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## Uddhav resigns ahead of floor test, **BJP set to return with Sena rebels**

Numbers not on his side, bows out in public address via Facebook

ZEESHAN SHAIKH, VALLABHOZARKAR& **SADAF MODAK** MUMBAI, JUNE 29

OUTNUMBERED AFTER a rebellion in his own party and realising he will not be able to prove majority on the floor of the Assembly, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray resigned Wednesday night, shortly after the Supreme Court declined to stay a floor test called Thursday by Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

His resignation as CM and MLC, which he announced in a Facebook address to the public, brought to an end the 31month-old rule of the MVA and set the stage for the return of a CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Uddhav fate sealed after SC declined to stay Governor floor test direction

Wednesday. Ganesh Shirsekar

**ANANTHAKRISHNAN G** NEW DELHI, JUNE 29

Uddhav Thackeray after submitting his resignation on

SEALING THE fate of Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackerav and his ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition, the Supreme Court Wednesday

declined to stay the floor test that Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari had asked Uddhav to take Thursday to prove his majority.

Shortly after the Supreme

Court decision, Uddhav resigned as Chief Minister, bringing to an end the MVA rule.

The Uddhav faction of the

Shiv Sena had gone to the top court against the Governor's direction for a floor test. The Sena rebel faction led by Eknath Shinde joined the courtroom battle, pressing for an immedi-

future

THERE'S A big question

mark on the future of the

Sena and the Thackerays.

The Sena split at the top

appears to be complete

but it remains to be seen

how it plays out on the

ground, now and in the

foreseeable future.

The vacation bench of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

### As workers celebrate, BJP meets to decide on action plan



Devendra Fadnavis and Chandrakant Patil during a party meeting. PTI

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE& **YOGESH NAIK** 

MUMBAI, JUNE 29

THE BJP is set to stake claim for formation of the new government in Maharashtra, as Uddhav Thackeray announced his resignation as the chief minister during a Facebook live address on Wednesday night.

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## One of two who killed tailor in Udaipur has Pakistan links: DGP

Accused visited Dawat-e-Islami office in Pakistan, say police

**HAMZAKHAN&** DEEPTIMANTIWARY JAIPUR, NEW DELHI, JUNE 29





Kanhaiya Lal's wife Yashoda in Udaipur. PTI

"for the last 2-3 years". Director General of Police M L

Lather said Ghouse had gone to visit the office of Dawat-e-Islami in Karachi. The DeL is a Sunni

#### At least 12 states say continue GST compensation, no decision taken

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AT LEAST A dozen states demanded that compensation for losses due to implementation of the Goods and Services Tax be extended at the GST Council on Wednesday, but the two-day

meeting concluded without any decision on the issue. States were guaranteed compensation for five years till June 2022 at a compounded rate of 14 per cent (with 2015-16 as the base year) to make up for any losses due to the new tax regime that rolled out in July 2017.

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### **FROM PAGE ONE**

#### **Uddhav** resigns

BIP-led government. Former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis hopes to be back in power with the help of 39 Shiv Sena rebel MLAs led by Eknath Shinde, independents and legislators of smaller parties.

"I have no regrets about leaving the CM's chair. Whatever I did, I did for the Marathi people and Hindutva. Today, in front of everyone, I am announcing my resignation as CM of the state," Uddhav said in a speech that lasted 15 minutes. He said he was also resigning as MLC.

Before bowing out, he said he was happy to fulfil his father's wish of renaming Aurangabad and Osmanabad. "Today, there was a cabinet meeting and I am satisfied that my life's wish has been fulfilled. The initial idea of renaming Aurangabad, mooted by Shiy Sena chief Balasaheb Thackeray, has been fulfilled and we have renamed it as Sambhaji Nagar. We have also renamed Osmanabad as Dharashiv," he

"I was happy over the renaming of Aurangabad. I, however, felt sad that when this resolution was passed, only four Sena ministers were present -- me, (son) Aaditya, Subhash Desai and Anil Parab. All the other Sena ministers, who should have been here, were absent and you know the reason why. When we presented the renaming resolution, the Congress or NCP did not oppose it. I would like to thank them. Those who should have done this earlier stayed away while those who we thought would oppose this, stayed with us," he said.

He thanked NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and their parties for the

To the public, he said, "You gave me a lot of love, you listened to my advice. In these times, there have been a lot of communal riots in the country, but there were no riots in Maharashtra because of you, my sensible citizens of Maharashtra. There were also riots over the CAA and NRC. but there were no riots in the state. Muslims also listened to it, it

Slamming the rebel MLAs, Uddhay said those bestowed with important positions by the party had betrayed the Sena.

"The Sena made common men, people who drove rickshaws, ran small shops as corporators, MLAs, MPs and ministers. These people have now become big. Those who were given every thing by the party are now saying they are angry while common Sainiks, who have not received anything in the past, are today strongly standing behind

the party," he said. He took a swipe at Governor Koshyari: "I also want to thank the Governor that he upheld the values of democracy. Within 24 hours of receiving a letter for a floor test, the Governor gave directions for it. I want to remind

Governor that the same respect for the values of democracy should also be shown for a decision pending with him for over one-and-half years regarding approval of the nomination of 12 members of the Legislative Council. If that list is accepted expeditiously even now, we will continue to respect you."

He said the Congress and NCP remained committed to the idea of the MVA and backed the Shiv

"The important issue is that there was constant talk that some may betray this alliance but they remained with us. Even today, after the cabinet meeting. Ashok Chavan told me that if your people are angry about the NCP and Congress being part of the Maha Vikas Aghadi, we are ready to exit and give outside support to the government," he

He said security had been increased in Mumbai at the behest of the Central government and notices were being served to Shiv

Sean workers. "Today, bandobast has increased in Mumbai on the instructions of the Central government. Many Shiv Sainiks have been given prohibitory orders, CRPF has been called, the military too may be called," he said.

He appealed to the Sena workers not to hinder the movements of the rebel MLA when they reach Mumbai Thursday.

"I want to assure the MLAs that Shiv Sainiks will not come in your way when you go for the swearing-in ceremony. A floor test is scheduled for tomorrow. There will be a count of how many MLAs MVA has, how many BJP has. Why should heads only be used for a headcount? Should they not be used to get work done? This is the unfortunate aspect of democracy that heads are only used to count who has the majority. I am not interested in this," he said.

"They (BJP) wish to celebrate that they made Shiv Sena pramukh Balasaheb Thackeray's son step down from the CM post and took power from the Shiv Sena. We cannot snatch that happiness from them and we should not do it. Hence, I am appealing to all Shiv Sainiks not to get in their

Earlier, in the evening, as lawvers of the Sena factions were battling it out in the Supreme Court, Uddhay thanked his cabinet colleagues for their support over the last two-and-a-half years and apologised for the "betraval" by his colleagues. He also told some cabinet colleagues that if the Supreme Court were to order in favour of the floor test, he may resign ahead of the vote.

A source who attended the meeting quoted Uddhav saying "My colleagues have betrayed me. I apologise for this. This was unexpected. We did a new experiment in the country and parties of different views came together. We did not just speak, but came together and showed. We didn't realise how these twoand-half years passed. Our relations will continue and I will pray for this. Governments come and go. In politics, there is conflict. I don't know whether the floor test will happen. If I have hurt anyone, please forgive me."

He walked out of the cabinet meeting with folded hands with son Aaditya by his side.

#### Uddhay tate

Justices Surya Kant and J D Pardiwala, after a lengthy hearing on the petition by Sena Legislature Party Chief Whip Sunil Prabhu, said, "Having given our thoughtful consideration to the rival submissions: (i) We do not find any ground to stay convening of the Special Session of the Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha on 30-.6-.2022, i.e, tomorrow at 11.00 a.m. with the only agenda of a trust vote; (ii) The proceedings of the trust vote to be convened on 30-.6-.2022 shall be subject to the final outcome of the instant Writ Petition as well as the Writ Petitions referred to above; (iii) the Special Session of the Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha shall be conducted in accordance with the directions as contained in the communication... of the

Governor of Maharashtra." The bench also allowed NCP legislators Nawab Malik and Anil Deshmukh, who are in custody, to participate in the Vidhan

Sabha session. Appearing for Prabhu, Senior Advocate A M Singhvi said the Governor's letter on the floor test said that the Leader of

Opposition met him last evening. He asked won't it be a case of putting the cart before the horse if the floor test was held Thursday without deciding on the disqualification of 16 Sena rebel MLAs.

He wondered what would happen to the result of the floor test if the MLAs were to be subsequently held to be disqualified.

"Suppose the SC dismisses the MLAs' petition and the (Deputy) Speaker disqualifies the MLAs, how will the court reverse the floor test?" Singhvi said, adding they would in such case stand disqualified from the date on which they were served notice. "That's why we say it's irreversible." he said.

"It is akin to the Election Commission holding election saying the electorate will include dead people or people who have moved out. If floor test is done without determining who are disqualified, the pool in which it will be held will change," he said.

pend on whether people have committed the Constitutional sin of defection," Singhvi said. This, he said "will lead to ut-

"The size of the pool will de-

ter confusion" and "the only way out is to await outcome of the petition filed by the rebel MLAs" in SC, challenging the disqualification notices issued to them by the Deputy Speaker. Singhvi contended that the

floor test direction revealed "undue haste" and was "unholy" and done at "supersonic speed".

"The Governor has to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. Whether he does that or not, he cannot definitely act on aid and advice of the Leader of Opposition which is what he appears to have done," he said, referring to the meeting between BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis and the Governor Tuesday night.

Calling it a "pickled situation". Singhvi said Sunil Prabhu is now the Chief Whip recognised by the Speaker but the rebels MLAs say it's someone else. "So whose whip will be followed tomor-

He said that "people who have changed sides and defected cannot represent the will of the people... Will heavens fall if there is no floor test tomorrow?" he asked.

Countering this, Senior Advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul, who appeared for the rebel MLAs, said the floor test can never be delayed as it is the only way to determine political accountability. The way to avoid horse trading, he said, is on the floor of the House. He said the Supreme Court has held that pending proceedings of disqualification "are no ground to delay

He said the "Supreme Court has held that both (disqualification and floor test) are distinct is-

Kaul said that as per the Supreme Court, disqualification proceedings have no bearing on a floor test which is "the healthiest thing that can happen in a democracy".

"Supreme Court says that the moment a Chief Minister shows reluctance to prove his majority, it prima facie gives the view that he has lost the confidence of the House," he said.

Kaul said he had seen people keen to take a floor test. "I have seldom seen a party so afraid to conduct a floor test.'

Justice Surya Kant sought to know who would be competent to participate if the floor test were to happen Thursday. Kaul replied that while the ar-

gument is that the pool will change if they get disqualified subsequently, the SC has said that pendency of disqualification has no bearing on holding of a floor

He said the question if the Deputy Speaker has power to disqualify or not is a separate issue. But mere pendency of that matter, he said, has no bearing on the floor test. "Whose whip has to be followed is an internal party matter. In a situation of this kind, constitutional propriety calls for floor test," he said.

that the Submitting Governor's decision is not immune from judicial review, he said the question is whether this is the kind of situation where the court will substitute the Governor's judgment with its

To a specific query from the bench, Kaul said there are 39 MLAs in the rebel camp and "that's why this nervousness (in the ruling alliance)". He said 16 of the 39 MLAs have been given notice for disqualification.

"We are not leaving Shiv Sena, we are the Shiv Sena. It's a hopeless minority that's trying to subvert." Kaul said. Senior Advocate Maninder

Singh sought to contradict the petitioner's argument that the Governor acted without aid and advice of the Council of Ministers and said there are rulings to show that such aid and advice is not needed to order a floor test. Solicitor General Tushar

Mehta, who appeared for the Governor, said the argument that the court has interdicted the Speaker is fallacious. He said it is the law which has interdicted

Singhvi countered the argument that floor test and disqualification are distinct. He said they are distinct only if there is no "fetter" on the Speaker. "It's unrelated till Your Lordships put a fetter on the Speaker. After that it is related, it has to be."

Singhvi also targeted the Governor: "It is repeatedly argued that the Speaker is always suspect, but the Governor is Holy Cow, Governor cannot be wrong, but the custodian of the Tenth Schedule is."

#### Pak links: DGP

Islamic proselvtising group founded in Pakistan by Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadri in 1981. Minister Yadav said Ghouse "went to Karachi in 2014 and spent about 45 days there. Then in 2018-19, he had movements in Arab countries and also visited Nepal a few times. And for the last 2-3 years, he was making calls to 8-10 phone numbers of

"The crime they have committed is not one which could have been committed by a common man. So the NIA has lodged a case and their network will be found out and the guilty will be jailed," he said.

As outrage over the killing mounted and condemnation poured in from different parts of the country, Gehlot cut short a visit to Jodhpur and returned to Jaipur where he chaired a meeting to review the Udaipur case with top state officials of the state. Post meeting, CM said that "preliminary probe reveals that the incident has been committed with an objective to spread terror and fear. It appears that they had a connection with international organisations, therefore it is obvious for the NIA to probe the entire incident." He said that the state's Special Operations Group (SOG) and Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS) will extend "complete support" to the NIA in its in-

DGP Lather told reporters that the questioning of Ghouse and Riyaz so far had revealed that "they were associated with an organisation named Dawat-e-Islami" and Ghouse "was in constant touch with other members of the organisation".

"Ghouse Mohammad had gone to visit Dawat-e-Islami in Karachi in 2014. On paper, its mission is to preach religious practices and propagate the particular sect. They don't have any such office in Rajasthan. In India they have an office in Kanpur, and head offices in Mumbai and Delhi," the DGP said.

On Wednesday, the NIA reregistered the FIR in the case. The original FIR and then the NIA FIR

was lodged under IPC sections 302 (murder), 452 (house-trespass after preparation for hurt. assault or wrongful restraint), 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony), 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national-integration), 295A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) as well as sections 16, 18 and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The DGP said that considering the nature of the case "and as per instructions from the Chief Minister, this case has been treated as 'act of terror' since the beginning and hence a case was lodged under the UAPA. In this regard, the NIA was informed and their help was sought. NIA officials left for Udaipur on Tuesday night and reached Wednesday morning, and joined the investigation.'

He said "since it is a scheduled offence, it was transferred to the NIA while the Rajasthan Police will support (the investigation).

While the two main accused were formally arrested on Wednesday, four others, who were also allegedly involved in the case, are currently being questioned, as per police.

On the background of the two main accused, Lather said "Mohammad Riyaz used to work as a welder while the other person used to do menial jobs. So far, no criminal history of either has been found." Additionally, the SHO of

Dhanmandi police station, Govind Singh, and ASI Balu Ram have been suspended. The Dhanmandi police station had lodged an FIR against Kanhaiya Lal on June 10, based on the complaint by one Nazim Ahmed, for allegedly hurting religious sentiments. Police arrested Kanhaiya on June 11, and he was granted bail the next day.

Balu Ram was the investigat ing officer in the case and the police had brokered peace between both sides on June 15, when Kanhaiya Lal had sought police protection following alleged threats from Nazim, but later

withdrew it after the agreement. However, the DGP said that no link between Nazim and the two who murdered Kanhaiya has been found as yet although the case is still under investigation. Additionally, Riyaz and Ghouse had not met Kanhaiya previously either. During questioning, one of the accused also claimed that he crafted the weapon used to murder

Kanhaiya Lal, as per the DGP. "There is a post-Nupur situation and a pre-Nupur situation. Considering the charged atmosphere, the SHO could not read the situation well and the legal action which should have been taken, wasn't taken. Hence, the SHO and the ASI have been suspended and departmental action will be taken. Additionally, action will be taken against anyone else too if laxity is found at any level. No one will be spared." he said.

On the other hand, five constables have been promoted, out of turn, to head constable for their role in nabbing the two.

Later in the day, CM chaired an all-party meeting attended by BJP MLA and spokesperson Ramlal Sharma, former minister and former BJP state president Arun Chaturvedi, RLD's Subhash Garg who is also a minister in Gehlot cabinet, as well as members of RLP, CPI, CPM, and independent MLAs, among others. In the meeting, CM said that "entire state stands with Kanhaiya Lal's family" and announced a financial aid of Rs 50 lakh to the fam-

In a resolution, the parties unanimously condemned the incident and sought the harshest punishment for the guilty as per law. They also appealed to the citizens to maintain peace and resolved that they won't let antisocial elements succeed in their schemes. The government claimed that

all the representatives praised the government for quick action and not committing any laxity, while thanking the government for calling the all party meeting. On Thursday, CM Gehlot, MoS

(Home) Rajendra Yadav, DGP Lather, Chief Secretary Usha Sharma and others are scheduled to visit Udaipur. The CM is scheduled to meet Kanhaiya Lal's family around 11 am, followed by a law and order meeting in Udaipur at noon.

In New Delhi, the Ministry of Home Affairs directed the NIA to take over the case.

"MHA has directed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to take over the investigation of the brutal murder of Shri Kanhaiya Lal Teli committed at Udaipur, Rajasthan yesterday. The involvement of any organisation and international links will be thoroughly investigated," the office of Union Home Minister Amit Shah said in a Twitter post.

A senior police officer said 'cyber forensic analysis" of the phones of the two assailants is being done. "It is being examined if they are part of some online group that motivates people for lone-wolf attacks on religious lines. It is being explored if they were part of some self-appointed Islamic State group," the officer

ouncil discussed recommendations of four ministerial panels on rate rationalisation, on movement of gold and precious stones, system reforms, and casinos, horse racing and online gaming. A decision on levying a 28 per cent tax on casinos, online gaming, horse racing and lottery, has been deferred pending more consultations with stakeholders, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

It has been decided that the inverted duty structure will be corrected for a host of items translating into a rate hike for household items such as LED lamps, printing/drawing ink, power driven pumps, Tetra Pak to 18 per cent from 12 per cent, for solar water heaters, finished leather to for cut and polished diamonds to 1.5 per cent from 0.25 per cent. Among services, 18 per cent GST will be levied for issue of cheques.

Exemptions will also be withdrawn for pre-packaged and prelabelled food items such as grains, curd, lassi, paneer, jaggery, wheat flour, puffed rice, buttermilk and meat/fish (except frozen). Such food items will now be taxed at 5 per cent, at par with branded items. Further, refund of accumulated input tax credit will not be allowed on goods such as edible oil and coal. Exemptions were also withdrawn for room rents: a 12 per cent GST will now be levied on hotel rooms with rent up to Rs 1.000 a day and a 5 per cent GST will be levied on hospital room tent above Rs 5,000 per day (excluding ICU).

GST rate has been reduced for ostomy/ orthopaedic appliances from 12 per cent to 5 per cent and transport of goods and passengers by ropeways from 18 per cent to 5 per cent with input tax credit. These rate changes will be effective July 18. The GoM headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has been given a three-month extension for rate rationalisation measures including tweaking the tax slabs.

"Technology may correct anomalies for inefficiencies and therefore may have as possible

impact on revenue collection. But the revenue neutral rate of the RBI study has been breached to the disadvantage of the system...that calls for a correction," Sitharaman On the inflation impact of

such rate changes, she said, "All ministers (in the Council) are aware. They are all looking at the system. So, decisions taken by the Council are not as though taken in isolation. Elected representatives who are part of the Council are fully conscious," she said. On the valuation mechanism

for taxing casinos, a Group of Ministers headed by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma has been asked to consider submissions of stakeholders again and submit its report by July 15, Sitharaman said. The GST council will meet again in the first week of August to decide on the issue along with taking up discussion on setting up of an appellate tri-

The GoM had recommended that online gaming should be taxed at the full value of the consideration, including the contest entry fee paid by the player on participating in the game. In the case of race courses, it had suggested that GST be levied on the full value of bets pooled in the totalisators and placed with the bookmakers. It also recommended that no distinction be made on grounds of game of skill or game of chance for the purpose of the levy of GST and should be taxed at the highest rate of 28 per

The Council waived off the requirement of mandatory registration under CGST Act for persons supplying goods through e-commerce operators below the exemption threshold of Rs 40 lakh In its 47th meeting, the GST turnover for goods not making any inter-state taxable supply. This is likely to be effective January 2023. The GoM on system reforms has suggested extra measures for physical verification at the time of registration for high-risk taxpayers including biometric authentication, geo-tagging, use of electricity data and real-time monitoring of bank ac-

On the compensation issue, Sitharaman said finance ministers and other ministers of 16 states spoke, of which 3-4 spoke of evolving their own revenue stream to break from the compensation Sitharaman said.

"A few states before lunch today said they would like the compensation to continue for some time, even as few other states said that yes, it is a question of coming out of the pandemic, but they have to stand on their feet... There were broadly statements being made with a sense of whether compensation can be continued, if not for five years, for a few years," Sitharaman said.

"There were 16 or 17 states that demanded that the GST compensation should be extended. Of this, there were 3-4 states that said that they have to stand on their own." she said.

"Some of them said we have to work on our systems to wean ourselves away and not be dependent on GST compensation," Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj

States/ UTs such as Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Delhi asked for an extension of the GST compensation beyond June. "Which state doesn't want (compensation extension beyond June?) Karnataka and Goa also asked for compensation (extension). I don't know of any single state that hasn't asked for an extension of compensation...if GST Council is the deciding authority then on what basis can a decision be taken outside the GST Council?," Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan

As per data on revenue growth collated for the Council meeting, the all-India average shortfall between the protected revenue and the post settlement gross SGST revenue was 27.2 per cent in 2021-22 as against 37.9 per cent in 2020-21. In 2021-22, only five out of 31 states/ UTs -Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim registered a revenue growth higher than the protected revenue rate for states under GST. Puducherry, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh. and Chhattisgarh have recorded the highest revenue gap between the protected revenue and postsettlement gross state GST rev-

#### BIP meets

enue in 2021-22.

While BJP leaders and workers broke out into celebration after Thackeray resigned, top leaders of the party huddled into a meeting at a five-star hotel in south Mumbai to strategise their

next move. A source said that top BJP leaders from Maharashtra will hold a meeting on Thursday to finalise their next course of action. He added that BIP will stake claim for the formation of the new government under the leadership of Devendra Fadnavis, backed the Eknath Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena, which comprises 39 rebel MLAs, and Independents.

Calling for restraint in celebration, BIP state president Chandrakant Patil said, "BIP workers must not celebrate Uddhavji's resignation, they should celebrate when Devendra Fadnavis becomes the

On the formation of the new government, Patil said, "The date of staking claim and swearingin will be decided by Devendra Fadnavis in consultation with senior leaders in Delhi.

A source in the BJP added, "The party leadership will meet Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari and stake claim for forming the government. It would be then followed by appointment of a new CM and the council of ministers.'

According to procedure, the new government will then be asked to undertake a floor test to prove its majority in the Assembly. Experts said that some legal

tangle may emerge as there is no clarity yet on how the Shinde faction of 39 MLAs will find legitimacy. Sources said that clarity will emerge during the appointment of a new Speaker in

While sources in the BJP said that Bharat Gogawale may act as the chief whip for the 39 MLAs  $\,$ and facilitate the appointment of the Speaker and prove majority in the House, others said that this may hit a legal roadblock since the Thackeray-led Sena camp has appointed Ajay Chaudhari as its chief whip.

Meanwhile, a team of BJP leaders has been entrusted the task to reach out to smaller par-

ties and Independents. "We are executing plans at multiple levels. Apart from the legal battle, our entire focus is to ensure the defeat of the Maha Vikas Aghadi on the floor of the Assembly," a source in the BJP

said. In the House of 287 – the total strength of 288 dropped after the death of a Sena MLA last month – the BIP has 106 MLAs. The MVA strength before the revolt in the Sena was 152 – Sena (55), NCP (53), Congress (44). Smaller parties Independents, the Others, account for the remaining 29.

If the BIP has to form the government, it will have to win the support of 144 MLAs.

The BJP, which has 106 members, and will require additional 38 MLAs to reach the half-way mark. The Shinde camp has 39

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ities surged from 14 to 56 in the

Mumbai reported 10 deaths,

which surged to 19 between

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plateaued but clinically, cases are

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matic patients is also marginally

up... we need to be careful that

the spread is contained once

people return to their home dis-

tricts after the wari," said Dr

Pradeep Vyas, additional chief

19 patients are being identified

of admission is not Covid-related

complications but other co-mor-

bidities such as chronic kidney

disease, cardiac issues or onco-

logical emergencies. Most detec-

tions are accidental, with the

majority of patients being

asymptomatic and getting

tested as part of the procedure.

Hence, it's important to continue

taking precautions. Masking,

hand sanitation and social dis-

tancing should be followed dili-

gently to further flatten the

curve," said Dr Harshad Limaye,

senior consultant of internal

medicine, Nanavati Hospital.

At present, most of the Covid-

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Between June 14 and 20,

Most of the deceased pa-

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## Covid case tally drops in seven days, but hospital admission & fatality rates go up in Mumbai

**RUPSA CHAKRABORTY** MUMBAI, JUNE 29

PROVIDING A sign of relief to public health officers, the surge of Covid-19 cases in Mumbai has dropped by 13 per cent in seven days -- between June 21 and 27 -- compared to the previous week. But while the daily new Covid-19 case tally is plateauing, both hospital admission and fatality rates are rising.

According to data provided by the Public Health Department, from June 14 to 20, the city registered 14,089 cases with a test positivity rate (TPR) – the number of positive cases out of the total tests conducted – of 16.23 per cent. However, in the next seven days, from June 21 to 27, the number of cases dropped to 12,479, with a TPR of 15.54 per cent.

The recent trend is pointing towards gradual flattening of the pandemic curve as the city hasn't witnessed any sudden spike in cases, claimed public health officials.

State Surveillance Officer Dr Pradip Awate said that although the trend is hinting towards plateauing of the curve, they will need two to three more weeks more to confirm the epidemiological characteristic of the virus State Surveillance Officer Dr Pradip Awate said they will need two to three more weeks more to confirm the epidemiological characteristic of the virus spread

"Till now, the infection spread is limited to certain districts, mostly cities where the movement of population is higher. This recent surge was mostly dominated by the new variant of Omicron – BA.4 and BA.5 -- but due to high vaccine coverage, the severity was low and the spread was contained, unlike the third wave," said Dr

However, the number of hospitalisation cases has climbed up in the same period. According to doctors, usually clinical cases and case fatality surge two to three weeks after a state gets hit by a spike in the pandemic curve.

On June 5, only 24 Covid-19 patients were admitted to ICUs, but the number increased to 126 on June 27.

Similarly, patients' occupancy of beds with oxygen facil-

## With seven deaths, highest fatality after January in state

**RUPSA CHAKRABORTY** MUMBAI, JUNE 29

Wednesday recorded seven deaths due to Covid-19, the highest one-day fatality since January. Though there is no major spike in the number of Covid cases, the fatalities are showing an upward trend. The state registered a total of 3,957 positive cases during the day, out of

On June 25, the state re-

In May, with the flattening of

ported 9,185 cases with five deaths--the lowest Covid-19 fatality reported since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. But, as again the infection rate spiked, indicating towards a possible fourth wave, the Covid deaths increased by 12 fold compared to the previous months.

This month, the Covid-19 fatality in the state is 63 so far. Out of the total fatalities. Mumbai registered a total of 42 deaths.

"The deaths have increased compared to May due to the higher infection rate. But it is not a worrying trend. Most of the deceased patients were elderly with severe comorbidities. Death among the younger population without underlying health issues is not seen," said Dr Avinash Supe, in-charge of the Covid-19 death committee.

Doctors also said that fatality rate always increases two to three weeks after witnessing a surge in cases.

#### **WALK-IN-INTERVIEWS**

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No.: ADDC/MPID Case No. 03/2001

#### Date: 30.06.2022 PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION SALE OF PROPERTY SEIZED UNDER

#### THE MAHARASHTRA PROTECTION OF INTEREST OF DEPOSITERS (IN FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS) ACT, 1999 WHEREAS, the property situated at village- Bhandup Taluka- Kurla described in Annexure-1 below.

in the name of Director, Kokan Park, Kokan Group of Companies which is subject matter of Suit No. 3 of 2001 filed in Hon. Special Court, MPID and Additional Sessions Court, Greater Mumbai has been attached per section 5, 8 and 10 of the Maharashtra Protection of Interest of Depositors (In Financial Establishments) Act, 1999 and

Whereas, the Hon. Special Court (MPID) and Additional Sessions Court, Greater Mumbai vide order dated 14.06.2022 passed on Rojnama has directed to sale the attached property mentioned in Annexure-l below through Public Auction. Hence a notice is given public at large that, the said property shall be sold by Public Auction on terms

and conditions mentioned herein below by the Competant Authority and Additional District Deputy Collector, Mumbai Suburban District on "As Is Where Is" basis. Any person who wants to participate in Auction and purchase the attached property shall required to attached Demand Draft/ Pay Order (of Nationalised Bank only) of 10 Percent of amount of the attached property fixed by the Government valuation and produce with separate application worth Rs. 100/-. The Demand Draft/ Pay Order shall reach on or before 06.00 p.m. on 20.07.2022 in the Office of the Competant Authority and Additional District Deputy Collector, Mumbai Suburban District, Administrative Building, 9th Floor, Government Colony, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 Detail information of the said property, form of application and terms and conditions for auction shall be provided to the applicants/ participants during office hours. Hon'ble Special Court (MPID) and Additional Sessions Court, Greater Mumbai is empowered to consider the application/s received after due date. The date for the auction shall be communicated separately to the eligible applicants.

ANNEXURE-I						
Details of Property	Classification of Property	Admeasurement	Government Assessment	10% Advance Amount		
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## **Terms and Conditions of Auction**

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- 3 The party declared as successful purchaser shall deposit balance amount of final bid by Demand Draft/ Pay Order in favour of Sr PI EOW Unit-7 Crime No. 104/1999 within 30 days from the date of Auction. After depositing full amount by purchaser the Sale Certificate shall be issued as per order of Hon'ble Court. Demand Draft/ Pay Order of balance amount of successful bidder shall be en-cashed as per the order of Hon'ble Special Court.
- 4 Purchaser shall be responsible to pay stamp duty, registration fee, transfer fee, ferfar fee and other Government fees on/before execution/ registration of document in respect of sale of attached property. Any kind of encumbrance of attached property from the date of attachment till the date possession given
- to the successful bidder shall be deposited/ deducted from the amount of bidding. The successful bidder shall require to deposit arrears of the said property due before the date of notification i.e. 29.03.2016 and the amount as mentioned above after taking possession of the said property.
- 6 Total expenses incurred for auction purpose shall be deducted from sale consideration received or deposited amount. Successful bidder shall deposit balance amount within prescribed 30 days. If he fails to do so the security
- amount will be forfeited and fresh auction process will be conducted. 8 If any intending purchaser want to see the said attached property. The said attached property shall be
- showed to the participant in the presence of representative authorised by our office. 9 Fee shall be charged as per Government rule if anyone want to see the document or requires the

document available in our office of the said property.

- 10 Applicant participating in said auction is required to deposit 10% advance amount of the Government Assessment before participation in the auction process. This advertisement is published at official web site https:/mumbaisuburban.gov.in and affixed on the notice board of offices of Additional District Deputy Collector, Mumbai Suburban District, Tahsildar Kurla and Talathi Bhandup.
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- 12 Contact Officer is Mr. Sunil D. Mali, Additional District Deputy Collector, Mumbai Suburban District, office contact no. 8329938872.

Place: Bandra, Mumbai Dated: 30.06.2022

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(Sunil Mali) Competant Authority & Additional District Dy. Collector, Mumbai Suburban District.

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which 1,504 were in Mumbai.

ported four Covid-19 deaths. For the next two-three days, till June 28, the state consecutively witnessed five deaths. On June 29, it rose to seven deaths, of which three were in Mumbai, followed by two in areas under the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) and one each in Vasai-Virar and

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- e) Rate of interest for deposits for an amount more than ₹5 Crore per Deposit may vary from the published card rate and will be decided on case to asse basis but within the cap on Rate of Interest specified by the Reserve Bank of India.

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## MVA GOVT FALLS

## Police serve preventive notices to Shiv Sena workers



the state Assembly. Ganesh Shirsekar

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JUNE 29

THE SHIV Sena on Wednesday alleged that its workers are being detained by the Mumbai Police and notices being served to them on the orders of the Union govern-

Party MP Sanjay Raut said that BJP leaders in Maharashtra are preparing themselves for swearing-in of a new government. "But remember the people of Maharashtra, Marathi Manus and Hindus will not forgive the Opposition party for the sin they have committed by breaking Sena and providing security to those

who betrayed Sena.' "Thousands of troops have been deployed in Mumbai to secure those (rebels) and defeat us. Such action was taken by then chief minister Moraraji Desai as well during the united Maharashtra movement. Now, following the orders of the Union government, notices are being sent to Sena workers... they are being detained," he added.

He further said that just to harass and arrest him, the ED is acting on the orders of state BJP

To ensure that there is no untoward incident on Thursday, when rebel Shiv Sena MLAs are set to arrive in Mumbai, the police have served preventive notices to several Sena leaders, warning them against getting involved in any illegal activity. Section 144 of the CrPC, prohibiting the gathering of more then five persons, has also been imposed in Mumbai.

An officer said, "We have served preventive notices to party workers who we suspect can create mischief on Thursday. In the about Section 144 CrPC while also warning them against protesting anywhere in Mumbai, as Azad Maidan is the only protest site in the city." "We will immediately take legal action against those who disturbs law and order in the city," he added.

Moreover, adequate deployment of security personnel have been made across Mumbai, including in and around Vidhan Bhavan. The police said that more than 20 deputy commissioners, around 45 assistant commissioners and 225 inspectors have been deputed to keep the law and order situation in check.

"More than 725 assistant inspectors and sub-inspectors have been instructed to man the city. Besides, 3,750 constabulary-rank personnel, 10 companies of SRPF and additional 750 men have been deployed." said a Mumbai Police spokesperson, Rapid action force, riot control platoons and force one teams have also been deployed.

"We have deployed 500 men to secure Raj Bhavan. All the entrances of Malabar Hill are being manned," said an IPS officer. Sources in the police said that CRPF personnel would be deployed to ensure the safety of

#### **CABINET MEETING**

## **Uddhav govt's last** major decision: Two cities, airport renamed

Aurangabad now Sambhajinagar, Osmanabad named Dharashiv

**ZEESHANSHAIKH** 

MUMBAI, JUNE 29

IN ITS last major decision in the 31-month-old Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, the Shiv Sena-led coalition on Wednesday cleared a proposal to rename Aurangabad as Sambhajinagar and Osmanabad as Dharashiv.

The decision, taken a few hours before Uddhav Thackerav resigned as the chief minister, was clearly a bid by the Sena to burnish its Hindutva credentials.

The rebelling MLAs have over the past few days questioned the Sena's commitment to Hindutva, raising its decision to dump the BJP for more "secular" allies the Congress and NCP.

The cities picked for renaming are also crucial. Aurangabad was one of the first major cities outside the Mumbai-Thane belt that the Sena set its eyes on, in the late 1980s. The city's 30% Muslim population made it a fertile ground for polarisation, and soon after riots that led to the killing of over 25 people, in 1988, the Sena had won the elections to the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation.

On May 8, 1988, Shiv Sena supremo Balasaheb Thackeray had first announced a plan to rename the city as Sambhajinagar after Sambhaji, the son of Shivaji, who was killed by Aurangzeb. In 1995, the corporation passed a resolution to do so, and the Shiv-Sena led government in the state issued a notification seeking suggestions and objections from peo-

The notification was challenged in the High Court by one AMC corporator, the Congress's

Mushtaq Ahmed. While the plea was dismissed by the court stating that no decision had been taken, the renaming has remained pending, and the demand resurfaces ahead of every election.

Since the MVA came to power, both the BIP and MNS have been asking why the Sena has failed to rename the city as promised. The Congress and NCP were believed to be resisting the move.

In March 2020, as a placatory gesture, the MVA government cleared a proposal to rename the Aurangabad airport as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Airport. However, this is yet to get the go-ahead from the Centre.

Aurangabad has nine Assembly constituencies, of which the Sena had won six in 2019. Only one of them, Kannad MLA Udaysingh Rajput, has remained loyal to Uddhav.

Osmanabad has four Assembly constituencies, of which the Shiv Sena had won three in 2019. Only one of the three, Osmanabad's Kailas Ghadge, Patil has stayed back with the Uddhav-led Sena.

As per the ancient Buddhist and Jain caves located in the area, Osmanabad was earlier known as Dharashiv, and was renamed in the 19th century. The name Osmanabad is said to have been derived either from the name of  $the\,7th\,Nawab\,Mir\,Osman\,Ali, the$ last Nizam of Hyderabad, as the area was part of the Nizam's territory, or as a tribute to Uthman, the third Caliph of Islam.

The Cabinet also cleared a proposal to name the upcoming Navi Mumbai International airport after the late D B Patil, who had led several protests of farmers and

NCP, Cong say satisfied with

leader blames them for turmoil

FOR THE FLOOR TEST THAT WASN'T: Preparations outside the Vidhan Bhavan in Mumbai on

being two-and-a-half years back.

The MVA gave good governance

under good leadership of Uddhav

Thackeray," said NCP state chief

gation that deputy CM Ajit Pawar

had allocated fewer funds for de-

velopment works in their respec-

tive assembly constituencies, Patil

said, "The allegations are false.

They are just making allegation for

the sake of it to give an excuse for

said that his personal opinion was

that Thackeray should have made

Former CM Prithviraj Chavan

On rebel Sena legislators' alle-

**Iavant Patil.** 

their decision.

Uddhav leadership, rebel

landowners in Panvel district when CIDCO had acquired land in the area in the '70s and '80s.

In 1984, a massive protest had led to the death of four farmers, eventually forcing the state government to bring in a scheme giving 12.5 per cent of the developed land to local farmers that, as of today, is applicable across the state.

Patil also fought for the villagers of Uran area in 2016, when INPT acquired their land, at the time leading the protest while sitting in an ambulance at the age of 86. He died the next year.

The renaming was con-demned by AIMIM MP from Aurangabad, Imtiaz Jaleel. "When they came to know that they are set to lose power, they remembered Sambhaji Maharaj. The announcement made 25-30 years ago was used by them for election and political benefit and now today, when they realise they are going out of power, they took this decision. I wish to tell Shiv Sena and Uddhav ji that history cannot be changed, only names can be changed. When you have nothing to show then you do such things. The name of the city will be decided by its residents," Jaleel said.

He also criticised the Congress and the NCP for not opposing the

Meanwhile, the during Cabinet meeting, the Congress demanded that Pune city be named as Jijau Nagar after Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's mother, and Mumbai Trans Harbour Link between Sewree and Nhava Sheva in Navi Mumbai be named after late chief minister A R Antulay However, the proposal was not



Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray pays tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Mumbai on Wednesday. PTI

## The reluctant politician who in the end hung on to chair too long

**SHUBHANGI KHAPRE** MUMBAI, JUNE 29

AT 62, this is the worst crisis Uddhav Thackeray has faced in his short political life, emerging from the overarching shadow of father Bal Thackeray. Not only has he lost chief ministership after taking a gamble with an unlikely coalition, he is facing the prospect of losing control of a party ing sustenance from the Thackeray name.

On hindsight, it seems Uddhav sowed the seeds right at the beginning when, on November 28, 2019, he took over as Chief Minister. He thus became the first Thackeray to hold a public office, with Balasaheb choosing to let a Sainik be CM while he held full control over the party.

Amidst celebrations and showering of rose petals, his wellwishers had cautioned Uddhav at the time about the "power play" that would ensue and the "administrative" challenges of leading an unlikely coalition, including old rivals the NCP and Congress.

The anger many Sainiks felt at this decision, combined with the move to dump old ally the BJP, only seems to have festered over time. Party workers felt unheard, a feeling that grew as Uddhav surrounded himself with a coterie and seemed to disappear into Matoshree. Some of that distance was on account of Covid and a surgery that left Uddhav incapacitated for long, but there was no one to keep the troops in the loop.

Rebel leader Eknath Shinde claimed to speak for many when he said: "We never showed disrespect to Uddhavji. We are

**Uddhav** Thackeray hands over his resignation letter to Koshyari. Photo: Raj Bhavan PRO

Balasaheb's sainiks. We wanted the Sena to break its alliance with the Congress and NCP. Our fight is for Balasaheb's Hindutva."

A graduate from | | Institute of Applied Arts, with photography as his main subject. Uddhav was seen as indifferent towards politics. While he took hesitant steps into it in the early 1990s, he largely remained in the background as cousin Raj Thackeray built up his profile and personality as Balasaheb's "natural successor".

However, like a political story repeated one too many times, the shrewd Sena pramukh too had eventually chosen son over nephew. Uddhav's appointment as executive president at a Mahabaleshwar convention in 2002 marked the turning point. Even then, as a sulking Rai lurked in the background and finally quit the Sena in 2005, Uddhav never really shook off that gentle, lowprofile visage that made him a leader far removed from the everyday aggressive cadre that filled the Sena.

Some believe it was wife Rashmi who was the main driver of his ambition, apart from elder son Aaditya, who has emerged in the forefront in the current crisis. The other son, Tejas, is seen as more interested in wildlife and environment issues.

Still, Uddhav did weather many a storm, including senior leader Narayan Rane and Raj Thackeray's exits. After Balasaheb's death in 2012, he managed to keep the Sena together, and proved the better of the MNS. He also saw the Sena to power, and through to the other with the BJP.

A senior BIP functionary requesting anonymity admits, "After Balsaheb's demise, many wondered if Uddhav who is not charismatic would be able to keep the party together. But he ensured its growth in the last two decades." However, he adds, "It is evident that his decision to betray the BJP was not liked by many within as it amounted to compromising Hindutva, which is its members' core agenda."

But the blame does not lie on Uddhav's part alone, say supporters. The BJP's character has changed since the Gopinath Munde-Pramod Mahajan era of accommodation, particularly with the ascent of the party under Narendra Modi. In the 2014 Assembly elections, came the first split between the two-decade-old partners, due to differences over seat-sharing. While post-polls, Uddhav shook hands with new BJP star and CM Devendra Fadnavis, the ties were never the

Earlier this year, at a party meeting, Uddhav said he was left with little choice but to break away. "We supported the BJP wholeheartedly, to enable them to fulfill their national ambitions. The understanding was they will

Maharashtra. But we were betrayed and attempts were made to destroy us in our home. So we had to hit back."

Uddhav also accused the BJP of dumping its allies according to political convenience. He said, The BIP doesn't mean Hindutva. I stand by my comment that the Shiv Sena wasted 25 years in alliance with the BIP.

However, it is doubtful if this message ever went down the ranks. To many, Uddhav's resigning nature meant he felt more at home with the Congress and NCP rather than with the aggressive BJP. Even as the Sainiks squirmed, the message from the top was also of a more moderate party, with Aaditya especially fronting "progressive" causes.

The NCP has been painted as the villain of the piece by the Sena rebels, who have claimed that it called the shots in the MVA and kept them deprived of funds. Others have questioned Pawar's advice to Uddhav to hold on to power, ultimately to no avail, rather than resigning after it became clear that the party had slipped out of its hands, which might have given him some moral high ground.

However, allies have only kind words for Uddhav. Says state NCP leader Iavant Patil: "Our relations were cordial, there was mutual respect for each other. He was never high-handed." NCP leader and MP Supriya Sule describes him as "a gentleman politician", who "focused on the concerns of the common man and handled the Covid pandemic laudably". Senior Congress minister Balasaheb Thorat says: "Uddhav always treated allies and Cabinet colleagues with great respect."

## Back in limelight, Governor Koshyari and his constant run-ins with MVA govt

**ZEESHANSHAIKH** MUMBAI, JUNE 29

BHAGAT SINGH Koshyari took over as the Governor of Maharashtra in September 2019, two months before the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi assumed power in the state.

The 31-month period since has been marked with constant friction and antagonism between the two sides. Koshyari's order asking Uddhav to prove his majority on the floor of the House on Thursday, ending days of uncertainty following the revolt raised by Eknath Shinde and 40-odd MLAs against the Shiv Sena chief, marks a culmi-

Wednesday. Deepak Joshi

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ASTHE BIP begins celebrations af-

ter Shiv Sena chief Uddhav

Thackeray stepped down as chief

minister of the state on

Wednesday, ending the two-and-

a-half-year rule of the Maha Vikas

Aghadi (MVA), the party's allies —

the NCP and Congress -ex-

"The new alliance with the ini-

tiative of top leaders of Shiv Sena,

the NCP and Congress came into

Thackeray's leadership.

satisfaction with

pressed

The government and the Governor first squared off soon after the 2019 Assembly results. which threw up a hung House. Koshyari swore in the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis as Chief Minister and Ajit Pawar as his Deputy in the early hours at a closely guarded ceremony in Raj Bhavan, 24 hours after Shiv Sena chief Uddhav was declared the CM-designate of the Congress-NCP-Sena's MVA formation.

The Sena approached the Supreme Court to quash the "arbitrary and mala fide actions /deci-



The 31 months were marked with constant friction

sions" of Koshyari, Finally, after Ajit Pawar returned to the NCP fold, Uddhav took over as head of the MVA government.

The next big clash between the MVA government and Koshyari came in October 2020, when he wrote a letter to Uddhav over "delay in reopening of places of worship", which had been shut due to the coronavirus pandemic. Had the Sena chief turned "secular", Koshyari demanded to know. NCP chief Sharad Pawar wrote

a speech in the assembly before

putting in his resignation. "He

should have gone down fighting.

Finally, it is his decision," he said,

adding the Congress would de-

cide its further strategy in a meet-

Kesarkar said that the resignation

of Thackeray is a sad

situation. "The Congress and the

NCP are responsible for the situa-

tion. Also, Sena leader Sanjay Raut

is responsible," he said. He said the

rebel Sena legislators were never

against Thackeray, adding the only

demand was to leave the MVA.

Rebel Sena legislator Deepak

ing to be held on Thursday.

to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. objecting to the language used by Koshvari in his exchange with the CM. When Union Home Minister Amit Shah later acknowledged that the Governor could have avoided certain words, Pawar said anybody with any self-respect would not continue in the "post", alluding to governorship.

In February 2021, another row erupted after the MVA government denied permission to Koshvari to use a state government aircraft for his travel to Mussoorie for a function. The CM's office stood by the move, saying the Raj Bhavan Secretariat should have verified whether this was allowed before making the plans.

Last August, the state Cabinet expressed displeasure over the Governor inaugurating two hostels in Nanded, and holding "review meetings" with district officials. Subsequently, Koshyari dropped the plan to inaugurate the hostels.

There were differences between Uddhav and Koshyari over the nomination of the CM as a Member of the Legislative Council as well. The Sena chief finally sought PM Modi's intervention to allow himself to get

elected to the House and avoid a constitutional crisis.

Still, Uddhav was lucky. Koshyari is yet to approve 12 names recommended by the government in November 2020 to be appointed to the Legislative Council through the Governor's quota.

The MVA government hit back by passing a Bill curtailing the powers of the Governor in the appointment of vice-chancellors in the state. The governor is the chancellor of the universities in a state and appoints vice-chancellors based on the recommendations of a committee.

The constant face-off be-

Governor has also resulted in the Maharashtra Assembly Speaker's post being vacant now for more than a year, since Nana Patole resigned in February 2021 to take over as the state Congress president. The election is stalled as the Governor refused to approve the MVA government's plan for a voice vote instead of a secret ballot. In the current crisis, one of the

tween the MVA government and

points raised by the Sena rebels is that Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal, of the NCP, does not have the authority to decide on their disqualification, as sought by the Uddhav-led Sena.

Before he took over as

a former chief minister of Uttarakhand, was one of the party's prominent leaders of the state, and considered one of several hopefuls seeking a return to the top job in Dehradun.

Maharashtra Governor, Koshvari,

An old RSS hand, Koshyari joined politics during his student days, became an MLC in 1997 in Uttar Pradesh, when Uttarakhand was still a part of it, and later after the bifurcation, served as a minister in the new state. Within a year of Uttarakhand's formation, he replaced Nityanand Swami as CM, and his Cabinet included Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', the current HRD Minister.

Rebel Sena MLAs land in Goa,

Registered Office: Akurdi, Pune 411 035 Corporate Office: 4th Floor, Bajai Finsery Corporate Office, Off Pune-Ahmednagar Road, Viman Nagar, Pune 411 014

#### **FIXED DEPOSIT SCHEMES**

The abovementioned ratings indicate highest degree of safety with regard to timely payment of interest and principal on the instrument.

#### **MAYURA JANWALKAR**

PANAJI, JUNE 29

THE GROUP of rebel Shiv Sena MLAs, headed by Eknath Shinde, arrived in Goa amid heavy security cover, minutes after Uddhav Thackeray announced his resignation as Chief Minister of Maharashtra Wednesday

After camping in Guwahati for days, the Shinde faction, which brought down the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra, arrived on a special Spice Jet flight at Dabolim airport in South Goa.

After hopping from one BJP-ruled state to another over the past nine days, the rebel MLAs flew in closer to Mumbai ahead of a floor test that was scheduled on Thursday. However, Thackeray's resignation meant there would be no floor test.

The MLAs were expected to leave for Mumbai on Thursday morning by a chartered flight but sources said the plan may change now since there will

The sources said Shinde will hold a meeting with the MLAs and strategise the next move.

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant met the breakaway legislators at the hotel late Wednesday night, the sources said. The Shinde faction is expected to align with the BJP in the next government formation Maharashtra

Shinde and the other rebel MLAs reached the Taj Resort and Convention Centre in Dona Paula, where they were scheduled to spend the night, around

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WITH UDDHAV Thackeray resigning

as Chief Minister of Maharashtra, cap-

ping over a week-long political crisis,

the Congress, which was a constituent

of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government,

on Wednesday said it was a sad day for

the state and India and argued that

courts have failed to check the "treach-

Maharashtra and India. People's man-

date is again run over by the bulldozer

of allurement-inducement-intimida-

tion and crass political corruption,"

AICC general secretary Randeep Singh

"A sad day for democracy in

ery" committed on democracy.

NEW DELHI, JUNE 29



Outside the Goa airport on Wednesday night. Express



Eknath Shinde offers prayers at Kamakhya temple in Guwahati on Wednesday. PTI

11.15 pm amid heavy security cover. Sources said at least 80 rooms were

Ahead of their arrival, security measures were tightened outside the

Jaspal Singh and other senior police officers reviewed the security arrangements Wednesday evening.

the hotel lobby, sources said armed po-

lice officers kept vigil. Outside, there

The Goa Police had also strengthened its checks at its northern state horder at Patradevi. Goa shares a border with Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra. Shiv Sena MLA from Sidhudurg Vaibhav Naik has stayed on with Thackeray while senior Shiv Sena leader and MLA from Sawantwadi Deepak Kesarkar is among the rebels.

Hours before the rebel group arrived, Shailendra Velingkar, Goa Shiv Sena leader and chief of Parshuram Gomantak Sena, reached the hotel. He was, however, asked to leave the hotel premises by the police and hotel secu-

Goa Shiv Sena leader Jitesh Kamat earlier targeted the BIP government in Goa for deploying the state's security apparatus to provide protection to the Shinde-led rebel faction.

He said the BJP in Goa had protected "traitors" from Maharashtra at the cost of the taxpaver.

# Shinde to discuss next move

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# was heavy barricading.

booked for the Shinde camp.

five-star hotel. Goa Director General of Police

As tourist families milled around

Courts have failed to check treachery

Recalling the fall of Congress and

opposition governments in several

states and formation of governments

by the BIP in some states despite not

having numbers on its own, he said,

"The conclusions are clear. Right of vot-

ers to choose a government has been

trampled by political corruption (and)

Tenth Schedule of Constitution- Anti

Defection Law- is a dead letter now, ob-

courts have failed to check the treach-

for fighting the principled fight – for

truth, for righteousness, for harmony,

for progress and for the Constitution.

Time to pause and think for every fel-

low Indian – Is this the India of our

ery committed on democracy.

Targeting the judiciary, he said the

"Salute to the MVA and its leaders

served in violation.'

committed on democracy: Congress dreams? If not, let's reclaim our coun-

try," he said in a Twitter post.

The CPI(M) too hit out at the BJP. "The big black blot on India's democracy grows larger. Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and now Maharashtra. Gross and brazen misuse of state machinery, central agencies and massive money power accumulated through loot of national assets to capture governments," said CPM

general secretary Sitaram Yechury. "At least now after this Maharashtra episode, the Supreme Court must hear challenges against election bonds. These bonds are legalisation of political corruption. The 21st tranche opens on July 1. The BJP has cornered the bulk of past tranches of Rs 10,000 crore."

Rated CRISIL AAA/ STABLE and [ICRA]AAA(Stable)

#### Rate of Interest per annum valid up to ₹5 Crores per deposit (w.e.f. 1st July 2022)

Table 1					Table 2				Particulars	As at			
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ble 2)	At Maturity	Monthly	Ouarterly	Half Yearly	Annual	15 months	6.40%	6.22%	6.25%	6.30%	6.40%	- On others	6.42
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3 months	6.20%	6.03%	6.06%	6.11%	6.20%	22 months	6.65%	6.46%	6.49%	6.54%	6.65%	- Appeals by the Company	0.00
5 months	6.95%	6.74%	6.78%	6.83%	6.95%	30 months	7.05%	6.83%	6.87%	6.93%	7.05%	- Appeals by the Income tax department	0.28
						33 months	7.15%	6.93%	6.97%	7.03%	7.15%	G. a) Amount which the Company can raise by way of Dep	
0 months	7.40%	7.16%	7.20%	7.27%	7.40%	44 months	7.50%	7.25%	7.30%	7.36%	7.50%		
						Tillulicial companies acceptance						Directions, 2016: ₹49,257.75 Crore	

a) Minimum amount for opening a Fixed Deposit ("hereinafter referred as "Deposit") with BFL, is ₹15000/

b) For the locations mentioned in point M(2)below, the minimum amount for opening a Deposit) is \$5000/-(not eligible for online investment).

Individual depositor or primary depositor, falling under special category of Senior citizens (i.e. persons more than 60 years of age, subject to provision of proof of Shri Pramit Jhaveri

age) will be eligible for additional interest at the rate upto 0.25% p.a. per Deposit (Independent Director) for an amount up to ₹5 (five) crore.

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I have for members to reposits for an amount more than \$5 crore per Deposit may vary from the published card rate and will be decided on case to case basis but within the cap on Rate of interest specified by the Reserve Bank of India.

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f) The Company will make repayment of Deposit on the date of maturity of such Deposit unless it receives any request for renewal within the prescribed perior before the date of maturity. The payment will be made through NEFT or RTGS or account payee cheque (in case of rejection of transfer by NEFT/RTGS) to the bank account of the depositor mentioned in the Deposit application form

account of the depositor mentioned in the Deposit application form.

9) The request for renewal of the Deposit signed or consented by all the deposit holders shall reach the Company either through physical application or through BFL Online portal at least 24 hours before maturity date of deposit. The written request can be submitted at nearest branch of the Company or sending by post/courier to the Company or to the independent financial advisors or national distributors empaneled with the Company, No requests for renewal of Deposit shall be accepted post the above-mentioned period. Renewal of Deposits will be subject to the rate of interest and other terms & conditions prevailing on the date of renewal. Fixed Deposit Receipt ("FDR") of the existing Deposit may not be required at the time of renewal of deposits as it stands null & void post its maturity date.

h) In case where the depositor(s) has opted for renewal of Deposit through Deposi application form, however, wishes to cancel the renewal request, the depositor(s) should submit a specific written request so as to reach the Company atleast 3 (three) business days prior to maturity date of the Deposit. The written request can be submitted at nearest branch of the Company or sending by post/ courier to the Company or to the independent financial advisors or national distributors empaneled with the Company. No requests shall be accepted post

A. Name of the Company: BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.

Profits of the Company before and after making provisions for tax, for the three financial years immediately preceding the date of the advertis dividends declared by the Company in respect of the said years.

Profit (Standalone)

31.03.2019 31.03.2020 31.03.2021	6,035.30 6,808.13 5,362.88	3,890.34 4,881.12 3,955.51	300 500 500
D. Brief particulars of the The Company is manage supervision of the Boa necessary powers for ma	ged by the Managing rd of Directors. The	Director, subject to Managing Director is	entrusted with
E. Names, addresses	and occupations	of Directors:	
NAME	ADDRESS		OCCUPATION
Shri Sanjiv Bajaj (Chairman)	Bajaj Vihar Colony, M Akurdi, Pune 411035.	umbai-Pune Road,	Industrialist
Shri Madhur Bajaj (Non-Executive Director)	Bungalow No. 3, Baja Mumbai-Pune Road, Pune 411035.		Service Industrialist
Shri Rajeev Jain (Managing Director)	D-2, Ivy Glen, Marigo Kalyani Nagar, Pune		IIIUustiialist
Shri Rajiv Bajaj (Non-Executive Director)	34/35, Yog Koregaon Pune 411001.	Park, Lane No. 2,	Industrialist

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8th Block, Jayanagar Bangalore 560082.

25 June 2022

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F. Summarised Financial Position of the Company (standalone) as appearing in

		(₹in Crore)
	As at	As at
	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
ASSETS		
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,383.63	674.53
Bank balances other than cash and cash	2.13	4.83
equivalents		
Derivative financial instruments	0.00	171.76
Trade receivables	720.10	867.18
Loans	1,13,089.94	1,13,417.08
Investments	20,169.12	20,138.98
Other financial assets	487.33	349.51
Total financial assets	1,35,852.25	1,35,623.87
Non-financial assets		
Current tax assets (net)	155.07	204.57
Deferred tax assets (net)	919.21	847.61
Property, plant and equipment	972.44	1,016.16
Capital work-in-progress	7.07	0.00
Intangible assets under development	43.99	0.00
Intangible assets	254.76	211.98
Other non-financial assets	134.10	99.38
Total non-financial assets	2,486.64	2,379.70
Total assets	1,38,338,89	1,38,003.57

<u>Trade payable</u> Other payables Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises -Total outstanding dues of creditors other than 191.08 Debt securities 43.071.71 bordinated debts 3,898.61 her financial liabilities

otal financial liabilities 101,615.33 on-financial liabilitie: her non-financial liabilities uity share capital ner equity 35,818.42 35,938,74 31.813.21 ital liabilities and equity 1,38,338.89 1,38,003.57

ontingent Liabilities (Standalone) Disputed claims against the Company not acknowledged as debts 51.98 VAT matters under appeal ESI matters under appeal Service tax matters under appeal

As at 31 March 2020

b) The aggregate of deposits actually held as on 31.03.2021: ₹25,803.43 Crore

H. The aggregate dues from the facilities, both fund and non-fund based, extended to In the agyregate oues, extender on, the companies in the same group or other entities or business wentures in which the Director/Company are holding substantial interest are ₹ 9.25 Crore (Bajaj Housing Finance ttd. − ₹ 5.36 C, Bajaj Allianz (If enurance Company Ltd. − ₹ 9.1 C, Bajaj Finserv Direct Ltd. − ₹ 0.25 C, Bajaj Finserv Health Ltd. − ₹ 7.0 C, Bajaj Aultianz General Insurance Company Ltd. − ₹ 9.42 C, Bajaj Finserv Direct Ltd. − ₹ 0.25 C, Bajaj Finserv Health Ltd. − ₹ 7.0 C, Bajaj Aultianz General Insurance Company Ltd. − ₹ 0.25 C, Bajaj Finserv Health Ltd. − ₹ 7.0 C, Bajaj Aultianz General Sons Pvt. Ltd. − ₹ 0.15 C, Bajaj Finserv Health Ltd. − ₹ 0.25 C, Jamnala Sons Pvt. Ltd. − ₹ 0.19 Cr)

1. The Company has no overdue deposits other than unclaimed deposits.

Director J. The Company declares as under: The Company has complied with the provisions of the directions applicable to it

The Company has complied with the provisions of the directions applicable to it.
 If the compliance with the directions does not imply that the repayment of Deposits is guaranteed by the Reserve Bank of India.
 If the deposits accepted by the Company are unsecured and rank pari passu with other unsecured liabilities.
 The deposits solicited by the Company are not insured.

I the deposits solution by the company are not insured. The Financial position of the Company as disclosed and the representations made in the deposit application form are true and correct. The Company and its Board of Directors are responsible for the correctness and veracity thereof. The financial activities of the Company are regulated by Reserve Bank of Inflai. It must, however, be distinctly understood that Reserve Bank of India does not undertake any responsibility for the financial soundness of the Company or for the correctness of any of the statements or the representations made or opinion expressed by the Company and for repayment of deposits/ discharge of liabilities by the Company. e deposits shall also be subject to the terms and conditions as per the deposi-plication form.

personation to the personation of the date of maturity subject to the regulations of the Reserve Bank of India in this regard. Please note that premature withdrawal of eposti (Including death cases) is subject to the following conditions.

) Upto 3 months from date of deposit: Withdrawal is not permitted

After 3 months but before 6 months: Interest shall not be payable After 6 months but before the date of maturity: The rate of interest shall be 2% lower than the rate specified for the period during which the scheme has run. In

case of no rate being specified for the deposit period, interest rate payable shall be 3% lower than the lowest rate offered by BFL.

#### e Business carried on by the Company and its subsidiaries with details of ranches or units if any:

Business carried on by the Company and its branches

Business carried on by the Company and its branches:

Providing consumer finance ranging from vehicle loans, consumer durable financing, personal loans, loan against property, Home Loans, construction equipment financing, small business loans, loan against securities and infrastructure financing. The Company is having its Branches at Agra, Ahmedabad, Ahmedagar, Ajmer, Akola, Akot, Alappuzha, Allahabad, Ambada, Amravati, Amreli, Amritsar, Anand, Anantpur, and Ankaleshwar, Kansool, Aurangabad, Bagalkot, Banaglare, Baramati, Bardoli, Berleilly, Baroda, Barshi, Belgaum, Bellary, Bhadrara, Bharuch, Bhatinda, Bhavnagar, Bhilai, Bhiwandi, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Bhuj, Bidar, Bijapur, Bikaner, Bilaspur, Bokaro, Bolpur, Borsad, Calicut, Chalisgaon, Chandigarh, Chandrapur, Chennai, Chhindwara, Chikhli, Chiplun, Chittadurga, Chittaranjan, Chopda, Cochin, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Cuttack, Dabhoh, Dahod, Davanquere, Darvadur, Dewas, Dahnadd, Dharapurm, Dharwad, Dhule, Dindiqul, Chandigarh, Chandrapur, Chennal, Chhindwara, Chikhil, Chiplun, Chitzadurga, Chittaranjan, Chopda, Cochin, Comibatore, Cutdadore, Cuttack, Dabhoi, Dahod, Davangere, Dehradun, Dewas, Dhanbad, Dharapuram, Dharwad, Dhule, Dindigul, Durgapur, Eluru, Erode, Gandhidham, Goa, Gokak, Gulberga, Guna, Guntur, Gwallor, Haldia, Halol, Hassan, Haveri, Himatnaga, Hoshangabad, Hoshiarpur, Hospet, Hubli, Hyderabad, Indore, Jabalpur, Jagadhri, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Jalgaon, Jalpaiguri, Jammu, Jammagan, Jamme, Jammaebdur, Johnyu, Lungagadh, Kadi, Kathiah, Kakinada, Kalka, Kannur, Kanpur, Kapurthala, Karak, Karaikudi, Karnal, Karunagappally, Karur, Karvar, Kathi, Khamgaon, Khandwa, Kharagpur, Kolar, Kolar, Kolar, Walka, Kollam, Kopergaon, Korba, Kota, Kottayam, Kurnool, Kurukshetra, Latur, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Machilipatnam, Madurai, Mandya, Mangalore, Mapusa, Margao, Mehsana, Moga, Morbi, Mumbal, Mysore, Nabha, Nadiad Nagarcoli, Nagpur, Namakka, Nanded, Nandurbar, Nashik, Navsari, Nellore, New Delhi, Palanpur, Pandharpur, Panipat, Patiala, Patna, Pen, Phagwada, Pimpalgaon, Pollach, Pondicherry, Pune, Puttur, Raichur, Raipur, Rajahmundry, Rajgurunagar, Rajkot, Rajanadnagaon, Rajpura, Ranaphar, Ranchi, Ratlam, Ratnagiri, Kewa, Rohtak, Ropar, Kourleés, Salem, Sangli, Satara, Satna, Sehore, Shimila, Shimoga, Siliguri, Sirsa, Solapur, Surat, Surendranagar, Tenali, Tirurakla, Tiruneklei, Tirupat, Tirupat, Tiruhur, Tirohu, Tirchy, Tirkhy, Tirkhy, Tirohur, Tumakuru, Tuttocini, Udaipur, Udipi, Ujain, Vadakara, Valsad, Vapi, Varanassi, Vidisha, Vijayawada, Vizag, Vizianagram, Wani, Warangal, Wardha, Warud, Washim, Navatmal and ali olher branches mentloned in the official website page www.bajajfinservinir> Scroll to bottom of the webpage=Contact us=Visit our banch to by directly (kicing) thispy.//www.bajajfinservinir/baran-lo-cator Locations where minimum deposit size is ₹5000 (not eligible for online investment)

Guiarat - Buietha, Kahanya, Khaparwada, Nandarkha, Sunevkalla, Amadpore Asarma, Darapura, Dungri, Godavadi, Harangam, Kotambi, Sarvani, Vanskui, Balda Bhathi Karambeli, Jitali, Umra, Barkal, Bhatlai, Kanyasi, Pardi Zankhari, Pathri Karmal, Handod Chokdi Maharashtra - Baragaon Pimpri, Kharde, Manjrod, Jatoda, Mehergaon, Somthane

Odha, War, Shaha, Bhatane Javkheda, Lamkani, Chinchkhede, Shewade, Gondur Dodi Bk, Raypur, Bhatpure, Warud MH, Dighawe, Vadjai, Indawe, Vinchur Devbhane, Deur Budruk, Pandhurli Business carried on by the subsidiaries of the Company

Sr. No.	Name of subsidiary	Address of registered office	Activity
1.	Bajaj Housing Finance Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035	Housing Finance Business
2.	Bajaj Financial Securities Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035	Stock broking and depository participant

The above text of advertisement has been issued on the authority and in the name of the Board of Directors and has been approved by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 20 July 2021 and copy of the same signed by Shri Rajeev Jain, Managing Director, who is authorized by the Board to sign on it's behalf, has been delivered to the Reserve Bank of India for registration.

Applications can be made online by visiting www.bajajfinserv.in/fixed-deposit or Bajaj Finance branches or any of our affiliated partner websites or apps or offices. The amount should be deposited only by net-banking or cheque. Cheques should be payable to Baja Expression of the BFL branch o

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PATNA (An Institute under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) ASHOK RAJPATH, PATNA - 800 005 (BIHAR)

Walk-in-interview for the post of Executive Engineer (on Contract) Walk-in-Interview for the recruitment of Executive Engineer (on Contract) will be held on 10th July, 2022 at NIT Patna. The interested and eligible candidates may appear in the Walk-in-Interview with the duly filled form which may be downloaded from the website of the Institute.

For further details regarding qualifications, experience, remuneration etc. please visit Institute website www.nitp.ac.in. Advt No. NITP/WI/01/2022

**OSBI** 

State Bank of India Central Recruitment & Promotion Department Corporate Centre, Mumbai Phone: 022-22820427; Fax: 022-22820411 Recruitment of Specialist Cadre Officers on **Contractual Basis** 

Sr. No.	Post	Contractual Equivalent Grade/ Scale	Vacancy	Advertisement No.
1	Defence Banking Advisor Navy		01	
2	Advisor Central Armed Police Forces		01	
3	Circle Advisor Central Armed Police Forces		01	
4	Circle Defence Banking Advisor		03	CRPD/SCO/ 2022-23/11
5	Research Analyst	MMGS-III	02	
6	Research Analyst-Equity	MMGS-III	01	
7	Research Analyst Private Equity	MMGS-III	01	
8	Internal	TEGS-VI Deputy	01	

For eligibility criteria (age, experience, job profile etc.), requisite fees and other details, log on to Bank's website https://bank.sbi/web/careers with a link for online submission of application as well as online payment of application fee. Refer detailed advertisement to ensure eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees.

Ombudsman General Manager

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 23.06.2022 TO 13.07.2022.

For any query, please write to us through link "CONTACT US" ightarrow "Post Your Query" which is available on Bank's website

Place: Mumbai Date: 23.06.2022

General Manager

#### **INDIAN PORT RAIL & ROPEWAY CORPORATION LIMITED** (A JV Company Under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India) 4" Floor, Nirman Bhavan, Mumbai Port Trust Building, M.P. Road, Mazgaon (E), Mumbai-400010. Phone No.: 022-6656 6335 Fax No.: 022-6656 6336 Email: hr@iprcl.in CIN: U60300DL2015PLC282703

ADVERTISEMENT NO: IPRCL/MUM/HR/REC.04/2022  $\label{lem:posts} \textbf{Applications for the following posts are invited from experienced and result oriented persons:}$ 

Applications to the following posts are invited in on experienced and result oriented persons:

(1) CGM(Operations & BD)/E8-01 at Mumbai, (2) CGM(Projects)/E8-01 at Ahmedabad-NHMC(Lothal),
(3) GM (Architect)E7/ AGM(Architect)E6/ JGM(Architect)E5-01 at Ahmedabad-NHMC(Lothal),
(4) JGM (Planning & Corporate Coordination)/E5-01 at Mumbai, (5) JGM (Projects)E5/
DGM(Projects)E4/Sr. M(Projects)E3-01 at Phusro & 01 at Piparwar/ Sanghamitra OCP,
(6) JGM (Accounts & Taxation)E4-01 at Mumbai, (7) Sr. M(Finance &
Accounts)E3/ Manager (Finance & Accounts)E2-01 at Mumbai, (8) Asst. Company Secretary/E2-01
at Mumbai, (9) Manager (PWay)/E2-01 at Singrauli.

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For eligibility criteria and format of application etc. please visit on website www.ipa.nic.in then click for Whats New/Ports/Other Organization Advertisement / Indian Port Rail Corporation Ltd. or www.iprcl.in then click on HR/Vacancy. Last date of receiving applications in IPRCL Office is 16th July, 2022. The application in prescribed format alongwith copies of requisite certificates/documents and detailed CV should be sent only by post or courier within due date addressed to "General Manager (HR), Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Limited, 4" Floor, Nirman Bhavan, M.P. Road, Mazgaon (CR), Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Limited, 4" Floor, Nirman Bhavan, M.P. Road, Mazgaon

Janardan Bhagat Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha's RAMSHETH THAKUR HIGHER SECONDARY VIDYALAYA

(SELF FINANCING JUNIOR COLLEGE) Plot No. 1, Sector-33, Kharghar Tal: Panvel Dist Raigad. Navi Mumbai - 410210

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING **POSTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023** 

Full time & Part time Assistant Teachers for the Academic Year 2022-2023, On Purely Temporary basis for the following subjects

Sr. No.	Subjects	Full Time / Part Time	Qualifications
1	Commerce	Full Time	M.Com B.Ed.
2	Hindi	Full Time	M.A. (Hindi) B.Ed.
3	Chemistry	Part Time	M.Sc.(Chemistry) B.Ed.
4	Physical Educator	Full Time	Post Graduation, MP.Ed.
5	Lab Assistants (Physics / Chemistry / Biology)	Full Time	B.Sc. / M.Sc.

Applications with full details should reach to the CHAIRMAN. J.B.S.P. Sanstha, Ramsheth Thakur Higher Secondary Vidyalaya, Plot No: 1, Sector - 33, Khaghar - 410210 Candidates may submit the application by email to principalrthsv@gmail.com on or before Monday 11th of July

 If required Contact: Mrs. Nisha Nair - 9987476532 or Mr. Meshram - 9821057464

Shri. Ramsheth Thakur (Ex-M.P.) Chairman, Janardan Bhagat Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha, Panvel

#### (ii) IDBI BANK Advertisement No. 4 / 2022-23

Advertisement for Appointment of **Head – Learning & Development on Contract Basis IDBI Bank Ltd** 

Regd. Office: IDBI Tower, WTC Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005 - Tel. (022) 6655 3355 Invites applications for the following post on Contract Basis

**Post Name** Vacancy Sr. No **Head – Learning & Development** For details with regard to eligibility criteria i.e. age, Qualifications, work

experience etc. and to apply, please visit the Careers Page on Bank's

Applications received on or before 13.07.2022 will be considered.

NOTE: IDBI Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any/ all application(s) without

#### STATE TRANSPORT CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD., 1st Floor ,Maharashtra Vahtuk Bhavan, Dr. Ananadrao Naii Marg, Mumbai Central (E), Mumbai – 400 008 Email : stcbl.ho@stbank.co.in/stcbl\_ho@yahoo.com

Tel .No. 022-23095135/23095338 8 years old Salary Earners Bank having 50 branches and mixed business of ove Rs. 3800 Crores invites applications from eligible candidates for the following posts General Manager (Accounts & Finance) / General Manager (Administration) Candidate should be above 35 years age and Graduate from recognized Universi with Computer knowledge. Preference will be given to JAIIB/CAIIB/MBA/LLB Minimum 5 years experience of Banking/Financial institutions in related field.

 Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) Candidate should be of 35 -55 years age and Graduate from recognized Universit with Computer knowledge. Preference will be given to JAIIB/CAIIB/MBA/LLB Minimum 10 years experience of Banking/Financial services out of which minimum 5 years shall be in the Audit/Finance/Compliance/Legal/Risk Managemen

Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

Candidate should be above 35 years age with Graduate (B.E./B.Tech.)/Degree in Computer Science /Information Technology /Information Systems or related field CISA/CISM/CCNA will be preferred. Candidates must have minimum 8 year experience in Information Technology domain at Bank/Data Centre at Middle or Senior level. The candidate should have thorough knowledge of Informatio Technology /Security in the bank. He will be primarily responsible for ensuring compliance on Information Technology/ Cyber Security to regulator.

The remuneration would commensurate with experience and qualification Relaxation for age / experience and qualification will be at the description of Bank Interested candidates fulfilling the eligible criteria may submit their resume with photograph within 15 days to Managing Director on the above mentioned address.

Managing Director



website www.idbibank.in.

#### **MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY** TRANSMISSION CO. LTD.

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Employment Advertisement No. 05/2022 to 12/2022

Advertisement No.	Name of Post	No. of Vacancy & Roster Reservation
05/2022	Executive Director (Projects) (On Contract Basis)	1 (VJ-A)
06/2022	Chief General Manager (Security & Enforcement) (On Contract Basis)	1 (OPEN)
07/2022	Superintending Engineer (Civil)	1 (VJ-A)
08/2022	Chief Legal Advisor (On Contract Basis)	1 (OPEN)
09/2022	Deputy Chief Industrial Relations Officer	1 (OPEN)
10/2022	Assistant General Manager (Human Resources)	1 (VJ-A)
11/2022	Senior Manager (Finance & Accounts)	1 (VJ-A)
12/2022	Deputy Public Relations Officer	1 (OPEN)

A detailed Advertisement comprising of requisite age, educational qualification, experience, general terms and conditions, procedure for submission of application form, documents, etc. will be available on the "Recruitment Notifications / Career & Job Opening" tab on home page of Company's website www.mahatransco.in.



#### PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Read Office: PSEB Head Office The Mall, Patiala - 147001) CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-07205 E-mail: Se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in

E-Tender Enquiry No. 7282/P-3/EMP-12010 Dated: 27.06.2022 Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP. Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2022\_POWER\_87367\_1 for Procurement of Different types CI pipes, Couplings & bolts for ash disposal lines of stage II & III at GGSSTP, Ropar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 28.06.2022/ 05:00 PM onwards. NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

#### LIP PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001) CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-07205 E-mail: Se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in

RTP-50/22

E-Tender Enquiry No. 7281/P-3/EMP-12009 Dated: 24.06.2022 Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2022\_POWER\_87254\_1 for Procurement of pulverized Fuel straight pipe for stg. II & III installed at GGSSTP, Ropar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from

NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. RTP-49/22



GALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE (An Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka) Office of the Director cum Dean, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Telephone: 080-26700810, Tele Fax: 080-26704342 E-mail: director\_bmcri@yahoo.co.in

No: BMCRI/Sup(2)/03/2022-23

28.06.2022/ 11:30 AM onwards.

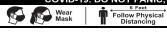
Dated: 29-06-2022

#### **E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

e-Tenders are invited for the "Supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen to the Institute 13KL LMO Tank."

Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-Procurement mode only. Website: https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Interested tenderers have to register in the e-Procrement portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website. 1) Commencement date for uploading of tenders: 04-07-2022. 2) Pre Bid Meeting: 18-07-2022 at 11.30 AM. 3) Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: 03-08-2022 before 4.30 PM. 4) Date of Opening of Tenders: 05-08-2022 at 11.30 AM. For further details contact Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Sd/- Director cum Dean, Institute, Bangalore. BMCRI, Bengaluru.

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BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION Civil Engineering Department K.H. Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-560 027. No BMTC/CO/CE/EE/291/2022-23 Dated:-29 06 2023

E -PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No.03/ 2022-23 Item rate tender is invited in two cover system for the works of (1) Providing cement concrete pavement to the parking area and other allied works at Depot-49, Bidadi, Bengaluru, Amount out to tender: Rs. 338.86 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 5,08,300 /- (2) Providing cement concrete pavement to the parking area and other allied works at Depot-47, Mandur, Bengaluru Amount put to tender: Rs. 338.72 Lakhs, EMD: Rs. 5,08,080 /-. as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement ordinance of 2000, and Act 2000 from the Class-I Civil Contractors/Firms registered in Karnataka CPWD/MES and KPWD. In E-procurement the contractors/firms will have to upload all information's, documents and rates etc in website only, i.e. https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. No documents will be accepted in person manually. (1) Receipt of tenders: 30.07.2022. Date of opening of tender 01.08.2022 (2) Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC

STEM WATER DISTRIBUTION & INFRASTRUCTURE CO. PVT. LTD., THANE Wagale Industrial Estate, Thane (W.) - 400604. stemwatercompany@gmail.com
E- Tender Notice No.14 (2nd call) for 2022-23.

https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

he form of B-1 Tender for following work Name of Work Estimated Cost Providing and commissioning 22 KV HT express feeder from Mohane substation to shahad head works and commissioning of 22K V metering cubical, RMU and transformer breakers and to construct RCC Security cabin and Transformer room above HFL at Shahd Head Works. Rs. 3,49,97,423/ (Exculding all taxes) (Post

Tender documents will be available for view/downloading o uthorized website <a href="https://downloading.outhorized.website.https://dsem.abeprocure.com">https://dsem.abeprocure.com</a> from <a href="https://dsem.abeprocure.com">https://dsem.abeprocure.com</a> from <a href="https://dsem.abeprocure.com">https://dsem.abeprocure.com</a> from <a href="https://dsem.abeprocure.com</a> from <a

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#### PANCHAYAT RAJ & DRINKING WATER DEPARTMENT 2 **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

RWS&S DIVISION, NABARANGPUR Tel-(06858)222643, E-Mail: eerwss ngp@rediffmail.com /eerwssngp@gmail.com

**INVITATION FOR BIDS** 

No: RWSS\_NGP\_ONLINE\_08/ 2022-23 DATED: - 23/06/2022
The Superintending Engineer RWS&S Division Nabarangpur on behalf of Additional Chief Engineer, RWSS Circle, Koraput invites percentage rate bid through e-procurement double cover system according to norm of e-procurement system in on-line mode

Name of Works : As mentioned in Table "A" which includes Construction of different capacity ESR/OGR, laying of pipe line, FHTC and its ancillary work in commissioned Pipe water supply scheme of differen Block in the Nabarangpur District (Clubbed up & Single village projects)

: 7 (SEVEN) Nos (Detailed in Tender Call Notice 2. No. of Works

Estimated Cost : As mentioned in Table "A" 4. Tender Paper Cost : As mentioned in Table "A"

. Class of Contractor : As mentioned in Table "A" As mentioned in Table "A" Period of Completion 7. Critical Dates : \* Further details can be seen in the bidding

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documents, which is available in the e-procuremen Portal https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in publication of this tender can be seen in the web porta https://odisha.gov.in/state-tenders-advertsement

Subsequent corrigendum if required shall be appeared in the web site.

Authority reserves the right to reject any or al tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

vailability of Tender online for Bidding Last Date of seeking receipt of No. То letter & other 19.07.2022 20.07.2022 up 21.07.2022 RWSS\_NGP 12.07.2022 20.07.2022 RWSS ONLINE\_08 o at 05.00 at 05.00 up to 5.30 P.M. to 05.00 P.M. at 11.00 A.M. 2022-23 PM PM

> Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Nabarangp OIPR-25028/11/0012/2223

#### CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE Tender Notice No.: CLW-DKAE-WC-570-LA. E-tenders are invited for and or sehalf of the President of India for the work: Sl. No.: [01]. Tender No.: CLW-DKAE-WC-570-LA. Name of the work: Provision of Lightning Arrester at Administrative Building, Assembly Shop, 3 nos. Sub-Station, Bogie Shop and PCMM Office of ELAAU/Dankuni. **Tender value** (Runees): ₹2.65.357.00 (Runees Two akhs Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Seven) only. Cost of tender document (Rupees): ₹1,000.00 (Rupees One thousand only). Earnest Money/Bid Security (Rupees): ₹5,300.00 (Rupees sand and Three Hundred) only Period of completion: 03 (three) months NOTE: (i) Complete details can be seen in the Railways website: www.ireps.gov.in. (ii) Contact Number: 03212-230003 (iii) Date of closing of tender submi

s 19.07.2022 at 12:00 hrs. R1-145 AWM/Planning/CLW/Dankur ike us on: www.facebook.com/clwrailways



#### Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University

(Established by Government of Maharashtra and Governed by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Maharashtra Act No. XXIX of 2014) www.dbatu.ac.in

Tender Notice No.: DBATU/Store/Exam/Estate/2022/10

FOLLOWING Tenders are invited by Registrar. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological

Tenders Details	Start Date	End Date
Online Mode (available on <a href="http://www.mahatenders.gov.in">http://www.mahatenders.gov.in</a> )	30.06.2022	06.07.2022
1. Supply of Answer books & other Stationery		
2. Digital valuation systems	11.00 am	11.00 am
Offline Mode (available on www.dbatu.ac.in)	30.06.2022	14.07.2022
Tenders in B-1 format for the work at DBATU, Lonere		
1. Proposed cast iron fencing work around Statue Pedestal	11.00 am	04.00 pm
2. Rate contract for supply of stationery and miscellaneous items		

Extension for tender, retender, corrigendum or change in schedule will be published at http://www.mahatenders.gov.in for online mode and University web site (www.dbatu.ac.in) for offline mode only. Right to reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason thereof is reserved by

#### **DELHI JAL BOARD: DELHI SARKAR** OFFICE OF THE ADDL.CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-10

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TENDERING DIVISION (M)-10 ROOM NO. 103, Ist FLOOR, ENGINEERS BHAWAN, NEAR MOOL CHAND CROSSING, ANDREWS GANJ, NEW DELHI-110049 Mail:- eetm10.djb@gmail.com. Mob.- 9650291341



IT No.37/EE (T) M-10/2022-23						
Press Tender						
		Reserve	Date			

S. No.	Name of Work	Reserve price	Date of release of tender in e procurement solution	Last date and time for download & RTGS through e procurement solution			
	Re-boring of 4 nos. tube wells i.e. 2 nos. in DDA Park Transit Camp, A-Block, 1 No. near Deepalya School, 1 no. in Navjeevan Camp near Pocket -4 in AC-51 Kalkaji		2022_DJB_225207_1 27.6.2022	11.7.2022 upto 2.00 PM			
2	Engagement of labour for maintenance of water supply in G.K. Constituency under EE(M)-50 (AC-50)	Item rate	2022_DJB_225207_2 27.6.2022	11.7.2022 upto 2.00 PM			
	Further details in this regard can be seen at govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.  SCIED BY REQ. (MATER)  Sd/- (B.N.Gupta)						

SSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 212 (2022-23)

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Someshwarnagar, Taluka-Baramati, Dist-Pune, Maharashtra – 412 306 Telephone: (02112) 282150/ 282476/285477/282412 Email: someshwarsakhar@gmail.com

Ref. No: SSSSKL/E Tender/1241/2022-23

E-Tender Notice

E-Tenders are invited from experienced, bonafide, indigenous/overseas manufacturers and/or their authorized epresentatives on turnkey basis for Design, Engineering, manufacturing, supply, erection and commissioning for the following packages, for 18 MW Cogeneration Project (Expansion from 18 MW to 36 MW).

Sr. No.	Name of Packages	Estimated Cost (Rs.) Excl. of GST.	Time Limit	Tender Fee(Rs.) - Incl. of GST.	E.M.D. (Rs.)
1	Steam Generator & Auxiliaries	46,00,00,000/-	12 Months	29500/-	23,00,000/-
2	Turbo Generator & Auxiliaries	17,50,00,000/-	12 Months	11800/-	8,50,000/-

Terms & Conditions: 1.0 Qualification requirements: 1 1 Boiler & Auxiliaries

1.1.1 The Bidder should have produced Steam Generators (for any fuel) of capacity 100TPH or higher with outlet steam parameters of 87ata and 515deg.C or higher. And should have sold minimum of 2 units of the said capacity and parameters which have been satisfactorily operated for at least 2 years. 1.1.2 The Bidder should have produced Steam Generators of capacity 100TPH or higher with bagasse firing with

the minimum of 87 ata and 515 Deg.C steam outlet parameters during the period of last 5 years. The same Steam Generators should have been in operation satisfactorily for at least 2 years. 1.1.3 The Bidder should have supplied a minimum of 2units of 100 TPH and above capacity (any fuel) Steam Generators of top Supported Design with Traveling Grates, within a period of last 5 years and same should

have been in operation satisfactorily. TG & Auxiliaries:

1.2.1 The Bidder should have produced Steam Turbines of capacity 18 MW or higher, back pressure, with inlet steam parameters of 84ata and 510deg.C or higher, during the period of last 5 years and should have been sold minimum 2 units of said capacity which should have been in operation satisfactorily for at least 2 years.

1.2.2 The bidder / bidder's sub-vendor have produced Synchronous Generator of 22.5 MVA capacity capable of withstanding the grid voltage and frequency variation of  $\pm$  10% and  $\pm$  5% respectively and capable of continuous operation in an unbalanced system like the Indian Grid from last 5 years and minimum of two units of the said capacity and parameters which are in operation satisfactorily for at least 2 years.

Blank Tenders, Tender Documents, Forms, Specifications, Make, Qualification, Information and other Details etc. can be downloaded from the website **eprocurement.synise.com** Conditional bids will not be accepted. Blank Tenders will be available online at web site eprocurement.synise.com from 30/06/2022 to 20/07/2022 on the prior payment of tender fee (non-refundable) as mentioned above.

All the bidders should send their technical queries if any in the bid documents to the consultant and copy to factory on or before 07/07/2022 so that the same could be discussed during pre-bid meeting.

The pre-bid meeting will be held at office of Shri Someshwar SahakariSakhar Karkhana Ltd;  $Some shwarn agar, Tal-\,Barmati,\,Dist\,-\,Pune\,on\,08/07/2022\,at\,10.30\,A.M$ 

Last date of uploading/submission of technical & commercial bid is 27/07/2022 (up to 5.00 pm.). Tender

should be submitted online as per the instructions given in tender document. There will not be any technical discussion or classifications sought from the bidders after submission of the bids, also the bidders are advised to prepare the bids completely in line with the tender requirements without any commercial or technical deviations. For any Technical & Commercial clarification on the tender documents, the bidders should contact factory

and project consultants: M/s. Avant-Garde Systems and Controls (P) Ltd., 67-A, Porur - Kundrathur High Road, Porur, Chennai - 600116. Contact Persons : Mr. N. Thilagar Lingam, DGM - Projects. email id: nthilagarlingam@avant-garde.co.in and Mr. S. Ashok, Assistant Manager - Projects, email id: sashok@avant-garde.co.in and get their points clarified before the submission of the bids. The Bidders shall furnish unambiguous information, in the appropriate format of the tender, regarding their

qualifications and experience. Non-compliance will entail disqualification of the bidder. SSSKL will not be responsible for the late receipt of tender document after due date and time of closing of account of any reason related to internet connectivity

The Bidder should have average yearly financial turnover of Rs.100 crores or more during last 5 years, certified by the chartered accountant.

Time is essence of the contract & the work is to be necessarily completed within the specified Time Limit only Bidder shall pay the tender fees and EMD through RTGS only to sugar factory's bank account. Bank account details- Axis Bank Ltd, Branch- Baramati, Current A/C. 135010100152594, IFSC Code

Bidders who remit tender fee and EMD through RTGS should forward written communication mentioning RTGS UTR/Ref. number and respective tender work on sugar factory's email and confirm the same.

The bidder would have to carry hard copies of tender document during technical and commercial bid opening to avoid any difficulties in internet connectivity. Technical and Financial Bid Opening: The date, time and venue of the Technical Bid Opening and Financial

Bid opening meeting will be communicated to the participated bidders. The Bidder should upload his past experience certificates, last three years Income Tax Returns, Clearance

Certificates, Turn Over Certificate, Registration Certificates, PAN & GST Registration etc. With regard to the technical acceptability of the bids, the decision of Commissioner of Sugar/State Level Machinery Purchase Committee/Cogeneration Implementation & Coordination Committee will be final and binding to the bidders. Commissioner of Sugar/State Level Machinery Purchase Committee/Cogeneration Implementation & Coordination Committee reserves the right to accept or reject tenders without assigning any reason thereof

R.N.Yadav Managing director

Anandkumar S.Holkar Vice Chairman

Chairman

Purushottam R.Jagtap

## **BHAGWAN FATRU JOGI**

**Date:** 30.06.2022

#### RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB



[Established under the Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006] RGNUL Advt No. RGNUL/22/2022 dt. 28.06.2022

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Applications are invited for admission to B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course and LL.M. (Post-Graduate) One Year Course in the following categories:

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2. Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Category (UG - 05) Seats)

3. J&K Residents (UG - 02 Seats) / PG - 02 Seats)

4. Wards of Kashmiri Migrants (UG - 09 Seats) (PG - 03 Seats) 5. Economically Weaker Section (EWS) (UG - 18 Seats) (PG - 06

The interested candidates may visit RGNUL website (www.rgnul.ac.in) regarding eligibility criteria, documentation and mode of application. Completed application form must be submitted on or before 12 July, 2022 by 11:59 pm positively via

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## OP WC

e- procurement notice No.- 21/OPHWC/2022-23 INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) The Chief Engineer (OSPH&WC), Odisha, Bhubaneswar invites Percentage rate bid in Double Cover system in ONLINE

SI No	Name of the work	Approx. estimated Cost	EMD (to be paid on line)	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of CRRI PS Building at DCP, Cuttack.	₹ 3,39,20,032.00	₹ 3,39,200.00	A Class & Spl. Class
2	Construction of Staff Qtrs. Non-Teaching (Group-C-12 Nos) at Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna	₹ 3,00,20,420.00	₹ 3,00,200.00	A Class & Spl. Class
3	Construction of Paradeep Lock PS, Jagatsinghpur.	₹ 2,74,05,481.00	₹ 2,74,100.00	B Class & A Class
4	Repair, Restoration and Reconstruction of Properties under CPGS, OUAT, Bhubaneswar	₹ 2,61,72,928.00	₹ 2,61,700.00	B Class & A Class
5	Cluster of 1. Construction of 1 D type qtrs at Dist. Hdqtrs, Jharsuguda, 2. Construction of Drill Nursery at Jharsuguda, 3. Construction of Sadar PS Building, Jharsuguda and 4. Construction of Indoor Class Room at OSAP 2nd Bn., Jharsuguda	₹ 2,49,87,676.00	₹ 2,49,900.00	B Class & A Class
6	Construction of 6 D type qtrs at OSAP 6th Bn., Cuttack (For all police establishment at Cuttack)	₹ 1,88,75,987.00	₹ 1,88,800.00	B Class & A Class
7	Construction of 2 Nos. C type qtrs at OSAP 6th Bn., Cuttack (for 6th Bn. Personnel)	₹ 1,84,79,709.00	₹ 1,84,800.00	B Class & A Class
8	Construction of 4 Nos. D type Qtrs. At- Kafia OP, DCP Cuttack	₹ 1,48,06,910.00	₹ 1,48,100.00	B Class & A Class
9	Construction of Marine P.S at Kasia, Bhadrak	₹ 91,16,911.00	₹ 91,200.00	B Class & A Class
10	Construction of Extension of Office Building of District Police Office, Jagatsinghpur	₹ 88,63,495.00	₹ 88,600.00	B Class & A Class
11	Cluster of 1. Extension of PS Building at Lalbag, Cuttack (DCP), 2. Extension of PS Building at Madhupatna, Cuttack, (DCP) and 3. Extension of PS Building at Jagatpur, Cuttack, (DCP)	₹ 83,59,167.00	₹ 83,600.00	B Class & A Class
12	Construction of Kusulda OP Building at Mayurbhanj	₹ 64,66,043.00	₹ 64,700.00	B Class & A Class
13	Construction of OP Building at Bhusandapur, Khurda	₹ 63,84,938.00	₹ 63,800.00	B Class & A Class
14	Cost of Bid document	₹ 11,800.00	(To be	paid online)
15	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	Dt. 30.06.2022 to	Dt. 14.07.2022	up to 5.00 P.M
16	Last date / time of Receipt of Bids in the Portal	Dt. 14.07.2022 up	to 5.00 P.M	
17	Date of Opening Bid	Dt. 15.07.2022 at		
18	The Ridders have to participate in ONLINE hidding only Europe details can be seen from the website.			

Chief Engineer (OSPH&WC)

N.B.- The quoted rate should be all inclusive but excluding G.S.T. as applicable Under works contract. OIPR - 12118/11/0017/2223 and Housing (22-23) D

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)

JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001

E-Mailld - pdt.juidco@gmail.com, juidcolimited@gmail.com

CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

#### **TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE**

PR Ref No.: **266429** 

NIT No.: JUIDCO/FOB Nucl Mall/2942/466 <u> Tender ID:</u> 2022\_UDD\_57045\_1

Name of the work: Construction of Foot Over Bridge near Nucleus Mall, Circular Road in Ranchi.

The tender for the above referenced work (NIT No. JUIDCO/FOB Nucl Mall/2942/466; bearing Tender ID: 2022\_UDD\_57045\_1), is hereby cancelled as no bids were received in response. All bidders are requested to wait for fresh notification in this regard. Sd/-

> **Project Director (Technical)** JUIDCO Limited, Ranchi

PR 272657 (Urban Development and Housing) 22-23 (D)

#### The Muslim Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Pune Admin Office, 647 Bhawani Peth, Pune - 411042

FOR SALE (Last Call)PRIME LOCATION AT MOHAMMED ALI ROAD MUMBAI The ground floor premises owned and possessed by THE MUSLIM CO OPERATIVE BANK LTD, Pune, situated at lotus building, Shop no 2, 3, 4, at, 59 Mohammed Al Road Mumbai admeasuring 1400 sq.fts (Ground floor 700 sq fts +stilt floor 700sq.ft.) Alongwith the three phase power meter is FOR SALE on ownership basis.

The successful bidder / purchaser will have to deposit 25% of the bid amoun immediately i.e. on the day of negotiations itself, with the Authorised Officer of the Bank and the balance amount within 15 days. If the 25% of the bid amount is no paid on the same day or the balance amount is not paid within 15 days or if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale, time or commits default in any nanner, the earnest money deposit will be forfeited and the Bank will be at liberty to sell the property again without any notice

terested party may inspect said premises between 11 am to 02 p.m. From 1s

July 2022 to 08th July 2022 (Excluding Holidays). Sealed tenders/quotations be submitted to: THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE MUSLIM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD, PUNE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE 647 BHAWANI PETH, PUNE 411042 by 11th July 2022

Bank reserves its right to accept / reject all or any quotations / tenders withou By order, The Chief Executive Officer assigning any reason. Date: 30/06/2022 The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd Pune

## MAHARASHTRA EX-SERVICEMEN CORPORATION LTD. (MESCO), PUNE

1. Applications are invited online and offline from the interested candidates (Ex-Service Officers only) for the following Posts of Maharashtra Ex-Servicemen Corporation (MESCO):

Post	Vacancy	Place of Duty	Remarks
Regional Manager for Latur Region	01	Latur	) _
Regional Manager for Mumbai Region	01	Mumbai	Ex- Service Officers
Regional Manager for Nagpur Region	01	Nagpur	of Armed
Manager for MESCO HQ, Pune	01	Pune	Forces
Manager for MSIE, Bhosari, Pune	01	Bhosari, Pune	<i> </i>
2. The terms and conditions are	a fallanna		

The terms and conditions are as follows.Retired Officers of the Armed Forces not over 59 years of age. b) Ex-service Officers of Army (Maj / Lt Col / Col) or equivalent rank n Navy & Air Force.

(c) Tenure of the said appointment will be initially only for a period of 360 days on a contractual basis, which may be renewed based or performance and requirement. (d) Ex-Officers should be preferrably able to read, write and speak

3. Candidates should submit their application by E-mail or contact@mescoltd.co.in / asstmgr-project@mescoltd.co.in and also offline to "Raigad" Building, Opp National War Memorial, Ghorpadi Pune 411001 before 11 July 2022

Note: - Separate application should be submitted for each post. Date of Birth, retirement & contact no. must be indicated in Bio-Data.



### पनवेल महानगरपालिका द्वितीय जाहीर ई-निविदा सूचना

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#### JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE **DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED** (A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)

JUIDCO Bhawan, KutcheryChowk, Ranchi-834001 E-Mail Id - pdt.juidco@gmail.com, juidcolimited@gmail.com CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

NIT No.: JUIDCO/FOB Nucl Mall/2942/483 Date:28.06.2022 **Notice Inviting Short Tender National Competitive Bidding** Construction of Foot Over Bridge near Name of the Work Nucleus Mall, Circular Road in Ranchi City

2.	Mode of bid submission	Online Tender	
3.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 388.226 Lakhs	
4.	Tender Fee & Bid Security	Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only (Non-Refundable) Bid Security: Rs.3.90 Lakhs	
		(Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Thousand) only	
5.	Date & Time of publication of Tender on website	29/06/2022- Time 15:00 Hrs.	
6.	Last date & Time for Submission of Pre-bid queries	05/07/2022- Time 17:00 Hrs.	
7.	Date &Time for Pre-bid Meeting	06/07/2022- Time 15:00 Hrs.	
8.	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	13/07/2022- Time 17:00 Hrs.	
9.	Last Date & Time of submission of EMD and Tender fee in (Hard Copies)	14/07/2022- Time 17:00 Hrs.	
10.	Date & Time of Technical bid opening	14/07/2022- Time 17:30 Hrs.	
11.	Bid submission address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd., JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834001	
12.	Helpline no.	+91651- 2225878/ +91-9835165931/ +91- 9097114840	

Note: Only e-tenders will be accepted.

Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procuremen website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in Sd/-PR 272662 Urban Development

Project Director (Tech) JUIDCO Ltd. Ranchi

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JUNE 29

VIVEK PHANSALKAR, a 1989-batch IPS officer, was appointed the police commissioner of Mumbai on Wednesday. Phansalkar will succeed Sanjay Pandey, whose tenure ends on Thursday. IPS officer Archana Tyagi has been given additional charge as the Maharashtra State Police Housing DG, a post that was held by Phansalkar.

Phansalkar will take over as the chief of the over 40,000-strong force



Vivek Phansalkar

at a time when the state is going through political turmoil.

As per the order issued by the state Home Department, in light of Pandey's retirement on June 30, Phansalkar was appointed the new Mumbai police commissioner. Phansalkar has, in the past, served as the police commissioner of Thane, chief of Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and joint commissioner of traffic and administration in Mumbai city. Phansalkar's first posting was as additional superintendent of police, Akola. He also served as superintendent of police in Wardha and Parbhani before getting his first posting in a city commissionerate as deputy commissioner of police in Nashik.

He is likely to take charge as the Mumbai police commissioner on

#### **KURLA BUILDING COLLAPSE**

## Flat owners booked, contractor who put up labourers on rent arrested

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI.JUNE 29

THE NEHRU Nagar police early Wednesday registered a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against the flat owners, who had rented out their apartments in the building that collapsed in Mumbai's Kurla (East), despite being aware that the building was dilapidated and could collapse any time.

The four storey-building in Naik Nagar cooperative housing society collapsed on Monday night, killing 19 people. The police booked flat owners Raini Rathod, Kishor Chavan, Balkrishna Rathod and under sections (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) of IPC.

Contractor Dilip Vishwas, who had put up daily wage labourers on rent in the building, was also arrested on

**COURT ASKS** 

**CONG LEADER** WHETHER HE

**PROSECUTION** 

Mumbai: A SPE-CIAL court in

Tuesday sought to know whether the

Congress member, who has ap-

proached the court seeking a corrup-

tion probe against BJP leaders in connection with the

rebel Sena MLAs,

has applied for

sanction under the

Corruption Act, Lawyer and member of the

Mumbai Regional Congress

Madhu Holamagi,

had sought direc-

tions from the

court for a probe

under Prevention

of Corruption Act.

The court, which

hears cases against

MLAs and MPs, is

yet to hear and ad-

mit the plea. On

Tuesday, it sought

to know whether

sanction for prose-

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companied by a

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(Holamagi) that he

has applied for

sanction under the

Corruption Act,

1988. Therefore, it

is necessary to hear

the complainant

on the aspect of

sanction to prose-

cute the public ser-

vants under the

Act. Hence, the

matter is kept for

hearing on the as-

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under the Act," the

court said, posting

the case for a hear-

ing on July 15.

Holamagi's plea

had sought regis-

tration of an FIR

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Devendra Fadnavis

and Union Finance

Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman among others. ENS

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**OF LEADERS** 

Mumbai

**SOUGHT SANCTION FOR** 



**Debris being** cleared at the building collapse site on Wednesday. Ganesh Shirsekar

Wednesday. He was produced before a magistrate court, which remanded him to police custody.

The building was one of the four buildings in the housing society, all deemed dilapidated by the BMC.

Rescue operations by the fire brigade and the National Disaster Response Force had ended late Tuesday while search operations continued. Of the 33 people found so far, while 19 died, 10 were discharged from hospitals after treatment and four are being treated.

A resident said that all occupants were aware that the building was dilapidated and were even asked by the chairman of the society to vacate by June 30. "Vishwas, who put up the labourers, was paying Rs 12,000 rent for one flat... 10 to 12 labourers lived in the flat. In all, around 35 labourers were staying," a res-

## WR EXTENDS TRIPS OF WEEKLY SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS

FROM	то	SERVICE	UP TO	UPTO
Mumbai Central	Kanpur Anwarganj	SATURDAY	25.06.22	30.07.22
Kanpur Anwarganj	Mumbai Central	SUNDAY	26.06.22	31.07.22
Bandra (T)	Ajmer	WEDNESDAY	29.06.22	27.07.22
Ajmer	Bandra (T)	THURSDAY	30.06.22	28.07.22
Bandra (T)	Udaipur	MONDAY	27.06.22	25.07.22
Udaipur	Bandra (T)	TUESDAY	28.06.22	26.07.22
Udhna	Banaras	TUESDAY	28.06.22	26.07.22
Banaras	Udhna	WEDNESDAY	29.06.22	27.07.22
Udhna	Rewa	FRIDAY	24.06.22	29.07.22
Rewa	Udhna	SATURDAY	25.06.22	30.07.22
Surat	Subedarganj	FRIDAY	01.07.22	26.08.22
Subedarganj	Surat	SATURDAY	02.07.22	27.08.22
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For detailed information regarding Timings, Halts and Composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail gov.in

The booking of extended trips of **Train** No. 09185, 09039, 09067, 09013, 09045, and 09117 will open from 30th June, 2022 at PRS counters and IRCTC website. Above trains will run as Special Train on Special Fare.



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	Table 1	Table 2		
iod (except table 2)	Cumulative rates of interest		Period	Cumulative rates of int
	For Depositors other than Senior		Pellou	For Depositors other than Senior Citizen
	Citizens		15 months	6.40%
			18 month:	6.50%
- 23 months	6.20%	6.45%	22 month	6.65%
- 35 months	6.95%	7.20%	30 month	7.05%
			33 month:	7.15%
- 60 months	7.40%	7.65%	44 month	7.50%
linimum deposit	amount under SDP is ₹5.000/- per Deposit.	E. Names, ac	dresses and occupations of Directors:	

(Managing Director)

Total financial assets

Subordinated debts Other financial liabilities

Total non-financial liabilities

the date of such respective Deposit.

(I) In case of Monthly Abuturity Scheme, the Depositor will have option to choose between 6 to 48 normal member of monthly Deposits under SDP.

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In maturity period of each monthly deposit created under Monthly Maturity Scheme of SDP.

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In case of Single Maturity Scheme of SDP. the SDP Tenure shall be for a minimum of 19 months to maximum of 00 months. All Deposits under the said Single Maturity Scheme of SDP will mature on a same date. Accordingly, the tenure of list Deposit under the said Single Maturity Scheme will be a per the SDP Tenure selected by the depositor and the tenure of each Deposit placed after the list Deposits under the said Single Maturity Scheme will be so per the SDP Tenure selected by the depositor and the tenure of each Deposit placed after the list Steposity will guideably reduced in order to match the same towards fixed maturity date.

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For the sake of clarity, any subsequent Deposit after the first deposit is not acceptable through any other payment mode, except through NACH immandate. Individual depositor or primary depositor, falling under special category of Senior citizens (i.e. persons more than 60 years of age, subject to provision of proof of age) will be eligible for additional interest at the rate uplo 2.5% pa, a per Deposit amount of up to \$5 (five) core.

If the applicant becomes a senior citizen subsequent to placing of first Deposit, the applicant will not be eligible for the senior citizen subsequent monthly deposits made under the same SDP.

Same SDP.

1) The Depositor category will not change during the SDP and will remain same as on the date of opining for SDP the same category will be applicable throughout the SDP tenure.

m) Rate of interest for deposits for more than #5 Crore per Deposit may vary from the published card rate and will be decided on case to case basis but within the cap on Rate of Interest specified by the Reservee Bank of Indica.

receive earlier initial. Company will make repayment of Deposit on the date of maturity of such Deposit unless it brieves any request for renewal within the prescribed period before the date of maturity. The ment will be made through NETF or RSCs or account payee cheque (in case or rejection of ster by NET/RTGS) to the bank account of the depositor mentioned in the deposit application. Investments insier by Ner Fyrkus) to use bains account on the deposition mentionised in the deposit application; case of dishonor of NACH mandaxt, Deposit will not be booked for such month and NACH indate will be presented in the next month as per SDP. In such case, tenure of SDP selected by the positor shall NOT be extended for egual number of months for which the NACH stood dishonored.

Depositor shall NOT be extended for equal number of months for which the NACH stood dishonored. Monthly Deposit refers to presentation of NACH mandate once in a month on a date specified by the depositor while opining for the SOP.

The request for renewal of the Deposit signed or consented by all the deposit holders shall reach the Company of the through physical application or through BFL Online portal at least 24 blous before maturity date of deposit. The written request can be submitted at nearest branch of the Company or the house phore and the properties of the company or to the independent financial advisors or national distributors empaneled with the Company, No requests for renewal of Deposits shall be adverted post and other terms S conditions prevailing on the date of renewal. FDR of the existing deposit may not be required at the time of renewal of deposits as it should not all the violence of the property, plant and equipme Capital work-in-progress intragible assets under down interest and other terms Sor conditions as applicable for regular deposits or resident Indians. No renewal is permitted for Deposits were careful expensively the property of the existing deposit may not be required at the time of renewal of Deposits are sident and the violence of the existing deposit may not be required at the time of renewal of Deposits are sident and the violence of the existing deposit may not be required at the time of renewal of Deposits are sident and the violence of the existing deposit may not be required at the time of renewal of Deposits are sident and the violence of the existing deposit may not be required at the time of renewal of Deposits are sident and the violence of the existing deposit may not be required at the time of the existing deposit may not be required at the financial assets and the deposit of the properties of the deposit of the existing deposit may not be existent and the deposit of the existing deposit may not be deposited to the existing deposit may not be deposited to the existi Deposits) will be governed by the terms and condition of approximate president Indians. No renewals is permitted for Deposits created under Single Maturity Scheme In case where the depositor(s) has opplication form, however, wishes to cancel the renewal request, the depositor(s) should submit a specific written request so as to reach the Company and least 3 (their business days prior to maturity date of the Deposit. The written request so as to reach the Company or to the independent financial advisors or national distributors empaneled with the Company. We company or the company or t

independent financial advisors or national ostroutors empaneed with one captured to request shall be accepted post the above-mentioned period.

In case of death of the individual primary depositor, the SDP will come to an end and NACH will not be presented for further creation of deposits after receipt of such information about the death. The death claims will be settled in accordance with the terms and conditions applicable to a condition of the condition of the conditions applicable to a condition of the condition of t

Banking Companies (Auvertisement) Rules, 1917 / 8 amended.

A Name of the Company: BAJAJ FinANCE LTD.

B. Date of Incorporation: 25th March, 1987

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Profit (Standalone) ended on

D. Brief particulars of the management of the Company:
The Company is managed by the Managing Director, subject to the control and supervision of the Board of Directors. The Managing Director is entrusted with necessary

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ii) The compliance with the RBI directions does not imply that the repayment of Deposits is guaranteed by the Reserve Bank of India.
 iii) The deposits accepted by the Company are unsecured and rank pari passu with other unsecured liabilities.

iv) The deposits solicited by the Company are not insured.

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c) After 6 months but before the date of maturity: The rate of interest shall be 2% lower than the rate specified for the period during which the scheme has run. In case of no rate being specified for the deposit period, interest rate payable shall be 3% lower than the lowest rate offered by BFL.

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No.	Name of subsidiary	Address of registered office	Activity
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Divisional Materials Manager Bhusawal **Bidding System:** Single Bid System, **Earnest Money:** ₹ 69670/-Validity of Offer: 90 Days, TENDER TYPE - OPEN, Date of Uploading Tender: 28/062022, OPENING DATE: 19/07/2022 at 11:30 Hrs. Inspection Agency:- RDSO-QA, Ranking Order for Bids: Lowest to Highest, Brief description: LED Signal lighting unit with built in current regulator retrofitable in existing CLS unit as per RDSO specification RDSO/SPN/ 2011 Rev. 4.1 with latest amendent for- Shunt-374 Rout = 175 calling /on= 32. Note: The Details of this Tender is available on Rly. Site www.ireps.gov.in

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#### **WESTERN RAILWAY**

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The following details of the NIT for publication. **Tender** No.: WR-MMCTOSnT (STMA) 2-2022 dated: 29.06.2022 Department: Signal & Telecomm. Executive: Sr. DSTE(Co.) Name of Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) of IP based Telephones in Zonal office at Churchgate & Divisional office at Mumbai Central for two years of Mumbai Division Western Railway. Approx Cost of Work: Rs. 405920/-Particular office where E-tender open: Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer(CO), 2nd Railway Floor, Divisional Manager's Office, Mumbai Central, Mumbai-400 008. Bid Security: Rs. 8200/- Validity of Offers: 60 Days, from the date of opening. **Type of** E-Tender: Open E-Tender. Time & Date for closure for submission of E-Tender **Documents:** At 15.00 hrs. on 26.07.2022. **Time & Date for** 

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tender can be viewed at web





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Keynote Speaker

**Giriraj Singh** 

Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

Third Edition

### Women's Collectives: Change-makers from the ground up

That women can drive result-oriented missions was proven by the success of our ASHA workers, who have won the WHO's Global Health Leader award for their frontline stewardship of COVID-19 management. In fact, India has proven that women's collectives can change the social, economic and cultural indices of a nation. Our self-help groups and women cooperative-led movements have led to their financial inclusion, economic stakeholdership and restoration of land rights.

These are the perfect examples of the trickle-down effect. By harnessing the collective power of their members, such groups can achieve positive impacts that would be harder or impossible to achieve through interventions that focus on individuals. To understand the transformative power of women collectives, join us as we delve into these topics and more.



Concluding remarks -



Nita Kejrewal Joint Secretary National Rural Livelihood Mission Ministry of Rural Development Mann Deshi Foundation



Founder-Chairperson Mann Deshi Bank and

Anjini Kochar

Senior Research Fellow



Director Gujarat Mahila Housing SEWA Trust



Madhu Krishna **Deputy Director** Gender Equality Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



Hasina Kharbhih Founder and Chairperson Impulse NGO Network



Aniruddha Brahmachari **Head of Research Operations** and Senior M&E Expert LEAD at Krea University





**Panelists** 



#### **CHOPPER CRASH**

## Among those who died, a 27-year-old geologist who got married a year ago

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

SATYAMBAD PATHRA, a 27-yearold geologist from Odisha, was one of the four persons who died in the Pawan Hans helicopter mishap on Tuesday. The mishap took place about 60 nautical miles from the Mumbai coast.

Pathra, who hailed from a small town called Bhuban in Odisha, worked in ONGC and lived in Mumbai. "He got married only a year ago... he lived with his wife here. But she was not in Mumbai at the time of the accident as she was visiting family in her hometown," shared one of his

Pathra's brother and cousins arrived in Mumbai on Wednesday, said the friend, adding that they have gone to

Cooper Hospital, where his body has been kept after the postmortem. The family plans to take the body back to their hometown.

Apart from Pathra, two other ONGC employees died in the accident - engineers Mukesh Kumar Patel (54) and Vijay Mandloi (32). Their bodies were also handed over to their families on Wednesday. According to authorities, the

family of the fourth victim of the crash -- Sanju Francis (37), a contractual employee with ONGC who hailed from Kerala -- is on their way to Mumbai.

A total of nine persons were on board the ill-fated chopper, and five of them survived.

The Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and ONGC have announced an exgratia payment of Rs 30 lakh for families of the four victims



#### **MUMBAI METRO RAIL CORPORATION LIMITED**

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#### No./PRO/MMRC/11 **CORRIGENDUM (Extension of Time)**

Reference: Notice inviting Tender (NIT) published by Mumbai Metro rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) on 03/06/2022 for the work of "Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 1.5 TPD capacity Bio-methanation plant along with electricity generation from municipal organic wet waste with 1year operation and maintenance at LT market, D Ward, Mumbai" under NIT No. MML3/Planning/ENV/CER/WTE/22/2022:

MMRCL has now decided to extend the time for submission/inviting of the tenders

MML3/Planning/ENV/CER/WTE/22/2022

Revised Schedule:				
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"Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 1.5 TPD capacity Bio-methanation plant along with electricity generation from municipal organic wet waste with year operation and maintenance at LT market, D Ward, Mumbai"

18/07/2022 up to 13:00 Hrs Sell end date (online 18/07/2022 at 17:00 Hrs Bid submission

last date (online) 19/07/2022 at 15:00 Hrs Bid opening date &

Time (online) Suitable addendum would be issued on the MMRCL/MMRCL's tender wizard

website based on the queries raised in pre bid meeting held on 17/06/2022. Further details and tender documents are available on our website

Place: Mumbai

(R. Ramana) **Executive Director (Planning)** Date: 28.06.2022

Mail id: rashmi.kadam@mmrcl.com | Ph. No. 022-69061353/370 Tender wizard ph. No.: 8951944383/9674758719

## IE Thinc session today, to focus on women's collectives

- \*TheIndianEXPRESS -

**DATE:** 30 June 2022

TIME: 5 pm onwards

the third edition of the IE Thinc

Gender series, "Women

Collectives: Change makers

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keynote address by Girirai Singh.

Minister of Rural Development

& Panchayati Raj, who will focus

on how the DAY-NRLM mission,

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dependence.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 29

THAT WOMEN can drive a result-oriented mission was proven by the success of India's ASHA workers, who have won the WHO's Global Health Leader award for their frontline stewardship of COVID-19 management. In fact, India has proven that women's collectives can change the social, economic and cultural indices of a nation. Our self-help groups and women cooperative-led movements have led to their financial inclusion. economic stakeholdership and restoration of land rights. Such collectives are the perfect examples of the trickle-down effect and women taking the lead in writing their own story.

In communities around the world, women are seizing their own destiny through self-help groups (SHGs), mothers' and adolescent girls' groups and cooperatives. The idea is reaching many women at once with resources, information and training. By harnessing the collective power of their members, the groups can achieve positive impacts that would be harder or impossible to achieve through interventions that focus on individuals. It is to understand the transformative power of women who choose to rewrite their destinies that The Indian Express is hosting



the largest government programme, is working exclusively with rural women to rework gender equality in systemic processes of local governance and institutions, in stakeholdership in the economy and rightshased access to social justice

The address will be followed

by a panel discussion featuring Nita Kejrewal who is Joint Secretary, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Ministry of Rural Development, Chetna Sinha, Founder and Chairperson of Mann Deshi Bank and Mann Deshi Foundation, Anjini Kochar, Senior Research Fellow from 3ie, Bijal Brahmbhatt, Director, Mahila Housing SEWA Trust, Hasina Kharbhih, Founder and Chairperson of Impulse NGO Network and Madhu Krishna, Deputy Director, Gender Equality, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The discussion will be moderated by Rinku Ghosh, Editor, Special Projects.

Presented by IWWAGE, this series of webinars aims to have a solutions-oriented discussion and throw up some suggestions policy enablers between some of the brightest minds across academia, industry, civil society and, of course.

## admissions, cut-offs drop **PALLAVISMART**

THE FIRST merit list for degree admissions was declared by most city colleges on Wednesday, adhering to the admission schedule issued by Mumbai University earlier. As expected, the cut-off scores in all colleges have seen a considerable drop from last year, when the average score in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) exam

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was higher.

At St Xavier's College, for Bachelor of Arts (BA) course, the first merit list cut-off score is 92 per cent, down from 98 per cent last year. In case of BSc (biological) and BSc (non-biological); the cutoff scores are 82.33 per cent and 82.17 per cent respectively, down from 92 per cent for both last year. The situation is no different at other sought after colleges in the city such as D G Ruparel College. Ramnarain Ruia College, Wilson College and R A Podar College,

first merit list for degree

At Ruia College, the first merit list cut-off score for BA has dropped to 89.33 per cent from 96.2 per cent last year. At R A Podar College, the most sought after college for Commerce, the traditional BCom cut-off has dropped to 92.33 from 96.6 per cent last year.

"This is the result of a combi-

Top Mumbai colleges declare

nation of factors, foremost of it being the lower passing-percentage of HSC exam this year. Apart from that, students from ICSE and CBSE boards are missing from the applicants this year, as they are still awaiting their results," said Dr Anushree Lokur, principal of Ruia College. She said this may lead to a jump in cut-off scores in lists that will be declared at later stage of admissions, when students of other boards start applying.

According to Dr Shobna Vasudevan, principal of RAPodar College, it will be difficult to predict the cut-offs of merit lists that will be declared later. "Last year, those two boards also declared reimportant to see what is their overall result, which may decide cut-off scores of future merit lists,"

The overall pass percentage of HSC exam this year was 94,22 per cent, a significant decline from last year's 99.63 per cent. There was a decline even in the number of candidates who scored 90 per cent and above, as it fell from 91,420 last year to 10,040 this year.

Last year, amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the board exam was canceled and the result was declared without an exam. This led to inflated marks. This time, students returned to the offline mode of exam after two years of learning online, which had an impact on marks.

While there are a few colleges which have left a certain amount of seats reserved for students from other boards, who will be joining admissions at a later stage, most city colleges have opened all seats for admissions.

### Swara Bhasker receives death threat

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA** 

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ACTOR SWARA Bhasker has received death threat through an anonymous letter following which Mumbai police have launched an investigation, an official said on Wednesday. The letter was sent to the ac-

tor's residence located in Versova. he said. After receiving the letter, Bhasker approached the Versova police station two days back and lodged a complaint against unidentified persons, an official said. "Based on the complaint, we have registered a non-cognisable offence against unidentified per-

### 2008 Malegaon blast case: Unable to recognise Lt Col Purohit due to lapse of time, claims witness Rasal cross-examined the witness that he was making a false state-

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI.JUNE 29

AWITNESS in the 2008 Malegaon blast case told the court on Wednesday that he was unable to recognise accused Lieutenant Colonel Prasad Purohit due to the lapse of time. The Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS),

which had initially investigated the blast before the case was transferred to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), had recorded the statement of the witness in 2008.

The witness, who ran a business of arms, told the court that in 2006, he had sold ammunition to Purohit, The witness told the court on Wednesday that Purohit had arms licences as a military man and based on that, he had sold him ammunition once. The investigating agency had claimed that the witness had said in his statement in 2008 that Purohit had attempted to purchase a weapon from him without a licence in September that year.

While he did not mention this in his examination-in-chief, Special Public Prosecutor Avinash

after the court's permission. The witness told the court that he had stated the fact about the licence in his statement. The witness, when asked to

identify Purohit, said he did not remember due to the lapse of time and due to his illness. He also said he was unable to identify the weapon shown to him. He denied ment to save Purohit. So far, 252 witnesses have de-

posed in the case, of whom 20 have turned hostile. On Tuesday, a letter was sent to the NIA on behalf of the victims, urging the agency to file a plea before the trial court to make a former Army man an accused in the case. The former Army man was the 20th witness

to turn hostile. The letter was written by lawyer Shahid Nadeem, who is representing the victims, stating that the witness was the superior officer of Purohit. The letter stated that the witness turned hostile, and it sought that the NIA should file an application under Section 319 of the Criminal Procedure Code to make the witness an accused in the case.



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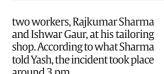
## You have no right to live, attackers said

**HAMZAKHAN** & DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, UDAIPUR JUNE 29

MOHAMMAD RIYAZ and Ghouse Mohammad, accused of hacking tailor Kanhaiya Lal Teli to death in Udaipur, allegedly told him that he has "no right to live", as he has "written against

As per the FIR lodged by Kanhaiya's son Yash Teli, 20, he was informed by a relative about the attack on his father around 3.30 pm on Tuesday.

Yash runs a separate shop in Udaipur's Hiran Magri area. "When I reached the spot, his bloodied body was lying outside the shop. It had injury marks from a sharp object on his neck, face and left hand," Yash said. Kanhaiya was assisted by



A deserted street in Udaipur on Wednesday. PTI

A video posted by the assailants shows Lal, who ran 'Supreme Tailors' in Udaipur's Hathi Pole locality, taking measurements of one of them, who

later identified himself as Riyaz. Moments later, the man is seen attacking the tailor on his neck with a cleaver even as the victim asks, "Kya hua? Batao toh sahi (What happened? Tell

'The two started attacking Kanhaiya with sharp objects, while saying that 'you have written against our Prophet; you have no right to live'," Yash quotes Sharma in the FIR.

"Both of us tried to save him but they started attacking us, too," Sharma is quoted saying in the FIR. "Consequently, Ishwar Gaur also suffered several iniuries on his body. Since Kanhaiya Lal had sustained injuries on his neck and hand, he died on the spot."

The FIR lodged in Udaipur, and subsequently transferred to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), was lodged under sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) as well as IPC section 302 (murder), among others.

#### **DEEP MUKHERJEE** mistakenly clicked the repost button and it got shared. Despite the fact that he was receiving threats, ON ANY other day, Dhanmandi, a the police didn't provide him promarket area in Udaipur, would tection. My father was the sole have been bustling with activity. breadwinner of the family, as my But on Wednesday, only police brother and I are still studying. We barricades could be seen, at every suspect that more people are inturn of the serpentine alley leadvolved because it was a preing to a shop with a signboard planned murder," said Yash, marked "Supreme Tailors",

Would be alive if action

was killed on Tuesday. With curfew in place, all shops were closed as security personnel kept a close watch.

where its owner. Kanhaiya Lal.

UDAIPUR, JUNE 29

But, about 6 km away, hundreds of people assembled outside Lal's house in Sector 14, Udaipur, as his body was brought back after post-mortem. The angry crowd raised provocative slogans, calling for the execution of his killers. Lal, in his 40s, was a father of two, Yash (21) and Tarun (18). While Yash is a B.Com. second year student, Tarun is in his first year of B.Pharma. "What will I do now," said their mother, Yashoda. "My husband was consistently receiving threats that he would be killed. People would come to his shop and threaten him. He was not going regularly to his shop for the past seveneight days; he would just go once in a while to check on his staff members. If timely action had been taken, he would have been alive," she said.

"We don't even remember

taken, says victim's family who shared the post. Someone adding that his first priority was to ensure that his father's killers are hanged.

> In a video posted online, the two men who killed Lal - they identified themselves as Mohammad Riyaz and Ghouse Mohammad – said it was in retaliation for the victim sharing remarks made by BJP's Nupur Sharma on the Prophet.

On June 10, nearly three weeks before he was hacked to death. Lal was arrested on an FIR for allegedly hurting religious sentiments. After he was released on bail, he submitted a written complaint alleging death threats

and seeking police protection. "By mistake, a post related to Nupur Sharma's comments was made by Lal's son. Lal was arrested and was subsequently granted bail. Thereafter, he continued to receive threats and when he told the police, they didn't provide him protection. Instead, they mediated a compromise between the two parties. A man and a woman threatened him even a day before he was

killed. Lal's photos were circulated on WhatsApp groups, his killing was meticulously planned," alleged Kuldip Sahu, who said he was a family friend.

Despite the curfew in seven police station areas, hundreds of people, on motorcycles and in vehicles, accompanied the funeral procession, raising provocative logans and waving saffron flags.

A top police officer said the administration allowed the crowd to assemble to avoid untoward incidents that may have flared if they had been stopped. Just next to the cremation ground, a number of policemen stood guard near a Muslim burial ground, where a signboard was knocked down by the angry

Among politicians who met Lal's family were BJP leader and Rajasthan Leader of Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria, who is also the MLA from Udaipur, and Preeti Shaktawat, Congress MLA from Vallabhnagar in Udaipur district.

According to relatives, Lal, originally from Dungarpur district, shifted to Udaipur about two decades ago. "The cremation of Lal took place today and the crowd was peacefully dispersed. An amount of Rs 31 lakh has been arranged for the victim's family through public donation and another Rs 5 lakh will be provided by the court," said Rajendra Bhatt, Udaipur

## indoctrination, CM says end communal forces

**Kerala Governor blames** 

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 29

A DAY after a tailor was hacked to death in Udaipur by two men for allegedly sharing remarks made by BJP's Nupur Sharma on the Prophet, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Wednesday condemned the

"If somebody who has been indoctrinated from the age of five or six, what they call the Muslim Law, which provides for beheading. This law is taught in madrasas, so if they get indoctrinated, influenced by that, if they act accordingly, I think the better course would be to tackle the disease," Khan told reporters.

"Unfortunately, we are concerned about the manifestations of the symptoms. We refuse to take notice of the deeper disease. Islam is totally different; this is not Islam. This is not the message

Muslim organisations,

Union minister Naqvi

condemn killing

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MINORITY AFFAIRS Minister

Mukhtar Abbas Nagvi on

Wednesday said that the killing

of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur

was both against Islam as well as

mies of Islam. The brutality and

cruelty with which the killing

took place shows the duo's

Talbani mindset. This kind of a

barbaric incident is unacceptable

in any community, culture and

country. We need to be alert to

those who are trying to destroy

the social fabric of the country,'

said Naqvi on Wednesday, com-

Echoing the minister's senti-

ments, the All India Muslim

Personal Law Board (AIMPLB)

and Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind issued

statements condemning the

menting on the incident.

"The perpetrators are ene-

**NEW DELHI. JUNE 29** 

from the Scripture," the Governor said.

Chief Minister Vijayan in his reaction said the Udaipur incident reminded that communalism would wipe away the last speck of virtue from human beings.

"The killing is a grim warning that the biggest challenge that the country faces is growth of communal extremism. It shows how Islamic fundamentalism could induce Hindutva extremism and vice versa," he said.

Vijayan said this is the time the people should firmly decide that communalism would not be allowed in the name of any religion, "People belonging to all religions should unite, recognising the fact that the answer to one communalism is not another communalism, but secularism. All religious organisations, which believe in secularism, should deplore the killing and raise their voice against communalism," he said. "Let us pledge that the country will not be consigned to com-

Udaipur incident and terming it

the law into their own hands. The

Islamic Shariah does not allow

this. Having said that, the

Government of India cannot

shrug off responsibility for the

kind of divisiveness and hatred

that exists in the country right

now, which the government has

deliberately contributed to.

Despite the outrage over the com-

ments that Nupur Sharma made

against the Prophet, there was no

legal action taken against her. If

the government wants to control

the spiralling hatred and this sort

of radicalisation of society, then

action needs to be taken against

all perpetrators. We are under no

circumstance justifying the inci-

dent, but such an atmosphere has

been created," said executive

**FULL REPORT ON** 

member AIMPLB Dr SOR Ilvas.

"No one has the right to take

"un-Islamic".

## Udaipur killing fans protests

A day after Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor by profession, was murdered in Rajasthan's Udaipur, protests were recorded in several parts of the country, condemining the crime. This came on a day Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot chaired an all-party meet in which all political parties strongly condemned the incident and appealed for peace.



At the funeral procession in Udaipur. PTI

Violent protests were reported from Bhim in Rajsamand district where police used tear gas to disperse crowds. A police constable, Sandeep Choudhary, sustained severe injuries after a sword attack and is undergoing treatment, DGPMLLather said. On Thursday evening, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is scheduled to meet Chaudhary in a Ajmer hospital. In Udaipur, CPM leader Sumitra Chopra claimed that scores of people, led by a local councillor, allegedly attacked party leader Shamsher Khan's home, injuring him and his wife Shahnaz Khan. "In Jaipur's Khatipura, some antisocial elements tried to set fire to a mosque," but did not succeed, cidents, CPM state secretary Amraram demanded immediate arrest of the accused by the state government. Protests also took place in Dungarpur, and markets remained closed in parts of Pali, Jalore, Sikar and Sriganganagar district. Meanwhile, Sanyukt Vyapar Mahasangh, a traders' body supported by the VHP and other Hindu groups, has announced that markets in Jaipur will remain closed on Thursday. **ENS&PTI** 

#### New Delhi

Nearly 70 protesters from the Bajrang Dal were detained on Wednesday as they staged a demonstration at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi over the Udaipur murder, police said, Officials said the Vishwa Hindu Parishad did not have prior police permission to hold the protest.

#### HARYANA

Hindu outfits, including the VHP and Bajrang Dal, staged www.indianexpress.com protests in Gurugram and

# Pro-Hindu activists stage a protest in Bengaluru. PTI

A police personnel tries to douse tyres, set on fire by VHP members in protest against the Udaipur killing. PTI

Manesar demanding justice for slain Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal. Chanting "Jai Shri Ram", activists of VHP, Bajrang Dal and other Hindu outfits, took out a march and said that the accused had challenged the sovereignty of the country which the Hindus will never tolerate and demanded death sentence for the accused and Rs 1 crore compensation for the kin of the deceased.

#### KARNATAKA

Condemning the murder, Sri Rama Sene leader Pramod Mutalik on Wednesday stated that Hindu society will not tolerate such acts of terror, and demanded capital punishment for those involved in the killing. He also announced "I'm Kanhaiya

Lal", "I'm Nupur Sharma Supporter" campaigns. "...the blood is boiling, the Hindu society is outraged, they have not just killed Kanhaiya Lal but are killing Hindu society and provoking it....this is too much, the central government must intervene as they have threatened PM Modi too, and should ensure that that those behind the incident are hanged," Mutalik demanded. Senior BJP leader and MLA K S Eshwarappa demanded for enacting new laws to hand capital punishment to those "involved in anti-national activities". Home Minister Araga Jnanendra termed the killing barbaric and inhuman, and demanded maximum punishment for the ar-

## **RJD SINGLE-LARGEST PARTY IN BIHAR HOUSE**

## 4 of 5 AIMIM MLAs join RJD



RJD's Tejashwi Yadav with the 4 ex-AIMIM MLAs in Patna. PTI

#### SANTOSH SINGH

IN A jolt to Hyderabad MP Asaduddin's Owaisi's AIMIM, which had created a flutter in political circles with its impressive performance in 2020 Bihar Assembly elections, four of the party's five MLAs joined main opposition RJD on Wednesday.

The move makes RID, which had 76 MLAs, the single-largest party in the Assembly again. with 80 seats in the 243-member House. The party now has three more than the BJP, which shares power with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's ID(U).

The BJP had briefly enjoyed the position of the single-largest party after all three MLAs of the Vikassheel Insaan Party had ioined the saffron outfit three months ago.

The AIMIM now has only Akhtarul Iman, the legislator from Amour and the party's state unit chief, representing AIMIM in the Vidhan Sabha. Iman is, incidentally, a former RJD legislator. The AIMIM legislators who

are Muhammed Izhar Asfi (MLA Alam (Jokihat), Syed Ruknuddin (Baisi) and Azhar Nayeemi (Bahadurgunj). Leader of Opposition in

joined the RJD on Wednesday

Assembly and RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, welcomed the four AIMIM legislators and said they would "further strengthen" the RJD. "We firmly believe all four MLAs would work towards our goal of social justice and secularism. We have always got love of the people of Seemanchal. Our party again has a good presence in Seemanchal"

The AIMIM had contested 20 seats in the 2020 Assembly polls and had made major inroads in Muslim-dominated Seemanchal region, comprising the districts of Araria, Purnea, Katihar and Kishanganj in east Bihar.

The RJD-led opposition Grand Alliance now has 115 MLAs, including 19 of Congress and 16 of CPI (ML) and CPI, and is seven short of a simple majority. The NDA is firmly placed with 127 MLAs.

#### **ZUBAIR ARREST**

#### **Journalists should** not be jailed for 'what they write, tweet, say': UN spokesperson

United Nations: Journalists should not be jailed for "what they write, what they tweet and what they say" and it is important that people be allowed to express themselves freely without the threat of any harassment, a spokesperson for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has said, referring to the arrest of AltNews co-founder

Mohammed Zubair. Zubair was arrested by Delhi Police on Monday over an "objectionable tweet" he had posted in 2018 against a Hindu deity.

"I think first of all place around the world, it is very important that people be allowed to express themselves freely, journalists be allowed to express themselves freely and without the threat of any harass-Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for the Secretary-General, said on Tuesday while responding to a question at the daily news briefing here on Zubair's arrest.

"Journalists should not be jailed for what they write, what they tweet and what they say. And that goes for anywhere in the world, including in this room," Dujarric said in response to another question by a Pakistani journalist on whether he is also calling for Zubair's release from custody.

Meanwhile, New York-based independent non-profit, NGO Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has also condemned Zubair's arrest. "The arrest of iournalist Mohammad Zubair marks another low for press freedom in India..."

## President polls: Part of Opp meeting, JD(S) too settles on Droupadi Murmu

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU, JUNE 29

THE JANATA Dal (Secular), which had attended a meeting called by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to decide on a joint Opposition name as the presidential candidate, indicated on Wednesday that it would back the ruling NDA's Droupadi Murmu.

While underlining that this should not be seen as support for the BJP, JD(S) leader and former Karnataka chief minister H D Kumaraswamy said: "Droupadi Murmu already has sufficient backing and does not need our support, but she has nevertheless asked for our support, and that is a sign of her goodness."

Kumaraswamy also said that Murmu, who looks set to win in

the election to be held next month, had telephoned former prime minister and JD(S) supremo H D Deve Gowda twice to seek support. "She also wanted to come personally to Bengaluru, but there is no need for her to do so to seek support. In my view, Murmu has already won the polls," he said. Kumaraswamy said he also

understood Murmu's "life journey, her background, the struggles she has undergone, her rise from a downtrodden community".

The ID(S) has two members in Parliament -- Deve Gowda in the Rajya Sabha, and his grandson Prajwal Revanna in the Lok Sabha -as well as 30 MLAs in Karnataka, who are eligible to vote in the presidential polls.

Kumaraswamy also stated that the JD(S) support for Murmu, instead of Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha, was not a sign of the party aligning with the BJP or being a "B team of the BJP", as alleged by the rival Congress party in Karnataka.

Kumaraswamy said that the JD(S) was going by the credentials of Murmu rather than her party association

The JD(S) has been frequently accused by the Congress of growing proximity to the BJP, ever since the breakdown of a JD(S)-Congress alliance in 2019.

The JD(S), which has also allied with the BJP in the past, in postpoll arrangements, is keen to maintain a non-aligned identity in the run-up to the 2023 Assembly elections. It sees this as its best bet to win as many seats as possible, leaving it in a position of power should the polls again see a close finish.

## After PM Modi's call to Bihar CM, Pradhan meets Nitish, calls him state NDA chief chairman Upendra Kushwaha.

#### Truce effort ahead of President poll; Pradhan also attends state BIP meet

**SANTOSH SINGH** PATNA, JUNE 29

IN WHAT is being seen as a truce effort ahead of the election for the post of President, Union minister and senior BIP leader Dharmendra Pradhan visited Patna on Tuesday and called Chief Minister and JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar the NDA leader in Bihar.

Pradhan also clarified that Nitish would continue to remain the chief minister until the next Assembly polls are due — in 2025. The visit comes within a week of Prime Minister Narendra Modi calling Nitish Kumar over the decision to make Draupadi Murmu the NDA's Presidential poll candidate. This comes in the middle of

what was being seen as a growing rift between the alliance partners - JD(U) has of late differed with BJP on several issues, including population control measures and the Agnipath short service recruitment scheme for defence forces.

After a one-on-one meeting with Nitish. Pradhan attended the state BIP's core committee meeting in the presence of BIP secretary (organisation) Bhikhu Bhai Dalsania. He also met party leaders at the BJP office.

He told the media subsequently: "There is no deadlock between us (BJP and JDU) everything is smooth. We have said this at public forums as well. At times, political parties differ on certain matters, in a democratic manner.'

Asked about the recent war of words between the allies, Pradhan said, "We will go by the public mandate - Nitish Kumar will remain the CM until 2025 and he is the NDA leader (in BJP state president Sanjay

Jaiswal was by his side during media conference. Incidentally, Jaiswal had recently got into a war of words with JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh, alias Lalan Singh, and JD(U) Parliamentary board

Pradhan has been working as the BIP central's leadership's emissary to the state for a while. He had earlier met Nitish about a month ago, when the NDA had begun the exercise to pick the Presidential poll candidate. On both occasions, he met Nitish without the presence of any

other leader. Sources in JD(U) said Nitish had expressed his dismay at Bihar BJP leaders criticising JD(U) in recent weeks. Pradhan, in turn, had reportedly conveyed this to state BJP leaders.

The state BJP, which had got the message of truce after the PM's call to the CM, has asked its leaders and spokespersons to refrain from attacking JD(U), sources said.

#### Ex-GJM leader's new outfit wins Gorkha body elections

Kolkata: The Gorkha Janmukti

Morcha (GJM) did not contest Gorkha Administration (GTA) election, which was held on Sunday after a 10-year gap, but its former leader Anit Thapa's outfit Bharatiya Gorkha Prajatantrik Morcha (BGPM) won the polls on Wednesday. The organisation, launched last September, won 27 out of 45 seats while the Trinamool Congress (TMC) opened its account in the GTA by bagging five seats. The newly launched Hamro Party, which won the Darjeeling Municipality election earlier this year, finished second with eight seats.

Five Independents backed by the party also won.

## RFID tags for pilgrims, UAVs to watch routes: Amid sanctions, Russia Upgraded security as Amarnath Yatra begins

& ARUN SHARMA

SRINAGAR, JAMMU, JUNE 29

RFID (RADIO FREQUENCY IDEN-TIFICATION) tags for all pilgrims, UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) for surveillance of routes, deployment of over 80,000 security personnel – a multi-layer security cover is in place for the Amarnath Yatra this year.

The annual yatra, which was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu on Wednesday, is taking place after a gap of two years due to the pandemic – it is the first since the Centre revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status on August 5, 2019.

The first batch of pilgrims will set off from the Pahalgam and Baltal base camps on Thursday, While 4,890 left the Bhagwati Nagar camp on Wednesday, the total will be much more since many reach Pahalgam and Baltal base camps on their own. The yatra will end on August 13.

"By far, this is the largest security arrangement we have made for the yatra this year. Besides increasing the number of personnel, technology is also being used. We have placed drones for aerial surveillance and



Pilgrims at the Baltal base camp near Sonamarg on Wednesday. Shuaib Masoodi

also tagged the pilgrims with RFID to keep track of them," said a senior paramilitary officer. adding that the heightened security apparatus has been necessitated by the higher threat perception this year.

Police sources said intelligence agencies have warned of a "high possibility" of a militant attack. "A multi-layer security system has been put in place. It is not easy for the militants to

break the security cordon but we can't take any chances," said a senior police officer.

Police sources said they are particularly worried about the use of magnetic bombs. "These are a real threat," said the police officer. "It is almost impossible to keep track of every vehicle, especially in congested areas like Srinagar city".

Besides the J&K Police, the Army, CRPF, ITBP, BSF and other central paramilitary forces have also been deployed. A special team of police and paramilitary personnel will continuously monitor CCTV footage from security cameras along the route and at the base camps, said sources.

The Shri Amarnath Shrine Board has set up counters at various places, including airports, railway stations and bus stands for issuing RFID tags to pilgrims on arrival, on the basis of their yaproof. No pilgrim will be allowed without this tag, said officials.

As the pilgrims will be trekking through high altitudes, the Shrine Board has decided to provide an insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh each. Sinha said the decision was taken on the recommendation of senior doctors of AIIMS in view of the effect of Covid on people's health.

Among other upgraded facilities, there will be battery cars to cover a distance of 2.3 kms between Baltal and Domel, and direct chopper service from Srinagar to Panitarni for pilgrims who want to complete the yatra in a day. Earlier, helicopter sorties were only available between Pahalgam-Panjtarni and Baltal-Panjtarni.

The accommodation facilities have also been upgraded. While 69,770 pilgrims could be accommodated during the last yatra in 2019, arrangements have been made for 1,26,570 yatris this time. The number of tents along the yatra routes have increased from 3,530 in 2019 to 8.480 this vear.

The administration has made arrangements for 106 medical beds in the yatra area, and hospitals have been set up at Pahalgam and Baltal base camps. A total of 391 doctors and 940 paramedical staff members will be deployed

# becomes India's top **DAP** fertiliser supplier

HARISH DAMODARAN

INDIA HAS imported about 3.5 lakh tonnes (lt) of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) fertiliser from Russia, which would be arriving during the April to July period. This comes amid Western sanctions against Russia in the wake of its invasion of Ukraine.

The imports have been contracted by Indian Potash Ltd, Rashtriya Chemicals Fertilizers, Chambal Fertilisers and Krishak Bharati Cooperative at landed prices of \$920-925 per tonne, cost plus freight (CFR). This is below the rates paid by other countries for DAP, mainly from China, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Jordan.

Bangladesh's Agriculture Ministry, earlier this month, awarded an annual tender for import of 8.12 lt at \$1,020-1,030 per tonne. Similarly, Indonesia and Thailand are reported to have paid \$992 and \$1,000 per tonne CFR respectively for 25,000-26,000 tonnes shipment each. Pakistan hasn't been able

to contract of late even at \$1,030 CFR, with the local currency's depreciation against the dollar adding to the uncertainty.

India contracting DAP from Russia's PhosAgro at \$920 per tonne CFR – which is also the price cap that the government has put on importers - is likely to put pressure on other suppliers, especially Morocco's OCP Group, China's YUC and Saudi Arabia's Ma'aden and SABIC. They may have to cut prices to retain market share.

"It is a smart strategy to diversify one's supply sources. We did in urea by importing a large quantity of 47,000 tonnes for the first time from the US. The same is being done by sourcing more DAP (the country's second mostconsumed fertiliser) from Russia at a discount to international prices," industry sources told The Indian Express.

Total DAP import arrivals for April-July are projected at 9.5-9.8 lt. Out of that, roughly 3.5 lt will be supplied by PhosAgro, with Ma'aden and SABIC's share at 2.8 lt, YUC's at 1.27 lt and OCP's March), imported 58.60 lt of DAP valued at \$4,007.50 million. The bulk of the 58.60 lt imported was accounted for by China (20.43 lt). Saudi Arabia (19.33 lt), Morocco (12.13 lt) and Jordan (2.46 lt).

Importing from Russia has presented problems from sanctions, forcing "innovative methods" of making payments. "The risk in this case has had to be borne by the seller (PhosAgro), since banks weren't willing to open letters of credit (to serve as a guarantee for payment) on the importers' behalf. Payments were then made by telegraphic transfer to the seller's account, upon the latter physically presenting the necessary documents (copy of invoice, certificate of origin, bill of lading, insurance policy, etc) 7-10 days after the cargo had set sail," the sources explained. The total voyage time from Russia's Baltic Sea

"The imports have come at the right time when sowings for the kharif season have just started and will peak in July," the

ports is 25-30 days.

## 2 militants killed in Kulgam encounter

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, JUNE 29

TWO MILITANTS belonging to Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) were on Wednesday killed in a gunfight with a joint team of J&K Police, Army and CRPF in south

IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar congratulated the joint team. saying the gunfight site was close to the Srinagar-Jammu national highway – the route for the Amarnath Yatra.

On Wednesday afternoon, the joint team cordoned off Nowpora village, Mir Bazar, after specific inputs about the presence of militants. As the forces were zeroing in on the target, the militants opened fire. The forces

"In the ensuing encounter, two local categorised terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter," the police said in a statement. "They have been identified as Yasir Wani, resident of Wangund, Kulgam, and Raees Manzoor, resident of Chotipora,

The two militants were "part of groups involved in several terror crime cases, including attacks on police/security forces and civilian atrocities",

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THE RAMPUR Superintendent

of Police (SP) landed in a con-

troversy after a purported

video of him saying that he

wanted "to send to jail the par-

ents who come with com-

plaints that their daughters

have eloped" surfaced on social

In the video shot on

media on Wednesday.

LUCKNOW, JUNE 29

## Amarnath Yatra: NC, Cong, BJP leaders attend meet called by J&K L-G, Mehbooba skips it

**NAVEEDIQBAL** SRINAGAR, JUNE 29

LEADERS OF many mainstream political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday attended a "high tea" meeting at Raj Bhawan on an invitation from Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The meeting discussed the smooth conduct of Amarnath Yatra, which is being organised by the UT administration for the first time since the scrapping of J&K's special status in



L-G Manoj Sinha flags off the first batch of pilgrims for the **Amarnath Yatra from** Jammu on Wednesday. PTI

This was the first such initiative since the all-party meetand the political leadership of J&K in June 2021. The meeting on Wednesday was attended by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, BJP state unit chief Ravinder Raina, Pradesh Congress president Ghulam Ahmad Mir, CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami, J&K Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari, former J&K finance minister Muzaffar Beg among

People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti

and People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone, who is out of town, skipped the meeting.

The invites for the meeting, which were sent out Wednesday morning, did not specify any agenda. The PDP rejected the invitation, saying it was "futile to host agenda-less meetings" given the present scenario.

Congress's Mir told The Indian Express that the LG briefed the leaders about the arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra. "We are all on the same page that the yatra should be peaceful," he said.

#### SP defends Akhilesh amid criticism for staying away from bypoll campaign Vidhan Sabha constituencies, but

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, JUNE 29

FOLLOWING criticism from within party and its allies for not campaigning for the bypolls to Rampur and Azamgarh Lok Sabha constituencies, which the Samajwadi Party lost, the party on Wednesday defended its president, Akhilesh Yadav, and said he has "proved to be the only obstruction for the BJP"

"Akhilesh Yadav is the target of conspirators... For 2024 Lok Sabha polls, not only will he hold public meetings in all zones and

he will also visit districts of the state," said SP national spokesperson Rajendra Choudhary in a press Akhilesh has "reached new

heights in politics due to his hard

work and struggle, which is not possible while sitting in air-conditioned (AC) rooms", he claimed. Among the principal reasons listed by local SP leaders as well as ally SBSP for the losses were

from the campaigning. SBSP chief Om Prakash Rajbhar had said on Tuesday, "Akhilesh-ji is not coming out of

Akhilesh's decision to stay away

AC. He is not taking the lesson from the 2022 Assembly results. Just like he announced candidates in Assembly polls on the last date of nominations, he did the same in Rampur and Azamgarh, He was supposed to go out to hold public meetings, but he did not.' Local SP leadership in

Azamgarh also expressed unhappiness at Akhilesh not campaigning for cousin Dharmendra Yadav. In Azamgarh, Dinesh Lal Yadav defeated Dharmendra Yadav by a margin of 8,679 votes. In Rampur, Azam's aide Asim Raja lost to BJP's Ghanshyam

## Consider using body cameras during arrests: Karnataka HC to police

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU. JUNE 29

THE KARNATAKA High Court has asked the state police to make efforts to provide body cameras to police personnel involved in carrying out arrests in order to maintain records for the arrest process.

The HC order comes in the context of a case where a petitioner, a law student, claimed Rs 25 lakh compensation from the state after police allegedly subjected him to humiliation by

Top Rampur cop says wants to jail parents

Tuesday, SP Ashok Kumar is

heard saying from the stage, "A

dramatic incident happened in

Civil Lines recently. A Muslim

girl was going with a Hindu

boy, or a Hindu girl with a

Muslim boy. So you should see

in your family why this is hap-

pening. I would like to send

those parents to jail who came

with complaints that their

daughter has eloped. You give

birth to them and leave them

(on their own)... One or two

with elopement complaints; apologises

handcuffing him during his transportation for production in

court in a public bus after arrest. The petitioner, Suprit Ishwar Divate, was arrested in a cheque bounce case filed in Belagavi region of Karnataka in 2019.

The HC rejected the state government's plea that Divate was handcuffed while being taken to court since there were not adequate police personnel on court duty at the Ankali police station, where he was detained. The court directed the state to "pay a sum of Rs 2 lakh as compensation...'

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Rampur Police Lines where

people from different walks of

widely on social media, the SP

was quick to issue an apology.

to clarify that I do not endorse

my own earlier statement. I

don't have any such intention.

life interacted with police.

The clip is from an event at

After the video was shared

Later, he wrote, "I would like

can raise properly.

## Ahead of its national Delhi fire: Last victim meet, BJP engages in cremated after month-long poster war with TRS search for matching DNA

HYDERABAD, JUNE 29

AS THE BIP prepares for its twoday national executive committee meeting in Hyderabad starting July 2, which will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi among other top party leaders, the party is engaged in a poster war with the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) in the city.

More than 300 BJP leaders will arrive in the city starting Thursday for the meeting, which is expected to discuss the party's roadmap for the Assembly elections to be held in several states later this year and next year, and the 2024 general elections.

The meeting will also review the party's strategy for 'Mission Telangana' and south India. According to BJP coordinator Balrai Nune, there will be brainstorming on the party's approach in southern states with main focus on Telangana.

The party has also put up a "countdown" clock outside its headquarters at Nampally. Referring to the countdown clock - that has been put up with the slogan "Saalu dora, selavu dora" (Enough, sir, goodbye, sir), aimed at Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao – BJP national general secretary and state in-charge Tarun Chugh said the countdown for the end of TRS government has

begun. The TRS has hit back at the BIP with banners against **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The ruling party has put up posters saying "Bye bye Modi" all over the city, questioning what the Centre has done for the people of Telangana.

TRS MLA Balka Suman said posters with more anti-Modi slogans will be put up to counter the BJP's campaign. The BJP on Wednesday also

launched a website, inviting registration of people who want the TRS government to

As the poster war escalated on the roads, police have tightened security in the city, especially around Hyderabad International Convention Centre, where BJP leaders are overseeing arrangements for the national executive committee meeting, the first in the city since 2004.

The party is also mobilising its supporters in all the 119 Assembly constituencies for the public meeting on July 3 evening, which will be addressed by the Prime Minister. Hundreds of buses and other vehicles are being requisitioned to bring the supporters to the meeting venue.

Accompanied by MP and BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Chugh on Wednesday inspected the arrangements being made at Parade Grounds

NEW DELHI, JUNE 29 MORE THAN a month after 27

people died in a massive fire at a commercial building in Outer Delhi's Mundka, relatives and police personnel conducted the last rites of 42-year-old Geeta Devi in Delhi on Tuesday. Geeta was the only victim whose DNA had not matched with her relatives.

On May 13, a massive fire broke out at a five-storeved building in Mundka. Nearly 120 people were trapped in the fire and 27 of them succumbed to the burn injuries. Since most bodies were charred and couldn't be recognised, DNA profiling tests were conducted to ascertain the identities of the dead.

While other families rushed to the mortuary in search of kin. nobody from Geeta's family showed up. It took police more than six days to trace Geeta's family in Bihar's Jhikarua Village.

A police officer told The Indian Express "We have been working with forensic science lab to match DNAs and send bodies to families. It was difficult as tests took time and families were anxiously waiting. In Geeta's case, nobody came to us. We had to trace her landlady in

Geeta worked as a helper at the building where electronic devices, CCTVs and other surveillance equipment were

Conduct random RTPCR of 2% international



Geeta Devi worked at the building where the fire broke out on May 13

packed and sold. She had been living with her husband in Mundka till his death in 2018.

Geeta's landlady and friend Anita said, "We tried to identify the body, but it was charred Police asked us about DNA tests but we did not know her relatives as she never used to speak about them. She was like a sister. We were ready to perform her final rites, but police asked

us to wait." At Geeta's rented accommodation, police found her phone and documents. A team traced Geeta's brother Mantu Kumar and collected his blood sample. Sameer Sharma, DCP (Outer)

said the case was challenging as Mantu's DNA didn't match. Police then asked other siblings and Geeta's relatives to come to Delhi and collected their blood samples, but none of them matched.

"All other bodies' DNA had

people were trapped in the fire and 27 of them succumbed to the burn injuries matched with families by then.

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Mundka. Nearly 120

On June 27, her sample matched with her sister's. A day later, the family and police conducted the last rites at a crematorium in Sultanpuri," added DCP Sharma.

At the crematorium, while police helped with the last rites. only a few family members were seen. Mantu said, "Geeta didi left home a decade back because parents forced her to get married, after which we met hardly 6-7 times. I saw her six months back for the last time. She was our eldest sister. She started her life in Delhi on her own and never asked for help. Even after her husband's death, she didn't come back. I came to know about the death 2-3 days after the fire. It's been diffi-

Geeta's family said they had to make multiple trips to Delhi for the DNA tests and had to wait for weeks for the results. Geeta's sister Manita said,

'We wish we had spent more time with her. She mostly kept

## Tripura legislator booked for molestation at state Bhawan in Delhi

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 29

TRIPURA MLA and former Tribal Welfare Minister Mevar Kumar Iamatia has been accused of molesting a woman at Tripura Bhawan in New Delhi, police said Wednesday, adding that they have sent him a notice and booked him under sections of sexual harassment.

The alleged incident took place on Tuesday and a call was made to the police at night.

The woman, a student stav-

tice under section 41A (appearance before police officer) CrPC to the accused.'

An FIR has been registered under IPC sections 354 (assault on woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 354 A

ing at Tripura Bhawan, alleged she was molested and sexually

harassed by the MLA.

 $Based \, on \, the \, complaint, the \,$ police detained Jamatia for questioning and later released him. Amrutha Guguloth, DCP "It is to inform that a team of (New Delhi), said, "The com-Delhi police had visited Tripura plaint is of molestation at Tripura Bhawan. A call was made around 2.35 am by the complainant. We served a no-

(sexual harassment). Meanwhile, a senior officer

from Tripura Bhawan wrote to the Government of Tripura about the incident, asking them to take "necessary action".

passengers: Centre writes to states, union territories Bhawan twice yesterday night and met (complainant). They recorded her statement regard-**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** ing her complaint against Shri Mebar Kr Jamatia, MLA. The po-NEW DELHI, JUNE 29 lice team visited again early THE UNION Health Secretary morning and took both (the complainant) and Shri Mebar Rajesh Bhushan on Wednesday Kr Jamatia to the police station. wrote to all states asking them to This is for information and necintegrate Covid-19 surveillance essary action please," reads the into their routine surveillance letter sent by the Tripura activities and follow the revised Bhawan officer. guidelines for surveillance in

three areas – incoming international travellers, sentinel sites such as hospital and laboratories, and within the community, along with wastewater sample

In a letter to all state principal and health secretaries, the states have been asked to screen 2% of the international passengers coming to India at random and send

all positive samples for genome sequencing. The letter also asked states and UTs to monitor sentinel sites, including reporting of all influenza-like illnesses to the integrated disease surveillance teams, with the district surveillance officer testing 5% of these cases through RT-PCR. All cases of severe acute respiratory illnesses have to be monitored at district

level hospitals and select tertiary care hospitals. This data will be shared by the state Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme teams on a fortnightly basis, as per the letter. The laboratories have all been asked to upload their data to the ICMR portal to help in surveillance. The states have been asked to do community-based surveillance to identify large out-

breaks, unusual clinical presentation or mortality through media scanning and indicator-based surveillance through the routine reporting channels, the letter said.

"In addition, revised surveillance guidelines also call for sewage/wastewater surveillance, which may provide early warnings on potential local surge of Covid-19," the letter read.

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## Better road safety measures could save half a million lives annually worldwide: study

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PUNE, JUNE 29

NEW GLOBAL and country-level estimates suggest that routinely wearing helmets and seat belts, obeying speed limits, and avoiding driving drunk could save between 347,000 and 540,000 lives worldwide every year.

The benefits of more motorcyclists wearing helmets would be the

biggest in China, where 13,703 lives could be saved every year, followed by Brazil (5,802 lives), and India (5,683 lives), says the study published in The Lancet. Analysis of data from 74

studies in 185 countries estimates that targeting four key risk factors for road injuries and deaths (speeding, drink driving, and non-use of crash helmets and seat belts) could prevent between 25% and 40% of all fatal road injuries worldwide every year.

Interventions to reduce speeding such as infrastructure changes and electronic speed control could save an estimated 347,258 lives globally each year, while measures to tackle drunk driving such as enhanced drink driving enforcement could save a further 16,304 lives, the study says.

An estimated 121.083 and 51.698 lives

could be saved by passing and enforcing rules on wearing seat belts and motorcycle helmets respectively.

Improving seat belt use would have a particularly large effect on reducing road deaths in the United States (saving an estimated 14,121 lives every year) and China (13,228). Tackling speeding would be the single most effective measure to reduce road fatalities in most countries, preventing an estimated 88,374 deaths in China, 1,027

in Spain, and 815 in the United

Kingdom. The Lancet Series on road safety, published ahead of the first ever UN High-Level Meeting on Road Safety, calls for increased political and financial commitments, and for road safety to be included in mainstream development policies. It argues that this is essential to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in-

fatalities and injuries by 2030. Deaths on roads are a major problem in India. Each year road accidents kill about 150,000 people and injure another 450,000 in the country. The World Bank noted in a report this month that with only 1 per cent of the world's vehicles, India accounts for almost 10 per cent of all crash related

cluding the target to halve road traffic crash

#### —— THIS WORD MEANS —

NEW RESEARCH

#### **CAPSTONE**

NASA's satellite, newly launched. It will test a unique lunar orbit that will be used by future missions

ON WEDNESDAY, NASA launched CAP-STONE, a microwave oven-sized CubeSat weighing just 55 pounds (25 kg). CAP-STONE, short for Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment, is designed to test a unique, elliptical lunar orbit.

The satellite, launched on Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1, is heading toward an orbit intended in the future for Gateway, a Moonorbiting outpost that is part of NASA's Artemis program.

As a pathfinder for Gateway, CAPSTONE aims to help reduce risk for future spacecraft by validating innovative navigation technologies, and by verifying the dynamics of the halo-shaped orbit.

The orbit is known as a near-rectilinear halo orbit (NRHO). It is significantly elongated, and is located at a precise balance point in the gravities of Earth and the Moon. This offers stability for long-term missions like Gateway, NASA said on its website.

At the Moon, CAPSTONE will enter NRHO, where it will fly within 1,600 km of the Moon's North Pole on its near pass and 70,000 km from the South Pole at its far-



Artist's impression of CAPSTONE in lunar Sunrise. NASA/Daniel Rutter

thest. The spacecraft will repeat the cycle every six-and-a-half days and maintain this orbit for at least six months to study

CAPSTONE will gain experience with small dedicated launches of CubeSats bevond low-Earth orbit, to the Moon, and beyond, NASA said.

The spacecraft is currently in low-Earth orbit. It is attached to Rocket Lab's Lunar SOURCE: NASA



## SIMPLY PUT

## India's mRNA Covid vaccine

GEMCOVAC-19, given restricted emergency use approval, is not only the country's first mRNA Covid vaccine but is also tailored for Indian needs, and can be stored in a standard medical refrigerator.

#### **ANURADHA MASCARENHAS**

PUNE, JUNE 29

THE COUNTRY'S first homegrown mRNA Covid-19 vaccine, GEMCOVAC-19, developed at Pune's Gennova Biopharmaceuticals, has got 'restricted emergency use' approval for the 18-and-above age group. One of its features is that unlike other mRNA vaccines, it need not be stored at ultra-low sub-zero temperatures.

#### How mRNA vaccines work

Most traditional vaccines put a weakened or inactivated virus in the body to generate an immune response. An mRNA vaccine instructs the body itself to create a part of the virus.

The Covid-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna both use mRNA (messenger RNA) to deliver a message to the immune system. Genetically engineered mRNA instructs cells to make the spike protein found on the surface of Covid-19 virus. The expectation is that the immune system will mount a response against the spike protein, and that, if and when when an actual infection happens. the immune cells will recognise the spike protein and act against it.

One of the advantages of an mRNA vaccine is that it requires a smaller dose than a traditional vaccine, given that the required amount of antigen will be created in the body itself.

#### What's special

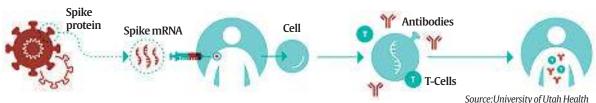
mRNA is fragile and breaks down easily, which is why vaccines based on this platform need to be stored at extremely low temperatures to prevent a breakdown.

It was, therefore, a challenging task for Gennova scientists to develop a thermostable vaccine. Scientists had to innovate so that the vaccine would suit local needs and be affordable and deployable. The new vaccine can now be stored at the temperature of a standard medical refrigerator.

"Unlike in the West, where the vaccine has to be stored at sub-zero temperatures, the challenge in India was to be able to store the vaccine between 2-8°C. We had to innovate to suit our local needs as to what is affordable and deployable. GEMCOVAC-19 can now be stored at the temperature of a standard medical refrigerator," said Dr Sanjay Singh, CEO of Gennova Biopharmaceuticals.

The vaccine is stored in powder form. The conversion from liquid to powder form takes

## How mRNA vaccines work



**ANY VACCINE** targeting a specific infection aims to train the immune system to recognise the pathogen that causes that infection. In this case, the target is SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19.

TRADITIONAL VACCINES use either a weakened or inactivated virus, or just an important piece of the virus. For Covid-19, traditional vaccines use the spike protein

place by a process called lyophilisation or

freeze drying, which involves freezing the

product and subjecting it to vacuum to remove

the water (converted from its ice state to wa-

ter vapour state by a process called sublima-

tion). This is a challenging task as under nor-

mal atmospheric pressure ice transforms to

liquid water before going to the gaseous state.

To achieve the conversion of ice to water

vapour so that it can be removed, the sur-

rounding pressure and temperature has to be

tweaked and then kept stable in a manner that

the characteristics of the vaccine are the same

arriving at the right formulation and right con-

dition to ensure a heat-stable mRNA vaccine,

Dr Singh said. Lyophilisation technology is not

new, but a lyophilised mRNA vaccine is unique.

The thermostable vaccine was tested in

various animal models to ensure its safety and

immunogenicity before entering human clin-

ical trials. Phase 1 and 2 trial data across 480

participants was submitted first, followed by

presentation of data from Phase 3 trial across

4,000 participants to the Central Drugs

During the Phase 3 trials, 3,000 participants

Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).

"We performed hundreds of trials before

as before lyophilisation.

Trials and safety

mRNA VACCINES do not inject the virus or a part, but rather enables the body itself to make a part. Covid-19 mRNA vaccines inject mRNA (messenger mRNA) that teaches the body to make the spike protein.

**BOTH PLATFORMS** serve the same purpose. The immune system will target the spike protein, and will recognise the spike if and when actual infection happens.

were administered mRNA Covid-19 vaccine

and 1,000 were given Covishield. According to

officials at Gennova, the trial data showed that

the vaccine was safe and well tolerated. Immunogenicity measured at 2 weeks after

the second dose showed that GEMCOVAC-19

ministered intramuscularly, 28 days apart.

The two-dose vaccine will have to be ad-

is not inferior to Covishield, they said.

THE ADVANTAGE of mRNA vaccines is that smaller dose is required, given that the antigen (spike protein) will be created inside the body itself.

mRNA VACCINES, however, are fragile and need to be stored at ultra-low temperatures, below zero, to prevent them from breaking down. The Gennova vaccine is an innovation in this respect: it can be stored in a standard medical refrigerator.

Drugs Controller General of India. The approval of the nation's first mRNA vaccine will pave the way to the development of new-variant-specific mRNA vaccines that

can be used as future booster doses. It was ab-

solutely necessary to establish the safety and

immunogenicity of the new vaccine platform

#### Omicron and other variants Rollout and availability

The process of developing an mRNA vaccine specific to India took one-and-a-half years. Additionally, the team designed an mRNA vaccine against the Omicron variant which took barely 60 days. This technology platform pro-

for any existing or emerging variants. "A pandemic-ready platform technology has been created that can be used to quickly develop a vaccine should a variant-of-concern emerge due to the rapid mutation of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Clinical trials need to be done to ascertain the effectiveness of the GEMCOVAC-19 against Omicron and sub-variants," said Dr Singh, who had worked on malaria vaccines

vides flexibility to quickly tweak the vaccine

at the US-based National Institutes of Health. For the Omicron-specific vaccine, designed for use as a booster, a short clinical trial will be conducted and a protocol submitted to the technology in the Indian population," Dr Singh said.

Gennova already has a licence to manufacture for sell from the CDSCO. Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Chief

Operating Officer Samit Mehta said talks are underway with the government on whether they would like to procure and deploy or whether the firm can reach out to the private market. On pricing, he added: "Compared to our peers, we will be competitive."

Authorities at Gennova said they are in talks with at least 25-30 countries that had evinced interest in the new vaccine.

"Gennova produced 70 lakh doses taking a risk... Now that we have received the EUA, we can ship the material soon after completing all formalities. The current production capacity is around 40-50 lakh doses per month which will be upgraded to two-three-

## History and legend of the Amarnath yatra

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR. JAMMU. JUNE 29

JAMMU AND KASHMIR Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the 2022 Amarnath vatra in Jammu on Wednesday. Pilgrims will set off from the Pahalgam and Baltal base camps on Thursday, and the yatra will continue for 43 days until August 13.

The yatra to the cave shrine of Lord Shiva high up in the Himalayas of south Kashmir is among the country's most revered pilgrimages, made by hundreds of thousands of people every year. The cave is at 3,888 m above sea level, and can be reached only on foot or by pony. Pilgrims travel 46 km from Pahalgam or 16 km from Baltal along a steep mountain trail.

The yatra has returned after two years of disruption caused by the pandemic, and is the first since the constitutional changes of 2019.

Multi-layer security arrangements have been put in place for the yatra.



Lakhs of pilgrims trek to the cave shrine every year. Praveen Khanna/Archive

#### Legend of the shrine

According to legend, when Lord Shiva decided to tell Parvati the Amar Katha, he chose the Amarnath cave. The cave is believed to have been discovered in 1850 by a Muslim shepherd named Buta Malik who, while grazing his herd in the mountains, came across a Sufi saint who gave him a bagful of coal. When Malik returned home and opened the bag, he found it was full of gold. He ran to the mountains to The Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board was formed thank the saint but could find no one.

famous ice *lingam*. Believed to represent Lord Shiva, the lingam is formed by a trickle of water from a cleft in the roof of the cave. As the water drips, it freezes to form a stalagmite.

The lingam gets its full shape in May every year, after which it begins to melt. On the left of the lingam are two smaller ice stalagmites, representing Parvati and Lord Ganesh.

#### The history of yatra

There is no official record of when the yatra formally began. The family of Buta Malik remained the traditional custodian of the shrine, along with Hindu priests from the Dashnami Akhara and Purohit Sabha Mattan. This turned Amarnath into a symbol of communal harmony and composite culture.

In 2000, the government of CM Farooq Abdullah intervened in the organising of the yatra, saying facilities needed to be improved.

with the Governor at its head, and Malik's fam-What he found instead, was the cave and its ily and the Hindu organisations were evicted. This streamlined the vatra, but also did away with one of its most unique features.

#### Threats to the yatra In 1993, the Pakistan-based Harkat-ul-

Ansar announced a ban on the yatra. Local militant groups did not back the ban, and the yatra progressed unhindered through the years of peak militancy. Amarnath yatris were targeted for the first

time in 2000, when 25 people, including 17 pilgrims, were killed in a militant attack on the Pahalgam base camp. Several yatris were killed in big and small attacks over the next two years. There were no major incidents after 2002.

In July 2017, seven pilgrims were killed in a attack on their bus. Days later, the government told Lok Sabha that 53 pilgrims had been killed and 167 injured in 36 terror attacks on the vatra in the last 27 years.

## Udaipur killers and Da'wat-e-Islami: the group, its ideology and its growth

#### **NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN & ZEESHAN SHAIKH**

CHENNAI, MUMBAI, JUNE 29

THE DA'WAT-E-ISLAMI (Del), the group to which Rajasthan police have linked Ghouse Mohammad who killed tailor Kanhaiyalal in Udaipur on Tuesday, is a Sunni Barelvi proselytising group that was founded in Pakistan four decades ago. It has chapters in several western countries. The Da'wat-e Islami in India, based in Mumbai, is a breakaway Sunni group and has no links to the Del Pakistan.

Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), the Barelvi group that has demonstrated its rallying ability and street power several times since 2016 on the issues of blasphemy and the finality of the Prophet, draws its inspiration from the Del.

Many Del members are now said to be part of Labbaik, which came up in 2015.

The Labbaik mobilised its cadres in 2020-21 to demand that Islamabad must cut off diplomatic relations with France over the Prophet cartoons controversy. It contested elections in 2018 and won two seats in the Sindh Assembly.

In January 2011, when Mumtaz Qadri, the police bodyguard, shot dead Salman Taseer, Governor of Pakistan's Punjab province, police said he had links to the Dawat-e-Islami. An AFP report had quoted Del spokesman Mahmood Ahmed Attari as saying he had no information about whether Qadri belonged to his party. He said Dawat-e-Islami members are moderate followers of the Barelvi sect of Sunni Islam and do not believe in agitation or protest demonstrations. Labbaik grew out of a movement to free

Qadri, and gained followers rapidly after he was judicially executed for the killing of

Formed in 1981, the DeI was the Barelvi response to what the Sunni sect saw as a virtual Deobandi takeover of Islam during a period that Pakistan was actively aiding Íslamic radicalism and jihadism funded by the Saudis and armed by the US for the first

Afghan War against the Soviet Army. The jihadi tanzeems were built in Deobandi mosques and were schooled in Deobandi teachings. The Pakistan military's training and backing to such groups gave the Deobandi image a huge shot in the arm, much to the concern of the Barelvi Sunni leadership in Pakistan. After the Soviet



**Ghouse Mohammad and Mohammad** Riyaz, Kanhaiyalal's killers

withdrawal, the Deobandis contributed to the emergence of the Taliban and their extreme interpretation of Islam.

Mu?ammad Ilyas A??ar Qadiri, the founder of DeI, was born in 1950 in a Kutchi Memon family in Karachi. His parents hailed from Junagarh in undivided India. He modelled the Del on the same lines as the Tableeghi Jamat (TJ), the influential transnational Deobandi missionary group that was formed in 1921. Like TJ, DeI sends followers on long tours of duty on missionary work and holds ijtima or congregations at different places. Like the TJ, it also focusses on tableegh, the quest for inner spiritual reform and through this, the reform of society. But Del and TJ differ in ideology, theology and doctrine. Del members are distinguishable by their green turban, representative of the green dome of the Prophet's Mosque at Madina.

TJ itself disavows affiliation to any political ideology and denies links to the violent jihadist movements that took birth in Pakistan in the 1980s and 1990s. But the flurry of post-9/11 counter-terrorism investigations in the first decade of this century revealed that many radicalised individuals had overlapping membership with TJ.

Before the killing of Taseer, DeI was a low-profile organisation. But that incident and the higher profile of the Barelvis in recent years due to the activities of the TLP, and its apparent proximity to the Pakistan Army on and off, have thrust it into the

"The DeI has exactly the same relationship with Labbaik that the Tableeghi Jamaat has with Lashkar e Jhangvi and other Deobandi groups," said Ayesha Siddiqa, the Pakistani author and commentator. "Many Del have joined Labbaik now."

The Barelvis are close to 50% of

Pakistan's population, but they saw themselves sidelined politically as the Pakistani military establishment threw in its lot with the Deobandis. While DeI aspired to become a massive international network like the TJ, members did not take to violent jihad in Afghanistan, Pakistan or Kashmir. Rather. Barelvis have been victims of terrorism by groups such as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Sipah-e-Sahaba, and the Taliban itself. The shrine worshipping Barelvis have seen all their important darghahs in Pakistan bombed including Bari Imam in Islamabad and Data Darbar in Lahore.

Sunni Tehreek, a Barelvi group formed to protect Barelvi mosques from being captured by Deobandis and Ahle Hadith (another Sunni reformist movement that was influenced by and influenced Wahabism), never recovered from the 2006 Nishtar Park, Karachi bombing in which all its top leaders were killed.

The Barelvi school of thought was once sought to be projected as the moderate face of Islam, and working with the US, Pakistan's former military ruler Pervez Musharraf thought he could use Barelvism to counter the Taliban ideologically. However, that project ended in 2011 after Taseer's assassination by Oadri. The TLP has ensured that Barelvisim will no longer be associated with "soft" Islam and Sufism, as it used to be earlier.

To understand how the blasphemy issue has radicalised Barelvisim, consider that the Sunni Tehreek (now a political party called Pakistan Sunni Tehreek), which started off with a slogan about protecting its mosques – Jawaniyan lutaaingai. masjidain bachayeingai – now uses the rallying cry "tauheen rasalat ki ek hi sazaa, tan sey sarjuda" (beheading is the only punishment for anyone who insults the Prophet).

#### Del today

Based in Karachi, the group is now present across the world. It runs a television channel called the Madani channel, charitable organisations and trusts.

In 1992, the Mumbai-based India chapter of the Dawat-e-Islami broke away from its Pakistani moorings as it differed on the replication of the TJ model. The head of the Indian branch, Maulana Mohammed Shakir Ali Nuri , started a separate organisation which he named the Sunni Da´wat-e Islami in Mumbai.

The accused in the Udaipur case are said to have ideological affiliations with the Pakistani wing as both use the word Attari after their names, after Del leader Muhammed Ilyas Attar Qadri. This is a practice followed by members of the Pakistani based organisation.

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I HAVE ALWAYS IMAGINED THAT PARADISE WILL BE A KIND OF LIBRARY.

— JORGE LUIS BORGES

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## IN COLD BLOOD

The two men who killed Kanhaiya Lal must face the full force of the law, they must not get the power to spread their poison

HE KILLING OF Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur, captured and flaunted by his killers on video, is a gruesome crime. It has deservedly drawn the strongest condemnation across political and ideological lines in the country. The starkness of the horror permits no ambiguity in the aftermath — the perpetrators of murder as ghastly spectacle must be brought to justice quickly and firmly. In the days ahead, political parties and governments also need to step up to the challenge to keep the calm. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has called for Prime Minister Modi to address the nation and appeal for peace. It is essential that this does not become a bid by the Gehlot government to abdicate its own responsibility, or to pass the buck. It is its primary task to ensure that a firm message is sent out that any attempt to stoke or inflame communal anxieties and tensions will not be brooked in the state, in Udaipur or elsewhere.

Even as there is no room for the politics of one-upmanship, there is hard political work to be done by all parties and players. While the crime has played out in public view, the grisly videos don't tell all, important questions remain. The National Investigation Agency, tasked with investigating terror-related crimes, has been called in, and a thorough probe will be needed to arrive at the answers. Meanwhile, it will be the work of politics to ensure that important distinctions are not blurred and crucial perspective is not lost in a climate in which prime-time TV seems to increasingly take its cue from the fringe and hardliners, and too many of those with a social media account unresistingly give in to the temptation of delivering instant justice on complex issues by playing judge, jury and executioner. The industry of hurt sentiments is quite capable of manufacturing hate and violence, too. It is necessary, in this moment, to remember and to remind that one of Indian democracy's biggest success stories has been that it is home to a Muslim minority which has not been drawn into the Islamic radicalisation story that has been unfolding in troubling ways elsewhere in the world.

As the law follows its course, therefore, politics has to step up to ensure responsibility and restraint after the crime in Udaipur. The two men who walked into the tailor's shop and killed Kanhaiya Lal in cold blood must face the consequences — they must not be given the power to spread their poison.

### PLASTIC SURGERY

Phased ban on plastics is welcome. Challenge will lie in enforcement, bringing in viable substitutes

ROM FRIDAY, SEVERAL common use-and-throw plastic products will cease to be in circulation with the government's rules to prohibit their manufacture and use, issued in August last year, coming into effect. Plastic cutlery items, ice cream and balloon sticks, sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packs, PVC banners measuring under 100 microns and earbuds are some of the items that will no longer be available. Given that the country generates more than 25,000 tonnes of plastic waste every day - more than 40 per cent of it stays uncollected, often choking sewage networks — the need for measures to restrict the use of this non-degradable synthetic material cannot be overstated. The government has also done the right thing in enforcing the ban in phases. The current strictures apply to relatively low utility items. The real challenge will come when the prohibition is extended to polythene bags under 120 microns in December.

In the past five years, more than 20 states have put in place some form of regulation on plastic use. But by all accounts, their implementation has been patchy at best. The poorly-staffed and feebly-empowered state pollution control boards or cash-strapped municipalities tasked with enforcing the bans have generally not been up to the task. Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav has said that his ministry will set up control rooms to monitor the ban. A better way would be to raise awareness amongst people and take all stakeholders into confidence — the success of Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh, to an extent, testifies to this.

Some food vendors, takeaway restaurants and grocery outfits have begun using biodegradable cutlery and cloth or paper bags. The government claims that a large number of plastic units are making the switch to using packaging alternatives such as cotton, jute, paper and crop stubble waste. However, the alternatives sector does not produce at a scale that will enable businesses all over the country to make the environmentfriendly transition. There are more than 22,000 plastic manufacturing units in the country. It will be some time before enough numbers are brought under the alternative segment to make a tangible difference to the packaging sector's environmental footprint. Industry experts say that the prices of a lot of the current plastic substitutes burden the retailer and the consumer – a kg of fabric bags, for example, cost Rs 80 more compared to plastic bags. The government would, therefore, do well to hand-hold businesses, especially small outfits already strained by the economic fallout of the pandemic, during the transition period. In the long run, it must join hands with industry bodies to facilitate R&D in viable plastic substitutes.

### WHISPERS IN THE SHELVES

Public libraries have found a new role among aspirational youth. But bibliophiles will miss just browsing

N INDIA, THE public library has always been a scarce resource. Outside of academic institutions and private clubs, spaces to read and borrow books are few and far between. The country's transition from a low-literacy, relatively poor society to a . middle-income, educated one was accompanied by the rise of electronic and digital media, and browsing shelves became passe before ever really having the chance to be in vogue. Yet, as a report in this newspaper found, Delhi's public libraries are still in use, albeit not for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

At Delhi Public Library, Hardayal Municipal Public Library and even Dyal Singh public library — the latter is one of the oldest in India — young aspirants who hope to clear competitive examinations have taken over the reading rooms. For all the sophistication of algorithms and the vast amounts of knowledge on the internet, a quiet place to concentrate still draws aspiring civil servants, doctors, chartered accountants, et al. And given how difficult it is to find space in the big city, it is likely that the libraries will survive as a muchneeded public space of calm. Yet, the book lover will see this new avatar of an old building as something of a loss.

The worst-kept secret among bibliophiles is this: In libraries, bookshops and even second-hand book bazaars, the texts talk to each other. Their whispers draw you in, opening up worlds within worlds. And there are few joys greater than the serendipity of picking up an unknown, unheard of (to the reader, at least) volume, of browsing through shelves hoping that a title, blurb or even a cover "speaks to you". No matter how hard they try, the tech giants selling books at a click can never recreate that feeling. And, while a career is of supreme importance, the young people cramming for their exams too are missing out on what their study hall used to be.

## The executioner's strategy



Will to condemn this act must be accompanied by commitment to build a free society. Else, Kanhaiya's executioners win

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE SAVAGE EXECUTION of Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur will deepen the darkest forebodings about India's future. It is important to name this gruesome act for what it is, without aestheticising it. It was an execution and not a murder. Murders are horrible. But this act was far more sinister. It enacted the logic of

The perpetrators were claiming the right to brutally punish Kanhaiya for speech that he was well within his legal rights to utter. By doing it publicly they were trying to claim the terrifying power of global precedent. There have been beheadings before on putative insults to the Prophet, and we cannot rule out more. The point of the execution was to lay down the clear line, "Say something on the Prophet that we find insulting, and there will be consequences." It was to make clear that the perpetrators mean to enforce their idea of blasphemy, no matter what rational, secular and civilised laws require. The public nature of the act was to also signal that they do not consider this a crime but the enforcement of higher law. Its purpose is to create fear and terror. There is a Chinese proverb, "Kill one, frighten a thousand." This execution worked on this logic of fear and terror.

This act has been unanimously condemned as an act of barbarity, without qualifications, across the political and religious spectrum. There was no immediate violent reaction. But the sense of foreboding comes from what these easy gestures of condemnation, which now come to us as flippantly as the "like" sign on Facebook, will leave unsaid. If we are to move forward, these dark, subterranean currents will have to be confronted squarely.

Talking about these is hazardous, for two reasons. In an already surcharged atmosphere, with a communal majoritarianism suffocating liberty and toleration, there is the justified fear of how particular arguments are used to whip up prejudice against minorities. Second, there is always what the late Paul Brass had presciently identified as the trap of discourse. Using the terms minority and majority, even for analytical purposes, even for progressive ends, often ends up congealing the very identities we are trying to condemn the incident. The biggest danger is that the BJP and

complicate. So, even with these caveats, here

are the fears we need to confront, even as we

other parties may succumb to the temptation to use this incident to target and question the existence of minorities. Rajasthan has an election coming up. The conduct of political parties, the perception of arbitrariness in police forces, has created unprecedented communal tensions across the state, which even the Congress is helplessly presiding over. Condemning an incident is not an answer to the endless narrative of revenge and counter revenge and feigned victimhood that will be circulated to use Kanhaiya's execution as an opportunity to polarise. This incident will very quickly allow concerns about authoritarian repression and majoritarian communalism to be overtaken by an obsession with transnational Islamism. It would be naïve to pretend that there is no issue here. We are certainly doing our best to create a society where anyone can light a fire, and create a conflagration. The perpetrators' gruesome execution works as a strategy, because they know we will make a political business out of it.

The psychological impact of seeing a video where someone walks into a tailor's shop, for a quotidian transaction, and executes them, is horrifying. What produces such a sinister method of execution? Can we comfortably treat it as an exception? These will be unasked questions. The short answer is, we don't really know with any confidence. And this situation is compounded by the fact that there is a breakdown of trust. On the one hand, there is the state that finds even a joke as evidence of complicity with ISIS, and will spread the net of suspicion incredulously wide. It will cast this as a war against a global ideology of Islamism and terrorism. But it has shown no capacity to make a distinction between ordinary Indian citizens trying to claim their rights or protesting against a particular policy, and terrorists that really pose a threat to the state and a decent moral order. Our political culture is incapable of drawing this distinction.

Faced with a threatening state, we as civil society also fear to fully understand the possibilities and sources of Islamist radicalisation, and acknowledge that like Hindutva, it could also have an autonomous dynamic, not rooted only in reaction or the threat of subjugation. This vacuum of trust will be filled by our favourite political narrative. In our context, it will strengthen whatever prejudices we were predisposed towards. Even as we condemn the moral horror, our capacity to create a common truth about such inci-

dents will not be any stronger. The larger narrative in which this incident will come to be embedded - is this a oneoff local incident, a political reaction or part of a wider conspiracy for organised violence requires the state and Centre to cooperate. If this is treated as a terrorist attack, then the NIA and police must speak in one credible voice. It is beyond utopian to imagine that in a situation like this, all political parties and the home minister and chief minister would speak in one credible voice. The partiality of the state in other cases of violence makes this an incredibly hard act to pull off. The strategic silences of the prime minister are always a clear signal that the government intends for the pot to simmer, if not boil.

And finally, there is the ideological gauntlet that Kanhaiya's killers have thrown. Even as we condemn the incident we have to rise to the ideological challenge, that no free society can have a legal prohibition on "offences to religion". What enables this act to wear the imprimatur of punishment rather than crime is that it sees itself as enforcing higher law. Any society where individuals think it is their duty to protect their prophets or their gods is doomed to be unfree, and caught in circles of violence. In a world of billions of people, someone will be tempted to insult; the point is to render those insults banal, marginal and harmless.

The will to condemn this act has to be accompanied by the commitment to build a free society. Otherwise Kanhaiya's executioners win. But it is hard to shake off the feeling that the cumulative weight of our history and prejudices is pulling us into an abyss, with an almost gravitational force.

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## A President For New India

Droupadi Murmu's nomination is transformational, shows deepening democracy

Aditi Narayani Paswan

A POWERFUL PHOTO has been doing the rounds of social media, showing a tribal woman, who has been nominated for the post of the President of India, walking with the mighty men of Indian politics. This poignant picture has inspired many young women from marginalised communities. like me, to dream big. Droupadi Murmu is not just a source of inspiration for us; her life and struggle, determination and success in the face of great odds represent the hope and promise of New India.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian democracy has become more representative and inclusive. The BJP represents the New India of prosperity, equality and socio-economic mobility, reflecting the true embodiment of samajik samarasta (social harmony). A tribal woman succeeding a Dalit to the highest constitutional post of the nation is a remarkable testimony to the deepening roots of Indian democracy. Her nomination is transformational in its true sense.

B R Ambedkar's idea of synthesis and the representation of women in politics have become a reality. Born in 1958, Murmu is from the Santhal tribal community in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district. The Santhals are known for their courage. In 1855, they Due to the lack of women in positions of power at the local, state and national levels, girls and women don't have many role models. Should Murmu become the First Citizen, it would not only give hope to the marginalised, but also to the many women who are considered second-class citizens.

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revolted against the Permanent Settlement of Bengal introduced by Lord Cornwallis in 1793. Murmu, too, has shown great grit and courage in her life, having fought many battles for the empowerment of the marginalised. She was a teacher and joined the BIP in 1997. She was a minister in Odisha and the governor of Jharkhand between 2015 and 2021. Her political efficacy and electoral acumen have helped push the politics of the marginalised from the edges of tokenism to the mainstream. Her nomination for the post of President of India by the BIP signifies the party's sustained efforts to incorporate tribal communities, both politically and culturally.

PM Modi's personal signature on the decision is unmistakable and is in line with his relentless efforts to expand the BJP's social base and achieve the ideals of social cohesion and justice. The party has expanded its electoral base among all social groups and communities, with marginalised groups being accommodated with dignity and pride and not just for the sake of social engineering and tokenism.

Murmu comes from a humble background and has faced much hardship in her life. In a February 2020 interview, she spoke about her political journey: "I started as a teacher without pay and later worked with social organisations to uplift villagers hailing from the remotest parts of Odisha." She has defied great odds and much cultural stigma to serve the people, battling the many stereotypes generally associated with a career in politics. At an early age, she lost her husband, brother and mother, and in 2009 and 2013 she lost her two sons, leaving her devastated and depressed. At that juncture, she held onto the spiritual path with the Brahma Kumaris, practising yoga and meditation. Doing social service was her life's new life mission. She is a fighter and has become a source of inspiration for many.

Due to the lack of women in positions of power at the local, state and national levels, girls and women don't have many role models. Should Murmu become the First Citizen, it would not only give hope to the marginalised, but also to the many women who are considered second-class citizens. For me, her nomination goes beyond the politics of representation and tokenism. I have a role

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### JUNE 30, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

#### AFTER VP SINGH

THE CONGRESS (I) high command has decided to put off the knotty problem of finding a successor to the UP Chief Minister VP Singh until after the presidential election on July 12. In view of this, the party on UPCC-(I) president BN Pandey to call a halt to his discussions on a new leader with party legislators. The state party leaders have even been hoping that the new CM will assume office by next week. However, the Congress (I) sources ruled out the possibility of imposing a brief spell of presidential rule in the state. It is said that Singh has agreed to continue as acting chief minister

until a new successor is named.

#### PM's Criticism

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi criticised the call for conscience vote given by HR Khanna, Opposition candidate for the Presidency. She was speaking after commissioning a water supply project for Sultanpuri and Mangolpuri resettlement colonies in West Delhi. Mrs Gandhi said it was an insult to the elected representatives of the people to ask them to vote according to their conscience. MPs and MLAs need not be told what they should do. It was an insult to democracy itself, she said with vehemence.

#### ISRAEL'S OFFER

ISRAELI ARMED FORCES are "in a position to wipe out terrorist centres in Western Beirut", Defence Minister Ariel Sharon said in Ierusalem. However, the government had decided to grant the Palestine Liberation Organisation a "grace period" and safe conduct, Sharon said. He confirmed that Israel had called on the PLO besieged in Western Beirut to lay down their arms and leave the country. "We are not warmongers. We hope that the terrorists will see sense," Sharon added but Israel had to remain ready to "fight against anybody wanting to torpedo peace efforts".

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## Closing the Gulf

UAE is India's closest partner in Arab world and resilience in bilateral ties will withstand recent convulsions. But it will take a sustained public diplomacy effort to undo the damage



NAVDEEP SURI

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi's visit to the UAE on June 28 was his fourth, having visited the country earlier in August 2015, in February 2018 and again in August 2019. Juxtaposed against the fact that no Indian PM had visited the UAE for 34 years since the visit of Indira Gandhi in 1981, the transformation in India's engagement with this Gulf state has been quite extraordinary.

The reason for the latest sojourn, ostensibly, is to offer condolences on the demise of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan and to congratulate Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan on his elevation to the position of the ruler of Abu Dhabi and President of the UAE. Viewed from the perspective of traditional diplomatic protocol, the visit was not necessary. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu had gone to Abu Dhabi on May 15 to offer the Government of India's condolences to the UAE leadership and in an unusual gesture, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had visited the UAE embassy in New Delhi to sign the condolence book.

But this is a relationship that has moved well beyond the confines of diplomatic protocols. The warmth and personal chemistry between the Prime Minister and Sheikh Mohamed are genuine and palpable. It has been almost three years since their last meeting in Abu Dhabi when PM Modi was bestowed the Order of Zayed, the UAE's highest civilian award. He had also planned to visit the Dubai Expo in January but a rise in Covid-19 cases linked to the Omicron variant had come in the way. This stopover on the way back from the G7 summit in Germany was an opportunity to renew that relationship through a oneon-one meeting with Sheikh Mohamed and an engagement with key members of the royal family including the National Security Advisor and foreign minister.

Meanwhile, a lot has happened on the bilateral front, including a fairly substantive virtual summit with Sheikh Mohamed in February 2022 when both sides signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). The two leaders also issued an ambitious, forward-looking Joint Vision Statement titled, "Advancing the India and UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: New Frontiers, New

CEPA is a significant milestone that was negotiated and finalised in just 88 days and promises to increase bilateral trade from \$ 60 billion to \$ 100 billion in five years. It came into force on May 1 and has already ushered in preferential market access for 97 per cent of tariff lines accounting for 99 per cent of Indian exports to the UAE. It is expected to help Indian exports in areas ranging from gems and jewellery and textiles to footwear and pharmaceuticals, apart from enhanced access for Indian service providers to 11 specific sectors. A high-level business delegation from the UAE led by Minister for Economy Abdulla bin Touq was in India on May 12 to identify trade and investment opportunities, brief Indian business leaders



about the key features of the agreement and advise small and medium enterprises on leveraging its provisions. On the sidelines of the visit, the Dubai-based DP World and India's National Skills Development Council signed an agreement to set up a Skill India Centre in Varanasi to train local youth in logistics, port operations and allied areas so that they can pursue overseas employment.

On the regional front, the rapid normalisation of ties between the UAE and Israel following the Abraham Accords of August 2020 has also opened new avenues of trilateral and multilateral cooperation. Some Israeli tech companies are already establishing a base in Dubai and seeking to marry niche technologies with Emirati capital and Indian scale. The US has announced that President Joe Biden's forthcoming visit to West Asia will see a virtual summit of what it calls the 2I2U, a new grouping that brings together India, Israel, the US and UAE. The foreign ministers of the four countries had held their first virtual meeting in October 2021 during Jaishankar's visit to Tel Aviv, articulating a focus on joint trade, technology, transport and infrastructure projects.

These positive developments must be seen in the backdrop of the turbulence caused by the comments on Prophet Mohammed by Nupur Sharma and Naveen Kumar Jindal. These comments reveal an utThese comments reveal an utter ignorance of the crucial support that countries like the UAE have given to India in the Islamic world, first by inviting our late External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj as a guest of honour at an OIC foreign ministers meeting in Abu Dhabi and later by standing with us on Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370. Nor do they take into account the fact that the Gulf is our third-largest trading partner, our principal source of hydrocarbons, a major source of foreign investment and home to some 8 million Indians.

ter ignorance of the crucial support that countries like the UAE have given to India in the Islamic world, first by inviting our late External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj as a guest of honour at an OIC foreign ministers meeting in Abu Dhabi and later by standing with us on Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370. Nor do they take into account the fact that the Gulf is our third-largest trading partner, our principal source of hydrocarbons, a major source of foreign investment and home to some 8 million Indians who send in over \$50 billion annually in remittances.

The UAE today is India's closest partner in the Arab world and fortunately, there is enough resilience in bilateral ties to withstand the recent convulsions. But India's image has been dented in the hearts and minds of the average Emiratis and left many Indians living in the Gulf appalled at the wanton injury caused to their interests.

Visuals from the Prime Minister's visit and his very evident personal rapport with the leadership of UAE have sent out a positive message but it will take a sustained public diplomacy effort to undo the damage. In other countries in the Gulf, the task will be that much more difficult.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"As Moscow's aggression exacts a fearful toll on the Ukrainian population and on the country's military forces, western leaders must seek ways to intensify the pressure on Mr Putin while continuing to ensure that Nato is not dragged directly into the war." - THE GUARDIAN

## Hardik's travels

Patel's political journey highlights blurring of ideological frontiers and shifting of political plates in Gujarat



SHARIK LALIWALA AND **CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT** 

AFTER MONTHS of voicing his concerns to the Congress, Hardik Patel has finally left the Grand Old Party and turned towards the BJP. In Gujarat, where political actors routinely and without any discomfort shift allegiances between the BJP and Congress, this is no great news. It is another symptom of the steady erosion of ideological cleavages as well as the hegemony of Hindu nationalism in Indian politics.

Hardik Patel began his journey as a quota activist for Patels in 2015 as a young, vocal anti-BJP figure. In the Gujarat Congress, as the party's working president, he moderated his discourse on the quota question, especially after the introduction of the 10 per cent quota for Patels under the economically weaker sections reservation in 2019, and tried to project himself as a youth icon and a kisan leader. This was an interesting proposition in a land of urban politics where the position of a kisan leader has been vacant for decades.

Over the last few months, Hardik has redefined himself again - as a Hindu nationalist. He has quite enthusiastically supported the building of the Ram Mandir in Avodhya, thrown his weight behind the implementation of the CAA-NRC - the amended citizenship laws that take India on the path of a de jure Hindu Rashtra and spoken on the mistreatment of Hindus and Patel leaders at the hands of the Congress. For a man who had started his public career by praising Bal Thackeray, this new discourse marks a return to the roots.

Moreover, Hardik Patel has shunned the progressive outlook regarding caste in his politics as well as his distrust of crony capitalism. He blamed the Congress for casteism in his resignation letter from the party. In his recent interviews, he has attacked the 1980s strategy of Congress — the amalgamation of Kshatriya, Harijan (Dalit), Adivasi, and  $Muslim (KHAM) votes \, under \, the \, leadership$ of Gujarat's first OBC chief minister, Madhavsinh Solanki. And he praised the two major industrialists of Gujarat, Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani.

Patel's trajectory epitomises the blurring of ideological frontiers in Indian politics today and, more than that, the growing opportunism of politicians whom voters cannot now trust easily when they commit themselves to principles and great

While Hardik Patel's shift to the BJP may weaken the Congress in rural Gujarat, the party's attractiveness to Patel voters in that part of the state in 2017 did not result only nor even mainly — from his influence. Generally seen as the party of Dalits, OBCs, tribals and Muslims since the 1980s, the Congress — which was largely built by Vallabhbhai Patel in the region - again reached out to Patels after more than 50 years. In the Saurashtra peninsula, the Congress won 2/3rds of the 48 assembly seats in 2017, almost double its tally in 2012. The party even became a spokesperson for rural Patidars in the state as 14 of its 15 Patel MLAs belonged to rural constituencies. Hardik Patel's shift to the BJP will help

the party recover in the rural part of the state – but will it be enough? Rural Patels are still at the receiving end of the economic crisis that is affecting agriculture. As we have highlighted in our writings before, including in Sharik Laliwala's paper on BJP ministers' social profiles in the Studies in Indian Politics, the pro-reservation call by Patels, who had opposed the granting of quota to OBCs in the 1980s, reflects the 'jobless growth" trajectory of a highly urban-industrial Gujarat, along with increasing rural poverty. Daily wage rates in rural Gujarat are frozen. In terms of rural poverty, Gujarat ranked ninth out of 17 large states in India in 2011-12, a drop of four ranks from its position in 1993-94. Patels are badly divided along class lines, something that Christophe Jaffrelot and Kalaiyarasan A's research showcases: The richest 20 per cent among Patels cornered 61.4 per cent of the community's income in 2011-12, whereas the poorest 20 per cent got only 2.8 per cent, which means that they are increasingly lagging behind the OBCs and

In fact, the mean income of the first quintile of Patels (Rs 6,978) was almost half the mean income of the second quintile of the SCs (Rs 11,411) in 2011-12. And the situation is worse in some parts of the state like Saurashtra, where the water from the Narmada river is yet to reach for irrigation purposes. These trends expose the futility of treating urban and rural Patels in the

The BJP has remained steadfastly behind urban-industrial interests, particularly amongst Patels. For instance, the present CM, Bhupendra Patel, otherwise a novice in Gujarati politics, belongs to an urban constituency, just like the party's old Patel guard — Anandiben Patel, Nitin Patel, Kaushik Patel, Saurabh Patel, et al.

The Congress may not have any Patel face left but it may continue to capitalise on the resentment of the Gujarat peasantry and rekindle its strategy by uniting those who are losing out among the villagers in the state. In parallel, the AAP offensive in Gujarat may cut into the urban vote bank of the BJP — and this is probably one of the reasons why the ruling party needed to capture a Patel rural leader even more urgently this year.

The BJP now gets one. But for Hardik Patel, joining the BJP makes him lose his unique position, especially since today's BIP does not like leaders with their own mass base. This feature can be seen in the selection of Bhupendra Patel as the CM, who was clueless about his appointment till the very last. In fact, in his cabinet, everyone is a first-time minister.

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## The extent of poverty

Efforts to estimate numbers from 2011-21 must contend with absence of data

#### Amitabh Kundu

THE NATIONAL Family Health Survey has recorded that infant mortality has gone down only marginally from 40.7 to 35.2 per thousand between 2015-16 and 2019-21. The percentage of anaemic children aged 6 to 59 months, pregnant and nonpregnant women and adult males, on the other hand, have gone up. And yet, the level of poverty turns out as very low or almost negligible in the terminal year. These are no proxies for poverty since their linkages with nutritional indicators are considered tenuous and these can be explained in terms of intra-household distribution, poor dietary habits, improper water/sanitation facilities, etc. Then why is there an uproar about the working papers of the IMF and World Bank, reporting no or low poverty for India in the pandemic year or just before

What does the poverty index measure or attempt to capture? Its construction involves complex calculations — to identify a poverty basket of consumption, working out price indices for updation of the poverty line and then applying it to the income or consumption of households for determining their poverty status. The computation becomes far more challenging in the absence of data on consumption expenditure as is the case in India and several developing countries. Intending to provide inputs for policy making, researchers have evolved ingenious methods of estimating the data, using past datasets and those that have not been designed to get robust expenditure estimates.

One must compliment the researchers who have taken up this challenge and consider these seriously to examine the extent to which these maintain temporal and cross-sectional comparability and, more importantly, what exactly they can convey to policymakers. A nine-member working group set up by the Planning Commission proposed the poverty line at Rs 20 per capita per month in the early Sixties, loosely ensuring the adequacy of minimum requirements. Dandekar and Rath (1970) went into detail about minimum calorie needs, based on the average consumption pattern. During the Eighties and Nineties, it was realised that this linkage is getting blurred due to changes in the consumption pattern, microenvironment for living, etc. Sukhatme argued that the emphasis on calories and nutrition is misplaced as the absorption of nutrients depends on physical health, particuthe presence or absence of gastrointestinal diseases. Water and sanitation facilities were noted as important in determining the poverty line, Minhas's exhaustive work too suggested that calorie/nutrient requirements are largely socially and culturally determined and even biological needs vary within a household. It was accepted that the state, through poverty interventions, cannot and should not try to guarantee adequate nutrition to people. The Tendulkar Committee formally announced delinking of nutritional norms from poverty in 2010.

As the transition was taking place, Lakdawala beseeched Minhas at a seminar 'not to remove the pegs on which the whole poverty debate hangs". He thought that poverty has a special punch and force in polcy discourse at the national and global levels because people associate it with suffering. If it is reduced to a number that is temporally and cross-sectionally comparable but lacks in the content of misery, it will cease to be an instrument to pressure the government for appropriate welfare policies.

Bhalla, Virmani and Bhasin (2022) in their IMF Working Paper have done a commendable job in developing a method of interpolation and extrapolation of the consumption expenditure of the NSS 2011-12 and building a series up to 2019-20. They use the growth rate of private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) but bring in the distributional changes by allowing household consumption to grow as per the nominal per capita income in each state. Rural-urban price differences are also introduced through separate poverty lines. The method is reasonable except that it assumes the distributions to remain unchanged both within the rural and urban segments in each state over 2014-20. One wonders if they could use other multipliers for updating, for example, the growth rate of income in the economic activity with which the household is associated. Also, the growth rates of different commodities in the PFCE are significantly different and hence commodity-wise adjustments can be done to give higher weights to the items of consumption by the poor.

The most significant contribution of the study is its bringing in the differential engagement of the state in the provisioning of the essentials to the poor into poverty calculations. This opens up the possibility of changes in the level of state engagement in poverty estimation, including free gas cylinders, etc. However, this must be supplemented by an assessment of the disengagement of the state in social sectors such as education and health

The paper by Roy and Weide (2022) for the World Bank explores the possibility of using CMIE in poverty calculations after correcting for the unrepresentative character of its panel data by modifying the weightages of households for aggregation. Indeed, the asset position and level of basic amenities are generally higher in CMIE samples than in more robust national sources. Happily, these adjustments carried out to remove the non-convergence of the CMIE data with other macro statistics have resulted in a poverty figure of 12 per cent. People find this more acceptable not because of the methodology but the magnitude. One does not know whether the poverty estimate would be a bit higher had the adjustments been carried out for a few other parameters and also at the state level.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### RIGHT STEP

THIS IS REFERS to the editorial, 'In Ukraine's shadow' (IE, June 29), Mass movements have an inherent limitation, according to Bipan Chandra, because the masses tend to reduce their support as the consequences of longterm action become difficult to bear. This notion can be applied to the current situation created by the Ukraine war, which has dragged on fo far too long. The G7 summit held in Germany and the support for Ukraine promised there is a step in the right direction. That Ukraine has managed to hold its ground somewhat against a mighty Russia owes to the fact that the West has ensured it has supplies and logistics support. The courage of the Ukrainians too cannot be denied.

Dewang Ganesh Thosar, Raigad

### BLOW TO AAP

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Signal from Sangrur' (IE, June 29). Simranjit Singh Mann's win in the Sangrur bypoll has many lessons for the AAP and other parties. Mann is still reluctant, though his party has been branded radical. The result will have an adverse effect on the poll prospects of the AAP as Sangrur had been represented twice in the Lok Sabha by CM Bhagwant Mann. The people cannot be taken for granted as the electorate can see through the tricks and rhetorical ploys of political parties. SS Paul, Nadia

on gig economy: the takeaways' (IE, June 29). The Niti Aayog's Report on the gig economy is timely, as this sector has grown rapidly in the past few years and has reached a size and stature that demands some regulation and formalisation. Its problems of low wages, absence of social security, unregulated working conditions, etc, require attention and in this regard, the Code on Social Security 2020 offers a ray of hope to gig workers. It recognises them and proposes to cover them in social security schemes.

REGULATION NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'NITI report

**Hemant Contractor,** Pune

### LONG ROAD

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Don't look at America' (IE, June 28). The US has neither a dwindling population like Poland nor an overwhelmingly Catholic population nor any Islamic taboos (like Iran does) to provide a reason for overturning the Roe Vs. Wade judgment. The novel coat-hanger protest shows the long road US has to be prepared to trudge like the Irish did in overturning a ban on abortion after Savita Halappanavar's avoidable death in 2012. Indians would do well to guard against any discrete build-up of such regressive opinions since we are not the same country of 1971 when the MTP was passed as an Act.

Raja Bandopadhaya, Vadodara

# 14 THE WORLD



#### In 1st, France House Elects Woman Speaker

Paris: The new speaker of France's lower house of parliament — the first woman to hold the post vigorously defended the right to abortion and called on the chamber to be "vigilant" about protecting it from reversal. The National Assembly elected Yael Braun-Pivet as speaker on Tuesday, in its first session since President Emmanuel Macron's party lost his majority in elections this month. AP

#### EXPANSION OF ALLIANCE COMES AS BLOW TO PUTIN

## As Turkey drops objection, Finland and Sweden get formal NATO invite

& MICHAEL D SHEAR MADRID, JUNE 29

NATO WEDNESDAY formally invited Finland and Sweden to join the alliance, one day after Turkey dropped its objections to their membership, clearing the way for what would be one of the most significant expansions of the alliance in decades.

The historic deal follows Turkey's agreement to a memorandum with the two Nordic countries. Russian President Vladimir Putin's efforts to weaken NATO pushed Sweden and Finland, which were neutral and nonaligned for decades, into the alliance's arms

After weeks of talks, capped by an hours-long meeting in Madrid, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey agreed to lift his block on Sweden and Finland's membership in return for a set of actions and promises that they will act against terrorism and terrorist organizations. "As NATO allies, Finland and



NATO leaders at the summit in Madrid on Thursday. Reuters

Sweden commit to fully support Turkey against threats to its national security," NATO's secretary general, Jens Stoltenberg, said, providing some details of the agreement. "This includes further amending their domestic legislation, cracking down on P.K.K. activities and entering into an agreement with Turkey on extradition," he added, referring to the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which seeks an independent

#### US to boost military presence in Europe

AP adds: President Joe Biden said Wednesday that the US will significantly increase its military presence in Europe, including by establishing its first permanent presence in Poland, after Russia's invasion. The White House said the US will maintain 100,000 troops in Europe, up 20,000 from the levels before the Ukraine war, for the "foreseeable future."

## NATO says Russia 'most direct threat'; Zelenskyy seeks more weapons

ASSOCIATED PRESS MADRID, JUNE 29

NATO declared Russia the "most significant and direct threat" to its members' peace and security, as the military alliance met Wednesday to confront what NATO's chief called the biggest security crisis since World War II.

It also promised to "step up political and practical support" to Ukraine.

But Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy chided NATO for not embracing his embattled country more fully and asked for more weapons to defeat Moscow's forces.

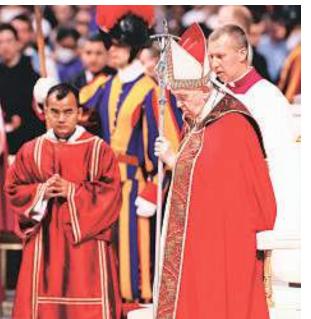
"President (Vladimir) Putin's war against Ukraine has shattered peace in Europe and has created the greatest security cri-



Zelenskyy with Indonesian counterpart Joko Widodo in Kyiv on Wednesday. AP

sis in Europe since the Second World War," said Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg. Zelenskyy said: "The open-

door policy of NATO shouldn't resemble the old turnstiles on Kyiv's subway, which stay open but close when you approach them until you pay.'



#### POPE CONDEMNS STRIKE

Pope Francis attends the Mass of St Peter and Paul at the Vatican Wednesday. Addressing the gathering, he called the bombing of a shopping centre in Kremenchuk city the latest in string of 'barbarous attacks' against Ukraine. Reuters

## Cassidy Hutchinson, an aide to former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, at a hearing of the committee investigating the January 6 attack on the Capitol. Reuters Trump wanted to join

rioters, tried to grab limo steering wheel, aide says

RICHARD COWAN & **MOIRA WARBURTON** WASHINGTON, JUNE 29

DONALD TRUMP tried to grab the steering wheel of his presidential limousine on January 6, 2021, when his security detail declined to take him to the US Capitol where his supporters were rioting, a former aide testified on Tuesday.

CAPITOL RIOT HEARING

The then-president dismissed concerns that some supporters gathered for his fiery speech outside the White House that day carried AR-15-style rifles, instead asking security to stop screening attendees with metal-detecting magnetometers so the crowd would look larger, the aide testified.

"Take the effing mags away; they're not here to hurt me," Cassidy Hutchinson, who was a top aide to Trump's then-White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, quoted Trump as saying that morning.

Hutchinson, in testimony on the sixth day of House of Representatives hearings into the deadly January 6 Capitol assault by Trump's followers, said the conversation was relayed to her by Tony Ornato, a senior Secret Service official who was Trump's deputy chief of staff for operations.

The New York Times and NBC, citing sources in the Secret Service, said the head of Trump's security detail, Robert Engel, and the limousine driver were pre-

pared to testify under oath that Trump never lunged for the steering wheel. Engel was in the room when Ornato relaved the story, Hutchinson said.

The New York Times and CNN, citing unnamed sources, said Ornato also denied the story and was willing to testify.

Citing her conversation with Ornato, Hutchinson testified that Trump struggled with Secret Service agents who insisted he return to the White House rather than join supporters storming the Capitol where Congress was meeting to certify Democrat Joe Biden's victory over him in the presidential election.

Trump's supporters were roused by his false claims that his 2020 election defeat was the result of fraud "'I'm the effing president.

Take me up to the Capitol now," Hutchinson quoted an enraged Trump as saying. She said Trump tried from the back seat to grab the steering wheel of the heavily armored presidential vehicle and lunged in anger at a Secret Service official.

Trump, a Republican, denied her account of his actions. "Her Fake story that I tried to grab the steering wheel of the White House Limousine in order to steer it to the Capitol Building is 'sick' and fraudulent,"Trump wrote on Truth Social, his social media app.

In a statement, the Secret Service said it was cooperating with the committee and would RELITERS continue to do so.

Revelations could be path toward future charges: experts

ALAN FEUER & GLENN THRUSH JUNE 29

KNOWING THAT his crowd of supporters had the means to be violent when he exhorted them to march to the Capitol - and declared that he wanted to go with them — could nudge Donald Trump closer to facing criminal

charges, legal experts said. "This really moved the ball



ecutor in Illinois. The extent to which the Justice Department's expanding criminal inquiry is focused on Trump remains unclear. But the revelations in the testimony to the House select committee by Cassidy Hutchinson, a former White House aide, provided new evidence about Trump's activities before the January 6 assault on the Capitol and chipped away

#### at any potential defense that he was merely expressing views about election fraud. World Bank agrees \$500m to

wheat purchases Cairo: Egypt will receive a \$500 million loan from the World Bank to help finance its wheat purchases as prices skyrocket because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine,

help Egypt fund

The funds, approved Tuesday, aim at supporting

Egypt's efforts to provide subsidized bread to poor and vulnerable households, it said. "This emergency operation comes at a very critical juncture

Egypt Yemen, and Djibouti. Egypt is the world's largest

### TOPOFTHE WORLD

#### Europe-bound migrants feared to be drowned

Cairo: A rubber boat collapsed and sank in the Mediterranean Sea off Libya's coast, leaving at least 30 people including women and children missing and feared dead. It marked the latest tragedy at sea involving migrants seeking a better life in Europe. The vessel sank in the deadly central Mediterranean Sea route said Doctors Without Borders. A ship operated by the group managed to rescue dozens of other migrants including some women, the charity said. A pregnant woman died on board the ship. AP

#### **SENEGAL**

#### **Boat capsizes** off coastline, 13 migrants killed

Dakar: A boat carrying migrants trying to get to Europe capsized off the coast of Senegal, killing at least 13 people, according to local Red Cross officials. The incident happened near Kafountine in the southern Casamance area Monday night, said Djadja Sambou, an official with the Senegal Red Cross. About 150 people were on the boat and 91 people have been rescued, leaving more than 40 missing, said rescue workers. The search is continuing for any survivors or to retrieve bodies.The boat capsized after a fire on board. Officials are investigating what caused the accident.

## Meanwhile, Russian missiles continue to batter Ukraine

PAVEL POLITYUK

RUSSIAN FORCES struck targets in the Mykolaiv region of southern Ukraine on Wednesday and intensified attacks on fronts across the country as NATO members met in Madrid to plan a course of action against the challenge from Moscow. The mayor of Mykolaiv city

said a Russian missile strike killed at least three people in a residential building there, while Moscow said its forces had hit what it called a training base for foreign mercenaries in the region. In the east, the governor of

Luhansk province said there was "fighting everywhere" in the battle around the hilltop city of Lysychansk, which Russian troops were trying to encircle. The governor of Kryyvi Rih in

central Ukraine said Russian shelling had increased there too

#### Israeli troops shoot Palestinian militant in raid in West Bank

Jerusalem: Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian militant early Wednesday in the occupied West Bank during clashes that broke out during an arrest raid, Palestinian officials said.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said that Mohammad Marei, 25, was wounded by Israeli gunfire near Jenin during a raid by the Israeli military and died.

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group claimed Marei as one of its fighters. The Israeli military said that while troops arrested two people, Palestinians 'hurled explosive devices" at soldiers, who responded with gunfire. It said a Palestinian was shot, but gave no more details.



A shopping center damaged

in a Russian rocket attack in

in the past few days."Several vil-

lages have been wiped from the

face of the earth," Kryvyi Rih gov-

The stepped-up attacks -

following a missile strike on a

shopping mall killed at least 18

people in central Ukraine on

ernor Oleksander Vilkul said.

Kremenchuk. Reuter:

## US: 2 Mexicans charged after migrants found dead in truck; toll rises to 53

JASON BUCH, JULIO-CESAR CHAVEZ & TED HESSON

SAN ANTONIO, JUNE 29

AT LEAST 53 migrants have died after being trapped inside a sweltering tractor-trailer truck found abandoned in Texas, authorities said on Tuesday, as two Mexican nationals tied to the unprecedented smuggling tragedy were

charged in US federal court. The deceased migrants, 39 men and 12 women, most of them citizens of Mexico, were discovered on Monday in an industrial area on the outskirts of San Antonio, Texas, about 250 km

north of the US-Mexico border.

Two suspects identified as Juan Francisco D'Luna-Bilbao and Juan Claudio D'Luna-Mendez, both Mexican citizens, have been charged with possessing firearms while residing in the US illegally, according to court documents and authorities.

Investigators traced the truck's vehicle registration to a San Antonio address that they placed under surveillance, and arrested the two men separately when each was seen leaving the residence. A third suspect, described as a US citizen who drove the truck, has also been taken into custody and is expected to

#### **US** abortion ruling 'setback', will cost lives: WHO chief

Geneva: The head of the World Health Organization Wednesday criticised the US Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade calling the decision to no longer recognise a constitutional right to abortion "a setback" that would ultimately cost lives.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebrevesus said during a media briefing: "The evidence is irrefutable. Restricting (abortion) drives women and girls toward unsafe abortions resulting in complications, even death." He warned that limiting access would disproportionately hit women from marginalized communities. AP

## Philippines orders news site Rappler to shut down

**SUI-LEE WEE** JUNE 29

THE PHILIPPINE government has again ordered that Rappler, the news website co-founded by Maria Ressa, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, be shut down for violating foreign ownership rules, the latest blow against press freedom in the country.

Rappler has angered President Rodrigo Duterte for investigating his drug war, and the government has filed seven criminal cases against Ressa, relating to tax evasion, violation of foreign ownership rules and cyber libel. In 2018 the SEC said that an

Omidyar investment by



At the Rappler office in Pasig city on Wednesday. AP

Network violated the restrictions on foreign ownership.

Ressa said the Tuesday decision "effectively confirmed the shutdown of Rappler." She said her organization would continue to appeal the decision "because the proceedings were highly ir-

## the bank said Wednesday.

when the food security of many countries is threatened by the war in Ukraine," said Marina Wes, World Bank Country Director for

### COUNTRY GRAPPLES WITH ITS WORST DROUGHT IN 70 YEARS

## Rice fields dry up in Italy's risotto heartland as drought lingers on

**PAOLO SANTALUCIA** MORTARA.JUNE 29

THE WORST drought Italy has faced in 70 years is thirsting paddy fields in the river Po vallev and jeopardizing the harvest of the premium rice used for

Italy's largest river is turning into a long stretch of sand due to the lack of rain, leaving the Lomellina rice flats — nestled between the river Po and the Alps without the necessary water

to flood the paddies. "Normally this field is sup-

centimeters of water, but now it seems to be on a sandy beach," said rice farmer Giovanni Daghetta, as he walked through the dying rice fields in the town of Mortara. Farmers there have been producing the famed Arborio rice for centuries: the wide grains of this local variety are perfect for absorbing the flavors of risotto dishes. According to the UN Food and Organization, Agriculture

drought stress is the most dam-

aging factor for rice, especially in

the early stages of its growth.

Heat waves, like those repeatedly



A dried-up paddy field in Po valley. AP

hitting Italy with peaks of 40 degrees Celsius, can significantly reduce the yield of surviving rice.

'This paddy hasn't been irrigated for two weeks now, and 90% of the plants have already fully dried," said Daghetta. "The remaining 10%, that are still slightly green urgently need to be submerged with water within two or three days." But with more dry days forecast ahead, Daghetta had little hope that would happen.

The lack of rainfall has brought governors of various Italian regions to declare a state of emergency in order to conserve

water and coordinate the management of minimal resources.

The region's main water sources, the rivers Po and Dora Baltea, are eight times lower than the average seasonal levels, according to the West Sesia irrigation association, which regulates water distribution through the maze of channels which snake through the rice fields.

"From the river Po, we were supposed to receive a flow rate of 160,000 litres per second, while we currently have an approximate flow rate between 30,000 and 60,000 litres per second,' said Stefano Bondesa, president

of the West Sesia association.

As a result of the water shortage. Bondesa was forced to take a few unpopular decisions, recently ruling to stop irrigating poplars, fruit trees and second crops to give priority to rice. Tensions are starting to arise

between upstream and downstream regions along the river basin and between hydroelectric plants and farmers who are all vying for the same dwindling resource. It's feared larger conflicts could be next if rainfall doesn't relieve empty Italian reservoirs soon.

Even Italy's wealthiest city is feeling the effects of drought. dinance Saturday turning off the spigots of public decorative fountains to save water. But most areas are continu-

The mayor of Milan signed an or-

ing to worsen. Italy's drought is threatening

some \$3.1 billion in agriculture, a farm lobby said, Agricultural producers estimate loss of 30-40% of the seasonal harvest. While heat and lack of rain are to blame for this crisis, Italy has a notoriously wasteful water infrastructure that is estimated to lose 42% of drinking water from networks each year, in large part due to old and poorly maintained pipes. AP

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of June 28

'Appreciate reduction in

partisanship, rise in logic'

There will be consensus on compensation issue

as almost every state asked for it, says Thiaga Rajan

INTERVIEW WITH FINANCE MINISTER, TAMIL NADU

#### IFTURNOVER IS LOWER THAN ₹40L AND ₹20L FOR GOODS & SERVICES, RESPECTIVELY

## No more mandatory GST registration for small online sellers, but with riders

PRANAV MUKUL& **AANCHAL MAGAZINE** NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH.

IN WHAT will benefit small online sellers, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has cleared the proposal to waive mandatory registration of such online vendors if their turnover is lower than Rs 40 lakh and Rs 20 lakh for goods and services, respectively. This is likely to come into effect from January 1. While this move will bring parity between online and offline sellers, it is subject to certain conditions, Finance Ministry officials said.

In addition to the waiver, the GST Council also permitted com-

position dealers - those with a turnover of up to Rs 1.5 crore who pay GST at flat rates with input tax credit (ITC) — to make intrastate supplies through e-commerce

These small online vendors will have to declare their Permanent Account Number (PAN), and principal place of business. Further, unregistered entities will also be restricted to declare their principal place of business only in one state, and will not be permitted to make interstate taxable supplies.

"The challenge for us in online service, a seller can sell through multiple e-commerce operators — Flipkart, Amazon. etc. We want one identity of that seller in the virtual world. So we

■ Machines for cleaning,

or other agricultural

produce and its parts.

Cut and polished

machinery

■ Tetra Pak

diamonds

sorting or grading eggs, fruit

milking machines and dairy

More players

THE REMOVAL of various compliance bottlenecks for e-commerce sellers will invite more players in the market to route their business through e-commerce websites.

will take the PAN number, do a KYC...we'll aggregate and find out that their turnover doesn't exceed the threshold," a government official said.

The recommendations to streamline these processes were

**GST RATE INCREASED FROM 5% TO 12%** 

made by the GST Law Committee.

**SENSEX:** 53,026.97 ▼ 150.48 (-0.28%) **NIFTY:** 15,799.10 ▼ 51.10 (-0.32%) **NIKKEI:** 26,804.60 ▼ 244.87 **HANG SENG:** 21,996.89 ▼ 422.08 **FTSE:** 7,317.21 ▼ 6.20 **DAX:** 13,025.55 ▼ 206.27

Notably, the issue of differential treatment of offline and online sellers was also flagged by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce in its report published on e-commerce sector earlier this month.

Parliamentary Committee had observed that the mandatory registration requirement has placed additional burden on small sellers, increased the compliance and operation costs for such sellers, which negatively affected their margins. It had also said in the report that the dropout rate of online sellers was in the 60-70 per cent range — a point echoed by Vidit Aatrey, founder and CEO of social commerce platform Meesho.

territories & local authorities

earthwork and sub-contracts

manufacture of leather goods

involving predominantly

■ Job work in relation to

■ Petroleum/coal bed

and footwear

He said that in 2022, around 60 per cent of small businesses looking to come online on Meesho dropped off on account of the GST requirement. He added that an estimated 5 crore MSMEs are currently unable to sell online due to compulsory GST require-

Flipkart Group chief corporate affairs officer Rajneesh Kumar said: "This decision by the GST Council to bring parity for sellers on e-commerce platforms...will reduce compliance burden for small businesses especially, artisans, weavers, handicraft makers, artists and home makers to access markets through e-commerce and smoothen their onboarding on these digital platforms".

**EXEMPTIONS BEING** 

WITHDRAWN

■ Cheques,

lose or in

book form

at 18%)

■ Hotel

(to be levied

■ Maps and

hydrographic or

kinds, including

atlases, wall maps,

topographical plans

and globes, printed

(to be levied at 12%)

accommodation

₹1,000/day shall be

priced up to

taxed at 12%

■ Room rent

(excluding ICU)

similar charts of all

#### Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, Tamil Nadu Finance Minister PALANIVEL THIAGA RAJAN said. In an interview with AANCHAL MAGAZINE, Thiaga Rajan said the decision on com-

pensation should be taken within the GST Council and there would be a consensus on bringing it if it is decided to be extended. Edited excerpts:

for an extension of the compen-

sation mechanism under the

#### Did all states demand for an extension of the compensation mechanism beyond June 2022?

Which state doesn't want (compensation to continue beyond June)? Karnataka and Goa asked for compensation. To the best of my knowledge, all states (want extension of compensation). I don't know of any single state that hasn't asked for extension of compensation. What marked this GST Council meeting for me, compared to others. was that I could truly see that states were talking for their states or for the broader interest. In the past, I felt maybe some of the BJP states were more interested in talking in line with what came from the leadership rather than what was in the interest of

their own people. I want to be a bit technical here. If this is truly a federal structure, if the GST Council is really the deciding authority, then on what basis can a decision be made outside the GST Council? I am just asking a mechanical question. We were all in the room. We all made some requests. It didn't come to a resolution, that's the best I can tell. Even the Union Finance Minister said in her press briefing that people (states) were heard. Now, in some sense, this is a great improvement because last time when this came up, the Finance Minister said in a press conference that there will



Palanivel Thiaga Rajan UNI file

be no extension (of compensation). But that was not agreed upon by the GST Council. That was almost a unilateral decision. Here she came and said that it has been discussed and we'll see, from what I can tell. But who will see? Does the (GST) system give the Union government a separate authority to make decisions? Or is it the GST Council that should have voted on (extension of) compensation.

Idon't want to be considered a critic of it, but I want to genuinely appreciate the quality of the reduction in partisanship, increase in the logic, and that ministers seem to be speaking more in the interest of the people in a discernible way.

#### Was there any clarity on when they will get back?

No. Do you know they are going to get back? We don't know

Will the correct way be to put it up for voting?

Should it be put up for voting? As the Union Finance Minister said, there has been voting only one time. Rest of the decisions have been based on consensus. And I have no doubt that there would be con-

asked for it.

of the GST Council.

#### What is the hitch in extending the compensation mechanism given the cess levy period has already been extended? Again I ask the question: how

sensus as almost every state

did they unilaterally decide to extend the cess? What the law says and what happens, there are huge gaps ... if the GST Council is the supreme decision making authority, like the Supreme Court has told us what the Constitution says a statutory body like the GST Council cannot supersede the legislative powers of the elected representatives in the state legislatures and Parliament as they are Constitutional bodies. I said earlier that judgment should not have caused any real consternation, it just reaffirms that the Constitution applies.

But you look at how things work, they are not necessarily following the rules. Some of it could be just practicalities of execution, some of it could be codified in statutory terms. For example, if we all agree rate changes have happened, and they have said they will put it into effect by mid-July, by applying ordinances or passing the necessary resolution. For it to apply in our states, we have to either pass the Bills or the notifications. The odds of all 31 (states/UTs) doing it by then is close to zero. But GSTN, which is the effective implementer of the law, will change the settings on July 18 because they are told to do so...

#### GST rate shakeup: Rise, fall, and exemptions gone The GST Council on Wednesday recommended several changes to tax rates, including correction of inverted duty structure and

withdrawal of certain exemptions. GST was exempted on specified food items, grains etc when not branded, or right on the brand has been foregone. Now, it has recommended withdrawal of exemption from pre-packaged and pre-labelled retail pack in terms of Legal Metrology Act, which will include pre-packed, pre-labelled food items like curd, lassi, puffed rice, wheat flour, paneer, and butter milk

#### **GST RATE INCREASED FROM 12% TO 18%:**

- Printing, writing or drawing Ink
- Knives with cutting blades, paper knives, pencil sharpeners and blades therefor, spoons, forks, ladles, skimmers, cake-servers etc
- LED lamps, lights and fixture, their metal printed circuit boards
- Works contract for roads, bridges, railways, metro, effluent treatment plant, crematorium etc

**GOODS AND SERVICES** WHERE GST RATE **DECREASED**  ■ Orthopedic appliance — splints and other fracture appliances; artificial parts of the body; other appliances which

are worn or



carried, or implanted in the body, to compensate for a defect or disability; intraocular lens (From 12% to 5%)

■ Solar water heater

■ Prepared/finished

leather/composition

to central and state

governments, union

■ Works contract supplied

leather/chamois

and system

leathers

■Transport of goods and passengers by ropeways (From

#### 18% to 5% with ITC) **■** Renting of

truck/goods carriage where cost of fuel is included.



#### exceeding ₹5,000/day per patient charged by a hospital shall be taxed at 5% sans ITC

Compiled by ENS Economic Bureau

Note: List is not exhaustive:

### Reatnewlow

Mumbai: The rupee Wednesday fell 18 paise to close at a record low of 78.97 against the US dollar amid sustained foreign capital outflows, strong dollar and high crude prices. With this, the domestic unit has fallen over 6% since this January. When the rupee hit 78.98 intra-day, the RBI sold dollars to prevent further slide.

#### Parekh, inflation

Mumbai: HDFC chairman Deepak Parekh hinted at the possibility of more interest rate hikes by the RBI in the wake of high inflation. "The inflation pressure may not subside soon, increasing the possibility of further hikes into FY23," he said Wednesday at the HDFC Asset Management Company AGM.

#### NITIreport

New Delhi: In a bid to boost green hydrogen production in India, NITI Aayog has recommended tax breaks like reduction or exemption of GST and custom duties on green hydrogen production. It also proposed setting up green hydrogen corridors and offering grants to startups working on green hydrogen solutions locally. **ENS** 

#### **USGDP** shrinks

Washington: The US economy contracted in the first quarter amid a record trade deficit, the government confirmed, but that picture is misleading as domestic demand was strong. GDP fell at a 1.6% annualised rate last quarter. Meanwhile, at a European Central Bank forum in Portugal, US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said there's "no guarantee" the Fed can tame runaway inflation without hurting the job market. **REUTERS** 

### **CABINET DECISION**

## Nod for crude sale by domestic producers to any Indian refiner

New Delhi: Deregulating one of the last few avenues that were still under the government control, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday allowed firms like ONGC and Vedanta to sell locally produced crude oil to any Indian refinery for turning it into fuel.

While contracts for oilfields awarded since 1999 gave producers the freedom to sell oil, the government fixed buyers for crude produced from older fields, such as Mumbai High of ONGC and Ravva of Vedanta. Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meet, Information and

**Broadcasting Minister Anurag** Thakur said from October 1, companies will have freedom to sell crude in domestic market. This would mean that ONGC can auction its 13-14 million

tonnes a year of crude produced from Mumbai High field to any refiner, including private sector Reliance Industries and Rosneftbacked Navara Energy.

However, the ban on the export of crude oil will continue. ONGC at present has to sell

the Mumbai High crude oil to state-owned Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum. The state-run company could not sell the oil to its own Mangalore refinery, which had conceived a petrochemical complex on the premise that 5 million tonnes of Mumbai High crude could be turned into value-added PTA and Benzene. ENS. WITH PTI

## Sebi Board meet: Commodity derivatives mkt open to FPIs

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, JUNE 29

OPENING UP the Indian markets further to foreign players, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Wednesday allowed foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to trade in the commodity derivatives markets.

The Sebi Board, which met on Wednesday, took the decision to allow FPI trading in commodity derivatives at a time when FPIs are pulling out from the stock markets. The regulator said any FPI desirous of participating in Indian commodity derivatives with or without actual exposure to Indian physical commodities can do so through the FPI route. FPIs can trade in all non-agricultural commodity derivatives and a few select broad agricultural commodity derivatives, it added.

To begin with, FPIs will be allowed only in cash-settled contracts. Sebi said position limits for FPIs (other than individuals, family offices and corporate bodies) will be at par with those presently applicable for mutual fund schemes as a client.

FPIs belonging to categories



Sebi headquarters File

and corporates will be allowed a position limit of 20 per cent of the client-level position limit in a particular commodity derivatives contract, similar to the position limits prescribed for cur-

Currently, institutional investors such as Category III AIFs, Portfolio Management Services and mutual funds are allowed to participate in the Indian commodity derivatives market.

A Working Group comprising of representatives from the SEBI and market participants has also been constituted to review and examine whether any additional risk management measures, are required to be prescribed for FPIs. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

### 'Dark fibre' case: NSE, Ramkrishna, 16 others fined

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi

The Sebi has imposed penalties of Rs 7 crore on the NSE and relates to the alleged differential access given to certain broking

Full report on at NSE. ENS www.indianexpress.com

## Comply by July 4 or lose status as intermediary: Govt to Twitter

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JUNE 29

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has given Twitter "one last opportunity" to comply with its blocking orders. In a missive sent on Monday, the Ministry warned that if content flagged by it is not taken down by the microblogging platform, the company will risk losing its immunity as an intermediary.

content posted by users on its

The MeitY notice, addressed

to Twitter's chief compliance officer, said that while a designated officer of the ministry has issued various directions for blocking certain pieces of content and accounts under Section 69(A) of the Information Technology Act, the company has "failed to comply ... on multiple occasions". MeitY has given Twitter until July 4 to comply with all its blocking orders, failing which it might lose its intermediary status, which will make the website legally liable for

platform. Queries sent to Twitter remained unanswered until the time of going to press. A senior government official

said, "The notices sent to Twitter pertain to several cases...' Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

Notice Inviting Offer Bokaro (ex-EPS 2)

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URL for downloading:https://register.cbtexams.in/CIPRANCHI/ admitcard/





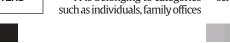
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on has penalised 18 entities, including the National Stock Exchange (NSE), its former managing director Chitra Ramkrishna and group president Ravi Varanasi in the 'dark fibre' case.

Rs 5 crore each on Ramkrishna and Varanasi. It also levied a fine of Rs 5 crore on former NSE group operating officer Anand Subramanian. Further, it has slapped a fine of Rs 6 crore on Way2Wealth Brokers, Rs 5 crore on GKN Securities and Rs 3 crore on Sampark Infotainment. According to a Sebi order passed Tuesday, they have been asked to pay the total amount of penalty within 45 days. The case

firms in the form of 'dark fibre'

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## CALENDAR

#### **CROSSWORD 4781**



#### ACROSS

- 1 Stop in a few bars (7) 5 Good place for a date? (5) 8 Physical training manuals? (8,5)
- $9\,He\,broke\,all\,the\,commandments$
- 10 Give one the right to name a film for example (7)
- 11 He is in highest command (6) 12 Is deep perhaps but may be detected (6)
- 15 Allege the little devil has taken every one (7)
- 17 Neighbourhood call about nothing unusual (5) 19 What the toucan did was
- adequate (6,3,4) 20 Legal acts? (5)
- 21 Thwarts the new mistress who loses her head (7)

### **DOWN**

- 1 Rhubarb he bottled in
- spirit(5) 2 Finds out if beatings are
- regular (5,3,5) 3 Make a legal charge (7)
- 4 Made a home for a good man in
- 5 Go round in high circles (5) 6 Manages to get round current
- problems (5,8) 7 Force one to hang about instead
- of going to work (7) 11 Given instruction in law (7)
- 13 Joins as senior on board
- 14 More like the snow I threw out?(6)
- 16 The regions are as follows (5) 18 Still producing cheerful

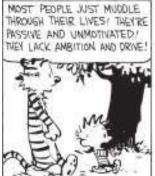
Solutions Crossword 4780: Across: 1 Juicy, 8 Straw hat, 9 Alert, 10 Endanger, 11 Affix, 12 Yea, 16 League, 17 Player, 18 Nee, 23 Sides, 24 Parmesan, 25 White, 26 Reserved, 27 Smelt. Down: 2 Uplifted, 3 Carriage, 4 Stance, 5 Kayak, 6 Thigh, 7 Story, 12 Yen, 13 Ape, 14 Radio ham, 15 Pedestal, 19 Enamel, 20 Sport, 21 Press,

#### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis





#### CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



NOT ME, THOUGH! I'M GOING TO HAVE AN EPIC LIFE! I'M GOING TO WRESTLE THE ISSUES OF THE AGE AND CHANGE THE COURSE OF





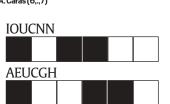
#### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong



#### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip -Roger A. Caras (6,.,7)





Answer: Cats don't like **change** without their **consent**. - Roger A. Caras SOLUTION: EATER, SNORT, NUNCIO, CAUCHE

#### Difficulty Level 1s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal

SUDOKU

rows and in each of the nine boxes. Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;

5s = Very Hard; 6s =

	5	7	6				1	
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8		5	7			3		2

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#### **DAY TODAY**

#### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Your tough,

in a pleasantly practical

muddle occur around early

nature is to be

manner. The only indications of

morning, the middle of the day and the beginning of the

evening, but you'll survive any

The Sun is placing

indication that you

You are standing on

Geminian qualities.

Partners are bound

obstacles, but these

shouldn't be seen as

to raise certain

the brink, pulled

pressure on your chart, a clear enough

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

should take things one at a

time. If you're a professional

take care of private

Taurean, then you really must

complications first, before you

deal with public obligations.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You can be terribly logical and

tendency to open your mouth

discreet, but you also have a

and put your foot in it at the

slightest excuse. There must

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

unwelcome. If partners come

up with advice which is at first

don't be dismayed, but look for

the deeper truth. The real facts

New planetary

might offer reassurance.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

impression rather upsetting,

surely be a middle way.



cautious zone of the zodiac, and I am sure that you will take your responsibilities seriously, but the self-indulgent consequences of tomorrow's solar battle are already stirring

in the more enjoyable regions of

BY PETER VIDAL

The Moon is in a

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)



private, all the current planetary pressures are urging you to live your life in public. Just as soon as you give the word, all the skeletons will come tumbling out. You'd better have a good story prepared.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)



moves up the agenda, but only temporarily. It therefore follows that if property deals, rental agreements or major investments are current, you should move fast to secure a favourable outcome

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You should judge financial matters very carefully, and if you have any doubts about the wisdom of a

particular purchase or investment hold off until after the weekend. You may be feeling slightly vulnerable emotionally, so take the necessary safeguards.

#### **Lunar alignments**



pressures indicate that money is likely to flow through your fingers like water. However, the situation is quite complex, and new funds will appear to replace those which have disappeared into the ether. As the cosmic law states, what goes round, comes round.

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Think ahead and



shock, a surprise, or a complete turnaround at work, are increasing by the hour. It's difficult to be specific, but whatever is about to happen will affect your long-term security, hopefully for the better.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)



perform a few favours. Yet, you would also be justified in being a little selfish and putting up your defences against people who just don't know where

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



socialising today and you might develop some fabulous contacts for the future. Also, take the lead and talk to a partner, rather than allowing them to pretend that there's nothing amiss.

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#### **UPDATE: (HPCL)**

#### Celebration Of 8th International Day Of Yoga at HPCL



International Day of Yoga (IDY), is celebrated annually on 21 June every year since its inception in 2015. The 8th edition of IDY was organized in India and across the globe on the theme of 'Yoga for Humanity' which was led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from Mysuru Palace, Mysuru in Karnataka.

This year's IDY held significance as it marked 75th year of India's independence and hence, Union Ministers and dignitaries joined the

celebrations from 75 Iconic Locations of the Country. Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri took part in in the program from Red fort complex New

HPCL's Chairman & Managing Director, Director Refineries and Director Finance (addl. Charge Director-HR), led HPCL's observation of IDY by joining the celebrations from HP Housing Colony and performing Common Yoga Protocol along with Hon'ble Prime Minister. The IDY observation is based on a harmonious mass yoga demonstration of a custom-made 45-minute protocol namely, Common Yoga Protocol (CYP). Senior officials from Corporate Headquarters, Marketing Headquarters and locations across the Country also joined the celebrations by performing mass Yoga sessions.

This year, the major attraction of the IDY observation was the 'Guardian Ring', whereby the yoga celebrations happened across the world was relayed throughout the Yoga Day. 'The Guardian Ring' underlines 'One Sun, One earth' concept and showcases the unifying power of Yoga.

#### **UPDATE: (CR) Central Railway observes International Day of Yoga 2022** on 21.6.2022



Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, General Manager, Central Railway along with Principal Heads of Departments of Central Railway participated in yoga session at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Auditorium, Mumbai on the occasion of International Day of Yoga 2022 on 21.6.2022. Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, General Manager said yoga helps us fight stress and diseases. Yoga is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and nature. Divisional Railway Managers of Bhusaval, and Solapur Divisions were one of the 75 iconic locations which connected with Konark. Similar yoga sessions were organized at major railway stations, workshops, hospitals, lobbies, RPF barracks, etc. Yoga Day related webcards were posted in social media.

#### **UPDATE: (MTNL)** MTNL celebrated International Yoga Day



MTNL celebrated 8th International Yoga Day on June 21, 2022, to enhance the awareness about Yoga and its holistic benefits among employees. Employees participated with full spirits and vigour to celebrate the day. Yoga sessions were organized at Telephone House Prabhadevi, where everyone pledged to make it an integral part of their daily life. On this occasion Shri Deepak Mukherjee , ED MTNL Mumbai spoke about the benefits of yoga and also urged all employees to take pledge to make yoga an integral part of their daily life. The event was attended by Shri Bharat Bhushan Chaudhary PGM (D), Shri Manna Lal Meghwal GM(EB&LC)), Shri Omprakash Tripathi DGM(Admin), officers and staff of MTNL. Shri Rajesh Erande briefed about importance of yoga. He also mentioned that regular yoga practice lead to the better mental, physical and intellectual health. It brings harmony and peace in everyone's life

#### **UPDATE: (WR)** WR adopts latest internet protocol technology in communication & it

Western Railway is continuously striving to promote the "Digital India" initiative to transform India into a digitally empowered society. As a part of this endeavour, Western Railway has adopted the latest technology in communication & IT network. In a major breakthrough, WR has become the first Zonal Railways over IR to adopt IPv6, the latest Internet Protocol technology in Communications and IT by migrating from the earlier technology of IPv4.

According to a press release issued by Shri Sumit Thakur- Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Rly, the main difference between IPv4 and IPv6 is the address size of IP addresses. The IPv4 is a 32-bit address, whereas IPv6 is a 128-bit hexadecimal address. The latest Internet Protocol technology, IPv6 provides a large address space and it contains a simple header as compared to IPv4. With the IPv6 technology, WR will be in better position to manage network to ensure better reliability of communication and IT networks.

#### UPDATE: (WR) WR - GM presided the zonal railway users consultative committee meeting

The second meeting of the 34th Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) of Western Railway was held on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2022 at Rail Nikunj, Mumbai Central. Shri Prakash Butani, General Manager (In – Charge), Western Railway, who is also the Chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting. According to press release issued by Shri Sumit Thakur - Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, this meeting was attended by 40 members of ZRUCC including Dr. Heena Vijay Kumar Gavit -Hon'ble MP of Nandurbar & Shri Piyushbhai Dinkarbhai Desai - Hon'ble MLA of Navsari. A presentation of various achievements, passenger amenities and infrastructural related work undertaken by Western Railway was presented. During the meeting, the members discussed on various rail related issues and provided suggestions for improvement in amenities/ services provided to passengers. GM thanked all the members for giving their valuable suggestions and assured the members for examining their issues and suitable/feasible action shall be taken on their issues raised during the meeting. Shri Butani stated that

#### **UPDATE: (WR)** WR to augment one AC3 tier coach in Bandra Terminus -**Gorakhpur Express**

For the convenience of passengers, Western Railway has decided to augment an AC 3 Tier coach in Train No. 15068/15067 Bandra Terminus – Gorakhpur Express on permanent basis on nominated days. According to a press release issued by Shri Sumit Thakur – Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, an additional AC 3 Tier coach will be attach in Bandra Terminus – Gorakhpur Express on permanent basis Ex Bandra Terminus from 8th July, 2022 and Ex Gorakhpur from 6thJuly, 2022.

#### **UPDATE: (WR)** Restoration H. Nizamuddin – **Ernakulam Superfast express via** vasai road from 6th July

For the convenience of passengers, Railways has decided to resume the services of H. Nizamuddin -Ernakulam Superfast (Weekly) Express w.e.f 6th July, 2022. According to a press release issued by Shri Sumit Thakur - Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, the details of the train are as

Train No. 22656 H. Nizamuddin – Ernakulam Superfast Express will depart from H. Nizamuddin at 05.00 hrs, every Friday and will reach Ernakulam on the third day at 02.35 hrs as per monsoon timings. This train will run with effect from 8th July, 2022. As per non – monsoon timings, Train No. 22656 H. Nizamuddin – Ernakulam Superfast Express will depart from H. Nizamuddin at 05.00 hrs, every Friday and will reach Ernakulam on the third day at 00.15 hrs. Similarly, Train No. 22655 Ernakulam - H. Nizamuddin Superfast Express will depart from Ernakulam, every Wednesday at 02.15 hrs as per monsoon timings and will reach H. Nizamuddin at 22.40 hrs, the next day. This train will run with effect from 6th July, 2022. As per non - monsoon timings, Train No. 22655 Ernakulam - H. Nizamuddin Superfast Express will depart from Ernakulam, every Wednesday at 05.10 hrs and will reach H. Nizamuddin at 22.40 hrs, the next day.

This train comprises of AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier Economy, Sleeper Class & General Second Class coaches. Halts over WR: Vasai Road, Dahanu Road, Vapi, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara & Ratlam stations in both directions. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

**UPDATE: (WR)** Few WR local train services affected due to block at lower

In connection with the ongoing work of Delisle Road Over Bridge at Lower Parel, a Power and traffic Block of 03.00 hours will be taken on all lines at Lower Parel from 01.35 hrs to 04.35 hrs in the intervening night of 28th /29th June, 2022. According to a press release issued by Shri Sumit Thakur - Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, the details of the local services affected due to this work are as under:-

1. Andheri - Churchgate slow local departing from Andheri at 04.04 hrs (ADH 90002) will be run upto Dadar and will not halt at Matunga Road & Mahim stations. In reverse direction, it will be run as Dadar -Virar slow local (VR 90017) on DOWN Fast line upto Mahim, hence will avail double halt at Mahim station & not halt at Matunga Road station. Hence, both the above trains will remain partially cancelled between Dadar & Churchgate.

2. Borivali – Churchgate slow local departing from Borivali at 03.50 hrs will be run upto Bandra. In reverse direction, it will be run as Bandra – Borivali slow local (BVI 90021). Hence, both these trains will remain partially cancelled between Bandra & Churchgate.

Passengers are requested to take note of the above arrangements.

#### UPDATE: (WR) **Western Railway To Extend Trips** Of Bandra Terminus - Gorakhpur **Summer Special Train**

Trips of Train No. 09415/09416 Bandra Terminus – Gandhidham SF Special to be cancelled w.e.f 30th June, 2022For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand, Western Railway has decided to extend the trips of Train No. 05054/05053 Bandra Terminus – Gorakhpur Weekly Summer Special train on Special fare on exiting composition, timings, stoppages, etc. According to a press release issued by Shri Sumit Thakur – Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, details of the train is as under:⊠ Train No. 05054/05053 Bandra Terminus – Gorakhpur Weekly Summer SpecialTrain No. 05054 Bandra Terminus – Gorakhpur Special which was earlier notified up to 25th June, 2022 has now been extended up to 30th July, 2022. Similarly, Train No. 05053 Gorakhpur -Bandra Terminus Special which was earlier notified up to 24th June, 2022 has now been extended up to 29th July, 2022.Cancellation of trips of special TrainThe trips of Train No. 09415/09416 Bandra Terminus – Gandhidham SF Special Train on Special Fare has been cancelled with effect from 30th June, 2022. The booking of extended trips of Train No. 05054 will open from 27th June, 2022 at PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

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provide better service to its passengers. During the

meeting various Principal Heads of Departments of

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WR were also present.

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## take T20 series 2-0

#### **SRIRAM VEERA**

JUNE 29

IT CAME down to 17 runs from the final over and the choices in front of Hardik Pandya included either bowling himself, giving Axar Patel a go, or trusting young Umran Malik. Unfortunately, or so it seemed initially for Ireland, the wrong batsman was on strike. Not the rampaging George Dockrell whose blitz had almost brought India to their knees, but lower-order batsman Mark Adair.

Two dot balls came as Malik produced two pacy length deliveries but the second one was a no-ball. Adair then smashed two successive boundaries - a scythe through point, and the good-old outer edge, and took a single to bring Dockrell on strike.

With 7 needed from 2, and the game on the line, Malik produced his best ball of the match, a screaming yorker that just missed the stumps as the batsmen ran for a bye. Adair could only get a single off the last ball, a short-of-length delivery outside off and India won. Hardik smiled, and Malik blew a kiss to the skies. Dockrell winced because he knew he had missed a great chance to pull

But before Dockrell, it was Paul Stirling, It was him who started the audacious Irish assault on India's 225. Third ball of the chase, he moved across to an inswinger and short-arm jabbed a stunning six over midwicket. Next ball was the outswinger, but Stirling was ready; this time the burly batsman let his hands go through the line, covering for the swing, and tapping it up and over cover. The next one disappeared to backward squareleg before he scythed one through cover point as four boundaries flowed in the over.

In came Hardik Pandya with a bouncer, that was thrown back from beyond the fineleg boundary. Couple more boundaries came and it was clear that Ireland weren't going to go down wondering. Sterling certainly wasn't. He pulled off an incredible straight six off leggie Ravi Bishnoi – off the back foot over the bowler's head, and even as he made contact with the ball, he sort of side-stepped away to the leg side without even looking at

Though he fell that over, missing a googly, he had lit the fire and one after another, his teammates kept it burning brightly.

Captain Andrew Balbirnie's knock was a confounding eclectic mix. There were dot balls galore but it would be punctured every now and then with a massive six - five of them. After Balbirnie, the Irish baton passed on to Dockrell. The Indians kept losing their nerve, offering full balls on middle and leg, and Dockrell kept smashing them just like Deepak Hooda had done before.

#### Hooda, Samson sparkle

Hooda (104 off 57 balls) and Sanju Samson (77 off 42) made merry as the visitors amassed a big total. The former became just the fourth Indian - after Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and Suresh Raina – to score a T20I hundred. The two added 176 for the second wicket in just 14.1 overs but the final flourish wasn't what India had hoped for. It almost cost them the game.

In the end, it was Ireland who won hearts. even though they fell five short of a win. Brief scores: India 225/7 (Hooda 104,

Samson 77; Adair 3/42) beat Ireland 221/5 (Balbirnie 60, Stirling 40, Tector 39, Dockrell 34 not out) by 4 runs

# India survive Irish scare to Double spin on Indian menu

Flat pitches, flatter seams & recent trend may prompt visitors to field both Ashwin & Jadeja at Edgbaston

SANDIPG

Last June, when England packed five seamers against New Zealand and were sent packing to a crushing defeat, the late Shane Warne tore their indifference to spinners apart. "Feel for my fellow spinners in county cricket. If you don't pick a spinner at

Edgbaston - then when?" Warne tweeted. The Australian loved bowling at Edgbaston – he snaffled 24 wickets at 21 at the venue, including that Andrew Strauss wonder ball, which if not the ball of the century, was the ball of the most thrilling Ashes this century

Not just Warne, spinners have relished the fizz and zip at Edgbaston. It was where Warne's spiritual heir Nathan Lyon cut English batting to ribbons three years ago; it's where a spinner tops the best-bowling chart, Wilfred Rhodes's 7/17 achieved a century and a quarter ago; it's where eight spinners have snuck into the best 20 bowling figures at the ground.

So, one of India's several dilemmas heading to the Edgbaston Test would be, to tweak the Warne tweet, "if you don't pick two spinners at Edgbaston, then when?" India, even when loading their eleven with five bowlers, have seldom picked two spinners in a Test match outside Asia, even if they possess two of the finest around in Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja. Together, they have featured just four times (twice in Australia, and one each in England and West Indies).

Chances are, if they don't pair up this time around, they will never again in England. Ashwin will turn 36 this year; Jadeja would be 34.

The most compelling factor, certainly, would be their form. Jadeja is returning from a longish lay-off, having last played a competitive game on May 4 before he incurred a rib injury. But the break was timely as he seemed knackered towards the middle phase of the IPL, perhaps burdened by the Chennai Super Kings captaincy or calendar-induced fatigue

On his return, during the practice game, he rediscovered his first-class groove. Tetchy with the bat in the first innings, he found fluency in his second and third outings. By the time he returned to the dugout on the third day, he had spent 75 balls in the middle for 56 runs.

Apart from a tendency to bowl one short ball too many - an uncharacteristic trait of his, and one that owes to rustiness -nothing was amiss in Jadeja's bowling. In the first ing a slog-sweep. After he was bludgeoned for a six, he laid the bait, except that he had pulled his length back and bowled a bit slower. Subsequently, Pant had to reach out for the ball.

These subtleties, besides his stifling accuracy, make him a valuable bowler even outside the subcontinent, even on tracks that don't necessarily make him a fourthinnings terminator.

Jadeja was an invisible influence in India's series-leading win at The Oval. Much as one eulogises Jasprit Bumrah and Umesh Yadav, Jadeja's match analysis of 47-12-86-4 was equally game-defining.



Ravindra Jadeja and R Ashwin have featured just four times for India outside Asia. AP

#### WHY BOTH ASHWIN AND JADEJA COULD PAIR UP AT EDGBASTON

The two spinners — with a wealth of 684 wickets, 5,327 runs and seven hundreds — have played just four Tests together outside Asia. Edgbaston could be a ripe chance. The factors:

#### Run-heavy county season

The ongoing county season has been batsman-friendlier than the last two ones. There have been 16 scores in excess of 500 with three months to go. The entire last season had only 12. Two of the four games at Edgbaston ended in draws; three of the 11 completed innings were 500-plus totals, besides three totals of 300scores and one in the 400s.

The Test series between England and New Zealand too was a reasonably high-scoring affair too. Not just the runs, the scoring rate too was higher - 3.20 as opposed to 3 last year. In the Test series, England scored at a rate of 4.5 runs an over which points to a distinct flattening out of the pitches.

#### Softer balls

County seamers have complained about this year's Dukes ball going soft

#### Reunion on cards?

It was anticipated that he would reunite with Ashwin, who had warmed the fifth Test, but for the deferment of the Test itself. Tours to England have been numbingly frustrating for the off-spinner picked in just seven of 15 Tests. But the sight of Edgbaston should cheer him - seven of his 18 wickets in England were picked in a single match at this venue in 2018, a game he almost spun India to a win but for Ben Stokes' last-day burst, as India lost the game by 31 runs.

The batsmen drew flak for their fourthinnings meltdown, but India were also criticised for not picking an extra spinner. England feared that India might pick even three and crammed their nets with three too soon, before swelling and losing shape. The seam, too, is narrower and hence seamers are unable to harness as much sideways movement as they used to. The single-most deadly element out of the equation, batting has become easier. While softer balls don't assist spinners either — taking out bounce and making turn slow spinners could be more resourceful with a softer ball than a seamer would be, especially in keeping an end tight and piling pressure. A second spinner, thus, would be more useful than a fourth seamer.

#### England's spin vulnerability

For all their newfound doctrine of unbridled aggression, England are yet to dominate spinners. All they faced in the series against New Zealand was the benign off-spin of Michael Bracewell, who averages 49 per wicket in first-class cricket, and a few overs from Ajaz Patel. All of their main batsmen - barring Joe Root - have storied travails against either Ashwin or Jadeja. Ben Stokes, for example, has perished to Ashwin on as many as 10 instances.

county spinners apart from regulars Jack Leach and Dom Bess. Then it was that kind of series where India made blunders in seaming conditions, packed an extra seamer on (relatively) spinner-friendly surfaces, and a spinner when an extra seamer would have been useful.

They repeated the mistake in the World Test Championship final, buoyed by the Ageas Bowl's spin-conspiring reputation. It's the trickiest part of reading pitches in England, just like its weather. Depending on a variety of factors, from weather to whim, from curation to orders from the management, pitches at the same ground could behave differently at different times.

Moreover, it's not like Edgbaston allies with spinners alone. Seamers are the pre-

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dominant forces on day one — James Anderson and Stuart Broad sit cheerily at the top of the most successful bowlers' pile and are predominant forces on most England grounds. But as the game unfolds and the surface gets drier, spinners get into the game.

There, though, are other mitigating variables that could see the reunification of Jadeja and Ashwin. This county season has been particularly high-scoring — it has already seen 16 scores above 500 in the first division alone; in the entirety of last season there were just 12 scores above 500. Last season, runs were scored at around three runs an over. This season, it has leapt to 3.2 runs per over. Sussex's Tom Haines was the highest run-getter last season (1,176 runs in 25 innings). In just 15 innings this season, Benjamin Compton has amassed 1,039 runs. The best bowling figures of this season belong to a spinner — South African offspinner Steve Harmer.

#### Recent trend

Not to forget that all three Tests in the England-New Zealand series were highscoring with runs scored at a brisk clip. England managed a run rate of 4.5, which would have been difficult on green surfaces against operators of the Tim Southee-Trent Boult-Neil Wagner class. Little coincidence that Jack Leach picked up 10 wickets at Headingley, a supposed seamers' paradise. The bespectacled left-arm spinner was England's highest wicket-taker too.

Understandably, there has been discontent over the quality of this year's batch of Dukes balls. They, apparently, go soft quite soon, before swelling a bit and losing shape. The seam too is smaller and narrower than last year. "It's something to do with Dukes, they have obviously got this batch wrong.

"I know the seamers want them to go back to last year's batch because I think the seams are actually smaller on them as well, so you get a little bit less sideways movement," Durham captain Scott Borthwick said last month. There have been rumours of entire boxes of balls being returned to the manufacturers. Though Dukes has claimed that they have addressed the issue, England bowling coach Jon Lewis admitted during the New Zealand series that it was still an issue. "It's obvious that the balls are going a little bit soft, and a little bit out of shape, but they're still going through the hoops.

"We've got to find a way to take wickets

A soft ball on a dry surface is detrimental to both seamers and spinners, but would likely affect the seamers more. A spinner could pose more threat and provide less run-scoring outlets than a seamer with a soft ball. In such a circumstance, a second spinner looks a better option than a fourth seamer. Two high-quality spinners could thus be an antidote to "Baz-ball" too. Not just in their ability to stifle the run rate, but top-class spin-bowling has harried England in recent times. So, to tweak that Warne tweet: "if you don't pick two spinners at Edgbaston - then when?"

#### – Briefly –

### Piquet apologises to Hamilton

Sao Paulo: Former Formula One champion Nelson Piquet apologised to Lewis Hamilton on Wednesday, saying the racial term he used about the Mercedes driver was "ill thought out" but was not meant to be offensive. The 69-year-old Brazilian has faced heavy criticism this week over comments he made in Portuguese last November on a podcast where he referred to Hamilton as "neguinho," which means "little Black guy." "What I said was ill thought out, and I make no defense for it, but I will clarify that the term used is one that has widely and historically been used colloquially in Brazilian Portuguese as a synonym for guy' or person' and was never intended to offend," Piquet said in the statement. "I would never use the word I have been accused of in some translations. I apologise wholeheartedly to anyone that was affected, including Lewis, who is an incredible driver," Piquet added." AP

#### Simranjit, Ananta off to winning starts

Nur-Sultan: Indian boxers Simranjit Kaur (60kg) and Ananta Chopade (54kg) registered contrasting victories on the opening day to progress to the quarterfinals of Elorda Cup here on Wednesday. The 2018 World Championships bronze medallists Simranjit lived up to the favourite's tag with a dominating start to her campaign by pulling off a comprehensive win against local boxer Ischanova Nazym by an unanimous decision in the women's 60kg bout. Ananta, on the other hand, faced a stiff challenge from Mongolian pugilist Dorjnyambuu Ganbold. However, the Indian kept his cool during an intensely fought men's 54kg thriller and eventually managed to tilt the result in his favour by a narrow 3-2 verdict. PTI

#### Sindhu, Kashyap win; Saina loses

Kuala Lumpur: Two stalwarts of Indian women's badminton, PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal, suffered contrasting fates at the Malaysia Open Super 750 tournament with the former progressing to the second round and the latter bowing out after losing her opener here on Wednesday. Sindhu dished out a fine performance to outwit Thailand's world number 10 Pornpawee Chochuwong 21-13 21-17, but Saina went down fighting against American Iris Wang, ranked 33rd in the world, 11-21 17-21 in 37 minutes. Parupalli Kashyap prevailed 21-12 21-17 over Korea's Heo Kwang Hee to advance to the second round in men's singles. PTI

#### Playoff to decide Serie A title

Milan: From next season, the Italian league title will be decided by a playoff if the top two teams finish with same number of points. The Italian federation announced the rule change after getting approval from the Serie Aclubs. Previously, the head-to-head record had been used as the first tiebreaker between teams finishing on the same number of points. AP

## Rohit not ruled out of fifth Test yet: Dravid

#### **SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY**

HEAT IS on and Rahul Dravid has started the mind games. Two days before the commencement of the fifth Test at Edgbaston, the Indian team head coach chose to give away nothing, ostensibly to keep the opponents on tenterhooks.

The buzz before Dravid's press conference on Wednesday was Jasprit Bumrah's el $evation\,as\,stop\mbox{-}gap\,captain, in\,Covid\mbox{-}affected$ Rohit Sharma's absence. The head coach was asked about the update on Rohit and whether Bumrah would be leading the side against England. "Update on Rohit is that he is monitored by our medical team and we still got 36 hours to go. He is not yet ruled out. He will have a test tonight and in the morning to see if he is available. Of course, he will have to return negative to play the Test," Dravid said.

As regards to Bumrah leading the side, he passed the buck to the selection committee. "It's better that the communication comes from official sources. Once we have some clarity on Rohit, they will take a decision."

Of course, Dravid and the Chetan Sharma-led selection committee are keeping in touch over Rohit's situation, which is fluid. The former India captain has the stature and authority to name the skipper for the Edgbaston Test. But more than trying to be



India coach Rahul Dravid during a training session on Wednesday . AP

politically correct or a lack of transparency. it sounded like pure mind games, against an England side that are on an upward climb, fresh from their 3-0 clean-sweep against England. It's a marquee game and India, leading 2-1, have a chance to secure a memorable series win. From that point of view, Rohit playing or not playing can make a lot of difference. Dravid preferred to keep his cards

was asked about India's opening options alongside Shubman Gill. From Mayank Agarwal, who has been flown in as Rohit's cover, to Cheteshwar Pujara and KS Bharat, the head coach mentioned every available option, lavishing praise on the players. He refused to read too much into England's highoctane approach under Brendon McCullum and Ben Stokes, saying: "England played really well (against New Zealand). In a couple It was pretty much the same, when he of situations when they were back to the

wall, they fought their way through. (But) we have been playing very good and positive cricket over the last few years. We have to focus on our cricket and we have been pretty A question on Virat Kohli was met with a

strong backing for the senior batsman. Kohli is 33 years of age and hasn't scored an international hundred over the last two-and-ahalf years. "He is probably in my opinion on the right side of 30. He is an incredibly fit guy. He is one of the most hard-working guys I have come across. His desire and his hunger, the whole attitude to looking after himself. The way he played the game at Leicestershire; batting in those conditions, going out there and scoring the kind of 50s-60s he did. And he was keen on playing our bowlers, batting against Bumrah and all of these guys. He is ticking all the right boxes,' Dravid said. He added: "Players go through these kinds of phases. It's not so much about focusing on those three-figures. Even a 70 on a difficult wicket, when he played in Cape Town (against South Africa last winter), I thought that was a very good innings. He didn't convert it to three-figures but it was a very good score. Obviously, a guy like him and the standards he has set, people only see a hundred as a success, but from a coach's perspective, we want match-winning contributions from him, whether that's a fifty or a sixty or a seventy. From our perspective, it's not a lot of focus on three-figures.'

## Joshua 'hungry' to take back titles from Usyk

#### **REUTERS** LONDON, JUNE 29

Britain's Anthony Joshua said he was hungry and desperate to take back his world heavyweight titles from Ukrainian Oleksandr Usyk

Saudi Arabia on Aug. 20. The pair stared each other face-to-face at a London news conference on Wednesday ahead of the 'Rage on the Red Sea' clash.

when they fight their rematch in Jeddah,

Usyk beat Joshua in front of a sell-out crowd at London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium last September to take the WBA, WBO, IBF and IBO belts. The rematch will be

broadcast on sports streaming service DAZN. Joshua also lost the belts to Andy Ruiz Jr in 2019 before regaining them later that year in Saudi Arabia.

Asked by promoter Eddie Hearn how badly he wanted to win the fight, and whether he was desperate, Joshua replied: 'Someone said to me today 'you've got a chance of becoming a three-times heavyweight champion of the world'.

"I said it's not really where you want to be... you want to stay there and keep it. So I'm

definitely desperate to get my hands on it. "Less talk, more action. Let me just get in there and do my job. I'm not a comedian, I'm

not someone who writes speeches. I'm definitely hungry, definitely desperate but at the end of the day how I perform will speak volumes to the masses.

Joshua promised fans the second Usyk fight would be better than the first, and also The 32-year-old Briton, who now has a

new trainer in American former super-featherweight world champion Robert Garcia, has described the previous defeat as a 'blip'. "What happened then is in the past, I

don't really live in the past," he said on Wednesday. "August 20 I'll be present and looking forward to competing round by round. If I follow my As, Bs and Cs, it should lead me to KO.'

Usuyk, wearing a blue and yellow 'Colors of Freedom' top, said he would also be a diferent fighter to the last time.

The unbeaten 35-year-old's promoter Alex Krassvuk said the Russian invasion of his homeland would be in the hearts and

minds of all. "Ukrainians are strong, and Usyk is the true son of the Ukrainian nation," he said.

"It took us some huge efforts to make this fight happen due to the circumstances, we are now representing our native country, Ukraine, with hearts full of pride and deter-

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## Australia in control after Lyon five-for against Sri Lanka

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

GALLE, JUNE 29

NATHAN LYON took his 20th five-wicket haul to bowl Sri Lanka out for 212 before Australia reached 98-3 at stumps Wednesday on the opening day of the first cricket test.

Sri Lankan off spinner Ramesh Mendis dismissed David Warner (25) lbw and had Marnus Labuschagne (13) caught by Asitha Fernando in Australia's innings to finish the day on 2-35. Steven Smith was run out for 6 after a mix-up with Usman Khawaja, who refused to run after calling Smith for a single. Khawaja was batting on 47 with Travis Head on 6 at stumps. Earlier, Lyon returned bowling figures of 5-90 and leg spinner Mitchell Swepson had 3-55 to help Australia bowl Sri Lanka out to a

On Wednesday Lyon went past former New Zealand great Richard Hadlee's wicket tally of 431 to position himself 12th on the list of highest test wicket takers. "I am not really sure where I stand on that list something I don't really look at," he told reporters. "The top end of the wicket takers across world cricket has some amazing names. To be overtaking a few guys on whatever number it may be it's very special, something I am very proud about.' Niroshan Dickwella top scored for Sri Lanka with 58, his 21st test half-century. He added 42 runs for the sixth wicket with Angelo Mathews (39) after Sri Lanka lost five wickets for 97 runs, and 54 runs for the seventh wicket with Mendis (22).

Sri Lanka opted to bat first after winning the toss and resumed its innings after tea at 191-6. Lyon trapped Mendis lbw with just two runs added to to the teatime score to end his partnership with Dickwella. Dickwella edged Lyon to wicketkeeper Alex Carey and Lyon had Lasith Embuldeniya (6) as his fifth wicket. Earlier, he dismissed Dimuth Karunaratne (28) and Angelo Mathews (39), both caught by David Warner. Australia's second spinner Mitchell Swepson took two consecutive wickets in the 37th over with identical deliveries.

The leg spinner got the first delivery of the over drifting toward right-handed Dananjaya de Silva's leg stump and the bouncing ball took a fine outside edge for a catch to wicketkeeper Carey. Dinesh Chandimal was dismissed first ball, caught by Warner at second slip.

Brief Scores: Sri Lanka: 212 all out in 59 overs (Niroshan Dickwella 58, Angelo Mathews 39; Nathan Lyon 5/90, Mitchell Swepson 3/55) vs Australia: 98/3 in 25 overs (Usman Khawaja 47 batting, David Warner 25; Ramesh Mendis 2/35).

## Chopra eyes elusive Diamond before World Championships

Olympic gold medallist will aim to win his first Diamond League event at Stockholm tonight

**NIHAL KOSHIE** 

NEW DELHI, JUNE 29

THE ANTICIPATION is building around star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra's quest for a medal at the World Championships in Eugene next month. If the first Indian track and field athlete to win gold at the Olympics also becomes World Champion, it will mark the pinnacle of his career and the first time any male has held both the titles simultaneously since Norway's Andreas Thorkildsen way back in 2009. Thorkildsen followed in the footsteps of the legendary Czech Jan Zelezny, a three time Olympic champion who completed the double when he won gold at the Worlds in 2001 after winning the Summer Games title a year earlier.

Chopra has ambitious plans for this year and it includes a tilt at Diamond League glory, a series of one-day events that last just two hours each introduced in 2010 to promote athletics across the world.

The athlete with the most points at the end of the Diamond League cycle held at 12 different venues - men's javelin features in four - and the final at Zurich gets a diamond trophy and \$40,000. But above all the Diamond League Champion gets boasting rights of being the most consistent athlete. Within days of the curtain coming down on the Worlds, Chopra, 24, will be back on the runway in Birmingham to defend his Commonwealth Games gold. His schedule is packed as three days after the end of the CWG, he is to be at Monaco for the Diamond League

The principality on the Mediterranean coast is an important stopover for Chopra on the Diamond League calendar and pulling out will diminish his chance of being a Diamond League Champion.

Chopra has said he will decide on travelling to Monaco depending on how his body feels in Birmingham. That call is almost a month away.

On Thursday night, the Diamond League in Stockholm is where Chopra's quest to make the cut for this year's final in Zurich begins. At the Olympic Stadium in the Swedish capital he also gets an opportunity to tick a box. He has never won a Diamond League competi-



Neeraj Chopra will aim for consistency in the Diamond League cycle held at four venues before the final at Zurich. Twitter

#### **CHOPRA IN DIAMOND LEAGUE**

Venue	Distance	Pos.	Date				
Monaco	78.92m	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jul 2017				
Paris	84.67m	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jul 2017				
Zurich*	83.80m	7 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 2017				
Doha	87.43m	4 <sup>th</sup>	May 2018				
Eugene	80.81m	6 <sup>th</sup>	May 2018				
Rabat	83.32m	5 <sup>th</sup>	July 2018				
Zurich*	85.73m	4 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 2018				
* Diamond League Final							

tion in seven previous attempts. He had qualified for the final twice and 7th (83.30 metres) in 2017 and fourth (85.87m) a year later. After Stockholm, Chopra has lined up

Monaco (August 10) and Lausanne (August 26) as his next two Diamond League stops. Stockholm presents an interesting battle as it will be the first time the current Olympic

medalists - Chopra and Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch (silver) and Vítezslav Vesely (bronze) go head to head at the same competition since the Summer Games in Tokyo.

Apart from the two Czech's, Chopra will also have to contend with Grenada's Anderson Peters, the defending world champion. Peters has a season best and personal

best of 93.07 metres but finished behind Chopra at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku and Kuortane Games. There will also be the towering presence of Finland's Oliver Helander. The six-foot four-inch tall 25-yearold beat Chopra to gold at Turku and is a dark horse at the World Championship as his personal best of 89.93 metres makes him a medal contender. Chopra's good friend and the biggest star before the Tokyo Olympics Johannes Vetter is not in the fray. Vetter has participated in only one event this season in Offenburg in May and the big question is around his form going into the World Championships.

Chopra has been throwing smoothly in the two competitions he has entered in so far. At Turku, he won a silver and set a new national record of 89.30 metres. Four days later in slippery conditions at Kuortane he won the gold with 86.69 metres. Chopra had slipped awkwardly but avoided injury.

"Tough conditions with the weather but happy to get my first win of the season here at Kuortane. I'm feeling good and looking forward to kicking off my Diamond League season at @BAUHAUSGALAN on the 30th,' Chopra had tweeted after Kuortane.

A maiden victory for Chopra in his first Diamond League event in nearly four years will be a perfect prep up for the World Athletics Championships.

## Djokovic sails through, third seed Ruud bows out

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YET ANOTHER of the highest-ranked players on the men's tour is out of the tournament at Wimbledon. Novak Djokovic or Rafael Nadal are not among them. Casper Ruud, the runnerup to Nadal at this year's French Open, became the seventh of the top 11-ranked male players to be out of the grass-court Grand Slam for either losing early, injury, illness or being banned. Ruud, who was seeded third but ranked sixth, lost to Ugo Humbert of France 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4 on Wednesday in the second round.

Djokovic, a six-time Wimbledon champion who is looking for his fourth straight title at the All England Club, beat Thanasi Kokkinakis of Australia 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 to reach the third round. Nadal advanced to the second round on Tuesday. The third-ranked Djokovic, No. 4 Nadal, No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas and No. 7 Carlos Alcaraz are the only players in the top 11 remaining in the draw. Top-ranked Daniil Medvedev is out because of a ban on Russians over the war in Ukraine, No. 2 Alexander Zverev is injured, No. 8 Andrey Rublev of Russia is also banned, No. 9 Felix Auger-Aliassime and No. 10 Hubert Hurkacz lost, and No. 11 Matteo Berrettini withdrew after testing positive for COVID-19. In the women's tournament, second-seeded Anett Kontaveit and 2017 Wimbledon champion Garbiñe Muguruza were also eliminated. Kontaveit lost to Juke Niemeier of Germany 6-4, 6-0, while the ninthseeded Muguruza was beaten by Greet Minnen 6-4, 6-0.

Kontaveit said she had COVID-19 and has struggled to get her energy back.

"I had it a couple, two months ago, I think, or something like that. Then I tried to come back very quickly. I started training. It was low intensity, but I was still training every day. I

think that was where I went wrong," the 26vear-old Estonian said.

#### Serena crashes out

Serena Williams began - and ended her comeback at Wimbledon after 364 days out of singles competition looking very much like someone who hadn't competed in just that long. She missed shots, shook her head, rolled her eyes.

In between, there were moments where Williams played very much like someone whose strokes and will have carried her to 23 Grand Slam titles. She hit blistering serves and strokes, celebrated with arms aloft.

Returning to the site of her last singles match, which she had to stop after less than a set because of an injury on June 29, 2021, and seven of her major championships, the 40-year-old Williams came within two points of victory. But she could not finish the job against an opponent making her Wimbledon debut and bowed out with a 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (10-7) loss to 115th-ranked Harmony Tan of France. "It's definitely better than last year," Williams said. Asked whether this might have been her last match, Williams replied: 'That's a question I can't answer. I don't know. ... Who knows?'

Key Results : Second Round : Men's Singles: 1- Novak Djokovic (Serbia) bt Thanasi Kokkinakis (Australia) 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; Ugo Humbert (France) bt 3-Casper Ruud (Norway) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4; David Goffin Spain) bt 31-Sebastain Baez (Argentina) 6-1, 6-1, 6-4; **Women's Singles**: Juke Niemeier (Germany) bt 2-Aneet Kontaveit (Estonia) 6-4, 6-0; Greet Minnen (Belgium) bt 9-Garbine Muguruza; 15-Angelique Kerber (Germany) bt Magda Linette (Poland) 6-3, 6-3.



Third seed Casper Ruud lost to Ugo Humbert 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4. Reuters

