CPM, CPI face ethical questions over money from DMK for LS polls

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WHILE THE decision to team up with the DMK-led alliance in Tamil Nadu helped the CPI(M) and the CPI win two seats each in Lok Sabha polls, the two Left parties seem to be caught up in an embarrassing situation now, with reports that the Marxist party received Rs 10 crore and the CPI Rs 15 crore from the DMK, according to DMK's election expenditure affidavit submitted to the Election Commission (EC).

A senior CPI(M) leader with knowledge of the transactions during the election process said the party did nothing illegal, and the only question can be about ethics in receiving such a large amount from a party leading the

According to the DMK's affidavit, the party spent Rs 79.26 crore during the polls, including Rs 40 crore given to the three alliance partners: CPI, CPI(M) and Kongunadu Makkal Desiya Katchi, which received Rs 15 crore.

Even though DMK and the Left parties ruled out any controversy, citing that these were legal transactions, made through bank transactions and available in public domain, it may be embarrassing for the two parties to explain to the cadre why they accepted such large amounts.

A DMK spokesperson said there was "nothing unusual or illegal", and there was no scope for controversy over an amount that was paid to an alliance partner for

expenses through a legal channel Both CPI(M) state secretary K Balakrishnan and CPI secretary R Mutharasan said that it was not a shady deal but a transparent one.

Responding to allegations that the party accepted money for elections, the CPI(M) Politburo in a statement said that the controversy surrounding the cash transaction is "disinformation designed to discredit the "Contrary to the allegation,

all donations and funds received during the period of Lok Sabha elections have been reflected in the statement of election accounts submitted to the Election Commission of India. This includes donations and contributions received from all over the country, including Tamil Nadu, the Politburo stated.

"Nothing is hidden, as falsely alleged," it emphasised.

Agreeing that it is "a fact that we have to explain this to our cadres", the CPI(M) leader quoted above said, "Traditionally we have met election expenses of our candidates on our own – - by collecting money from people - but when we strike an alliance with a larger party, expenses for a single rally of their their high-profile leader for our candidate's campaign will be around half of our total spending for the entire campaign. The amount we received through bank transactions were handed over to DMK local leaders in both constituencies for campaign expenses, including mega-rallies organised by them (DMK)."

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THE SUNNI Central Wakf Board on Tuesday accepted that Ram was born at the spot known as Ram Chabutra which is in the outer courtyard of the disputed site in Ayodhya, even as the Supreme Court questioned why the 16th-century *Ain-i-Akbari* was silent on an "important"

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Senior advocate Zafaryab Jilani, representing the Board, told a five-judge Constitution hearing the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute case that it had accepted the Chabutra as the birthplace of Ram as the Faizabad district judge had held that the spot — 60-65 feet from the Babri Masiid. which was demolished in 1992 — was worshipped by Hindus as

mosque like the Babri Masjid.

Jilani was responding to Justice S A Bobde who asked, "You don't dispute Chabutra as the place of birth?"

The counsel replied, "Earlier we had. But the district judge said it was worshipped believing it to be the birthplace." His reference was to the 1885 decision rendered by the Faizabad judge dismissing a suit filed by Mahant Raghubar Das seeking permission to construct a temple over the Ram Chabutra. The bench headed by Chief

Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court ordering a three-way division of the disputed 2.77 acres.

The bench also sought to know why Ain-i-Akbari — writ-



ten in the 16th century, the period when the Babri Masjid was allegedly constructed — did not mention the mosque.

Jilani had sought to rely on the book to establish the claim that no temple was demolished in Ayodhya to construct the Babri Masjid. He said the late historian Iadunath Sarkar had said that *Ain-i-Akbari*, written by Akbar's court historian Abu'l-Fazl ibn Mubarak, had the minutest details. "If there was any demolition of a temple in 1528 in Ayodhya, it would not have missed the book," Jilani said.

Wakf Board accepts Ram was born at Ram Chabutra

Justice Bhushan told him that the Hindu side's contention was that it did not have all the details. Jilani replied that it only had the important details.

"Are you saying the mosque is not important?" asked Justice Bhushan. Jilani said, "It became important only now. Then (in 1528) it was just another mosque."

Intervening, Justice Bobde asked, "...If a mosque was built by an emperor, how can you say it is of no importance?" Jilani replied that it was not built by Babur in person but by his commandant Mir Baqi.

Justice Bobde said that if it was on the instructions of Babur, then it was important. Jilani contended that it was the case of the Hindu parties that it was built by Babur, to which Justice Bobde said "it could be wrong". Iilani said in that

case their suit must be dismissed, but Justice Bobde replied that a suit cannot be dismissed just because some part of it is wrong.

The Wakf Board counsel said that "since the entire case is based on faith, we have to ascertain whether it is borne out by the facts". Pointing to the Ramcharitmanas composed in 1574 and *Valmiki Ramayana*, he said these texts mention Ayodhya as the birthplace but do not specify any particular spot as the Janmasthan.

Justice Chandrachud said this argument would amount to assuming that all the information about the Hindu faith was contained in these two texts. Jilani said "there was a temple

structure" which the Hindus believed to be the birthplace.

Army removed 130 tonnes waste

since Jan 2018 in Siachen clean-up

which was called the Janmasthan

temple to the north of the disputed

Justice Chandrachud drew

attention to witness testimonies that Skanda Puran had put the spot of Ram's birth at about 200 paces west of 'Sita koop', a well Jilani said the same Hindus had believed that the Janmasthan

temple was the place of birth. To this, Justice Bhushan said the Allahabad High Court had held that the Janmasthan temple he was referring to was a recent one But Jilani said the HC was wrong as there was mention of it in a book

published about 150 years ago. Justice Bobde also referred to a witness testimony about the place of birth being in Dashrath Palace and asked if such a palace exists. **Justice Chandrachud pointed out** that various spots identified as the birthplace were in "close proximity" to the disputed site.

Jilani, however, contended that there was "no witness from whom anything can be inferred about the exact place of birth".

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Need mass movement for science and technology: Harsh Vardhan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

ANNOUNCING THE fifth edition of the India International Science Festival, Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Dr Harsh Vardhan, on Tuesday said the endeavour of the annual festival is to take scientific research out of laboratories to the people and to industries.

The festival, which will be held from November 5 to November 8 in Kolkata, is specifically aimed at children. The theme for this year's event is RISEN — research, innovation and science empowering the nation.

"We have also incorporated a health research component to the festival this time. Just as we



Union Minister Harsh Vardhan at a press conference in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

need a jan andolan for health, we need a similar jan andolan for science and technology to realise the Prime Minister's vision. In all recent programmes that have been envisioned in science and technology, we try to keep a

component focused on youth to increase the scientific temper in the country," Harsh Vardhan said on Tuesday.

The festival will take place at the Biswa Bangla Convention Center and Science City in Kolkata.

waste from the glacier. **KRISHN KAUSHIK**

THE ARMY has cleared more than 130 tonnes of waste from Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield, since January 2018, according to information.

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The clean-up project, called Swachh Siachen Abhiyan, aims to keep the glacier clean and also preserve the region's ecology.

According to a concept note prepared by the Army in February 2018, a month after the programme was launched, about 236 tonnes of waste is generated at Siachen every year, primarily because of the troops. The Army is working towards reducing waste generated as well as collecting and extracting

Out of 130.18 tonnes of waste removed from the glacier until now, 48.41 tonnes were biodegradable garbage, 40.32 tonnes non-biodegradable and non-metallic waste, and 41.45 tonnes were non-biodegradable metallic scrap.

Among methods already in use is a baling machine placed at Leh for waste products such as cartons, according to information. For non-biodegradable, nonmetallic waste, three incinerators have been placed at Bakdung village (at 10,000 feet), Partapur (10,000 feet), and at the base camp at 12,000 feet. The Army, according to officials, is also looking out for crushers to manage metallic non-biodegradable waste.

The toughest challenge, ac-

cording to officials, in keeping the glacier clean is that at 21,000 feet, where soldiers sit at their highest, sub-zero temperatures do not allow microorganisms that help degrade waste to exist It means that even biodegradable waste is not broken down naturally and the waste piles up.

The Army's concept note stated: "The process of waste generation is essentially rooted in the survival of troops present on the glacier and their need to be operationally prepared and logistically supported to undertake combat operations in such terrain and weather conditions. Since every item inducted into the glacier is a potential source of waste, the entire process of waste generation needs to be viewed holistically..."



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BJP Begusarai MP Giriraj Singh interacts with the media in Muzaffarpur on Tuesday. Twitter

'One nation, one flag' realised, time to end my political innings: Giriraj

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, SEPTEMBER 24

UNION MINISTER and BJP's Begusarai MP Giriraj Singh, who has been engaged in war of words with the JD(U) for indirectly questioning the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, on Tuesday said in Muzaffarpur that his political innings would come to an end with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's second term. He said the time will soon come for him to quit politics as his dream of "one nation, one flag" was realised with the government's decision on Article 370 and other expectations would also be fulfilled in the remaining years of PM Modi's tenure.

Singh told reporters, "Now, the time is coming to say goodbye to politics. We have got a PM like Narendra Modi. I entered politics raising the slogan of 'jahan hue balidaan Mookerjee, wo Kashmir hamara hai' and now this dream is being realised. We hope other expectations would

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also be fulfilled in the coming years of PM Modi's tenure. Then what is the objective of doing

The remarks come in the wake of an ongoing war of words between the minister and some senior ID(U) leaders, especially after Singh responded to a media query on "preferential treatment to CM's home district Nalanda", saying "should I commit suicide then? Should not I raise issue of my constituency?"

politics?"

The BJP leader had on Sunday alleged improper flood management in Begusarai. JD(U) minister Shravan Kumar had advised Singh to check his facts and "focus more on his constituency than engaging in blame game". Earlier, Bihar CM Nitish

Kumar had said that those who took a swipe at him "would have to hide their faces as the NDA would win over 200 seats in the 2020 Assembly elections".

While Singh had refrained from directly challenging Nitish Kumar's leadership, he had been attacking the CM in a veiled manner.

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Mayawati

Mayawati dissolves Rajasthan BSP executive

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A WEEK after all six BSP MLAs in Rajasthan approached Assembly Speaker CP Joshi seeking to merge their legislature party with the ruling Congress, BSP chief Mayawati dissolved the state executive with immediate

effect on Tuesday. The BSP's Rajasthan incharge, Bhagwan Singh Baba, told The Indian Express that the 21-member state executive of the party has been dissolved. He added that the development should not be seen as linked with the step taken by the MLAs

last week. According to Baba, Mayawati directed the party's national coordinator Ramji Gautam and Uttar Pradesh president Munquad Ali to look after organisational affairs in Rajasthan and start work on setting up a new state executive as soon as possible.

"Generally, changes are made in the party organisation after elections. No changes were made after the Assembly elections held last year because the Lok Sabha polls were approaching. Now, a new organisational unit had to be set up in the state.' said Baba.

He also said that previous state executive had 21 members but the strength of the new unit is yet to be decided by Mayawati.

Munquad Ali said Gautam and he would visit Rajasthan on September 26 to hold a meeting regarding the formation of the new state unit.

The move by the six MLAs last week was a major setback for Mayawati and the BSP's politics outside Uttar Pradesh. After the MLAs approached the Speaker, Mayawati had called the Congress an "untrustworthy" party that looks to hurt those who support it, rather than taking on its "main rival".

In the recent Lok Sabha polls, the BSP garnered 1.07 per cent votes in Rajasthan.

Texts don't mention exact birthplace of Ram, SC told

TITLE SUIT Muslim party opposes the deity was born under central dome of disputed site

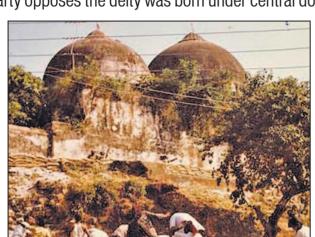
NEW DELHI: The Sunni Wagf Board, one of the parties in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masiid title suit, said on Tuesday it had accepted the Hindu belief that Hindu god Ram was born in the "chabutara" (platform) in the outer courtvard of the 2.77-acre disputed site in Ayo-

But the board told the Supreme Court that it continued to oppose the claim of Hindu parties that Ram was born under the central dome of the now-demolished mosque.

ani appearing for the board, told a five-judge bench, led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi. said that two Hindu texts, the Ramcharitmanas and the Valmiki Ramayana, did not point to any precise birthplace of Ram.

But justice DY Chandrachud. a member of the bench, found the argument problematic

"Only because Valmiki Ramavana and 'Ramcharitmanas do not mention the precise site in Avodhva where Ram was born.



• The Babri Masjid was demolished in December 1992.

can't Hindus believe that Ram was born at a particular place in Ayodhya," said the bench.

During Tuesday's hearing, justice SA Bobde, one of the members of the bench, asked Jilani if the board had ever disputed the chabutara as Ram's birth-

Jilani said the board had disputed the chabutara claim earlier but changed its stand later. "The district judge, Faizabad, held that Hindus worshipped the

chabutara as the place of birth

and the board decided to accept

the same," he told the bench. Fourteen appeals have been filed in the apex court against the 2010 Allahabad high court judgment that the 2.77-acre disputed land in Avodhya be partitioned equally among the three parties the Sunni Waaf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and representatives of Ram Lalla Virajman, which represents the infant deity Ram.

The bench also wondered why the Ain-I-Akbari, a 16th century document recording the administration under Mughal emperor Akbar, did not mention the mosque

Jilani said it "was not important" enough to find a place in the book. Jilani had earlier quoted from the book to establish the board's claim that no temple was demolished in Ayodhya to construct the mosque.

Jilani quoted the late historian, Jadunath Sarkar, to say that Ain-I-Akbari had included the minutest details and would have recorded the demolition too if it had happened.

Jilani will continue with his arguments on Wednesday. The bench has decided to sit until 5pm until Thursday, an hour after its scheduled time, to hear the case.

On December 6, 1992, the 16th century Babri Masjid was demolished by activists campaigning for the construction of a Ram temple on the site that Hindus believe marks the birthplace of the warrior-god Ram.

Immovable assets can't be attached during probe: SC

A BENCH LED BY

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The apex court upheld the

Bombay high court ruling that

immovable property cannot be

seized by the police during the

According to Section 102 of

the CrPC: "Any police officer

may seize any property which

may be alleged or suspected to

have been stolen, or which may

be found under circumstances

which create suspicion of the

The HC had interpreted the

term immovable property

under this section as houses,

The SC said that although the

section postulates seizure of

property, it does not include

office or lands

commission of any offence...

course of investigation.

HT Correspondent

Sharad Pawar, Ajit Pawar **NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that police or **ED files PMLA case** other law-enforcement agencies have no authority under the code of criminal procedure against NCP chief (CrPc) to seize any immovable property on the suspicion that it and nephew Ajit had been purchased or set up with the proceeds of an illegal

HT Correspondent

MUMBAI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered a money laundering case against Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar, his nephew and former Maharashtra deputy chief minister Aiit Pawar. NCP leader Jayant Pati and others in connection with a ₹25.000crore co-operative bank fraud. officials said.

The agency has registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), equivalent to a first information report (FIR) filed by police, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. according to the officials.

The case pertains to loans provided by Maharashtra State Co-operative (MSC) Bank to co-operative sugar factories (CSFs), spinning mills and other processing units. It is alleged that top executives and office-bearers were given loans in a fraudulent manner. Most of the 48 directors of the MSC bank at the time when the alleged fraud was committed between 2001 and 2011, were elected representatives from various parties

Meanwhile, Sharad Pawar said no case has been filed against him and that he has never been director of any of the banks. "I was never director of any co-op bank. I was never part of any process or decision to give loans If ED or Maharashtra government has decided to file a case against me. I thank them. I am not even a member and was never part of any process," he said.

Reacting to the development, state NCP president Jayant Patil said, "Pawar has never had a position at the MSC bank; neither has he written any letter for sanctioning loans to anyone. Despite that, he has been booked by the ED. This is absolutely condemna-

Strike affects work in Coal India mines

HT Correspondent

KOLKATA: Production in coal mines run by state-owned Coal India hit on Tuesday as workers went on a one-day strike to protest against the government's move to allow foreign direct investment (FDI) in coal mines, said an official at the company, the world's

"The production figures will be available only late in the even-

CIL operates in two shifts - 6 am to 2 pm and 2 pm to 10 pm. Attendance was higher at coal mines in Bengal. In the mines of Eastern Coalfields (ECL), a subsidiary of CIL, about 64% of workers reported for duty on Tuesday, said an official of ECL, which operates mines in Bengal and

"These are non-executive cadre workers who go down into the mines to extract coal." said the ECL official. ECL operates a total of 89 mines Bengal and neighbouring Jharkhand. The official said four unions affiliated

called the one-day strike to protest against the Centre's decision to allow FDI in coal mining

CITU's general secretary Tapan Sen said in a statement, "The BJP IBharativa Janata Party]government has allowed 100% FDI in coal mining through the automatic route. The foreign companies can not only extract coal from our coal mines but also sell them at market prices including exporting it. The government allowed these profits to be

The trade unions have planned an open mass convention on September 30 near Parliament to announce a campaign against the

Just a day ago, Bengal chief

immovable property.

"Language of Section 102 of the Code does not support the interpretation that the police officer has the power to dispossess a person in occupation and take possession of an immovable property in order to seize it. In the absence of the Legislature conferring this express or implied power under Section 102 of the Code to the police officer, we would hesitate and not hold that this power should be inferred and is implicit in the power to effect seizure," held the court.

The law, however, does not bar or prohibit the police officer from seizing documents/papers of title relating to immovable property, as it is distinct and different from seizure of immova ble property. "Disputes and matters relating to the physical and legal possession and title of the property must be adjudi cated upon by a Civil Court,' held the court.

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transaction or criminal activity.

of India Ranjan Gogoi held con-

ferring such powers to police

officers would have "serious

consequences for the citizens.

The bench said: "In case and

if we allow the police officer to

'seize' immovable property on a

mere 'suspicion of the commis-

sion of any offence', it would

mean and imply giving a drastic

sess etc. to the police officer on a

mere conjecture and surmise.

that is, on suspicion, which has

hitherto not been exercised.

and extreme power to dispos-

A bench led by Chief Justice

HC DIRECTS P CHIDAMBARAM TO SUBMIT AFFIDAVIT ON SOURCE OF DOCUMENTS

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday directed former finance minister P Chidambaram arrested in the INX Media corruption case, to file an affidavit disclosing the source of certain government documents, relating to Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) approval granted to the company, which were being referred to by his lawyers during the hearing of his bail plea.

Justice Suresh Kumar Kait gave the direction noting the objection raised by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the CBI, that the lawyers for 74-year-old Chidambaram must disclose the source from where they got these government documents. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal representing Chidam baram, agreed to it saying if the court wants they will put it on an

The court, which heard the bail petition for nearly two hours, asked the counsel for the Congress leader to give an advance copy of the affidavit to the CBI and listed the matter for further hearing on Wednesday. Chidambaram's bail plea has been opposed by the CBI, which in its written response, said it is a "gravest case of economic offences" and the magnitude of financial embezzlement and misuse of high public office disentitles him for any relief.

During the hearing, Sibal said it was a collective decision of six secretar ies of the government and other officers to grant FIPB approval to INX Media and Chidambaram being the then finance minister had

only signed it. "Everybody has done the right thing, but the (then) finance minister is in jail and others are out. There is not an iota of evidence against him.

VADRA OPPOSES ED CHALLENGE TO PRE-ARREST BAIL

NEW DELHI: Businessman Robert Vadra has opposed the plea seeking cancellation of his anticipatory bail, stating that he has been cooperative and there is no risk of him tampering with the evidence in connection to a money laundering case. The agency is probing Vadra in connection for money laundering in the purchase of a property worth 1.9 million pounds in London. ED had moved the Delhi HC challenging an April 1 order of the trial court granting anticipatory bail to Vadra. In their plea, the agency had contended that they required his custody as he was not cooperating in the investigation and the trial court had not discussed the gravity of the offence in its order. Vadra said that there is no scope of tampering with the evidence as all documents pertaining to the case has already been seized by the ED

Andhra HC asks power producers to approach regulator over new tariffs

Srinivasa Rao Apparasu

HYDERABAD: The Andhra Pradesh high court on Tuesday dismissed a petition filed by solar and wind power producers opposing the YSR Congress Party government's decision to review power purchase agreements (PPAs) they signed with the Telugu Desam Party government, dealing a setback to the alternative energy utilities

A division bench headed by justice M Ganga Rao, which heard a batch of petitions filed by nearly 40 renewable energy producers, suggested that they approach the AP Electricity Regulatory Commission instead. The HC had on September 18 reserved its verdict on the petitions.

'The court cannot decide on the matters that are under the purview of the regulatory commission. The petitioners can raise their objections before the commission," the bench said, and directed that the commission esolve the matter within six

Since coming to power in

THE HIGH COURT

DIRECTED THAT THE AP ELECTRICITY REGULATORY **COMMISSION RESOLVE** THE MATTER WITHIN SIX MONTHS

assembly elections, held simultaneously with the April-May Lok Sabha polls, chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has revisited several projects undertaken by the TDP under former chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

The court, however, set aside a government order dated July 1 that called for the appointment of an expert committee to renegotiate the PPAs signed by the alternative energy producers with the Telugu Desam Party government that was defeated by the YSR Congress in the April 11 assembly election.

That came against the backdropofagovernmentassurance to the court that it would approach the AP Electricity Regulatory Commission instead of

directly reviewing the PPAs. The only relief the solar and

wind power producers received was in the form of a court directive to power distribution companies in Andhra Pradesh to continue purchasing power from them at a tariff of ₹2.44 paise per unit until the disposal of the matter by the Commission. The PPAs signed by the previ-

ous government for wind and solar power had set an average tariff of ₹4.70 per unit and ₹5.8 per unit, respectively. It has also directed the state to avoid curtailing generation from

renewable power plants without prior notice During the course of the hearings, power producers argued that the state government had no say in the contracts and that because the PPAs had been approved by the regulatory com-

mission, the agreements could

not be renegotiated. The state government argued that the TDP administration had favoured a few companies by a loss to the distributors -- the reason for the decision to lower the

Srinivasa Rao Apparasu

HYDERABAD: It has been ten days

since a boat capsized in Godavari

at Katchuluru of Devipatnam

block in Andhra Pradesh's

Godavari district but the authori-

ties have still not been able to

retrieve it. One more body was

recovered on Tuesday, taking the

toll to 38. Thirteen bodies were yet

Rampachodavaram inte-

grated tribal development

authority (ITDA) project officer

"Navy divers and experts from

Uttarakhand could go down only

to be found.

GODAVARI BOAT ACCIDENT

13 people still missing

10 days after capsize

tariffs.The state government told the court that it would approach the commission again to revise the PPAs, instead of doing it through an expert committee.

On the day he assumed power as chief minister, on May 30. Jagan Reddy announced his decision to review the PPAs on the pretext that the agreements resulted in a loss of over ₹2.200 crore to the state exchequer. Within a few days, he appointed a cabinet sub-committee headed by finance minister B Rajendranath Reddy to review the PPAs and renegotiate tariffs.

Credit ratings agency CRISIL also warned that the plan to review PPAs could bring 5.2 gigawatts (GW) solar and wind energy projects with an estimated debt exposure of over ₹21.000 crore under stress.

Senior electric engineer and power sector expert K Raghu, "The PPAs are not sacrosanct but can be reviewed any time. However, the government has to move the regulatory com-PPAs, instead of doing it through

50 metres," he said.

Meanwhile, the exact number

of passengers aboard Royal

Vasishta at the time of the acci-

dent was still not clear. Initially,

the official bulletins said there

were 60 passengers on the boat, of

Later, the official figure was

raised to 73. On Saturday, ITDA

authorities said there were 77

passengers on the boat of which

bodies of 37 had been recovered.

Amalapuram GV Harsha Kumar

claimed there were 93 passengers

on the boat. He said authorities

were not retrieving the boat as it

would reveal the actual toll.

Refuting his allegations, tourism

minister M Srinivas Rao threat-

ened to file a case against Kumar.

Former Congress MP from

which 26 were rescued.

Appeal filed against closure of Ambedkar Museum in UK

LONDON: Lawyers on behalf of the Maharashtra government on Tuesday launched an appeal against local authorities who called for closing a museum based in a house in north-west London where BR Ambedkar lived in the 1920s as a student at the London School of Economics.

The council wants the house to be used for its original purpose and not a museum. Indian authorities had converted the four-storey house - 10 King Henry's Road in Camden-into a museum for Ambedkar that includes his statue, photo exhibition and library of his books after purchasing it for 3.1 million pounds in 2015. The museum, inaugurated by

PM Narendra Modi in November 2015, has since attracted visitors from India and the UK to pay respects to one of the icons of India's freedom struggle and maker of modern India.

The appeal is due to be heard over several days and a decision is likely to be made in the next two weeks, council officials said. Its decision will be conveyed to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

PRASUN SONWALKAR

largest coal producer.

"Attendance was down to an average of 30% in all the eight subsidiaries of CIL across the country. The figure included the executives, who were not a part of the strike," said a CIL senior official, requesting anonymity.

Jharkhand.

to the Indian National Trade

Union Congress (INTUC), Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU). Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) and All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) are active in ECL.

Explaining their opposition.

siphoned off to their countries."

Centre's move. Sen added.

minister Mamata Baneriee said her TMC would stage protests against the Centre's decision to disinvest public sector units These would be held in Kolkata. Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai over the next few days. "On October 18, we would

launch a protest march in the metro cities. Trinamool leaders would also hold a 48-hour dharna in the national capital," Baneriee

MHA ends services of joint secretary NEW DELHI: The Union home min-

After extension,

istry curtailed services of a senior joint secretary, whose tenure was extended last week, an official communication said

The officer had superannu ated earlier but was retained as an "advisor" to the government An order issued on Monday said the previous order "regarding extension of engagement of Dr RK Mitra as Advisor in the ministry of home affairs stands withdrawn.'

The Union home ministry spokesperson refused to comment on the sudden change of decision. Mitra, when contacted, too refused to comment.

Mitra was currently handling the crucial section that deals with paramilitary forces.

Among the issues, agitating thousands of the personnel of the paramilitary forces, is rec ognising them as the organised group A service which automat ically grants them Non-Functional Financial Upgrade (NNFU). Under NFFU, if one officer of a particular batch moves on the next rank while rest are waiting for vacancies, all others automatically get financial upgrade as the one

who has been promoted. Earlier, 57 senior serving tax officials were compulsorily retired by the government after a mid-career review.



minutes on Tuesday, when the motorman of one of the trains

ACCIDENT AVERTED



Magadh Express route was affected for more than 80 spotted a 14-inch fracture in the tracks and annlied emergency brakes. The trains affected included Raidhani Express, said a railway official who did not wish to be

Nishant Kumar, who has been supervising the rescue operations, said the boat was located 100 metres deep in the river.

CLIMATE CHANGE PLAINT AGAINST 5 NATIONS

Indian girl among petitioners

Jayashree Nandi

NEW DELHI: Haridwar's Ridhima Pandey, 11, is among the 16 children who have filed a complaint against five countries for not acting on climate change at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York on Monday The devastation caused by the

2013 Uttarakhand flash floods left a lasting impression on her, and motivated her to talk about climate change, said Ridhima over the phone from New York.

Swedish teen climate activist. Greta Thunberg, who delivered a powerful speech at the opening session of the summit on Monday, asking world leaders how they dared to ruin the future of children, is also a member of the

"The petitioners are not seeking money; they want action. To bring this about, the petition names five countries whose



Ridhima Pandey

efforts to date have been too slow and too weak to prevent a climate catastrophe," says their website, childenvsclimatecrisis.org.

"I was very small when the Uttarakhand floods happened but I saw those images on TV. My father and his colleagues were also in some remote regions to rescue animals after the floods. I don't think the poor people in the hills contributed to global warming," said Ridhima.

Over 5,500 people lost their lives and 4,500 villages were affected when floods and landslides triggered by heavy rain hit the hilly state in 2013.

"My father explains the science of global warming to me. I also try to read. It's about our future. So we have to do whatever it takes," she said.

The five countries being sued by the 16 children — Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, and Turkey—have all ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international treaty under which countries have specific obligations to provide for the health and well-being of children. "These obligations aren't being met as the climate crisis intensi-

fies." says the website.

Ridhima, a class 8 student of DAV Public School, Haridwar. had moved the National Green Tribunal a year ago demanding that for every development project, a climate impact assessment be conducted. The NGT had dismissed the petition

NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DGGI), Ahmedabad has unearthed input tax credit (ITC) fraud of over ₹400 crore by some units at the Kandla Special Economic Zone (SEZ) wherein companies inflated the value of

goods by as much as 4,000% to

falsely claim ITC.

 $\hbox{``The modus operand idetected'}$ indicates huge overvaluation to the extent of 3000-4000% of the market value of goods exported to the SEZ and claiming input tax credit refund fraudulently," additional director general Vivek Prasad said. Input tax is paid by a business on the purchase of goods and ser-

vices that go into its own products or services, and claimed as a credit to lower its tax liability when it makes a sale. DGGI, Ahmedabad Zone conducted searches in three units

located at the SEZ and the prem-

ises of some exporters in the National Capital Region centred on Delhi after receiving "specific intelligence" that some units located in the Kandla SEZ in Gandhidham, in connivance with 25 NCR-based exporters, had "conspired" to defraud the exchequer, he said. In what seems to be a meticulously planned conspiracy, the products selected by the entities for carrying out the fraud were found to be so-called sin goods such as manufactured tobacco and related products. which are subject to tax at the rate of 93% and 188%, including cess. Prasad said

"Due to high incidence of taxes on such goods the scope to claim refunds of ITC against refunds is manifold more than the goods which are subject to tax at lower rate of 28% or 18%," he said.

According to Prasad, the racketeers had sought to derive the maximum illegal gain out of fraudulent transactions. "It is noteworthy to mention that tobacco products are mostly busi-

DGGI unearths input tax credit fraud of over ₹400 crore The modus operandi detected indicates huge overvaluation to the extent of 3000-4000% of the market value of goods exported to the SEZ ... VIVEK PRASAD, additional director

general, DGGI

ness-to-consumer (B2C) supply items and it is relatively easier to obtain from the market GST paid invoices without corresponding goods, as the goods often get sold in the market without corresponding bills," he said.

DGGI also found that lowgrade products such as "scented jarda, kimam (tobacco extract) and filter khaini" were being manufactured "clandestinely without payment of tax by some Noida-based units or procured from the local market at the rate of ₹150-350 per kg and being

exported to the SEZ-based units at the rate of ₹5,000-9,000 per kg. Subsequently, refund of accumulated ITC, sourced fraudulently. in excess of ₹500 crore has been claimed by the exporters from the jurisdictional GST authorities, he said. "Due to the proactive steps taken by the DGGI, refund claims of ITC in excess of ₹300 crores in the process of getting disbursed by the jurisdictional authorities, have been withheld from going into the hands of scamsters," Prasad said.

"In addition, the surplus ITC of more than ₹100 crore still lying in the credit ledger of such exporters has also been prevented from getting siphoned off by way of likely refunds claims," he added.

The agency has been able to identify more than 25 such suppliers located in states like Assam. Bihar, Delhi, Harvana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh who have issued fake invoices of more than Rs 1.000 crore to the-NCR based exporters without supply of goods to facilitate refunds

These suppliers are either nonexistent or are being indirectly controlled by the exporters them selves. Prasad said. To give a semblance of legiti

macy to the otherwise sham transactions, low value goods manufactured in Noida or procured locally in Delhi have been dispatched to SEZ units under the cover of invoices. "Thus, while the ITC has been obtained fraudulently from one source, the low value goods have

been procured from another

source and both the streams have

converged at the end of exporters

who have made highly overval ued supplies to the SEZ units for illegal gains through ITC refund route." he said. The illegitimate export incen

tives availed by the SEZ units will be investigated by the customs authorities, he said, "The agency has been able to identify the key conspirators and the actual bene ficiaries of the scam who are on the run. Efforts are being made to bring them to book," he added.

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The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has set up a task force that is digging into the federal auditor's past to collect valuable artefacts, vintage items and British-era audit reports that would be kept in a museum in Himachal Pradesh to showcase its 159-year-old history. The museum will be housed in Shimla at Chadwick House where the first batch of audit and ac count officers from independent India underwent training in 1950.

Perched on a hilltop, the two-storey Chadwick House will preserve among other artefacts a treasure trove of Remington typewriters, British era franking machines, clocks and trophies from field offices of CAG. Among the biggest attractions will be a 1907 table and chair used by Sir C V Raman — the only Indian to get a Nobel in Physics - who had a brief stint as an assistant accountant general at CAG's Kolkata office.

Comptroller and Auditor General Rajiv Mehrishi told TOI, "We have a long history but no museum to preserve it, so we decided to build one at Chadwick House. A task force is overseeing the process and collecting archival material.'

Former deputy CAG Ashwini Attri, who is part of the task force, said Chadwick House was chosen because it holds an important place in India's struggle for independence. "Before the country got independence, Mahatma Gandhi would visit Shimla and hold meetings here." The house was earlier owned by Sardar Charanjit Singh of the Kapurthala princely family Later V Narhari Rao, the first CAG of independent India. set up a training school for



AUDITOR WANTS MORE TEETH

For several years, successive CAGs have written to the Centre seeking powers similar to what a common citizen enjoys under the Right to Information Act (RTI) where denial of information invites punitive measures

At times, government departments don't share information with us despite repeated reminders. We want powers under the RTI Act where a penalty can be levied if information is denied within a specified time -RAJIV MEHRISHI CAG

> Recently, while auditing the Income Tax department, CAG asked tax authorities to share data on more than 2,700 cases where returns on agricultural income, it found, was more than Rs 1 crore. CAG wanted to verify who were the "rich farmers" availing tax exemption

Only 26 out of 136 Commissionerates of I-T provided the information with respect to 327 cases. Even in this small sample, data entry errors were seen in 11% of the cases, said the auditor in a recent report

CAG officers there.

The school was then shifted to Yarrows, a Swiss Chalet style complex designed by Sir Herbert Baker in 1913 — who also conceptualised the North and South Block in Delhi along with Sir Edwin Lutyens. Chadwick house then fell into desrepair, but is now getting a muchneeded facelift.

Heavy renovation work is ongoing at Chadwick House and the museum is expected to be ready by June 2020. CAG's Principal Director of Audit in London, responsible for audit of overseas embassies and high commissions. has also been asked to locate

old photos and pre-Independence period reports from the British government archives The task force has also found some British era audit reports at the National Archives in New Delhi that can throw light on the expenditure of the Government of India on World Wars and in the administration of the Princely states.

The CAG came into being in 1860 when the British decided to appoint an auditor general to audit the accounts of the East India Company Since then, 29 CAGs have been appointed — 16 British who served between 1860 and 1948 and 13 Indians since 1948.

TRANSFORMATION OVER THE YEARS

Through the years, the auditor has gone through a major metamorphosis. The federal auditor of Independential India first audited books of accounts of the government through its Compliance Audit. Later, a need was felt to reorient the auditing towards people-centric programmes and conduct critical appraisals of policies and schemes. So began the practice of Performance Audit (PAs). CAG prepared reports on National Rural Health Mission, Right to free and compulsory education for kids, midday meal, 2G spectrum and coal block allocations and the Commonwealth Games. The CAG has now initiated Outcome Audits. In its pilot Outcom Audit, which has not been tabled yet, CAG has reviewed district hospitals in Uttar Pradesh

Days after giving extension to top adviser, home ministry cuts short his tenure

New Delhi: The home ministry has abruptly curtailed the services of its adviser R K Mitra, who was handling matters relating to central paramilitary forces, within days of granting him an extension. The reason for the curtailment was not known.

Mitra was working as an advisor in the secretary in March 2018 and was given an excers over them in service-related matters.

tension on September 19. "This ministry's order... regarding extension of engagement of RK Mitra as advisor in the ministry of home affairs stands withdrawn. Accordingly, the period of engagement of R K Mitra... will cease to exist on September 30, 2019," an order issued on Monday said. The reason for the curtailment could not be verified. However-,Sources said officers of paramilitary forces ministry since his superannuation as joint had alleged that Mitra was favouring IPS offi-

Accept claim Chabutra Ram's birthplace, say Muslim parties

But Say There's No Proof Of Its **Exact Location**

Dhananjay.Mahapatra

New Delhi: Counsel for Muslim parties placed contrasting arguments in the Su $preme\,Court\,on\,Tuesday\,with$ one claiming that there was no proof of divine manifestation for Ram Janmabhoomi to attain deity status and another conceding that Muslims accepted Hindus' claim that Ram Chabutra, nearly 70 feet from the central dome of the demolished Babri Masjid, was Lord Ram's birthplace.

On Day 30 of hearing on cross appeals for ownership of the 2.77 acre disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land, senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan asked, "Could only belief confer deity status on Ram Janmabhoomi? According to us (Muslim parties), manifestation is essential. Is Ram Janmabhoomi beyond this standard of proof? Something tan-



gible must be worshipped along with faith for conferring of deity status. People coming to the iron railings (that separated the Hindu and Muslim worship areas inside the mosque since 1858) and putting flowers, is that enough?"

Appearing before a bench of CJI Ranjan Gogoi and Justices SA Bobde, DY Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer after Dhavan concluded part of his arguments, senior advocate Zafaryab Jilani intended to bolster Dhavan's argument by making a three-pronged attack on Hindus' claim that Ram Janmabhoomi was a deity and a juristic person.

mayan and Ramcharitmanas do not give exact location of Lord Ram's birthplace in Ayodhya. The scriptures also do not refer to Ram Janmabhoomi or Ram Janmasthan temple. And thirdly, there is no evidence whatsoever that the place below the central dome of the demolished Babri Masjid is Lord Ram's birthplace."

The bench said, "You are arguing that Muslims do not dispute Ayodhya being the birthplace of Lord Ram but dispute is about the exact location of the birthplace and that the dispute about central dome as birthplace was created only after 1850."

Agreeing with the bench, Jilani said Faizabad district court's judgment of May 18, 1886, had said so while dismissing an appeal filed by Mahant Raghubar Das, who challenged a Faizabad sub-judge's December 24, 1885, order and sought permission to construct a temple at the disputed site.

After visiting the disputed site, the district judge had said, "I found that the masjid built by emperor Babar stands

nate that a masjid should have been built on land specially held sacred by the Hindus, but as that event occurred 356 years ago, it is too late now to remedy the grievance. All that can be done is to maintain the parties in status quo.

"The entrance of the en-

closure is under a gateway which bears the inscription 'Allah', immediately on the left is the platform or chabutra of masonry occupied by the Hindus. On this is a small super structure of wood in the form of a tent. This chabutra is said to indicate the birthplace of Ram Chandra. In front of the gateway is the entry to the masonry platform of the masjid. A wall pierced here and there with railings divides the platform of the masjid from the enclosure in which stands the chabutara."

Jilani said Muslims did not challenge the 1886 decision and hence "we do not dispute the Hindus' belief that chabutra is the birthplace of Lord Ram". He said since the 1886 order, the chabutra has

Deora clarifies as his 'Howdy, Modi' tweet triggers a stir

New Delhi: Congress politic ian Milind Deora's Twitter praise for "Howdy, Modi!" event in Houston, which earned him a "thank you" from the PM and appreciation from other BJP

leaders, also caused an online stir forcing him to is sue an explanation on Tuesday.

preciated the event on Monday, in what was a contrast to the Congress's official stand. Several Congress politicians had called out the PM for openly "campaigning" for US President Donald Trump.

Deora, while tagging the official PMO handle, had described the event as a "momentous first" for India. "@PMOIndia's Houston address was a momentous first for India's soft power diplomacy. My father Murlibhai was one of the early architects of deeper Indo-US ties.@realDonaldTrump's hospitality & recognition of Indian Americans' contributions makes us proud," he wrote around 12.40am on Monday.

Later that evening, the PM acknowledged Deora's tweet, and wrote, "Thank you @milinddeora. You are absolutely correct when you highlight my friend, late Murli Deora Ji's commitment to strong ties with USA. He would have been really glad to see the strengthening of ties between our nations. The warmth and hospitality of @POTUS was outstanding.

Soon after the PM's "thank you" tweet, Deora wrote another post, this time tagging Modi's verified handle. "Thank you @narendramodi ji! Murlibhai put nation first & worked with all governments in India & the US to deepen ties between our great countries. In my many interactions with my Democrat & Republican friends, they, too, acknowledge India's leadership in the 21st century," he wrote.

These exchanges, howev er, also led to a lot of online speculation around Deora, who had recently stepped down as Mumbai Congress chief, taking responsibility for the party's loss in the Lok Sabha elections. Deora, seeking to put an end to "the insin criticism in sections of media and social media", then put out an official statement on Twitter, saying "...I express regret on the insinuations and unwarranted criticism...

"I have noticed several reports speculating over the exchange of tweets between Shri Narendra Modi and me. ...For those who have already imagined and chartered my forward path, I wish to give you one unambiguous answer: I will remain bipartisan when it comes Full report on www.toi.in indforeign policy," he wrote. TNN

I-T attaches 'benami' assets worth ₹230cr of Maya's ex-aide

New Delhi: Six months after the income tax department conducted searches on several premises of Net Ram, retired IAS officer and former principal secretary to ex-UP chief minister Mayawati, the department has attached alleged be nami assets worth Rs 230 crore.

During the raids conduct ed on March 12-13 this year, I-T officials had recovered a diary from the retired IAS officer's house that had details of alleged transaction of Rs 225 crore related to 24 properties acquired since 2011. The department has attached at least 19 of these properties in Delhi-NCR, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Other documents seized re vealed cash deposits of over Rs 100 crore in several shell companies operated by the accused and his associates, sources said.

Mont Blanc pens worth over Rs 50 lakh, cash of Rs 2.2 crore, four luxury vehicles and bank lockers were seized during the searches carried out in Lucknow, Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. Preliminary probe revealed the IAS officer may have been involved in negotiations for distribution of party tickets to MLA/MP aspirants of BSP. TNN

Preserving Indian family structure priority: RSS book

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New Delhi: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) sees preservation of the Indian family structure and values to be a key challenge in terms of the social agenda the organisation considers to be a priority in its future plans.

A forthcoming book, 'RSS: Roadmaps for the 21st Century', written by senior Sangh functionary Sunil Ambekar, looks at the organisation's focus in terms of social values it feels are essential to the continued good health of Indian society. "Our family is our identity, it provides values and a social structure," Ambekar said in a recent interaction.

RSS sees challenges to the family unit due to increasing urbanisation and a spread of western influences which promote a certain individualism. It believes this weakens traditional family bonds that go beyond the immediate household to a wider social network of relatives and community sharing.

Ambekar sees new developments like decriminalisation of homosexual relations not think the time is right to

Women must come out of comfort zone, says FM with Bhagwat by side

inance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday urged women to come out of their "comfort zones" and grab opportunities which are in vogue. "Women should come out of self-doubting zone. Demands like quota is okay

but that is not enough and women should take challenges," Sitharaman said while sharing the dais with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat as the two released a report on status of Indian women. The FM said token participation of women in policy making was not enough and it should be treated

with seriousness. RSS-linked Drishti Stree Adhyayan Prabodhan Kendra (DSAPK) conducted a survey among women across India, interviewing 43,255 women above 18 years of age across 465 districts, including 70 in border areas. The report was released by Sitharaman and Bhagwat at Ambedkar Memorial Hall here. TNN

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consider legalising same-sex marriages, but says the Sangh is open to a debate on the issues being pressed by the LGBTQ community.

It is the family structure, with its emphasis on caring for children as well as traditions of looking after the elderly that concern Ambekar more. He does not spell out a "Hindu" strand here, but the Sangh has often seen "Hinduness" to be at the core of Indian values and culture.

Similarly, the book, due for release soon, sees the leships to be part of social evo-

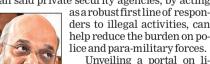
lution but not without costs. These relationships often exact a cost, particularly for women. "The strike rate of success of such arrangements is not very good," he says.

The Sangh clearly agrees with PM Modi's call for smaller families. Ambekar's book is expected to touch on reinterpretation of certain aspects of RSS tradition as suggested by Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat who said all of the tract 'Bunch of Thoughts' by the organisation's second chief MS Golwalkar is not nec-

'Pvt quards vital link with cops for public safety'

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday pitched for the role of private security guards as a vital link between the public and police for reporting illegal or suspicious activities and urged the industry to ensure minimum wages as well as insurance and healthcare to their employees through various central schemes.

Recalling how private security guards were first responders during the 26/11 attacks at Taj Mahal Hotel and Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus in Mumbai and helped contain the damage, Shah said private security agencies, by acting





Unveiling a portal on licencing of private security agencies, the minister said state-wise licenced agencies would add to credibility of

these firms. As per status of licences issued under the Private Security Agency

(Regulation) Act, 2005 (PSARA) uploaded on the portal, a total of 17,848 firms have licences, of which 13,957 are currently active while licences of 3,891 have expired. The state-wise status of PSA-RA licences mentioned alongside the name and address of each agency is meant to help the public, business and industrial establishments hire their services, verify credentials and avoid nonlicensed agencies making fraudulent claims.

Maha Sadan case: Charges submitted against Bhujbal

Mumbai: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday submitted draft charges against former PWD minister and NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal and others in the Maharashtra Sadan scam case. The charges were submitted under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Among the charges for which the ACB wants Bhujbal to stand trial is criminal breach of trust by a public servant (Section 409 of the IPC). Under this charge the maximum sentence is life imprisonment.

The ACB also sought charges to be framed against Bhujbal's son Pankaj, nephew Sameer and 12 others. Among other charges are misconduct, misuse of official position, cheating and criminal conspiracy. Rebecca.Samervel TNN

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CORRIGENDUM

This refers to our earlier notice regarding tender published in Times of India and Navbharat Times Newspaper on 19.09.2019. In advertisement we have "dates mentioned as 26-09-2019 up to 5.00 pm and 27-09-2019 at 10.30 am may please be read as 11-10-2019 up to 5.00 pm and 12-10-2019 at 10.30 am respectively."For Tender document and BOQ, please contact 8447080816. Faridabad Branch of NIRC of ICAI

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