

REUTERS
 COLOMBO, NOVEMBER 14

SRI LANKA'S president's coalition, the National People's Power (NPP) posted an early lead in a parliamentary election, local television channel *Ada Derana* said on Thursday.

Just over 17 million Sri Lankans were eligible to elect lawmakers to the 225-member parliament for a five-year term. A record 690 political parties and independent groups are in the fray across 22 electoral districts.

Counting of the paper ballots started shortly after polling closed on Thursday, with results expected on Friday. Voter turnout was about 65% at close of polling, the election commission said.

The president, Marxist-leaning Anura Kumara Disanayake, 55, was elected in September but his National People's Power (NPP) coalition had just three of parliament's 225 seats, prompting him to dissolve it and seek a fresh mandate.

People trickled into temples, schools and other public buildings being used as polling stations soon after polls opened.

"I think we are seeing the first signs of a positive political change in Sri Lanka after the president was elected and we should give him the chance to continue that change," said Umeshi Perera, 32, who voted in a Colombo suburb.

Analysts say Disanayake's coalition is expected to draw significant support, while a victory for a rival could lead to a policy logjam the country cannot afford.

A political outsider in a country dominated by family parties for decades, Disanayake backs policies to fight poverty, such as



Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Disanayake after casting his vote in Colombo on Thursday. Reuters

bigger welfare measures, as well as battle graft. Sri Lanka typically backs its president in general elections, especially if it is held soon after a presidential vote.

The main challenger to Disanayake's coalition is the Samagi Jana Balawegaya party of opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, who favours a mix of interventionist and free-market economics. Also a key contender is the New Democratic Front, backed by previous President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

A nation of 22 million, Sri Lanka was crushed by a 2022 economic crisis triggered by a severe shortage of foreign currency that pushed it into a sovereign default and caused its economy to shrink by 7.3% in 2022 and 2.3% last year.

Boosted by a \$2.9 billion bailout programme from the International Monetary Fund, the economy has begun a tentative recovery, but the high cost of living is still a critical issue for many, especially the poor.

Disanayake also aims to tweak targets set by the IMF to rein in income tax and free up funds to invest in welfare for the millions hit hardest by the crisis.

EXPLAINED
 Crucial elections for Disanayake

THE PRESIDENT wields executive power but Disanayake requires a parliamentary majority to appoint a fully-fledged cabinet and deliver on key promises to cut taxes, support local businesses, and fight poverty. He also has plans to abolish Sri Lanka's contentious executive presidency but requires a two-third Parliament majority to implement it. "This election... is a test for the NPP to get the numbers needed for the IMF package and to take forward promised governance, constitutional and economic reforms," Bhavani Fonseka, a researcher at Colombo's Centre for Policy Alternatives, told Reuters.

MPs disrupt NZ parliament with Haka to protest vote on 184-yr-old treaty with Maori

REUTERS
 SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 14

NEW ZEALAND'S parliament was briefly suspended on Thursday after Maori members staged a Haka to disrupt vote on a contentious bill that would reinterpret a 184-year-old treaty between the British and indigenous Maori.

First signed in 1840 between the British Crown and more than 500 Maori chiefs, the Treaty of Waitangi lays down how the two parties agreed to govern.

The interpretation of its clauses still guides legislation and policy today. The ACT New Zealand party, a junior partner in the ruling centre-right government, last week unveiled a bill to enshrine a narrower interpretation of the Waitangi treaty.

ACT New Zealand leader David Seymour said people who oppose the bill want to "stir up" fear and division. "My mission is to empower every person."

The legislation, however, is seen by many Maori and their supporters as undermining their rights, who make up around 20% of the population of 5.3 million.

Lebanese official hints at Hezbollah readiness to withdraw from Israel border in any truce deal

REUTERS
 BEIRUT, NOVEMBER 14

A SENIOR Lebanese official has signalled that Hezbollah is ready to pull its forces away from the Lebanese-Israeli border in any ceasefire, while rejecting Israel's demand to act against the group in Lebanon in the future.

An Israeli minister indicated that a ceasefire was closer than at any point since the war began, though he said a sticking point was ensuring Israel retains freedom to act inside Lebanon should any deal be violated. Eli Cohen, Israel's energy minister and a member of its security cabinet, told Reuters: "I think we are at a point that we are closer to an arrangement than we have been since the start of the war".

Pressing its offensive against the Iran-backed group, Israel launched airstrikes on Beirut's Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs Thursday.

Senior Lebanese official Ali Hassan Khalil, speaking to Al Jazeera late on Wednesday, said Lebanon was ready to "precisely" implement U.N. Security Council



An Israeli airstrike in Dahiyeh near Beirut on Thursday. AP

resolution 1701, which ended a 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah. Its terms require Hezbollah to remove fighters and weapons from areas between the border and the Litani River, about 30 km from Israeli border.

Khalil - a close Hezbollah ally and top aide to Lebanon's parliament speaker - said Hezbollah had expressed its commitment to Resolution 1701. The resolution, he added, "contained a clear set of provisions". "The party is committed to what is stated in these texts," he said.

Israel long complained it was never implemented, pointing to Hezbollah weapons and fighters at the border.

Days ahead of G20 summit, suicide bomber dies in blast outside Brazil apex court

REUTERS
 BRASILIA, NOVEMBER 13

A MAN killed himself with a bomb outside Brazil's Supreme Court after trying to enter the building on Wednesday, officials said, stirring security concerns before the country hosts global leaders from the Group of 20 major economies.

The blasts came five days before the G20 heads of state meet in Rio de Janeiro, followed by a state visit to the capital Brasilia by Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The first of two explosions went off on Wednesday evening in a parking lot near the court building and a second blast came seconds later in front of the court, where the man's body was found. Federal District Vice Governor Celina Leao said preliminary information suggested the man had killed himself with explosives after trying to enter the Supreme Court. She said he owned a nearby car in which another explosion blew open the trunk.

Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes said on Thursday that the suicide



Police outside the Supreme Court in Brasilia, after an explosion, Wednesday. AP

bomber who tried to get into the top court on Wednesday had intended to blow up the building, casting it as part of a growing wave of attacks on democracy.

Police identified the man who killed himself in a blast outside the Supreme Court as a former city council candidate from ex-President Jair Bolsonaro's right-wing party with a history of heated political rhetoric online. A police report seen by Reuters, con-

Republicans take House, Democrats sound alarm over Matt Gaetz as A-G

ASSOCIATED PRESS
 WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 14

THE REPUBLICANS have won enough seats to control the US House, completing the party's sweep into power and securing their hold on US government alongside President-elect Donald Trump.

Meanwhile, Trump's pick of conservative loyalist Matt Gaetz to serve as attorney general has Democrats sounding the alarm with Sen. Dick Durbin saying Gaetz "would be a disaster" in part because of Trump's threat to use the Justice Department "to seek revenge on his political enemies."

Republican and Democratic Senators alike on the Judiciary Committee that would review Matt Gaetz's attorney general nomination are calling for a House Ethics Committee investigation into Gaetz to be made available to them.

"I think it's going to be material in the proceedings," said Sen. Thomas Tillis, a North Carolina Republican. Sen. John Cornyn, a Texas Republican, said, "I think there should not be any limitation on the Senate Judiciary Committee's investigation, including whatever the House Ethics Committee has generated."

Sen. Dick Durbin, the Democrat who currently chairs the Judiciary Committee, earlier Thursday said in a statement, "We cannot allow this valuable information from a bipartisan investigation to be hidden from the American people."

Incoming Senate GOP Leader John Thune says Senate's priority will be confirming Trump's



Matt Gaetz at a Trump rally in October. AP file

nominees. Thune did not mention Matt Gaetz, Tulsi Gabbard or other Trump picks that have raised deep concerns among several Senators. But he said Senators should expect "an aggressive schedule until his nominees are confirmed."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin is calling on a House Ethics Committee to preserve information it's gathered on former Matt Gaetz and also share it with the Senate.

The ethics panel said several months ago that its review included whether Gaetz engaged in sexual misconduct and illicit drug use, accepted improper gifts and sought to obstruct government investigations of his conduct.

Gaetz has categorically denied all the allegations before the committee. "The sequence and timing of Mr. Gaetz's resignation from the House raises serious questions about the contents of the House Ethics Committee report," Durbin said Thursday. "We cannot allow this valuable information from a bipartisan investigation to be hidden from the American people"

BRICS offered Turkey status of partner country: Trade minister

REUTERS
 ANKARA, NOVEMBER 14

TURKEY WAS offered partner country status by the BRICS group of nations, Trade Minister Omer Bolat said, as Ankara continues what it calls its efforts to balance its Eastern and Western ties.

Turkey, a NATO member, has in recent months voiced interest in joining the BRICS group of emerging economies, comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Ethiopia, Iran, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan attended a BRICS leaders' summit hosted by Russian President Vladimir Putin in Kazan last month, after Ankara said it had taken formal steps to become a member of the group.

"As for Turkey's status regarding (BRICS) membership, they offered Turkey the status of partner membership," Bolat said in an interview with broadcaster TVNet on Wednesday. "This (status) is the transition process in the organisational structure of BRICS."

Ankara sees BRICS an opportunity to further economic cooperation with member states, rather than an alternative to its Western, Erdogan has said.

THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE REOPENED ON DECEMBER 7, FIVE YEARS AFTER DEVASTATING FIRE

Notre-Dame is ready to 'welcome back the whole world' next month

AURELIEN BREEDEN
 PARIS, NOVEMBER 14

FIVE YEARS after a devastating fire, Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris will reopen to the public on December 7 with a globally broadcast ceremony followed by a string of Masses, concerts and other events, officials announced on Wednesday.

"We are going to recover the focal point of our life as a church," Archbishop Laurent Ulrich of Paris said at a news conference. Last week, Notre-Dame's bells rang together for the first time since the fire in April 2019.

France's Catholics are also

"very eager to welcome back the whole world under the cathedral's vaults," he added. Once reopened, about 14 million to 15 million yearly visitors are expected at Notre-Dame, a Gothic medieval masterpiece that was among the world's most visited monuments before the fire shut it down.

Archbishop Ulrich will strike the doors of the cathedral with his staff and officially reopen them during a religious ceremony attended by Catholic dignitaries, foreign officials and donors who contributed to the renovation.

President Emmanuel Macron of France, who had

vowed to reopen the landmark within five years of the fire, is expected to give a short speech in front of the cathedral ahead of the ceremony, which will be followed by a concert.

Previous suggestions that Macron might speak inside the cathedral had sparked criticism that he was flouting France's strict secularism rules.

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Officials said it was too early to provide a guest list for the ceremonies, but Pope Francis has said that he would not attend.

Although some renovation work will continue after December, the reopening will mark the end of an enormous, complex effort to restore the cathedral to its original state, despite delays caused by Covid-19 lockdowns and concerns over the toxic lead fallout from the blaze.

More than a week of celebrations will follow the reopening, in-

cluding Masses for the firefighters who saved the building and the roughly 2,000 workers and craftsmen who helped renovate it as well as concerts. The cathedral will be open to the public in the afternoon to 10 p.m. before gradually returning to its normal early morning-evening schedule.

To help manage the flow of tourists and pilgrims to Notre-Dame's interior, the cathedral will set up a free online reservation system and release a smartphone app guide. At first, only individual visitors will be permitted; the cathedral will begin accepting tour groups in the spring of 2025.

France's culture minister had suggested last month that Notre-

Dame charge an entrance fee to help fund the upkeep of the country's thousands of churches and religious monuments. But Archbishop Ulrich repeated on Wednesday that French Catholic authorities were strenuously opposed to the idea. The French state owns the cathedral, but the French Catholic Church runs it.

In all, about \$43 million euros, or nearly \$900 million, from about 340,000 donors has poured in since the fire. The bulk has been used for the restoration, and about \$143 million will be used to continue work on the cathedral's exterior, including the sacristy and the flying buttresses, which could take another three years. **NYT**

DISTURBED AREAS NOTIFICATION BY MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

In Manipur, AFSPA reimposed in 6 police station areas, Centre says situation there still volatile

State gateway Jiribam, hit by ethnic violence, among areas included

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 14

A YEAR and a half after the start of ethnic violence in Manipur, the Centre Thursday reimposed the Disturbed Areas status under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in the jurisdiction of six police stations in the state's valley areas, including violence-hit Jiribam.

The Ministry of Home Affairs issued the notification, citing the "volatile" situation in Manipur and instances of "active participation of insurgent groups in heinous acts of violence".

The Disturbed Areas status, which was in place for all of Manipur except 19 police stations



in the Meitei-dominated valley areas from where it was withdrawn between April 2022 and April 2023, has now been extended to the jurisdictions of Sekmai and Lamsang police stations in Imphal West, Lamlai in Imphal East, Moirang in Bishnupur,

EXPLAINED
E Ready for likely crackdown

THE RETURN of AFSPA, which provides immunity to the armed forces, indicates that the situation in Manipur has not improved even after a year-and-half of the ethnic divide. Faultlines run deep, and targeted violence has also staged a comeback. The reimposition of AFSPA suggests a crackdown is imminent.

Leimakhong in Kangpokpi and Jiribam police station in Jiribam. The first four areas are located on the borders of the central

CRPF camp attackers missed vehicle with LMG, died in hail of gunfire

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE DEATH of 10 armed men during an attack on a CRPF camp in Manipur's Jiribam district Monday appears to have been the result of a miscalculation on the part of the armed group.

Sources in the security establishment said the group, while targeting the camp, did not notice a CRPF bulletproof multipurpose vehicle (MPV) stationed outside the camp. Most of the 10 men were said to have died in the first burst from a Light Machine Gun (LMG) mounted on the MPV.



A truck set on fire by militants in Jiribam district. PTI

Bharat Jodo Yatra a force of anarchists, failed to counter it in LS polls: Fadnavis

'We appealed to organisations under RSS umbrella, they helped us counter'

VALLABH OZARKAR & SANDEEP SINGH
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

ATTRIBUTING THE Lok Sabha defeat in Maharashtra to Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said his party "failed miserably to set the counter narrative" to "a force formed by people having anarchist and ultra leftist mentalities".

Over the last five months, Fadnavis said the BJP sought out organisations within the ideological umbrella of the RSS to help counter the narrative.

"We appealed to the organisations working under our ideological umbrella that if you don't have to come into politics, you don't come, but nationalist forces will have to respond to anarchist forces and you will have to talk against anarchy. Today, they have helped us and because of their help, they have countered Bharat Jodo's narrative of the anarchist forces," Fadnavis told *The Indian Express* in an interview.

During the Lok Sabha polls, Fadnavis said, "We were also overconfident... When we realised that they were creating a narrative against us, we had no capacity, capability and apparatus to counter that narrative. We



DEVENDRA FADNAVIS
DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER, MAHARASHTRA

could not do anything about it. But now we are totally ready and I must tell you that now we have that capacity, we have nullified that narrative."

He said that the work started immediately after the Lok Sabha elections. The RSS, he said, doesn't directly do anything itself. "There are more than 30 organisations (which follow their ideology) working in various social spheres. They are very powerful but never enter politics," he said.

Defending the slogans "Bateenge toh katenge" and "Ek hain toh safe hain", Fadnavis said it is a counter to the Opposition's narrative as he pointed towards "Vote Jihad" (extreme polarisation of Muslim votes) stating that there were at least 11 seats in Lok Sabha where there was extreme polarisation of Muslim votes.

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BIRSA MUNDA LIVES ON

His aspirations — freedom, justice, identity and dignity — inspire the youth of our country

BY PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU PAGE 12

AN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION

After exam for jobs in UP House, a fifth go to VVIP kin: Ex-Speaker staff, kids of Principal Secretaries

Allahabad HC says 'not less than scam...hundreds illegally recruited'; then Speaker says 'I have no role'; SC stays CBI probe, will hear matter Jan 2025

SHYAMLAL YADAV
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI,
NOVEMBER 14

ONE HUNDRED and eighty six vacancies is not even a tiny drop in the ocean of jobs politicians across states and parties promise — but in Uttar Pradesh, these have created a splash and a stink. Big enough for the High Court to call it a "shocking...scam," call for a CBI probe, and raise questions of integrity and nepotism.

For, after at least two rounds of tests conducted in 2020-2021, a fifth of these jobs, to fill administrative positions in the UP Assembly and Legislative Council, have gone to candidates who are relatives of officials. The same officials under whose watch the exam was held, an investigation by *The Indian Express* reveals. An estimated 2.5 lakh people applied for these jobs.

On the list of successful candidates: The then UP Speaker's PRO and his brother; a Minister's nephew; son of the Legislative Council secretariat in-charge; four relatives of the Legislative Assembly secretariat in-charge; son and daughter of the Department of Parliamentary Affairs in-charge; son of a Deputy Lokayukta; son of a former Officer on Special Duty to two Chief Ministers.

Add to this: at least five who are relatives of the owners of the two private firms, TSR Data Processing and Rabhav (see adjacent story), which conducted this test amid the first Covid wave.

All these candidates were appointed three years ago to the two secretariats that administer the UP legislature. In an order on September 18, 2023, hearing a plea filed by three unsuccessful

candidates, Sushil Kumar, Ajay Tripathi and Amrith Kumar, a two-judge bench of the Allahabad High Court ordered a CBI probe, calling the process "shocking" and "not less than a recruitment scam" where "hundreds of recruits illegally and unlawfully (were) recruited by an external agency of shaken credence".

On an appeal by the Legislative Council, the Supreme Court stayed the CBI probe — the next hearing is scheduled on January 6, 2025.

These appointments pertain to posts of at least 15 Review Officers (ROs); 27 Assistant ROs and junior positions. RO is equivalent to a gazetted post with a salary band of Rs 47,600-Rs 1,51,100 and ARO has a pay matrix of Rs 44,900-Rs 1,42,400.

The Indian Express investigated records and interviewed those who were involved to trace the 38 candidates selected for the two secretariats with links to officials and politicians: ■ PRO to H N Dikshit, who was UP Assembly Speaker when the recruitment was conducted. ■ Post: Special Executive Officer (Publication), Legislative Council, a newly created position. "He was with me and was later appointed to the Council (secretariat). I had no role in this," Dikshit said. The PRO's brother also got selected as Review Officer (RO) in the Assembly. "I don't know this person," Dikshit said.

Asked about the recruitment conducted under his watch, Dikshit, an ex-BJP MLA who was the Speaker from 2017-2022, said, "It was conducted by an agency approved by us. But my role was limited and the matter is in court now. None of my close relatives have been appointed to



Behind the shaded glass door is the two-room office of testing firm TSR Data Processing in Lucknow. Shyam Lal Yadav

Owners of testing firms have dubious paper trail — and an arrest record

SHYAMLAL YADAV
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI,
NOVEMBER 14

AT A noisy traffic junction in the heart of Lucknow, behind a tangle of cables, is the two-room "main office" of TSR Data Processing, the private firm at the centre of a contentious recruitment drive for key administrative positions in the secretariats of the UP Legislative Assembly and Council.

This is just one of the 10 addresses in two states linked to the private firms involved in the recruitment that prompted the Allahabad High Court to order a CBI probe, an investigation of RO records by *The Indian Express* shows. This newspaper visited all the listed addresses to meet the owners of these recruitment firms — and hit a deadend at each of them.

TELLING NUMBERS

- 2.5 lakh estimated number of candidates applied for posts in UP Assembly and Council secretariats
- 186 posts were advertised in all by both secretariats
- 38 relatives and aides of officials, politicians selected
- 5 relatives of recruitment firm owners also in list of 38

TSR Data Processing Ltd: Records show that TSR was incorporated in July 2010 by Ram Beer Singh and Satya Pal Singh along with Mohd Tariq who is now not a part of the firm. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



Tulsi Gabbard, who speaks up for India & Hindus, new US intel tsar

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

US PRESIDENT-ELECT Donald Trump has chosen Tulsi Gabbard, a former Democratic congresswoman who left the party in 2022 and endorsed Trump earlier this year, as the next Director of National Intelligence.

As the first Hindu member of the US House of Representatives, Gabbard turned heads when she took her oath of office with her hand on the Bhagavad Gita. Later,



Trump's pick for Director of National Intelligence

she gifted the same copy to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a mark of respect, when she

met him in New York in 2019. Her views on Hindus and their plight in countries like Bangladesh and Pakistan have earned her a lot of recognition among Hindu Americans.

The 43-year-old will take over from Avril Haines and oversee 17 spy agencies after Trump starts his second term in January. Her lack of experience in the shadowy world of intelligence reflects how Trump is trying to move away from the conventional wisdom of choosing

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Delhi air quality severe, classes move online, curbs on vehicles

SOPHIYA MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

DELHI'S AIR quality showed no sign of improvement Thursday defying meteorological forecasts, and plummeted further into the "severe" category.

With pollution levels being among the worst in the country, breaching the 400 mark for the second consecutive day, emergency response measures such as discontinuing physical classes for primary school students in entire Delhi-NCR, and curbing construction have been ordered.

These are among measures undertaken as part of the invocation of the Graded Response



Delhi air quality remained 'severe' on Thursday. Praveen Khanna

Action Plan (GRAP) Stage III by the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) and will come into effect from 8 am Friday.

Delhi's 24-hour average air quality recorded at 4 pm Thursday was 424 AQI, in the 'severe' category, slightly worse

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'I am dead inside': At UP home of student killed in Ahmedabad road rage

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

NEETIKA JHA
MEERUT, NOVEMBER 14

THE DIWALI buntings are still in place, so are the rangoli and a string of fairy lights on the door — reminders from exactly two weeks ago, when Priyanshu Jain had celebrated the festival with his family. The two-storeyed house in Meerut's Tirupati Garden colony now stands forlorn, a lone light inside one of its rooms where the family has assembled after a

prayer meeting for Priyanshu. On November 10, Priyanshu, 23, a second-year MBA student at Ahmedabad's premier Mudra Institute of Communications, was stabbed to death in an alleged case of road rage. Two days later, the Ahmedabad Crime Branch arrested a police constable, Virendrasinh Padheriya, in the case.

According to the FIR filed at the Bopal police station in Ahmedabad by Priyanshu's batchmate Prithviraj Parakshitdas Mahapatra, 28, the two had gone to a cafe and a bakery after stopping at a tailoring shop at 7.45 pm.

On their way back to their college campus, around 10.30 pm, at

a turning on the road, a car at "full speed" came "dangerously" close to them and Priyanshu, who was riding pillion on Prithviraj's bike, shouted at the car driver. The man then turned around, chased their bike down and, following a verbal exchange, stabbed Priyanshu. He was taken to Saraswati Hospital and from there to Zydus Hospital in Ahmedabad, where he was declared dead.

Briefly stepping out of the house to see a visitor off, Priyanshu's father, Pankaj Jain, 57, a chartered accountant, manages to say, "We have lost everything, there is nothing left. I am in no condition to talk. I am dead inside."



Priyanshu Jain (above); a prayer meet in Meerut



Priyanshu's mother Reenu Jain breaks down, "Usne mere pyare bacche ko maar diya (He killed my dear son). If he was so angry, he could have hit him with

a stick... why stab him? I should have kept my son with me." Priyanshu's sister Geetika Jain, 27, says Priyanshu last called her around 8.30 pm, a couple of hours

before he was attacked. "He asked for money to buy airpods and told me he has a job interview (with a global IT firm) on November 24. He had stepped out of campus

with his friend to get a suit stitched for the interview. The next call I got was from Priyanshu's friend, who said they were taking him to hospital as he was attacked by someone. I thought it would be a minor accident, I didn't know he would die," she says.

Neighbours of the Jains talk fondly of the "brilliant and kind boy" who left for Delhi after his Class 12 to do his Bachelor's in Business Administration from Indraprastha University.

"When Priyanshu got into MICA, we were all very happy for him. In just about five months, the course would have been over and he would have landed a job," says

Vaibhav Kapoor, 35, a neighbour. His friends are in shock. "As kids, we used to fight over football. It feels like yesterday," says Sanjana, a childhood friend. "We would play in the park and inside the colony. Even after he grew up, he was a die-hard football lover and a big-time Messi fan. Ask him anything about Messi, and he would know the answer."

Two days before his death, Priyanshu had texted another childhood friend, Avni Dhawan, in the Netherlands. "He told my daughter he had applied to several firms and had an interview coming up. He was very excited," says Sunil Dhawan, Avni's father.

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Mainpur: AFSPA back in 6 police station areas

Imphal valley, along the borders of Kuki-Zomi majority hill areas, where the Disturbed Areas notification under AFSPA is already in place.

Jiribam, which is currently in the throes of violence, is located at the state's western-most extreme along Assam's Cachar district. It has a mixed population and is bordered by the hill districts of Pherzawl and Tamenglong.

The Disturbed Area status had been rolled back from Sekmai, Lamsang, Lamlai and Jiribam in 2022, and from Moirang and Leimakhong in 2023, just a month before the ongoing conflict began.

Leimakhong is the home of the 57 Mountain Division, also known as the Red Shield Division and part of the III Corps of the Indian Army.

The AFSPA provides immunity to armed forces personnel — it disallows prosecution of persons acting under the Act except with the sanction of the Central government. It empowers an officer of the armed forces to "fire upon or otherwise use force, even to the causing of death" against "any person who is acting in contravention of any law or order" if they are of the opinion that it is necessary.

In the notification, the MHA stated that a review of the situa-

tion in Manipur found that the situation continues to be "volatile" and "intermittent firing in violence-prone areas continues in the fringe areas of Bishnupur-Churachandpur, Imphal East-Kangpokpi-Imphal West and Jiribam districts". It also stated that in many of these incidents, there have been instances of the "active participation of insurgent groups in heinous acts of violence".

It stated that the imposition of the Disturbed Areas status in these six areas was found warranted to "carry out well-coordinated operations by the security forces to maintain the security situation and contain the activities of insurgent groups in these areas".

During the course of the ongoing conflict in the state, the Army and Assam Rifles have been demanding that more parts of Manipur be brought under the AFSPA provisions. With the inclusion of these "fringe areas", a security official based in Manipur said that the move is expected to lead to "more caution".

"With the deployment of 20 additional CAPF companies, the repositioning of AFSPA in these areas is a natural progression. For now, it may not operationally make a difference, but it may lead

to more caution and create some fear about openly carrying weapons. These are the most volatile areas for the conflict; it has not been extended to the heart of the valley," the official said.

Manipur has had the Disturbed Area status under the AFSPA since 1980, and it was only withdrawn from some parts of Imphal in 2004 following strong protests after the killing of 32-year-old Thangjam Manorama earlier that year.

Since 2022, areas notified as Disturbed Areas have been incrementally reduced. It had been removed from 15 police stations in six districts in April 2022, and with its removal from another four police stations on April 1, 2023, it had been withdrawn from the jurisdiction of 19 police stations in total, all located in the Meitei-dominated valley. A month later, the ongoing ethnic conflict in the state broke out on May 3.

The Disturbed Areas notification is applicable for a period of six months, following which it can be periodically extended by the MHA after assessing the situation. Just a few weeks ago, on September 30, the MHA had extended the Disturbed Areas notification for the parts of Manipur where it was already in place.

Fadnavis

"Fatwa were issued by Maulavis saying that Allah se beimani hai agar vote nahi doge (You will be betraying Allah if you don't vote). Congress started division of castes too. On one hand they wanted Muslim polarisation and on the other hand divide the Hindus among the castes... So, batenge toh katenge is not negative. Whenever there was a division of society, the country was divided and society also suffered losses. So I think batenge toh katenge or ek hain toh safe hain are positive... nothing wrong with it," he said.

Stating that 95% of his speeches are on development, Fadnavis said he has to react to other narratives too and 5% of his speeches are on breaking that narrative. "We are contesting. We are only saying that we should be united with these slogans."

Manipur CRPF camp attackers

Police said the CRPF camp at Jakuradhor and the nearby Borobekra police station came under gunfire shortly after armed miscreants had attacked homes and shops in the area.

Sources in Manipur Police and the Central security establishment said around 2.30 pm Monday, the Borobekra police station, which also has a relief camp under its jurisdiction and some villages near it, was attacked by a group of 40-50 armed men. Another group attacked the CRPF camp near the police station.

"The aim was to keep the CRPF personnel busy in protecting the camp while other teams targeted the relief camp and the adjacent villages. What the group missed was an MPV stationed outside the camp with

armed personnel in it and an LMG mounted on the vehicle," an officer said.

Sources said as soon as the camp came under fire, the personnel in the MPV opened fire with the LMG. "Most of those found dead later died in the first burst of gunfire. The gunbattle continued for about half an hour as both sides took positions and fought," another officer said.

Sources dismissed claims that "village volunteers" had been killed in the clashes with the CRPF.

"Nine of the 10 killed are from Churachandpur. What village were they protecting 200 km away? We have recovered AK 47 rifles, SLRs and an RPG from them. One of our men has a gunshot injury," a senior CRPF officer said.

After exam for jobs in UP House, a fifth go to VVIP kin: Ex-Speaker staff, kids of Principal Secys

any position."

■ Son and daughter of Jai Prakash Singh, Principal Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, UP. Post: RO, Assembly. "They were selected on their merit. I don't wish to say anything more," Singh said.

■ Four relatives of Pradeep Dubey, Principal Secretary, Assembly. Post: Two relatives (sons of cousins), RO and ARO, Assembly. Two other relatives (sons of a cousin and maternal uncle), RO, Council. Dubey said, "This issue is now before the Supreme Court, it would not be proper for me to discuss it."

■ Son of Dr Rajesh Singh, Principal Secretary, Legislative Council. Post: RO, Assembly. "Dubeyji has spoken to you. I don't wish to say anything," Singh said.

■ Nephew of Mahendra Singh, former Minister. Post: Assistant Review Officer (ARO), Legislative Council. Singh was Minister of State from 2017 to 2019, and Cabinet Minister from 2019 to 2022 in the BJP state government. He could not be reached for comment. A member of his family said, "He had nothing to do with the selection process."

■ Son of Dinesh Kumar Singh, Deputy Lokayukta and former Principal Secretary, Department of Law, UP. Post: RO, Assembly. Later, the son was selected as a judge in the lower courts under the Persons with Disability (PWD) category. "I have no role in his appointment (to the Assembly secretariat). He is a judicial officer now," Singh said.

■ Son of Ajay Kumar Singh, ex-OSD to Chief Ministers Akhilesh Yadav and Yogi Adityanath, now retired. Post: Review Officer (RO),

Assembly. Singh did not respond to requests for comment.

■ Son and brother of Dharmendra Singh, APS (Additional Private Secretary), Council, who has worked with former minister and SP leader Shivpal Yadav. Post (son): ARO, Assembly. Post (brother): APS, Assembly. "They cleared the test," Singh said.

■ Nephew of Jainendra Singh Yadav aka Neetu, a close associate of ex-CM Akhilesh Yadav. Post: RO, Assembly. Jainendra did not respond to requests for comment.

Those selected included relatives of the owners of the two recruitment firms: ■ Wife of Ram Parvesh Yadav, owner of Rabhav. Yadav's father is the brother of Shambhu Singh Yadav, an ex-IAS officer who retired recently as Deputy Lokayukta. Post: RO, Council. "I don't know anything about this," Shambhu Singh Yadav said.

■ Nephew, niece and brother-in-law of Ram Beer Singh, director of TSR Data Processing. Post: ARO, Assembly.

■ Brother of Satya Pal Singh, director of TSR Data Processing. Post: ARO, Assembly.

Ram Beer, Satya Pal and Ram Praveesh Yadav did not respond to repeated requests and emailed questionnaires from *The Indian Express* seeking comment.

'Quite shocking'

The recruitment was the subject of multiple petitions in the Allahabad High Court from 2021. On September 18, 2023, while clubbing two pleas, directing the matter to be converted to a PIL and ordering a CBI probe, a two-judge

bench slammed the manner in which external agencies were roped in. Court records show the owners of both the private firms were jailed once earlier on charges of alleged manipulation in another recruitment, and are on bail with the matter still pending.

The High Court delivered scathing remarks, mainly referring to an amendment in rules that enabled the "scam": Recruitment for the secretariats were conducted by the UP Public Service Commission till 2016, when the Assembly amended the rule and decided to conduct them on its own followed by the Council in 2019. Former SP MLC Ramesh Yadav, who was Council chairman when the rules were amended, could not be reached for comment as he was "not keeping good health".

The High Court said: "...it was surprising to notice as to why the Rules... were amended by ousting the examination agency... The decision for an external agency by-passing the rule of the Selection Committee prescribed... was quite shocking."

It said: "The procedure for identifying the external agencies surfaced doubt... we came across some inexplicable details which, prima facie, satisfy the Court for a preliminary enquiry by an impartial agency as regards the identification of external agency in the present case entrusted the function of recruitment in public service which, in our firm view, cannot be compromised on the hallmark of fairness."

On October 3, 2023, the High Court rejected a review application filed by the Legislative

Council. "This court having pursued the original records itself has already recorded its prima facie satisfaction on the substance of allegations levelled... and need not go any further, especially when the Court from the entire gamut of facts would find that it was not less than a recruitment scam, wherein hundreds of recruits have been illegally and unlawfully recruited by an external agency of shaken credence," it said.

The CBI, meanwhile, registered a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) and took possession of some records related to the recruitment until the Supreme Court issued a stay on October 13, 2023.

The High Court records also detail the time trail of the recruitment:

UP Council Secretariat: 99 posts advertised on September 17 and 27, 2020. Preliminary exam on November 22, 2020 — and a retest for Gorakhpur on November 29 due to a local dispute. Main exam on December 27 and 30, 2020. Results: March 11, 2021.

UP Assembly Secretariat: 87 posts advertised in December 2020. Preliminary exam on January 24, 2021. Main exam on February 27, 2021, and typing test on March 14, 2021. Results: March 26, 2021.

There is no data available about the total number of candidates who applied for these exams. Several officials told *The Indian Express* that the figure was "around 2.5 lakh" in all.

Court records show the Assembly recruitment was contracted to Broadcasting

Engineering and Consultancy Services (BECIL), a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. BECIL hired TSR Data Processing. "We got a contract signed with the Assembly secretariat and we sub-let it further. We can't say anything more at this juncture as the matter is sub judice," said Avinash Khanna, Senior Manager, BECIL.

Sources confirmed that Rabhav was tasked by the Council to conduct its recruitment although the secretariat did not divulge the firm's name in court citing confidentiality of the exam process.

A purported list of those selected for the Assembly secretariat was submitted in High Court by another petitioner, Vipin Kumar Singh, who was also an unsuccessful candidate. Singh alleged, citing OMR answer sheets and typing sheets he obtained through unspecified means, that the qualifying marks were manipulated.

Singh had told the High Court: "The results were never declared in the open for the public at large. Neither was the date of the results disclosed nor the list of candidates finally selected." The Assembly secretariat told the High Court that "the final result was uploaded on the official website of the respondents namely uplegiassemblyrecruitment.in... Final list for the post of Assistant Review Officer was pasted on the notice board of the office of Legislative Assembly Secretariat."

When *The Indian Express* checked the website, the results were missing.

Owners of testing firms have dubious paper trail — and an arrest record

The Indian Express visited the "main office" on the second floor of Adarsh Complex at Engineering College Chauraha and met the two employees posted there.

"We are a manpower supplier to government departments and other organisations. Nearly 1,500 workers have been outsourced by our company so far. We are also involved in recruitment. Our directors come to the office only occasionally," said one employee who identified himself as Deepak.

The Indian Express also visited TSR's other Lucknow addresses listed in RoC records of Satya Pal Singh and Ram Beer Singh. The premises at both these addresses were occupied by other persons. Ram Beer and Satya Pal did not respond to requests for comment — at least five of their relatives got jobs in the Assembly secretariat.

On April 6, 2021, a UP Police Special Investigation Team (SIT) arrested Satya Pal and Ram Beer for their alleged role in the recruitment of Village Development Officers in 2018-2019. Along with them, another person identified as Ram Praveesh Yadav was also arrested. All three are on bail. Yadav is the owner of Rabhav Ltd, according to RoC records.

A senior police officer, who was part of the SIT at the time, told *The Indian Express* that Ram Beer, Satya Pal and Ram Praveesh had also allegedly "confessed to their role in the manipulation of

results in the Assembly and Council recruitment as well". "But the SIT can only investigate matters referred by the state government which, in this instance, was the other recruitment case," the officer said.

Rabhav Ltd: Rabhav was originally incorporated in August 2015 in Delhi as Rabhav Technologies Ltd and renamed as Rabhav in March 2017. Ram Praveesh Yadav is the majority stakeholder, and his wife a stakeholder at incorporation. Yadav is the nephew of Shambhu Singh Yadav, an influential IAS officer who retired recently as Deputy Lokayukta. His wife was selected to the post of Review Officer in the UP Legislative Council.

The Indian Express visited three Lucknow addresses listed in the name of Ram Praveesh in RoC documents. At one of them, in Aliganj, local residents said "there is no one by that name here". At another address in Gomti Nagar, the trail led to a ho-

tel. "Ram Praveesh sold this property to us many years back," a hotel employee said. The third address in Gomti Nagar Extension could not be traced.

Rabhav's address is listed at Delhi's Mangolpuri Industrial Area but an employee of another company on the premises said, "Rabhav moved from here nearly four years ago." A Delhi address listed at Vishal Tower in Janakpuri "has been locked for over a year", local residents said. Another Delhi address, at Pitampura, was found to be occupied by a man who said he had "no information" about Rabhav.

Ram Praveesh did not respond to requests for comment from *The Indian Express*.

Chatrashakti Info Solutions Pvt Ltd: This Lucknow firm conducted the typing test for the posts of Assistant Review Officer (ARO) and Additional Private Secretary (APS) for the Assembly. RoC records show that Puneet

Kumar, one of the directors of Chatrashakti, is also a director along with TSR's Satya Pal Singh and Ram Beer Singh in a Delhi-based company Dreamlogix Infotech Ltd. Apart from Kumar, Vivekanand Rai is also listed as a director in Chatrashakti which was incorporated in May 2019.

When *The Indian Express* visited the Lucknow address listed in RoC records for Chatrashakti, a man who identified himself as Shaileendra Singh said, "Vivekanand and Puneet took this property on rent and were running the company from here. They left around a year ago."

Responding to queries from *The Indian Express*, Vivekanand Rai of Chatrashakti said, "I had invested money in that company. The CBI had also asked me about this matter. The typing test was conducted at my company but I can't say anything more." Puneet Kumar confirmed his association with Chatrashakti but said that the firm "is not functioning now".



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India to seek Dalla's extradition

In response to media queries, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We have seen media reports circulating since 10 November on the arrest in Canada of proclaimed offender Arsh Singh Gill alias Arsh Dalla, the de-facto chief of the Khalistan Tiger Force, Canadian print and visual media have widely reported on the arrest. We understand that the Ontario Court has listed the case for hearing."

Dalla, 27, is a proclaimed offender in over 50 cases of murder, attempted murder, extortion and terrorist acts, including terror financing. In May 2022, a Red Corner Notice was issued against him, and he was designated individual terrorist in India in 2023.

In July 2023, India had requested Canada for his provisional arrest, which was declined, Jaiswal said. He said a separate request was also sent to Canada under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty to verify Dalla's suspected residential address, his financial

transactions to India, assets, details of mobile numbers etc — all of which were provided to Canadian authorities in January 2023.

"In December 2023, the Department of Justice of Canada sought additional information on the case. A reply to these queries was sent in March this year," the MEA spokesperson said. "In view of the recent arrest, our agencies will be following up on an extradition request. Given Arsh Dalla's criminal record in India and his involvement in similar illegal activities in Canada, it is expected that he will be extradited or deported to face justice in India."

Canadian police arrested Dalla for a shooting that took place in Milton town last month.

From Dala village in Punjab's Moga, Dalla started off as a small-time gangster before fleeing to Canada in 2018. There, he came in contact with Khalistan Tiger Force chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar and began collaborating with him.

WITHENS, CHANDIGARH

Delhi air quality severe, curbs start

than 418 AQI reported Wednesday.

"Due to rising pollution levels, all primary schools in Delhi will be shifting to online classes, until further directions," Delhi Chief Minister Atishi posted on X.

Friday is a gazetted holiday and most schools will remain shut on Saturday as well.

All highly dust-generating construction and demolition activities except for certain projects related to defence, Metro, railways, airport and healthcare facilities, will be banned as part of the emergency measures.

Additionally, a ban will kick in for running BS III petrol and BS IV diesel-operated four-wheelers in Delhi and the districts of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar.

According to the revised GRAP order, there will also be a ban on running diesel-operated Medium Goods Vehicles that are BS-III standard or below and are registered in Delhi. Diesel-operated

LCVs that are BS III or below entering Delhi will also not be permitted. Further, inter-state buses from NCR states other than EVs/CNG/BS-VI diesel cannot enter Delhi, barring those that have All India Tourist Permit. Mining activities and stone crushers in Delhi and NCR will also stop.

GRAP Stage-III is invoked in advance when the AQI is forecast to sustain for longer periods in the severe category (AQI 401-500), according to the revised order in September this year. Earlier, it was required to be invoked at least three days in advance of the AQI reaching the higher projected air quality levels.

Forecasts from the IMD and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology indicated the likelihood of the AQI of Delhi to remain in the higher end of the 'Very Poor' category in the coming days.

Dense fog, the IMD said, is likely to prevail late night and early morning over northwest India for the next 2-3 days.

Tulsi Gabbard

personnel for key jobs — given the sensitive nature of these positions and their classified nature.

"I know Tulsi will bring the fearless spirit that has defined her illustrious career to our intelligence community, championing our constitutional rights and securing peace through strength," Trump said in a statement. Gabbard, he said, has for more than two decades "fought for the freedom of our country and the freedom of all Americans".

Due to her first name, Gabbard is often mistaken to be of Indian origin. Her mother converted to Hinduism and chose Hindu names for all her children; her siblings are called Bhakti, Jai, Aryan and Vrindavan.

She wears her Hinduism on her sleeve, and is a popular face among Indian-Americans. Hindu-Americans have supported Gabbard since the start of her political career. In 2015, Gabbard married cinematographer Abraham Williams in Hawaii in a Hindu ceremony. Guests included BJP leader Ram Madhav who flew from India with a special message and gift from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

She posts on Indian festivals including Diwali and has also spoken up for India on several occasions, openly criticising Pakistan for providing a safe haven to terrorists. "We stand with the people of India in condemning the terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir, and send our condolences and prayers to the victims' families. We must all stand up against these jihadists and their ideology," she said in the wake of the Pulwama attack of 2019 in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed.

Gabbard, who left the Democratic party in 2022, was deployed in Iraq from 2004 to 2005 as a Major in the Hawaii National Guard and is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserve. Earlier in 2020, she had unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for that year's presidential election won by Biden, who she then endorsed. However, after leaving the Democratic Party, she became very critical of Biden and his administration.

Gabbard has always demonstrated a special bond with Modi. She strongly supported Modi's call to mark International Yoga Day in 2014. That same year when Modi took over as PM, she made a 15-day trip to India at his invitation.

DILLI NYAY YATRA
Sanitation, problems faced by daily wagers & hawkers main issues plaguing Delhi: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

SANITATION ISSUES and the plight of those earning their livelihood on the roadside were among the chief issues facing the Capital's residents, the Delhi Congress said, days after concluding the first leg of its 'Dilli Nyay Yatra'.

Speaking on the eve of the launch of the Yatra's second phase from Northeast Delhi's Gokulpuri, Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav said the party was overwhelmed by the support it garnered in 15 Assembly constituencies between November 8 and 12.

"People poured their hearts out about their struggles to make a living under the misrule of the AAP and BJP governments for the last 11 years, as they only got empty promises and nothing to better their lives," Yadav said.

He was speaking following a meeting held to assess the impact of the Yatra. Addressing media-persons at the party's Delhi headquarters, Yadav said the month-long Yatra — divided into four phases — will cover all the 70 Assembly constituencies and conclude on December 4. "All senior leaders will participate in various phases of the Yatra. The second phase starting tomorrow in the Trans Yamuna area will cover 16 Assembly segments," he said.

Yadav added that the interaction with the residents was "a confidence-boosting experience" for party workers, as those who are "struggling to make ends meet" now wanted the Congress, which had left behind "a robust state" after 15 years of being in power, to form the government.

"Feedback received from the residents will be implemented when Congress comes to power... the poor daily wage earners and street-side hawkers had tales of woes to narrate, as in the absence of designated vending zones, they have to face daily harassment," Yadav alleged.

BJP WITHDRAWS FROM DEPUTY MAYORAL POLL; CONGRESS WALKS OUT BEFORE VOTING

AAP's Khichi elected Delhi Mayor, wins by 3 votes

SAMAN HUSAIN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE AAP's Mahesh Khichi was elected as the new Mayor of Delhi on Thursday, marking a significant victory for the ruling party in the Capital ahead of the Assembly polls due early next year.

The elections were held after a delay of nearly eight months with this being the third attempt at the mayoral polls this year. While both the mayoral and deputy mayoral posts were reserved for candidates from the Scheduled Caste category this time, due to multiple delays in the election process, their terms will only last four months.

Khichi (45), a first-time councillor from Dev Nagar, defeated BJP's Shakurpur councillor Kishan Lal by only three votes, receiving 133 votes to the latter's 130. Two votes were declared in-

valid — one each from AAP and BJP. A total of 256 votes were cast for the Mayor's post.

Following its defeat in the mayoral poll contest, the BJP withdrew its candidate, Sadatpur councillor Neeta Bisht, from the race for deputy mayor, clearing the way for the AAP's Ravinder Bhardwaj (32), councillor from Aman Vihar, to secure the position unopposed.

The proceedings took an unexpected turn when Congress leaders staged a walkout from the House. It boycotted the voting while calling for a full term for the Mayor. "We want the Dalit mayor to get a full tenure instead of just four months," a party councillor said.

The seven Congress councillors did not participate in the voting and its councillor from Mustafabad, Sabila Begum, resigned from the party and voted for the AAP.



Mayor Mahesh Khichi with party leaders after the polls on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

In her resignation letter, she criticised the Congress for boycotting the elections. Begum said that she could not "support the BJP by abstaining from the vote". Notably, this was not her first res-

ignation; she had left the Congress in December 2022 as well, shortly after being elected as a councillor. The rest of the proceedings unfolded without disruptions.

After his victory was announced, Khichi said, "I would like to thank all councillors for supporting me. I am grateful to our former chief minister (Arvind Kejriwal) and the party leadership for making a less known councillor like me the Mayor of Delhi. I assure everyone that we will work together for the development of Delhi."

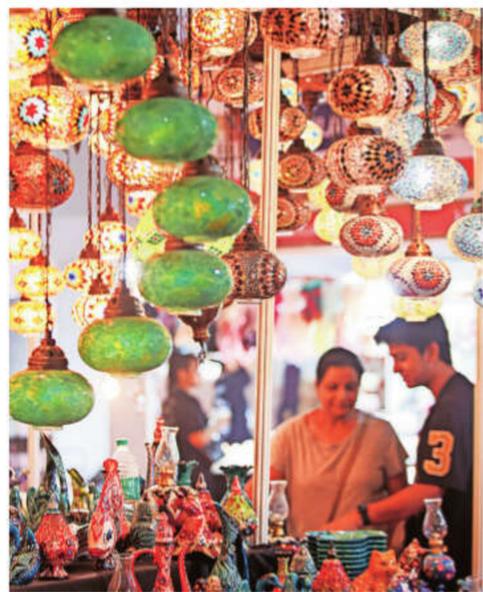
Khichi, a 1999-batch BCom passout from the Motilal Nehru College, is a financial advisor by profession.

According to the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, the MCD must elect a new mayor and deputy mayor each year in April. However, two key hurdles contributed to delay in holding the polls — the imposition of the

model code of conduct (MCC) for the Lok Sabha polls and non-appointment of a presiding officer by Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G) V K Saxena.

Although the Election Commission had permitted the polls to proceed despite MCC being in force, the elections were stalled when the L-G refused to appoint a presiding officer, citing the absence of recommendations from then chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, who was in jail at the time.

A second attempt was made last month when outgoing mayor Shelly Oberoi received a request from the municipal secretary to set a poll date in October. The request languished in her office for a week before Oberoi announced that the elections would be postponed to November, citing upcoming Diwali and the likelihood of councillors being unavailable.



TRADE FAIR BEGINS

During the first day of India International Trade Fair in New Delhi on Thursday. Praveen Khanna

Man dies after truck with cows overturns in Manesar, six held for smuggling cattle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 14

A 30-YEAR-OLD man died on Thursday after his pick-up truck overturned in Manesar while he was being chased by the police for allegedly smuggling cows for slaughter. Six others accompanying the deceased have been arrested.

According to the police, while patrolling near Manesar bus stand in Gurgaon early Thursday, a team from the Cow Protection Unit saw a group of people travelling with cows in a truck.

Gurgaon Police spokesperson ASI Sandeep said, "When the individuals noticed the police vehicle, they sped away towards Panchgaon-Bilaspur. Although the police team gave chase, the truck had already moved far ahead. However, due to traffic congestion near Panchgaon Chowk, the police team caught up with the pick-up. Seeing the police vehicle, the truck driver tried

to speed away and drove onto the wrong side of the road in an attempt to cross the divider."

"The vehicle overturned on the divider, and the police team apprehended the individuals inside the vehicle," he added. Sandeep further said that when the police checked the overturned vehicle, they found one person trapped beneath it. He was identified as Sehjad, a resident of Salaheri in Nuh.

Those arrested have been identified as Munna from Akeda; Mafik Ali and Mubarik from Sudaka; Shaukeen alias Sunda from Salaheri; Irсад alias Langda from Rehna — all from Nuh — and Salam from Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh.

"Four cows were bound in the overturned vehicle. The suspects had filled the pick-up with cows in a brutal manner and were recklessly driving, which led to the death of Sehjad," Sandeep said.

Taking suo motu cognizance of the incident, the police filed a formal complaint against all six

accused at Manesar police station.

Following treatment, the accused were arrested and the truck seized by the police. The body of the deceased was handed over to his family after postmortem, police said. According to the postmortem report, Sehjad suffered injuries to his spine and the cause of death was consistent with an accident.

The police said Sehjad had criminal cases lodged against him in Gurgaon and Nuh, including that of attempted murder and cow smuggling.

"Shaukeen has 18 cases lodged against him at Rewari, Nuh, Gurgaon, and Rohtak for attempted murder, cow smuggling, theft as well as under POC SO Act. He has also been declared a proclaimed offender by the court in two cases. Irсад has three cases registered against him in Gurgaon and Nuh for cow smuggling, assault, and issuing threats. Mafik Ali and Mubarik each have one case registered in Nuh," said an officer.

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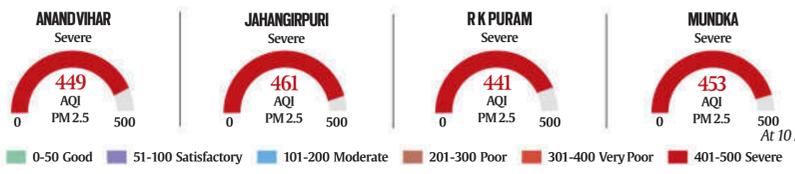
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Farmers' body gives Rs 5 L for Palestine

New Delhi: Members of the Kirti Kisan Union met chargé d'affaires of the Palestine Embassy in India, Dr Abed Abu Jezar, and donated Rs 5 lakh as humanitarian aid. The delegation expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people. "People have been deprived of basic necessities like food, water, electricity and medicine. At such a time, the UN also had to appeal to send humanitarian aid," it stated. **ENS**

Shooter arrested for Mundka firing

New Delhi: The police Thursday arrested a shooter of the Tillu Tajpuriya gang for allegedly killing Amit Lakra, a member of the Gogi-Mann gang, last week. The shooter, identified as Nihaal, was arrested after a brief encounter near Shahdab dairy during which he was shot in his leg, an officer said. Nihaal, a close aide of Gogi-Mann gang leader Ankesh Lakra, was one of the two shooters who shot dead Amit near the Mundka signal on November 9. **ENS**

CM unveils new school at Sundar Nagri

New Delhi: On the occasion of Children's Day on Thursday, Chief Minister Atishi inaugurated a school at Sundar Nagri in North East Delhi. The five-storied school has "131 classrooms, with smart classrooms, a library, seven state-of-the-art labs, two large MP halls, an activity room and elevators", an official statement said. **ENS**

AIIMS launches special myopia clinic for children

New Delhi: Amid rising cases of nearsightedness among children, AIIMS Thursday launched a special myopia clinic targeting patients below 15 years. The clinic will run from Monday to Saturday and will be manned by two faculty members, senior ophthalmic technicians and counsellors.

"We have started this clinic... so that we can give them comprehensive management. We see more than 1,000 kids with myopia every year," said Dr JS Titiyal, chief of Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences at AIIMS Delhi. The clinic will target screening, proper refraction, and provide suitable glasses, in addition to other interventions to decrease the progression of myopia by giving them optical treatment, medical management and counselling. Dr Titiyal said that through the clinic, a large database will be established in the coming few years to issue guidelines for management of myopia among school-going children. The centre will work with various ministries, education ministry, health ministry, to make guidelines for school, screening programmes, getting proper refraction for kids found to have defective vision and regular follow-up. **ENS**

GRAP STAGE III RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED

Delhi air 'severe' for 2nd day, SC to hear petition on pollution on Nov 18

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

WITH DELHI'S air quality remaining "severe" for a second consecutive day, the Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to urgently list on November 18, a plea seeking enforcement of measures to check pollution in the Capital.

A bench of Justice AS Oka and Justice AG Masih agreed to list the matter after senior advocate Aprajita Singh, who has been appointed as amicus curiae in matters related to air pollution, requested for urgent hearing.

"Since yesterday we have been in severe mode. Only to avoid this situation, this court has asked them to take preemptive action," Singh told the bench. "They have not done anything. We should not become the most polluted city in the world," she added.

Singh further said that she has intimated the Commission of Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) to list steps being put in place to improve the situation.

Delhi's 24-hour Air Quality Index (AQI), recorded at 4 pm, stood at 424, up from 418 the previous day. The day saw the third stage of GRAP, including a ban on construction activities and plying of BS III petrol and BS IV diesel vehicles, being imposed in the city and NCR.

The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune has forecast a slight improvement on Friday and Saturday - the AQI will be in the very poor range, it said. As per the Delhi Pollution Control Board's hourly Particulate Matter (PM) figures, PM 10 levels on Thursday at Indian Gate peaked at 9 pm, and were recorded as 661 µg/m³ - over six times the standard of 100 µg/m³. An improvement was seen during the day, as temperatures rose but the improvement could not be sustained because of calm winds.

Farm fires - a major contributor to pollution in Delhi - meanwhile, continued in Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, with the four states recording the bulk of the stubble burning cases till date.

Of the 21,871 cases detected between September 15 and November 14, Madhya Pradesh



Dense smog engulfed New Delhi on Thursday. *Praveen Khanna*

topped the list with 8,917, Punjab was number two with 7,626 incidents, followed by Uttar Pradesh (2,375) and Rajasthan (1,907), the portal of Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi showed.

The impact of farm fires on Delhi's air has been between 17% and 20% over the past week but rose to 30% on Wednesday.

During the hearing on Thursday, the SC bench - which is hearing matters related to stubble burning - noted a reluctance on part of the Haryana and Punjab governments to prosecute officials who had flouted CAQM orders aimed at preventing crop burning.

"Even as of today, we find reluctance on part of both governments in taking action in terms of Section 14 of the CAQM Act," the bench said. Under the section, prosecution action has been initiated against those who flout CAQM orders.

The bench referred to an earlier order where it had said, "Instead of initiating prosecution, the states are busy giving show-cause notices to the officers. We are talking about flagrant breaches of the order of the commission passed three years back. The states owe an explanation to the court for their inaction." It asked the states to file fresh affidavits within three months showing compliance with its order.

GRAP STAGE III: WHAT IS BANNED

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES

- Movement of vehicles carrying construction materials on unpaved roads**
- Earthwork for excavation, laying of sewer & water line, drainage, electric cabling**
- Transfer and loading, unloading of dust-generating materials**

- Water proofing work
- Cutting, grinding, fixing of tiles
- Cement, plaster, other coatings
- Road construction and major repairs

Source: Commission of Air Quality Management

RESTRICTIONS ON PLYING

BS III petrol and BS IV diesel light motor vehicles not allowed in Delhi, Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Gautam Buddha Nagar.

- Ban on BS III standards or below BS III-registered diesel-operated medium goods vehicles**
- Ban on BS III and below diesel-operated light commercial vehicles registered outside Delhi, entering Delhi**
- Intensify mechanised sweeping of roads**
- Intensify public transport by introducing differential rates**
- Close down operations of stone crushers in NCR**
- Close down all mining activities in NCR**
- Govts in NCR and GNCTD to decide on switching to online mode for children up to Class V**
- Inter-state buses from NCR states other than EVs/CNG/BS-VI diesel not allowed to enter Delhi except buses, tempo travellers operated with all India tourist permit**

Testing time for parents as classes move online

SOPHIYA MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

LACK OF individual attention, apprehensions over the quality of virtual teaching, resource barriers that impair network connectivity and access to smartphones and other gadgets, and above all, health concerns of their children - pollution-filled days mean mounting anxieties for an average parent in the Capital.

With GRAP Stage-III kicking in Friday owing to the "severe" air pollution, the Delhi Education Department has ordered closure of schools for students up to Class V. While several parents across government and private schools in the Capital see it as a necessary move, they are also concerned over the switch to online classes.

"Most are working parents who carry their mobile phones to their workplace. Some parents can't afford smartphones and internet connection either," says the mother of a Class II student at SKV, Vasundhara Enclave.

Mamta recalls that during the Covid pandemic, she struggled financially to provide her children with smartphones and recharge the internet. "An NGO in my neighbourhood helped us with it. In such conditions, there is so much loss in children's education," she says.

However, for Sudha, the mother of a Class V student studying at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Mehta Vidyalaya at KG Marg, the school closure comes as a relief. "My son gets frequent coughs, colds and eye irritation because of the pollution. So if he has to go to school... it remains a worry," she said, suggesting that the online switch can help prevent health issues.

Another mother of a primary class student at the same school, on condition of anonymity, said, "The children don't learn properly online. It is always better to have

physical classes... Bearing expenses of the internet is also another problem."

Lack of supervision in online classes was another major concern among parents. They feel there should be no classes at all for students below Class III during the peak pollution time.

"These children will not be able to manage online classes on their own without the help of parents. It is not practical for parents to be around. Students of higher classes can manage this, so parents do not have to be worried," said Akhilesh, the parent of a Class II student at St Mary's Dwarka.

Several government school teachers also voiced their concerns about virtual classes. "We have a majority of students who are from areas with poor network accessibility. They do not have devices for long hours. There are a lot of issues; so, we do not prefer discontinuing the physical classes," said a government school teacher in East Delhi who did not wish to be named.

"Air pollution has indeed affected students... Many even take leave from school because of headaches and other health issues. So, we cannot say that continuing classes is ideal but pollution is a year-long issue in Delhi, but the action is taken only at the last minute," the teacher added.

Another government school teacher, on the condition of anonymity, highlighted that pollution badly impacts the senior



No physical classes for students up to Class V. *File*

students as well. "But no action is taken for them."

However, allaying concerns over the quality issues of online teaching, the teacher said, "We do not compromise on the teaching in any way unlike what many parents worry over. The teachers are more stressed about covering the syllabus efficiently because with online teaching everything becomes more challenging... For instance, the teacher-student bond in physical classes is difficult to maintain online."

Some students, too, seem not to be in favour of online classes. A class IV student at Ryan International School, Mayur Vihar, said, "I don't like online classes because I cannot meet my friends." Another class VI student from the same school said, "When classes switched to online mode last year due to pollution, I had to help my younger brother because my parents would struggle to manage it by themselves."

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Waqf Board Money Laundering Case

Amanatullah Khan to be released, court order cites lack of prosecution sanction

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

A DELHI court on Thursday ordered AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan's release from jail in the Delhi Waqf Board money laundering case, citing lack of prosecution sanction against him. The court also refused to take cognizance of the supplementary chargesheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against Khan in the case.

Khan has been in judicial custody for two months. With his release, all AAP leaders booked in corruption cases will be out of jail.

Directing that Khan be released on a bail bond of Rs 1 lakh, Special Judge Jitendra Singh of Rouse Avenue court said that there was sufficient evidence to proceed against him but no prosecution sanction had been obtained.

"The applicability of Section 197 (prosecution of judges and public servants) of CrPC with respect to PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) is explained by the hon'ble Supreme Court in its recent judgment titled 'Directorate of Enforcement vs Bibhu Prasad Acharya and Others', whereby it has been held that the special court cannot take cognizance of the offence under PMLA in the absence of sanction against the public servant," the judge noted in his order.

He added that taking cognizance of the chargesheet will be against the mandate of the SC, which held in its judgement that a prior sanction from the government is required to prosecute public servants for offences of money laundering.

"...as such no sanction from the competent authority/government has been placed on record against A-6 (Khan). Thus, cognizance against A-6 is declined,"



Amanatullah Khan

the court said.

Khan's release, months before Delhi goes to polls, is good news for AAP. The Okhla MLA, party leaders believe, will help consolidate its position in South East and North East Delhi, where he is seen as a popular leader.

Former Delhi CM and AAP chief, Arvind Kejriwal, in a post on X pointed out that no AAP leader in Delhi now remains in jail. "Today Amanat was also released. With this all the leaders of AAP came out. If someone had done something wrong, they would have joined their party by now. All the leaders are honest and courageous," he wrote.

Party leaders said that Khan is now expected to jump into campaign mode, making up for lost time as he was in jail for the past two months.

The ED case pertains to alleged irregularities committed during Khan's tenure as the chairman of the Delhi Waqf Board between 2016 and 2021. According to the central agency, Khan had illegally appointed members to the board, causing a loss to the exchequer. It further alleged that Rs 36 crore was laundered into properties by Khan's agents.

The ED case against Khan stems from two FIRs: one filed by the CBI concerning alleged irregularities in Waqf Board appointments; and another by the Delhi Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) regarding an alleged case of disproportionate assets.

Operation Kawach: 700 arrested, 64 areas found where drugs are sold

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THE DELHI Police has identified 64 locations where narcotics are reportedly being sold and conducted raids at 907 places across 15 districts during the 24-hour long 'Operation Kawach 6.0', which began on November 12, Special Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Devesh Chandra Srivastava said on Thursday.

'Operation Kawach' was started across Delhi last May to focus on identifying and apprehending individuals involved in the trafficking and distribution of narcotics.

All units of the Delhi Police, including Crime Branch, Special Cell and the police of 15 districts participated in the 24-hour operation - led by Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora - between 5 pm on Tuesday and 5 pm on Wednesday. "The units detained 1,224 people at 907 locations. We have arrested more than 700 people," Srivastava said.

An officer said those detained and arrested are associated with multiple gangs including those led by Lawrence Bishnoi, Neeraj Bawana, Kaushal Chaudhary, Tillu Tajpuriya, Kala Jathari,

Manjeet Mahal and Kapil Sangwan.

Srivastava said that during the operation, the teams have identified 64 hotspot locations where narcotics are being sold in Delhi. The teams will keep 24-hour vigil at these hotspots.

"Around 870 gm of heroin, 244.8 kg of ganja, 16.1 gm of cocaine, and 434 grams of MDMA were seized... 14 people were arrested in Arms Act cases with the recovery of six country-made pistols, nine live cartridges, eight knives and 15 stolen motorcycles," he added.

Additionally, 244 cans and bottles of beer, along with 29,942 quarters and 198.75 litres of illicit liquor were confiscated, he said.

"Some of the accused are serial offenders and some of the accused were caught red-handed when they were going to deliver drugs," said Srivastava.

The police said that as part of the operation, illegal pan shops situated in the areas of eastern range comprising GTB Enclave, Mayur Vihar Phase 1 and Karkardooma - within the 100-m radius of educational institutions - were raided and 44 people prosecuted under Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act.

Special Cell gets new address in Sadiq Nagar Minor apprehended for killing brother-in-law

PRAGYNESH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE NEW Delhi Range (NDR) of Delhi Police's anti-terror unit, Special Cell, has begun relocation to its new headquarters in Sadiq Nagar as its 36-year-old 'original' bastion in Lodhi Colony is due for a large-scale makeover next year, officers said.

Though the police are yet to formally announce that the Special Cell has commenced the relocation, an officer said three teams of NDR, including the Tech team, have already moved to the Sadiq Nagar office. The new three-storey headquarters has close to 20

rooms, with each floor expected to house two teams at least, an officer said. "This is a bigger facility than the Lodhi Road office and has a state-of-the-art surveillance system," said another officer.

The decision to move to Sadiq Nagar was taken in August after its 36-year-old 'original' bastion at Lodhi Road was set to be razed down next year. A new improved facility will be built in its place, as per a proposal approved last year by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The plan proposes to build a new blast-proof building, which will have an indoor shooting range, state-of-the-art interrogation room and a

safe house. The Indian Express reported in April. "It will be a seven-floor building with two floors of underground parking and a blast proof structure considering the expansion in Cell's ambit over the years," an officer said.

The proposal was initially crafted in 2021 and was moved under the 'Modernisation of Police Forces' scheme, before being cleared by the Home Ministry after which the CCS approved it.

The modernisation of the interrogation room is one of the primary objectives behind the demolition of the old office, an officer said, adding that the new building is expected to come up in the next two years. It would also house the

offices of Special Commissioner of Police (CP) and Additional CP of Special Cell, who currently operate from the new police headquarters on Ashoka Road.

Former Delhi Police Additional CP Ashok Chand, who was at the helm of Cell's affairs as its DCP from 1988 to 1998, said the Lodhi Road office saw suspects of some of the biggest terror and narcotics-related cases, including Parliament attacks, Red Fort blasts, cocaine busts, and the Dawood gang members, brought in for questioning. In 2023, the Lodhi Colony office location was found by intelligence agencies in the system of Pakistan's ISI. The Indian Express had reported.

UPASIKA SINGHAL
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy was apprehended in West Delhi Thursday for allegedly stabbing to death his sister's husband for "taunting" him, police said. However, the 26-year-old victim's wife alleged that her family, who was opposed to their marriage, was behind the murder.

"The boy told us that he (the victim) would regularly tease and use unsavoury language to taunt him. He was also unhappy with his sister's marriage. So far, nothing has come to suggest the involvement of anyone else," said

Vichitra Veer, DCP West.

The alleged stabbing took place late on Wednesday when the couple had gone to a market near their home. "After we got done, we headed towards home, but he told me he needed to use the washroom," his wife said. "When he came out (of the washroom), he told me he'll come home later and asked me to go home," she said.

Around 20 minutes later, her husband's niece came home running and raised an alarm saying she saw "people beating bhaiyya", the wife said. The man's parents and wife rushed to the spot and found him lying on the ground, blood seeping out

from his chest.

He was rushed to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital but was declared brought dead.

According to police, the man had been married to his wife for less than a year. The woman's family was against the marriage, despite both families belonging to the same district in Uttar Pradesh and having similar backgrounds.

"They lived in the same neighbourhood and went to the same school... They fell in love and started a relationship... and got married last year on December 7," said the victim's cousin.

He claimed that the girl's family had attempted to assault the

victim the day after they got married. "Our family had to send them away to our village in Unnao for their safety. They lived there for 7-8 months, and came back here around five months ago after he (the victim) got a job in Delhi," the cousin said.

The victim's brother-in-law claimed that the wife's family had threatened the man around two weeks back as well. "They were unhappy that the two had entered a love marriage, without the consent of her parents. They were really angry that they had eloped and brought shame to her family," he said. Police said they are trying to find CCTV footage capturing the alleged stabbing.



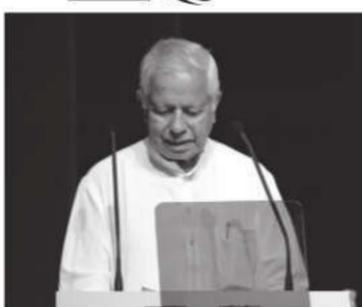
Shekhar Bajaj
Chairman, Jammalal Bajaj Foundation

These awards serve as a motivation for all of us to reflect on Gandhiji and Jammalal Bajaj's principles. They believed in uplifting people, regardless of their background or status. Ramkrishnaji, my father, known for his ethical approach, believed that business should serve the greater good of society, upholding values over material gains. In our contemporary society, many seem focussed on personal ambitions and professional aspirations while the broader societal connections and community responsibilities are neglected. We must revive principles of compassion and inclusivity, to build a collective spirit that prioritizes the well-being of 'all' over 'individual gain' to care for others and to look beyond ourselves.



Dr. R. A. Mashelkar
Chairman, Council of Advisers

The world shaped by Gandhiji's vision would see power redefined not as the ability to dominate, but as the strength to uplift. Borders would be seen not as battlegrounds but as thresholds of shared culture and humanity. Gandhiji's spirit is the only one that offers an antidote to mend the fractures with the binding thread of non-violence. Understanding that Gandhian ethics could be the cornerstone for a better society, Jammalalji infused these ideals into his business practices, promoting ethical entrepreneurship and prioritizing the welfare of workers and communities.



Girija Nandan
(Jharkhand)

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Rashmi Bharti
(Uttarakhand)

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- Mahatma Gandhi

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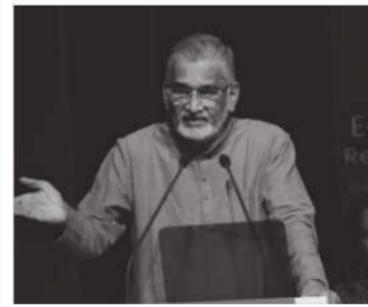
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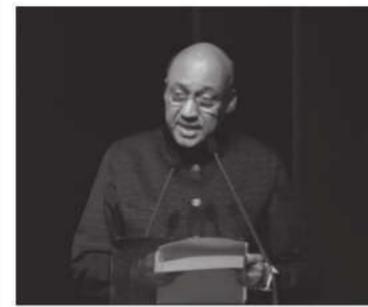
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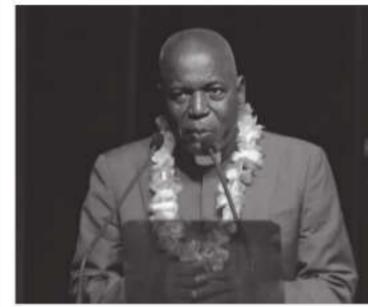
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Dr. Tulasi Munda
(Odisha)

During the one-year long Bharat Yatra of Santh Vinoba Bhave for the Bhoodan Movement, I was nominated to accompany him. This has changed my outlook, way of life and service orientation. With training and orientation, I was then told to run community development services with community participation. With active support and cooperation, I could form more than 300 Gram Sabha and resolve numerous issues.



Rev. Erik Kumedisa
(Congo)

I have been fighting on all fronts of life to bring about a Satyagraha Society. I organize training for peasant farmers where new ideas are given to learn how to be self-sufficient (Swadeshi). The sceptics now believe and recognize the usefulness of putting the principles of Gandhian doctrine into practice. The most important thing we do is to see that everything people learn; they do it at home. Although this does not provide all the solutions to the problems in their lives, it allows some to improve their daily lives.

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Guru Nanak Jayanti: Celebrating the birth of the founder of Sikhism

Guru Nanak Jayanti transcends a religious event, as a celebration of the very principles that define the Sikh way of life.



Nankana Sahib - Birthplace of Guru Nanak

ONE of the most significant and widely celebrated religious festivals in the Sikh calendar, Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurburab, marks the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism. Falling on the full moon day of the Kattak month (usually in November)

in the Punjabi calendar, this day, observed annually, brings together millions of Sikhs across the globe in prayers, religious processions, and spiritual reflection. Guru Nanak Jayanti holds profound significance for Sikhs as it not only commemorates the birth of their first Guru but also serves as a reminder of the time-

less values of equality, truth, justice, love, compassion, service to humanity, humility and spirituality that Guru Nanak espoused throughout his life.

The celebration of Guru Nanak's birth transcends geographical and cultural boundaries, with millions attending special services at Sikh places of worship, Gurudwaras,

worldwide. The day is filled with devotional hymns, musical recitations, and community activities that reflect the essence of the life and teachings of Guru Nanak. Guru Nanak Jayanti is more than a mere religious observance - it is an opportunity for Sikhs to renew their commitment to the values Guru Nanak propagated, alongside his teaching that the supreme purpose of human life is to reconnect with the Akaal, the Timeless One.

Why is Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated?

Akin to every Gurburab - a revered occasion that celebrates the lives and teachings of each of the ten Sikh Gurus - Guru Nanak Jayanti honors the birth of Guru Nanak Dev, who was born on 15 April 1469 in the village of Rai Bhoi di Talwandi - now Nankana Sahib, in Pakistan. Guru Nanak is revered not only as a religious figure, who laid the foundation of Sikhism, but also as a spiritual visionary, who spent much of his life traveling across India and beyond, spreading his message of Ik Onkar or the Oneness of God, selfless service, equality of all humans, and devotion to community welfare.

Laying the foundation for a spiritual revolution, Guru Nanak's teachings provided a radical departure

MESSAGE

SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI, the founder of Sikh religion is revered by all, irrespective of caste, colour and creed. He was born on 15 April 1469 in the Talwandi region in Pakistan. Birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji is celebrated as Prakash Parv. His impact on the Indian society has been profound. A seer visionary and preacher, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji spread the holy message of love and universal brotherhood. He spread a simple message of "EK OM KAR": WE ALL ARE ONE, created by one creator.



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As we observe 555th Birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, we must remember not only to reflect upon what he taught us but also to mould our daily life in accordance with his teachings. Let us all pledge to follow the teachings of this great saint. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my heartiest greetings to one and all.

SWARUP KUMAR SAHA
MD & CEO, Punjab & Sind Bank

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from the caste system, superstitions, and idolatry prevalent at the time in India. His emphasis on Ik Onkar as the universal creator, transcendent and immanent, resonated with people of all backgrounds. Through the three core principles of Sikhism - Naam Japna, meditating on and chanting God's name, Kirat Karni, earning an honest living, and Vand Chakna, which is sharing with others, especially the needy - Guru Nanak advocated for a life of simplicity, spiritual devotion, honesty, generosity and equality. The significance of Guru Nanak Jayanti lies in reflecting upon these core principles that continue to guide millions of Sikhs.

Guru Nanak's message transcended religion; it was a universal call to all of humanity to embrace the values of fraternity, compassion for all and equality, irrespective of caste, creed, or ethnicity. His call for "Nirvair" (without enmity), "Nanak Naam Chardi Kala" (with the strength of Naam, one lives in high spirits), and "Sarbat da Bhala" (wishing well-being for all) reverberates in the hearts of Sikhs around the world. Guru Nanak Jayanti serves as a reminder of these values and the importance of living a virtuous life, wherein spirituality is not confined to rituals but is integrated into everyday actions.

Celebration of a timeless legacy

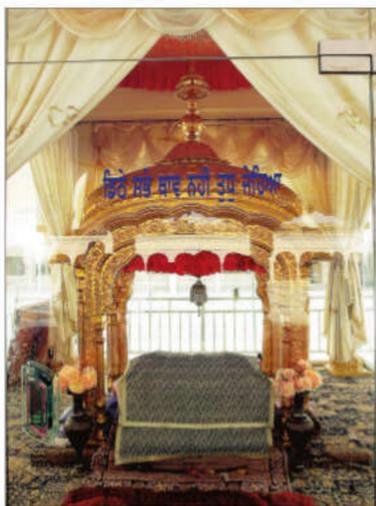
The celebration of Guru Nanak Jayanti is marked by various religious and cultural activities, not only at Gurudwaras but also in Sikh homes. The festive day begins early in the morning with religious processions, known as Prabhat Pheris that proceed from various Gurudwara, resonating with the sacred sound of hymns and filling the air with a sense of devotion as the community comes together in prayer and celebration.

Amidst the harmonious symphony of melodious kirtan, the recitation of the sacred Gurbani conveying divine wisdom, and

the collective chanting of divine hymns in Gurudwaras adorned with vibrant decorations, an atmosphere of deep spiritual devotion envelops all.

A key feature of the celebration is the vibrant Nagar Kirtan, a grand procession led by the Panj Pyare, who are the Five Beloved Ones, and, who carry the Sikh flag, the Nishan Sahib, while being accompanied by rhythmic beats of Sikh devotional music.

In various Gurudwaras, the communal



kitchens serve free meals, Langar, to all regardless of people's background or religion. This practice exemplifies Guru Nanak's teaching of being generous to others, especially the less fortunate while embodying the values of Seva or selfless service, sharing and equality that Guru Nanak so strongly advocated.

The celebration of Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurbpurab extends beyond the confines of the Gurudwara, visited by Sikhs to pay their

respects, offer prayers, and listen to the recitation of their religious scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib. The day serves as a joyous time for Sikhs worldwide to come together to celebrate the special occasion, strengthen bonds, and reaffirm their commitment to the Sikh way of life.

The universal significance of Guru Nanak Jayanti

While Guru Nanak Jayanti is primarily a Sikh celebration, the principles espoused by Guru Nanak resonate with people across the world, regardless of their faith. Guru Nanak's message of universal brotherhood, selfless service, equality, virtuous living and justice transcends time and place. In a world that often seems divided by religious, political, and social differences, Guru Nanak's teachings offer a blueprint for a more harmonious, inclusive and compassionate world.

While the teachings of Guru Nanak are especially relevant in the contemporary world, where issues of inequality, injustice, and religious intolerance are prevalent, his call for mutual respect, humility, and devotion to God has become more pertinent today than ever before. Guru Nanak Jayanti thus serves as both a celebration of Guru Nanak's extraordinary life and the transformative power of his teachings in creating a world where the enduring values of love and compassion for humanity, equality, humility, and selfless service reign supreme.

As Sikhs all over the world celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti with devotion every year, this day offers an opportunity, for Sikhs and non-Sikhs alike, to reflect on the values that bring people together while inspiring them to meditate on God's name, Naam Simran, and embrace the spirit of selfless service, compassion, charity and universal brotherhood that Guru Nanak promulgated.

MESSAGE



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Happy Guru Nanak Jayanti to all!

On the auspicious day of Guru Nanak Jayanti, we remember Guru Ji for his teachings and how they remain relevant even after 500 years. My exposure to Guru Nanak's teachings was through Sakhis told to me by my grandfather. At their core, his teachings uplifted individuals and communities and inspired people. Many businesses globally today incorporate values like corporate social responsibility (CSR) and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) - initiatives that deeply resonate with Guru Nanak's philosophy. Let me try to explain.

Vand Chhako (Sharing with Others) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

One of Guru Nanak's fundamental teachings, Vand Chhako, emphasizes the importance of sharing wealth and resources with those in need. This principle encourages individuals to help uplift their communities. In the corporate world, this is reflected in CSR initiatives, where companies use their resources to benefit society. CSR goes beyond mere charity; by sharing with underprivileged communities or supporting environmental preservation, corporations embody Guru Nanak Ji's teachings in ways that positively impact both society and their corporate

Equality and Inclusivity: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Guru Nanak's commitment to equality and inclusivity remains one of his most transformative teachings even today. He spoke against discrimination based on caste, gender, or social status and promoted the idea that all individuals are equal. Today, companies actively embrace DEI initiatives, which aim to create inclusive workplaces where everyone is respected and valued, regardless of their background, gender, ethnicity, or other identifiers. In my experience, a diverse and inclusive workforce brings fresh perspectives and drives innovation, as people from different backgrounds offer unique insights. More importantly, inclusive workplaces create environments where employees feel valued, leading to higher job satisfaction and productivity.

On this day, may we strive for equality and selfless service. Nanak naam jahaazhai, jo chadhe so uttrepaar!

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"Those who have loved are those that have found God"

- Guru Nanak Devji

From Team **NIPPON**

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Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Traore John M r/o 3rd floor LHS, Flat RZF-5, Nanda Block, Mahavir Enclave, South West Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. RC 220 E 2023 E0018, CBI, EO- II, New Delhi U/s- 8 r/w Sec. 23(c) & 29 of NDPS Act and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Traore John M could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Traore John M has absconded (or are concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused persons Traore John M is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 20.12.2024.

Ekta Gauba Mann,
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With Guru Purab upon us, I am reminded of the timeless wisdom shared by Guru Nanak Dev Ji. His teachings on selfless service gently guide us to embrace kindness and humility. This is a day to open our hearts and let compassion flow through every action. May we all find joy in uplifting one another, creating a community rooted in love and service."

HARINDER SINGH HORA, Founder Chairman, Reach Group



Guru Purab is a time to reflect on the unity that Guru Nanak Dev Ji cherished. It's a reminder that, at our core, we are one. This day encourages us to transcend differences and connect with others on this journey of life. Let's cherish the bonds we share and work towards a more harmonious world, filled with understanding and empathy."

Warm wishes for a meaningful Guru Purab."

HARPREET SINGH HORA, Director, Reach Group



On Guru Purab, I contemplate the profound message of Equality. Guru Nanak Dev Ji inspires us to see beyond divisions and recognize the dignity in every person. This day asks us to stand for fairness and justice, ensuring that all individuals feel valued and respected. May we carry this spirit forward, nurturing a compassionate world for future generations.

May Guru Purab bring you reflection and joy.

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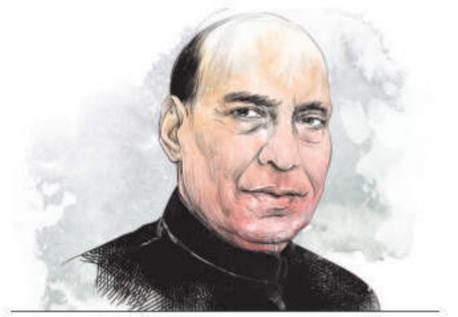
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SURPRISE ENTRY

THE FUNCTION to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru at Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan (old Parliament building) on Thursday was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. It has been a while since a senior Cabinet minister attended the function in Central Hall. In 2021, the function was attended by then MoS Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma and in 2019, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi was among the attendees. Thursday's function saw more surprises as senior Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien joined Singh and other MPs in paying floral tributes to Nehru. While the TMC and the Congress work in coordination in Parliament, ties between the two parties — members of the INDIA bloc — remain frosty outside.

LONG READ

THE RETIREMENT of Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud could mean more work for journalists on days of important verdicts. Former CJI Chandrachud used to keep a pronunciation copy — containing the most important paragraphs from lengthy judgments — ready and read out from it while delivering the verdict. Now, with no such copy available, reporters covering the Supreme Court will have no option but to sift through the entire judgment which sometimes runs into hundreds of pages.

RAISING AWARENESS

Reaffirming his commitment to raising awareness about diabetes, Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who is also a diabetologist, attended an event organised by the International Diabetes Federation on Thursday. At the event, attended by renowned diabetologists, the minister was photographed with a copy of 'Sadikot's International Textbook of Diabetes', which contains a foreword by the minister.

Top court relief for Chhattisgarh ex-bureaucrat in UP liquor 'scam'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday gave former Chhattisgarh bureaucrat Anil Tuteja interim protection from arrest in a case booked in Uttar Pradesh in connection with an alleged liquor scam. Issuing a notice to the UP government and the ED on his appeal challenging the Allahabad HC's refusal to quash the FIR, a bench of Justices A S Oka and A G Masih directed that "even if petitioner appears before trial court pursuant to High Court's decision, he shall not be taken into the custody." In February 2020, the Income Tax Department searched premises owned by Tuteja and lodged a case before the Tis Hazari Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court. Based on the Income Tax complaint, the ED registered an ECIR on November 18, 2022, alleging that a liquor scam had come to light in Chhattisgarh. In April 2023, the magistrate court returned the complaint citing lack of territorial jurisdiction. The Supreme Court later quashed the ECIR saying there was no scheduled offence as contemplated under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act for registering it.

UP bypoll: 'Husband avenged', SP MLA supports BJP candidate

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 14

IN THE bypoll for the Phulpur Assembly seat, BJP candidate Deepak Patel has got an unexpected boost. For the past few days, among those campaigning for him is SP MLA Pooja Pal. Pal, the SP MLA from Chailli in Kaushambi, which is around 60 km from Phulpur, told *The Indian Express* that her reason was personal, as it is the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government in UP that had ensured "justice" in her husband Raju Pal's killing. Then a BSP MLA, Raju Pal's killing was orchestrated in January 2005 by mafia don-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf. The two were shot down on camera last year. Besides them, six others were charged in the case and were sentenced to life imprisonment in March this year. "It is my decision to campaign for the BJP candidate because under CM Adityanath, my community and I have received justice," Pooja Pal says, adding that her fight lasted over two decades. "I am simply informing the people that I have now received justice." The SP has had its reasons to keep an eye on Pal, whose name



PM Narendra Modi at Kharghar ground in Navi Mumbai, Thursday, Narendra Vaskar

Cong attitude opposite to that of hardworking Mumbai: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi, in his last public rally in Maharashtra before the November 20 polls, criticised the Congress for neglecting the development of Mumbai, stating that it has no vision for ensuring the growth of the city. "In our country, for decades the Congress government at the Centre and state did not bother about planning ahead for the city. As a result our Mumbai kept going back. The Congress's attitude is opposite to that of Mumbai's. While Mumbai's way is honesty, hardwork and dreaming of going ahead, Congress's way is corruption, moving the country backwards and stopping development," Modi said at his rally at Shivaji Park, Dadar on Thursday. "When the Congress government was in power, there were

terror attacks in the city. Announcements were made that if a bag or cooker is found lying unattended, inform the police. Nowadays, have you heard any such announcements? Now people feel safe travelling in local buses and trains," he said. Modi listed out developments of the Mahayuti government, including modernising the city in terms of infrastructure, ensuring there were no terror attacks taking place in the city and assisting women and start-ups through various their schemes. He blamed the MVA for trying to create a divide between various castes and opposing development of various infrastructure projects in the city. "Our government wants to ensure Mumbaikars don't face any issue related to connectivity," he said, adding that in Mumbai, projects worth lakhs of crores are going on at a high pace. He said that the MVA had op-

posed the Ram Mandir issue and had coined the term "bhagwa aatankwad" and insulted VD Savarkar to get votes. "In Kashmir they are also trying to move a proposal to get back Article 370, thereby trying to insult Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution. For decades they were in power but did not designate Marathi as a classical language," he said. Earlier in the day, at a rally in Panvel, Modi said Congress gave the "Garibi Hatao" slogan, but looted the poor. "If the poor are benefiting, you feel happy, but the Congress doesn't feel happy about this," he said. "The Congress is far ahead when it comes to vote bank politics, but is the enemy of the poor," Modi said. Later during a rally at Sambhaji Nagar, Modi said, "Those who have a problem with Sambhaji Maharaj's name, those who see a messiah in the name of those who killed him, aren't they standing against Maharashtra and Maratha pride? Will Maharashtra ever accept such people?"

'Batenge toh katenge positive slogan for unity, nothing wrong with it'

MAHARASHTRA DEPUTY Chief Minister DEVENDRA FADNAVIS, in an interview with VALLABH OZARKAR and SANDEEP SINGH, took the blame for the Lok Sabha loss and said that he failed to counter the Opposition's anarchist and ultra Leftist narrative. He, however, said that it has all been sorted now with the help of organisations within the ideological family. Fadnavis spoke on a host of other issues. Excerpts:



Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis at Lok Sabha Loksamvad in Mumbai, Thursday

BJP has traditionally been setting the narrative, but do you think that during the Lok Sabha polls you were unable to counter the narrative that the Constitution will be changed? Has anything changed now? I completely admit that during the Lok Sabha elections, we failed miserably to set a counter narrative and we have to be blamed for that. At least in Maharashtra, I failed and we were also over confident. Basically during the Lok Sabha polls, we were not fighting against parties, but were fighting against forces... Bharat Jodo was a force, formed by people with anarchist and ultra-leftist mentalities. This force created a hyper-perloc narrative, and when we realised that they were creating a narrative against us, we had no capacity, capability and apparatus to counter it. We could not do anything about it. But now we are completely ready and we have the capacity. We have nullified that narrative and fed the real narrative so now we don't have anything to worry about. What are the two things that have happened that have helped you counter and fight that force? First, is that their narrative that the Constitution will change and reservation will go is finished. Rahul Gandhi has tried but it did not work.

The second thing is that as a political party have a practice of fighting against parties but we are not used to fight against forces. When we saw that our fight was with forces, we went to organisations that work in our vichar parivar (ideological family) and we appealed to them that anarchist forces were preparing a narrative that will result in people losing trust in our system. We told them that since the counter to that cannot be done by us (a political party), it has to be done by forces that work in that area (for example if there is a worker, then people working in that field can only respond to the anarchist narrative). We appealed to organisations working under our ideological umbrella that if you don't have to come into politics, don't come, but nationalist forces will have to respond to anarchist forces and you will have to talk against anarchy. Today, they have helped us and because of their help, they have countered the Bharat Jodo narrative of the anarchist forces... So, is it RSS that has worked for you? While RSS doesn't directly do anything itself, there are more than 30 organisations (which follow their ideology) working in va-

rious social spheres. They are very powerful but never enter politics. We told them, don't ask people to vote for us, but at least respond to the anarchist forces. That has helped us counter that narrative. When you have infrastructure and other works to show, why is there a need for slogans like 'batenge toh katenge'? In politics when someone creates a narrative then it must be countered. We saw that in the Lok Sabha polls, Congress indulged in vote jihad. For example, in a seat like Dhule, we had a lead of 1.9 lakh votes from five assembly segments, but they got a lead at one segment in Malegaon central and defeated us by a margin of just 4,000 votes. The same happened in 11 other LS constituencies where there was extreme polarisation of Muslim votes, this is vote jihad. Fatwas were issued by maulvis and along with that, Congress created divisions along caste lines. That means on the one hand, they polarised Muslims, and on the other, divided Hindus. Historically whenever there was a division of society, the country was divided and society suffered. So, I think 'batenge toh katenge' and 'ek hain toh safe hain' are positive slogans for unity and there is nothing wrong with it. Then why is 'ek hain toh safe hain' not for all religions? If the call is for keeping Hindus united, then it is fine, but if Muslims say the same then it's not, why is it so? Have you seen any Hindu religious leaders issuing fatwas that if Hindus do not vote for BJP then it would be dishonesty towards God? Issuing fatwas is an issue as it is a political fatwa and creates communal divide. We will have to react to that narrative. FULL INTERVIEW www.indianexpress.com



SP MLA Pooja Pal, wife of BSP MLA Raju Pal who was killed in 2005.



Asked about Pooja Pal supporting Patel, BJP Gangapur president Uttar Maurya did not directly confirm she was campaigning for the party. "She may be campaigning for the BJP candidate, but Pooja Pal has neither joined the BJP nor has attended party meetings," Maurya says. A total of 19 candidates are in the fray for the Phulpur bypoll, including the BSP's Jitendra Singh, a businessman and first-timer. The seat, which has around 4.16 lakh voters, has predominantly Dalits, followed by Yadavs, Muslims and Brahmins (approximately 90,000; 70,000; 55,000; and 40,000, respectively). On paper, the SP candidate has an advantage, with Yadavs and Muslims a vote bank of the party, and Dalits potential supporters. Pooja Pal does have an expectation as she lends her backing openly to the BJP. She says she recently learnt that the accused in Raju Pal's murder case have been transferred to Prayagraj Jail from Lucknow Jail due to pending cases in Prayagraj against them. "If they remain in Prayagraj, it would pose a continuous threat to my life, as I was the complainant in the murder case. In a gangster case pending against them, I am a witness. I have decided to meet the CM to seek protection," she says.

Modi and Shah making divisive speeches, Cong complains to EC

New Delhi: The Congress Thursday lodged complaints with the EC against PM Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for allegedly making "false" and "divisive" speeches during the Jharkhand and Maharashtra Assembly polls. In the case of the PM, Congress alleged that he had made "false, malicious and slanderous statements" targeting the party and its allies during a speech in Nashik on November 8. Congress said the PM levelled allegations former PMs late Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi and that Congress leaders were opposed to the SCs, STs and OBCs. "The tone and tenor of the entire speech is further evidence of the speaker's intention to create and spread religious and caste-based animosity," the Congress said. Similarly, the Congress complained against Shah for alleging that Congress was against SCs, STs and OBCs, and was promoting terrorism, citing his speech in Dhanbad on November 12. "...Mr. Amit Shah has also accused the INC of planning to take away reservations from members of the ST, SC and OBC communities and granting them to members of a particular religious minority community," the Congress said. ENS

NEW INDUSTRIAL POLICY

Chhattisgarh offers incentives for hiring Agniveers, former Maoists

JAYPRAKASH SNAIDU RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 14 ENCOURAGING COMPANIES to hire persons with disabilities (PwDs), Agniveers and surrendered Maoists by offering a 40% salary reimbursement and giving such people an additional 10% benefit on Fixed Capital Investment (FCI) are among the major highlights of Chhattisgarh's new industrial policy. Rolled out Thursday by the state's Vishnu Deo Sai government, the 2024-30 policy aims at job creation, offering measures such as reimbursing Employees Provident Fund (EPF) apart from salaries and customising incentives and provisions to cater to the needs of specific industries. Three distinct measures have been taken to encourage industry to skill labour themselves. This includes reimbursing up to ₹15,000 of a person's first salary and 75% of their provident fund of up to five years. "Once they provide on-the-job training to an employee for

12 months, we will pay ₹15,000 as the person's first month salary. This will not only help them lower their cost of operations but help them in getting a skilled employee who meets their productive outcome," the policy reads. The policy also offers "bespoke" incentives for units investing over ₹1,000 crore or "generating over 1,000 jobs". Explaining this, an official said: "For the first time in Chhattisgarh with an aim to create jobs we are offering a tailor-made bespoke policy based on the amount of investment. This means apart from providing them all the existing government benefits, we shall work with them on any pain-point that comes up while setting up an industry. This will mainly encourage the recreation sector, textiles, pharmaceuticals, IT data centres among other large job creating sectors". The policy also lays special emphasis on encouraging companies to hire PwDs, Agniveers and surrendered Maoists by offering a net salary reimbursement of up to ₹5 lakh per annum

for one person. Additionally, PwDs, Agniveers, surrendered Maoists, people from SC, ST or women starting an enterprise of their own will get an additional 10% benefit on FCI, taking the total benefits to their company to 33%. Meanwhile, in order to make land available immediately for setting up industries, the government has identified 7-8 land banks spread across nearly 1,000 acres. The state is also planning to turn at least four of these banks into smart industrial parks in the next few months. In a first for the state, the policy also has provisions to make schemes for sectors such as pharmaceuticals, textiles, logistics, and geoprocessing. "For example, in logistics, we are giving nine years SGST reimbursement, 55% subsidy on FCI, 10 years electricity duty exemption, 55% interest subsidy for 11 years," the official quoted earlier said. "When it comes to agro-processing... from manufacturing unit to the port, we are taking care of 50-75% of the cost of transportation."

Amid Kerala bypolls, how CPM veteran's 'book' stirred up fresh row

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 14



SENIOR CPI(M) leader E P Jayarajan, who has often found himself in the party's crosshairs, has again stirred a row, this time over his purported yet-to-be-published autobiography, whose "leak" took place on a day when the state saw the Lok Sabha and Assembly bypolls, leaving the LDF red-faced. The purported excerpts from Jayarajan's autobiography, titled "Black Tea and Parippu Vada - Life of a Communist", became public Wednesday after publisher DC Books announced the release of the book in its post on social media. Later, DC Books put off the re-

"How can they (DC Books) publish (the content) without my consent. I am still writing my autobiography and have not seen their Facebook page," he said. CEO of DC Books, Ravi D C Thursday said on the sidelines of the Sharjah International Book Fair: "We are only facilitators and respect public figures. Hence, our comments are reserved." The purported draft indicated that the autobiography was intended to be published after the bypolls. "If the autobiography is published before voting, it would become controversial. After the elections, everything can be openly stated," it states. The draft is critical of the CPI(M) and speaks about "opportunistic politics". "When we

discuss opportunistic politics, we have to mention P Sarin [the CPI(M)-backed Independent in the Palakkad Assembly bypoll], who overnight switched to the LDF after he was denied a ticket by Congress. It needs to be examined whether such candidates are motivated by positions," it reads. As his "revelations" seemed to affect the party's prospects in Palakkad, scheduled for polls on November 20, Jayarajan on Thursday rushed to the constituency to campaign for Sarin. The draft is critical of the second Pinarayi Vijayan-led LDF tenure. "The first tenure had created a good impression among people but could not be retained. Our journey ahead will depend on the extent to which we rec-

tify ourselves," it says. Claiming that the Left was becoming weak in Kerala, the purported excerpts claim that Jayarajan was shunted out from LDF convener's post in August as the party did not "understand" him. "I am a victim of fake image creation and my friendships have been interpreted in many ways," it said. CPI (M) state secretary M V Govindan said, "He (Jayarajan) said there is a conspiracy and has stated that he is not aware of how the matter was leaked. The party is going by his version." Leader of the Opposition VD Satheesan claimed it was known that the purported book was authored by Jayarajan. "Now, due to the bypolls, he (Jayarajan) and his party are lying," he said.

EXPLAINED The 'book' and its bypoll effect E P JAYARAJAN'S purported autobiography mentions P Sarin, the CPI(M)-backed Independent in Palakkad Assembly bypoll, while speaking about "opportunistic politics". "It needs to be examined whether such candidates are motivated by positions," the excerpts read. Sensing that it might influence party's prospects, Jayarajan Thursday campaigned for Sarin.

Wayanad landslides not national calamity: Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOV 14

THE UNION government informed Kerala that the Wayanad landslides of July 30 cannot be declared a national calamity, and expressed the view that sufficient funds are available with the state for relief operations. The state government had sought assistance of ₹900 crore from the Centre for relief and rehabilitation of the people affected by the tragedy, which killed 231. Around 900 families were displaced due to the landslides. "Under the existing provisions of SDRF/NDRF, there is no provision to declare any calamity

as national disaster," Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said in a letter to Kerala government's special representative in Delhi, KV Thomas. The Union minister said primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the state. "I would like to say that an amount of ₹388 crore has been allotted to Kerala for 2024-25. The first instalment of ₹145.60 crore was released on July 31 and the second instalment of ₹145.60 crore on October 1. Besides, the Accountant General, Kerala, has reported a balance of ₹394.99 crore in SDRF account as on April 1, this year. Thus, sufficient funds are available in the SDRF account for relief operations," the letter said.

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While Jharkhand battle shapes up, it is Modi vs Soren through the fray

LALMANI VERMA
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 14

AS JHARKHAND voted in the first phase of the Assembly elections Wednesday, and the parties shifted their focus on the campaign for the next phase scheduled on November 20, the state's political conversations were not dominated by any local issue. Instead, it remained centred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well as Chief Minister and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Hemant Soren.

While the BJP-led NDA's campaign is banking on "Modi's promises", the JMM-led alliance is riding on the Soren factor, targeting the PM more than any state BJP leader.

On November 9, at a rally in Hazaribagh, before inviting Union Home Minister Amit Shah, a local BJP leader said: "Adarniya Pradhan Mantri Narendra Bhai Modi ke ne-tratva me Atal ji ke sapno ka Jharkhand hame banana hai (Under Modi's leadership, we have to develop Jharkhand as per the dreams of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee)."

The BJP's Sankalp Patra or manifesto for the Assembly polls has photographs of Vajpayee, Modi, national party president JP Nadda and state party chief Babul Marandi.

Nine pages in the manifesto are dedicated to "BJP ki uplabdhiyan (BJP's achievements)", with nearly 85% of it pertaining to the Centre's works and schemes.

Several Jharkhand BJP leaders say this is "intentional", given that the BJP has not been in power in the state for the last five years. The last BJP CM in the state was Raghubar Das whose term was between 2014 and 2019.

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INDIA allies say Soren is the alliance's primary leader. X

Mahto will be at least deputy CM in the NDA government," said an AJSUP leader from the Silli Assembly seat, from where Mahto is contesting.

For its part, the JMM's publicity material mainly has photographs of Soren and his father Shibu Soren, the party's patriarch, along with a few pictures of the leaders of its allies Congress and JRD.

JMM spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya says: "It is meaningless for us to target local BJP faces because the BJP's central leaders and its leaders from other states like Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Himanta Biswa Sarma have taken over the BJP's campaign. The JMM is campaigning with two helicopters but BJP leaders are moving in 22 helicopters... We are also targeting (industrialists) Adani and Ambani. Everyone know who is working for those industrialists."

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IMAGE OF THE DAY



WHEELING ON: AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi campaigning with party's Aurangabad East candidate Imtiaz Jaleel Thursday. PTI

MAKE-OR-BREAK POLL

'People become CMs with 40 MLAs but no comments now'

'OBCs don't rally on a call now... People follow some leaders,' says NCP chief

THIS IS a make-or-break election for AJIT PAWAR who, after the setback of the Lok Sabha polls where his NCP faction finished with one seat, is leading it into its first Assembly elections. The shadow of uncle Sharad Pawar, now on the opposite side, continues to hang over him. In an interview with ALOK DESHPANDE, Ajit Pawar rejects the possibility of patching up with Sharad Pawar after the polls and speaks on the Mahayuti alliance. Excerpts:

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Ajit Pawar says there is no possibility of a post-poll alliance with uncle and NCP(SP) patriarch Sharad Pawar. X

us. We have people with different backgrounds in our state. I am of the opinion that such things should not be said. We belong to the ideology of Shiv (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj), Shahu (Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj), Phule (Mahatma Phule) and Ambedkar (Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar).

Senior BJP leaders like PM Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath have been making the statements.

PM Modi never said this. Don't twist his words. 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' is the motto of the Central government. 'Ek hai toh safe hai' slogan given by him is exactly on this line. He is asking everyone to remain united. Your interpretation is different, ours is different.

Why did your party get the least number of seats in the Mahayuti seat-sharing? We have decided not to discuss the issue now. We are in an alliance and I do not want to create

any controversy. Will contesting less seats dilute the possibility of you becoming CM? Don't drag me into yet another controversy. There are people who have become prime ministers or chief ministers with the strength of 40 legislators behind them. But I am not going to comment on anything. People like Nawab Malik (NCP leader) have said I will be a key player, but I do not want to comment on it.

How would you calm farmers agitated over falling prices of soybean and cotton? We announced a Rs 5,000 subsidy per hectare (up to two hectares)... If we increase soybean prices, the oil (from it) will get costlier. If that happens, you will cry about inflation... We spoke to the Centre and a solution will be found.

How confident are you about winning from Baramati? Our family is divided in this (fight). As per my survey, the voters of Baramati chose Pawar saheb (Sharad Pawar) for the Lok Sabha by electing Supriya (Sule). For the Assembly, (they know) I am always among the voters and

which he says has emerged as a serious issue. "Baramati taluka is reeling from water shortage. Pawar saheb brought the Jinai-Shirsai lift irrigation scheme. However, only 80% of it has been implemented and thus water is not reaching here. Even some

work for them. They see, know and acknowledge my work. I have full confidence that I will win Baramati and, as the Mahayuti, we will win more than 175 seats across Maharashtra.

The Mahayuti too has announced sops. But you criticised MVA 'guarantees'. The MVA's guarantees are nothing but bad economics. The schemes that I announced (cost) Rs 75,000 crore. The Budget size is Rs 6.5 lakh crore, of which around Rs 3.5 lakh crore goes into salaries, pension and interests. Both these numbers increase annually. We can save 10% of the Budget by increasing resources and blocking leakages. I have been told that the MVA's guarantees alone would need Rs 3 lakh crore...

Is OBC consolidation happening on the other side, in the Mahayuti's favour? I have not seen Maharashtra voting on caste lines. Madhava (Mali, Dhangar, and Vanjari) caste formula was set at a time when BJP had OBC stalwarts like Gopinath Munde, NS Fardande... One call of Munde sahab could change elections. Although not to that extent, there is a new wave of leaders from the Vanjari community such as Pankaja Munde and Dhananjay Munde.

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Hindutva bubbles up in BJP's push for Maharashtra

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

"KATENGE toh batenge", or "Ek hain toh safe hain", is part of the BJP's poll lexicon this Maharashtra campaign. The party has included the promise of an anti-conversion law in its manifesto, despite ally NCP's unease over a Hindutva agenda, and is telling farmers that under the Congress, their land could be taken over by the waqf board.

Other party leaders have drawn a line linking the Congress to the Razakars of the pre-Independence Hyderabad State.

On Tuesday, a video surfaced of Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, not usually known for such language, targeting the AIMIM with an abusive reference to Aurangzeb and a promise to capture Pakistan.

This ramping up of the BJP's Hindutva narrative comes on the back of a long couple of months in Maharashtra when an organisation called the Sakal Hindu Samaj, with the backing of senior BJP leaders, held "anti-love jihad" rallies across the state. Closer to elections, top state BJP leaders including Fadnis added "vote jihad" to the poll narrative, in an undisguised attack on minority voting patterns.

In Versova seat of Mumbai, Fadnis said, "The love jihad, the land jihad should be countered by dharmya yuddha (religious war)."

Wary of a Maratha-Muslim consolidation behind the Maha Vikas Aghadi, apprehensive of farm distress hitting in rural areas, and seeking to check the Opposition's caste census gambit aimed at backward groups, the BJP has fallen back on Hindutva issues to consolidate the Hindu vote.

Sources said the strategy was thrashed out following realisation that attempts to tackle caste and farmer issues by the party were not having the required success. A senior BJP functionary, requesting anonymity, admitted: "We had been confident that the course correction undertaken by extending welfare schemes to the agriculture sector would dilute farmer anger over low kharif crop prices."

At least for some, the Hindutva appeal overpowers other concerns. Ramesh Shelke of village Chicholi in Nagpur district lists half-a-dozen complaints against the Mahayuti's mishandling of the agriculture sector. But, he adds: "One must give them credit for keeping the Hindutva agenda intact."

In Nagpur urban, a state gov-



BJP turns to 'love, land, vote jihad' in its campaign. X

ernment employee, requesting anonymity, says: "From the Ram temple to the abrogation of Article 370, it was possible only because of the BJP."

The reason to field Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who first gave the slogan "Katenge toh batenge", is tactical too as an appeal to the large North Indian migrant population. Beyond Hindu-majority areas, the consolidation of Hindu votes may help the BJP get past rivals even in areas where Muslims are in more substantial numbers. The BJP's Hindutva push is, in fact, especially prominent in seats where Muslim votes are a decisive factor.

So it was at Dhule in North Maharashtra last week that Modi rephrased Adityanath's "Katenge toh batenge" to the "Ek hain toh safe hain" slogan. The Dhule City seat was won by the AIMIM in 2019, and the BJP has a powerful rival in a former party leader in the seat.

Criticising the BJP's agenda, senior Congress leader Balasaheb Thorat gives the example of the BJP raising the waqf land row: "Seven out of 12 land plots on an average are officially registered in revenue records. How can anybody take away individual rights? These are fake narratives," he says.

Senior BJP leader Shivraj Kulkarni, however, argues that "what Modi ji, Adityanath and Fadnis are saying is based on ground realities", plus long-lasting Sangh belief. "Batenge toh katenge" too is a reality as there have been instances in the recent past of Hindus being targeted. And not a single secular outfit protested." Earlier, distancing himself from Adityanath's remarks, ally Ajit Pawar had said: "Maharashtra is a progressive state with an illustrious culture and tradition... At times some outside leaders indulge in such things to appeal to people from their states settled in Maharashtra." NCP leaders said Ajit Pawar has told them to guard against remarks targeting any caste, community, or religion.

I HEREBY DECLARE

SUDHIR MUNGANTIWAR, 62, BJP candidate from Ballarpur

TOTAL ASSETS	(2019)
₹17.61 CR	₹11.42 CR
Movable assets	₹1.92 cr
Immovable assets	₹15.69 cr
Liabilities	₹5.2 cr
Education	M.Phil.
Pending criminal cases	2

RAHUL NARWEKAR, 47, BJP candidate from Colaba

TOTAL ASSETS	(2019)
₹129.8 CR	₹38.09 CR
Movable assets	₹15.7 cr
Immovable assets	₹114.1 cr
Liabilities	84.68 cr
Education	LLB
Pending criminal cases	1

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

For every Baramati problem, latest family scion's one solution: Pawar saheb

MANOJ MORE
BARAMATI, NOVEMBER 14

IT IS barely 8 am on a Wednesday morning in Kanheri, about 10 km from Baramati, but the residence of NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar, "Govindbaug", is already abuzz with activity as party supporters, media persons and locals line up to interact with Pawar's grand-nephew, Yugendra Pawar, who is the party's candidate from Baramati in the November 20 Assembly elections.

The NCP(SP) has pitted Yugendra against his uncle and NCP chief Ajit Pawar, the sitting MLA, whose house is located barely two kilometres away at an area called Katedwadi.

The hectic activity at Govindbaug is a pointer to a fresh

round of the Pawar versus Pawar battle shaping up in the Pawars' pocket borough of Baramati.

A little later, dressed in a white kurta-pyjama, Yugendra emerges from Govindbaug, a scarf marked with the symbols of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) parties draped around him. He patiently listens to his supporters while also replying to reporters' questions before stepping out at 8.30 am.

On Yugendra's itinerary for Wednesday are at least 12 villages of the constituency - Dhakale, Jalkewadi, Saibachiwadi, Mudale, Kanadwadi, Moralwadi, Modve, Murti, Jogaewadi, Ambi Budurk, Morgaon and Jalgaon KP.

Half an hour later, he arrives in Dhakale to an unusual reception, where the crowd does not go delirious upon seeing him but is intent on listening to him.

Yugendra first heads to the local temple to pay obeisance to the deity and prepares to address a corner meeting in its premises.

As a villager in his mid-40s, clad in a floral shirt and a brown pants, who introduces him to the gathering, tells him how Dhakale had preferred Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule over Ajit's wife Sunetra Pawar as the Baramati MP in the recent Lok Sabha polls, Yugendra quickly takes to the mic and spells out numbers from his sheet to highlight how their support ensured Sule was ahead. He thanks the villagers.

"I have toured the entire constituency three or four times already. You too should go around the village and try to meet each and every person... Every vote matters in this election," he cautions his supporters.



Yugendra takes on Ajit Pawar, an eight-time MLA. X

His appeal to his supporters underlines that he faces a tough challenge in Baramati against Ajit, who is seeking a record ninth term as an MLA.

Yugendra then turns to the "real problems" plaguing the constituency - water shortage -

VOTE SHARE (IN %)

2019	
Ajit Pawar, NCP	83.24
Gopichand Padalkar, BJP	12.92
2014	
Ajit Pawar, NCP	65.98
Prabhakar Gawade, BJP	26.64

Note: NCP here refers to undivided NCP

which he says has emerged as a serious issue. "Baramati taluka is reeling from water shortage. Pawar saheb brought the Jinai-Shirsai lift irrigation scheme. However, only 80% of it has been implemented and thus water is not reaching here. Even some

pockets of Baramati city do not get drinking water. My priority will be to ensure water for every Baramatkar," he says as the crowd breaks into applause.

Making his electoral debut, Yugendra says he wants to be identified as one among the people. "I want to strike a close rapport with them," he says.

As an educated youngster in his mid-20s questions him on the lack of jobs in Baramati. Yugendra, 33, breaks into a smile and claims, "Not a single new industry has been set up in Baramati over the last several years. This is unlike when Pawar saheb was the CM. The lack of jobs is forcing youths to migrate. Give me a chance. I will set up an IT hub here on the lines of Hinjewadi (IT hub) in Pune. Then, we will have plenty of jobs."

With the youngster seemingly satisfied with his response, the NCP (SP) candidate turns to another "real problem" - garbage. Holding that Baramati had "mountains of garbage" everywhere, Yugendra calls for the technology that Israel uses, to convert trash into gas, to be implemented in the constituency.

Significantly, Yugendra keeps showering praises on his granduncle, seemingly in a bid to make it a Pawar versus Ajit contest. "It is not exactly a Pawar versus Ajit battle but we have to protect the 'swabhimaan' (self-respect) of Pawar saheb. All his life, he served Baramatkaris, Maharashtra and India... We have to bring him and [Shiv Sena (UBT) chief] Uddhav Thackeray back to power to ensure development," he urges the crowd.

Giving credit to Pawar for ensuring "rapid development" of the seat, Yugendra, in an apparent dig at his uncle, says: "Baramati has suffered as its development projects have been hit hard in the later stages."

Yugendra then shifts from the "real problems" to slamming the BJP for "breaking the party (NCP) which Pawar saheb floated and nurtured". "Today, leaders of the BJP-led Mahayuti are bowing before their masters in Delhi while being mute spectators as our industrial units being spirited away to Gujarat, he alleges, concluding his address. He then interacts with local residents before heading off to his next destination.

However, he refrains from attacking Ajit. "I do not want to get personal. I only want to highlight my vision for Baramati," he says.



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A CORRECTION

Slowing growth momentum, portfolio outflows drive market fall. Macro data, RBI, Fed meetings will shape investor sentiment

THE INDIAN STOCK markets have continued to correct. On Thursday, the BSE Sensex fell 110 points or 0.14 per cent. Since touching a high of 85,836 on September 26, the Sensex has fallen by around 10 per cent. The correction is not just limited to the larger companies. Shares of small and midcap companies have also fallen. Over the past month, the BSE small and midcap indexes have also fallen by 7.5 per cent and 8.8 per cent respectively. The Nifty VIX, a measure of market volatility, has also surged and is up almost 14 per cent over the past month.

There are several reasons for this market correction. Some foreign investors have opted to re-balance their global portfolios in favour of China on the back of steps announced by Chinese authorities in recent months to prop up the flagging economy, and attractive stock valuations compared to the elevated valuations in India. Higher long-term US bond yields, a strengthening dollar, and expectations about the direction of US policy under a second Donald Trump presidency are also playing a role. Net investments by foreign investors were -\$11 billion in October, and around -\$2.5 billion so far this month (until November 13). To put this in perspective, net investments were -\$8.3 billion in March 2020. The second quarter corporate earnings season has also been disappointing for several companies, with the results pointing towards a slowing momentum in economic growth. Some FMCG majors have alluded to a "shrinking" middle segment and "softness" in urban demand. Auto sales too indicate sluggish demand. Data from SIAM shows that sales of passenger vehicles grew at less than 1 per cent in October. Sentiment has also been impacted by recent inflation data which showed that retail inflation had edged to a 14-month high of 6.2 per cent in October, surpassing the upper threshold of the RBI's inflation targeting framework. This has dashed hopes of policy easing in the near term.

In April, the Sensex was trading at a price-to-earnings ratio of almost 25. Multiples for several large companies, and many in the small and mid cap space were considerably higher. The Sensex now trades at a PE ratio of around 22. So far, the market correction does not seem to have dampened the enthusiasm of domestic retail investors. Monthly contribution through systematic investment plans rose to Rs 25,323 crore in October. However, this period of uncertainty is likely to continue. Greater clarity over the underlying economic growth momentum will possibly emerge when the National Statistics Office releases the GDP data towards the end of this month. Thereafter, attention will shift towards the December meetings of the RBI's monetary policy committee and the US Fed.

SEVERE AIR AGAIN

Tackling Delhi's air pollution requires cutting-edge approaches such as airshed management. Central agencies must step up

ON WEDNESDAY, THE temperature in Delhi dipped below normal for the first time this winter. The onset of the cold weather was accompanied by a deterioration in the city's air quality. The city's air quality index (AQI) registered as "severe" for the first time this season – the most delayed arrival of the extreme polluting condition in the past 10 years. That, however, is no respite for the city's residents. Analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment has shown that while the peak particulate matter (PM) levels have fallen this season, the city's average pollution has risen. In other words, pollutant concentration remains a cause for worry. The average PM 2.5 levels, this year, are the highest in five years. Also, the fact that Delhi continues to experience bad air way past the crop residue burning season points to an imperative long highlighted by experts – a policy focus beyond a seasonal approach.

In recent years, Delhi's AAP government has experimented with smog towers and water sprinklers. Smog towers are supposed to act as giant air purifiers. However, by all accounts, their efficacy is restricted to the immediate vicinity, leaving the broader cityscape unaffected. There has also been no audit of the emissions from these machines. Similarly, the jury is out on cloud seeding and the use of drones, two measures that have found prominence in the Delhi government's recent list of solutions. Excessive emphasis on such questionable responses has detracted from building the institutional capacities required to clean up the city's air. This task, of course, cannot be undertaken in an emergency mode. But in the three years since it replaced the Supreme Court-mandated EPCA as Delhi's nodal pollution control agency, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has invested very little in data-driven, science-based solutions.

Farm fire incidents in Haryana and Punjab have been coming down in the past few years. However, reports continue to indicate high pollution levels in the two states. On Tuesday, Chandigarh recorded the second-worst air quality in the country. The city municipality's response to the crisis is similar to its counterpart's in Delhi – sprinkling water and using fogging machines. Joining the dots between local and regional pollution could be beyond the capacities and mandate of municipalities. This is where an agency such as the CAQM should step in. Solutions such as airshed pollution management – which zeros in on pollution hotspots in regions – require coordination between local and state-level agencies. The CAQM has largely been operating as a regulatory agency. The central government agency needs to step up and join the dots between local and regional pollution, beyond seasonal issues such as stubble burning.

STILL UNFASHIONABLE

'The Devil Wears Prada' is getting a new life as a musical. That the terror of the workplace has resonance tells a sad tale

THE FAIRYTALE SHEEN of a glamorous job, the hidden ogre that is Monday mornings, bosses who keep one teetering on the edge of anxiety and inadequacy, and an out-of-sync work-life balance – of all the things that made Lauren Weisberger's 2003 *The Devil Wears Prada* a runaway success, chief among them was that it made its urban working reader feel seen. Three years later, when the film rolled in, Anne Hathaway's beleaguered Andy, assistant to fashion editor Miranda Priestly, could almost qualify as the working woman's guardian angel, championing happiness over success, chic makeover be damned. The renewal of the franchise nearly two decades later – a sequel to the movie is being planned and a Broadway musical with Elton John scoring the music opens on December 1 – points to a sad truth: That the corporate slave continues to be gaslit in the name of productivity and creative satisfaction.

Weisberger had based the book on her own brief stint at the American *Vogue* as assistant to editor-in-chief Anna Wintour (played by Meryl Streep), the glacial, constantly disapproving, high-achieving diva. Fresh out of college with a flailing sartorial sense, the Louboutin-clicking, Versace-toting, size zero-championing statuesque world of high fashion and its bloated self-worth had left Weisberger winded. The book, satirising the toxicity she had survived, had been her coping mechanism. But when it had come out, the reviews had been unsurprisingly acerbic – *The New York Times* had termed it "bite-the-boss fiction". Wintour, it is rumoured, has never spoken to her since.

If the fandom has been a vindication of Weisberger's experience, there is also a lingering sense of discomfort at the thought that some of the workplace conversations of 20 years ago are still continuing. Gen Z's rebellion against the productivity trap might come from their having gleaned an important lesson from the millennials: Between the corner office and work-life balance, there can be only one winner.

EVERY PERIOD OF history has produced heroic sons and daughters of our motherland who have, by dint of their sheer genius, given expression to the spirit of India. Some have been like the stars in the Saptarshi constellation – they continue to guide us on the way. Bhagwan Birsa Munda was one of the brightest stars in the constellation that illuminates the path of the nation.

As the nation begins the year-long celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of this iconic figure in the history of modern India, I bow in gratitude to his blessed memory. I also recall how, during my childhood, hearing the legends of Bhagwan Birsa Munda made me and my friends feel very proud of our legacy.

In a short life of only 25 years, the boy from Ulihatu in today's Jharkhand became the hero of the people's resistance against colonial exploitation. When the British authorities and local landlords were exploiting tribal communities, grabbing their lands and committing atrocities, Bhagwan Birsa rose against this social and economic injustice and led people to fight for their rights. Known as "Dharti Aba" ("Father of the Earth"), Bhagwan Birsa organised the "Ulgulan" or the Munda Rebellion against British oppression in the late 1890s.

The Ulgulan, of course, was much more than a rebellion. It was a fight for both justice and cultural identity. Bhagwan Birsa Munda's astute understanding brought together, on the one hand, the right of tribal people to own and cultivate their lands without interference, and on the other hand, the importance of tribal customs and social values. Like Mahatma Gandhi, his struggle was guided by a quest for justice and truth.

Nursing the sick was a passion for him. He was trained as a healer, and a series of incidents made people believe that god had gifted him with a healing touch. He urged people to bring to him anyone who was unwell, adding, "If this is not possible I would myself come to visit the sick." He went around villages, calling on the sick, and cured innumerable people with his skills and with his healing touch.

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SUSHMITA DEV

AS WE APPROACH the state assembly elections, the BJP is raking up the issue of infiltration. Securing international borders, detection and deportation of foreigners are in the Centre's domain. Yet, it has become an issue in a state election. The loudest voice in this campaign is that of the CM of a state which has been a laboratory for the BJP on the issue. There are important lessons from Assam that I hope the people of Jharkhand will keep in mind.

Infiltration sparks concern among citizens about resource depletion, marginalisation, and cultural dilution. These fears were at the root of the six-year-long agitation in Assam that culminated in the Assam Accord in 1985. The Accord struck a delicate balance in protecting the rights of those living in the apprehension of outsiders and those who feared becoming stateless for reasons beyond their control like Partition and the Bangladesh Liberation Movement.

As the BJP plays up infiltration in Jharkhand, it must realise that the Assam experience has shown the government's inability to resolve the issue and the serious challenges it poses for the people and those in power. Governments at the Centre, past and present, had to fall back on updating the National Register of Citizens (NRC) for Assam to detect the non-citizens even though Assam with foreigners' tribunals and an entire police force deployed for the job together could not effectively resolve the issue.

Section 14A of the Citizenship Act 1955 empowers the central government to mandate citizen registration and issue national identity cards. However, the onus of providing legal documentation lay with individuals.

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A BOGEY CALLED INFILTRATION

In raking up the issue in Jharkhand, BJP is hiding its failures in Assam

The Assam government selectively uses the NRC without fully validating it – the recent release of biometric data for those included in the updated NRC, after a five-year delay, is an example. This conundrum has put the government in a difficult position, leaving Assam in a state of citizenship limbo. The NRC's failure has exacerbated divisions in Assam, with the government creating various categories of citizens, like 'original inhabitants' and 'khillonjias'.

The house of cards collapsed immediately

als, sparking protests once the NRC pilot phase began in 2010. Initially conceived in 2005 as a solution for Assam, the process didn't gain traction till the Supreme Court (SC) intervened in 2013 to monitor the process. Over 33 million residents of Assam faced the daunting task of submitting complex applications and numerous documents to prove their citizenship. This costly endeavour, exceeding Rs 1,600 crore, strained state government resources and left many vulnerable individuals who had lost their documents in natural calamities feeling helpless.

This process that spanned over five years was one of the lengthiest, costliest and most tumultuous administrative exercises. But it fell prey to politics. Six years have passed since the process was completed and yet the double-engine sarkar has kept it hanging.

The first question the BJP must answer is why it has abandoned the NRC in Assam. The NRC, finalised in December 2019, remains unofficial due to the Registrar General of India withholding its notification, defying both legal mandates and SC directives. The political significance lies in the number of exclusions. The initial draft, released in December 2017, excluded approximately 40 lakh individuals. Since then, "ghuspathia" has become the BJP's pet word. With their party's eye on the Lok Sabha elections of 2019, it alleged that there were 40 lakh *ghuspathias* in one state. The dampener, however, was the final list of the NRC released in August 2019 which brought down the number of people excluded to 19 lakh – most of them are reported to be from the majority community.

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– the state government as well as the Centre began to disown and discredit the NRC process. The SC-appointed coordinator, conducting the process, was accused of dereliction of duty. Several review petitions were filed in the Court asking to redo the process in certain districts sharing international borders, which were rejected.

The NRC remains a contentious issue. The Assam government selectively uses the NRC without fully validating it – the recent release of biometric data for those included in the updated NRC, after a five-year delay, is an example. This conundrum has put the government in a difficult position, leaving Assam in a state of citizenship limbo. The NRC's failure has exacerbated divisions in Assam, with the government creating various categories of citizens, like "original inhabitants" and "khillonjias". To appease those seeking a solution to infiltration, the government has resorted to unconstitutional and communal measures.

The recent delimitation process, based on outdated data and without proper consultation, was designed to mask the NRC's failure rather than reflect population changes.

A failed NRC in Assam flies in the face of the hyperbole on infiltration in Jharkhand. The Assam CM has no answers other than creating smoke screens. As the people of Jharkhand go to vote, I hope they can hold the Centre as opposed to the state accountable for infiltration, if any, and raise valid questions on the failed NRC of Assam before voting on this issue of infiltration.

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NOVEMBER 15, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

TAMIL NADU ASSEMBLY

THE TAMIL NADU Cabinet recommended to the Governor, S.L.Khurana, the immediate dissolution of the state Assembly. The All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) announced an agreement with the Congress-I on Lok Sabha and Assembly seats. Under the agreement, the Congress-I will contest 26 Lok Sabha seats from Tamil Nadu and the lone Pondicherry seat.

CHILDREN'S DAY

THE COUNTRY PAID homage to its first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his 95th anniversary.

Throughout the day, there was a constant stream of visitors at his *samadhi*. Devotional songs were also sung in the day. In the morning, President Zail Singh and Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, accompanied by his family, offered floral tributes at the *samadhi*.

NEHRU AWARD 1984

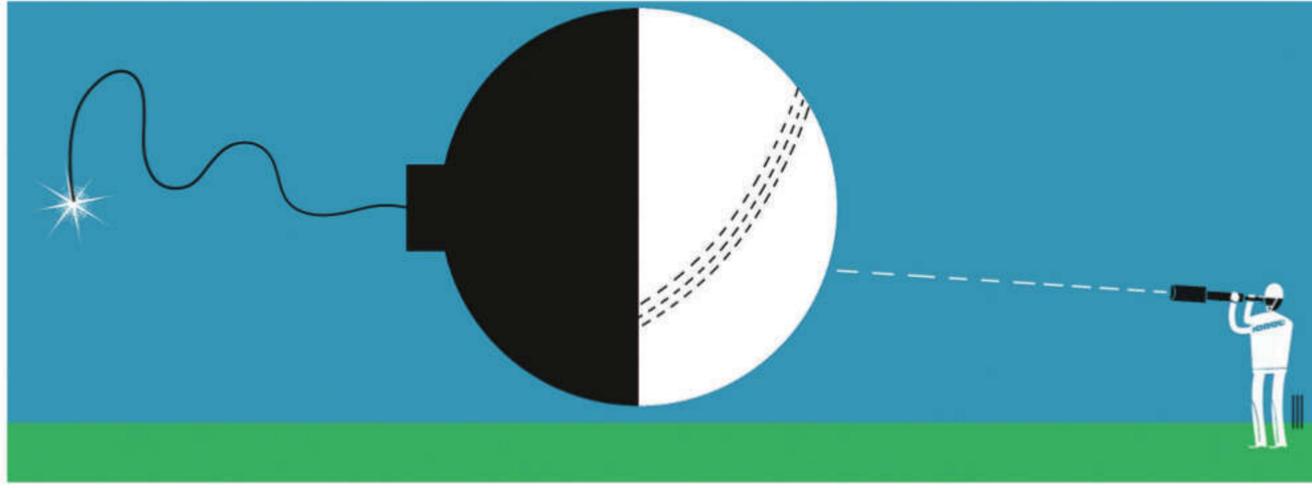
THE JAWAHARLAL NEHRU Award for International Understanding for 1984 was awarded posthumously to Indira Gandhi. The chairman of the jury and Vice President R Venkataraman told newsmen that she had most eminently merited the award. Venkataraman said Indira Gandhi had provided outstanding leadership, stable and democratic government and vital stimulus for impressive progress within the country.

VAJPAYEE ON CONGRESS

BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY President Atal Bihari Vajpayee regretted that the ruling party had "not learnt anything from the past" and was pursuing the path of "divisive and partisan politics." He further said, "I have been receiving calls and letters asking whether the opposition parties had decided to boycott Indira Gandhi's funeral. The fact is that many prominent opposition leaders... were there... but the TV completely blacked out this fact."

DIS/AGREE
THE BEST OF BOTH SIDES

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



C.R. Sasikumar

The BCCI's decision to not send the cricket team to Pakistan for Champions Trophy raises a question: Should the political acrimony between the two countries impact sporting ties?

Cricket & violence don't go together

India's stance is consistent — as long as there is Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, there cannot be a business-as-usual approach elsewhere



SYED ATA HASNAIN

GIVEN THE NATIONWIDE love for the game, India should play cricket anywhere and everywhere. As someone who employed cricket as a peace-making instrument in Kashmir through the organisation of the Kashmir Premier League (KPL) in 2011 and 2012, I retain confidence in the game's "beyond sports" credentials. KPL was all about restoring dignity and pride to the people of Kashmir once the situation came under control there. We were not building bridges but rather cementing relationships and trust.

So, if someone uses this analogy to suggest that cricket and the love for it among the people of India and Pakistan can make it an instrument of peace between our two nations, would I be tempted to fall for it? The answer is, not really. Because even while the people of the two nations have no real problem with each other, there is the looming presence in Pakistan of a deeper-than-most deep state. Its multiple layers lead to a grey zone with threat perceptions difficult to realistically estimate — peace and hostility may depend on the time of the day.

The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 (ODI) is being hosted by Pakistan from February 19 to March 9 next year. Only three venues are being used for the 15 matches being played — Lahore, Karachi and Rawalpindi. India has asked for a change from Lahore to Dubai for all its matches as the Indian government does not want our team playing in Pakistan. The ICC earlier accepted the hybrid model under which India played Pakistan in multi-nation tournaments only but in a third country. However, here there is a problem because of Pakistan's ownership of the tournament, its pride and more. Hence, the impasse.

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these circumstances, would be an incorrect indicator of the internal security situation and the legitimacy of the government which has come to power by illegal suppression of the opposition. If India, suffering the travails of Pakistan's sponsorship of cross-border terror, is itself willing to re-establish sporting ties with it there would be no grounds for the international community to name and shame it.

Naming and shaming Pakistan for its support for terror has been India's constant endeavour and it has often succeeded but not always. Pakistan would get big power endorsement if India is seen as pursuing a line of normalising the bilateral relationship. Even External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar while at Islamabad last month, exercised full caution with his statements and body language. Displaying excellent diplomatic skills, he ensured no warmth was exuded by his presence which was purely a responsibility towards SCO.

The Pakistan government will obviously not take kindly to India's proposal to let the ICC allow it to follow the same old hybrid approach. It would seek a ban on India but for the fact that it is aware that India is the golden goose of international cricket which allows it to rule the roost. Pakistan agreeing to the Indian proposal would be tantamount to an admission that the security situation is not entirely under the government's control. It probably fears that more nations may then wish to also opt for a combination of venues — some in Pakistan, some elsewhere to reduce the exposure of their teams.

There is nothing wrong if that were to happen because the truth would then prevail and Pakistan's internal status of a state out of control would become evident. India is correct in consistently maintaining its policy in the face of a continuum of Pakistan-sponsored terror in J&K after the recent elections and in the context of the safety of the team when playing in Pakistan. We may forget all other things but the type of radicalised militant passion on Pakistan's streets cannot be ignored. All three cities hosting the tournament have a notorious history of sub-conventional violence. The ideological terror centres of Muridke and Bahawalpur are close to Lahore and Rawalpindi. Tehreek-e-Taliban-e - Pakistan is attempting to showcase its return. Jaish e Mohammed and the Jamat-ud-Dawa (erstwhile LeT) have also failed to make an impact with their networks in J&K and in the rest of India. All of these would be seeking big targets under one or more layers of the deep state. India's stance should convince the international community of the latent threats which exist under the façade of normalcy in Pakistan.

However, Pakistan's support to terrorism is not new. It dates back to the late 1970s and early 1980s when it started bleeding India first on two fronts — by propping up separatists in Punjab (through Khalistani outfits) and Kashmir — and later by striking deeper into Indian territory in Mumbai, Delhi and elsewhere. Encouragement of religious extremism was an essential part of this evil design, which, nevertheless, has utterly failed in its strategic objective to weaken India. Instead, India has emerged stronger in recent decades.

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Play in Pakistan. It weakens terror

This can only be achieved with reopening closed doors of cricket, cinema, trade and thousands of years of socio-spiritual fraternity



SUDHEENDRA KULKARNI

"SPORT FOR PEACE" has been a motto of the Olympic movement since its inception in 1894. The history of the Olympic Truce in the ninth century BC tells us that it was used by the warring kings in Greece to allow peaceful competition among athletes as a substitute for the actual conflict. By also allowing participation by spectators in the sporting contests, the kings implicitly conceded that people — that is, non-athletes — also have an important contribution to make in ending hostilities, enhancing mutual goodwill and promoting peace.

Sadly, when it comes to the cricketing contest between India and Pakistan, sport has metaphorically become an extension of the battlefield. The Indian government apparently believes that neither athletes nor non-athletes have any role to play in Indo-Pak peace-building. This is the only meaning that can be derived from its decision — conveyed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to the International Cricket Council (ICC) — that the Indian cricket team would not be allowed to travel to Pakistan to participate in the eight-nation Champions Trophy early next year.

New Delhi's reasons for this decision, although not yet officially spelt out, run along familiar lines. Pakistan continues to be a sponsor of terrorist activities in India. Therefore, "terror and sport" cannot go together just as "terror and talks" cannot. The Gof's argument is right on facts but flawed on its conclusions. Let's first look at the facts. Pakistan has not stopped exporting terror to India. Pakistan-based terrorists have mounted several attacks on our security forces and civilians in Jammu and Kashmir after the successful conclusion of Assembly elections early last month.

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touring to Pakistan.

But is it right to conclude from this that India should sever all its cricketing links with Pakistan? No. As a matter of fact, India continued to play cricket with Pakistan even after the 1993 terror attacks on Mumbai and the attack on Parliament in 2001, to cite just two of the most gruesome instances of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. Test series were played on both Pakistani and Indian soils with the blessings of prime ministers Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh. The two teams have played even after Narendra Modi became prime minister, albeit in third countries such as the UAE and Sri Lanka. This demolishes the conclusion that "terror and cricket cannot go together".

What about the other conclusion that it is unsafe for the Indian team to play in Pakistan? Well, the government of Pakistan has made concerted — and successful — efforts to convince ICC members that it is safe to play Test, ODI and T20 series on Pakistani soil. In recent years, Pakistan has hosted teams from Australia, Bangladesh, England, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and the West Indies. Spectators have obviously loved this turnaround, because it is a matter of national pride for a nation that is itself a major cricketing nation. Therefore, India cannot advance the "safety" argument to buttress its decision not to let its team travel across the border for the Champions Trophy. With Pakistan's national honour itself at stake, its government will surely make redoubled efforts to ensure the safety and security of all the participating teams. If the BCCI insists on moving the Champions Trophy games to Dubai, and if Pakistan turns down the demand, the only option left for

India would be to boycott the competition. Jingoists might hail this as their victory, but what would India have gained except loss of face in the global sporting fraternity?

True, Pakistan needs to do a lot more than hosting the Champions Trophy to become a normal nation. The extent of the abnormality in its politics can be gauged from the fact that the greatest cricketer in its history — Imran Khan, who also became its prime minister — has been languishing in jail on flimsy charges. The sooner Islamabad and Rawalpindi cut all their ties to terrorism and religious fanaticism, the better it is for Pakistan's democracy, its deeply troubled economy and its global reputation.

But New Delhi also must realise that its "big-nation arrogance", which all our smaller neighbours complain about, cannot succeed in isolating Pakistan globally. Better to weaken terrorism by strengthening bonds of friendship and mutual trust with Pakistani people. This is best achieved by reopening the closed doors of cricket, cinema, trade and thousands of years of socio-spiritual fraternity. Remember: the Olympic Truce of yore has endured not because of the kings' self-interest but because of the wisdom of peace-loving players and the people.

The writer was a close aide to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The solution lies in strict adherence to the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C target through immediate, coordinated action. Time is running out, and every fraction of a degree matters."

— DAWN, PAKISTAN

Ratan Tata, Nano, MIT & IIT

Be it a car's shortcomings or finding technological solutions for social change, how Tata helped us learn



CHINTAN VAISHNAV

IT WAS EARLY 2012 when Ratan Tata engaged with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), repeating his famous confession: "When we made Tata Nano, we produced an affordable car but we failed to understand the consumer." His bigger point was that a typical engineer or manager is not equipped to think about the problems of resource-limited environments and building solutions for them. He wanted to change that.

By September 2012, the MIT Tata Center for Technology and Design was established to train graduate students across engineering, science, and management schools to understand the challenges confronting resource-poor communities and designing solutions for them. The journey that followed was not as easy as establishing the Center. In an environment like MIT, the emphasis of any graduate-level research is to stay at the global cutting edge and advance one's field of study. This meant that, even though we wanted the graduate students who received the Tata Center Fellowship to work on socially-relevant problems, their research could not be less rigorous than those who were working on more theoretical, classical problems.

Pursuing this dual bottomline of rigour and relevance required some innovation in what and how we taught. As such, top research universities have a well-developed structure to enable students to find good research questions from literature and answer them with rigorous research. What most don't yet have is the ability to invoke such questions from the field, that too about resource-poor environments. Consequently, we had to create a curriculum that placed as much emphasis on learning from the field as on learning from library research and lab experiments. The result was unexpected.

Learning deeply from resource-poor communities often changed the objective function of one's research altogether. Consider this example. A student who was interested in reducing leakage in urban water systems, was sent to Mumbai after receiving the Tata Fellowship to "hang out" with the municipal corporation crew that fixed leaky water pipes, just so he could understand it first-hand. Everyday, he woke up, got into his jumpsuit, and travelled with the crew to fix pipes. After about three months, when he returned to MIT, he declared that he no longer desired to work on reducing water leakage. At first, we were alarmed, thinking three months of investment in him were lost. What he told us, though, was eye opening: "If I were to hypothetically bring the leakage to zero in a city already experiencing water shortage, the poorest of poor may have no water at all because their only source of water is the leakage! So rather than reducing leakage, I want to work on addressing problems that arise because of it, like the impurities entering leaky pipes and making people sick."

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Ratan Tata's desire was to take the MIT Tata Center template and create a sister centre at IIT Bombay, which came into existence in 2014. Today, both experiments have created a template for teaching how to, one, deeply understand the challenges of resource-constrained environments; two, research them rigorously and arrive at a scalable solution, whether technology or policy; and three, create a practical implementation plan.

Together, these centres have trained over 375 graduate students, from 15 different disciplines, who have taken on problems in the areas of healthcare, education, water, agriculture, housing, energy, and environment, and have performed some 3 lakh hours of field work, cumulatively. Their work has resulted in more than 100 top publications, 80 patents, and 15 startups.

You might ask, where are these solutions? Expectedly, some have reached the market but most others are still on their way. While we have turned this journey from problem finding to creating research-based solutions into something of a science, we are yet to "crack the code" for taking solutions from lab to market. So far, we have discovered that the philanthropic cycle for transformational ideas, from problem to impact, can take a decade or more.

Consider this example: The journey of Takachar, the startup that won the million dollar Earth Prize for converting agricultural waste into biochar (bio fertiliser), has had numerous twists and turns in terms of the market to pursue, iterations to the final design, tweaks in the business model, and so on. This was even after they had developed a rigorous lab-level control over the technology involved — torrefaction, which is a thermal process of degrading organic material.

Takachar began by turning agricultural waste into pallets used for cooking. It turned out, however, that densifying waste took a lot of energy and was costly. People were not willing to pay for it as they had a substitute like firewood available. Moreover, collecting and transporting agricultural waste was a logistical nightmare. After much experimentation, they found that if one could closely control the combustion process, there would be a byproduct that could be used as fertiliser that had much higher value for the farmer. Additionally, if the unit that performed such controlled combustion could be towed to the farm, the solution would become much more affordable and decentralised, thereby avoiding the unenviable step of having to transport the waste.

Such journeys go beyond the boundaries of a university. They take place in incubators, accelerators and startups, and at times in working with more established enterprises. Very few pockets of the world are building the ecosystem necessary for such processes. Building this continuum of platforms is what we owe to Ratan Tata.

All said, no matter how one looks at the Tata Nano endeavour, one cannot but salute Ratan Tata for accepting its shortcomings, learning from them, and committing to building a new chapter so desperately needed by engineering and management education: Learning from communities before we solve for them.

The writer was the first academic director of the MIT Tata Center. Views are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BULLDOZING JUSTICE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Bulldozer injustice' (IE, November 14). The Supreme Court's landmark verdict against the bulldozer demolition of properties belonging to those accused of crimes has underscored that the state cannot become judge, jury and executioner. It cannot override the basic principles of the Indian Constitution. It is shameful that democratically elected representatives were castigated by the Supreme Court for forgetting their constitutional obligations and had to be reminded about the rule of law. Whilst the law has been laid down by the SC, its implementation rests in the hands of the executive. One must question whether this will be straightforward for those who were glorifying and branding this approach as a model of instant justice without due process.

LR Murmu, New Delhi

THE FUNDING CATCH

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A choppy market' (IE, November 14). The pressing need for global action is to reduce global warming to sustainable levels. The accumulation of carbon dioxide emissions has wreaked havoc, causing abnormal temperature rises across the globe. Climate finance emerged as the primary agenda of the meeting. However, merely cutting greenhouse gas emissions in poor countries is insufficient to prevent further global warming. Countries must reduce their individual emissions and reset global goals. Fossil fuel use must be curtailed and substituted with renewable energy. Wealthy and oil-producing nations may not adhere to their commitments at Cop29, many fear. It is essential to view climate action as an investment, not a cost.

SS Paul, Nadia

Argentina walks out, French minister cancels trip to Baku



EXPRESS AT COP29
AMITABH SINHA
BAKU, NOVEMBER 14

WITH MORE divisions than a show of unity, the Argentine delegation pulled out of the COP29 climate event in Baku and the French minister — heading her

country's delegation — decided to cancel her trip after Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev attacked France in his speech on Wednesday.

The Argentine withdrawal came on the order of the country's President Javier Milei, Spanish media Clumatica, which first reported the development, said. The decision sparked speculation that Argentina might pull out of the Paris Agreement with Milei likely to meet US President-elect Donald Trump this week.

Asked whether Argentina would pull out of the agreement,

Ana Lamas, undersecretary for environment for Argentina, who led the country's delegation at COP29, told Reuters: "We are only withdrawing from COP29."

Trump is expected to once again take the US out of the 2015 Paris Agreement as he did when he entered office in 2016. His successor Joe Biden got the country back into the agreement.

French Minister of Ecological Transition, Energy, Climate and Risk, Agnes Pannier-Runacher, cancelled her Baku trip after Azerbaijan's President blamed France for alleged human rights violations in some of its overseas

territories. He made a similar attack on the Netherlands too.

Ties between France and Azerbaijan have been strained, particularly since the war between Azerbaijan and Armenia over the region of Nagorno-Karabakh started in 2020, and France's support of the Armenian cause. France, however, will continue to participate in the climate conference negotiations.

The Netherlands has not reacted to Aliyev's remarks.

The European Commission said it was the host country's responsibility to ensure that the

conference was inclusive.

"Both France and the Netherlands are absolute leaders in the field of climate policy and climate finance. They are very strong voices on climate action and have played pivotal roles in the previous COPs and their delegations will play a pivotal role at this COP as well," said Jacob Werksman, commissioner, European Commission.

"Regardless of any bilateral disagreements, the COP should be a place where all parties feel at liberty to come to negotiate on climate action. The COP presidency has of course a particu-

larly important role and responsibility to enable inclusive participation. They have been playing that role this week and we expect them to play that role next week as well," he said.

Werksman admitted that there were wide divergences between countries on finance negotiations and there was little progress on bridging those. "Parties are very significantly far apart on the key elements of the design of the NCOG (New Cumulative Quantitative Goal). It is hard to see exactly where the landing grounds lie at the moment," he said.

After protests, UP agrees to hold PCS prelims in single shift

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 14



Protesting candidates in Prayagraj on Thursday. PTI

AS PROTESTS in Prayagraj by candidates for the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission examinations entered fourth day on Thursday, the state government announced that it will hold the Provincial Civil Service Examination (PCS) prelims in a single shift — one of the key demands of the protesters. The move came after the intervention of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a spokesperson said.

Earlier in the day, videos that surfaced on social media showed several people joining the agitation, with the Uttar Pradesh Police filing an FIR against 12 people for alleged vandalism during the protests.

UPPSC aspirants have been protesting the state public service commission's decision to split the exam into two days this year. The exams were scheduled to be held on December 7 and 8 in two shifts. The commission said its decision came after it held talks with the protesters. The protesters, however, said they would not call off their agitation until all their demands are met.

Asked about the protesters' similar demand regarding the RO and Assistant Review Officer (ARO) exams, the commission said it has informed the aspirants that a committee would be formed to look into and decide on the matter. The committee would submit its decision "very soon," said a government spokesperson.

"Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath took cognizance of the demand of students in Prayagraj and asked the Commission to take necessary decisions by communicating and coordinating with the students regarding the PCS Preliminary Examination 2024 in one day. A committee has been formed by the Commission for RO/ARO (Pre.) Examination-2023. The committee will consider all aspects and submit its detailed report soon," the Chief

Minister's Office said in a statement.

According to a government spokesperson, recruitment exams for Review Officer (RO) and Assistant Review Officer (ARO), which was to be held on December 23 and 24 in three shifts, have also been postponed. The committee will decide on when to conduct these exams soon, the spokesperson said.

However, one of the protesters, Deepak Gupta claimed, "We will not call off our protest until a decision on RO/ARO exams is also taken and conveyed to us in writing. The Commission did not hold any talks with any of us and took the decision on its own. It has accepted the demand for PCS preliminary exam, but not for RO/ARO. It claims a committee is being formed which will take the decision. We do not rely on commission and want the decision to be taken now."

Another protester, Manish Mishra, alleged that some of the aspirants, who were asleep on the roadside, were "assaulted by a group of people in plain clothes." He also claimed, "The crutches of a physically challenged woman protester were taken away."

The Secretary of the Commission said that given the incidents of paper leaks in many parts of the country in recent months, the state government has decided to "ensure the integrity and transparency of the selection examinations."

For this reason, the Commission announced to conduct the proposed PCS and RO/ARO examinations in multiple shifts in December.

Hmar groups demand release of bodies

Protests at Silchar hospital over bodies of 10 killed in Jiribam

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 14

WITH THE bodies of the 10 Hmar men killed in an encounter with security forces in Jiribam, continuing to remain in the mortuary at Silchar Medical College and Hospital four days later, groups from the community protested at the hospital premises Thursday evening demanding that the bodies be released.

The ten men — of whom seven are from Churachandpur and three from Pherzawl — were gunned down by security forces in Jiribam's Borobekra and Jakuradhor areas Monday. Police said this was after they allegedly fired at a CRPF camp there and Borobekra police station nearby.

After their bodies were recovered from the site on Monday, they were taken to Silchar Medical College and Hospital in neighbouring Assam for post-mortem.

However, till Thursday night, the bodies continued to be at the mortuary.

A total of 12 bodies were taken for post-mortems to SMCH — the ten Hmar men and two elderly Meitei men, who were found dead in houses after Monday's attack on the area. According to hospital authorities, the post-mortems on six of the bodies of the Hmar men were conducted on Tuesday. However, no post-mortems were conducted on Wednesday. Dr Bhaskar Gupta, Chief Superintendent of the hospital,

had told *The Indian Express* that this was because the hospital authorities had not received the necessary documentation from Jiribam police to proceed with the rest of the post-mortems.

The post-mortems were resumed on Thursday afternoon and were completed by the evening.

Throughout the day, members of the Hmar community gathered at the hospital.

By the evening, they grew restive over the bodies not being released. Hmar groups have maintained that the men are not "militants" but are "village volunteers" who were retaliating for the killing of a 31-year-old Hmar woman in Jiribam last week.

"Some of our representatives met the doctor in charge of forensics who told them that he had received an order to conduct DNA tests with next of kin, who are not here but in their home villages, for identification of the bodies... We do not know why there should be any need for DNA testing. Their bodies are not burned or unrecognisable. We have already identified all 10 based on their appearance," claimed John Hmar, a leader of the Indigenous Tribal Advocacy Forum, a Hmar civil society.

The Indian Express reached out to the Superintendent of Police and District Collector of both Jiribam and Cachar as well as hospital authorities at SMCH to ask why the bodies are continuing to be held, but did not receive a response.



NEHRU'S 135TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Congress leaders Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, K C Venugopal, Devender Yadav and others pay tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary, at Shanti Van on Thursday. Anil Sharma

PM has not read Constitution, hence it is blank for him: Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

RETORTING TO Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remark that the "red book" (Constitution) carried by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is blank and he uses it to show-off, Gandhi said that the PM feels so as he has never read it.

Addressing rallies in Nandurbar and Nanded on Thursday, Gandhi said, "Modi says the Constitution that I carry is blank and there is nothing in it. He says this because he has never read it. But I want to tell him that the Constitution contains the

soul of India and the principles envisaged by national icons like Birs Munda, Dr BR Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi. The PM has insulted them by making such a comment."

In their campaign for the November 20 Maharashtra Assembly polls, BJP leaders recently sought to link the "red book" carried by Gandhi to "urban Naxalism".

Modi would have pursued different policies had he read the country's foundational document, Gandhi said. When the Maha Vikas Aghadi forms the government in Maharashtra, it will carry out the caste census

and remove 50 per cent cap on reservation, he said.

"The caste census will help to ascertain the number of adivasis, Dalits and backward classes in Maharashtra and how much is their share in resources," he said.

Slamming the Mahayuti government for sending the mega-industrial projects such as Vedanta Foxconn and Tata Airbus from Maharashtra to the neighbouring states, the Congress leader said, "The BJP snatched away five lakh employment by sending several projects to Gujarat... we will ensure that projects of Maharashtra will remain in Maharashtra and Gujarat's projects in Gujarat."

12-year-old girl, 2 women die in a week at Patna shelter home, docs flag malnourishment, probe on

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, NOVEMBER 14

AN INVESTIGATION has been ordered after the deaths of two young women and a girl in the span of seven days at a shelter home for women with psychological problems in Patna.

According to doctors, the three were suffering from malnourishment and also had comorbid conditions. The government has said some food samples were found to be contaminated.

Additional Chief Secretary, Bihar Social Welfare Department, Harjot Kaur Bamrah told reporters: "The probe team has taken food samples and found some problems with turmeric and coriander samples. Several inmates were also found under-

weight." The shelter home at Shastri Nagar, Patna, reported the first of the three deaths on November 8, when a 23-year-old woman died. This was followed by the death of a 24-year-old woman on November 10, and a 12-year-old girl on November 13.

Doctors at Patna Medical College and Hospital said all three were malnourished and had comorbidities. The shelter home, which was being run from a rented house, has the capacity to lodge 50 women.

A Patna district official said that after the first death, changes were made to the food given to inmates. "We stopped the usual food and replaced it with khichdi after the first death on November 8. An RO water purifier was also installed," he said.

The official also said that the

inmates were undergoing treatment for mental illnesses. "Those living here are brought to us by social activists from railway stations or from roadsides where they had been living without any care," the official said. Patna district magistrate Chandrashekhar Singh told *The Indian Express* that a probe has been ordered "to look into reasons for the deaths", adding, "We have also taken corrective steps, such as removing all previous food items."

The shelter homes in Bihar come under the Social Welfare Department. Shelter homes in the state have come under the scanner since 2018, when a team from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences did a social audit of all 115 of them and found that several were wanting in terms of the quality of food, lodging and medical care.

DEOLI-UNIARA CANDIDATE'S SUPPORTERS CLASH WITH POLICE

Day after bypoll, Independent candidate held for 'slapping' SDM

PARUL KULSHRESTHA
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 14

AFTER A night in which his supporters clashed with police, leaving over 50 people injured and 60 vehicles torched, Rajasthan Police on Thursday afternoon arrested Congress rebel Naresh Meena, who contested as an Independent in the bypolls from the Deoli-Uniara Assembly seat and allegedly slapped the local SDM during polling on Wednesday.

A video had been widely shared on Wednesday, purportedly showing Meena slapping Malpura sub-divisional magistrate Amit Choudhary at a polling station in Samravta village in Tonk district. Meena and his supporters later sat on Dharna at the spot, with the candidate claiming he had been "informed that the SDM had allowed three fake voters



Naresh Meena being arrested at Samravta village in Rajasthan's Tonk district on Thursday. PTI

to cast their votes". "The public got agitated when they saw those three voters under the SDM cast their vote but I handled the situation," he had claimed.

Later, at around 10 pm on Wednesday, clashes erupted between Meena's supporters and

police. More than 50 people were reported injured in the incident, and over 60 vehicles were set on fire, officials said.

In another video that was circulated on social media by Meena's supporters, a man could be heard shouting that police allegedly attacked "peaceful protesters" who were having their dinner. Police fired teargas shells to disperse the crowd.

Tonk District Collector Saumya Jha said SDM Choudhary had been asked to file a report on the incident, based on which an FIR has been registered.

"SDM Amit Chowdhary is with us right now, and after submitting his report, an FIR has been registered. Naresh Meena has been arrested from the spot. If the challan is provided in the court, based on this, the Election Commission can disqualify the candidate," Jha said.

HC dismisses actor's anticipatory bail plea

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 14



Actor S Kasthuri

THE MADURAI Bench of the Madras High Court on Thursday dismissed a plea for anticipatory bail filed by South Indian actor S Kasthuri, who is facing potential arrest for her comments about the Telugu community during a recent event in Chennai. Justice N Anand Venkatesh, presiding over the case, concluded that the remarks constituted hate speech and underscored the delicate balance between free expression and communal responsibility.

In a statement to the court, Kasthuri explained that her comments were aimed only at a specific group, referencing Telugu speakers historically associated with Tamil Nadu's Dravidian movement, rather than the entire community. Her counsel said her views in a particular meeting as to

how the Brahmin community had been denied the identity of "Tamizhian" and whereas some of the leaders belonging to political parties who actually are Telugu speaking people had come to Tamil Nadu only 300 years ago and are proclaiming themselves to be Tamizhian. "Hence, this speech made by the petitioner must be understood only with this background...it should not be given a convoluted meaning," the order quoted her counsel's words.

The counsel also said the petitioner posted on X on November 5, explaining her stand and also expressing her regret for any inadvertent ill feeling.

Probe against deficiencies in Ola Electric after backlash

6 win Infosys Prize for work in fields ranging from AI to maritime Islam

New Delhi: The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), the country's top consumer watchdog, has ordered a detailed investigation into complaints related to "deficiencies" in service and products by Ola Electric, a top official said Thursday.

Nidhi Khare, CCPA head, has asked the DG of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to investigate the matter. An order to this effect was issued on November 6, the official said, adding that the BIS DG has been asked to submit the investigation report within 15 days.

been ordered into complaints of deficiencies in services and products by Ola Electric," Khare said.

This came after the CCPA initiated action after analysing complaints received on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH). "10,644 complaints were received against Ola Electric on the NCH...from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024," the official said.

Earlier, the CCPA issued a notice to the company, replying to it on October 21, the company said it has resolved 99.1 per cent of the complaints. However, the NCH found that many grievances were still unaddressed. **ENS**

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BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 14

SIX ACADEMICIANS have been selected for Infosys Prize-2024, an annual award presented by the Infosys Science Foundation (ISF).

The awardees were declared during an event in Bengaluru on Thursday. This year, the age of the award nominees was lowered to 40 years from 50 earlier.

Among the six awardees, three are presently working in India. "This year, we refocused to reward early career researchers under the age of 40 years, recognising their immense potential and the promise of paradigm-



(Left to right) Siddhesh Kamat, Neena Gupta, Mahmood Kooria, Arun Chandrasekhar, Vedhika Khemani and Shyam Gollakota. ISF

changing work," said Kris Gopalakrishnan, president, ISF. He said, "The Infosys Prize has played a pivotal role in recognising brilliant minds, whose contributions are shaping the future of research and science."

Siddhesh Kamat, a biologist at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, is the winner of the award under Life Sciences category. He studies lipids, their functioning and their receptors, which are vi-

tal to understanding diseases. Neena Gupta from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, won the Mathematical Sciences award for her work on Zariski Cancellation Problem, a fundamental problem in algebraic geometry. Physicist Vedhika Khemani,

Lecturer at University of Edinburgh and Ashoka University, Mahmood Kooria won the award in Humanities and Social Sciences category. He has worked on understanding maritime Islam on a global landscape with focus on Kerala.

Arun Chandrasekhar from Stanford University, USA, was awarded this year's Infosys prize in Economics. This recognition comes for his contribution to the study of social and economic networks from multiple villages in Karnataka, using innovative datasets for developing theoretical methods from machine learning and computer science.

also from Stanford University, has been selected for the award for her theoretical and experimental work on non-equilibrium quantum matter.

This year's award in the Engineering and Computer Science category has been bagged by Shyam Gollakota from the University of Washington. His research work spans engineering domains ranging from battery-free computing and communication, augmenting human auditory sensing using AI, smart-phone based affordable healthcare and more.

The award carries a cash reward of \$100,000, a gold medal and a citation.

Govt bans Meghalaya-based insurgent group HNLC for 5 yrs

New Delhi: The Centre Thursday banned Meghalaya-based insurgent group Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) for five years for its involvement in violent activities and for carrying out activities prejudicial to India's sovereignty and integrity. The Ministry of Home Affairs

said it is necessary to declare the HNLC, its factions, wings and front organisations, an "unlawful association". "...Centre decided to declare HNLC outlawed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) with immediate effect for five years," the notification by the ministry read. ENS

Ahmedabad: Two days after the death of two PMJAY beneficiaries following angioplasty at a private hospital here, the Ahmedabad City Police, late on Wednesday night, arrested the visiting cardiologist who allegedly performed the procedure on seven patients from Borisana village of Mehsana district. This is the first arrest in the case. Dr Prashant Vazirani is one of the five persons accused in three FIRs filed in the case. The owners and a doctor at Khyati Multispeciality Hospital were booked for culpable homicide, attempted culpable homicide, forgery, cheating and criminal conspiracy. ENS

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The atmosphere is both, spiritual and festive, with people flocking to Gurdwaras adorned with vibrant decorations for prayers, participating in processions, and sharing Langar or community meals, underscoring the religion's core values of equality, compassion and service to humanity while visiting each other and strengthening bonds alongside reaffirming their commitment to the Sikh way of life. It is a time of reflection and prayer, where Sikhs join each other to honor and celebrate their revered Guru's life and teachings.

Tradition of gifting brings people together

Amid these sacred celebrations, gifting plays a pivotal role, weaving a thread of affection, generosity and elation that strengthens bonds between families and communities. On Guru Nanak Jayanti, gifts are not merely physical objects; they represent blessings, love, and the spirit of sharing, caring and giving.

Against the backdrop of Vand Chhakna, which is sharing with others, assuming special significance for Sikhs as a core principle of Sikhism, exchanging thoughtful presents – tokens of goodwill and love – is one of the many ways to express gratitude on the auspicious occasion. An ideal way to honor the occasion is by

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As we observe Guru Nanak Jayanti and reflect on the values preached by Guru Nanak Dev that are at the heart of Sikhism, meaningful gifting takes on an even deeper meaning as a way to embody the Guru's teachings through thoughtful acts of kindness and love that enhance festive joy.

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Heartiest Greetings to all on the occasion of Prakash Utsav of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji November 15, 2024

“गुरु नानक देव जी ने जिस 'मानव जात' का पाठ हमें सिखाया था, उसी पर चलते हुए देश 'सबका साथ, सबका विकास और सबका विश्वास' के मंत्र से आगे बढ़ रहा है। इस मंत्र के साथ आज देश 'सबका प्रयास' को अपनी ताकत बना रहा है।”
- नरेन्द्र मोदी

PMLA case: ED searches premises linked to 'Lottery King' Martin

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 14

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) Thursday conducted raids on premises linked to Coimbatore-based businessman Santiago Martin aka "lottery king", targeting locations in Tamil Nadu, Kolkata, and Sikkim. The raids involved Martin's office and residence in Coimbatore, as well as multiple locations across Chennai and other cities.

According to ED sources, a total of 30 places were searched and the process underway till late evening. This action follows a recent court ruling that reopened an investigation into alleged money laundering activities associated with Martin.

The raids come as part of an ongoing investigation after rev-

elations that Martin's lottery business donated more than ₹1,300 crore in electoral bonds to various political parties between 2019 and 2024. The ED's action aligns with a decision by the Madras HC two weeks prior, which overturned a lower court's dismissal of charges and mandated further investigation.

The case dates back to March 2012, when the Chennai Crime Branch seized ₹7.20 crore from the residence of Nagarajan, an associate of Martin's. The cash, according to Nagarajan, was generated from lottery sales involving Martin and his wife, Leema Rose, across Kerala and Maharashtra. This led the Chennai Crime Branch to file a FIR for money laundering against Nagarajan, Martin, and Leema Rose, triggering an ED inquiry under the Prevention of

Money Laundering Act (PMLA) of 2002. However, in 2022, the Crime Branch filed a closure report, claiming insufficient evidence to substantiate money laundering. The Andhra Pradesh Magistrate accepted this report, effectively closing the case.

The ED challenged this decision in the Madras HC, which ultimately quashed the closure order and questioned the integrity of the Crime Branch's investigation. On October 28 expressing suspicion over the sudden shift in the Crime Branch's stance.

The Madras HC's judgment provided a scathing critique of the lower court's acceptance of the closure. Justice SM Subramanian and Justice V Sivagnanam noted that the closure was filed despite overwhelming evidence, including fabrications intended to launder illegal funds.

BRIEFLY

WEST BENGAL

Musician held for sexual assault

Kolkata: A singer-composer, identified as Sanjay Chakraborty, was arrested in Mumbai on Monday, two months after the family of a teenage girl filed a police complaint alleging that he sexually assaulted her, officers said. The accused, who is in his 50s, was on Wednesday produced in a Kolkata court that remanded him in police custody till November 18, police said. **ENS**

MADHYA PRADESH

Memorial vandalised

Bhopal: A memorial dedicated to Dr B R Ambedkar was vandalised in Vijaypur Assembly constituency, where a by-election was held on Wednesday. The Congress has blamed the BJP for the incident. The BJP has denied the allegations, and police, who filed an FIR against unnamed persons in connection with the Ambedkar memorial vandalism, said they received no complaints regarding homes being set on fire. **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH

Engineer suspended

Meerut: A superintending engineer (SE) of the UP PCL posted in Saharanpur was suspended Wednesday after video clip showed him directing his subordinates to set on fire the houses of those who do not pay bills. The Meerut-headquartered Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PVVNL) took action against Dheeraj Kumar Jaiswal, the superintending engineer. **ENS**

Emergency landing in Raipur after bomb hoax

Raipur: A Nagpur-Kolkata flight made an emergency landing at the Raipur airport Thursday after a passenger claimed there was a bomb on board. It eventually turned out to be a false alarm, prompting authorities to arrest the passenger, Animesh Mandal from Nagpur. The flight took off by noon. **ENS**

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NOTICE
BOOKING OF "250 Years of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited" and "75th Foundation Year of Central Silk Board" Commemorative Coin Sets
India Government Mint, Mumbai (A Unit of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd.) is pleased to notify booking of commemorative coin sets in Proof and Uncirculated varieties of following themes.

Theme	Proof (Rs.)	UNC (Rs.)
250 Years of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (Denomination of ₹ 250) - Folder Packing	4290.00	3985.00
250 Years of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (Denomination of ₹ 250) - Wooden Packing	4630.00	NA
75th Foundation Year of Central Silk Board (Denomination of ₹ 75) - Folder Packing	3650.00	3470.00
75th Foundation Year of Central Silk Board (Denomination of ₹ 75) - Wooden Packing	3865.00	NA

The booking period will be from 15.11.2024 the coin sets can be booked online on our website <https://www.indiagovtmint.in>. Alternatively, the coin sets can be ordered offline by submitting an order form available on our website or visit our store at Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400001. *50gms Silver Coin on three or three Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir, Ayodhya available for sale. For other detailed terms and conditions and online booking please visit customer corner section of our website: <https://www.indiagovtmint.in>.

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North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited
(Regd. Office : Vidyut Bhawan, Baily Road, Patna) Govt. of Bihar
(Department of Stores & Purchase)
CIN NO: U40109BR2012SGC018920,
Contact No. : 7763815015, Email- cesnp4.nb@gmail.com
NIT No:-101/PR/NBPDC/2024

North Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (NBPDC), a Government of Bihar Undertaking, invites online Tender for procurement of Testing equipments for repairing of defective 10 MVA Power Transformers under NBPDC and SBPDC in Two-tier (Technical and Financial) from eligible and experienced Original manufacturers/ Authorized suppliers in this regard for NBPDC/SBPDC. The Details are as following:-

Sl. No.	Name of material	Qty	Estimated Cost (in Rs)	Earnest Money (inRs.)	Tender Cost (in Rs)
1	Power Transformer Main test Kit	4 Nos.	2,36,85,000/-	4,73,700/-	5000.00 + Applicable GST @18% extra
2	DVDF Test Kit	4 Nos.			
3	H.V. Test Kit	4 Nos.			

The Time line for the above tender is as follows:

Start Date of Online Sale of Bid Document/request of Bid/Bid Documents:	29.11.2024, from 11:00 Hrs
Last Date of Online Submission of bid along with Tender Cost & processing fees:	19.12.2024, up to 18:00 Hrs
Last Date of submission of EMD and hard copy of receipt of BSEDC processing fee & tender cost:	20.12.2024, up to 13:00 Hrs
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial bid(Part-I)	20.12.2024, after 15:00 Hrs.
Date of Pre-bid Meeting	03.12.2024, at 11:00 Hrs. at office chamber of Chief Engineer (S&P) NBPDC, 4 th floor, Vidyut Bhawan-3 Bailey Road, Patna, Bihar

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

Electrical Superintending Engineer(S&P) NBPDC
PR- 012425 (B & C) 2024-25

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No.:-56/TEN/IDA/24

(Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Infrastructure Development Authority (IDA) invites bids from eligible experienced Manufacturers/ suppliers /Authorised dealers having National/International experience of supply and installation of Automatic Cutting Machines/Washing Machines/Embroidery Machines and allied equipments for apparel and textile industries at Bela Industrial Area, Muzaffarpur, Bihar as given below :

Sl./Gr No.	Descriptions of Machines	Estimated Cost (Inclusive all taxes) (Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Cost of Bid Document (Non refundable) (In Rs.)	Work Completion Time
Gr-01	Supply, Installation, Testing and commissioning of : 23 heads high speed embroidery machine with seqin, cording and cutting device (GG5923 - 400X800X1300 mm)-02 Numbers (Tang/Tajima/Duke or equivalent make as per direction of EIC) 23 heads high speed embroidery machine (GG5923 - 400X800X1300 mm)-02 Numbers (Tang/Tajima/Duke or equivalent make as per direction of EIC) Sampling machine - 6 heads high speed embroidery machine with seqin, cording and cutting device (GG5908 - 400X800X1300 mm)- 01 Number (Tang/Tajima/Duke or equivalent make as per direction of EIC) Freight Charges for Above Machines	1,72,26,050.00	3,45,000.00	11,800.00	03 Months
Gr-02	(Re-Tender) Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of LT Panel With APFC Panel of ABB/ Siemens / Legends make conforming to relevant Indian Standard Specifications-1 Set	35,65,000.00	71,500.00	11,800.00	02 months

- Designation and Address of Officer Inviting Bids : Executive Engineer(P.D.A.) Infrastructure Development Authority, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800004
- Date and Time of downloading of bid document : From 28.11.2024 to 07.12.2024 up to 05:00 PM Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
- Pre-Bid Meeting : Date 02.12.2024 up to 05:00 PM Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
- Last date and time for receipt (upload) of bids : Date 09.12.2024 up to 05:00 PM Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
- Last Date time and place for submission of Original instrument of EMD and cost of BOQ : On 10.12.2024 upto 3.00PM in the office of The Executive Engineer(P.D.A.), Infrastructure Development Authority, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800004
- Time and date of opening technical bids : Date 10.12.2024 Time 03:30PM Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
- Time and date of opening of financial bids : To be communicated later on
- Place of opening of Financial bid : Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
- Period of Bid Validity : 120days
- Eligible experienced Manufacturers/suppliers /Authorised dealers must have National/ International experience of supply and installation of equipments for apparel and textile industries as given below
- Any other information can be had from web site "http://www.prd.bihar.gov.in" or Infrastructure Development Authority web site "http://www.idabihar.com" or on the notice board of the Infrastructure Development Authority, Patna or from the office of the undersigned on any working days from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM.
- The undersigned reserves the right to extend or cancel or reject the tender at any time without assigning any reason thereof, no cost whatsoever shall be claimed on such account by the bidder.

NOTE :-The indicative cost may increase/decrease and accordingly Earnest Money will vary.
For further details please visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

Executive Engineer(P.D.A.) Infrastructure Development Authority, Patna

PR- 12465 (B & C) 2024-25
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कार्यालय अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
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(पटना नगर निगम के बांकीपुर अंचल क्षेत्र), पटना

CORRIGENDUM-01
15/E/B/2024

Road Restoration/ Construction of Damaged Road in Different Ward Under Bankipur Anchal (Package-1 & 2)
The following changes are made in the above mentioned NIT No.-15/E/B/2024, dated on 26.10.2024 that P.R. No-011210 (B & C) 2024-25 Bidders are requested to take note of the changes made given here under-

Particulars	Previous Date	Revised Date
Period for download of Tender Document	11-11-2024 (10.00 AM) to 27-11-2024 (03-00PM)	25-11-2024 (10.00 AM) to 11-12-2024 (03-00PM)
Date, Time & Place of Pre Bid meeting	12-11-2024	26-11-2024
Last Date of uploading tender documents by bidder	27-11-2024 (03.00 PM)	12-12-2024 (03.00 PM)
Date, time and place for submission of Original instrument of EMD (In the case of BG)	28-11-2024 (03-00PM)	13-12-2024 (03-00PM)
Opening of Technical Bid - Bankipur Division	28-11-2024 (04.00PM)	13-12-2024 (04.00PM)

Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.
Executive Engineer,
उपरोक्त सूचना state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।
Urban Development Division, Bankipur Patna Municipal Corporation, Patna
PR- 012414 (B & C) 2024-25

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IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, UTTAR PRADESH
FORM -18
[Sub-rule (2) of section 20]
[UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 11 OF THE ACT]
NOTIFICATION
August 06, 2024

No. 53/VIII-S.L.A.O./Moradabad/2024 f { Under sub-section (1) Of Section 11 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, Whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh / Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of hectares of land is required in the Village-Chachera, Pargana-Sambhal, Tehsil-Sambhal, District-Sambhal is required for public purpose, namely, Project Madhya Ganga Canal Phase 2nd through Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Uttar Pradesh through Executive Engineer Madhya Ganga Canal Construction Division ; V 9, Sambhal (Name of requiring body).

2- Social Impact Assessment Study was carried out by the State Social Impact Assessment Agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government which has approved its recommendation on dated
3- The summary of the Social Impact Assessment Report as follows:
Social Impact Assessment is not applicable.

4- A total of 00 families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:-
Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families.

5-Therefore, the Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the Schedule below is needed for public purpose.

SCHEDULE

District	Tehsil	Pargana	Village	Plot No.	Area To Be Acquire (In Hect.)
1	2	3	4	5	
Samhbal	Samhbal	Samhbal	Samhbal	367 733 क	0.0288 0.0030
TOTAL					0.0318

6- The Governor is also pleased to authorise the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to take necessary steps to entre upon and survey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil into the sub-soil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act.
7- Under section 15 of the Act, any person interested in the land may within 60 (days) after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the Collector.

8- Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the collector.

Note: A plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition.

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Collector, Sambhal

UPID-222230 Dt. 13.11.2024
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Office of Superintending Engineer, Rampur Circle, P.W.D. Rampur
E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders

Ref.No. 5672 /E-Nivida-Rampur/24-25 Date: 05-011-2024

1. The Superintending Engineer Rampur Circle, U.P.P.W.D. Rampur on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the Percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

2.

Sl. No	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac) (Excluding GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lac)	Time of completion of the work (Including rainy season)	Cost of tender documents including GST (RS.)	Category of contractor eligible (Bidding Work)
1	Rampur	Construction of small bridge and approach road of 2x6 m span in Km 3 of Prampur Manakpur Banjariya road in Rampur district under NABARD scheme	95.00	6.75	06 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
2	Rampur	Construction of small bridge and approach road of 2x6 m span in 2 Km 2 of Prampur Manakpur Banjariya road in Rampur district under NABARD scheme	95.00	6.75	06 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
3	Rampur	Construction work of 2x6 meter span mini bridge and approach road on Dibidha Chanden via Gurudwara road at kilometre 38 of NH-87 in Tehsil Bilaspur in Rampur district under NABARD scheme	90.00	6.50	06 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
4	Rampur	Construction work of mini bridge and access road of 3x6 m span in km 13 of Rampura Buzurg to Narsua road (ODR) in Rampur district under NABARD scheme	115.00	7.75	06 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
5	Rampur	Under NABARD scheme, construction of minor bridge of 3x6 m span on road from Kanakpur's Gotiya to Bareilly border.	150.00	9.50	07 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
6	Rampur	Work of construction of minor bridge of 3x6 m span and approach road on Chinghad river between Majra Hasan and Arsal parcel in Rampur district.	175.00	10.75	07 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
7	Rampur	Work of construction of minor bridge of 2x6 m span and approach road in km 2 of Khandi Kheda via Mewla Farm from Svar Dahiya Kashipur (ODR) road under NABARD scheme in Rampur district.	92.00	6.60	06 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
8	Rampur	Work of construction of minor bridge of 2x6 m span and approach road on Naitya river on RSB to Dharampur northern road under NABARD scheme in Rampur district.	88.00	6.40	06 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
9	Rampur	Construction work of minor bridge of 3x12 m span, approach road, additional approach road and protective work near Ishwarpur on Kullu river in Bilaspur.	466.00	25.30	08 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
10	Rampur	Construction work of minor bridge of 3x18 m span, approach road, additional approach road and protective work on Bhakra river between Saharia to Qadri Ganj in Bilaspur.	353.00	19.65	08 month	2354.00	Category 'A'
11	Rampur	Construction work of minor bridge of 3x18 m span, approach road and protective work on Ghughra river between Chhidhawal Hussainganj road to Noorpur Paddwa.	350.00	19.50	08 month	2354.00	Category 'A'

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India's market correction, China's sub-par stimulus salvo

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THE UNFOLDING "correction" in India's stock indices — the Nifty50 has shed a tenth of its end-September peak — has been linked to the build-up to the Chinese government stimulus to boost its flagging economy.

An index is said to be in a "correction" phase when it falls more than 10% from its last peak level. A more-than-20% fall signals a "bear market" phase.

After Beijing announced its first stimulus package in late September, foreign investors offloaded Indian shares to pick up Chinese equities that were trading at much lower price-earnings multiples (making Chinese stocks more attractive from a valuation perspective). The slide in the bourses has persisted — even though domestic money has continued to pour into India's stocks. Last week, the Chinese government announced a second booster shot for its economy.

Some other global factors too, are responsible for the current selloff in the Indian markets — these include the anticipated protectionist turn in the United States under Donald Trump, the impact of high tariff barriers on the policy stance of the Federal Reserve, and the expected rate hike by the Bank of Japan in its December meeting, which has triggered an unwinding of yen carry-trade positions across markets.

However, the impact of the two Chinese stimulus packages on investors and markets has been underwhelming so far. So why this reaction by India's indices?

Chinese stimulus packages

On September 24, China's central bank, the People's Bank of China, unveiled measures to boost the economy, which included cutting the amount of cash banks must hold in reserve, smaller down payments for home purchases, and tax incentives for new home buyers. The FPI selloff in the Indian markets began soon afterward.

On November 8, the Chinese government approved a massive 10-trillion-yuan (\$1.4 trillion) plan to revive its domestic economy and enable provincial governments to refinance piled-up debt.

These measures appeared even more relevant after Trump's election last week — and have triggered anticipation of an even bigger stimulus package.

Should the President-elect follow through on his campaign promise of imposing a 60% tariff on Chinese goods, more than 2 percentage points could be shaved off China's growth over the next year, analysts believe.

A \$1.4-trn disappointment

The two economic stimulus measures announced in the space of six weeks, however, did little by way of offering direct support to catalyse consumer spending. A property downturn, surging government debt, and rising unemployment and falling consumption, have slowed down China's growth since the Covid-19 pandemic.

The plan announced on Friday is merely a form of debt relief for local governments. A lot of the growth in China in recent years has been driven by real estate sales, and the collapse of the property market a couple of years ago cut off that source of funds for local governments. Since these governments have traditionally in-

vested heavily in infrastructure, they are struggling with the interest on the accumulated debt. Local authorities have now been allowed to create new bonds and consolidate their debts to bring down the servicing cost.

However, there has been no new measure to directly boost domestic demand so far. This has been a challenge for China's policymakers as consumers have become increasingly spending-averse. While the Chinese have traditionally had a very high savings rate, the returns on those savings, mostly tied up in property, have plummeted. Following crises such as the bankruptcies of real estate giants like Evergrande, consumers are now reluctant to spend. Boosting consumer sentiment would need more of a direct, spending-focused stimulus than the two packages announced so far.

Chinese stocks over India's

So why are FPIs dumping stocks in countries such as India and lining up for China? There could be three broad reasons.

MORE BOOSTERS LIKELY: China's Finance Minister Lan Foan said on November

8 that more stimulus was on the way, amid speculation that Beijing may not want to exhaust all its firepower before Trump enters the Oval Office in January. Nomura anticipates the eventual scale of China's fiscal stimulus package to reach 2-3% of GDP annually over the next several years.

According to a report by the *Financial Times*, Trump has asked trade hawk and protectionist Robert Lighthizer to return as US Trade Representative, the position from which he led the first Trump administration's trade war against China. The consolation for Beijing is that Elon Musk, Trump's choice to co-lead the new Department of Government Efficiency, is likely to be something of a middleman for US-China business relations, given his significant exposure to the Chinese market through the operations of his company, Tesla, there.

POOR INDIA INC. EARNINGS: FPIs would also be looking at India's high stock valuations and the disappointing recent earnings season.

From higher prices of commodities to rising expenses on employees, operating margins of Indian companies have come under

strain at a time of muted revenue growth. Revenues of a group of 424 companies (excluding banks, financials and oil marketing companies) that announced results for Q2FY25 grew at a modest 6% year-on-year. At the same time, total expenditure rose by 7%, leading to an 80-basis point fall in operating margins y-o-y.

Also, as interest costs increased by more than 10%, net profits were up just 4% y-o-y for these companies.

TRUMPONOMICS: Trump 2.0 could mean a challenge for India to balance its growth stability amid trade and tariff wars, supply-chain disruptions, and heightened forex volatility.

Trump's proposed tax-relief, tariff-hike, and immigration-control measures could stoke inflation in the US and disrupt the Fed's rate-cut agenda. This would impact the trajectory of India's monetary policy if the Reserve Bank of India decides to resolve the uncertainties before undertaking any significant action. Analysts have said a December rate-cut is pretty much ruled out — and the 14-month-high retail inflation in October could mean any such action could be pushed further into the next year.

DURING PANDEMIC, AMERICANS BEGAN DRINKING MORE. THEY STILL ARE

AMERICANS STARTED drinking more as the Covid-19 pandemic got underway. Two years later, the trend had not abated, researchers reported this week.

The percentage of Americans who consumed alcohol, which had risen from 2018 to 2020, inched up further in 2021 and 2022. And more people reported heavy or binge drinking.

"Early on in the pandemic, we were seeing an enormous surge of people coming in to the clinic and the hospital with alcohol-related problems," said Dr Brian Lee, a hepatologist at the University of Southern California and the principal investigator of the study, published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. ("Trends in Alcohol Use After the COVID-19 Pandemic: A National Cross-Sectional Study")

"People assumed this was caused by acute stress, like what we saw with 9/11 and Katrina, and typically it goes back to normal after these stressful events are over," he added. "But that's not what we're seeing."

Alcohol can be addictive, "and we know that addiction doesn't go away, even if the initial trigger that started it has gone away," Lee said. The surge in alcohol consumption was one of several lingering legacies of the pandemic, along with school absenteeism, lags in educational attainment, a rise in overdose deaths and a surge in mental health problems.

Across groups of people

The new study was based on data from the National Center for Health Statistics' National Health Interview Survey, carried out from January 2022 through the end of the year. A total of 26,806 people ages 18 and over were asked about their drinking habits in the past year.

Because the survey was based on self-reports, and did not include members of the military or institutionalised adults, the results may underestimate the problem, Lee and his colleagues cautioned.

The increases in alcohol use were

found in both sexes; in every age, racial and ethnic group; and in every geographic region. Overall, 69.3% of Americans said they had consumed alcohol at some level in the past year, up from 69.03% in 2020 and 66.34% in 2018.

More important, the number of Americans who reported consuming alcohol at levels defined as heavy drinking increased to 6.29% in 2022, up from 6.13% in 2020 and 5.1% in 2018, the study found.

Heavy drinking for men is consuming at least five drinks in a day or at least 15 per week, and for women at least four drinks a day and at least eight per week. Binge drinking is defined as having four to five drinks in a roughly two-hour period.

The increases were found in every group except Native Americans and Asian Americans, where the percentages of people reporting heavy drinking declined.

Whites, those in their 40s

White Americans were most likely to be heavy drinkers among racial and ethnic groups, with 7.34% reporting heavy drinking, up from 5.69% in 2018 and 7.11% in 2020.

Adults in their 40s reported the highest levels of heavy drinking. A total of 8.23% of Americans ages 40 to 49 said they had drunk heavily in 2022, up from 6.49% in 2020 and 5.14% in 2018.

Among those aged 50-64, 7.15% reporting heavy drinking, up from 5.65% in 2018 and 6.95% in 2020.

And among women of all ages, 6.45% said they had drunk heavily — exceeding the rate among men, 6.12%.

More women than men reported binge drinking in 2018 as well: 5.01% of men, compared with 5.19% of women. Both sexes reported an uptick in heavy drinking in 2020: 6.19% of men and 6.08% of women.

The stresses of the pandemic may have been especially burdensome for women, said a co-author of the study, Dr Divya Ayyala-Somayajula of Sidney Kimmel Medical College in Philadelphia.

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EXPRESS AT COP29
 AMITABH SINHA

A FORMAL submission by China, India and some other countries to discuss climate change-related trade measures such as those introduced in the European Union (EU) delayed the opening plenary of the UN climate conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, by several hours on Monday.

The request was eventually put aside for the time being, but the issue is unlikely to go away. Trade restrictions on grounds of promoting climate objectives are expected to trigger many more battles, and result in greater protectionism and disruptions in global supply chains.

They could also lead to some positives such as greater innovation in green technologies, and the adoption of higher environmental standards — that is the hope, at least.

However, as it happens in most cases, countries with limited capabilities and resources might find themselves at a great disadvantage.

Climate-related trade curbs

Last year, the EU rolled out its Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which taxes certain products coming in from other countries on the basis of the emissions footprint of their production process.

For example, if the imported steel was produced by a process that entailed higher emissions than the emissions standards for that product in Europe, it would be taxed.

CBAM allows industries in Europe to remain competitive while continuing to maintain high environmental standards. It prevents these industries from relocating their production to countries where it might be cheaper owing to less strict emission norms, a situation described as "carbon leakage". It is hoped that global emissions can be reduced in the process.

Objections to EU's CBAM

Mechanisms such as CBAM, however, hurt the export competitiveness of countries

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China's First Vice Premier Xuexiang Ding speaks in Baku on Tuesday. On behalf of BASIC, China has made a request to discuss issues such as CBAM. Reuters

such as China and India. These developing nations complain that they pose unfair barriers to trade, and are violative of provisions of several international agreements.

For example, the Paris Agreement has provisions that seek to protect developing countries from the social and economic impacts of "response measures" taken to fight climate change. And last year, the final outcome of the Dubai climate meeting acknowledged that "measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade".

The developing countries also point out that CBAM overlooks the "differentiation" embedded in the global climate architecture that allows them to be treated differently than the developed nations.

Industries in developed economies, with emissions standards comparable to the EU, stand to benefit from a CBAM-like measure, since their products would not be taxed, and they would, therefore, become more competitive in the European market.

Thus, CBAM can have the net effect of helping industries in the developed world, while putting those in developing countries at a disadvantage.

On behalf of the BASIC group of countries that also includes India, Brazil, and South Africa, China made a request to discuss these

issues. But it met with strong opposition from the EU and some other countries, and the proposal has been put on the back burner for now.

Similar trade restrictions

CBAM is not the first trade measure of its kind linked to climate change, but it is probably the most impactful so far.

The EU is a large market, accounting for about 15% of global imports. CBAM currently applies to only a handful of goods — emission-intensive products such as steel, aluminium, or cement — but is set to be expanded to a large number of other items in the coming years.

Also, other countries may be tempted to bring in similar regulations. The United Kingdom and Canada are already reported to be considering their own versions of CBAM.

There are some non-tariff trade measures linked to climate change as well. For example, several jurisdictions, including the EU, ban the import of products made from illegally harvested forests.

Even the incentives offered in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to clean energy technology or electric vehicle industries in the United States amount to climate-related non-tariff measures that can impact and reshape global trade.

Accelerating protectionism

Climate change is also accelerating a process of increasing protectionism that is

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driven by several other economic, strategic, and security-related considerations.

So, US President-elect Donald Trump's promise of imposing tariffs on imported goods — at a higher rate on those coming from China — is not cloaked in climate imperatives. But it does play on US fears about energy security, which is threatened by the concentration of renewable energy supply chains in China.

In fact, the dominance of China in the control of resources and technologies related to new energy sources — solar, wind, batteries, and critical minerals — far exceeds that of oil-producing countries in the fossil fuel era. That too has been facilitated by climate change that is forcing a global energy transition.

Also, the experience during the Covid-19 pandemic has made the world suspicious and distrustful of global supply chains, especially those that are heavily concentrated in one country or region.

This has led to a growing trend of countries trying to gain as much control over key resources and production as possible, even though this goes against the logic of producing goods at a lower opportunity cost compared to others, which can benefit everyone.

It might still be possible to produce and trade in products such as clothes, footwear or simple toys on these principles, but more sophisticated products, particularly those involving electronics, are likely to face increasing scrutiny.

A study by Asian Development Bank Climate published this February showed that measures such as CBAM would likely have minimal impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions compared to some other emissions trading options that are available.

But the climate change crisis does offer a convenient excuse for countries to meet their economic or strategic objectives.

Climate disruptions to trade

There are other ways in which climate change could be reshaping global trade.

Global supply chains, with footprints spread over a large number of countries, face a larger risk from the increasing frequency and ferocity of natural disasters induced by climate change.

Disruptions in supplies and large-scale economic losses due to these natural disasters are pushing countries to reduce their dependence on such networks. This is leading countries to encourage "nearshoring" (moving production closer home) or "reshoring" (moving production back home).

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Why Australia is planning a law to keep teenagers off social media

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THE AUSTRALIAN government has announced that it will bring legislation to keep children under the age of 16 off social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook and TikTok.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said last week that a bundle of "world-leading" measures would be introduced in Parliament soon. The proposed law will put the onus on social media platforms to show they take "reasonable steps" to prevent access to children, with no penalties for the users, he said.

While the text of the draft Bill is yet to be released by the government, the announcement has set off debates on such a ban's efficacy and need, as well as the larger impact of social media on adolescents.

What could the law propose?

Earlier this year, the state of South Australia undertook an independent study to examine the framework for a restrictive law. A former Chief Justice of Australia's High Court (the country's apex court), Robert French, led the study, which proposed a draft law called the Children (Social Media Safety) Bill 2024. This could provide the basis for the nationwide law.

The South Australia draft put the onus on "providers of social media service" to prevent anyone under 14 years from accessing the platforms, and allowed access to 14- and 15-year-olds only with parental consent.

A regulator was also proposed for fining providers for non-compliance. The fines will constitute a Children's Online Safety Fund that can help in the implementation of the Act, discretionary payment to children who have suffered mental or physical harm, and other uses.

How can users' ages be verified online?

One of the biggest challenges in implementing such bans is age verification. While platforms like Instagram have age limits at present, they simply ask users about their date of birth and do not require verification. As a result, many children enter false information to access platforms. Country-specific age requirements can also be bypassed through Virtual Private Networks (VPN), which can show the Internet being accessed from a different jurisdiction.

The South Australian report took note of age assurance methods already being used/tested by platforms in Australia. These include requiring details of government-issued IDs or credit cards, and using facial recognition technology to identify potential underage users. However, with data related to minors being shared with compa-

nies, serious privacy concerns have been raised over these measures.

How exactly does social media impact adolescents?

Studies show problematic social media use — inability to control usage, experiencing withdrawal, and neglecting other activities to use social media — has been on the rise around the world. It has been associated with lower mental well-being, higher levels of substance abuse, and less sleep.

Dr Yatan Balhara, a professor of psychiatry at AIMS New Delhi, said, "Social media in itself is not the problem, it allows people to connect with others... The challenge is that adolescents, whose brains are not yet fully developed, may not be interacting with it in the healthiest of ways." He added: "Many adolescents evaluate their worth

based on what people say about them online or how many likes they get."

There is a fear of missing out, with constant social media use also making in-person communication difficult. "In that sense, there is a logic to restricting access and use of social media," he said.

While the pandemic led to increased time spent online, problematic social media use was on an upward trajectory earlier as well. "In fact, social media played a positive role in keeping people connected," he said. Online forums can also provide information and a sense of community for issues teens may struggle with, such as mental health and understanding diverse gender or sexual identities, and have been cited to argue against outright bans.

Dr Balhara said responsible use should be advocated. Parents should be very mindful when allowing digital access to their children, and discuss healthy use with them. Last year,

US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy released an advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health for various stakeholders. It said:

POLICYMAKERS: Age-appropriate health and safety standards should be developed, requiring higher standards of data privacy for children. Policymakers should pursue policies that limit access of children to social media and support the development of digital literacy curricula in schools.

COMPANIES: Social media companies should be transparent, and share potential risks of online interactions, take steps to prevent misuse, ensure default settings for children are set to the highest safety and privacy standards, and enforce age limits.

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Create a family media plan, encourage children to foster in-person friendships, model responsible social media behaviour, empower kids to be responsible, and report any cyberbullying or online abuse.



RANIERI TAKES OVER AT ROMA

Rome: Claudio Ranieri was named Roma's third coach of the season on Thursday, taking over for the fired Ivan Juric at the crisis-hit club. **AP**

Sindhu loses in three games as Indian badminton lull continues

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PV SINDHU'S familiar issues with converting her advantage in the third game in to a win continued as she went down 21-17 16-21 17-21 against Michelle Li of Canada at the Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500 tournament.

Having somewhat comfortably taken the opening game 21-17, Sindhu was taken to a decider by Li. In the third game, Sindhu led 14-12 and 17-16 but Li won the match on a run of five straight points. It marked a troubling trend for Sindhu against an opponent with whom she had a terrific record not so long ago. Having won 9 out of their first 11 meetings, Sindhu has now lost 3 out of the last four as Li registered her 5th win overall against the Indian in 15 matches.

Sindhu led by four points during the mid-game interval in the first game. Li managed to reduce the deficit, but Sindhu eventually gained a healthy lead to take the lead. Li, a former Commonwealth Games champion, mixed her shots well and troubled Sindhu in the second game. Sindhu was once trailing at 8-3 and she fought back to level the scores to 9-9. But Li won six of the final eight points to force the decider. In the final game, both players exchanged leads several times but the final blow came from the Canadian when 16-17 down.

On Wednesday, Sindhu overcame her favourite opponent Busan Ongbamrunphan, 21-12, 21-8 in 38 minutes in a one-sided first round match. With the win, Sindhu extended her commanding head-to-head record over the Thai shuttler to 19-1. Some of Sindhu's attacking gameplay in the second game especially provided hope of a longer run in this tournament, but it was not to be. The draw opened up for too, with top seed Wang Zhi Yi - on Sindhu's radar for the QF - was defeated in the round of 16 by Korea's Sim Yu Jin.

Elsewhere, Lakshya Sen's made an opening-round exit on Wednesday as his struggle to return to form after Paris 2024 continued as he went down 22-20 17-21 16-21 to Malaysia's Leong Jun Hao in the men's singles round of 32 clash. Since coming agonisingly close to standing on the podium at the Olympics, Lakshya returned to action in the European leg of the World Tour but is yet to win a match where he has played on the court (only "win" coming from a walkover).

Women's doubles pair of Treena Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand had also made a first round exit, on Tuesday, but just about remain in contention to qualify for the season-ending World Tour Finals. With these results, India's lull on the World Tour continued.



PV Sindhu lost 21-17 16-21 17-21 to Michelle Li of Canada. **File**

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ATP Finals: Sinner qualifies for semis

Turin: Top-ranked Jannik Sinner became the first player to advance to the semifinals at the ATP Finals on Thursday. Sinner was assured of a spot in the last four after U.S. Open finalist Taylor Fritz beat Alex de Minaur 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 in their group. Sinner won his opening two matches and plays Daniil Medvedev later. Last year, Sinner lost the final to Novak Djokovic, who pulled out injured this year. Fritz also has two wins and has a chance of advancing, while Medvedev is still in contention and could get to two wins by beating Sinner. De Minaur was mathematically eliminated without any wins in his finals debut. **AP**

Maxwell's 19-ball 43 flattens Pakistan

Brisbane: Glenn Maxwell's robust 43 off 19 balls helped Australia thump Pakistan by 29 runs in a rain-shortened first Twenty20 on Thursday. After a nearly three-hour delay due to lightning and rain, the match was shortened to seven overs per side. Maxwell powered Australia to 93-4 and Pakistan reached only 64-9 after slumping to 16-5 inside the first 15 balls. Nathan Ellis (3-9) and Xavier Bartlett (3-13) ran through the top order before No. 8 batter Abbas Afridi's unbeaten 20. **REUTERS**

Brief Scores: Australia 93-4 in 7 overs (Maxwell 43) bt Pakistan 64-9 in 7 overs (A Afridi 20*; N Ellis 3-9, X Barlett 3-13) by 29 runs

McIlroy shares lead, strengthens title bid

Dubai: Rory McIlroy boosted his bid for a third straight Race to Dubai title and sixth overall by seizing a share of the lead on Thursday after the first round of the DP World Tour Championship. McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, carded six birdies against one bogey to finish with a 5-under 67. The 35-year-old sank a 50-foot putt for birdie on the par-3 17th hole to join Englishman Tyrrell Hatton atop the season-ending event at the Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai. The third-ranked McIlroy would win the year-long points race with at least a 10th place finish at this event. **REUTERS**

Bhavani, Bharat help UP Yodhas win

Noida: Dazzling performances from Bhavani Rajput and Bharat Hooda, who both scored a 'Super 10' each, helped UP Yodhas break Telugu Titans' four-game winning streak with a 40-34 scoreline in the Pro Kabaddi League here on Thursday. In the last 10 minutes, UP attacked with intent to take a four-point lead. Bhavani then inflicted an 'All Out' to extend the Yodhas' lead to eight points. **PTI**

“He came to me and asked if he could bat at three. I said to him it was his day and to enjoy himself. I knew what he was capable of doing. He is batting at three going forward definitely.”

SURYAKUMAR YADAV, ON TILAK VARMA ASKING TO BE PROMOTED

Blooming in Protea land

Despite limitations against the short ball, Tilak Varma produced an impactful century against SA in the 3rd T20I

LALITH KALIDAS
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

A SERIES of uncanny coincidences connecting Suresh Raina and Tilak Varma have done the rounds on social media ever since the Hyderabad lad cracked the IPL code in his debut season in 2022.

The string of similarities moved up a notch on Wednesday when Tilak scored his maiden T20I hundred at number three against South Africa, as did his idol Raina when he became the first Indian to record a T20I ton in 2010. Both the November-born left-handers made their T20I debuts at 20. They even managed a wicket with their part-time off-breaks in the first overs of their respective careers.

A hundred is deftly becoming the benchmark to contend for an Indian top-order spot now, with the 22-year-old Tilak marking the latest addition. Seven of the eight active India batters who have played at least 11 matches in the top four since 2023 have struck a century in the format.

Even though Tilak may not be as much of a T20 connoisseur's delight for his stroke-play as prime Raina was, the Centurion century may have helped Tilak turn an important corner. It may also bring the focus back on him among the fresh band of Indian southpaws in the white-ball arena. The lanky batter slyly masked his imperfections and sent the ball flying to the stands en route to a 51-ball hundred.

Batting at four in the first two games, Tilak had struggled to temper his innings and fell to spin, his primary adversary, on both occasions. Walking in at three after Sanju Samson's blob in the first over only heightened the challenge. "Batting was not easy at the start. The ball was doing a bit and the wicket was two-paced initially," Tilak observed.

Furthermore, facing the left-arm angle of Marco Jansen and the fiery Gerald Coetzee could have exposed Tilak's weakness against short deliveries, particularly those that would around the hips.

A tendency to get himself to points of no return when the ball drops short has troubled him before.

Tilak had answers for all those concerns as he sped to bail India out of the initial wobble. With freer arms, courtesy of the width offered by Jansen, Tilak flayed his second delivery through backward point for four and followed up with a charged six in the same region next ball.

Though deliveries targeting his torso popped up quickly, the combative mood of the partnership with Abhishek Sharma



Tilak Varma exults after scoring his first T20 International century - 107 not out off 56 balls - against South Africa in Centurion. **PTI**

helped Tilak wriggle, swivel, shuffle and pull to a better grade at Supersport Park.

180 degree arc

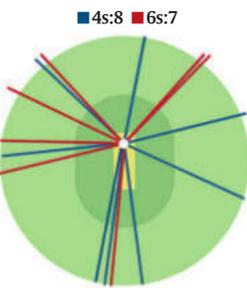
Tilak's expressionless feet may liken him to Shivam Dube sometimes but his quirkier body helps to cover up with an effective reach. A staggered stance also deprives him of big hits frequented by other lefties between the square leg and the sightscreen down the ground. But Tilak would have been quite content with the fresh pastures he un-

covered in the 180 degrees behind the wickets Wednesday night. Five of his seven maximums rose from the region covering backward square and backward point on either side of the strip. He also struck two fours in the area, including a reverse-lap shot over the keeper from a Coetzee knuckleball.

As the quicks relented from a short-ball examination, Tilak found it easier to negotiate deliveries which denied him room to swing through the arc.

From nowhere, the flick emerged as the

TILAK'S WAGON WHEEL



Five of Tilak Varma's seven maximums came from the region covering backward square and backward point on either side of the strip.

most productive Tilak Varma shot of the evening, gathering 26 of his 107 runs, including two sixes.

His rejuvenated wrist-work even kept the tweekers off his pads. Keshav Maharaj and Aiden Markram, who dismissed him once each in Durban and Gqeberha, went progressively shorter and wider, enabling him to glide smoothly past his threats.

Markram's loopy delivery on length even offered Tilak considerable time to launch the ball over the fence with an uncharacteristic reverse sweep. Maharaj operated with wider trajectories and Tilak's cursor-like sideways shifts helped him draw out the drives and sweeps while still having the ball in his eyeline. Tilak took 31 off the spinners at a breezy 221.48 strike-rate, making up 21 percent of his career runs against the slower bowlers in one outing. The mauling upped his lowly 112.8 career strike against spin to a passable 126 range.

Tilak loves his challenges and may have even visibly dominated a few on second viewing in the highlights package. It takes a horde of confidence to persuade a promotion over your captain - arguably the best T20I batter in the circuit - and deliver a hefty ton. It sparkles even further when the skipper announces the No.3 spot will be left for the youngster in the upcoming games.

"He came to me (in Gqeberha) and asked if he could bat at three. I said to him it was his day and to enjoy himself. I knew what he was capable of doing. He is batting at three going forward definitely (smiles). He asked for it, he delivered," Suryakumar Yadav would later reveal.

After all, Tilak was honed early for the pressure deal. At 16, he was thrown to the deep end, opening the batting on Ranji Trophy debut for Hyderabad.

In only his second full-fledged run last season, Tilak was the man they turned to for leadership to leave behind the ignominy of a Plate Group edition. That maturity and confidence are qualities better than a pristine-looking straight drive.

RANJI TROPHY

Shami overcame self-doubt after setbacks during rehab, says coach

PRATYUSH RAJ
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

MOHAMMED SHAMI'S 58-second video posted by the BCCI on X shows just how much India missed him during their recent 0-3 Test series loss against New Zealand. The clip of a 17-ball spell shows the 34-year-old somewhere close to his best. Making his return to competitive cricket after almost a year, Shami picked up four wickets for Bengal in the Ranji Trophy game against Madhya Pradesh in Indore.

The standout feature of Shami's bowling was his trademark upright seam. His nip-backers were sharp, his outswinger deadly, and he repeatedly beat the outside edge with balls zipping around the fourth and fifth stumps. Three of his victims were lower-order batsmen - Saransh Jain, Kumar Kartikeya and Kulwant Khejroliya - but getting rid of the tail was something India struggled with against New Zealand. With his impeccable wrist position - a point of envy for other pacers - Shami has been one of India's most threatening bowlers over the past decade, even in spinner-friendly conditions at home. From 2013 to 2023, Shami played 21 Tests in India, taking 76 wickets at an impressive average of 22.10.

"I saw his bowling clips and it didn't feel like he was bowling after one year," Shami's childhood coach Mohammed Badruddin told The Indian Express.

"You can't take the art away from the artist. He has waited very patiently for this moment." Since picking up an ankle injury during last year's 50-over World Cup, Shami underwent surgery and was in line for a comeback during



Mohamed Shami picked up four wickets for Bengal on Thursday. **PTI**

the home season. However, earlier this month, he suffered another setback through a swollen knee, which delayed his return.

Shami was not named in India's 18-member Border Gavaskar Trophy squad, but Badruddin is hopeful that his ward will travel to Australia at some point in the series.

"He will be joining the Indian team after the Adelaide (second) Test. Now that he is back, proved his fitness, picked up wickets, he will be crucial for the team in the second half of the tour," he said.

This was the last Ranji Trophy game of the first part of the Ranji season, with the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy starting from November 23, before the first-class tournament returns later. Badruddin feels Shami might turn up for Bengal in the domestic T20 competition as well.

"He wants to play in the Syed Mushtaq Ali,

but it depends on what the Indian team management wants. He was asked to prove his fitness and in his 19-over spell, he showed that he is not rusty. Shami is a rhythm bowler, the more he bowls, the better he will get. But it all depends on the guidelines he has received from the management," the coach said.

Badruddin explains how the Indian speedster overcame his self-doubt after setbacks during rehab. "He returned quicker after the knee surgery. This time, the rehab took more time because of the age. He did get edgy this time. Got frustrated so many times. He had targeted the New Zealand series. He developed self-doubt that I have never seen before. He was questioning his future. That's a normal thing when you spend so much time on the sidelines," he said. "He (Shami) is very old school. He only wanted to return once he was 100 percent. He is not someone who hides an injury and makes a comeback carrying niggles and gets injured again. He will not return until and unless he is bowling at full tilt."

Badruddin explained Shami's desi method of giving himself a green signal after getting the all-clear from the National Cricket Academy. He rushed back to his farmhouse at Alinagar, Sahasrur to test his fitness.

"He runs barefoot in the mud. That's his technique to test his fitness. That's the amount of hard work Shami puts in," he said.

Shami had the air of a man who has endured a lot of misfortune, but he is also someone who knows how to make a comeback in style. "He has missed one year but now a fully fit Shami can play three more years," Badruddin predicted.

BRIEF SCORES: Bengal 228 & 170-5 in 48 overs (S Charami 40, S Chatterjee 40; A Agarwal 3/49) vs MP 167 all out in 59 overs (Mohammed Shami 4/54, S Senapati 47)

ROUND UP

Goa's Kauthankar, Bakle set record

The duo of Snehal Kauthankar and Kashyap Bakle scored triple centuries and recorded the highest partnership in Ranji Trophy's history, adding 606 runs to help their team hammer Arunachal Pradesh by an innings and 551 runs in their plate group match in Porvorim, Goa, on Thursday. While Kauthankar smashed 314 off 215 balls, Bakle blazed away to 300 off just 269 balls to propel Goa to a mammoth 727 for 2 declared in only 92 overs and gain a 643-run first-innings lead. Goa then dismissed Arunachal Pradesh for 92 in 22.3 overs to complete the massive win. The visitors had folded for 84 in the first innings. **BRIEF SCORES:** Arunachal Pradesh 84 & 92 all out in 22.3 overs (L Garg 4-43) lost to Goa 727-2 decl in 92 overs (Snehal Kauthankar 314*, Kashyap Bakle 300*) by an innings & 551 runs

Mumbai lead Services

BRIEF SCORES: Services 240 in 81 overs (Mohit Ahlawat 76, Shubham Rohilla 56; Shardul Thakur 4/46, Mohit Avasthi 2/44) vs Mumbai 253 for 8 in 63 overs (Ayush Mhatre 116, Shreyas Iyer 47; Pulkit Narang 3/47). Mumbai lead by 13 runs.

Lomror scores 300*

BRIEF SCORES: Rajasthan 1st innings 660/7 declared in 145.4 overs (Mahipal Lomror 300*, Kartik Sharma 113, Bharat Sharma 54) vs Uttarakhand 1st innings 109/2 in 20.3 overs (Ravikumar Samarth 50*)

ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Deepika's 5-star display flattens Thailand

Harendra Singh's wards go on a rampage, scoring 13 goals to set stage for top-of-the-table clash against China

VINAYAKK MOHANARANGAN
NOVEMBER 14

THIS WAS always going to be the match where the floodgates opened for India as the Salima Tete-led side was playing Thailand, the lowest-ranked team at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Rajgir. India had never lost to Thailand and the latter had already been handed a 15-0 thrashing by a second-string Chinese side earlier this week.

Hence, there were few surprises as Deepika led the way with five goals, while three players scored twice each as India produced a relentless performance to win 13-0 on Thursday.

With the obvious caveat that India had their easiest match on paper, it was still an attacking display that pleased head coach Harendra Singh. He has been stressing on a few aspects over the past couple of weeks – first touch inside the circle, creating 1v1 situations across the field, and penalty corner conversion – and they clicked into place.

"I especially liked the connection between the defenders and attacking midfielders," Harendra said after the match.

"Most of the time, we tried to create the 1v1 situations, that's our superiority and I feel that's the essence of Indian hockey. When you have so many fast midfielders – Salima (Tete),

Sharmila (Devi), Sunelita (Toppo), Lalremsiami – we should not hold that strength back."

Deepika started the scoring in the third minute when she expertly controlled a drilled long pass into the circle by Jyoti from the right flank, took a couple of touches with her back to the goal, made space, and rifled a backhanded strike through Thailand goalkeeper Siraya Yimkrajang.

Preeti Dubey, on her return to the national side after last playing in 2017, swept home India's second after a sharp combination of passes between Sunelita and Sangita. Then it was Siami's turn to lift one from close range off a rebound as India scored three in the opening quarter to set the pace. Deepika made it 4-0 early in Q2 with a fine back-to-the-goal strike. India's first four strikes were all field goals.

One of the areas of concern has been penalty corner conversion, and after squandering the first three, India managed to convert the fourth at the stroke of half time. It wasn't the clearest of direct attempts but Siami's strike led to a goal-mouth scramble from which Beauty Dungdung lifted one over Siraya.

Second-half flurry

After a 10-minute lull at the start of the second half, the flurry restarted. Preeti scored arguably the best field goal of



Deepika (R) led the way with five goals, while three players scored twice each. Hockey India

the day, as she received a brilliant through ball from Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, and controlled it in her stride to beat the onrushing goalkeeper, calmly passing the ball into an empty net. It was the sort of speedy give-and-go move that Harendra has been asking for.

If that was the ideal passing move, India's next goal was a perfect penalty corner execution. Deepika had been frustrated from set-pieces so far in

this tournament, but finally nailed a direct effort on goal, high to the custodian's right. It brought out the biggest smile on Harendra's face on the sidelines. Deepika's fourth and fifth goals came within a matter of minutes, and the latter was another well-executed drag-flick, this time low to the goalkeeper's right.

"The coach has focused a lot on my footwork during drag-flicks. I still have to get better at

it, and finishing as well. But ever since Harendra sir has come, he has done extra sessions with me on drag-flicks and it's helped with the force of the shots," the 20-year-old from Haryana said later.

Harendra had told this daily before the tournament that Deepika has adjusted her technique but also mentioned he was hoping Manisha Chauhan too comes good from set-pieces. That happened in the fi-

INDIA 13-0 THAILAND

Deepika (3', 19', 43', 45', 45'+); Preeti (9', 40').
Lalremsiami (12', 56').
Beauty (30'); Navneet (53').
Manisha (55', 58')

nal quarter as she scored her first senior international goal with her first drag-flick in the tournament. She would make it two shortly with a close-range finish. In between those goals, Navneet Kaur added her name to the scoresheet as well while Siami scored India's 12th.

One of the aspects Harendra highlighted at the end was how the team wanted to make Siami's night special.

"On her 150th appearance, Siami scored a couple of goals, and the team is happy with that. These are the things that help a team bond – something to celebrate. We decided we would get Siami on the scoresheet today and we were able to execute that on a special occasion," he said.

With the win, India remain level with China on 9 points, but the latter is top of the table on goal difference given their better winning margins so far. It has set up a fascinating clash between the table-toppers on Saturday. India will take some confidence into that match after producing their most coordinated attacking display so far in Bihar.

Protecting women's sport non-negotiable: Coe ahead of IOC bid

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

FORMER OLYMPIC champion Sebastian Coe has said the International Olympic Committee needed clear-cut policies to protect women's sport to avoid controversies such as the one in boxing at this year's Paris Games.

Coe is one of seven people in the running to become the next president of the International Olympic Committee after Thomas Bach and made it very clear he would push for immediate change in the participation of trans athletes and those with Differences of Sexual Development (DSD) in women's events, reported Reuters.

Athletics was at the forefront of formulating a policy that clearly stipulated eligibility, but the IOC failed to follow suit, instead handing the responsibility to individual sports federations. When the IOC took over the running of amateur boxing for the Paris Olympics, however, that lack of clarity was thrust into the spotlight by the gold medal success of Algeria's Imane Khelif and Taiwan's Lin Yu-ting, who had previously been banned after adverse sex chromosome tests.

"In a way, how I feel is irrelevant. If you press me on that, I was deeply uncomfortable by that," Coe was quoted as saying by SKY sports. SKY went on to quote him further saying, "I have done six years on the British Boxing Board of Control, I have daughters. The more fundamental observation I

It's a very clear proposition to me – if you do not protect [the female] category, or you are in any way ambivalent about it for whatever reason, then it will not end well for women's sport."

SEBASTIAN COE
WORLD ATHLETICS CHIEF

made is it is absolutely vital that as an organisation, you have clear-cut policies."

Guardian quoted Coe as being asked if he thought the current IOC guidance on the issue was too ambiguous. He replied: "Yes I do." He also promised he would give "uncompromising" guidance to sports if elected. "It has to be a clearcut policy, and International Federations must have some flexibility," he added.

"But it is incumbent on the IOC to create that landscape. It's a very clear proposition to me – if you do not protect [the female] category, or you are in any way ambivalent about it for whatever reason, then it will not end well for women's sport. I come from a sport where that is absolutely sacrosanct."

He soft-launched his bid for the top administrative post on Wednesday, saying it was a role he feels he has been building towards his whole life and that the organisation is ready for change.

Arjun, under time pressure, goes down against Carlsen



Carlsen (L) goes into Friday as the sole leader in the open section with five points. Partha Paul

AMIT KAMATH
NOVEMBER 14

MAGNUS CARLSEN imposed a defeat in 40 moves over Arjun Erigaisi, the latest entrant of the 2800-rating club, in Round 6 of the Tata Steel India chess tournament at the Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium in Kolkata.

Playing with black pieces, Magnus Carlsen opted for a Taimanov variation of the Sicilian Defence. Magnus Carlsen had started to claw out an advantage on the clock as early as the 11th move, when he had nearly 23 minutes while Arjun's time had trickled down to 15 minutes in the rapid game.

The tournament's live broadcast caught a sight of Magnus Carlsen sitting back in his chair yawning away while his opponent was hunched over the board trying to diffuse the ticking explosive in front of him.

A few moves later, as Arjun contemplated another fork in the road, Carlsen leaned over on one side of his chair looking slightly bored.

Both players were in an aggressive mood, with all four knights getting slain on the board inside the first 13 moves.

By the 21st move, Magnus Carlsen's queen was staring down at Arjun's king, which had taken to hiding behind a sparse cover of just two pawns.

The World No 1 had managed to create significant tension on the queen-side of the board and was

up by twice as much time on the clock – over 14 minutes to Arjun's seven – as his Indian opponent. On move 25, Carlsen's queen, backed on the file by the rook, moved within one square of Arjun's king giving it a massive fright.

Two moves later, he went up a pawn on the king side even as his opponent worked his pieces to stabilise the volatility on the queen-side.

Move 31 saw Arjun blunder, by shifting his rook on the third rank in front of his king, whose life was under threat.

But in doing so he had allowed Carlsen's pawn on the h file an unfettered run to the end zone to promote. It was that pawn's run that would eventually force Arjun into a massive imbalance in terms of material.

By this stage, Arjun's time was down to seconds. And Carlsen's pieces were still piling on pressure on Arjun's king.

Out of options

Eventually, Arjun's defence crumbled and he waved the white flag of surrender on move 40. For Arjun Erigaisi, this was a forgettable day. He lost to Wesley So in round 4, which was the first clash of Thursday. He then managed to salvage a draw from a tottering position against Vincent Keymer before the loss to Magnus.

The 21-year-old from Warangal has otherwise had a standout season, where he had been ranked No 3 in the world

in the official FIDE rankings and has touched the elusive 2800-rating mark in the live ratings. He also won an individual gold on the third board at the Chess Olympiad in Budapest for India.

At the end of Thursday's games, the Indian trio of Arjun Erigaisi, Nihal Sarin and Vidit Gujrathi are at the bottom of the 10-player standings with two points each.

Meanwhile, Magnus Carlsen goes into Friday as the sole leader in the open section with five points.

Vantika in race for title

In the women's section, the young Vantika Agrawal is giving a measure of her calibre by ending round 6 as the top ranked Indian player in the women's section, which is no mean feat considering the other women in action are Koneru Humpy, Harika Dronavalli and Vaishali R – the only three women's players from India to have a grandmaster title – besides Divya Deshmukh, who was one of the stars of the Chess Olympiad gold medal winning Indian women's team.

Vantika played on the fourth board herself for India at the Olympiad where she, like Divya, Arjun and Gukesh, had an individual gold medal as well.

Leading the women's section ahead of Vantika are Aleksandra Goryachkina (five points) and Georgian Grandmaster Nana Dzagnidze (four points).

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024													
(Rupees in Crores)													
S.No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED					
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1	Total Income	10,746.21	10,375.44	9,693.72	21,121.65	18,683.18	38,348.27	10,721.59	10,435.60	9,741.17	21,157.19	18,817.72	38,643.16
2	Net Profit for the period before tax (before Exceptional Items)	1,600.27	1,493.45	1,396.95	3,093.72	2,651.74	5,418.35	1,464.05	1,407.66	1,360.10	2,871.71	2,502.03	5,250.19
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	1,600.27	1,493.45	1,396.95	3,093.72	2,491.75	5,258.36	1,464.05	1,407.66	1,360.10	2,871.71	2,342.04	5,090.20
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items)	1,203.54	1,122.83	1,053.81	2,326.17	1,878.53	3,967.96	1,066.47	1,032.21	1,007.04	2,098.68	1,707.58	3,742.16
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	1,200.97	1,120.05	1,051.35	2,321.02	1,873.61	3,945.61	1,060.78	1,010.39	1,008.93	2,071.17	1,699.70	3,709.30
6	Equity Share Capital (face value Rs. 2/- per share)	40.00	39.99	39.97	40.00	39.97	39.98	40.00	39.99	39.97	40.00	39.97	39.98
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)						17,946.20						17,658.94
8	Earnings per share on net profit after tax - face value Rs. 2/- each (In Rupees)												
	a) Basic	60.18	56.15	52.72	116.33	93.99	198.53	53.19	52.31	50.34	105.50	85.88	187.36
	b) Diluted	60.06	56.04	52.61	116.10	93.84	198.18	53.08	52.21	50.25	105.29	85.75	187.04

Notes:-
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter and half year ended financial results are available on the Company's website www.heromotocorp.com and also on stock exchange websites, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com
2 The above results for the quarter and half year ended September 30th, 2024 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on Nov 13th, 2024 & Nov 14th, 2024 respectively.
3 Based on the guiding principles given in Ind AS-108 on 'Operating Segments', the Company's business activity fall within a single operating segment, namely automotive segment. Accordingly, the disclosure requirements of Ind AS 108 are not applicable.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
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Yamuna Expressway: Expanding infrastructure drives investment boom

THE YAMUNA Expressway, also known as the Taj Expressway, stretching over 165 kilometres and linking Delhi with Agra via Noida and Mathura, has emerged as a development hotspot, combining state-of-the-art infrastructure with high growth potential. As the Delhi-NCR area nears saturation, the Yamuna Expressway's strategic location and robust connectivity are attracting significant interest in residential, commercial and industrial segments. With the Noida International Airport in Jewar set to open by April next year, property values along the corridor are soaring, driving new investments and transforming the regional economy.

Investment magnet
Drawn by ample land availability, investment-friendly policies and world-class infrastructure, the Yamuna Expressway corridor has captured the attention of businesses across various sectors. Major corporations like Pepsi, Adani, HCL, Tech Mahindra, Microsoft and Samsung are setting up or expanding operations here, taking advantage of the area's strategic benefits. Microsoft alone has committed to investing Rs. 1,800 crore, creating around 3,000 jobs, while Samsung and HCL are ramping up their tech and manufacturing operations.

Experts say the future-ready infrastructure, enabling businesses to scale their operations quickly, has played a key role in attracting investments from national and international investors. They also believe that the influx of multinational corporations in the area is just the beginning and the corridor's development is still unfolding.

The Yamuna Expressway has captured the attention of investors globally, particularly from Japan, South Korea, the US and Europe. There are proposals for Japanese, Korean and American cities, which will house educational institutions, businesses, and facilities such as hospitals and schools.

Infrastructure growth
The government has invested significantly in developing world-class infrastructure, which has been a key factor in attracting leading industries to the Yamuna Expressway corridor and creating job opportunities. The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) has chalked out comprehensive development plans to shape the corridor into a growth hub. It plans to invest Rs. 14,000 crore over



five years to acquire more than 6,000 hectares of land, which will be used to create urban centres, industrial hubs, public facilities and a logistics park to further enhance investments in the belt.

There are also plans for a high-speed Rapid X Metro and innovative POD taxi systems, ensuring seamless and eco-friendly commuting options. Supporting infrastructure developments include a metro link to Jewar International Airport, promising rapid access between the airport and nearby industrial and commercial centres. The planned transportation network will also improve connectivity to Delhi, Noida and Greater Noida, positioning the Yamuna Expressway as a vital regional hub.

Industrial clusters
YEIDA is pushing forward with ambitious plans to establish dedicated industrial clusters, inviting companies from diverse sectors such as semiconductors, data centres, Information Technology (IT), pharmaceuticals, electronics, medical devices, apparel, toys, etc. to establish a base in the area. The electronics manufacturing sector is already thriving in the region, driven by investments from companies like LG, Oppo, Vivo and Optimus, the corridor is also set to become a hub for data centres with major players such as NTT and Yotta establishing large facilities. The automobile and EV industries have also shown keen interest in establishing a foothold in the corridor, further strengthening its position as a hub of industrial and commercial expansion in the region.

Game-changer Jewar airport
The soon-to-open Noida International Airport in Jewar, expected to become one of the busiest in Asia, has spurred unprecedented growth along the Yamuna Expressway and is poised to reshape the region's economy with thousands of new direct and indirect employment opportunities and growth opportunities. The area has drawn national and international businesses and investors eager to capitalise on the corridor's strategic location and excellent connectivity.

Industry analysts expect a substantial increase in demand for housing, logistics and commercial space, transforming the area into a business and lifestyle centre. With significant interest from industrial giants and MNCs, the area is projected to see accelerated growth in the years to come. Ahead of the airport becoming operational, a host of overseas realty firms have made a beeline to invest in housing projects planned along the expressway.

Real estate boom
The Yamuna Expressway is experiencing an unprecedented real estate boom, fuelled by growing demand for residential, commercial and industrial spaces. Real estate experts note that property rates along the corridor have surged. The average super built-up prices along the expressway have risen from around Rs. 7,000 per sq ft to Rs. 11,000 per sq ft now, an increase of approximately 58%, according to industry research.
Santhosh Kumar, Vice Chairman of

real estate consultant ANAROCK, said, "The Yamuna Expressway has emerged as a potential real estate hotspot in the National Capital Region. Its seamless connection between Noida, Greater Noida, Agra and Mathura has spurred the growth of industrial clusters and commercial hubs, fuelling economic activity along the corridor, which has in turn laid the groundwork for job creation and an increase in housing demand. The long-term outlook for the region's residential market appears promising, making it a micro market to watch for potential investors and homebuyers."

Even as private investments continue to flow in, YEIDA too has earmarked 1,200 acres for commercial projects and 4,000 acres for industrial development. This planned development is complemented by essential amenities such as healthcare facilities, schools, shopping centres and green spaces to create a balanced and vibrant urban ecosystem that meets modern lifestyle requirements. Also on the cards are new townships and foreign university campuses.

Film City, Olympic Village and more
A standout project in the Yamuna Expressway corridor is the 172-acre International Film City project, which is expected to transform the region's entertainment infrastructure. YEIDA's Master Plan 2041, recently approved by the Uttar Pradesh government, also envisions Olympic-standard sports facilities and an Olympic Village, offering comprehensive sporting facilities and accommodations for athletes, besides

MARKET MINDS

The Yamuna Expressway is transforming into a vibrant economic zone, attracting industries and investors. Along with a strategic location and excellent connectivity, the corridor supports sustainable urban development with planned residential, commercial and industrial zones and multiple dedicated recreational spaces. While the new airport and other infrastructure projects offer a conducive environment for businesses to grow, residents can look forward to a high quality of life, making the corridor stand out.

MANISH AGGARWAL, Managing Director, JLL

The Yamuna Expressway corridor is emerging as a preferred hub for industries due to its strategic connectivity with the National Capital Region, robust infrastructure and investor-friendly policies. With seamless access to major markets, a dedicated industrial zone, and proximity to the Noida International Airport, this area offers unique advantages for companies across sectors. Along with logistical ease, there is also a supportive environment for growth.

BHUPINDRA SINGH, Managing Director - Developer and Investor Services, Colliers India

The growing industrial ecosystem around the Yamuna Expressway, bolstered by strong government support and future-ready facilities, is establishing this corridor as a powerhouse for economic activities. The area is a prime choice for companies that value strategic connectivity and a supportive, growth-oriented environment.

ANAND PATIL, National Director, Knight Frank

various recreational areas. The blueprint for the corridor also includes an electronic city, a central business district, shopping areas and more, to create a dynamic and inclusive environment where industries can thrive, and citizens enjoy an enhanced quality of life.

Lifestyle amenities
YEIDA has dedicated substantial resources to establishing lifestyle-oriented projects, with the International Film City as a focal point for entertainment and tourism. In addition, a recreation area, modelled on New York's Central Park, will serve as a green oasis amid urban development.

An education hub, with an array of schools and coaching centres, further showcases a community-friendly ecosystem that supports long-term growth. According to real estate experts, the Yamuna Expressway region offers a unique combination of infrastructure and lifestyle, making it ideal for families and professionals alike.

A unique transformation
The Yamuna Expressway's evolution from a simple transit route to a happening industrial and residential corridor represents modern urban planning at its best. Backed by forward-thinking policies and government support, the area is set to thrive, setting new standards for urban development across the country.

With its world-class infrastructure, connectivity and lifestyle amenities, the Yamuna Expressway corridor is becoming a hub for growth and modern living. Its proximity to the national capital, ongoing mega projects, and rising property values make it an attractive destination for investors, developers and homebuyers. For those seeking to be part of India's next growth story, the Yamuna Expressway is the place to be.



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International market data till 1900 IST

Economy 'sailing smoothly' on strong macroeconomic fundamentals: Das

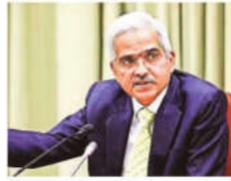
HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

IN THE current challenging global environment, the Indian economy continues to remain strong led by robust macroeconomic fundamentals, a stable financial system and an resilient external sector, Reserve Bank of India's Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Thursday.

"Amidst headwinds and contradictions, the Indian economy is sailing through smoothly powered by buffers like strong macroeconomic fundamentals, stable financial system and resilient external sector," Das said in his address at a CNBC TV18 event.

The RBI's endeavour has been to seize every opportunity to further strengthen the country's fundamentals through prudent and proactive policy approaches. The focus has been to maintain financial stability, which breeds growth and prosperity, he said.

Stating that the RBI's mandate spans multiple dimensions and its consistent effort is to take a holistic view of stability, which encompasses price stability, financial stability and sustained growth, Das said that the regulator deploys multiple policy instruments to serve these objectives.



Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das

Das noted that inflation is expected to moderate "despite periodic humps".

In October, the Consumer price index (CPI) accelerated to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent, compared to 5.5 per cent in September. The RBI has been focussing on keeping retail inflation to 4 per cent on a durable basis.

The Governor further said that the financial system will continue to face newer challenges in the future.

So, there was a continuing need for the financial sector entities to strengthen their levels and quality of capital, while further sharpening the risk management standards, he stated.

The Reserve Bank is now working on issues like the adoption of the revised Basel III standards in a phased manner, issuance of guidelines for expected credit loss (ECL), liquid-

ity coverage ratio (LCR) and prudent framework for financing of project loans, he said.

The Governor said that the RBI adopts a consultative approach when bringing in any new changes in the financial system.

"With regard to the ECL framework, even after issuing a discussion paper and receiving stakeholder comments which we got examined by an external working group, we now propose to issue a draft circular for implementation of ECL," Das said, adding that the idea was to get stakeholder comments on certain specifics of the framework considering its significance for the banking sector.

He said the RBI was also working on climate risks and their impact on the financial sector. The final guidelines for Disclosure Framework on Climate related Financial Risks will be issued shortly.

On exchange rate policy, Das said that the country's rate regime is market-determined, and the RBI does not target a level or band of the exchange rate.

"The forex interventions are carried out to ensure an orderly movement of the exchange rate and to curb undue volatility, anchor market expectations and ensure overall financial stability," he said.

'RBI should cut rates, look through food prices, boost growth'

REUTERS
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

INDIA'S CENTRAL bank should cut interest rates to boost economic growth and look through food price while deciding on monetary policy, the trade minister said, the first time a government minister has backed calls to re-examine the nation's inflation targeting framework.

"I certainly believe they (central bank) should cut interest rates. Growth needs a further impetus," Piyush Goyal told news channel CNBC TV18 at an event in Mumbai on Thursday, adding it's an "absolutely flawed theory" to consider food inflation while deciding on rates.

Goyal clarified these were his personal views and not that of the government but also pointed to a similar suggestion by the chief economic adviser in his Economic Survey earlier in the year.

India's monetary policy framework should consider targeting inflation that excludes food,



Union minister Piyush Goyal

the prices of which are influenced more by supply than demand, the government's 2023/24 economic survey had said in July.

India's retail inflation surged to a 14-month high in October, driven largely by a jump in vegetable prices and has dashed hopes of an interest rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) next month. The RBI targets consumer price index-based inflation and is currently mandated to keep inflation at 4% with a tolerance band of 2 percentage points on either side and central bank officials have held firm to the policy directive in their comments.

"The public at large understands inflation more in terms of food inflation than the other components of headline inflation," governor Shaktikanta Das said in August.

After 10% fall in last 7 weeks, market trajectory still cause for worry amid FPI sell-off

To make matters worse, corporate performance has been declining, and high inflation is threatening to eat into profits

GEORGE MATHEW & HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

INDIA'S STOCK market has taken a hit, plummeting 10 per cent due to a combination of domestic and global factors in the last seven weeks. Foreign investors are pulling out of the Indian market, withdrawing over Rs 1.40 lakh crore since October this year. This massive sell-off has hampered the market sentiment despite heavy buying by domestic funds and institutions. To make matters worse, corporate performance has been declining, and high inflation is threatening to eat into profits, rein in consumer spending and delay a cut in interest rates.

Market worries seem to have exacerbated with latest inflation print adding to the concerns of growth slowdown while expectations for the Reserve Bank interest rate cut gets pushed further into early FY26. Stronger US dollar and higher US treasury yields after Donald Trump's victory is a double whammy for Indian markets already reeling under record foreign outflows.

While relentless foreign selling which has continued for 33 consecutive sessions is still continuing, market experts don't rule out the possibility of another 5-10 per cent correction in the coming weeks.

The big fall

Stock market has fallen ten per cent with the Sensex plunging 8,398 points from the all-time peak of 85,978.25 recorded on September 27 this year to 77,580.31 by Thursday, November 14. Nifty Index fell for six out of the past seven weeks as earnings from India Inc continued to weigh on investors' sentiment at a time when increase in safe-haven assets like the dollar index, and US treasury yields weighed on risk assets like emerging markets' equities, said

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

BILLIONAIRE MUKESH Ambani-led Reliance Industries has completed the merger of its media assets with the India business of global media house Walt Disney and formed a joint venture with a valuation of over Rs 70,000 crore.

The JV will be one of the largest media and entertainment companies in India with a combined revenue of approximately ₹26,000 crore and will be led by Nita Ambani as its chairperson, according to a joint statement.

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Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research at HDFC Securities.

"A combination of persistent inflation, high interest rates, raised taxes on capital gains and stock markets, slowing private consumption expenditure and downgrades to corporate earnings outlook, all combined to make the lofty valuations of the Indian markets look very frothy," said market expert Ajay Bagga.

More correction 'on cards'

Some experts are expecting more correction in the market. "Given that the trailing valuations of Nifty 50 are still elevated at 21.7x, we cannot rule out further correction of 5-10 per cent going forward as we are seeing slowdown in domestic consumption and earnings downgrades by analysts," said Vineet Sachdeva, Entrepreneur Partner-Quantitative Equity Investing, Alpha Alternatives

"The expensive valuations are on the back of strong DII flows through SIPs, which have largely been targeting small and mid-cap funds. If the retail flows reduce, we can see deep corrections in this space, which could be severe," he said.

"We feel another 5-10 per cent fall may be possible, but the higher probability is for a recovery to set in by December-end to January in anticipation of the Union Budget 2025-26," Bagga said.

One plus point for the market is that domestic funds and institutions are big-time buyers in the market, accumulating stocks worth over Rs 1.30 lakh crore since October this year. Moreover, the history of stock markets in the last 25 years shows that the market has always bounced back when the cycle changes and the economy pick up again.

Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Ltd Managing Director & CEO A Balasubramanian said that the 10 per cent fall in the market has

made valuations reasonable. However, there is a need to be cautious for some more time. He said going forward the correction in the market would be much slower.

FPI sell-off

A major reason for the sustained fall in the market is sell-off by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). FPIs have pulled out over Rs 1.41 lakh crore from the cash market since October 1 this year, triggering the 10 per cent fall in the market since all-time peak in September this year.

This (FPI sell-off) was primarily on account of expensive valuations in India, reallocation of funds to China, and optimism about US markets, according to Vineet Sachdeva.

The latest worry of the markets is high retail inflation and fading rate cut hopes in India. Adding to the market woes, India Inc's profitability is under pressure amid worries about a slowdown in consumption. The story line of corporate performance for the second quarter of FY25 is all about higher growth in expenses even as sales growth remained largely stable. Leading corporates like Reliance Industries and Hindustan Unilever reported a decline in second quarter profits.

Analysts says Asian economies are also likely to feel the heat from US election results, contingent on the degree of trade and investment linkages with both counterparties, i.e. US and China. India is not immune but is relatively better placed amongst its Asian peers in the event of heightened tensions between China and the US. The first line of impact will be passthrough of financial market volatility, with sharp swings in US treasury yields as well as the dollar likely to pile pressure on the Indian assets' flows. The rupee has hit new lows in the past week on the back of the post-election USD rally.

Reliance completes merger of media assets with Disney's India business

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cash, respectively.

"The transaction values the JV at ₹70,352 crore (USD 8.5 billion) on a post-money basis, excluding synergies," it said.

At the closing of the transactions, the said JV is controlled by RIL, the statement added.

In this, 16.34 per cent is owned by RIL, 46.82 per cent by its step-down unit Viacom18 and the rest 36.84 per cent by Disney.

"Nita M Ambani will be the Chairperson of the JV, with Uday Shankar as Vice Chairperson providing strategic guidance to the JV," it said.

Meanwhile, in a separate transaction, RIL has bought out a 13.01 per cent stake of Paramount Global, an American multinational entertainment conglomerate, in Viacom18 for Rs 4,286 crore.

"As a result, Viacom18 is owned 70.49 per cent by RIL, 13.54 per cent by Network18 Media & Investments Ltd and 15.97 per cent by Bodhi Tree Systems, on a fully diluted basis," it said.

Bodhi Tree Systems is an investment platform jointly controlled by James Murdoch and Uday Shankar.

The JV will be spearheaded by three CEOs - Kevin Vaz, Kiran Mani and Sanjiv Gupta - who will together lead the company.

Christmas orders push Oct goods exports to 7-month high, imports too surge sharply

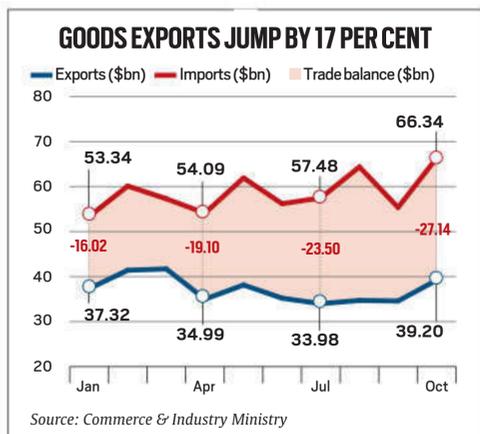
RAVIDUTTA MISHRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

A REVIVAL in in gems and jewellery exports after a year-long lull, along with strong growth in exports of electronics and engineering goods ahead of the Christmas sales season in the West, drove India's goods exports to their highest level in seven months.

However, imports also surged simultaneously, according to official data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Thursday.

While goods exports rose by 17 per cent to \$39 billion in October compared to October last year, imports jumped by 4.5 per cent to \$66 billion, largely driven by petroleum products, bringing the total goods trade deficit to \$27 billion. Notably, the trade deficit in October 2023 stood at \$30 billion.

"The Christmas sales are better this year than last year, led by electronic and engineering exports that have hit a record high," Commerce Secretary Sunil



Barthwal said. Regarding the US elections, Barthwal stated that India's trade integration with the US is increasing irrespective of the regime in the US and is expected to continue.

"The merchandise trade data for October 2024 displayed divergent trends, with a sharp rise

in the trade deficit in sequential terms, amidst a sizable moderation relative to October 2023. One of the chief reasons underpinning the sequential rise in the trade deficit appears to be a jump in the volume of crude oil imports, as well as a festive season-led uptick in gold imports," Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist and

When asked whether India would ask for the proposed mini-trade deal with the US which was discussed during the first Trump administration, the Commerce Secretary said that presently the President-elect is picking members for his team and once that team is in place, there will be policy pronouncements from them and based on that "we will be also taking a call".

'India-US trade will continue to grow despite regime change'

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INDIA'S TRADE relations with the US will continue to grow irrespective of the change in regime in America, a top government official said on Thursday.

According to the commerce ministry data, India's exports to the US jumped to USD 39.2 billion in October against USD 21.46

billion in October 2015.

During 2001-23, at a Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), India's exports to America rose by 10.48 per cent. In this period, the US imports from the world have grown by 4.76 per cent.

"Our (India-US) integration is growing and we are getting bipartisan support, whatever is the regime (in the US), we are finding that our economic integra-

tion with the US is increasing over the period of time... and that is a good thing for us and I trust that it will continue (to grow)," Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal told reporters here.

He added that the two economies have strongly integrated with each other through various agreements, including the IPEF (Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity) and other bilateral mechanisms.

India expects Trump's return will improve oil availability, ease prices

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

DONALD TRUMP'S victory in the US presidential election and rising oil production from countries "in the Western Hemisphere" is expected to increase oil availability in the international market, which in turn would be a positive for major oil consumers and importers like India, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said Thursday.

Puri expressed hope that higher production from countries like the US, Canada, Brazil, and Guyana, will also nudge the OPEC+ group of major oil producers to rethink their production cuts and increase output. Trump's diplomatic moves, par-

ticularly those aimed at cooling down geopolitical conflicts, can also positively impact oil availability and affordability.

"More and more oil is coming to the market. One expects, as a result of that, that the market situation will calm. At some stage, the producers who have cut back (oil production) will also decide... if there is more coming on to the market, they just might use the oil that they have in order to earn revenue for development. I see that as a natural byproduct of where we are going," the minister said at a Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) event in the Capital.

While it may be too early to say how Trump's second term as president will turn out to be for global oil markets, industry



India is the world's third-largest consumer of crude oil. File

watchers expect the Trump administration's economic and energy policies to put limited downward pressure on oil prices. If strictly implemented, his plans to impose high tariffs on imports—particularly on those from China—could nega-

tively impact global oil demand as China is the world's top oil importer.

Moreover, Trump's push to significantly increase US oil production and even exports, for which he employed the slogan "Drill, baby, drill", could add to

the global oil supply and even push major oil producers to compete for market share by increasing their own oil production and exports. Subdued demand from China and rising production from non-OPEC+ suppliers have weighed on international oil prices over the past few months. From around \$85 per barrel in mid-April, the price of benchmark Brent crude has fallen to around \$72 per barrel.

In a recent note, S&P Global Commodity Insights (SPGCI) said that growing US crude production has posed a significant challenge for OPEC+ in recent years, exerting downward pressure on prices, threatening the bloc's market share and prompting massive output cuts to support oil prices. Analysts say increased US production, as well

as output increases in other non-OPEC+ countries, such as Brazil, Guyana and Canada, have nearly nullified the impact of OPEC+ production cuts in 2024.

SPGCI expects Asian buyers—including India—to witness significantly more opportunities to import "attractively priced crude from the US" as its competition with the OPEC suppliers intensifies. The US is India's fifth-largest source market for crude oil behind Russia, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Apart from his economic and energy policies, Trump's diplomatic moves could also affect the international oil market. During his election campaign, the US president-elect had vowed to end the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the Russia-

Ukraine war. Although Trump has not outlined what he has in mind to wind down these conflicts, experts expect his administration to make concerted efforts to that end in order to score a diplomatic victory early in his presidency. Cooling off of these conflicts is likely to bring stability to the global oil market.

"What we need is stability and predictability (in oil markets) so that in the period ahead, countries can base their decisions on lines which are predictable. Because fluctuations create uncertainties in the market, and that is not good for economic decision making... Stability in oil prices depends both on the availability and the global geopolitical situation calming," Puri said Thursday.

CORPORATE BRIEFS

HUDCO has reported a robust performance in the First Half of the Fiscal Year 2025 (H1FY25), showcasing record-breaking growth across key financial parameters. HUDCO achieved the highest-ever H1 loan sanctions, reaching Rs.76,472 crore, marking an astounding Year-over-Year growth of almost 10x compared to H1FY24 (Rs.7,808 Cr). With the highest-ever H1 Loan Disbursements of Rs.21,699 Crore, HUDCO recorded an impressive almost 6x YoY growth from Rs.3,723 Cr in H1FY24. The company reported a PAT of Rs.1,246.37 Crore in H1FY25, a 39% increase from Rs.897.39 Cr in H1FY24, marking its highest-ever H1 profit.

NTPC & ONGC have collaborated to form a Joint Venture Company (JVC) through their Green Energy Subsidiaries (NTPC Green Energy Ltd. and ONGC Green Energy Ltd.) to promote their interest in the renewable and new energy arena. Subsequent to the signing of the Joint Venture Agreement during India Energy Week 2024, and obtaining the required statutory approvals from DIPAM & NITI Aayog, NGEL has submitted an application to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for the incorporation of a 50:50 Joint Venture Company with OGL.

SAIL declared its financial results for the quarter and half year ending 30 Sept. 2024. The company's performance in the second quarter of the current financial yr has shown improvement compared to the previous quarter. Revenue from operations, EBITDA, and sales volume all increased in Q2 FY'25 over Q1 FY'25. However, lower performance in Q2 FY'25 compared to the same period last yr (Q2 FY'24) was influenced by factors like cheaper imports & a decrease in prices.

QIL, has been selected as the preferred bidder for the Phop Graphite and Vanadium Block in Arunachal Pradesh. This selection was made by the Ministry of Mines in a recently concluded auction of eight critical mineral blocks, held under Tranche IV of the Auction of Critical and Strategic Mineral Blocks. The critical minerals, essential for high-tech and green energy applications, will play a crucial role in reducing India's dependence on imports.

POWERGRID, announced the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024. At the end of Q2FY25, the total transmission assets of POWERGRID and its subsidiaries stood at 1,78,195 ckm of transmission lines, 279 substations strategically placed across the country and 5,37,276 MVA of transformation capacity. The Company has reported a PAT of Rs 3,793 crore and a Total Income of Rs 11,846 crore on a consolidated basis respectively during Q2FY25.

LIC The Board of Directors of Life Insurance Corporation of India ("LIC") approved & adopted the standalone & consolidated financial results for the six months ending 30 Sept. 2024. The Profit after Tax (PAT) was Rs. 18,082 cr as compared to Rs. 17,469 cr for the half year ended 30 Sept. 2023 registering a growth of 3.51%.

BHEL emerged as the successful bidder in a major contract of NTPC Ltd. for the establishment of the main plant package of the 3x800 MW Telangana Stage-II supercritical thermal power plant. Under the contract, BHEL's scope of work includes design, engineering, manufacturing, supply, erection, commissioning, & civil construction. At present, BHEL has received a Limited Notice to Proceed from NTPC for initiating the basic engineering work.

SRM The SRMJEEE 2025 for admission to B.Tech and Integrated M.Tech programmes of SRM Institute of Science and Technology - SRMIST (Kattankulathur, Ramapuram, Delhi-NCR Campus - Ghaziabad (UP), Vadapalani and Tiruchirappalli), SRM University - Soaneapat & SRM University - Andhra Pradesh will be conducted in three phases during the months of April, June & July 2025. The applications for SRMJEEE are available online from 12.11.24 (11.30 a.m.).

EVENT—NTPC
Manohar Lal, the Union Minister of Power & Housing & Urban Affairs congratulated NTPC for its unparalleled contribution to the Indian power sector over the past five decades. Gracing the 50-year celebration at Bharat Mandapam in the presence of Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power), Gurdeep Singh, CMD (NTPC) & R K Chaudhary, CMD (NHPC), the Minister released NTPC's coffee table book, Samathvam, which chronicles the rich history of NTPC.

CAMPAIGN—MMTC
In compliance with CVC's directions & with a focus on raising awareness while re-affirming the commitment to uphold integrity in public governance, a 3-months campaign was undertaken on different preventive vigilance measures, under the supervision of Anurag Prasad, Chief Vigilance Officer, in the State Trading Enterprises, namely MMTC, State Trading Corporation of India Ltd, PEC Limited and Export Import Council under Department of Commerce.

MOU—CISF
Sanrakshika - the CISF Wives Welfare Association - has entered into an MoU with Aditya Birla Education Trust (ABET) to provide counseling and support to CISF personnel and their families, to ensure their mental well-being and emotional health. The MoU was signed by Smt. Kanan Srivastava, Secretary Sanrakshika and Parveen Shaikh, President, Mpower (ABET) in the presence of Sanrakshika members.

INAUGURATION - NBT
CM of UP, Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the 3rd edition of the Gomti Book Festival, a nine-day celebration from 9 to 17 November, at the scenic Gomti Riverfront Park in Lucknow. Addressing the media, Dr. Roshan Jacob, IAS Divisional Commissioner appealed to the people of Lucknow to be part of the Gomti Book Festival, which is a unique convergence of art, literature and films.

CEREMONY - NDMC
The Lieutenant Governor, Delhi, Vinai Kumar Saxena administered the oath of faith and allegiance to the new team of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), led by Keshav Chandra as the Chairman and Kuljeet Chahal as the Vice-Chairperson with other nominated Members in a ceremony held in Delhi.

INAUGURATION — DIPR
Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Uttarakhand State Guest House, 'Uttarakhand Niwas' - constructed at a cost of about 120 cr or 52 lakhs. Uttarakhand Niwas incorporates the culture, folk art & architecture of the state. Uttarakhand Niwas bears the imprint of the unique art of Uttarakhand while providing better facilities to the guests coming from Uttarakhand.

ANCIENT ARTS FESTIVAL — IGNCA
8th International Ancient Arts Festival Symposium Exhibition was organised by Rays of Wisdom Society, supported by the Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with IGNCA. The three-day event aims to showcase the therapeutic aspects and commonalities shared by ancient cultures around the globe through dance, music and related arts. The exhibition was organised by the Founder, Curator, Artistic Director, and Convener: Dr. (H.C) Reela Hota, Odissi Danseuse, Founder, Rays of Wisdom Society.

CONVOCATION—NIFTEM-K
The 5th convocation of NIFTEM-K was held recently, with prominent dignitaries including Smt. Anita Praveen (Secretary, MoFPI), Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao (Chairman, BoG, NIFTEM-K), Minhaj Alam (Additional Secretary, MoFPI), Pankaj Agarwal (Managing Director, Haldiram), and Dr. H.S. Oberoi (Director, NIFTEM-K) in attendance. After a gap of two years, 764 students, including 408 B.Tech, 233 M.Tech, 84 MBA, and 39 PhD scholars, were awarded degrees.



ACQUISITION—POWERGRID
POWERGRID has successfully acquired 04 Project Special Purpose Vehicles to execute Inter-State Transmission Projects related to transmission of renewable energy. The SPVs, acquired through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding, include 'Khavda PS1 and 3 Transmission Limited', 'Barmer I Transmission Limited', acquired from the Bid Process Coordinator PFC Consulting Limited and the SPVs 'Bikaner A Power Transmission Limited', and 'Bikaner B Power Transmission Limited' acquired from the Bid Process Coordinator REC Power Development Consultancy Limited. These projects will support the integration and transmission of green energy across various states. All the four aforementioned projects are Inter-State Transmission System Projects and are to be commissioned in 24 months.

EVENT—NTPC
NTPC celebrated its 50th Raising Day recently. Gurdeep Singh, CMD hoisted the NTPC flag at the Engineering Office Complex (EOC) in Noida in the presence of Directors on the Board and senior officials. Employees from all locations joined the celebrations via video conferencing. During the occasion, CMD NTPC virtually launched the Hydrogen-fuel buses, which are set to operate in Leh. Additionally, he announced a major groundbreaking achievement - the successful synthesis of CO2 captured from flue gas with hydrogen produced from a PEM electrolyzer, which was then converted into methanol at NTPC's Vindhyachal plant.

NEW BRANCH—PUNJAB & SIND BANK
Punjab & Sind Bank opened a new branch at Leh (Ladakh), which was inaugurated by Swarup Kumar Saha, MD & CEO PSB in the presence of Dr. Safdar Ali (IRS), Director Accounts & Treasuries, Leh & Chaman Lal, FGM Punjab & Sind Bank. While inaugurating the branch, Saha said, "It is a matter of delight to reach this part and enhance financial accessibility in the region." True to its tagline, "where service is a way of life" the Bank continues to reach all regions of India to deliver the best of customer services and provide the right mix of banking products to the customers in order to meet their requirements. Further, the Bank has a special focus on promoting various Govt. schemes launched to reach each beneficiary to support Ladakh's economic growth and development. Dr. Safdar Ali also congratulated the Bank on the opening of the Branch and ATM and said, "It's a landmark step towards increasing ease of banking for people of Leh by reaching their doorsteps".

HONOUR—GAIL
Rakesh Kumar Jain, Director (Finance), GAIL has been honoured as Top 50 Visionary CFO in India at the National Economic Growth Summit 2024 organised here by Bharat 24 News. Jain received the honour for his exceptional leadership and contributions to GAIL's success over the years. Shri Jain is a Cost and Management Accountant by profession. He joined GAIL in 1992 as a Management Trainee and has been part of growth trajectory of the company. Prior to his appointment as Director (Finance), Shri Jain held the position of Executive Director (Finance & Accounts) in GAIL. Additionally, Shri Jain holds the position of Chairman in Indraprastha Gas Limited, GAIL Global (USA) Inc. & GAIL Global (USA) LNG LLC and Director in GAIL Gas Limited.

LECTURE —NITI
Lovraj Kumar Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Arvind Virmani, Member NITI Aayog, recently. Welcoming the delegates, Shyam Bang, the Secretary of Lovraj Kumar Memorial Trust, said that Lovraj Kumar, who worked for the GOI, was instrumental in the development of the hydrocarbon & petrochemical industry in India. Dr. Virmani spoke about 'A Vision of Viksit Bharat'. The GOI has set a target, to take the Indian economy to a level comparable to that of developed nations by the year 2047, when India completes 100 years of independence.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER
No 9424796P Rfn ROSHAN RAI 15 NOV
On this day No 9424796P Rfn Roshan Rai of 1/11 Gorkha Rifles (BATALIK) made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP RAKSHAK' (J&K) on 15 Nov 2006 in a true act of valour. The brave soldier will always be remembered for his raw courage and indomitable team spirit. To this brave heart we pledge that we shall always be guided by his immortal spirit and make his name proud.
CO AND ALL RANKS, 1/11 GORKHA RIFLES (BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE) (BATALIK)

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE
In response to rising militancy, the 14th Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Punjab for anti-terrorist operations. On 15th November 1991, while on escort duty through Shastri Bazaar, Amritsar, troops were ambushed by terrorists who detonated an IED and opened indiscriminate fire. The troops swiftly took positions and retaliated, though the terrorists managed to escape. HC Ramdev Dubey sustained severe injuries in the blast, yet continued to fight courageously alongside his fellow troopers, ultimately sacrificing his life for the nation. His gallantry remains a shining example of courage, leadership, and selfless devotion, upholding the finest traditions of the CRPF.

Shaheed Head Constable Muriidhar Mandal 05-08-1949 To 15-11-1991
Shaheed Lance Naik Silas Kujur 8 BN 14-04-1950 To 15-11-1991
Shaheed Constable Subhash Chand 8 BN 15-03-1956 To 15-11-1991

The 8th Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Punjab for anti-terrorist operations. On 15th November 1991, while conducting area domination, the troops were ambushed by terrorists who detonated an IED and unleashed indiscriminate gunfire. Despite severe injuries from the blast, HC Muriidhar Mandal, L/Nk Silas Kujur, and Constable Subhash Chand launched a fierce counterattack, forcing the terrorists to abandon their entrenched positions. Fighting valiantly till their last breath, these bravehearts laid down their lives for the nation. Their story of selfless sacrifice stands as a testament to their unparalleled bravery and commitment to duty.

BORDER SECURITY FORCE CT NASIB SINGH 02.04.1970 - 15.11.1992
Bordermen Brave and proudly remember today their salve comrade, who made supreme sacrifice while fighting militants in Sopore (J&K).

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No: 13/2024-25/KWA/PHC/TVLA(RT-4)
JIM- RWSS to Madapally-Design, Construction, trial running and Commissioning of 4.5mlrd water treatment plant at Nedumgadamally and allied works including O and M for 3 years. EMD: Rs. 200000 Tender Fee: 13010 Last Date for submitting Tender: 25-11-2024 02:00:pm Phone: 0469-2600162 Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer PH Circle Pathanamthitta
KWA-JB-GL-6-819-2024-25

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)
TENDER NOTICE
E-tender is invited for the supply of following item.
(1) 79478 - Epoxy/Polyurethane Based 11KV Termination & 1.1KV Straight/TEE Jointing Kits,
Re - invited e-tenders
(2) 79314, (3) 78103.
Note: For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
PRO/DMM/84/2024 GENERAL MANAGER

Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) Lenin Center, Gopurpet, Vijayawada - 520002 (A.P.RD)
E Procurement Short Tender Notice
APCRDA invites tenders for the following works.
Sl. No. NIT Number Name of Work
1 NIT No. 11MAJUS/ADMNSD/Vij/4/2024-IFR1, Dt.13.11.2024 Name of Work: "APCRDA - Improvements to the Water Supply in 7 villages (i.e. Borsupalem, Dondipadu & Pithchukalapalem, Ananthavaram, Inavoli, Rayavolu, & Kondamaraajupalem) and Construction of Baby Well in river, Connectivity from baby well to intake well and Foot bridge at Hancharandrapuram". Total No. of works - 5 Nos. Estimated Cost: Rs. 5,02,73,000/-
2 NIT No. 12MAJUS/ADMNSD/Vij/7/2024-HB, Dt.13.11.2024 Name of Work: "Augmentation of Drinking water supply in 07 villages of Thulur mandal i.e. Mandadam, Velagapudi, Malkapuram, Nelapadu, Nekkalu, Thullur, Sakhamuru" - Total No. of works - 7no's. Est Cost Rs. 5,73,00,000/-
3 NIT No. 13MAJUS/ADMNSD/Vij/9/2024-IFR1, Dt.13.11.2024 Name of Work: "Improvement of Drinking water supply in 9 villages (i.e., Undavalli, Penumaka, Krishnayapalem, Bethapudi, Nidamaru, Kuraganu, Nowluru, Yerrabalem, Neerukonda)." - Total No. of works - 09 no's Est Amount: Rs. 3,41,64,000/-
The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from 16.11.2024 to 30.11.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs. Due date for submission of Bid 30.11.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. Technical bid opening 30.11.2024 @16.00 Hrs. For further details please refer to www.apcrda.gov.in and www.cris.ap.gov.in **SO: Commissioner, APCRDA Vijayawada.**

UPSIDA U.P. State Industrial Development Authority
UPSIDA Complex, A-1/4, Lakhnapur, Kanpur-208024
Notice for Public Objection/Suggestion on partial amendment of Layout Plan of I.A. Salempur District-Hathras in which Industrial Plot No. 1 has been redesign and carved out 13 new Industrial Plots (Plot No. D-143 to D-155) of existing Industrial Area.
1 (a) The Layout Plan of Industrial Area Salempur District-Hathras of Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) situated in District Hathras has been prepared.
(b) A copy thereof will be available for inspection at the Regional Manager of the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority, Industrial Area, Sector-1, Tala Nagari, Ramghat Road, Aligarh, between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on all working days till the date mentioned in Para 3 hereafter as well as Website: www.onlineupsida.com
2 Objections and Suggestions are hereby invited with respect of the Draft partial amendment of Layout Plan.
3 Objections and Suggestions are shall be sent in writing to the office of Regional Manager, UPSIDA at Industrial Area, Sector-1, Tala Nagari, Ramghat Road, Aligarh, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice mentioning subject as "Regarding Public Objection / Suggestion on draft partial amendment in Layout Plan of Industrial Area Salempur District-Hathras". Any person making the Suggestions or Objections should also give his/her full name & address, Email id and contact number
(Regional Manager)
U.P. State Industrial Development Authority

UJVN LTD.
H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135 - 2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40191UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com
Letter No.1004 Corrigendum e-Tender (Re-tender) notice Dated 13.11.2024
Due to error in price bid excel sheet nit no 11/SPH/2024-25(2024_UJVN_77096_1) for, "Engagement of 04nos Skilled and 03 nos unskilled Manpower for Mechanical, Electrical, Generation, Testand Office for day-to-day basis work for a period of 11 months" at Sharda Power House, Lohiahead, Khatima Distt. Udhm Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand)" is hereby re-tender in e-procurement portals per details given below:
Last date of submitting of tender document online : 25-11-2024 up to 16:00 hrs
Due date for opening of tender No.-11/SPH/2024-25 : 28-11-2024 at 11:00 hrs
All other terms & conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged. For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>
Executive Engineer (M&G)
"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

PUBLIC NOTICE
Property No. 19 AVN, Analtas Western Greens, Rajokri, Delhi - 110038 is in illegal possession of State Bank of India. SBI had taken possession of the property under the SARFAESI Act, but never served the statutory notice u/s 13(2) and 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act to the daughter (Puja Airy) of the alleged deceased mortgagor Late B B Airy. This was a joint conspiracy of SBI and my brother Mr. Amit Airy. The matter related to this property is subject to the decision of the hon'ble court. SBI has issued Auction Notice in Times of India dt. 25.10.2024 which is misconstrued, malicious and deliberately hidden various legal cases against them for the subject property to misguide public at large.
Any person who shows interest in the said property, will have to bear it at his own risk.
Puja Airy Thareja, Tel. - 9289198345

THE DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE CENTRAL BANK LTD., BIDAR
Near Basaveshwar Circle Bidar-585 401 (Karnataka state),
Tel No: 08482-226402/227261/229417,
FAX No: 08482-225416, Email: dccbank_bdr@yahoo.co.in
AUCTION NOTICE:
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH AUCTION UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002
This is to bring notice to the general public that the described immovable charged properties of THE BIDAR SAKAKA SAKKARE KARKHANE LTD.(BSSO) HALKHIED (B), Tq.Halakhied, Dist.BIDAR, Karnataka (state) for the realization of bank's dues will be held the auction on -16-12-2024 "AS IS WHERE IS BUSES AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" for the recovery of dues mentioned in our Website. Authorized officer has decided to invite for auction of the immovable properties mentioned under SARFAESI ACT 2002. So, the interested Person/Bidders can Visit our Website: dccbhidar.in for details.
For More Details Contact:-9448320574 / 9481059383/944865638.
Place: Bidar
Date: 13.11.2024
Sd/-General Manager DCC Bank Ltd., Bidar
Sd/-Authorized Officer/C.E.O DCC Bank Ltd., Bidar
Sd/-President DCC Bank Ltd., Bidar

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE HALDWANI
Phone No. (05946) 255255, 255926, Ext. 4218, 4365, e-mail: Principal-gmchid-uk@gov.in
e-Tender Notice
The bids are invited through e-tendering system from original manufacturer or their authorized Dealers/Distributors under two bid systems for procurement of following equipments for State Cancer Institute under Government Medical College, Haldwani (Uttarakhand). The tender document containing Condition, detail, information, terms & condition etc. are available on website uktenders.gov.in. The bid document and the specification can be downloaded from the above site as per the following schedule:-
Tender Sl.No. Name of Equipments Date & Time For Downloading of Bids Last Date & Time For Uploading of Bids
(1) Complete Endourology Set (2) 16.11.2024 at 6:30 P.M Onwards (IST) (3) 07.12.2024 Upto 12:30 P.M (IST)
(11) Laproscopic Set-High Definition
All the amendments/Corrigendum etc. will be issued in the Website relating to the above tenders. For further details please log on to uktenders.gov.in
Note:-The Pre-Bid Conference for the above tenders to be held on 21.11.2024 at 4:00 P.M Onwards with the prospective bidders at Government Medical College, Haldwani-263139, Distt.- Nainital (Uttarakhand)
Advt. No: 346 / Medical Equipments/GMC/Purchase/November, 2024
Principal

U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.
E-Tender Notice
Online e-Bids are invited for "Supply of 19 No. 245 kV Capacitor Voltage Transformer" against Tender Specification No. ESD-8/216. E-tender uploaded on 14.11.2024 on <https://etender.up.nic.in>. EMD for the tender is Rs. 0.33 Lacs and tender Fee of Rs. 1770.00 will be deposited through RTGS/NEFT. Last date for submission of tender is 12.12.2024 at 12:00 Hrs and opening of part-1 is 13.12.2024 at 16:00 Hrs. Total Quantity, tender specification and other terms and conditions is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Undersigned reserve the right to cancel the e-Bids without assigning any reason./ Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Superintending Engineer, Electy, 765/400kV SDC, 11th floor, Shakti Bhawan Extn. lucknow. सं. - /इ.एस.डी. -8/216/1/दिनांक: 14 नवम्बर, 2024

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) Sankaramangalam Kollam 691583
Phone: 0476-2651215 to 217 E-Mail cm@kmmll.com
TENDER NOTICE
For more details please visit the E-tendering Portal: <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmmll.com
No. Tender ID Items
1 2024_KMML_701673_1 For the supply of Class Brick Acid Resistant
2 2024_KMML_703270_1 For the supply of Seal Leaf for Rotary Kiln
3 2024_KMML_703644_1 For fabrication & supply of FRP panels for Filtrate Thickener
4 2024_KMML_705077_1 Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of DCS for Acid Regeneration Plant (ARP) on turnkey basis
5 2024_KMML_705004_1 For fabrication & supply of sodium Aluminate tank F555 (FRP-Bisphenol)
Chavara 14.11.2024 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD.
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijaya Nagar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001
Corporate Identity No. U40109UP2001SGC0258772359
Telephone: (0135)2763672-76, Website: www.uktenders.gov.in
No. 616/EE(cm)/UPCLA-2 Date : 14/11/2024
CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE
This office e-tender specification no. CCP-II/13/2024-2025 invited previously for supply of 750 Nos. 11kV Tri-Vector Meters is hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00 hrs of 25.11.2024. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 26.11.2024 at 15:30 hrs.
Other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in.
Superintending Engineer Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)
SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION. Use LED Bulb, Save Electricity (Toll Free No. 1912) "Pay Electricity bill online 24x7 from www.upcl.org". (For information on Electricity theft, informer may report to Toll free No 18001804185/ Fax No 0135-2760911)

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)
BESCOM invites tenders through KPP Portal against Enquiry No. BESCOM/2024-25/IND0076/CALL-2 for Procurement of CT&PT Test Benches for MT Divisions BMASZ, BRAZ and CTA Z. The tender documents can be obtained through KPP portal from the tendering website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 22.11.2024. Aspiring bidders need to register on e-procurement portal. Further, Bidders can take assistance with KPP Portal helpdesk 080-25501216, 080-25501227.
Sd/-
For Electricity related complaints call: 1912 General Manager, (Ele.), Meter & Commercial, Download BESCOM Mitra Mobile APP K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 001.

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40191UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com
Letter No: 1010 Tender Notice Date: 14/11/2024
Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
(1) Tender No: 28/EE(Civil)/MB-II/Chinyalisaur/2024-25
(2) Tender No: 29/EE(Civil)/MB-II/Chinyalisaur/2024-25
(1) Name of work: Annual supply of Stationary items at the office of EE (Civil), MB-II, Chinyalisaur, Uttarkashi.
(2) Name of work: Development of Volleyball ground and other associated works at Shaktipuram colony, MB-II, Chinyalisaur, Uttarkashi.
1. Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,48,000.00 (excluding GST)
2. Estimated Cost: Rs. 8,46,824.00 (excluding GST)
Date of availability of bid document on website: 16.11.2024 from 5:00PM
Last date for submission of tender: 07.12.2024 upto 11:00AM
For fuller & further detail, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be download from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"
Executive Engineer (Civil), MB-II, Chinyalisaur.
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

Classifieds

PERSONAL

My name is written as VISHWA DEEPAK S/O, Shri JAGDISH PRASAD in some documents and VISHWA DEEPAK BAMOLA, S/O-Shri JAGDISH PRASAD BAMOLA in some documents. In future, I will be known as VISHWA DEEPAK BAMOLA, S/O-Shri JAGDISH PRASAD BAMOLA.

It is for general information that I, Nimisha Saxena W/o-Late Shri Rajesh Saxena R/O-Flat No.76, Unique Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, North-West-Delhi, Delhi-110085, declare that name of my minor daughter has been wrongly written as Tripti in my minor daughter name Tripti Saxena aged-14 year in her school record. The actual name of my minor daughter is Tripti Saxena which may be amended accordingly.

It is for general information that I, AISHWARYA SATHEESH, D/o-Satheesh, R/O, B-32, Aanand Gram Tahipur Jhilmil-East, Delhi-110095, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Aishwarya k s in my 10th-class and 12th-class marksheet cum certificate educational documents. The actual name of mine is Aishwarya Satheesh, which may be amended accordingly.

I, hitherto known as HARVINDER SINGH, S/o Late Shri Amrik Singh, R/O S-493, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi-110048, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HARVINDER SANGLA. I have complied with all legal formalities in this connection.

I, hitherto known as DAISY SINGH, W/o Shri Vinay Preet Singh, R/O S-493, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi-110048, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DAISY KAUR. I have complied with all legal formalities in this connection.

I, IWAKIL S/O NANE KHAN R/O H No-402, Gali No-7, KARDAM PURI SHAHDARA SHER PUR DELHI-110094, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD WAKIL.

I, VANI HANDA W/O RAJAT SEHGAL R/O HNO-1/8, ROAD NO.1, PUNJABI BAGH EXTENSION, DELHI-110026, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VANI SEHGAL.

I, Upasna D/o Mr. Ashok Kumar Mishra, R/O B-114, Ground Floor, Gate No.3, Freedom Fighter Enclave, IGNOU Road, Neb Sarai, Saket, New Delhi-110068, have changed my name from Upasna to Upasna Ashok, for all future purposes.

I, Tanishq, S/O-Lalit Arora R/O-A-502, Tower Heights Apartment, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Tanishq Arora.

I, Sunil Kumar Lohchab S/O Bhagat Singh R/O H.No.648, Bupania, Jhajjar (Haryana)-124507, have changed my name to Sunil Kumar.

I, SURAJ S/O-AMAR SINGH, H.NO.11, GOKUL-DHAM SOCIETY SEC-3 VTC, BALLABGARH FARDABAD HARYANA-121004 have changed my name to SURAJ SINGH, for all future purposes.

I, VEERU S/O DEVI DEEN R/O WZ-825A, Naraina Village, South West Delhi, Delhi-110028, have changed my name to RADHA KRISHN.

I, SUNITA DEVI W/O OM DUTT R/O NEAR SANSKRIT SCHOOL, INDRA COLONY, LIWASPUR, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131001. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUNITA.

I, Prashant S/O Sh. Harsh Wardhan data R/O H.No.344 Model Town Rewari (Haryana)-123401, have changed my name to Prashant data.

I, PEEYUSH KUMAR S/O, OM PRAKASH R/O-840, OLD AVAS-VIKAS WARD, NO-3, KASHI-PUR, UDHAM SINGH NAGAR UTTARAKHAND-244713, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PIYUSH KUMAR SHRIVASTAVA.

I, OM DUTT KAUSHIK S/O PARAS RAM R/O NEAR SANSKRIT SCHOOL, INDRA COLONY, LIWASPUR, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131001. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO OM DUTT.

I, Mahesh Kumar S/O Narsingh Dass R/O 108, Pragatisheel Appt Sector-9, Rohini Delhi-85, have changed my name to Mahesh Chhabra.

I, Lalit Kumar, S/O-Shri OP Arora, R/O-A-502, Tower Heights Apartment, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Lalit Arora D.O.B 23/10/1972.

I, JAI SINGH, S/O, SHIV RAJ SINGH, R/O-OM VATIKA COLONY, DADRI, GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-203207, have changed my name to JAY SINGH.

I, Vijendra Kumar S/O Sh. Kamal Singh R/O Flat No.102, F-8/F-13A, Gali No.28, Madhu Vihar, Delhi-110092 have changed the name of my minor son from Jaivardhan to Jaivardhan Arya for all purposes.

I, Indranath Oraon, R/O F-2/324, Sultan Puri, Delhi-86. Inform That in my daughter's birth Certificate MCDOLR10155395, My & my wife name wrongly mentioned & my daughter's Gender too wrong, now it is corrected. correct are Indranath Oraon, Pramila Oraon & Female.

I, Geeta Devi W/O Naresh, R/O A-182, Children Park, Near Rajendra Park, Vishnu Garden, Gurgaon, (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Geeta.

I, Asha Kamal W/o Asif, R/O 7461 Gali Choti Masjid, Qasab Pura, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to SADAF, for all future purposes.

I, Zaili Ahmad S/O Mohd Rajjan R/O Prop no-1067-F/3 GF, Ward No-7, Mehrauli South Delhi-110030, have changed my name to Zakir Ahmad for all future purposes

I, Vijay Laxmi Aggarwal, W/O N. K. Agrawal R/O A-174, Surajmal Vihar, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Laxmi Aggarwal

I, Venkatesh Singh, R/O-F, 4603 Aalok Vihar-1, Sector-50, Noida, Distt-Gautam Budha, Nagar Uttar, Pradesh-201301, have changed my daughter's name from Akshara Singh Raikwar to Akshara Singh, for all future purposes

I, TINA KANDA, W/O UDIT SAWHNEY, R/O 65, SANDESH VIHAR, PITAMPURA, SARASWATI VIHAR, NORTH WEST DELHI-110034, have changed my name to TINA SAWHNEY for all future purposes.

I, Sunita Kumari W/o Manishi Krishna R/O 68A, 4th-Floor, Flat-No-10, Bhawani Kunj, Vasant Kunj, Delhi-110070 have changed my name to Sunita Krishna.

I, Archana Punia Alias Archana Punia Alias Archana Punia Singh W/O Ravji Singh D/O Daryya Singh Punia R/O C-342 Veer Awas Sector 18A, Dwarka, Delhi-110075 have changed my name to Archana Punia Singh for all purposes.

I, Sharmila Ganesh, W/O No.1486901P, N.K. Ganesh C, R/O 3/9, Subrayan Street, V.P.O. Permalpet, Tehsil Yanam Badli, Distt. Vellore, Tamil Nadu-635751, have changed my name from Sharmila Ganesh to Sharmila, vide affidavit dated 14-Nov-2024, before Notary Public, Delhi

I, Sangey Norbu Army no-4371041-L, Rank Hav, S/O Tashi Tsewang R/O 2nd Arunachal Scouts BN. Bomdila, PO/PS:Bomdila Arunachal Pradesh declare that in the army record, name of my Daughter's has been written as Tenzin Tsomu Khom which is wrong. Correct name of my Daughter's is Tenzin Tsomu Khum Date-21.09.2024

I, Roli Sinha D/O Krishana Kumar Sinha R/O DDA Flat No. 330, 5th Floor, Mount Kailash Tower-1, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 confirm that Roli Sinha and Roli Sabharwal both are the name of the same person. I have changed my name from Roli Sabharwal to Roli Sinha for all future purposes.

I, PAWAN KUMAR, S/O PURAN PRAKASH, R/O Q-1 BLOCK Q, WEST PATEL NAGAR, PATEL NAGAR, CENTRAL DELHI, DELHI-110008, have changed my name to PAWAN KUMAR MANCHANDA for all future purposes

I, Ombir Sineh S/O Gopi Chand, R/O RZ-D-90, Maksodabad Colony, Najafgarh, South West Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Ombir Singh.

I, Nidhi W/o-Ishan Gupta R/O-C-10, G.F., Prashant Vihar, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Nidhi Bansal Gupta for all purposes.

I, NAGI REDDY PRASANNA spouse of N SIVA SANKARA REDDY resident of H.No. 98/62, Village. Bugga Agraharam, P.O. Mamilla Palli, Mandal. Chintakomma Dinne, Distt. Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh-516003, have changed my name from NAGI REDDY PRASANNA to NAGIREDDY PRASANNA vide Affidavit dated -12-Nov-24

I, Kiran Sharma w/o Late Anil Sharma R/O 1/15, Block-1, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi-110060 have changed my name to Kiran Bakshi for all purposes.

I, Kanwal Rakesh Sabharwal S/o Nathu Ram Sabharwal R/O E-7 Greater Kailash, New Delhi-110048 confirm that Kanwar Rakesh and Kanwal Rakesh Sabharwal both are the names of the same person. I have changed my name from Kanwar Rakesh to Kanwal Rakesh Sabharwal for all future purposes.

I, D. Premavathy alias Prema Dhanasekaran D/O Thulasi, R/O Plot 177, 7th Street, Malleswari Nagar, Madhambakkam, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu-600126, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as D. Premasekaran

I, Awanesh S/O Huri Parkash R/O Badshahpur, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122101, have changed my name to Avnesh Tyagi.

I, Bimla, W/o Dan Singh, D/o Bagh Singh, R/O C-1/27A, Gali No.18, Khajoori Khas, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Vimla for all future purposes.

I, Ashabai Sudhakar Chanwal, W/o No.14842210Y, Hav. Pardeshi Dharm Singh Sham Lal, R/O V.P.O. Rangar Gali, Tehsil Pachora, Distt. Jalgaon, Maharashtra-424201, have changed my name from Ashabai Sudhakar Chanwal to Ashabai Dharamsingh Pardeshi, vide affidavit dated 14-Nov-2024, before Notary Public, Delhi

I, Anju Agrawala W/o Sh. Bajrang Lal Agrawala, R/O House no.-39 B, Block AN, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, do solemnly declare vide affidavit certificate no. IN-DL748644235642W dated 22-10-2024 that I am known by three names viz Anju Agrawala, Anju Rani Agrawala and Anju Rani Gupta and All these names belong to me.

I, Vijendra Kumar S/o Sh. Kamal Singh R/O Flat No.102, F-8/F-13A, Gali No.28, Madhu Vihar, Delhi-110092 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Noopur Sirohi to Noopur Arya for all purposes.

I, TARUN S/O LAXMAN SINGH R/O-E-16/149 BAPA NAGAR KAROL BAGH DELHI-110005 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TARUN KHORWAL

I Sukrem Pal Singh S/o Sh.Sohanbir Singh R/O 45C, CB1 Colony, Near PVR Cinemas, Vasant Vihar, Vasant Vihar-1, South West Delhi, Delhi-110057 have changed my name to Sukram Pal Singh for all purposes.

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LOST & FOUND

I, Kanishka Joshi R/O E130, SL-2, Sec. 56, Gurgaon 122011 have lost my C/Scs. original mark sheets of 1st & 2nd Sem. list year & transcript of all semesters. If found contact 9212171273

I, Mr. Ravindra Joshi S/o Mr. Devendra Datt Joshi has to inform that I have misplaced the Original Share Certificate of Flat No.120, Engineers Estate, Plot No.21, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 and is not traceable by my best efforts.

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This is to inform the public at large that my client Kiran Singh S/o Lt. Ran Chander aged about 61 years, and his wife Shri. Ravi Kaur, R/O House No. 2036 Khosla No-44/4, Gali No-2A B-Block, Baba colony Barai Delhi-110084 have cut off their family relations and have disowned their son Lalit Kumar and his daughter in law Mahima Bhatti from their movable and immovable properties due to their disobedient and quarrelsome nature and interfering in the peaceful life of my client and my client will not be responsible for any liabilities of Lalit Kumar and Daughter in Law Mahima Bhatti in any manner.

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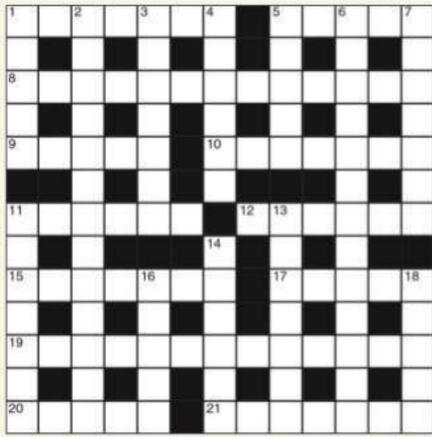
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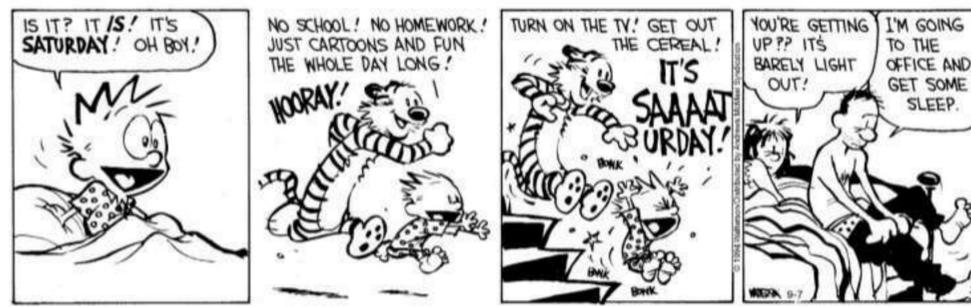
- ACROSS**
- Urchin learning to beg (7)
 - 5 A wire 200 yards long (5)
 - 8 Is acclaimed and departs slamming the door (4,4,1,4)
 - 9 Demand and get payment absolutely right (5)
 - 10 He chooses to do his duty in a democratic way (7)
 - 11 Oral tests in European subjects (6)
 - 12 Slightly sensitive? (6)
 - 15 Fighter turns to drama (7)
 - 17 Be aware it shows sound judgment (5)
 - 19 Undermine one's boss but give no indication (5,4,4)
 - 20 Different route further from the centre (5)
 - 21 A training habit we shed tears about (7)
- DOWN**
- 1 It's unique without second fireplace (5)
 - 2 Resolute drama students are (8,2,3)
 - 3 Looking out for a situation for the hands? (2,5)
 - 4 Among the bravest heroines in the Old Testament (6)
 - 5 Many go mad with desire (5)
 - 6 Its result should be seen as the fairest (6,7)
 - 7 Arrange a gay reel with zest (7)
 - 11 Gets as far as waking up? (5,2)
 - 13 Verbose sort of notice (7)
 - 14 They may be all in a quiver (6)
 - 16 Gloomy depression's beginning to lift (5)
 - 18 Sort of wine of earlier vintage? (5)

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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. The ___ talked of is less ___ from the moment words are laid to it. - Storm Jameson (10, 10) (same word twice)

MVEIO:

IPRYLM:

SYISS:

AHTYBP:

Solution: MOVIE, Sissy, Primly, Bpalth

Difficulty Level 4s

INSTRUCTIONS
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

SUDOKU 5775

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8	4			2	7			
	2				9			
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 5774

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/ AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	THE ROHTAK COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	2024_HBC_405568_1	DATE EXTENDED OF TENDER ID 2024_HBC_405568_1 UPTO 23.11.2024 TILL 11.00 A.M. AND OPENING OF TENDER ON 25.11.2024 AT 11.30 A.M.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in vitaindia.org.in	9996577829 vitarotak@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.tenders.hry.nic.in No- 303001HR

REGIONAL OFFICE: Bank of Baroda, First Floor, Diamond Complex, Dilli More, Darbhanga-846004 Cont. No. 8969513429, Website: www.bankofbaroda.com

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 Authorised Officer of the BANK OF BARODA under the Securitisation 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 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the 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/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF BARODA for the amount stated herein below and further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

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 / Guarantors & Description of Immovable Properties

Branch / Name of Borrowers/ Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession / Amount Outstanding	Description of the properties
Branch: Saharsa Branch M/s Vishwarkarma Enterprises Prop- Mr. Sagar Roy Date of Demand Notice: 30.08.2024 Date of Possession: 13.11.2024 Amt: ₹24,96,749.91/- (Rupees Twenty Four lakh Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine and Ninety One paise only) as on 29.02.2024 (interest included up to 29.02.2024) together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges & expenses till date of payment	Simple/Registered Mortgage of residential Property 1. Total Area -16 Dhur. Name of Title holder: Sagar Roy, Situated at : Simple/Registered Mortgage of residential Property situated at Saharsa, District-Saharsa, bearing Jamabandi No=317, Under Mouza-Saharsa, Thana No-189, Khata-1547(O), 253(N), Khesra-2117(O), 151(N), Area-16 Dhur along with constructed house property having boundaries of said property are as under Boundary: N-Vijay Kumar Singh, S- Sushil Roy and Promod Roy, E-Baidyanath Singh, W- Mission Road.

Date : 13.11.2024
Place : Saharsa
Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

Army Institute of Technology

Dighi Hills, Pune - 411 015
Tender Enquiry
Refer www.aitpune.com for details
email: project@aitpune.edu.in, Tele: 7249250184/185

Sr No.	Description	Qty	Tender Fee	EMD	Last Date
a)	Procurement of Desktop Computers for ME Computer Lab	Nos 1,000/-	15,000/- (DD)	25,000/- (DD)	03 Dec 2024

मध्यप्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड

पर्यावरण परिसर, ई-5, अरेरा कॉलोनी, भोपाल-16
फोन : (0755) 2466191, ई-मेल : pur_mppcb15@rediffmail.com
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म.प्र. माध्यम/117361/2024

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Open E-Tender Notice
NER-LJN-2024-125

On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager/Engineering, North Eastern Railway, Lucknow, invites online tender for the following work, detail of which is as given below:

1. E-Tender No. NER-LJN-2024-125. Name of Work : Bakshi ka talab - Provision of line no-4 with rail level Goods platform at Bakshi ka Talab station in Aishbagh-Sitapur section. Estimated cost (Rs.) : 41634818.19, Earnest Money (Rs.) : 358200.00, Completion Period : 12 months.

1. The tender, for the above tender number NER-LJN-2024-125 can be uploaded up to 15:00 hrs. On 04-12-2024 and this tender will be opened after 15:00 hrs on the same day. 2. All the information related minimum qualification, complete details of terms and conditions of the above tender is available on North Eastern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. Tender should read the corrigendum (if any) available on the website related to the tender information before uploading the tender form and be sure to take into consideration as well.

Div. Railway Manager (Engg.) Lucknow CPRO/W - 302

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Spare a little time for pleasure and self-indulgence, if only as a break from worldly stress. A cultural outing could prove a useful distraction, but low-brow diversions will do the job just as well. What you really need is to be taken out of yourself.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

'Home is where the heart is' is a saying particularly applicable to you. You are going to have to realise, though, that, as much as you wish everything could be perfect, partners may have other ideas. They might also have some useful criticisms to make.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Remarkable opportunities to enhance your reputation are still in the air, although you may have more trouble bringing them to fulfilment. The key to the present time is never to force delicate issues. Instead you should wait until partners are ready to speak.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There will be a time when you will be able to look back on current developments and laugh. In fact, you would do yourself some good if you could smile at whatever is happening now. A good sense of humour could save your life! And it will certainly save you money.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Not everything has been revealed. Although you may say that you have come to terms with alterations and personal adjustments, I doubt whether you are in possession of the full facts. You deserve a good break, but you may have to wait a little longer.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

On no account should you get involved in any sort of intrigue, especially if it means going behind a relation's back. It must be stressed that this is not a time to settle old scores, not unless you are prepared to take on much more than you can handle.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You seem to go to pieces when your emotional life becomes complicated, but it will help to consider the issues carefully and logically. For a start, you could seriously consider the virtues of boosting your self-confidence in countless little ways.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Yet another tough planetary alignment is on its way, so the emotional temperature is likely to remain high. Remember that your sign has powerful healing qualities, which means that you can bring peace before war.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

Planetary influences indicate that you are still experiencing uncertainty; but look deeper and you'll see that your spiritual and mystical self is stirring. It's time to renew your quest for personal meaning, looking within for the answers to questions you've ignored.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

It's not difficult for you to cut a dash. You may be inclined to complain about your lot but, to be perfectly honest, the amount you have gone through over the past few years has given you more maturity than you may recognise.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

There is probably no let-up in the arguments over joint financial arrangements, but it is useful to clear the air. Career changes are looking very auspicious, so do press ahead. It seems likely that an old social contact may provide the quickest route to a new job or responsibility.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Travel stars are still strong and it seems inevitable that an overseas contact will be strengthened or transformed. Develop your mystical tendencies as well, and make the quality of life your priority. After all, what is the good of getting your way if you don't enjoy it?

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road Bengaluru - 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No.IADB/ENGG/PMC/EPTND-EP-10/529/2024-25 Date: 14.11.2024

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PROVIDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES.

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tenders under Quality Based Consultancy System (QCBS) as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Consulting Firms under two cover system for the following works:

Name of the works : 1) Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of 10 MLD Tertiary Treatment Plant near Bidadi at Byramangala Lake on Krishnabhadra river for supplying to Bidadi, Shanamangala & Harohalli Industrial Areas, including Operation and Maintenance for a period of 10 years. (3rd call). 2) Providing Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of formation of industrial layout at Japanese Industrial Park (General Industrial Area), Vasanthanarasapura Industrial, III Phase, Tumakuru District. (3rd Call).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **28.11.2024 upto 4.30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPRI/CP/3224/Zen/2024-25

REGIONAL OFFICE, PATNA, 1st Floor, Hotel Satkar Premises, Dak Banglow Chauraha, Frazer Road, Patna-800001, Cont No. 0612-2223935, Website: www.bankofbaroda.com

NOTICE

(Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act))

In respect of loan availed by below mentioned Borrower through Bank of Baroda, Danapur Branch, Patna which has become NPA on 29.05.2024 with below mentioned balance outstanding of dates mentioned below. We have already issued detailed demand notice dated 05.11.2024 mentioned below under section 13(2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by registered post with acknowledgment due to you, which has been returned undelivered/due to not accepted by borrower. We have indicated our intension of taking possession of hypothecated securities and Mortgaged Property Owned by following Borrower/Guarantors as per section 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay amount mentioned below within 60 days Details are hereunder.

Name & address of Borrowers/Guarantor	Demand Notice Date (₹) Outstanding Amount as on 04.11.2024 (inclusive of interest upto 04.11.2024)	Security agreement with brief description of securities
Borrower: Mr. Ranjan Deshmukh S/o Rajkumar Yadav, Vill Dighwa Maha Deopur, PO-Bhadhaura, PS-Masaurhi, Patna, Bihar-804452 Branch: Danapur Branch, Patna.	Demand Notice Date 05.11.2024 Rs. 2565412.95/- (Rupees Twenty five lac sixty five thousand four hundred twelve and ninety five paise only) + interest and other charges	Equitable mortgage of the property situated at Thana No.41, Khata No.153, Survey Plot No.915, Mouza- Dharhara, Thana Punpun, District Patna within the jurisdiction of Sub Registry Office Masaurhi, Admeasuring 6.25 Decimal in the name of Mr. Ranjan Deshmukh. Boundary Description: East-Vinay Kumar, West-Niz Vendor, North-Shayak Road, South-Vijay Singh. CERSAI ID:- 400059783538

You are all advised the above demand notice letter dtd 05.11.2024 send to you through postal authority by authorised officer of Bank of Baroda, Danapur Branch, Patna. (1) Please collect the notice copy from bank for more and complete details. (2) Please pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs etc. as mentioned in above within 60 days from the date of notice publication referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act.

Place : Patna
Date : 05.11.2024

Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

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