

‘No sign yet of monsoon’s retreat, more rain likely’

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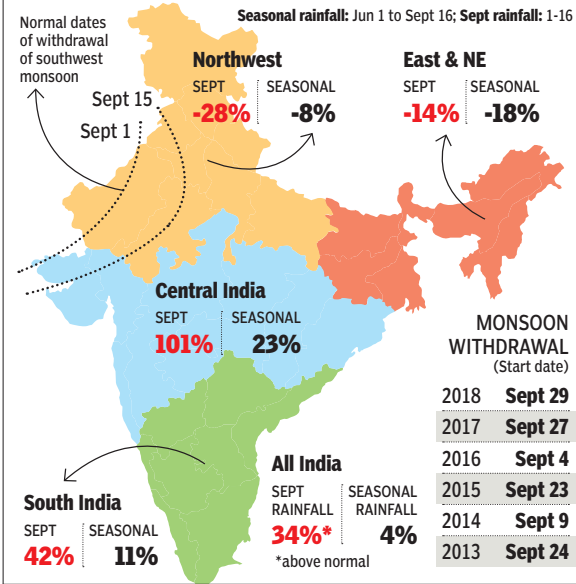
New Delhi: Seventeen days into September, there’s no sign yet of monsoon beginning to withdraw from the country, the normal date for which is September 1. The monsoon continues to go strong, with another low-pressure system set to bring more wet weather to rain-soaked central India from later this week, met officials said.

A succession of low pressure systems coming into central India from Bay of Bengal has kept the monsoon energised, and led to a countrywide rain surplus of 34% so far in September (till 16th). The previous system that has been impacting central India has persisted over Madhya Pradesh and east Rajasthan for 10 days.

“The monsoon’s withdrawal begins from western Rajasthan with air circulation over the region changing from ‘cyclonic’ to ‘anti-cyclonic’. That hasn’t happened yet. An anti-cyclonic circulation is set to form in the next five days, but it is likely to be temporary,” said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general of meteorology, IMD.

Mohapatra said with a

CENTRAL INDIA SOAKED, NORTH MUCH DRIER



fresh low pressure expected to impact central India from around September 18-19, monsoon’s withdrawal is not likely to begin in at least the next one week.

This is not very unusual. While September 1 is the “normal date” for the start of monsoon’s retreat, which itself is a long drawn out process, the earliest start of withdrawal

in the last nine years was September 4, which happened in 2015. Most monsoons in the past decade have begun to retreat only after September 20.

Just as in August, central and south India have received excess rains so far in September, while northwest and northeast India have seen growing deficits.

Full report on www.toi.in

Gill, pioneer of Green Revolution, dies at 89

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ludhiana: Green Revolution pioneer Professor Khem Singh Gill, a former vice-chancellor of the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, passed away on Tuesday morning in Ludhiana. He was 89.

He breathed his last at the Hero DMC Heart Centre here and is survived by two sons, including former Sikh hardliner Ranjit Singh Kukki, and a daughter.

Gill, who was the PAU VC (1989-93), was instrumental in the success of Green Revolution and was honoured with a Padma Bhushan in 1993.

Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh expressed grief over Gill’s demise. “Deeply anguished to hear the passing away of Dr Khem Singh



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Gill... he will always (be) remembered for his contribution to the Green Revolution. RIP,” the CM tweeted.

PAU VC Baldev Singh Dhillon described Gill as an illustrious human being, a dedicated agricultural researcher and an administrator par excellence. “He was a great scientist and teacher. PAU and I will personally miss Prof Gill,” Dhillon said. Gill’s prowess in building the wheat programme and developing more than 30 varieties of wheat, pearl millet and other crops was an add-on to Green Revolution, progressing in Punjab and rest of the country.

The recommendation/release of WL 711 variety of wheat by Gill and launching of semi-dwarf, high-yielding varieties of wheat made Punjab the ‘wheat granary of India’. As a result, Punjab today produces 21% India’s wheat and 8.5% of its rice. The Farmers’ Service Centre at PAU is named after Gill.

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SC: NGOs, pvt bodies getting govt funds fall within RTI Act

‘Act Enacted To Bring Transparency’

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ALL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

New Delhi: In a significant order intended to inject transparency and accountability in functioning of NGOs and other private institutions receiving substantial government funds, Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that such bodies fall in the ambit of right to information law, making them liable under the RTI Act.

“This Act (RTI) was enacted with the purpose of bringing transparency in public dealings and probity in public life. If NGOs or other bodies get substantial finance from government, we find no reason why any citizen cannot ask for information to find out whether his/her money which has been given to an NGO or any other body is being used for the requisite purpose,” a bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose said.

The bench held that there cannot be a “hard and fast rule” to decide if funds provided by government agencies amount to being called substantial to bring them under the RTI Act. It said substantial funding does not mean a major portion or more than 50% of the budget of the

Voluntary bodies laud court verdict

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New Delhi: Several organisations on Tuesday welcomed the Supreme Court’s ruling that NGOs with substantial government funding are liable to disclose information under the RTI Act, calling it a significant step towards defining accountability of non-governmental organisations and private bodies.

The Supreme Court order defining clearly what “substantial funding” by the government implies is expected to give a strong impetus to implementation of RTI with regard to NGOs. However, some organisations feel that the definition of “substantial funding” must be strictly applied to only the component of funds received from the government for a project.

Amod Kanth, founder of voluntary organisation Prayas and member-coordinator of Niti Aayog’s panel on civil society, said accountability of an organisation for a government-funded project is a must under RTI. “However, it is also important to ensure that the projects of organisation, which are not government-funded are not brought

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under RTI scrutiny,” he said.

Co-convenor of National Campaign for Peoples Right to Information, Anjali Bhardwaj, welcomed the judgement as one that will play a significant role in ensuring compliance with the RTI Act. “The SC order defines very clearly ... that substantial funding cannot be interpreted as majority funding. It is further explained that not just direct but even indirect funding like land given to an organisation for setting up an institution also comes under the purview of the RTI,” Bhardwaj said.

She said with many occasions, organisation used to go to courts refusing to reply to RTI on their interpretation of “substantial funding”.

Now, the apex court order has set the record straight, she further added.

Historians’ report on Babri mosque mere ‘opinion’: SC

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to give credence to a report cited by the Sunni Waqf Board by four historians, who in 1991 had opined that the disputed Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi site in Ayodhya was neither believed to be Lord Ram’s birthplace before 1850 nor was there any proof of a temple being destroyed to construct the mosque in 1528.

A bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer peppered senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan with questions on the evidential value of the historians’ report and said, “At the highest, this report can be taken as an opinion.”

The bench added, “The report appears to be a counter blast to VHP campaigns and claims in 1991. Neither the views of VHP nor that of these four historians can be treated as evidence. We have to decide this case on the basis of evidence on record. The Allahabad HC had refused to rely on this report as evidence.”

The report, in the shape of a letter, was written on May 13, 1991, bearing the names of R S Sharma, retired professor of

SC may deliver verdict on or before Nov 17

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When the parties indicate the tentative schedule for completion of their submissions and arguments, we (judges) will know how much time we have in hand to write the judgment. Talk to your (the leading advocates) associates and give us a rough estimate,” the bench said. The inquiry by the bench is significant because the SC may deliver its verdict on or before November 17 when the CJI retires. If for any reason, the judgment is not pronounced by then, the new CJI will have to reconstitute the five-judge bench and arguments may have to be heard afresh with a new judge replacing Justice Gogoi. The CJI suggested that if Dhavan needed an off on Friday, other counsel for Muslim parties — Jafaryab Jilani, Meenakshi Arora and Mohd Nizam Pasha — could argue on that day. Dhavan opposed it and said he did not want to break the continuity of his arguments by another counsel from the Muslim side making submissions in between. “We want a judgment in this case. But I do not want to break continuity of my arguments. On Friday, let all of us have an off,” Dhavan said.

Delhi University and first chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research; M Athar Ali, retired professor of history of Aligarh Muslim University and former president of Indian History Congress; D N Jha, former professor of history of DU; and Suraj Bhan, professor of archaeology in Kurukshetra University. Jha did not sign the report and only Bhan was examined as an expert witness for Sunni Waqf Board before the HC.

Referring to the study titled ‘Babri Mosque or Ram’s Birthplace? Historians’ Report to the Indian Nation’, the bench asked whether it was

commissioned by the government or it was given voluntarily by the historians. In the cross-examination before the HC, Bhan admitted that only he and Sharma had gone to Ayodhya prior to the study. He admitted having no knowledge of Purnan and said, “We were given only six weeks time for the entire study. Pressure was being repeatedly exerted; so, we submitted our report without going through the record of the excavation work by B Lal.”

This was the point the bench focussed on to refuse attaching any value to the four historians’ report.

Book Ayodhya litigant, says court

A district court on Tuesday directed police to register a case against Iqbal Ansari, original litigant in the Ramjanmabhoomi Babri Masjid title suit, on the complaint of an international shooter, Vartika Singh, who visited his house earlier this month. Singh moved district court against Ansari, accusing him of threatening her. Ansari told TOI that he has full faith in law and court orders should be honoured. TNN

CORRIGENDUM

Refer to our Tender Notice published in various Newspapers on 15, 16 Sep, 2019 regarding the Project Developer in context to 550th Parkash Gurpurab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji at Gurdwara Sri Ber Sahib, Sultanpur Lodhi. Please visit www.spgp.net for revised terms and conditions.

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The National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), an office under the Cabinet Secretariat, has published an advertisement, vide No. 58101/11/0005/1920 dated 10th May, 2019, for seeking applications from the eligible officers for the one post each of Deputy Director and Technical Officer respectively on deputation (ISTC) basis, with in 60 days. The date of receiving applications was again extended up to 4th September, 2019.

In continuation of the aforesaid advertisement, it is informed that the last date for receiving the applications for the post of Deputy Director only has further been extended for another 30 days i.e. up to 4th October, 2019. It is further informed that number of vacancies for the above post has also been increased to TWO. The details of the post and pay scales etc. are briefed as under:

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Number of graduates is highest ever in LS

DATA Current number stands at 394, thrice of that in first Lok Sabha

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NEW DELHI: India's lower house of representatives, the Lok Sabha, has seen the number of graduates increase from the first Lok Sabha (in 1952) to the seven-

teenth, elected this summer, although the number of lawyers in the house has steeply fallen.

The numbers run contrary to popular perception but mirror the larger trend across the country; the literacy rate has increased from 18.33% in 1951 to 74% in the last census in 2011.

The current Lok Sabha has the highest number of people with at least a graduate degree, 394. This is almost three times the number of graduates in the first Lok Sabha.

Former Lok Sabha secretary general, TK Vishwanathan, emphasised that education could not be a major parameter in Parliamentary politics. "Our grandfathers or grandmothers might not have been highly educated through the formal education system but they were certainly wiser than us. K Kamaraj was not very highly educated formally but he understood the pulse of the people and he became such a great leader. I also think that leaders are judged by their performance in Parliament and their political sense is more important than the discipline of education," he said.

In the second and third Lok Sabhas, the number of graduates stood at 160 and 157. In the last three Lok Sabhas, the number of graduates, according to Lok Sabha and PRS data, stood at 260 (15th Lok Sabha), 222 (16th Lok Sabha) and 394 (17th Lok Sabha).

Interestingly, agriculture has remained one of the favourite professions of lawmakers in the Lok Sabha since 1952, underlining the continuing significance of landowners in the Lower House.

There used to be a high number of lawyers in the earlier Lok Sabhas but their numbers are now small. In recent years, the

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number of political or social workers in the Lok Sabha has increased.

In 1952, the first Lok Sabha election saw 96 or 22.5% agriculturists in the house as against 153 (35%) lawyers. In the second Lok Sabha (1957-1962), the corresponding figures stood at 29% and 30% respectively.

Interestingly, the data also shows that in the first two Lok Sabhas, there was not a single political and social worker in the house. Perhaps representatives started describing themselves thus later. Or perhaps politics became a vocation in itself.

Whatever the reason, in the last two Lok Sabha elections — 2019 and 2014 — the number of political workers has witnessed a sharp rise, according to PRS Legislative Research. There were 24% political and social workers in the 16th Lok Sabha and there are 39% in the current one.

"As I see it, political parties are becoming more concerned and sensitive about rural India and its developments. And those who are in rural areas are mostly engaged in agricultural activities. I myself have a steady earning from agriculture. Also, in comparison to earlier years, elite people are increasingly less present in Parliament and active political and social workers are being encouraged to join parliamentary politics," said Biju Janata Dal lawmaker, Bhartuhari Mahtab.

To be sure, many MPs pick multiple professions to describe themselves.

In the 16th Lok Sabha, 27% of the members described them-

selves as agriculturists; this became 38% in the 17th. However, the proportion of lawyers in these two Lok Sabhas was only 7% and 4%, according to PRS data. "If you see from 1952 onwards, the Lok Sabha data shows the number of lawyer MPs slowly but steadily decreasing in the Lower House while they continue to have a better presence in the Upper House. In the first Lok Sabha, 35% of MPs were lawyers. It reduced to 12% in the 14th Lok Sabha," said a Lok Sabha official, who asked not to be named.

Ace legal brain and a prominent Rajya Sabha MP, Abhishek Singhvi, maintained that data might have revealed what one calls as "definitional distortion" and "inter-generational mismatch". "One must remember that while there might be many people with a law degree, it doesn't mean they are practising lawyers. I also think that the Indian trend might be broadly in sync with most Commonwealth nations."

India's Parliament, the highest legislative body of the country, has always been a melting pot of people from all walks of lives. It is the richness of the varied background of lawmakers that reflects the pluralism and diversity of India. Political parties, too, have, over the years, given tickets to people from different professions to contest polls.

The wide spectrum of professions has also helped in getting opinions and suggestions from different perspectives on bills or issues whenever they have been discussed in the House. The Lok Sabha has seen scientists, former rulers, artists, religious missionaries, sports persons, even veterinarians.

The number of lawmakers with a post graduate degree has more than doubled since the first few Lok Sabhas. In the first, second, and third Lok Sabhas, the number of MPs who were post graduates was 85, 92 and 98 respectively. In the last three Lok Sabhas, the number was 142, 161 and 135.



■ DK Shivakumar

Shivakumar sent to judicial custody till Oct 1; bail plea to be heard today

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Tuesday sent Congress leader DK Shivakumar to judicial custody till October 1, while directing the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to have him medically examined before sending him to Tihar jail.

Special judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar cited Shivakumar's summary of discharge and said he has been suffering from hypertension and fluctuating blood pressure. He added Shivakumar has undergone angioplasty and is under heavy medication.

"...it is directed that the accused be first taken to the hospital and only after his medical condition is opined to be stable, he be sent to judicial custody in the Central Jail, Tihar. In case, he is admitted in the hospital, his custody shall be taken over by the Superintendent Central Jail, Tihar, who shall provide guards for the accused," Kuhar said.

"In case of his admission in the hospital, the doctors shall hand over his custody to the Superintendent, Central Jail, Tihar only on his discharge... Accordingly, the accused is related to judicial custody (JC) till October 1."

The ED arrested Shivakumar on September 4 after questioning him for four days in Delhi for alleged laundering money and for suspected transactions done abroad through shell companies.

Shivakumar's lawyer, Mukul Rohtagi, has sought bail for his client saying he is a seven-time lawmaker and not a flight risk. The court will hear his bail application on Wednesday. The ED separately on Tuesday issued summons to Congress Karnataka lawmaker Lakshmi Hebbalkar to appear before it on Thursday in connection with the same case.

AYODHYA TITLE SUIT

Give schedule of end of arguments: SC

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NEW DELHI: The five-judge Supreme Court bench hearing the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land title case on Tuesday asked the Hindu and Muslim parties to share a tentative schedule for concluding their arguments.

On the 25th day of hearing in the case, Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, who is heading the bench, said, "After we know of the schedule, we will know how much time we have to write the judgment."

Justice Gogoi retires as the CJI on November 17.

Gogoi told senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, who is arguing

on behalf of the Muslim parties, to sit with other advocates and inform the bench later about the number of days they would take to conclude their arguments. Hindu parties, too, were asked to tell the court how much time they will take to reply to arguments made by the Muslim parties.

Earlier in the day, the Muslim parties attacked the "archaeological evidence" relied on by the Hindus, saying that pillars found at the disputed site do not conclusively prove that there had been a temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya. Hindu groups say the 16th century Babri Masjid was built on the ruins of a Ram temple at the site that marks the birthplace of Hindu god Ram. The mosque

was demolished in 1992.

Dhavan, appearing for the Sunni Waqf Board and others, including original litigant M Siddiq, argued that "the 14 kasauti pillars found at the site has no image of god on it. What is being relied on is the pictorial representation of lotus associated with Vishnu on the pillars. Flowers and design exist in Islamic art all over."

One of the Hindu parties, the Nirmohi Akahara, had earlier staked claim on the disputed site by suggesting that there were pictures showing images of human beings and animals on pillars that discount the claim that the structure on the disputed site was a mosque. Images (inside the Babri

Masjid) are contrary to Islamic belief — Islam does not have image in their place of worship, whether of a human being or animals, it had argued.

On Tuesday, Dhavan countered these arguments, saying that these pillars could have come from anywhere.

"There is no direct evidence of gods on the pillars. They (Hindus) have to show some image of god to press their case," argued Dhavan.

But the bench appeared to not be convinced by the argument, and Justice SA Bobde asked Dhavan, "If figures like lotus are found in mosques, is there any evidence that such pictures are found in any other mosques?"

No sign of retreat of southwest monsoon in next few days: IMD

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NEW DELHI: There is no sign of the retreat of the southwest monsoon, the main rain-bearing weather pattern in the Indian subcontinent, in the next few days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

Usually, the monsoon starts withdrawing in the first week of September. However, this has been delayed by more than two weeks this year. "The withdrawal of the monsoon is not expected immediately. We are not meeting the retreat criteria. Rainfall is continuing. Retreat was to begin on September 1. We do not have any indication for retreat to begin in the next five days," said K Sathi Devi, head of the National Weather Forecasting Centre.

According to weather scientists, the trend of delayed retreat of the monsoon has been there for the past decade. "We are seeing this trend of delayed monsoon retreat in the past one decade. This may be because of interaction with extratropical systems or systems developing in Bay of Bengal. There is now good rainfall even in the later part of monsoon in September," said AK Srivastava, head, climate change research division, IMD Pune.

This year, the onset of the southwest monsoon was also



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delayed by a week; it hit Kerala on June 8, instead of its scheduled date of June 1.

The IMD forecast a near-normal monsoon in May at 96% of long-period average.

"In our long-range forecast, we had said rainfall will be normal or above average in the second half of the monsoon. Active rains in September and above average rainfall in central India are some of the peculiarities of this monsoon," added Sathi Devi.

Temperature records also show that the mean temperature for July was the highest ever in India due to "high minimum" or night-time temperature. The temperature in June was the fourth highest on record, and in August, it was the sixth highest on record in August for the same reasons, with floods and heavy rain across the country.

Monsoon model projections show that the south-west monsoon, on which at least 700 million people are dependent for livelihoods, will become more unpredictable and intense in the coming years.

DS Pai, head, climate research services, IMD Pune, said, "Our data shows that extreme rain events are increasing, so are dry or light rainfall days. With a rise in global mean temperature, the moisture-holding capacity of the atmosphere increases, so there is intense rain during some spells."

A team from Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), led by R Krishnan, has developed an indigenous model to study the implications of climate change on the South Asian monsoon till 2100. "Our model is ready. We are still running some experiments on it," said Krishnan.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
1st Corrigendum
Tender Notice No.: CEC/BSP/19-20/42, Date : 27.08.2019 (Open Tender)
The following changes are made in the above tender notice :-

Sl. No.	Description	AS mentioned in Original NIT	AS modified
1.	Tender Value	₹ 9,93,80,968/-	₹ 9,38,24,242.94
2.	EMD	₹ 6,47,000/-	₹ 6,19,200/-

3. Date & Time of Tender Closing 25/09/2019 at 15.00 [04/10/2019 at 15.00]
Others Terms and conditions remains same. For further details please log on to our website www.ireps.gov.in .
For Dy. Chief Engineer/Con S.E.C.Railway, Bilaspur
CPR/10/249

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
File No. CIID/SLR/Tender/2019
(Through IREPS portal)
NIT for leasing of SLR/SLRD parcel space published in various English & Hindi newspapers scheduled to be opened on 19.09.2019 through IREPS portal i.e. www.ireps.gov.in NITs following tenders are withdrawn due to technical reason.
1. F-I compartment of train no. 12826 ex. Anand Vihar Terminal to Ranchi (Tender No. SLR-FI-12826-Aug 19) is withdrawn.
2. F-II compartment of train no. 12826 ex. Anand Vihar Terminal to Ranchi (Tender No. SLR-FII-12826-Aug 19) is withdrawn.
2. R-I compartment of train no. 12826 ex. Anand Vihar Terminal to Ranchi (Tender No. SLR-RI-12826-Aug 19) is withdrawn.
Other Information of NITs shall remain unchanged.
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No. A. 12026/02/2017-Admn.-II
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate General of Health Services
ADVT. NOTICE

Applications are invited for filling up 02 posts of Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade) in Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on deputation/absorption basis from the officials holding the post of Despatch Rider on regular basis or regular Group C employees in the Ministries of the Central Government and armed forces personnel due to retire or who are to be transferred to reserve within a period of one year and having the requisite experience and qualifications in the Pay Matrix Level - 2 (pre-revised scale of Rs. 5200-20200 with Grade Pay of Rs. 1900/-).

A detailed advertisement notice has been uploaded on the Website www.dghs.gov.in and www.mohfw.gov.in indicating pre-requisites/details etc.
Duly completed applications through proper channel should reach to the undersigned within 45 days of publication of this Notice in Employment News.
(R.S. Nautiyal)
Deputy Director (Admn. - II)
davp 17101/11/0005/1920

MAINTENANCE OF COACHES & RECORDING OF DRS
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. GHY/CDO/UG/PL/OS/08/19-20; Dated: 13-09-2019.
E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Tender No. GHY/CDO/UG/PL/OS/08/19-20; Dated: 13-09-2019. Name of work:** Upper Gear Maintenance of coaches at New Guwahati & Guwahati pit line and recording of DRS at Guwahati Station of Coach Maintenance Depot Guwahati for a period of 01 year (365 days) through Outsourcing. **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,19,09,979.20; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,09,600.00. **E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 09-10-2019 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 09-10-2019.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs on 09-10-2019 in website <https://www.ireps.gov.in>
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Applications are invited on plain paper to fill up the following vacant posts.
Last date for submission of Application is 27/09/2019 upto 3:00 PM.
For further information visit www.sgrduhs.in.

POST	ELIGIBILITY/QUALIFICATION
Vice Chancellor, Sri Guru Ram Das University of Health Sciences, Sri Amritsar.	As per MCI/UGC norms.
Professor/ Associate Professor/ Assistant Professor/ Senior Resident (Medicine, Medical Oncology, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Gastroenterology, Psychiatry, Radio-diagnosis, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Cardiology).	As per MCI norms.
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Amritsar Smart City Limited, Amritsar invites online unconditional bids from eligible bidders under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) with Single Stage - two envelope bidding procedure for following works:

Sr. No.	Name of the Works	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Tender Availability Date and Time	Period of Completion	Last Date for Bid submission
1.	Design and Construction of two Foot Over Bridges in Amritsar City under Smart City Mission with 05 (five) years of Operation & Maintenance including 01 (one) year of Defect Liability Period (4 th Call); NIB No. 19/ASCL/2019-20	5.35 Crore	10.7 Lakhs	18.09.2019 at 03:00 PM	06 Months	25.09.2019 by 03:00 PM

1. Tender Document Fee for each Work item: Rs. 15,000/- + processing fee
2. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published only at the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Chief Executive Officer, Amritsar Smart City Limited

IDCO
NEW OPPORTUNITIES
No.IDCO/HO-MIS/A-10019/04/2019/IV-1/15943 Date : 16.09.2019
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
IDCO invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from the eligible bidders to participate in the tendering process for Consultancy Service for Building Plan Approval System in IDCO. The interested bidders can download the RFP documents from IDCO website www.idco.in from 16.09.2019 to 15.10.2019 up to 5.00 P.M. Response to RFP should be sent by Registered post / Speed Post only so as to reach the Dy. General Manager (MIS), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Janpath, Bhubaneswar-22 on or before 21.10.2019 up to 5.00 P.M.
IDCO reserves the right to accept/cancel/reject any or all the Response to RFP without assigning any reason thereof.
Sd/-
Dy. General Manager (MIS)

ODISHA INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
IDCO Towers, Janpath, Bhubaneswar - 751022
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Dy. General Manager (MIS)

Government of Maharashtra
Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhandara
E-mail: bhandara.ee@mahapwd.com Telephone No. (07184) 252412
E -Tender Notice No. 31 of 2019-2020.

"Construction of Major Submersible Bridge Across Wainganga River in Km. 1/800 on Virli Itan Road (VR-13) in Lakhandur Taluka, District Bhandara to Kolari Bramhapuri Road (MDR-101) including submersible bridge cum bandhara in Km. 14/00 across Upsa Nalla on Bramhapuri Kolari Road in Bramhapuri Taluka, District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra on EPC Mode".

The State PWD the development of Submersible Bridge with its approaches of this endeavor, it has been decided by State PWD to undertake Construction of Major Submersible Bridge Across Wainganga River Connecting Itan (Taluka Lakhandur, District Bhandara) & Kolari (Taluka Bramhapuri, District Chandrapur) including Construction of Major Submersible Bridge Cum Bandhara Across Upsa Nalla and Improvement of Road From Virli (Bk.) to Upsa Nalla in the State of Maharashtra on EPC Mode. The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhandara now invites bids from eligible contractors for the following project on Single stage two cover system.

Brief particulars of the project as follow :-

State	A. A. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Rs. Cr)	Completion Period	Maintenance Period	Cost of Tender form (Including G.S.T) G.S.T)
Maharashtra	Work approved under CRF	Construction of Major Submersible Bridge across Wainganga River in Km. 1/800 on Virli Itan Road (VR- 13) in Lakhandur Taluka, District Bhandara to Kolari Bramhapuri Road (MDR-101) including submersible bridge cum bandhara in Km. 14/00 across Upsa Nalla on Bramhapuri Kolari Road in Bramhapuri Taluka, District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra on EPC More	96.634 Crore	18 Months	5 Years	5600/-

E-tender downloading period :- As per e-tender Schedule
Pre tender conference meeting :- **Chief Engineer, P. W. Region, Civil lines Nagpur** (As per e-tender Schedule Place)
E-tender opened :- **Superintending Engineer, P. W. Circle, Nagpur** (As per e-tender Schedule)
Bid through any other mode shall not be entertained. Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the BIDs without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Information about E-tender can be available following web site.
1) <https://mahatenders.gov.in> (If any change in tender notice will be inform at above web site.)
2) Notice board of office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhandara.
DGIPR/2019-2020/3076

Sd/-
(Dinesh Nandanwar)
Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhandara