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## FIRST TIME SO MANY HANDED DEATH SENTENCE IN ONE GO

# 38 get death penalty, 11 life in jail for 2008 terror blasts in Ahmedabad that killed 56

Serial blasts left over 200 injured; from 8 jails across country, convicts heard verdict via video

**SOHINI GHOSH**  
AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 18

A SPECIAL court, designated for speedy trial of the accused in the 2008 Ahmedabad serial blasts that killed 56 people and injured over 200, handed the death sentence Friday to 38 of 49 convicts. The remaining 11 have been awarded life terms in jail.

The 49 were convicted on February 8 by special judge A R Patel who acquitted 38 other accused in the case.

Defence lawyers said the death penalty for 38 convicts is



Outside the sessions court in Ahmedabad during the sentencing in the serial blasts case on Friday. *Express*

the highest in a single case in the country — in 1998, a TADA court had handed the death sentence to 26 accused in the assassina-

tion of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

While the sentencing order has not yet been put in the pub-

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lic domain, the prosecution claimed that the accused planned the serial blasts as "revenge" for the 2002 post-Godhra riots in Gujarat and to overthrow a democratically-elected gov-

ernment. Prosecutors said the accused were trying to target elected leaders such as Narendra Modi, the then Chief Minister, and other state ministers including Amit Shah, Anandiben Patel, Nitin Patel.

During final arguments, the prosecution said that "by indulging in anti-national terror activities," the accused are "not even required to be kept in the country's jail," and if they are "kept in society, then it will be equivalent to setting loose a man-eating leopard".

Those awarded the death [CONTINUED ON PAGE 2](#)

## CAMPAIGN ENDS FOR PUNJAB, UP PHASE 3

# I'm world's sweetest terrorist: Kejriwal on separatism allegation

**RAAKHI JAGGA**  
LUDHIANA, FEBRUARY 18

WITH TWO days left for Punjab to vote, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday took on his rivals over allegations that he harboured separatist ideas, saying he must be the "world's sweetest terrorist" who builds

schools and hospitals for people. In the last leg of Punjab's high-octane campaign, which wound to a close on Friday, Kejriwal has been under attack from the Congress, BJP and the Akali Dal, who have questioned him over rebel AAP leader and poet Kumar Vishwas's accusations that he supported separatists in Punjab.

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The AAP chief campaigns in Punjab's Abohar on Friday. *ANI*

## SC rap, UP withdraws recovery notices over CAA protest damage

Court orders refund, tribunals under new UP law will take up issue afresh

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

THE UP government on Friday informed the Supreme Court that it has withdrawn 274 recovery notices to pay damages for destruction caused to public property during protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act in December 2019, which were issued prior to the enactment of a 2020 law laying down the recovery procedure — and that tribunals constituted under the new Act will deal with this issue afresh.

Accepting the submission, a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Surya Kant gave the state government liberty to proceed under the new law — The Uttar Pradesh Recovery of Damage to Public and Private Property Act, 2020 — and directed it to refund recov-

## EXPLAINED

### Plugging the gaps

THE UP govt's move reinforces the SC's assertion that under the old state law, what should have been a judicial process, with hearings, became an administrative process where the administration played the roles of complainant and adjudicator — and attached property of the accused.

ery already made under the withdrawn proceedings.

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## ADVOCATE GENERAL MAKES SUBMISSION TO HC; FIR FILED AGAINST 15 GIRLS

# Uniform order needed better drafting...doesn't ban hijab: Karnataka

**JOHNSON T A**  
BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 18

THE KARNATAKA government's order of February 5, which specified norms for uniforms in schools and colleges, is "innocuous in nature" and not intended to ban the use of headscarves or hijabs by Muslim girls, the state's advocate general told the High Court on Friday. He said portions of the order, which suggest that it is directed specifically at hijabs,



Staff place a banner with the interim HC order at a Shivamogga college. *PTI*

could have been drafted with "better advice".

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## KHURRAM CASE

# NIA arrests a key officer, says he 'leaked' info to LeT

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency Friday arrested its former Superintendent of Police P Arvind Digvijay Negi, one of the agency's top investigators, for allegedly sharing a confidential document with an overground worker of the Lashkar-e-Taiba.

The officer has been arrested in the same case in which the agency had last year arrested Jammu and Kashmir human rights activist Khurram Parvez. According to an input to the NIA from an intelligence agency, the document reached an overground worker via Parvez.

Having worked with NIA since its inception, Negi went back to his cadre and home state Himachal Pradesh last year. Soon after, in November, NIA searched his residence in Shimla in connection with the J&K case it was probing.

Negi, notably, not only investigated several cases of terrorism in J&K, including those against Hurriyat leaders, but was also a key officer in the team that probed Hindutva terror cases.

He investigated the 2007 Ajmer Dargah blast in which the NIA achieved its first and only conviction in the gamut of Hindutva terror cases.

In August 2018, RSS pracharaks Devendra Gupta and Bhavesh Patel were convicted by a special court for "planning and perpetrating" the blast that killed three and injured 15.

Negi was also initially associated with the probes into 2008 Malegaon blasts but was

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POINTS TO INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL SUPPORT

IEDs were to carry out blasts in capital, says police chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

A DAY after an improvised explosive device (IED) was recovered from a bag found in Old Seemapuri, Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana said this specific explosive as well as an IED found at the Ghazipur flower market last month were prepared with the intention of carrying out blasts at public places across the city.

Asthana said, "An IED was recovered in Ghazipur on January 17 and a similar IED was also recovered and neutralised in Old Seemapuri on Thursday. According to the probe, these IEDs were prepared with an intention to carry out blasts at public places. Such activities are not possible without local support."

He said the Special Cell and other teams are investigating the



A team of the New Delhi range of the Special Cell found a bag with IEDs in Old Seemapuri on Thursday. Praveen Khamna

case and they are probing forward and backward linkages. "We are trying to pre-empt every such incident in Delhi and expose any local and foreign network," he said, refusing to divulge more details.

On Thursday afternoon, a team of the New Delhi range of the Special Cell probing the Ghazipur IED case raided a

house in Old Seemapuri, and found a bag containing IEDs. They made a call to the police control room (PCR) to alert them about the discovery.

Teams of the National Security Guard (NSG), Delhi Fire Services, Forensic Science Lab (FSL) and bomb disposal squad were called to the spot. The IED,

weighing 2.5 to 3 kg, was later defused, and the owner of the house and a property dealer are being questioned by police.

During investigation, it came to light that officers from the Seemapuri police station had also conducted verification of tenants in the area as part of security measures ahead of Republic Day. But they found this particular house locked at the time. A Special Cell team has also retrieved footage from all CCTV cameras installed in and around the building where the suspicious bag was found. The footage is being analysed, an officer said.

NSG sources said that the explosive is suspected to be a mix of ammonium nitrate and RDX, but a forensic lab will examine it in detail. With this explosive having similarities with the one recovered from the Ghazipur market ahead of Republic Day, police believe both cases are linked.

Noida fire victims: Manager on first day of her job, man who came in for a haircut

GAYATHRI MANI  
NOIDA, FEBRUARY 18

RADHA CHAUHAN (26) was excited — she had just landed a job as manager of a spa centre in Noida and Thursday was her first day at work. That evening, a short circuit at the spa-salon led to a fire and she, along with a man who was there for a haircut, suffocated to death.

Noida Police Friday registered an FIR against the spa's owner and manager and are on the lookout for the duo. Police said the place was not following fire safety rules — there was no fire exit or extinguisher on the premises.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Radha's husband Pradeep Chaudhary said she was

ambitious and career oriented. "Radha was very excited to be a manager. I dropped her at work around 10-10.30 am. We were planning to celebrate her new job in the evening. Our four-year-old son has been crying all night, asking when his mother will come home. What am I going to tell him? I can't believe she is gone." The couple lived at Roja Jalalpur, Noida.

The second victim, Ankush Anand (29), a resident of Sector 135 in Greater Noida, had gone to the spa for a haircut. "My brother went to cut his hair as he had a meeting on Friday. He left home around 3 pm and said he would be back soon. We later got a call from the police about the fire.. He was a businessman with big dreams," said his sister.

The incident took place on

Thursday between 5.30 pm and 6 pm at Ashirwad Complex in Sector 53 market. The building has four floors and the establishment is located on the upper floor.

ACP Rajneesh Verma said, "An FIR has been registered against the owner and manager under IPC Section 304 (punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder). The spa had been closed for more than a year due to Covid. With restrictions being eased, the management reopened a few days ago. They were in the process of cleaning it on Thursday when the fire broke out."

Police received a call about the fire at 6 pm. "We informed fire services and rushed to the spot. The blaze had spread in the entire room by the time we arrived. The police and fire depart-

ment teams had to break the door to douse the fire. It was controlled after some time," said a police officer.

Police said the doors got jammed and the two victims could not escape. "An autopsy showed that they died due to asphyxia. The bodies have been handed over to the families for final rites," said ACP Verma.

Verma said two special investigation teams, comprising nine personnel, have been formed to arrest the owner and manager. "We have traced the owner's location to Hyderabad and a team has been sent to arrest him. The centre is on lease under his name. The manager was present at the spot when the incident took place, but he escaped after the fire broke out. The other team is raiding his house in Noida."

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OPENING SOON

# AIIMS trauma centre to get boost with 2 more ICUs, new OT & emergency depts

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

WHEN PATIENTS of road accidents, falls, and severe injuries return to the standalone Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre (JPNATC) run by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, they will find updated infrastructure and faster turn-around time thanks to the complete overhaul of the emergency department during the three Covid waves.

Amid the pandemic, the centre started two more intensive care units and added piped oxygen supply to several wards.

The JPNATC, located behind Safdarjung Hospital across from the main AIIMS campus, was designated as a separate Covid-19 centre in March 2020 when the pandemic had just begun in India. All trauma services were moved to the main campus, reducing beds and ventilators available for trauma patients. The centre kept treating Covid patients through the second wave and trauma services were resumed only in November

2021. In January, the centre was shifted back to the main campus when the heavily mutated omicron variant drove up cases in the city.

While the centre treated Covid patients, the under-utilised areas were redeveloped.

The 256-bed JPNATC is one among only two government-run level-1 trauma centres in Delhi. It is designed in a way that optimises the time taken for a patient to enter the hospital, get assessed, and be wheeled in for immediate procedures needed.

Before the pandemic, when ambulances reached the centre's ground floor entrance, patients were wheeled into the emergency department on the left and triaged (segregated) into green, yellow, and red categories — red being patients with most severe injuries in need of immediate intervention. Although yellow and green patients need small surgeries or procedures, their injuries are not life-threatening. This led to those with less severe injuries waiting in the emergency room with their family members for longer duration. Now, the hospital has created



The centre had also added an additional oxygen storage tank before the 2nd wave that helped it manage more patients.

two emergency departments, with a triage area just inside the main entrance. Patients with severe life-threatening injuries will be sent to the 16-bed emergency centre to the left, without any relatives. Those categorised as yellow or green will be sent to the 18-bed emergency to the right. All beds are equipped to handle patients on oxygen support (the area was being used as a Covid-19 ICU).

"The emergency department is ready and will be reopened

when we are asked to move from the main hospital. There are times when those in yellow or green category need some procedures such as surgery to fix their bones or sutures and they have to compete with severe cases for the attention of doctors. That will not happen anymore with two separate emergencies. There will also be one operation theatre in the emergency department that will be used only for these simple surgeries so that patients can be discharged

quicker. Why should they have to wait for their turn for hours?" said Dr Rajesh Malhotra, who heads the trauma centre.

Entry to the rest of the hospital for admitted patients and those in follow-up care is from the first floor to avoid congestion at the emergency entrance.

In addition to this, the hospital will get the country's first hybrid operation theatre in three-four months. In a hybrid operation theatre, doctors can not only operate on a patient but also do tests like CT scan and angiography.

"This is very helpful for non-responsive patients as doctors can take them to the operation theatre to, say, quickly stop the bleeding and at the same time do the tests to see whether there is anything else wrong internally and continue the surgery, instead of taking the patient to the radiodiagnosis department. However, the machine would have been under-utilised as we see probably 5 to 10 such unresponsive patients a month, so we came up with a plan," said Dr Malhotra.

The CT machine in the suite

can move on a 6-metre-long rail; the hybrid OT has been planned in such a way that half of the rail would be inside and half outside a hermetically sealed door. "The machine can be moved to the other room and all emergency patients can get their CT scan in the emergency department itself. When there is a case where the patient needs CT along with surgery, it can be moved inside the OT," said Dr Malhotra.

The hospital has planned to add five more OTs on the fifth floor, which, along with the hybrid OT, will take the total to 12 from the current six, doubling the capacity of the centre. Through the pandemic, the centre has also added two ICUs with 32 beds, of which 20 are reserved for neuro-surgery cases, again doubling the capacity of the neuro ICU at the centre.

The centre had also added an additional oxygen storage tank before the second wave that helped it manage more patients. And, oxygen manifold (a piped oxygen system for hospital beds run using large cylinders) was added on the top four floors of the seven-storey centre.

## 20, including 10 women, now owners of e-autos

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

THE DELHI government has issued LOIs (Letters of Intent) to electric auto drivers after just three days of allotment. Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot handed over the first set of LOIs Friday to the owners of the first 20 e-autos in the capital, including 10 women e-auto drivers.

He said the Delhi government was taking "a huge leap in not just in reducing pollution and ensuring last-mile connectivity, but also in establishing a strong female presence in Delhi's public transport system". The event was also attended by Commissioner of Transport Ashish Kundra.

Speaking at the occasion, Gahlot said, "I strongly urge only the women in whose name the e-auto is registered to drive the autos, as we will be strictly be enforcing it. I especially would like to applaud the efforts of the Transport Department for getting the entire process done at lightning speed, despite unexpected delays. We've simplified the process of owning an e-auto by enabling single window interfaces and allowing co-ownership with fleet aggregators too. Delhi is making a huge transition to EVs and in the next two months, Delhi will see hundreds of e-buses and thousands of blue and lilac e-autos on its roads."

In October last year, the government had launched a scheme for registration of 4,261 e-autos of which 33%, that is, 1,406 e-autos are exclusively reserved for women. To promote the entry of more women drivers, the applications for the 663 remaining applicants among the 1,406 e-autos reserved for women candidates have also been reopened.

random around 11 am on Friday. In his complaint to police, SOL. Officiating Principal U S Pandey said, "Some agitators entered the SOL building and misbehaved with female security guards and manhandled staff of SOL... they threatened the SOL staff, and provoked other agitators to enter the premises..." He said "stern action" must be taken against them.

The KYS, meanwhile, alleged that the SOL administration "confined them in the building by locking the gates".

The Democratic Teachers' Front came out in support of KYS, condemning the "criminal attack on students".

they received two cross complaints and are verifying the facts before taking any legal action.

The students were protesting at SOL over a range of issues including that SOL had not started offline classes (Academic Counselling Sessions) for students despite the overall campus reopening on Thursday. KYS also alleged that SOL was distributing "incomplete study material to only first-year students till March, while the exams are to begin in March itself".

The altercation appears to have taken place inside the principal's office when a KYS delegation went to submit its memo-



At DU, Friday. Colleges expect higher turnout once outstation students arrive on campus. *Praveen Khanna*

lege and available facilities. They informally conveyed that they would be joining classes only from Monday," said Ramjas College principal Manoj Khanna.

At SGTB Khalsa College

Thursday, principal Jaswinder Singh had said nearly 90% of students had attended the first day

of re-opening. On Friday, he said the picture was slightly different. "There was not as much enthusiasm as yesterday but there were still quite a lot of students. Classes were held as per schedule and students attended them. But on Thursday, we saw that they were everywhere — in the

## DU reopening: Fewer students on day 2, numbers to pick up from Monday

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

AFTER A bustling first day, Delhi University (DU) colleges Friday saw fewer students on campus on the second day of reopening. However, principals said they expected the numbers to increase again Monday after the weekend ends.

On Thursday, principals of top DU colleges had said they were taken by surprise by the number of students who chose to turn up for offline classes on the first day of reopening. Many principals said many more students had arrived than they expected, with lawns and corridors in some colleges packed chock-a-block. In several top colleges, the attendance was more than 60%.

"Yesterday, there were around 70-80% students who had come to college. There were students today too but not as many as yesterday. Many students had come yesterday with their parents just to see the col-

## NDMC plans to purchase only EVs for its officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

IN A bid to go green, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) is considering purchasing only electric vehicles for official use and for enforcement drives. The council has also decided to stop buying and hiring petrol and CNG vehicles, officials said.

They added that the NDMC currently has around 80 electric cars for official purposes and a large number of vehicles have been allotted to the heads of departments. Also, NDMC areas have the highest number of

electric charging stations in Delhi.

"We have decided to go completely green and our mission is to reduce pollution in and around the New Delhi area in the coming days. All new vehicles that are being purchased for official use are EVs," a senior NDMC official, who did not wish to be named, said.

Officials said that the council is also focusing on measures to ramp up the electric charging infrastructure system in the Lutyens' zone. Currently, there are around 30-35 charging station at the NDMC building. Besides these, there are around 60 more across the New Delhi area.

## SOL principal, student activists accuse each other of violence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

THE OFFICIATING principal of Delhi University's School of Open Learning (SOL) and activists of Left-wing students' group Krantikari Yuva Sangathan (KYS) Friday filed police complaints against each other, both alleging violence by the other party during protests on campus.

Both parties submitted their complaints at the Maurice Nagar police station, with the KYS claiming that one of its activists had fractured his arm during the incident. The Delhi Police said

they received two cross complaints and are verifying the facts before taking any legal action.

The students were protesting at SOL over a range of issues including that SOL had not started offline classes (Academic Counselling Sessions) for students despite the overall campus reopening on Thursday. KYS also alleged that SOL was distributing "incomplete study material to only first-year students till March, while the exams are to begin in March itself".

The altercation appears to have taken place inside the principal's office when a KYS delegation went to submit its memo-



The panel monitoring the river's rejuvenation rejected the proposal. *Archive*

EAST MCD PLAN FACES SETBACK

## Proposal for solid waste processing plant on Yamuna floodplains rejected

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

A PROPOSAL from the East MCD to change land use on the floodplains of the Yamuna to set up a solid waste processing facility has been rejected.

The EDMC had sought approval to set up the solid waste processing and disposal facility on around 31 acres at Ghonda Gujran in East Delhi, which was rejected by the Principal Committee constituted on the

orders of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to monitor the rejuvenation of the Yamuna. It has recommended that the EDMC look for other ways to manage waste, and the land that was to be used for the waste processing facility may be retrieved for the riverfront development project being implemented by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

EDMC commissioner Vikas Anand had told the Principal Committee that 2,600 tonnes per day of waste is generated in the EDMC area, and only 1,300

tonnes per day could be processed at the Ghazipur landfill, with no land available to process the remaining waste.

In 2019, the DDA had allotted land at Ghonda Gujran for setting up a waste management facility. The DDA had later noted that part of the allotted land is in the 'once in 25 years floodplains' (likely to flood once in 25 years), and land use of the allotted land would have to be changed from 'recreational' to 'utility'.

Experts on the committee found the proposal to be unvi-



The panel monitoring the river's rejuvenation rejected the proposal. *Archive*

able. As per the minutes of the committee's meeting held last month, Professor CR Babu of the Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems said "it will be suicidal to allow solid waste management facility on active floodplain of river Yamuna in Delhi, where the river is already highly fragile."

He told the committee the proposed site is in the active floodplain and is surrounded by water bodies. If the project is implemented, "it shall lead to much more degradation of the ecology

and environment, and shall pollute the river and groundwater, in terms of sedimentation load and other factors," as per the minutes.

The EDMC's proposal has been discussed by the committee before, and it had asked the corporation to explore another location. The EDMC commissioner said the corporation has written to the DDA requesting another site.

On a site visit for the DDA's floodplain restoration project, expert members of the committee had noted that two villages, Garhi Mandu and Usmanpur, are

## Court declares IPS officer proclaimed offender in heist case in Gurgaon

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA  
GURGAON, FEBRUARY 18

A DISTRICT court Friday declared three accused persons, including suspended IPS officer Dheeraj Setia, as proclaimed offenders in the Gurgaon multi-crore heist case. It also directed the investigating agency to initiate proceedings for attachment of their properties.

In the order, Additional Sessions Judge Amit Sahrawat said, "... three accused persons namely gangster Vikas Lagarpuria, son of Surender, Dheeraj Setia, and Chetan Maan alias Boxer are hereby declared as proclaimed offenders under Section 82(4) CrPc. Intimation in this regard be sent to the SHO of the police station concerned as well as DCP, (HQ), Gurgaon."

Lagarpuria, suspected to be hiding abroad, is believed to have executed the heist. Chetan alias Boxer is a part of his gang, as per the Haryana Police Special Task Force (STF) probing the case.

The court directed the STF to provide details of the properties of these accused on the next date of hearing. "Further proceedings be also initiated against these accused persons under Section 83 CrPc for attachment of their properties in order to secure their presence before this court," it said.

Setia, who was posted as a DCP in Gurgaon when the theft was committed, was suspended on December 10, 2021, after the court had put under scanner allegations of bribery against him. In a disclosure statement to police, the alleged mastermind of

the heist, Dr Sachinder Kumar Nawal, had claimed that he had handed over a bag containing 3 kg gold bricks, 1,35,000 US dollars and Rs 62,000 (total value of Rs 2.5 crore) to Setia at his house for covering up the case in September 2021.

On Friday, the STF filed its status report before the court in compliance with a previous order passed by another court in January 2021. The STF, in its report, said that sincere efforts were being made to trace the information about the source of stolen money of the complainant company.

"It is submitted in the status report that STF has asked to provide the statement of the persons recorded by the Directorate of Enforcement, Zonal Office, Gurugram and Assistant Directorate of Income Tax Gurugram to get the source of the cash kept by the complainant company in the alleged flat where the theft was committed," said the court.

On Friday, Setia's counsel also moved an application not to pass any adverse order against the IPS officer today "as he has filed an application for anticipatory bail before the Punjab and Haryana High Court as well as an another petition under Section 482 CrPc for quashing the orders passed in the present proceedings". The court, however, declined the application, stating that it found "no substance" in it.

The police probe so far has found that on the night of August 3 and 4, 2021, at least Rs 30 crore was stolen from the office-cum-flat of Alpha G Corp Management Services Pvt. Ltd in Sector 84.

## ‘Chargesheet makes assertions in thin air’: Umar lawyer to court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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FORMER JNU student Umar Khalid's lawyer Friday told a Delhi court that a chargesheet cannot be a narrative without any basis and that the allegations had been made in thin air.

Senior advocate Trideep Pais was rebutting the prosecutor's arguments on Umar's bail application in the Northeast Delhi riots UAPA case, being heard by Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat.

On allegations that Umar met JNU student Sharjeel Imam, Pais told the court that there were no witnesses and no basis for this assertion, and that the chargesheet "makes this assertion in thin air". "A chargesheet cannot be a narrative without a basis. The supplementary chargesheet is without a basis," Pais told the court.

He read an extract from the chargesheet regarding a meeting to decide the plan of action for anti-CAA protests. "He is present at the meeting. No criminality. No members speak of conspiracy. Several others who attended are not arrested," Pais told the court.

On allegations that Umar visited the Jamia area, Pais said: "There is no criminality in going to Jamia. Thousands go to that area. No allegation of violence attributed to me."

On police stating that the investigation in the riot case was still ongoing, Pais said this was not an answer. "We are talking about February, 2020. You cannot say Umar and others were there in the meeting. You have to show what is the qualitative difference in action of me and others. I am in custody... This is not a civil suit... You choose to emphasise on one person and arrest that person," Pais submitted.

He read out other allegations surrounding a meeting Umar attended and told the court, "Assertion without a witness to support it. Pure imagination of the prosecution. You first want to make a story and then make evidence to complete that story."

"It was given a colour of criminality... Even if that meeting did take place, and I took part in it, there is nothing criminal," Pais submitted.

On allegations that Umar gave a speech, Pais told the court, "He is said to have given a speech and unless a criminality is shown, democratic right of freedom of speech and expression allows him to give a speech."

"Chargesheet doesn't say it is provocative speech, but the witness says it is. Goes back to the question — first write the story and then who can I get to support it. Then when I find it, I put it in the story," Pais told the court.

on the floodplains. The committee has suggested that these villages should be relocated and the area should be restored.

A K Gosain, Professor Emeritus, IIT-Delhi, also told the committee that, during the site visit, it was noticed that "huge plantation activities as a part of compensatory plantation are being carried out in the floodplain area of the river. Also, such dense large tree plantation is not recommended in active floodplains as it will convert it to mono-culture dense forests. This shall also cause

obstruction to the flow of the river. Therefore, the Delhi government should be directed that such compensatory activities be prevented in the floodplain and if required, be only carried out in the outer-most area of it, where floodwater reaches only in 1 in 50 years or so."

The panel has also directed the PWD to submit details of the proposed project for an elevated road on the floodplains from Wazirabad to the DND flyway. Chief Engineer (Flyover), PWD, told the panel that it is meant to decongest the Ring Road.



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## PUNJAB ELECTION

# Captain shrunk, Cong hopes Channi is party's change card

Last-minute gamble by party as all contestants try to swing votes in their favour

**VANDITA MISHRA**  
BATHINDA, JALANDHAR,  
LUDHIANA, FEBRUARY 18

AT AMIT Shah's rally in the heart of Ludhiana a few days before Election Day, was a muted presence, and a conspicuous absence. Narendra Modi, who dominates BJP rallies outside Punjab in visually standalone ways, was downplayed in both rhetoric and imagery — his was not the gigantic cut-out, nor was his name chanted the most. It was a nod, perhaps, to the toll taken by the farmers' movement on his stature in Punjab.

The one who was not mentioned at all, however, was Captain Amarinder Singh, the Congress chief minister who was turfed out from his office and party barely four months before elections, and floated a new outfit, Punjab Lok Congress (PLC), that has tied up with the BJP. The period of his incumbency was spoken of only in unflattering ways.

In fact, several of the PLC's candidates — including one who spoke in the Ludhiana rally — have chosen to fight this election on the BJP's symbol of lotus, instead of the PLC's hockey stick and ball. The uncomfortable, unsung predicament of Captain Amarinder Singh is a striking feature of this Punjab election. It speaks of a tall leader's crumbling.

In 2017, Singh was the Captain in the winning slogan: "Chaunda hai Punjab, Captain di sarkar". Five years later, in 2022, his fall from the pedestal is steep — disowned by the party he led to power in the last election, barely acknowledged by the one he has joined forces with.

This campaign has not been easy for the Congress, either. After all, it is tough to be the incumbent in an election in which, amid deep cynicism, hopelessness and sense of siege, the only positive vote appears to be the one for change.

In places, the Congress has dealt with the difficulty by simply joining the Opposition's clamour against its own government when it was led by Amarinder Singh.

In the Congress office near Patiala's Fawara chowk, its candidate Vishnu Sharma, pitted against the Captain himself on the latter's home turf, says: "I am



Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, Navjot Singh Sidhu (left) and Sunil Jakhar (right) release the Congress's poll manifesto, in Chandigarh on Friday. Kamleshwar Singh

available to the people 24 hours. The palace doors (of Amarinder Singh) were closed. Even when I was a mayor here, ministers in government would come to my house because he wouldn't meet them."

The biggest issue in Punjab, for Sharma, in this election: "For 4.5 years, no work has been done in the CM's city, no one got anything from his government."

In Bathinda, a more prominent Congressman, Manpreet Badal, recites poetry, invokes a golden Congress past in Punjab and skips over the part where he was a leading player in the Captain-led government: "Imithan ki ghadi aan padi hai toh koi fikr nahin/ hamne sau baar zamaane ke bhrum ko toda hai (the time of reckoning is here again, but there is no reason to worry, for those who have always defied the odds)." In Bathinda, now, he says, "government schools are better than private schools..." And "it was the Congress that gave Punjab the Bhakra dam, PGI, PAU..."

The Congress also banks on the Channi factor — "Saada Channi, Saada CM (Our Channi, Our CM)", party posters say — to buck anti-incumbency against itself. The first Dalit CM of the state with the highest proportion of Dalit population, nearly 32 per cent, took charge after the exit of Amarinder Singh.

That puts the party in the peculiar position, however, of disowning four and half years (Singh), and promoting 111 days (Channi) of the same Congress

government. It's a last-minute gambit many voters see as too clever by half. At the same time, the strategy is meeting with limited success — because of announcements by the Channi government on pending bills of electricity and water, and because his candidature evokes a measure of solidarity among Dalits.

In Nandgarh village, district Patiala, Karam Singh Dhiman speaks of the waiving of dues. "Paani, bijli sasti hoi hai... Captain was in cahoots with the Badals, Channi saab vadiya ne (Channi is doing better)", he says.

"Saadi taan masaa baari aayi hai (we have only just got our turn)", says Jamail Singh in the SC mohalla of Balad Kalan village in Sangrur. "This opportunity has come after 70 years, Channi is one of us," says Bikar Singh, a Ravidassi (SC) Sikh, in village Dhaula of Bhadaur.

But even in Bhadaur, which is one of the two constituencies Channi is contesting from, scepticism can be heard alongside the hope, in both Jat and SC clusters of the village. Gurmait Singh holds up a newspaper cutting of a report on the ED's claim of recovering Rs 10 crore from Channi's nephew: "He is SC, but is he poor?" And Ladi Singh, a Ramdassia (SC) Sikh, says: "Channi did not come through on his ailaan (announcements). We will give our vote to those who benefit us, not because they belong to our bhaichaara or biradari (caste or community)."

In the Doaba region, too, which is home to the greatest

concentration of the state's Dalit population — this is also the state's NRI belt where, like NRIs from other castes, Dalit NRIs send home remittances — it is clear that the Channi factor may not paper over divisions already etched on the ground.

Its Dalit population is large but Dalit consciousness in Punjab has always been divided within — between Hindu and Sikh, by its many sub-castes, through allegiance to different Deras and because of the varying spread of the population in the state's three geographically and culturally distinct regions.

All mainstream parties woo and get the Dalit vote. There is no distinct vehicle for Dalit aspirations — like, for all its waning electoral fortunes, the BSP is in UP, founded by Kanshi Ram who belonged to Punjab. Punjab's Dalits have been politically active since at least the 1930s — but not as Dalits.

Dalit consciousness may be in search of a unifying symbol in Punjab. But at least for now, it does not seem to be Channi. In the SC mohalla of village Khurdpur in Jalandhar district, young Kulbir Singh, who describes himself as "berozgar", and who is poised to go to Croatia — "all my friends have gone abroad, only I am left..." — says: "The vote in our village will split three ways, between SAD, Congress and AAP... Channi is not a factor... AAP has no dharha (faction) but it has voters in our village". While in Nanda Chaur village of Hoshiarpur district, Sandeep Kumar, SC, says: "Congress government has done a lot of work here in the last five years... and Channi saab is the messiah of the poor..."

As Punjab prepares to go to polls, then, there is a vote for change that not just the opposition, but also the incumbent, the Congress under Channi, is attempting to court.

But the question on Sunday will also be this: Is the vote for change going to be enough to chip away at hardened old loyalties and habits in a state that also has an enduring sense of itself, is also set in its ways?

## VOTING ON FEBRUARY 20

### HATHRAS RAPE-MURDER NOT FORGOTTEN

# Dalits say UP polls a test if govt for all people

**AMIL BHATNAGAR**  
HATHRAS, FEBRUARY 18

IT'S A memory not easily forgotten — the cremation of a 19-year-old in the wee hours of the night of September 29-September 30 in 2020, under police watch, with her family members confined to their home, and the long barricading of her village after, keeping out the media and Opposition.

And, Hathras hasn't forgotten. In the three constituencies of the district, Hathras-Sadabad, Sikandra Rao and Hathras (SC), caste dynamics in the context of "security" is palpable in the light of what happened to the 19-year-old Dalit rape victim.



AAP supporters during a party roadshow in Ludhiana on the last day of campaigning for the February 20 polls. Gurmeet Singh

# Invoking its 'Delhi Model', AAP goes for: Ek mauka Kejriwal nu

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN & RAAKHI JAGGA**  
NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA,  
FEBRUARY 18

TWO DAYS before Punjab voted in 2017, the Aam Aadmi Party, which had aced the battle of perception in the run-up to the polls, released a "farewell song" for Congress's Chief Minister hopeful Capt Amarinder Singh.

Later, as the party would review its underwhelming performance in 2017, the Aam Aadmi Party, released a "farewell song" for Congress's Chief Minister hopeful Capt Amarinder Singh.

The party also ran a more cautious campaign. There was no hint of controversies such as the one in 2017 following Kejriwal's night stay at the home of a man who had been cleared of terror charges.

This time, ironically, AAP is leading the battle of perception precisely on the "outsider" factor. In his roadshows and nukkad sabhas, AAP convener and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal highlighted continuously how parties had ganged up to oppose him. "Charanjit Singh) Channi is not attacking Sukhbir Badal... Badal is not attacking Channi. The BJP, Congress, Akali Dal, they are all attacking us... because we have built schools, improved hospitals, made power free," he said.

The message was clear: vote for the 'Delhi Model', give 'Ek

mauka Kejriwal nu (Kejriwal one chance)'. The CM, it was underlined, was "a successful administrator rolled into an anti-establishment outsider".

AAP feels it is this that has other parties scared, making them fall back again on allegations such as the party hobnobbing with terrorists, and that it is this which will help it sail through polling day. "The mass appeal of Bhagwant Mann (AAP CM candidate) will get us seats in Malwa region, which has been our stronghold. In Majha and Doaba, we have the Delhi model of governance to overcome our relative weaknesses. Compared to 2017, we have much more to showcase in terms of governance. The 'Kejriwal factor' will make all the difference," said an AAP leader.

The party also ran a more cautious campaign. There was no hint of controversies such as the one in 2017 following Kejriwal's night stay at the home of a man who had been cleared of terror charges. From the Congress to BJP to Akali Dal, all raked this up again close to polls. AAP also kept away NRIs, who had in 2017 backed it in large numbers, including with funds. Other parties had linked them to radical Sikh outfits with networks abroad. Former DGP K P S Gill, credited with ending militancy in Punjab, had also hinted this, while adding that AAP might not be aware of what it was doing. So cautious was AAP that attendance at many Kejriwal meetings was by

invitation only. AAP hit a potential stumbling block when accusations were raised that the Delhi government was delaying the release of 1993 Delhi bomb blast accused Devinder Pal Singh Bhullar, despite a central government order. On February 16, Mann faced protests from Nihang organisations over the matter. However, the issue didn't catch on.

The push for the "Kejriwal vs All" campaign was in tandem, by the party's social media campaign as well as its army of cybervolunteers. Akashnoor Singh Gadri, who led the party's social media team, said: "The audience engagement time of AAP's social media accounts was far more than that of other parties." Kejriwal also released several videos in Punjabi, highlighting AAP promises and separately addressing 'Akali Dal and BJP voters'.

In many ways, Kejriwal's positioning carried echoes of the projection of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the BJP — "woh kehte hain Modi hatao, mai kehta hoon bhrashtachar hatao". With one crucial difference: Modi's name rarely, if ever, was taken by Kejriwal in his public addresses. An AAP functionary said: "The fact is that even in Punjab, among many, especially Hindu voters, Modi remains popular. Despite that, many of them will not vote for the BJP because they know the party is in no position to win. In such a situation, why would AAP antagonise Hindu voters?"

Most of these voters are concentrated in urban centres, and over the last few months, Kejriwal held multiple town halls with the traders' community to win over economic centres such as Jalandhar and Ludhiana. Among those the party fielded to win over migrants from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the industrial belts was Delhi legislator Sanjeev Jha.

However, Jha was an exception, with AAP largely keeping its Delhi leaders away, barring Punjab co-incharge Raghav Chadha, Jamail Singh and Delhi ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendra Jain, who visited schools and health centres to compare them with the Capital's, underlining the 'Delhi Model'.

In the last leg, AAP brought in two surprise faces — Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal and daughter Harshita — to campaign for Bhagwant Mann. The message was that Mann was like Kejriwal's "chhota bhai", with Sunita addressing him as "devar" and Harshita as "chachaji".

While Sunita and Harshita had also campaigned for AAP in the 2020 Delhi Assembly polls, there was a clear message behind fielding the two in Mann's seat. An AAP leader admitted there was lingering doubt over whether Kejriwal trusted Mann's abilities, given the delay in declaring the popular leader as the CM candidate. "The party is walking the extra mile to dispel those doubts," the leader said.

## I HEREBY DECLARE

UP Election Watch and ADR analysed affidavits of 623 out of the 627 candidates in Phase 3 of UP polls

### THE RICHEST



■ **Yashpal Singh Yadav**, SP candidate from Babina

**ASSETS:** ₹ 70 crore



■ **Ajay Kapoor**, Cong candidate from Kidwai Nagar

**ASSETS:** ₹ 69 crore



■ **Pramod Kumar**, Cong candidate from Arya Nagar

**ASSETS:** ₹ 45 crore

### ON THE OTHER END

■ **Dhirendra Singh Gautam**, Aazad Samaj Party (Kanshiram) candidate from Dibiyaapur

**ASSETS:** ₹ 25,000

■ **Ramdas**, Independent candidate from Bilhaur (SC)

**ASSETS:** ₹ 20,000

■ **Devraj**, Independent candidate from Mahoba

**ASSETS:** ₹ 10,000

**Assets declared by 2 Independent candidates from Jalesar (SC) seat — RAJA BABU AND RAHUL PRATAP SINGH**

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A party-wise breakdown of candidates with assets over ₹ 1 crore

SP 52

BJP 48

BSP 46

Cong 29

AAP 18

**PHASE 3 February 20 polls in 59 seats, 16 districts**

Source: PTI

## SEAT WATCH BEHBAL KALAN

**MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA**

BEHBAL KALAN, FEBRUARY 18

THERE ARE two entrances to Behbal Kalan village. One is next to the site of the two-month-old dharna against police firing that killed 2 people protesting against the Bargari sacrilege incident in October 2015, and the other is adjacent to a sprawling mansion of a farmer who breeds horses.

Anger against sacrilege and Arabian horses that cost a fortune — these are the two sides of Behbal Kalan, a prosperous village on the national highway in Jaito

Assembly constituency of Faridkot that has been in the thick of Punjab politics since October 2015. Even before that, it was well-known — for its historic shrine of Tibbi Sahib where the tenth Sikh master, Guru Gobind Singh, stayed for 40 days — but these days, it's in news mainly for the police firing that claimed the lives of two anti-sacrilege protesters.

Ever since the incident, the village has seen a long line of leaders, from Rahul Gandhi, who came here in 2016 while on a padyatra from Kotkapura to Bargari, and former chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh, to PPCC chief Navjot Sidhu, who came a

month and half ago.

Hardev Singh and his younger brother Sukhdev, who own 18 acres and a stable of seven horses, still remember that fateful day of October 2005. "There was red hot rage when we learnt of the sacrilege at Bargari gurdwara, a few kilometres away, on October 12. We first blocked traffic on the highway but were asked by the police to move to the link road."

On October 14, the protesters had just finished with langar when the police came and opened fire, killing two.

One was Harkrishan Bhagwan, whose younger son Sukhraj Singh, a resident of Behbal

Khurd village across the road, started the dharna outside the village in December last year to protest against inaction in the case. "My father was collecting utensils when he was shot, my grandfather rushed him to the hospital but he bled to death on the way," says Sukhraj.

Everyone in the village has some memories of that day. Manpreet Singh, Zila Parishad member and Youth Congress secretary, who had gone to Jaito that morning, says he rushed to the hospital when he heard that the bodies had been brought there.

"Six years have passed, people have built their political careers on



Lovely Brar with a racehorse bred at Behbal Kalan. Express

this issue, but nothing has come out of it," rues Sukhraj.

The brothers, who are among the 30-odd witnesses in the case say they are tired of repeating their statements to authorities. The word "rosh" or anger is a common refrain in the village that has an almost equal number of landed farmers and landless labourers.

Lovely Brar, who runs one of the biggest stud farms in the area with around 100 horses on 15 acres, says, "No one has forgotten. Till the time the culprits are caught, the anger will remain."

The incident has not affected the Brar farm that supplies horses to BSF, CRPF and Punjab Police.

"We have a niche market and our clients know us for generations," says Brar's father, Harnek Singh, telling you how it was his father who first started rearing horses around the time of Independence. A client inspecting the majestic horses in their paddocks says a good Arabian racehorse can fetch as much as a crore. The Brars have two in that league.

It's election time but there are few posters in the village. "Although we have a Congress sarpanch, it's a mixed bag here. People vote for everyone," says Brar. "We used to be staunch Akalis but stopped after the sacrilege. So, last time we voted for

jhaadoo." Jaito elected AAP's Master Baldev Singh, a teacher-turned-politician in 2017 but he was disqualified last year for joining a party floated by fellow MLA Sukhpal Khaira. "He (Baldev) did nothing for the village but we have lost faith in traditional parties," says Hardev, who is all set to send his son Amarinder, a Class 11 student, for studies abroad. "Ithe ki rakhya hai (What's there for him here)?"

The wizened old Naib Singh, a farmhand with a sickle in hand, makes no bones about his choice: he is a diehard Congress voter. "It's important to choose a dhadda (side) and stay with it."



ON LAST DAY OF PUNJAB CAMPAIGN

PM hosts Sikh leaders, praised for bid to reach out to community

LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

IN WHAT is seen as an attempt by BJP to reach out to the Sikh community, which is considered to be upset with the Centre over the now-repealed farm laws, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted prominent Sikhs from across the country on Friday, two days before Punjab goes to the polls, and highlighted work done by his government for the community.

The meeting, including Sikh social and spiritual leaders and held at the Prime Minister's official residence, 7-Lok Kalyan Marg, is seen as part of the party's efforts to win hearts of the community. After the meeting, the Sikh leaders heaped praises on Modi's attempts to reach out to the community and support it. Some of them said the Prime Minister is a "Sikh at heart".

Calling it a "very special interaction with the Sant Samaj and distinguished members of the Sikh community", Modi tweeted after the meeting, "I was humbled by the kind words from the distinguished members of the Sikh community on various efforts of the Central Government. I consider it my honour that the respected Sikh Gurus have taken Seva from me



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with a Sikh delegation at his residence in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

and their blessings have enabled me to work for society."

Praising Modi for "what he has done for Sikh religion", Mahant Karamjit Singh, president sewapantni, Yamuna Nagar, told the media, "This includes opening of the Kartarpur corridor, announcement of December 26 as Veer Baal Divas in memory of Sahibzadas of the 10th Sikh Guru; restoration of Gurdwara Lakhpat Sahib destroyed in the Gujarat earthquake; and waiver

of GST waiver on langar, etc.. One line he said is very significant to us – he said that, 'I have Sikh in my blood, I have service mind in my blood, and whatever I do, I do it with my heart in it.'

Harmeet Singh Kalka, president, Delhi Gurdwara Committee, said, "Today it got clarified the kind of affection the PM has for the community. He has always honoured Sikh sentiments."

Manjit Singh Bhatia, president, Singh Sabha Gurdwara

Sahib, said the PM had strengthened Sikhs and the nation on the world stage. "Wherever he goes he embraces Sikhs because he knows how much they have sacrificed for the nation, and how dedicated they are to the spirit of service. The opening of the Kartarpur Corridor is a welcome step. The way he has projected the country globally is a marker of the teachings of Guru Gobind Singh," Bhatia said.

Modi's recent attempts to woo the Sikh community began with Akali Dal leader and Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee chief Manjinder Singh Sirsa joining BJP in December 2021. Last month, Hamam Singh Dhumma, chief of Damdami Taksal, a seminary once headed by Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, praised Modi's announcement of December 26 as Vir Baal Divas. His spokesperson Sarchand Singh also joined BJP.

For the community, warm ties with BJP is an opportunity to get their long-term grievances resolved, sources said. This includes the release of political prisoners still in jail. Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, had recently assured Sikh organisations of a "positive development" soon on Sikh 'political' prisoners who were to be released as per a 2019 Centre notification.

Yogi's warning: Bulldozers will resume work after March 10

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ALL BULLDOZERS in the state have been sent for repair and would resume work after March 10, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Friday referring to his government's action against criminals.

Chief Minister Adityanath told an election meeting here in Mainpuri that he made this remark in response to a query by a Samajwadi Party leader who asked him if the bulldozers would be operated even during the UP Assembly polls.

The UP government has been deploying bulldozers to demolish illegal properties of criminals.

"A senior SP leader asked me if bulldozers will be operated during the polls too. I told him not to worry as sometimes these bulldozers also need some rest," said the chief minister. "Hence, during the polls, all the bulldozers have been sent for repair," he added.

"People who had been hiding for the past four-and-half years, are crawling out after the announcement of the polls. They have been identified and after March 10, the bulldozers will resume their work. After March 10, their crawling will end," Adityanath said.

Mainpuri goes to the polls on February 20 during the third phase of the seven-phase UP Assembly elections with March 10 having been scheduled to count the votes.

Of the four constituencies in Mainpuri, three – Kishani, Mainpuri and Karhal – had been won by the SP and one, Bhongaon, by the BJP in the 2017 elections.

Punjab: Cong promises 1 lakh jobs every year, higher wages

KANCHAN VASDEV  
CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 18

WITH 13 PROMISES, including one lakh jobs, Rs 1,100 per month for women above 15 years of age, eight free cooking gas cylinders per year, and doubling of social security pension, the Congress on Friday released its manifesto for Punjab, hours before curtains on campaigning for the February 20 polls. The 13-point agenda has the stamp of state party president Navjot Singh Sidhu, with the party saying that the poll document is inspired by Guru Nanak Dev's "tera-tera" (yours-yours) philosophy.

"It is our road map and agenda with which we can change the lives of the people of Punjab," said Sidhu while releasing the manifesto in presence of Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and AICC incharge Harish Chaudhary and former PCC chief Sunil Jakhar.

Sidhu said that the Congress, if voted to power, will end mafia raj by setting up liquor and sand corporations and regulatory commissions for regulating transport and Cable network to ensure that "people's money goes to people". He said the manifesto reflects the vision of party leader Rahul Gandhi and "is an instrument for the resurrection of Punjab".

If the Congress returns to

power, the first file which the CM will sign will be for giving one lakh jobs, Sidhu said. He said the government will provide five lakh jobs over five years, in line with his proposed Urban Employment Generation Mission. He said they would also enhance the wages of MGNREGA workers to Rs 350 per day and increase the work days from 100 to 150 in a year.

He also stressed on the elimination of the mafia in the state and said it could happen by creating government corporations for liquor sale and sand mining. "We expect to make Rs 3,000 crore per year from sand through government-run corporation, and Rs 25,000 crore from liquor."

Akhilesh hits back at BJP's 'dynast' jibe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
JALAUN, FEBRUARY 18

HITTING BACK at BJP leaders over their 'dynast' jibe against him, Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Friday said a person who has a family understands its pain and asked will those without a family be able to feel the pain of families.

Addressing an election meeting in Jalaun in Uttar Pradesh, Yadav said, "They are terming me a 'ghor pariwarvadi' (ultimate dynast). A person who has a family understands the pain of the family. The BJP leaders do not have any family, will they be able to feel the pain of families? Only a family person can understand

his responsibility. A family person can understand what inflation is. People who have families are sitting here and they can feel (pain of) price rise. The youth feel (pain of) joblessness."

BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in some of his recent campaign speeches, had said the 'S' in the SP means 'sampatti ikattha' (amassing wealth) and 'P' means 'pariwarwad' (dynasty). Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also accused the SP of being 'ghor pariwarvadi'.

Sharpening his attack on the BJP, Yadav also said that the money deposited by people in banks after the demonetisation exercise in 2016 has been stolen by industrialists, who have subsequently fled the country.

Indian Embassy in Kuwait hits out at Tharoor for retweeting 'anti-India' post

New Delhi: THE INDIAN Embassy in Kuwait Friday slammed Congress MP Shashi Tharoor for retweeting what it said was an "anti-India tweet" by a "Pakistani agent", and asserted that such anti-India elements should not be encouraged.

The sharp response from the Indian Embassy in Kuwait came after Tharoor retweeted a post which claimed "powerful" Kuwaiti parliamentarians have demanded that the Kuwait government ban the entry of any BJP member. The tweet further said, "We can't sit back and watch Muslim girls being publicly persecuted they said. Time for the Ummah to unite."

The Indian Embassy tweeted: "Sad to see an Hon'ble Member of Indian Parliament retweeting an anti-India tweet by a Pakistani agent who was recipient of a Pakistani Award 'Ambassador of Peace' for his anti-India activities. We should not encourage such anti-India elements," PTI

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In the light of letter of ADG (ME), DGHS, Govt. of India Ref. no. U-12021/06/2021-MEC dated 12.02.2022 and in continuation to Adv. No. BCECEB(PGMAC)-2021/06 Dated: 16.02.2022, it is to inform all concerned candidates of PGMAC-2021 that since Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) has again re-scheduled the dates of online counselling for admission on All India Quota seats, hence accordingly the important dates for offline 2nd round Counselling of PGMAC-2021 is also hereby re-scheduled as follows;

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ii. Willingness for 2nd round counselling	up to 20.02.2022	up to 23.02.2022
iii. Result / counselling programme publication of 2nd round counselling	23.02.2022	25.02.2022
iv. Seat Matrix uploading	25.02.2022	26.02.2022
v. Proposed date of counselling/admission	from 26.02.2022	from 28.02.2022

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### STAGGERED CELEBRATIONS

THE CABINET turned up in full strength Friday evening at the wedding of their colleague Bhupender Yadav's daughter at his 9, Motilal Nehru Marg residence. The restricted wedding event, which was also attended by President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, was arranged keeping in mind the high security nature of the guests as well as Covid protocols. Yadav, the Environment and Labour Minister, had in fact staggered the wedding celebrations over the week, keeping in mind the Covid protocols. For his daughter's engagement, he had invited officers from both his ministries. On Monday, kicked off the celebrations with an event in his village, attended by guests from Haryana and Rajasthan. On Tuesday, colleagues from Bihar and Jharkhand were invited for lunch and party members from Gujarat and Maharashtra attended dinner. In the middle of the celebrations, the minister managed to squeeze out time for official commitments — a cabinet meeting and a speech at World Sustainable Development Summit among others.

### PRESIDENT'S INVITE

MUGHAL GARDENS at Rashtrapati Bhavan will have some special guests on Saturday. President Ram Nath Kovind has invited judges at Supreme Court, including Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, and their family members to the Mughal Gardens, which opened to the public on February 12. After a tour of the gardens — of which the main attraction this year is 11 varieties of tulips — the President and the First Lady would host high tea for the visitors, sources said. This is the first time the President has extended a special invitation to the judges, they said.

### SEEKING TIME

AFTER BEING served a notice by Election Commission on Wednesday over his statement allegedly threatening to use bulldozers over voters who do not vote for the BJP in the Uttar Pradesh elections, BJP MLA T Raja Singh asked for an extension to respond to the poll body's notice. According to sources, Singh has asked for time till 1 pm on February 19 to respond to the notice. Earlier, the poll panel had granted him 24 hours to respond on why action should not be taken against him.

## Kumar Vishwas likely to get central security cover

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

FORMER AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Kumar Vishwas, who recently alleged that Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal supported Khalistani elements during the last Punjab elections, is likely to get central security cover.

"Vishwas's security was being reviewed and a report has been sought from the Intelligence Bureau (IB) in this regard," sources in the government said on Friday.

Vishwas had recently told ANI that during the 2017 elections, he had warned Kejriwal not to go with "fringe elements", separatists and forces associated with the Khalistani movement.

"But he (Kejriwal) said, nahin ho jayega (it will be done)... he told me, 'ya toh main ek swatantra sube ka mukhyamantri banoonga ya swatantra desh ka pehla pradhan mantri' (I'll either be the chief minister of an independent state or be the first PM of an independent nation)," Vishwas had said.



**Rebel AAP leader Kumar Vishwas**

Following Vishwas' statement, both the BJP and Congress had accused Kejriwal of being hand-in-glove with separatist elements in Punjab.

On Friday, Kejriwal rubbished the charges and said that such allegations are being made against him by political rivals for the past several years and if they were true, the central agencies should have arrested him. "If one goes by their claims, that means I am a big terrorist. If one goes by their logic, then what were their agencies doing, why did they not arrest me?" Kejriwal said in a press conference.

Punjab elections are scheduled to be held on February 20. The move to give central security cover to Vishwas comes days after the Centre granted paramilitary protection to 25 BJP leaders from Uttar Pradesh and Punjab for elections.

## India, UAE ink comprehensive trade pact; vow to jointly fight terrorism

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

A JOINT commitment to fight extremism and terrorism, enhancing maritime cooperation, promote e-payment solutions, set up an IIT in UAE, a joint Hydrogen Task Force and an ambitious Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement — these were the key takeaways of the virtual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Friday.

Prime Minister Modi said that India and the UAE will stand shoulder to shoulder against terrorism and referred to the recent terror attacks in the Gulf nation even as he delved into various facets of the expanding ties between the two countries.

"We strongly condemn the recent terrorist attacks in the UAE. India and the UAE will stand shoulder to shoulder against terrorism," he said.

He also complimented the UAE for showing interest in investing in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Following the successful visit of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir to the UAE last month, several Emirati companies have shown interest in investing in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. "We welcome investment by UAE in all sectors, including logistics, healthcare, hos-



**Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan hold a virtual summit on Friday. PTI**

pitality, in Jammu and Kashmir."

In a significant development, the two sides inked a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) to further boost trade and investment ties. "I am sure this will usher in a new era in our economic relations. And our business will grow from \$60 billion to \$100 billion in the next five years," the Prime Minister said.

An India-UAE Joint Vision Statement was adopted which lays down contours of future course of bilateral relations and highlights areas of focus.

On defence and security, both sides agreed to enhance maritime cooperation contributing to maintenance of peace and security in the region. They also reaffirmed joint commitment to fight against extremism and terrorism, including cross-border terrorism, in all forms, at both regional and international levels.

On energy partnership, they agreed to promote collaboration opportunities to support India's energy requirements, including new energies, and ensure the provision of affordable and secure energy supplies to India's growing economy. They also expressed mutual support in energy transition and focused work on a low-carbon future.

On climate action and renewables, they agreed to support each other's clean energy missions and establish a joint Hydrogen Task Force to help scale up technologies, with special focus on production of Green Hydrogen.

On emerging technologies, they agreed to expand cooperation on critical technologies and mutually promote e-businesses and e-payment solutions and promote start-ups from both countries.

On education cooperation, they agreed to establish an Indian Institute of Technology in the UAE.

On health cooperation, they decided to collaborate in research, production and development of reliable supply chains for vaccines

and enhance investments by UAE entities in the health infrastructure in India as well as collaborate in providing healthcare in under-privileged nations.

On food security, they acknowledged the need to enhance the resilience and reliability of food supply chains. They also decided to expand cooperation through enhanced bilateral food and agriculture trade and, promote and strengthen the infrastructure and dedicated logistic services connecting farms to ports to final destinations in the UAE.

On skills cooperation, they agreed to enhance cooperation in skill development so as to align with the market needs and address the changing needs for the future of work.

**TARIFFS TO FALL, MORE ACCESS TO WEST ASIA, AFRICA**

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### Russia welcomes India's position on Ukraine crisis

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

RUSSIA ON Friday welcomed India's position on the Ukraine crisis, amid a spike in tensions between NATO countries and Moscow over the situation in the eastern European nation.

The reaction came a day after India said at the UN Security Council that "quiet and constructive diplomacy" is the need of the hour and any step that could escalate the tension should be avoided.

"We welcome #India's balanced, principled and independent approach," the Russian embassy in India posted on Twitter.

At a meeting of the UN Security Council on the Ukraine situation, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, T S Tirumurti, on Thursday pitched for immediate de-escalation of the situation.



### RAJNATH RALLIES WITH CAPT

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, president of Punjab Lok Congress Captain Amarinder Singh and his wife, Congress MP Preneet Kaur, at an election rally in Patiala on Friday. People want to create a 'Nava Punjab', and only the BJP-led alliance can bring all-round progress in the state, Rajnath Singh said. PTI

## Rajnish Seth appointed Maharashtra DGP

**YOGESH NAIK & MOHAMED THAYER**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18

THE MAHARASHTRA government on Friday appointed Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) chief Rajnish Seth as the DGP of Maharashtra in place of Sanjay Pandey, who was the acting DGP of the state for more than 10 months. The government's hand was forced after the Bombay High Court pulled up the Maharashtra government last week for "favouring" Pandey, whose name did not



**Rajnish Seth (left) took over from Sanjay Pandey, who has been the acting DGP for over 10 months. Express**

make to the list of three officers shortlisted by the UPSC as per the

Prakash Singh judgment.

The court had given the government time till Monday, February 21, to take a decision on DGP appointment.

Seth, who likes to keep a low profile, belongs to the 1988 IPS batch. He will retire in December 2023 and thus will have a long tenure as the DGP of the state. Seth's father SK Seth was the additional director of CBI.

In March last year, Seth was appointed as acting DGP before he was transferred as DG, ACB, and Pandey was brought in his place. The decision on the new

state ACB chief, a sensitive post, is likely to be taken at a later date. While Pandey is set to go back to his original post of heading the Maharashtra State Security Corporation, sources say that he is yet to make up his mind about going back to his original posting.

Pandey, who the state government had relied on to conduct an enquiry against IPS officer Param Bir Singh, had taken over as the chief of the over 2 lakh-strong force on April 10, 2021, soon after the Antilia threat case emerged.

### 1ST MEET OF PARTY'S NEW WORKING PANEL

## Abhishek reinstated as TMC national general secretary

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 18

TMC CHIEF Mamata Banerjee on Friday reinstated her nephew Abhishek Banerjee as the party's national general secretary and chose senior loyalists as office bearers in the newly formed national working committee.

The appointments were announced in the first meeting of the national working committee, formed on February 12 after dissolving all party posts except that of chairperson held by Mamata.

However, two party MPs Saugata Roy and Kalyan Banerjee were not given any portfolios. While Saugata backed Abhishek on the "one-person, one-post" issue, Kalyan criticised him for his 'Diamond Harbour Covid model' aimed to drastically reduce the Covid infection rate and increase testing. Kalyan was also removed from the party panel of spokespersons.

In over an hour-long meeting chaired by Mamata, secretary general of TMC's West Bengal unit Partha Chatterjee said Yashwant Sinha, Subrata Bakshi and Chandrima Bhattacharya have been selected as party vice-presidents.

Aroop Biswas will be the new treasurer while Kolkata Mayor and minister Firhad Hakim will work as a co-ordinator between Mamata and the working committee.

Rajya Sabha chief whip Sukhendu Sekhar Roy and Lok Sabha MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar have been chosen as party spokespersons for the Upper and Lower House, respectively.

Partha said, "Yashwant Sinha, Amit Mitra and some other leaders will formulate our external affairs and economic policy. The north-east unit will be looked after by Sushmita Dev, Mukul Sangma and Subal Bhowmik." The Goa unit will be helmed by former chief minis-



**Abhishek Banerjee**

**EXPLAINED**  
**TMC's de facto No. 2**

THE MOVE to reinstate Abhishek Banerjee as TMC's national general secretary reinforces the Diamond Harbour MP's de facto No 2 status in the party amid internal rumblings between the old and the young on the "one-person, one-post" issue and the role of Prashant Kishor's I-PAC.

ter Luizinho Faleiro.

Earlier this month, Mamata had dissolved all party posts and formed a 20-member working committee after fissures in the party surfaced.

A senior party leader, who attended the meeting, said: "Banerjee has struck a balancing act between the new and old generation. She has failed to allot a proper post to Firhad Hakim. So, she gave him as the coordination responsibility, which is ceremonial."

On I-PAC, another TMC leader said Mamata will soon take a final call on its role in party affairs. "Senior leaders of the West Bengal unit unanimously opposed renewing the services of political strategists, such as I-PAC. A decision on barring I-PAC from day-to-day functioning of the party was almost taken. But, the final call will be taken by our chairperson," said another TMC leader.

### LANGUAGE ROW

## Jharkhand removes Bhojpuri, Magahi from language list for exam in Bokaro, Dhanbad

**ABHISHEK ANGAD**  
RANCHI, FEBRUARY 18

DAYS AFTER protests erupted in parts of Jharkhand against the inclusion of Bhojpuri and Magahi as regional languages in the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC) examinations for appointments in Bokaro and Dhanbad districts, the state government rolled back the decision through a notification on Friday.

Thousands had protested in Bokaro, Dhanbad, Giridih and Ranchi districts after the state government on December 24 notified Magahi and Bhojpuri as regional languages for employment in Bokaro and Dhanbad districts. The protesters reasoned that the small population that spoke Magahi and Bhojpuri in the two districts did not war-

rant the move.

The Friday notification signed by the Principal Secretary (Personnel, Administrative Reforms, and Rajbhasha Department) has kept Nagpuri, Urdu, Khortha, Kurmal and Bangla in the regional languages' list, omitting Bhojpuri and Magahi in the two districts. However, their status as regional languages in other districts stays.

At the centre of the protests was Jharkhandi Bhasha Sangharsh Samiti — an organisation of Moolvasis and Adivasis — that addressed more than 50 meetings, eliciting support against the government move. One of the Samiti members, Tirth Nath Akash, said that they were not opposing the inclusion of Bhojpuri and Maghai in the Latehar, Garhwa and Palamu areas because a substantial population spoke the languages there.

## In House address, Kerala Governor sticks to state govt line, targets Centre over federalism

**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, FEBRUARY 18

ADAY after he kept the CPI(M)-led state government on tenterhooks, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan on Friday delivered the customary address to the Assembly, reading out the document on behalf of the state that targeted the Union government over legislation on subjects which figure in State and Concurrent Lists without consultations.

In his address, which marked the beginning of the Budget session of the Assembly, Khan said, "Federalism is an inalienable part of the basic structure of our Constitution. Cooperative feder-



**Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan addresses the opening day of the Assembly's Budget Session in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. UNI**

alism has been recognised as our common desirable goal."

"However, in recent times, legislation by the Union government are taking place on subjects enumerated in State and Concurrent Lists, that too without effective consultation with the states," he said. "This goes

against the grain of cooperative federalism. My government is of the opinion that this should not be a practice to be continued."

On the eve of the House session, Khan had refused to give consent to his opening address to the House in protest against a dissent letter issued by the gov-

ernment along with the recent appointment of a BJP leader as his additional personal assistant. He made the government to remove senior IAS officer K R Jyothilal, who had issued the dissent letter, from the general administration department.

Referring to the agitation against the farm laws, Khan, in his address, hoped that the Centre would come up with an inclusive strategy that would address rural distress.

"The climate of economic distress that currently prevails in the country was exposed by the farmers' agitation against the farm legislation. This agitation is a reflection of acute deprivation among workers and farmers in rural and urban settings alike, which neces-

sitates immediate drastic intervention," he said. "In light of the impact of the agitation and the Union government's response, we are hopeful that the Union government will come up with an inclusive strategy that will address rural and agrarian distress."

Sticking to the prepared text, Khan spoke in detail about the achievements of the state government and its projects to be implemented in the next fiscal. On the semi high-speed rail corridor, he said, "My government expects an early approval from the Union government for this project, which would catalyse employment and growth while enhancing the speed, joy and comfort of travel."

The Opposition members boycotted the Governor's address.

## TN: Kerala Governor's remark on Mullaperiyar dam against SC order

No need for new dam, Kerala can't approach us: TN minister

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
CHENNAI, FEBRUARY 18

AFTER A statement by Kerala governor Arif Mohammad Khan on Friday that the state will go ahead with the plan — and discussions with Tamil Nadu — to build a new dam in Mullaperiyar for the "safety of people", the Tamil Nadu government issued a statement, strongly condemning the Kerala stand and calling it "contrary to the Supreme Court's May 2014 order".

The statement issued by Water Resources Minister Durai Murugan categorically said the Kerala government's

"arbitrary decision" to build a new dam "cannot be accepted". Referring to Governor Khan's speech, Murugan said Kerala was yet again going against the Supreme Court order by raking up the topic of a new dam.

Reminding that the Supreme Court has unquestionably ascertained the safety aspects of the dam, Murugan said: "There is no need for a new dam in Mullaperiyar. It is also clear that Kerala cannot approach Tamil Nadu to build a new dam."

"In this scenario, Kerala's arbitrary decision to go ahead with the new dam project cannot be accepted. At any cost, the state of Tamil Nadu will oppose

such a move. The rights of Tamil Nadu cannot be compromised," said Murugan.

Last November, the Tamil Nadu government stated the same in the SC in reply to a similar move by the Kerala government. Tamil Nadu had then asserted that the dam is "hydrologically, structurally and seismically safe". That the height of the storage level at 142 feet was endorsed by the Supreme Court in May 2014 order and safety aspects are being constantly monitored by a supervisory committee, Tamil Nadu had submitted that any move to de-commission the dam to build a new one would violate a series of SC judgments.



Dawood brother in ED custody till Feb 24

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Friday arrested under-world don Dawood Ibrahim's brother Iqbal Kaskar from Thane jail in connection with a money laundering case registered against Dawood and his aides. A special court sent him to ED's custody till February 24.

Kaskar was brought from Thane jail and produced before Special Judge M G Deshpande after the court, earlier this week, issued a production warrant against him.

Kaskar has been in jail after being charged under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), following three cases of extortion registered against him by the Thane Police in 2017. The ED said that it was probing money laundering of proceeds of crime linked to one of the extortion cases against Kaskar. It was suspected that Kaskar was regularly receiving substantial proceeds of crimes from his brother, said the ED.

Special Public Prosecutor Hiten Venegavkar also submitted that the ED probe is linked to a complaint registered by the National Investigation Agency earlier this month against Ibrahim and top members of his gang including Chhota Shakeel, Javed



Iqbal Kaskar arrested in PMLA case

Chikna, Tiger Memon, Anees Ibrahim and others.

Venegavkar submitted that its probe so far had shown that Kaskar was involved in extortion by pressuring various builders and celebrities with the help of his brother Dawood Ibrahim's image as a global terrorist.

The ED sought his custody, stating that it wants to probe further into hawala money transactions and locate the trail of the proceeds of crime.

Lawyer Sultan Khan, representing Kaskar, said that he has been in jail since 2017 and has no cases in which his brother is his co-accused. Khan submitted that Kaskar was acquitted in a previous case where Ibrahim was named a wanted accused.

Khan said that Kaskar was willing to cooperate with the ED and may be sent to its custody. Khan filed a plea stating that Kaskar would not want to give any statement to inculpate himself.

The ED is probing a money laundering case against Ibrahim and his gang members.

2008 AHMEDABAD SERIAL BLASTS: DEATH SENTENCE FOR 38

Survivors, victims' families welcome verdict

VAIBHAV JHA & PARIMAL DABHI AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 18

SHRAVAN BOLIKAR, 65, ran a tailoring shop at Hatkeshwar Circle. On July 26, 2008, after he reached home from work, his wife Sunanda, 52, left to buy vegetables and never returned. In her search, Shravan landed up in the morgue of Ahmedabad's Civil Hospital and found her body. On Friday, when a special court handed out the death sentence to 38 of the 49 convicts, Shravan joined a group of shopkeepers to celebrate the judgment. A placard in his hand read: "Long live humanity, down with terrorism".

Survivors and the family members of those killed welcomed the verdict, but they said the long wait of over 13 years for justice prolonged their pain. As many as 21 blasts had rocked Ahmedabad in a span of 70 minutes that fateful day in 2008, killing 56 people and injuring over 200.

Shravan said, "Can death penalty compensate for my loss? The case dragged on for 13 years. The punishment is right though."

Yash Vyas, 22, was just eight when an explosion outside the Trauma Centre of Civil Hospital killed his father Dushyant and elder brother Rohan. An engineer-



A file photo of one of the blast sites in Ahmedabad. Fifty-six people were killed and more than 200 injured in the serial blasts, which rocked the city on July 26 2008. Bhupendra Rana/ File

ing student now, Yash welcomed the verdict, saying, "My father and brother must have got some solace today."

Yash's father worked at the Civil Hospital. The two brothers were with their father to learn how to ride a bicycle in the open area there. "We were about to return home when my father got a call from someone around 7.30pm, seeking his help as a patient was about to reach the Trauma Centre. We went there and a blast blew away my father and brother. I don't know how I

survived. I could not see or hear anything," said Yash. He spent three months at Apollo Hospital. His mother got a job in the hospital on compassionate grounds.

Jashwantbhai Patel, 59, a car mechanic, also died in the second blast at the Civil Hospital. Being a member of a social workers' group, he was at the hospital to help the victims, and received serious injuries in the blast. "After my father's death, we struggled in running the garage as he handled everything," Amrish said, who was 30 then.

Mona Goswami, 39, is the sister of Chandangiri Goswami who, too, lost his life in the Civil Hospital blast when he was 22. Chandan, a third-year geology student, had gone to the hospital with two of his friends to help the blast victims. But, the three friends fell victims themselves. "It is good that the court has awarded death penalty to so many accused but nothing can compensate for the harrowing experience of the victims' families. Justice should have come much earlier," said Mona

HC restrains four academics from publishing letter accusing Savarkar biographer of plagiarism

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday restrained four academics and a journalist from further publication of a letter accusing historian Dr Vikram Sampath of plagiarism with respect to his two-volume biography of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. The court also said the defendants would not post anything defamatory against him on any platform, online or offline.

The letter written by US-based academics Dr Audrey Truschke, Dr Ananya Chakrabarti and Dr Rohit Chopra on February 11 was addressed to the Royal Historical Society where Dr Sampath is a fellow. They asked the society to subject Sampath's body of work to scrutiny.

Seeking damages of Rs 2 crore and Rs 100 and a permanent injunction against the defendants, Sampath in his petition said that the letter was part of an "international smear campaign" to discredit him because "he has shown the academic courage and gumption to challenge the prevailing narrative around a historical figure". The court was told that he has given references to the work of other scholars.

After hearing Sampath's counsel, Justice Amit Bansal said that he has made a prima facie case for grant of an interim injunction and the continued publication of the letter has been causing "considerable damage" to his reputation and career.

The court will hear the suit on April 1. It has sought replies from the defendants. **ENS**

After well mishap, trauma, anger among residents of UP village

MAULSHREE SETH KUSHINAGAR, FEBRUARY 18

A ROW of burning pyres in this eastern Uttar Pradesh village tells many stories. A crush of women desperately trying to climb out of a deep, narrow well. An army man's daughter who died saving others. An ambulance that arrived only an hour-and-a-half later. People laying their daughters and wives to rest.

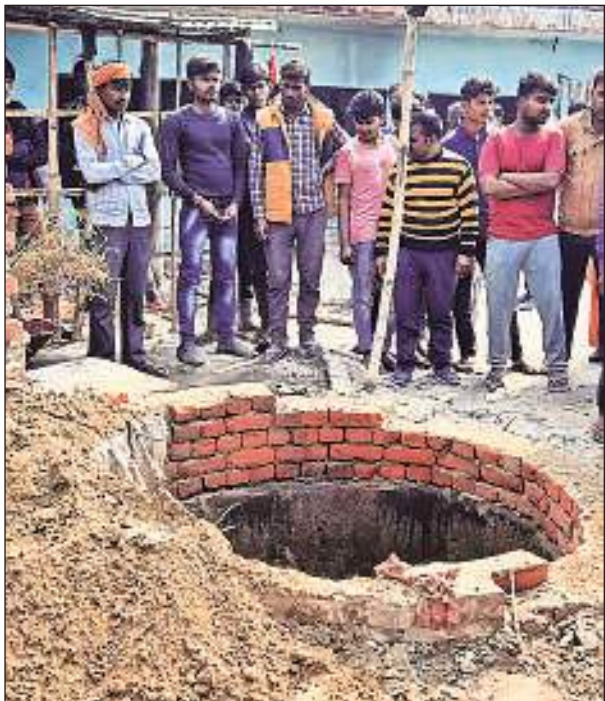
Two days on, Navua Naurangia in Kushinagar district is still coming to terms with the night when many of its women and girls fell into an unused, decades-old well, after a cement slab covering it gave way under their weight. They were all at a wedding ceremony.

Five women and eight girls died. The youngest among them was one-year-old Pari, who died in her mother's arms.

Residents recalled trying to pull out the women with ropes, sarees, ladders and just about anything else they could lay their hands on, relying only on the light from their phones and torches.

Mixed with their grief are several questions. Why was the well not repaired using the gram panchayat funds? Why did the ambulance not arrive on time? Why did they have to fight for first-aid with an allegedly drunk pharmacist at the community health centre?

"It's a 40-foot well and was not used for decades as its water had become dirty. There is a marriage ritual that takes place near the well. Most of the time this well was used as there is an open space near it for women and girls to



Five women and 8 girls died after they fell into an unused, decades-old well in a village in Kushinagar district. Express

come together, dance and sing. That night was no different until we heard a woman running towards us shouting 'kuwein mein auratein gir gayi hain'," said Rajnish Kumar, a bank mitra in the village and one of the first people to reach the spot. The men first tried to lower ropes and sarees but the women and girls found them difficult to grip in that congested space, all the while gulping dirty black water. Then they tried lowering a cane ladder. It simply sank in the water. The residents also

called the police, the '108' ambulance service, as well as tankers to extract water from the well.

"The police arrived soon and tried to help. People from the administration also arrived. But an ambulance did not come for more than one-and-a-half hours despite repeated calls. They are parked at the community health centre, which is hardly 3 km away," said Anupam Kumar, who took some of the victims in his Alto to the CHC.

Outside his house, Ramesh

Chaurasia, 40, sat crying inconsolably. He had just lit the pyres of his wife, Mamta and sister-in-law Shakuntala — and buried his niece Pari. The in-charge of the community health centre has been transferred and the pharmacist suspended.

The new in-charge, Dr Prabhu Kumar, a paediatrician, tried to rebut allegations that they did not respond in time, claiming that the services for the ambulances fell under a control room in Lucknow.

Drivers Jitendra Kumar and Ram Yadav said there were four ambulances at the CHC, two attached with the 108 service and two with the 102 service for women. "While one was on night-off, the one parked ambulance was for the 102 service. The two '108' ambulances were about 8 to 10km away bringing patients," said Jitendra. "We came back from there and went to the spot. By that time, people had brought most of the victims in either their private vehicles or the police vehicle."

The explanations ring hollow for the kin of the victims.

Among them is 45-year-old Rita Kushwaha, a widow who lost her younger daughter, Radhika, 15. Her elder daughter, Karishma, survived. Rita, who works as a farm labourer, had struggled to get her children, including two sons, educated on her paltry earnings. Unlike men who earned Rs 250-300 for a day's work, she got only Rs 100. "Mahilaon ke liye kam rate hai," a resident tried to explain.

"Both of us used to go to our school together on a bicycle. Radhika was there next to me one moment...and in the next minute she was gone" said Karishma.

HIJAB CONTROVERSY

Students in hijab demanding college entry booked

KIRAN PARASHAR BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 18

A GROUP of students who were demanding that they be allowed to enter their college wearing hijab in Karnataka's Tumakuru have been charged with unlawful assembly and disobeying an order promulgated by a public servant.

The case against 10-15 "unknown" girl students was registered after a complaint was filed by the principal of Empress Government Pre-University College in Tumakuru, around 70 km from Bengaluru.

On Thursday, the police stopped the students from entering the college and told that they would be allowed entry only if they removed their hijab. Some of the students, however, demanded answers from college authorities about why they were not being allowed inside.

According to the principal's complaint, 10-15 students wearing hijab demanded entry into the college, and "disrupted" routine activities of the college.

The police had imposed prohibitory orders under CrPc Section 144 within 200 metres of the college campus as a preventive measure. Tumakuru SP Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad was unavailable for comments.

Meanwhile, the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College in Udipi, which had witnessed slogan-shouting between separate groups of students over the hi-

jab row, reopened on Friday after remaining closed for 10 days. The college was reopened amid tight police security as practical examinations were scheduled for pre-university students, authorities said. Students wearing head scarfs and hijab were not allowed inside the campus.

Similar incidents of students in hijab being denied entry to colleges were reported in Kodagu, Chitradurga, Bengaluru and other parts.

The opposition Congress hit out at the Sangh Parivar. Addressing the media along with party's state unit president D K Shivakumar, former chief minister Siddaramaiah said, "The percentage of Muslim girls attending schools and colleges was very low earlier, but many are showing interest in education recently. The Sangha Parivar is conspiring to deny education to Muslim girls by raking up the issue."

Heat over flag remarks

The Karnataka Assembly was adjourned till Monday after Congress leaders continued their demand for resignation of state minister K S Eshwarappa over his statement on the national flag. The Congress MLAs decided to stay in the House till Monday morning, saying they will continue their protest till Eshwarappa is sacked. Eshwarappa had said saffron flag may become national flag in the future but Tricolour should be respected by everyone as it is the national flag now.

Muslim students attend classes without hijab after admin's persuasion

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 18

WHEN HIJAB-WEARING students were being barred from classrooms elsewhere in Karnataka, the administration officials in the state's Chikmagalur district not only persuaded the Muslim students of a school run by the minority welfare department to attend classes without headscarves but also offered them to impart lessons in trigonometry.

On Wednesday, deputy commissioner KN Ramesh first held a meeting with students of Moulana Azad Model School, Indavara, as well as their parents to convince them that the high court's order barring the hijab was temporary and that it was important not to miss lessons because examinations were round the corner. He was accompanied by the superintendent of police (SP) Hakay Akshay Machindra, and the district's chief executive officer, Prabhu G.

"When I asked them what was tough for them, they said that it was trigonometry. I just held a class for them and they were happy about it. It was a confidence-building exercise. We have been able to do our best to ensure the students do not miss classes... The chief executive officer, the SP and I are visiting the schools where hijab incidents are reported and making our best efforts to convince them..." Ramesh said.

Govt approves project to connect pillars of criminal justice system

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

THE CENTRE on Friday approved the implementation of Phase II of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) project by the Ministry of Home Affairs at a total cost of Rs 3,375 crore during the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

This phase, closely monitored by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, will be a step towards ensuring effective and modern policing.

The project will be implemented as a central server scheme, an MHA statement said.

ICJS is a national platform for enabling integration of the main IT system used for delivery of Criminal Justice in the country. It seeks to integrate the five pillars of the system viz Police

(through Crime and Criminal Tracking and Network Systems), e-Forensics for Forensic Labs, e-Courts for Courts, e-Prosecution for Public Prosecutors and e-Prisons for Prisons.

According to MHA, in Phase-I of the project, individual IT systems have been implemented and stabilized even as search of records have been enabled on these systems.

"Under Phase-II, the system is being built on the principle of 'one data one entry' whereby data is entered only once in one pillar and the same is then available in all other pillars without the need to re-enter the data in each pillar," the MHA said in a statement.

According to MHA, the ICJS system would be made available through a dedicated and secure cloud-based infrastructure with high speed connectivity.

‘An outsider cannot know’: Suicide attempt, death send shock waves among traders in UP’s Baghpat

AMIL BHATNAGAR BAGHPAT, FEBRUARY 18

FAMILY MEMBERS sit members sit silently as Rajiv Tomar (47) tosses and turns on a cot. He struggles to keep his eyes open and when he does, his gaze is lost. Tomar also has trouble speaking, a side effect of the poison he consumed last week.

On February 8, Tomar attempted suicide on Facebook Live, blaming the government for the collapse of his business. His wife, Poonam (41), who consumed poison shortly afterwards, died during treatment at a Baghpat hospital.

Family members say Tomar had been struggling under mounting debts with his shoe business accumulating losses for the past two years — one of the

many Covid lockdown casualties. As per NCRB data released recently, suicides among the unemployed have been increasing and touched the highest (3,548) in the pandemic year of 2020.

Tomar and Poonam had been married nearly 15 years. He started his wholesale shoes business in 2012, followed by a retail shop. For the first few years, the business was stable, but then came demonetisation and the GST, and Tomar never recovered.

The family says even as the business slowed down, the added taxation cut the profits. The lockdown was the final blow, forcing Tomar to shut down with lakhs of debt in his accounts.

Baghpat is predominantly an agrarian district with majority sugarcane farmers, and a crucial Jat belt for the RLD. The suicide attempt by Tomar sent shock waves



Rajiv Tomar's shop, which he had to shut due to mounting losses. Express

among the small trader community in the region. "At the end of the day, an outsider can't know what a family is going through, especially during these hard

times. Covid is something that we never foresaw. Several people end up borrowing, which is a dangerous trap," says Adesh Tiwari, a grocery shop owner in the area where Tomar lives.

The family says after his businesses failed, Tomar started a shoe business in Poonam's name, but that didn't take off either. Poonam started stitching and tailor work from home to meet expenses.

In the two-minute Facebook Live video he recorded as he consumed poison, while Poonam tried to stop him, Tomar said: "I will pay the debts I have. Even if I die, I will pay. But I request everyone to please share the video. I am not a traitor, I think about the nation. If Modi ji had any shame, things would change. There has been no benefit to farmers and small traders."

As Tomar recovers, with the knowledge that Poonam is dead, the family has little hope about what comes next. Says his sister Rakhi: "Many such incidents must have happened. We just don't know of them. In Covid, the rich got richer. The middle class cannot keep digging their own graves. There is something wrong with the system and the government should make policies to ensure people don't take extreme steps."

At a 'Vyapari Mahakumbh' held in December, Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav had addressed the distress, saying while demonetisation and GST had left "a lasting impact on the overall economy", "The government's" approach towards trade and the trader community during the lockdown came as a final blow."

At a recent campaign rally, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the government had sold PSUs "to its friends", while making the small- and medium-scale businesses and manufacturing units "weaker by demonetisation".

The irony, the family says, is that Tomar was a life-long BJP supporter. His Facebook profile has a photo of him with BJP leaders, including Baghpat MP Satya Pal Singh, as well as photos of party hoardings featuring him. Neighbours said he would attend party events and rallies.

Of his backing for the BJP, Tomar told *The Indian Express*: "I met one person and they introduced me to another. Through social media, my network grew. Soon I became known to several people in the party. I supported it in an ideological sense."



# POLL AND BOGEY

K-word should not be allowed to be the last stroke in a Punjab poll campaign that kept a heartening focus on real issues

AS THE CURTAINS fell on a hard-fought poll campaign in Punjab, the Khalistan bogey once again reared its head in the state. This time it was raked up by a former AAP leader who came out of the cold to stoke a dead issue. Political parties sensing an opportunity to put down a rival have been quick to latch on to it, with Congress Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi even shooting off a letter at midnight to the prime minister, seeking an investigation into allegations against AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal. Earlier, other leaders and political parties in the fray raised the ante on the ostensible danger to the sovereignty of the border state, even as the AAP tried, unsuccessfully, to get the Election Commission to intervene. With just a day left for polls, this attempted hijacking of the political narrative is extremely unfortunate.

This comes in the closing days of a campaign that has kept a heartening focus on issues of development. Punjab, which is witnessing its maiden multi-cornered contest after over a year-long farmers' agitation, has seen a clamour for change on the ground, driven largely by accumulated governance deficits of past decades and callous disregard of bread and butter issues in a once prosperous state. The election campaign conducted amid Covid restrictions that imposed a ban on mammoth rallies, which were once the signature of Punjab elections, has been more conversational. Leaders, even those who never stepped out of their fortresses, were forced to attend small street corner meetings where issues closer to the ground replaced rhetoric. The Delhi model of development, promoted by Kejriwal, found frequent mention across a state that is forced to contend with the deepening problems of unemployment, drugs, price rise, and the yawning gaps in health and education infrastructure, forcing other parties to respond. This has resulted in manifestoes that promise world-class schools and hospitals at pocket-friendly rates and a push for agricultural diversification with minimum support price for fruits and vegetables. This is a welcome shift in terms of discourse in a state used to being wooed with freebies for the disprivileged and not-so-disprivileged. Even the emotive matter of sac-rilege that had occupied the centrestage in the last elections, and threatened to do so again, was gently pushed aside as issues related to growth and well being took centrestage.

The mudslinging in the last few days will hopefully not be the last word in this election. No one in the state wants to be reminded of the dark decade of militancy, mercifully consigned to the annals of history. Punjab and its people are eager to solve their problems, and embrace the challenges of the future. They certainly do not want to be forced to look over their shoulders by politicians who seek to trade on spectres of fear and distrust in pursuit of votes.

# BEING THIN-SKINNED

Delhi protests too much against criticism from abroad. It sends a message not of strength — but its opposite

INDIA HAS PROTESTED against Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsein Loong's remarks in the city state's assembly that "Nehru's India has become one where... almost half the MPs in the Lok Sabha have criminal charges pending against them, including charges of rape and murder", saying they were "uncalled for". It is not quite clear what this protest was meant to achieve. As a matter of fact, many of the winners of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections have criminal charges against them. According to the Association of Democratic Reforms, which analyses affidavits of candidates every election, 233 winners in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, or 43 per cent, self declared criminal charges against themselves, and of these, 159 had self declared serious criminal cases. The criticism from an unexpected quarter — Singapore and India are strategic partners, and are linked by trade and cultural ties — may have rattled the government.

Lee made the remark in the context of declining parliamentary standards during a debate sparked by accusations of lying against a member of the opposition in Singapore. But if the purpose of Delhi's protest was to convey that India will not take lying down insults to its democratically elected Parliament from the leader of a country that is hardly democratic, even if that country is a friend, it could have been better served by pointing out that the requirement of self-declaration of criminal charges in the election affidavits is a progressive step that empowers the voters to make better choices. As it is, though, Delhi's response has led to speculation that the objection was perhaps more to the laudatory reference to "Nehru's India" from which the Modi government has been trying to distance itself actively.

The bigger question is: Can a country that aspires to be treated as a global power afford to be so prickly and thin-skinned? India has "summoned" far too many ambassadors in recent times to hector them on so-called "anti-India" statements made in their countries not just by political leaders but even by private entities or individuals. The Ministry of External Affairs has even used social media platforms to shout down critics abroad, complete with hashtags. Just the other day, Delhi blasted the OIC for its comments on the hijab row in Karnataka. The government may win brownie points in some domestic galleries for standing up to critics outside, but Delhi should know that it wins no respect internationally when it does this, unless it wants to count itself in the same category as China. By reacting as it does, Delhi does not send out a message of strength, but the opposite — it only makes itself look insecure.

# MINISTRY OF NAMES

Assam chief minister takes his zeal for baptism into a battle with history. He must set himself higher goals

EASE OF DOING business and all is fine, but have you looked at the leaps India has taken in the ease of changing names index? It's as if there is a secret Ministry of Renaming whirling away in the crypts of any and every government, unseating Mughal emperors from street-names, scrubbing Urdu from public view and avenging the slights of history — with the stroke of a pen. Nothing is spared, neither cities nor railway stations, not even poets, as the short-lived posthumous baptism of Akbar Allahabadi reveals. Some might argue that what Uttar Pradesh thought yesterday sets the agenda for the rest of India. But Assam's chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is not one to be upstaged. He has announced a portal that will crowd-source names of places across Assam that are "contrary" to the state's "culture and civilisation."

The first suggestion has come from the chief minister himself. A hill that overlooks Guwahati has been put on notice. Its name, Kala Pahar, derives from a Muslim general of the Bengal Sultanate, who is believed to have desecrated the Jagannath temple in the late 16th century, and attacked the Kamakhya temple. There's a simple binary in that tale — of aggression and victimhood — that plays into the politics of divisiveness. BJP leaders, for instance, have decried AIUDF's Badruddin Ajmal as Kala Pahar. But the legend of Kala Pahar, as it survives in Odisha, Bengal and Assam, might resist being turned into a Hindutva pamphlet. While in some accounts, he is an Afghan plunderer and iconoclast; in other accounts, he is a Hindu man who falls in love with a Muslim woman and is so humiliated by Brahmin priests that he takes his fury out on the temples.

Sarma's zealous baptism is not concerned with such nuances. Nor with the criticism that his government must set sights on higher goals than polarisation. For all its history of unrest, Assam has always prided itself on its syncretic culture. The Ministry of Renaming might not agree, but that's a hill worth dying on.

# Working with blockchain



SUBHASHIS BANERJEE AND SUBODH SHARMA

It's an elegant concept but with several unsubstantiated claims. Applications must be thought through carefully

BLOCKCHAIN IS A fascinating data structure that generates great curiosity in computer science, the social and political sciences, and public policy. However, there is a lot of hype around the concept and its adoption in diverse fields seems to be faith-based, driven by unsubstantiated vendor and consultant claims. This is both bewildering and risky and stems, perhaps, from an inadequate understanding of the blockchain properties as well as imprecise articulations of their application requirements.

In essence, a blockchain is a sequential append-only public bulletin board of transaction records with two main functional properties. First, what can get added is reconciled by multiple participating peers following a pre-decided consensus protocol. This process cannot be gamed under the assumption that a majority of the unrestricted number of peers are honest. Second, the bulletin board is immutable; once a record is added, it is cryptographically ensured that it cannot be altered. Each participating peer normally has their own copy of the entire bulletin board, with identical content, and they can read and further copy at will.

A "permissioned" or private blockchain has only pre-identified participating peers. Hence, collusion is possible and integrity can only be ensured through regulations. Without political decentralisation, consensus does not imply safety, and this is no different from centralisation in its threat model.

Despite many claims to the contrary, the blockchain structure has nothing to do with the highly-nuanced notion of privacy, or even the limited secrecy aspect of it. To ensure secrecy of the bulletin board records, one has to fall back on traditional and well-established notions from cryptography — like encryption, key management and zero-knowledge proofs — and these techniques are not limited to blockchain. Decentralised consensus is orthogonal to the issue, and privacy is not an ensuing property of a

blockchain. "Consensus" is inapplicable when there is only one authority responsible for the integrity of the transactions, for example, the Election Commission of India when a vote is cast in the privacy of a polling booth or a person is added or removed from a voters' list. The claims of security based on blockchain are orthogonal to the verifiability requirements in voting, and despite the near-consensus against their use ("Securing the Vote, Protecting American Democracy" (2018), Consensus Study Report, NAS), the multitude of proposals on using blockchains for elections are disconcerting. Also, voting is not the only example of the inadequate analysis of the applicability of blockchain, and there are proposals for using them for land records, asset registers, etc. Most such proposals do not pass muster for reasons similar to voting. Indeed, a 2018 study found hardly any successful use cases.

The role of blockchain in RBI's digital currency proposal is similarly doubtful, and convincing methods independent of "consensus" need to be developed to ensure the correctness and verifiability of transactions while protecting user privacy.

What may help in many of these applications is just the immutable public bulletin board part of a blockchain, with or without encryption and zero-knowledge proofs. This may be simply achieved by the concerned authority periodically publishing the bulletin board in a publicly downloadable forum, and using hash chains verifiable by all to make alterations impossible.

Cryptocurrencies do make valid use cases for blockchains, though the political decentralisation of the participants involved is questionable. It also raises other concerns. Currency properties and monetary policies have evolved over thousands of years of bartering, and it is not clear that cryptocurrencies are consistent with them or that the larger macroeconomic implications of cryptocurrencies are well understood. Crypto as-

sets derive their values from their potential to be exchanged for other currencies. However, since only a limited set of commodities are traded with crypto assets, and that too only by a privileged section of the world population, their price determinations with respect to sovereign fiat currencies are uncertain. Apart from the crucial price stabilisation issues, their potential to further inequality is also considerable.

Moreover, an asset becomes valuable when it is scarce and there is a demand. The scarcity of cryptocurrencies arises from the computational hardness of currency mining, of the process of solving a hash puzzle. And, there is clearly a perceived demand, not unlike gold. However, gold mining not only involves labour, material and energy, but there are also additional requirements like environmental and other regulatory clearances, import regulations, to name a few. In contrast, mining in cryptocurrencies is achieved by spinning the CPUs and thereby consuming electricity. The total carbon footprint of cryptocurrencies is equivalent to that of a few megacities, and it does seem ungainly, energy-inefficient and unsustainable to mine assets this way. Surely, this requires regulation and taxation, especially for the potential environmental impacts and because only a few participate?

It is amazing that cryptocurrency research and deployment has not adequately addressed these concerns to develop sound theories for their regulation.

Blockchain is certainly an elegant concept whose properties and potential require careful research. The hype of treating them as solutions for everything with not-so-thoughtful use cases is perhaps techno-determinism at its worst.

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# ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

UP is no bi-polar contest, writing off BSP is fraught with peril

RECENTLY, WHILE DISCUSSING the 2022 UP Assembly election at a Dalit basti in central UP, I mentioned that the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) was missing in the campaign. A Dalit boy responded with a revealing anecdote: "An old woman in a village had three sons. For certain reasons, she did not like the youngest and treated him badly. So, every-day, she would prepare thalis only for her two favourite sons. After serving the food, she would go to the well to fetch water. This was when, each day, a miracle would occur. The two thalis that she served would automatically create a third thali of food." The BSP is in a similar situation, the boy added: "Even if no one wants to focus on us and recognise us, they can't ignore our existence. And they will not be able to deny our existence in the future, either."

Most of the media as well as political analysts are projecting the UP assembly election as a bi-polar contest between the BJP and the Samajwadi Party (SP). They don't consider the BSP a contender for office this time. Even those who acknowledge the party's presence on the ground argue that its impact on the outcome is likely to be minimal.

It is true that the BSP has lost the perception battle, but on the ground, it is turning the contest triangular in several constituencies. There are three reasons for this. First, the BSP's base vote is mostly intact. The Jatavs, who are estimated to be 11 to 12 per cent of the UP population, remain a cohesive force. Most of the Jatav youth are work-

ing as BSP cadres. The Jatavs are nearly two-third of the Dalit population in many districts. While it may be true that some non-Jatav Dalit castes will vote for the BJP and SP, a sizeable number of them may back the BSP.

Second, the BSP has distributed tickets as per the caste and social formula that helped the party in the 2007 assembly election that it won. This formula is based on building an alliance of Dalits, MBCs, Brahmins and Muslims within the broader framework of "sarvajan" politics. However, this formula may not be effective this time as Muslims are likely to vote strategically for the party best placed to defeat the BJP. The Brahmin vote may also not split to the extent of favouring the BSP as it did in 2007. Still, the voting percentage of the BSP is unlikely to slide below the 2017 level — it polled 22.23 per cent vote in that election.

Third, as this election is being held in the backdrop of the pandemic, cadres and an aggressive social media presence may matter. BSP cadres have worked all year to reach out to their voter base by organising small meetings and door-to-door campaigns. The BJP and the BSP are the two parties with a strong cadre base in UP. In this election, the party that is able to draw its voters to the booth may emerge as the stronger one. The BSP won't lag behind on this.

Compared to the BSP's 22.23 per cent vote in 2017, the SP got only 21.82 per cent of the vote. But as the BSP did not kick off a big rally-centred campaign early enough this

time, the media has made out that the fight is a bipolar one between the BJP and the SP. They miss the point that the BSP's cadres and support base do not need big rallies, although these are needed for attracting non-base votes. With Mayawati starting to campaign aggressively, the BSP seems to be recovering lost ground and seems to be dividing the votes of various non-Dalit communities in its favour. The local BSP cadres describe these votes as "phata hua" (divided). They say that these votes, which may come from both the MBCs and upper castes, are the party's strength in this election. Moreover, the BSP organisation is working hard, especially in the reserved seats. The party has also opened digital war-rooms and has become more active on social media with online campaigns and digital rallies.

The BSP can influence the result in two ways — it can divide many social communities that are perceived to be sympathisers of BJP or SP. By forcing a triangular contest in many constituencies, the BSP may either reduce the margin of victory of the candidates of the two main contestants or even win them.

The way this election is proceeding, analysts and psephologists who are giving the BSP 3 to 12 seats and around 11-13 per cent vote share may have to review their perception of the party as a marginal force in the electoral discourse.

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## FEBRUARY 19, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### PRESIDENT TALKS AMITY

THE PRESIDENT N Sanjiva Reddy urged parliamentarians to ensure that differences between them do not degenerate into discord. Political differences are bound to exist in a democracy but the good of the nation is an objective for which all the members must learn to cooperate, transcending principles. Addressing a Joint Sitting of the two Houses, the President observed that the first two years of the Sixth Plan should be regarded as the years of consolidation. In his eight page long speech which will be his last in Parliament — he retires in July — Reddy spoke of the achievements of the government. He referred to the 20 Point Programme four times.

### CEMENT SCANDAL

A MAJOR CEMENT scandal has unfolded in Andhra Pradesh. The state's major industry minister Baga Reddy is reportedly involved in the scandal both in terms of the quantity of the cement procured and the questionable means adopted to procure it. Reddy belongs to Medak, the district that returned Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to Parliament. He was also her campaign manager. The quantity of cement involved in the transaction is about 10,300 tonnes.

### LALDENG PASSPORT

THE GOVERNMENT HAS decided to issue a

passport for Laldenga and his family according to a spokesperson of the Mizo National Front. The passport would, however be valid for Western Europe, excluding the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany. Whitehall and Bonn had refused to give the leader and his family entry certificates even on humanitarian grounds.

### MP HOLDS UP TRAIN

THE KANPUR-KASIGANJ PASSENGER train was detained for 41 minutes at the GT road crossing in Gursaijan town when a local MP Chotey Singh Yadav allegedly parked his jeep on the track.



# THE IDEAS PAGE

## Who we are

What data tells us about the lives of the young in India, and the promise of a fraternal nation



OPENING ARGUMENT  
BY MENAKA GURUSWAMY

I HAVE OFTEN wondered: Who and what are Indians? The Constitution adopted by “We, the people” describes India as “a sovereign, socialist, secular democratic republic, securing to all its citizens justice, liberty, equality and to promote among them all fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the nation”. Be that as it may, the Constitution is rather far removed from most people’s lives. For a moment, let me leave my constitutional lens aside and look more closely at those who adopted this text — the people of the country.

When you are the world’s largest constitutional democracy, and the second-most populated country on the planet, one is justified in being curious about the mammoth undertaking that is India and the people who comprise it.

The United Nations World Population Prospects 2019 report projected the world population in 2021 to be around 7.87 billion. The Worldometers.info site projects that in 2022, India’s population will be around 1.4 billion. To put this in context, Indians will comprise 17 per cent of the population of the planet.

Significantly, even though we are a young person’s country, our population is also slowly declining. The average age of India is 28.4 years. This is in stark contrast to other parts of the world — Western Europe or North America, even China — which have ageing or greying populations.

Since we are a youthful nation, I have often wondered what my younger compatriots think or feel or believe? Is India growing more into the country of her Constitution? A country of constitutional morality — of equality, liberty, and fraternity? Are neighbourhoods more mixed today? Are inter-caste and inter-religious relationships more common?

I am eternally curious about my country. This is one of the primary reasons that I practise law. Every day, litigation provides insights into one life or many lives, a cause of action, a motive of one or many Indians. A courtroom offers you a window into the many stories that comprise our country — whether that is one of commerce, one of a family coming undone (divorce), a murder, or many murders. Last week, one of my more exciting cases involved a triple murder and 24 accused set in a part of the country I had never been to. But it brought alive the context of these many lives undone by an enduring rivalry.

Therefore, I was excited to come upon a book that uses data to explain India and Indians. Rukmini S, a data journalist, is the author of the book titled *Whole Numbers and Half Truths — What data can and cannot tell us about modern India*. (A note here: It is deeply unfortunate that the book’s publisher Westland books has been closed.)

The book relies on data collected from the Census, National Statistical Office, National Family Health Survey, National Crime Records Bureau and Election Commission, among others. Rukmini S also relies on reputed private sources for data including India Human Development surveys, the Lokniti-CSDS surveys and the Social Attitudes Research survey. A particularly riveting chapter is titled ‘Eat, Pray, Enjoy, Love, Marry — How India



C R Sasikumaran

Lives Life’. I have reproduced its findings in this portion of the article.

What does India eat? Based on the surveys, Rukmini S reports that the country is only one-quarter to one-third vegetarian. She notes that surveyors reported a reluctance of people to report meat eating. Seventy-nine per cent of people from the Scheduled Castes and 82 per cent Scheduled Tribes eat meat, as do 68 per cent of Other Backward Castes and 65 per cent of upper castes. Importantly, the data shows that meat-eating has been growing in India since the early 2000s.

What about marriage? As of January 2018, 93 per cent of married Indians had an arranged marriage. Just 3 per cent had a “love marriage”, and 2 per cent had a “love-cum-arranged” marriage — they were introduced by their families, fell in love, and got married. Importantly, this is only marginally different from the study of octogenarians, of whom 94 per cent had an arranged marriage. Therefore, the author concludes that young Indians get married the way their grandparents did.

Significantly, the prevalence of arranged marriages means that marriages remain within one’s caste and religion. A 2011-2012 survey found that only 5 per cent of urban respondents had an inter-caste marriage, like the findings of a 2014 survey that reported only 5 per cent of urban Indians had a family member who married outside their religion. The 2011-2012 survey by the National Council for Applied Economic Research and the University of Maryland found that 5.08 per cent of the poorest Indians have an inter-caste marriage and only 4.89 per cent of the richest segment

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of Indians participate in such a union. Finally, the book points to the 2021 Pew Research Centre study, which concluded that 99 per cent of Indians marry within their religion.

Separate from practice, what of attitudes? In 2016, 55 per cent of young people professed an acceptance of inter-caste marriage. Among the 6 per cent of young people who said they had a love marriage, one-third was inter-caste. There have been other positive trends as well. The legal age of marriage is 18 years for women and 21 years for men. Rukmini S observes that women and men are getting married later. She demonstrates this by noting that “nearly half the married women in their forties were married by the time they were 18 years old, but among women currently in their early twenties, that proportion is down to 25 per cent.” However, the data also suggests that the poorest 40 per cent of women and those who have not gone to school or have only a primary education are the ones who marry below the age of 18 years.

What must we conclude then about this country, whose average citizen is in their late twenties? At one level in their own lives, the lives of the youth of India mirror those of their grandparents. Yet, their attitudes are changing and may prove to be different. The Constitution imagines a fraternal nation — one in which caste, class and gender will not be a determinative factor in shaping choices. To get to that constitutionally promised land, we clearly have much work to do.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Even for an administration known to be exceedingly thin-skinned, the PTI government’s contempt for the freedom of speech has perhaps never been more obvious.”  
—DAWN, PAKISTAN

## Picking the wrong battle

The decision of a section of farm unions in Punjab to contest elections is ill-conceived. It divides farmers’ movement, erodes goodwill



DARSHAN PAL AND HARINDER HAPPY

IN THE RUN-UP to the assembly elections in Punjab, diverse developments are taking place in political parties as well as civil society.

The year-long farmers’ struggle has strengthened democracy and dissent. The contentious farm laws being repealed was the result of the resilience, determination and sacrifice of farmers and labourers. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) was formed on November 7, 2020, on a common minimum programme of initiating a struggle against the central government’s farm laws. Farm unions across the nation decided to remain “non-political” and did not allow political leaders on the SKM stage. This was a reflection of the frustration of the masses with mainstream political parties.

The farm protests began in Punjab and were led by its farmers. After going back to Punjab, many farm unions announced an electoral-political party, the Sanyukt Samaj Morcha (SSM). Some claims made by the SSM are incorrect. While it claims the support of 22 farm unions and all the farmers of the state, as many as 21 unions out of a total of 34 are not part of it, including those with a large cadre base like the BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan), BKU (Ekta-Dakaunda), Kirti Kisan Union, BKU (Ekta-Siddhupur), Krantikari Kisan Union, etc.

This decision to enter electoral politics by a section of farm unions is ill-conceived. Surprisingly, the SSM is giving tickets to leaders of political parties against whom they were ranged during the farmers’ protest. The movement was labelled by these leaders as “politically motivated and opposition-sponsored”. The charge did not stick as it was purely a farmers’ movement. Any farmer leader who broke discipline by talking about elections was held to account by the SKM. Being non-political was a major reason for the protest’s success. By opting to fight elections, the SSM has dented farmers’ unity.

Many state governments passed resolutions against the Centre’s farm laws. However, such resolutions are not legally binding. So, even if the SSM does manage to form the government in Punjab, they will not be able to solve the existing crisis. In fact, the state assemblies that did pass resolutions against the farm laws did so after massive protests. The leaders of the Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) were explaining the benefits of farm laws, and it was only the anger of farmers that forced the party to break its alliance with the BJP.

At a time when there is a need for strong pressure groups at the state as well as national level, it is unwise to enter the electoral

process and weaken people’s movements. The anti-people policies of the central government have angered almost every section of society. The farmers’ protest gave a ray of hope and strength to all these movements and people. Some of the farmers’ demands are still pending and there is a need to remain united in this struggle, as well as co-ordinate with other movements. While some SSM proponents argue that the farm unions, by engaging in the electoral process, can still be a part of people’s movements, they need to understand that elections need a huge amount of resources, time and energy. As was observed during the farmers’ protests, only dedicated, full-time activism can lead to results in the current political scenario.

The past experience of farm union leaders in electoral politics also doesn’t paint a hopeful picture. Union leaders in Punjab like Ajmer Singh Lakhowal and Bhupinder Singh Mann entered electoral politics and were completely rejected by the people. A reason for this failure is the fact that they could not connect to the larger masses and raise their issues. In the process, they lost the support of their own farm union cadres. The SSM’s reach is also limited to farmers and it may suffer a similar fate. Even in the agrarian sector, the SSM seems unable to engage farm labourers, women, rural workers and other important stakeholders.

On the other hand, many farmers who protested against the farm laws under the banner of the SKM were already associated with different political parties. They will be going back to their parties in these elections too. The movement had raised in them an awareness of their rights and the larger political economy. As they return to their old political parties, farmers will be reduced to volunteers who fight with their rivals. The farmers, united in their struggle at Delhi’s borders, are getting divided into political parties in their villages.

What, then, is the way forward for farmers and labourers? The answer is straightforward: Protest for rights and justice. It was not just because of the opposition by political parties or non-BJP state assemblies that the government had to repeal the laws.

Can we say that there is no oppression of adivasis in Jharkhand now that “their Hemant Soren” is CM? Can we say that the tribals of Singur and Nandigram got justice after Mamata Banerjee became CM of Bengal? How sure are we that the problems of Telangana have been resolved after it was made a state and KCR, who was part of the movement for the division of Andhra Pradesh, became its chief minister? A similar critique can be made of Mahendra Tikait, Rakesh Tikait, Gurnam Chaduni and many more farm union leaders who tried to experiment with electoral politics. Ultimately, they had to return to the farm unions. This is the time to stay united in the struggles against crony capitalism, neoliberal policies and communalism.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MASKS & HIJABS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘It’s not over yet’ (IE, February 18). If masks are the “in” thing, should hijabs be “out”?

Prem Malla, Indore

in many cases, there is no “indoctrination”, merely cultural assertion, like the bindi. The burden of secularism cannot be borne by India’s minorities alone.

Shantanu Ray, via email

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘It’s not over yet’ (IE, February 18). It is indeed good news that the Omicron wave seems to be subsiding in India. The subsequent relaxation of restrictions too is a step in the right direction. However, basic Covid protective measures such as wearing masks and social distancing must not be abandoned in order to prevent a resurgence of the virus. The vaccine, mired in various controversies, still remains out of the reach for many.

Ila Railkar, Mumbai

### MODERATE SPACE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Hijacked by hijab’ (IE, February 18). The hijab issue is yet another juicy opportunity for the BJP and allied right-wing organisations to polarise people on their usual “anti-Muslim” position, timed well with the Uttar Pradesh elections. However, the moderate Muslim majority should utilise this to reclaim a more practical and forward-looking position in Islamic thought and practise what is long overdue.

Rahul Gaur, Gurgaon

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Hijacked by hijab’ (IE, February 18). The arguments made by the writer fail to understand Indian secularism, which is inclusive, unlike France. Practices like hijab and burqa are indeed regressive, but not necessarily so. It is possible that



ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

AS SECRETARY-GENERAL of the United Nations, I spend much of my time speaking with world leaders and taking the pulse of global trends. It’s clear to me that we are at a defining moment in international relations. There seems to be a gridlock on global decision-making. And, a fundamental paradox lies at the heart of it.

On the one hand, many of today’s global leaders recognise our common threats — Covid, climate, the unregulated development of new technologies. They agree that something needs to be done about them. Yet, that common understanding is not matched by common action.

Indeed, divides keep deepening. We see them everywhere: In the unfair and unequal distribution of vaccines; in a global economic system rigged against the poor; in the utterly inadequate response to the climate crisis; in digital technology and a media landscape that profit from division; and in growing unrest and conflict around the world. So if the world agrees on the diagnosis of these common problems, why is it unable to effectively treat them?

I see two fundamental reasons. First, because foreign policy often becomes a projection of internal politics. As a former prime minister, I know that despite

good intentions, international affairs can be hijacked by domestic politics. Perceived national interests can easily trump the larger global good. This impulse is understandable, even if it is wrong-headed in instances where solidarity is in a country’s self-interest.

Vaccines are a prime example. Everyone understands that a virus such as the SARS-CoV-2 does not respect national borders. We need universal vaccination to reduce the risk of new and more dangerous variants emerging and affecting everyone, in every country. Instead of prioritising vaccines for all through a global vaccination plan, governments have acted to safeguard their people. But that is only half a strategy. Of course, governments must ensure the protection of their own people. But unless they work simultaneously to vaccinate the world, national vaccination plans could be rendered useless as new variants emerge and spread.

Second, many of today’s global institutions or frameworks are outdated or simply weak and the necessary reforms are impeded by geopolitical divides. For example, the authority of the WHO is nowhere near what is required to coordinate the response to global pandemics. At the same time, international institutions with more power are either paralysed by division, like the Security

Council, or undemocratic, like many of our international financial institutions.

In short, global governance is failing at precisely the moment when the world should be coming together to solve global problems. We need to act together in the national and global self-interest, to protect critical global public goods, like public health and a livable climate, that support humanity’s wellbeing.

Such reforms are essential if we are to deliver on common aspirations for our collective global goals of peace, sustainable development, human rights, and dignity for all. This is a difficult and complex exercise that must take into account questions of national sovereignty.

But doing nothing is not an acceptable option. The world desperately needs more effective and democratic international mechanisms that can solve people’s problems. As the pandemic has taught us, our fates are tied. When we leave anyone behind, we risk leaving everyone behind. The most vulnerable regions, countries, and people are the first victims of this paradox in global policy. But everyone, everywhere is directly threatened.

The good news is that we can do something about our global challenges. Problems created by humanity can be solved by humanity.

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Rajasthan: Cong, BJP spar over Maharana Pratap, Akbar

DEEP MUKHERJEE  
JAIPUR, FEBRUARY 18

A controversy has erupted in Rajasthan over the battle of Haldighati fought between Akbar and Maharana Pratap in the 16th century, with the opposition BJP and the ruling Congress slamming each other over the issue.

While the opposition BJP has accused the Congress of doing 'politics of appeasement', the Congress has hit back, accusing the saffron party of 'spreading poison' among children by terming the battle as a Hindu-Muslim battle.

It started with state Congress president Dotasra saying that the battle of Haldighati was not a religious battle but a clash for power. "The battle of Haldighati was a clash for power but they (BJP) say it was a religious battle. They see Hindu-Muslim into everything," Dotasra had said at a programme on Thursday.

BJP leaders slammed Dotasra's statement.

"The Congress has always done vote bank and appeasement politics. Whenever they have taught history, they have taught a distorted version of it," Rajasthan BJP president Satish Poonia told reporters on Friday.

Former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje demanded an apology from the Congress over Dotasra's remarks. "The Congress has challenged the proud history of Mewar by terming the clash between Maharana Pratap and Akbar as only a clash for power," tweeted Raje. She added that the Congress should apologise for 'insulting' Maharana Pratap.

Later in the day, Dotasra hit back at the BJP. "Nobody has any iota of doubt over the greatness of Maharana Pratap, he was great and will remain so. But by terming the battle of Haldighati as a Hindu-Muslim battle in textbooks, the BJP has spread poison among children. Shameful," tweeted Dotasra on Friday.

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI  
SC notice on bail plea by Indrani Mukerjea

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice on a plea by Indrani Mukerjea seeking bail in the Sheena Bora murder case in which she is the prime accused. A bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao and P.S. Narasimha sought the response of the CBI and the Maharashtra government on her appeal challenging the Bombay High Court order dismissing her bail plea. Appearing for her, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi told the Bench that Mukerjea had been in jail for the past 6.5 years and that the trial may not end in the next 10 years. **ENS**

BIHAR  
JD(U) leader shot dead

Patna: A senior JD (U) leader of Madhepura was shot dead on Friday by some unidentified assailants at his village under Biharihan police station, police said, adding that the motive was not immediately known. Police said the incident took place at around 9am when Pradeep Kumar Singh (55), former state vice president of JD (U)'s EBC cell, was monitoring the construction of his new home at Hathiomdha village. **ENS**

CHHATTISGARH  
State to provide fortified rice

Raipur: Chhattisgarh will now provide fortified rice to the ration card holder beneficiaries of the state scheme in 12 of its 28 districts. From the financial year 2022-23, state government will distribute fortified rice under public distribution system in 12 districts. Officials from the food department said that the decision was taken as a step to prevent and cure of malnutrition and anaemia. **ENS**

Kerala HC calls for scrutiny of Sec 122 of Evidence Act

Awards life term to man accused of murder of employer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, FEB 18

SETTING ASIDE the acquittal of an accused in a murder case and awarding him life imprisonment, a division bench of the Kerala High Court on Friday observed that it was high time that Section 122 of Indian Evidence Act was subjected to scrutiny, "more so in the context of changing values governing human and familial relations".

Section 122 of the Evidence Act recognises that all communications between spouses during the wedlock are sacrosanct and "they should be held privileged".

The bench of Justice K Vinod Chandran and C Jayachandran directed the high court registry to send a copy of the verdict to the Union law secretary and to the member secretary at the Law Commission of India in

view of the its comments on Section 122 of the Act.

The division bench had considered an appeal against the acquittal one Rasheed of Rayamangalam in Emakulam in the case of murder of his employer Noushad, a plywood factory owner, in 2015.

The prosecution charge was that suspecting an affair between his wife and Noushad, Rasheed rammed his car into the victim's bike and then stabbed the victim to death.

The motive behind the crime was sought to be proved by the evidence produced by the accused's wife. During the trial, the woman said she had spoken to the victim over phone and admitted that she had a quarrel with her husband over chats between her and the deceased on the day before the incident.

But the admissibility of the evidence was challenged in the

court in view of the express bar under Section 122 of the Evidence Act.

The division bench said the sanctity of a family, which includes its privacy, is what is essentially sought to be protected by Section 122. The fidelity of the wife (in this case) requires to be preserved from being divulged, with regard to the purpose of Section 122.


"The evidence of quarrel and the reason behind it are matters which fit into the prohibited compartment of communication between spouses, and therefore, is inadmissible. That part of the evidence which pertains to the quarrel between the spouses is to be eschewed as inadmissible under Section 122 of the Evidence Act," said the court, awarding life term to the accused after relying on other evidences and depositions of witnesses.

MAN HELD IN AJMER FOR SPYING FOR PAK: COPS

Jaipur: A man was arrested in Ajmer for allegedly spying for Pakistan, officials said on Friday. The accused, Mohammad Yunus, was allegedly passing on classified information about Nasirabad cantonment of the Army to his Pakistan-based handlers through WhatsApp chat and calls, they said. **PTI**



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VACANCY NOTICE FOR FACULTY POSTS IN AIIMS, VIJAYPUR (SAMBHA), JAMMU

Detailed notification for Faculty Recruitment (Group 'A') under Direct/ Deputation Mode in various disciplines, at the AIIMS, Vijaypur (Samba), Jammu.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi has been nominated as the mentoring Institute for All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Vijaypur (Samba), Jammu by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and on behalf of AIIMS, Vijaypur (Samba), Jammu, AIIMS, New Delhi invites applications from Indian/ other citizens (as permissible under the applicable Act/ Rules) for the faculty posts on DIRECT RECRUITMENT/ DEPUTATION BASIS in various departments at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Vijaypur (Samba), Jammu:-


Opening date of Online application is 24th February, 2022. (Link available on [www.aiimsexams.ac.in](http://www.aiimsexams.ac.in))

Closing date of Online application is 25th March, 2022.

Last date of submission of Hard copy of application form by speed post/ by hand i.e. in Faculty Cell, AIIMS, New Delhi is 01st April, 2022.

Vacancy details, General terms & conditions and prescribed recruitment rules etc. for the advertised posts will be available on the AIIMS, New Delhi websites [www.aiimsexams.ac.in](http://www.aiimsexams.ac.in) and [www.aiims.edu](http://www.aiims.edu) under the Head "Notices & Recruitment".

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**LOOK OUT NOTICE**

As reported by SHO P/S Nagrota that on 13.02.2022, one un-identified Male dead body was recovered from Tawi River at Thalal Katal Batal Nagrota. Accordingly, an Inquest proceeding U/S 174 Cr. PC vide DDR No. 09 dated 13.02.2022 was initiated at P/S Nagrota and dead body was shifted to mortuary room of GMCH, Jammu.

For the identification of unidentified Male dead body below description roll is required to be published on daily newspapers for identification/Public in general, having any clue related to the unidentified dead body, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned Contact/ Telephone Numbers.



**Description Roll:**  
**Age** : About 40/45 Years  
**Height** : 5 Feet 7 Inch

**Contacts/Telephone Numbers:**  
1. DPO, Jammu : 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578  
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D : sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in  
3. PCR Jammu : 0191-2542000  
4. SP Rural : 0191-2605949  
5. SDPO Nagrota : 0191-2673666  
6. P/S Nagrota : 0191-2662094

No. 9730-33DIPJ-13154Dated: 14.02.2022For Sr. Superintendent of Police, Jammu

APPOINTMENTS

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY LAW, NEW DELHI-110010

Applications are invited for recruitment in the following post :-

S. No.	Post	Scale of Pay	No. of Post	Category	Educational Qualification	Age limit
1.	Multi Tasking Staff (General Central Services, Group C, Non Gazetted, Non-Ministerial)	Level 1 in the pay matrix (Rs 18000 - Rs 56900) plus allowances applicable as per Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 1016.	02	General	Matriculation pass or equivalent from recognised Board [No extra marks or preference for higher qualification]	Between 18 to 25 years of age.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Number of post are likely to change.
- The selection will be made on the basis of written test at Delhi.
- Service liability of a candidate is anywhere in India including field service liability.
- Merely fulfilling the basic selection criteria does not automatically entitle a person to be called for test.
- Domicile certificate should be issued by Competent Authority.
- Applications on plain paper furnishing complete bio-data with self attested copies of 2 passport size photos (one affixed on the bio-data application) along with photocopies of requisite certificates duly attested by a Class I Gazetted Officer, addressed to The Commandant should reach at the address given below within 30 days of publication.
- Incomplete application and application received after due date will be summarily rejected. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.
- Two self addressed envelopes with stamps affixed on it.
- Screening of appln received will be on basis of percentage of marks obtained in matriculation.
- The application be addressed to :-

The Commandant,  
Institute of Military Law,  
Sena Dak Bhawan (1 CBPO)  
Rao Tula Ram Marg,  
Delhi Cantt., New Delhi - 110 010

SC dismisses plea challenging Ordinance raising BMC seats by 9

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

THE SUPREME Court on Friday rejected a plea challenging the Maharashtra government's Ordinance increasing the number of seats in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) by nine.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana and comprising Justices A S Bopanna and Hima Kohli dismissed the plea by BMC councillors Abhijit Samant and Rajeshree Shirwadkar — both from the BJP — challenging the Bombay High Court's January 19 order dismissing their plea against the increase in the number of seats from 227 to 236.

The petitioners had contended before the high court that the Ordinance was promulgated on November 30, 2021 based on census data from 2011. This was done without any recent empirical data in relation to population, reservation, sex and changes in the boundaries of wards, they had said.

The high court, however, had noted that the figure of 227 was fixed based on the 2001 census data and that there had been no increase in the number of seats after the 2011 census. Hence, an increase of nine was proportional to the rise in population since 2001, it said.

Appearing for the petitioners, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi told the bench that the number of seats could not be increased without a fresh census. However, the bench did not entertain the plea.

RECRUITMENT OF DEFENCE CIVILIAN: INTEGRATED HQ OF MOD (ARMY) CAMP

1 Applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for following post as per format given below on plain paper: -

Sl No.	Name of Post	No. of Vacancies	Category	Scale of Pay/Level in Pay Matrix	Age Limit	Essential Qualification
(a)	MTS (Safaiwala)	07	05-UR, 02-OBC (One vacancy is reserved for Ex-servicemen)	Rs 18,000/- Level-1	18-25 years	(i) Matriculation or equivalent passed from a recognized Board. (ii) Conversant with the duties of House Keeping with six months experience certificate from any Civil/Government office. (iii) Willing to perform multiple tasks as MTS other than trade specific.

Terms & Conditions

**2. Age Limit & Relaxation :** The prescribed age limit for the above post is between 18-25 yrs for UR category (Both date inclusive). The date of birth of candidates should be in between 01 Jan 1997 and 31 Dec 2003. Upper age relaxation for 03 years for OBC categories. Necessary age relaxation as per Govt order for Ex-serviceman is applicable.

**3. Place of Posting:** The post is located at Delhi. However, the post carry all India service liability and selected candidates are liable to be posted to anywhere in India.

**4. Screening of the Applications:** In case large number of applications are received, the Department reserves the right to screen the applications on the basis of percentage of marks obtained in exam of essential qualification so as to reduce the applicants called for written test. Merely fulfilling the basic criteria does not entitle an individual to be called for written test/skill test wherever applicable. Candidates would be intimated separately for appearing in examination. Only candidates who are intimated are required to appear for exam.

**5. Documents Required to Accompany the Application:** Self attested photocopies of the following documents should accompany the application form: -

- Educational qualification pass certificate.
- Birth certificate/10th/Matriculation certificate.
- Caste certificate (wherever applicable)
- A self addressed envelopes of size 12 x 20 cms duly affixed with a postal stamp Rs 5/-. Please do not forward original certificates with the application.
- Two latest passport size photographs.
- NOC from present employer if the applicant is already a Govt. servant).
- Copy of discharge certificate (ESM candidate)
- Candidates must carry the original of all the documents enclosed with the application if called for appearing in the examination/skill test for verification.

**6. Scheme of Examination:** A written test will be held at Delhi which will have questions of the level of Class 10th for the post of MTS (Safaiwala) followed by practical examination. Candidates appearing for written test would also be subjected to Practical Examination.

**7. Last Date of Receipt of Application:** The last date for receipt of application will be **21 days from publication of this advertisement**. Applications received after due date will not be entertained. This office will not be responsible for any postal delay that may occur.

**8. Submission of Application:** Applications completed in all respects as per the proforma given and accompanied by required documents (self attested photocopy only) as stated above should reach to **The Commandant, Integrated HQ MoD(Army) Camp, Rao Tula Ram Marg, New Delhi - 110010 on or before 21 days of the date of publication of this advertisement** duly quoting on the top of the envelope Application for the post of MTS (Sataiwala) by post only and not by courier or any other means.

**9. Place of Written Test, Practical:** The written test and practical will be held at **Integrated HQ MoD(Army) Camp, Rao Tula Ram Marg, New Delhi - 110010**. Candidates called for written test should bring writing pad & writing materials and come prepared to stay for two to three days for completion of the recruitment process. Candidates have to make their own arrangement for boarding/lodging/transport during the period of stay. No TA/DA will be paid to candidates called for the examination.

**10. Call Letter for Examination:** Shortlisted candidates would be intimated the date, time and venue for conduct of written examination and practical test. Only candidates who receive call letter are required to appear for the examination along with the call letter received. The department is not responsible for any postal delay that may occur. No telephone calls will be entertained at any stage of recruitment process for any clarification.

**11. Application which is incomplete in any respect or not accompanied by requisite documents are liable to be summarily rejected.** No correspondence in this regard would be entertained by the Department.

12. General Conditions:

- Appointments are initially on a temporary basis.
- Department reserves the right to postpone/cancel/suspend/terminate the entire recruitment process without any prior notice/assigning any reason at any stage. No correspondence would be entertained in this regard.

APPLICATION FORM

Self attested  
Passport size  
Photograph

- Post Applied for : .....
- Name (in block letters) : .....
- Father's Name : .....
- Mother's Name : .....
- Date of Birth : .....
- Age as on 01 Jan 2022 : .....Yrs.....Months.....Days
- Category (UR/OBC/SC/ST/ESM) : .....
- (a) Correspondence Address : .....  
.....
- (b) Permanent Address : .....

9. I hereby certify that: -

- I am not involved in any criminal case and no proceedings Criminal/Civil are pending/contemplated against me in any court of law.
- The above particulars are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any particular is found to be incorrect and false at any stage my selection/appointment service are liable to be terminated without notice.

Date : ..... (Signature of Applicant)

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (BUILDING & ROAD)**

## Part-II

1. Bhali Amandpur Tehsil Kalanaur and Bhau Akbarpur (Tehsil Rohtak) of Distt. Rohtak.
2. For which the Haryana Government, Public Works Department (Building and Roads Branch), Notification No. 26RA/199/1 Dated 25-08-2021 under section 5 of the The Haryana Consolidation of project land (Special provisions) Act 2017 (Act 28 of 2017) has been published. It is hereby declared that the land described in the specification below is needed for the above purpose.

This notification is made under the provisions of Section 8 draft publication of the Haryana Consolidation of project land (Special provisions) Act 2017 (Act 28 of 2017) for the information of all to whom it may concern.

Any person interested in the said land may, within 15 days the date of publication of this draft notification in the official gazette under section 8 of sub-section (1) of the Haryana Consolidation of project land (Special provisions) Act 2017, (Act 28 of 2017).

As per section 7 (1) of The Haryana Consolidation of Project Land (Special Provisions) Act 2017, no option has been received from affected persons, whose land is to be acquired. So in view of above provision the village wise acquired rate of adjoining land are higher than the collector rate plus twenty percent which are as follows:-

The rate of adjoining land already acquired for this purpose is higher than the collector rate plus Twenty percent. Therefore, it is decided to acquire the land on the rate of the adjoining land which was previously acquired for this project. The amount of compensation payable to entitled person shall be deposited directly in the bank account as provided by him.

Plans of the land may be inspected in the office of Competent Authority i.e. Sub-Divisional Officer (C)Rohtak, Mini Secretariat Rohtak Superintending Engineer, Rohtak Circle, PWD (B&R), Rohtak and Executive Engineer, PWD (B&R), Provisional Division No. 1, Rohtak.

Schedule of boundaries of project land falling in Revenue Estate **Bhali Anandpur**  
 Hadabast Number 90 Tehsil Kalanaur District Rohtak Murba No. 26 Killa No 12 Min (0-11)  
 Killa No 19 Min (0-5), Murba No. 56 Killa No 7/1 Min (0-6) Killa No 14/3 Min (0-2), Murba No.  
 57 Killa No 23/1 Min (0-1), Murba No. 72 Killa No 20 Min (3 -6), Killa No 25/1/2 Min (0-4)  
 Murba No. 73 Killa No 2/1 Min (0-6), Killa No 2/2 min (1-9), Killa No 16/1 min (0-0), **Measuring**  
**6 Kanal 10 Marla.**

**Subject: - Construction of Rohtak Meham Hansi Railway Line.**

Owners / Share Holders of land which is to be acquired: -

No.	Name of owner/share holders	Kil/Khasra No.	Share	Acre Kanal Marla
1.	Prakash s/o Ramchandra s/o Gurudutt Bjendra s/o Ramchandra s/o Gurudutt Anil Kumar s/o Randhir s/o Ramchander Ajit Kumar s/o Satbir s/o Ramchandra Sandeep s/o Jagbir s/o RamChander Hawa Singh s/o Gurudutt s/o Mamraj Ramesh s/o Gurudutt s/o Mamraj Krishan s/o Gurudutt s/o Mamraj Amit Kumar s/o Satpal s/o Bije Singh Sumit s/o Satpal s/o Bije Singh	28/12,19	1/25 1/25 1/25 1/25 1/25 1/5 1/5 1/10 1/10	0-16
2.	Anita urf Neeta widow Ishwar s/o Chatter Singh Rachna d/o Ishwar Putra Om Prakash s/o Chatru s/o Lalji Wazir Singh s/o Chatru s/o Lalji Satanarayan s/o chatru s/o Lalji Vedprakash s/o Chatru s/o Lalji Ashok s/o Ramnarayan s/o Dilip Shamshi s/o Sube s/o Dileep Sombir's s/o Balwan s/o Dileep Rambhagat s/o Dilip s/o Shivali Chandkaur d/o Bhikhu s/o Harbhai Om Prakash s/o Chatter Singh s/o Lalji Vedprakash s/o Chatter Singh s/o Lalji Anita urf Neeta widow Ishwar s/o Chatter Singh Rachna d/o Ishwar s/o Chatter Singh Wazir s/o Chatru s/o Lalji Satanarayan s/o chatru Lalji	72/20	1/15 1/15 1/60 1/60 1/60 1/60 1/35 1/35 1/35 1/35 17 / 1850 101 /470 403 / 1880 249 / 3760 249 / 3760 101 /470 403 / 1880	3-6
3.	Ashok s/o Ramnarayan s/o Dilip Shamshi s/o Sube s/o Dileep Sombir's s/o Balwan s/o Dileep Ramabhagat s/o Dilip s/o Shivali	87/23/1	1/35 1/35 1/35 1/35	0-1
4.	Chandkaur d/o Bhikhu s/o Harbhai Om Prakash s/o Chatter Singh s/o Lalji Vedprakash s/o Chatter Singh s/o Lalji Anita urf Neeta widow Ishwar s/o Chatter Singh Rachna d/o Ishwar s/o Chatter Singh Wazir s/o Chatru s/o Lalji Satanarayan s/o chatru Lalji	73/16/1	17 / 1850 101 /470 403 / 1880 249 / 3760 249 / 3760 101 /470 403 / 1880	0-0
5.	Om Prakash s/o Kidara s/o Moidat Rakesh s/o Dayanand @ Dayachand s/o Kidara	72/25/1	1/2 1/2	0-4
6.	Krishan s/o Gaje Singh s/o Maman Sandeep s/o Gaje Singh s/o Maman Gaje s/o Maman s/o Juglal Rajbir s/o Maman s/o Juglal Jagbir s/o Maman s/o Juglal Jalaur s/o Katar s/o Juglal Phulapatti d/o dagger s/o Juglal Bimala widow Satnanarayan s/o Maman Singh Rakesh s/o Satnanarayan s/o Maman Singh Rajesh s/o Satnanarayan s/o Maman Singh Meena d/o Satnanarayan s/o Maman Singh	58/7/1,14/3	1/32 1/32 1/18 1/8 1/8 1/4 1/4 1/64 1/64 3/64 3/64 1/64	0-8
7.	Anoop s/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Ragbir Rahul s/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Ragbir Mandeep s/o Suresh Kumar s/o Ragbir Singh Balbir s/o Bhairam s/o Udhani Bala widow Dharambir s/o Bhairam Manish s/o Dharambir s/o Bhayram Anish s/o Dharambir s/o Bhairam Ishwer s/o Munshi s/o Shadi Murti widow Ishwer s/o ragbir Anand s/o Ishwar s/o Ragbir Vikash s/o Ishwar s/o Ragbir Sombir s/o Ishwar s/o Ragbir Darshana widow Jaljit s/o Manful Mohit s/o Jaljeet s/o Manful Anil s/o Jaljit s/o Manful Kamla Devi widow d/o Rajendra s/o Sardara Ravindra s/o Rajender s/o Sardara Rajnresh s/o Rajendar s/o Sardara Suman d/o Rajendar s/o Sardara Ajit s/o Manphool s/o Shadi Saimundra s/o Dulchand s/o Putra Phoolchand Bijender s/o dulchand s/o phoolchand Mahender s/o Dulchand s/o Phoolchand Kuldeep s/o Munshi s/o Shadi Darshana wife Mahender Singh s/o Duli Chand Anita widow Jasveer s/o Bhayaram Satpal s/o Jasveer s/o Bhairam Sumit s/o Jasveer s/o Bhayaram Karambir s/o Mahabir s/o Krishan Lal Chand s/o Mahabir s/o Krishan Lal Naresh Kumar s/o Randhir s/o Krishan Lal Rajesh s/o Randhir s/o Krishan Lal Sanjay s/o Randhir s/o Krishan Lal Sunita wife Ajit Singh s/o Manful Rajwanti widow Baljit Singh Manish s/o Baljeet Singh Manoj s/o Baljeet Singh Jagdish s/o Manfool s/o Shadi Randhir s/o Bhairam s/o Udhani	73/2/2	1/72 1/72 1/38 1/30 1/90 1/90 1/90 88167/5804756 60/4727 60/4727 60/4727 60/4727 1/36 1/36 1/36 20/4727 20/4727 20/4727 20/4727 6167/56724 1/18 1/18 1/18 1538513/31708716 127001078/2433643953 1/43 1/45 1/45 1/36 1/36 1/34 1/34 4/4727 1/36 1/36 1/36 2279/56724 1/30	1-9
8.	Anoop s/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Ragbir Singh	73/2/1	1/72	0-6

### Schedule

Schedule of boundaries or project land falling in Revenue Estate **Bahu Akbarpur** Hadabast  
**Number 94 Tehsil Rohtak District Rohtak** Murba No. 170 Killa No. 2 Min (0-5), Killa No. 15 (0-18)  
Murba No. 171 Killa No. 12/2 Min (4-14), Killa No. 17 2 min (2-6) Killa No. 19 min (1-0), Murba  
no 199 Killa No. 8/2 min (0-5), Killa No. 16/2 min (1-0), Killa No. 25/1 min (0-4), Murba No. 206  
Killa No. 1 Min (1-12), Killa No. 8 Min (8-14), Killa No. 11/1 Min (0-2), Killa No. 12 Min (0-0),  
Killa No. 19 Min (3-23) Murba No. 228 Killa No. 11/1 Min (0-17) Murba No. 237 Killa No. 19/3 Min  
(0-8) Killa No. 20/2 Min (0-2) Murba No. 253 Killa No. 10/1 Min (2-16) Killa No. 20/2 Min (0-6),  
Murba No. 254 Killa No. 2/2 Min (0-6), Killa No. 14 Min (0-18), Killa No. 15/1/1 Min (1-10)  
Murba No. 263 Killa No. 7 Min (0-18), Murba No. 264 Killa No. 22 (0-18), Murba No. 272 Killa No.  
2/2/2 Min (0-4), Killa No. 7 Min (0-3), Killa No. 15/2 Min (3-4), Murba No. 281 Killa No. 2 Min (0-6),  
Killa No. 3 Min (1-10), Killa No. 7/2 Min (1-2), Killa No. 8 Min (0-2), Killa No. 14/1 Min (0-18),  
Khasra No. 426 (0-5), **Measuring 40 Kanal 13 Marla.**

**Subject: - Construction of Rohtak Meham Hansi Railway Line.**

Owners / Share Holders of land which is to be acquired: -

Sr No.	Name of owner/share holders	Kill/Khasra No.	Share	Acre Kanal Marla
1.	Omrakash s/o Chhotu s/o Jeeta Rampal s/o Chhotu s/o Jeeta Ramkavar s/o Chhotu s/o Jeeta	263/7	1/3 1/3 1/3	0-18
2.	Leetsya s/o Srikrishna s/o Baljeet Prateek s/o Srikrishna s/o Baljeet Mohit Kumar s/o Sardhana s/o Baljeet Sunita widow Rajesh s/o Baljeet Nidhi d/o Rajesh s/o Baljeet Baiwan s/o Darbari s/o Lachhman Lalita wife Deepak s/o Hoshiyar Singh Surjati Mata Surender s/o Surajmal Sheela widow Balga s/o Surajmal Sheetal d/o Balga s/o Surajmal Neha d/o Balga s/o Surajmal Sahli s/o Balga s/o Surajmal	264/14	1/18 1/18 1/9 1/27 2/27 1/3 80/729 163/1458 163/5832 163/5832 163/5832 163/5832	0-18
3.	Iqbal s/o Raghbir s/o Hazari Santosh d/o Raghbir s/o Hazari Kamlesh d/o Raghbir s/o Hazari Sukhbir s/o Balbir s/o Hazari Rajkumar s/o Balbir s/o Hazari Ravinder s/o Rajendra s/o Balbir Sitandar s/o Rajendar s/o Balbir Ramesh Kumar s/o Shamsher s/o Hazari Jesbir Kumar s/o Shamsher s/o Hazari Krishna Bai widow Brijal s/o Hazarilal Sandeep s/o Brijlal s/o Hazarilal Vinod s/o Brijlal s/o Hazarilal Jyoti d/o Brijlal s/o Hazarilal Prakash widow Kitab Singh s/o Raghbir Sonu s/o Kitab Singh s/o Raghbir Pawan s/o Kitab Singh s/o Raghbir Renu d/o Kitab Singh s/o Raghbir Suresh Kumar s/o Bhup Singh s/o Hazari Karmabir s/o Bhup Singh s/o Hazari Naresh s/o Bhup Singh s/o Hazari Vicky s/o Ranbir Singh s/o Bhup Singh Anita widow Mangalsen s/o Raghbir Rahul s/o mangalsen s/o raghbir Jagmohan s/o Jagmal s/o Bhup Singh Rajendra Singh s/o Daya Singh s/o Prabhu Rajesh Devi wife Ramkaran s/o Jaisingh Ajit Singh s/o Daya Singh s/o Prabhu Harender Singh s/o Daya Singh s/o Prabhu Manoj s/o Bhagwan Singh s/o Prabhu Deepak s/o Hoshira s/o Prabhu Devender s/o Hoshira s/o Prabhu Vikrant s/o Manoj s/o Bhagwan Singh Gyan Singh s/o Jai Singh s/o Prabhu Amarjeet s/o Ramcharan s/o Jai Singh Joginder s/o Ramcharan s/o Jai Singh	253//10/1	1/30 1/30 1/30 1/18 1/18 1/18 1/36 1/36 1/12 1/12 1/24 1/24 1/24 1/24 1/120 1/120 1/120 1/120 1/15 1/15 1/15 1/60 1/60 1/15 1/12 1/48 1/12 1/12 1/12 3/8 3/8 1/6 1/8 5/96 5/96	2-16
4.	Rajendra Singh s/o Daya Singh s/o Prabhu Rajesh Devi wife Ramkaran s/o Jaisingh Ajit Singh s/o Daya Singh s/o Prabhu Harender Singh s/o Daya Singh s/o Prabhu Manoj s/o Bhagwan Singh s/o Prabhu Deepak s/o Hoshira s/o Prabhu Devender s/o Hoshira s/o Prabhu Vikrant s/o Manoj s/o Bhagwan Singh Gyan Singh s/o Jai Singh s/o Prabhu Amarjeet s/o Ramcharan s/o Jai Singh Joginder s/o Ramcharan s/o Jai Singh	254//15/1/1	1/12 1/48 1/12 1/12 1/12 3/8 3/8 1/6 1/8 5/96 5/96	1-10
5.	Randhir s/o Shamsher s/o Mangli	272//15/2		Salam 3-4
6.	Bhateri Widow Balbir Singh s/o Hari Singh Rajpati s/o Balbir Singh s/o Hari Singh Taravati d/o Balbir Singh s/o Hari Singh Vedpal s/o Balbir Singh s/o Hari Singh	272//2/2/2	1/15 1/15 1/15 3/20	0-4
	Dharampal s/o Balbir Singh s/o Hari Singh Premmata widow Rohtas s/o Hari Singh Satpal s/o Rohtas s/o Hari Singh Yashpal s/o Rohtas s/o Hari Singh Mukesh s/o Rohtas s/o Hari Singh Suman d/o Rohtas s/o Hari Singh		3/20 1/10 1/10 1/10 1/10 1/10	
7.	Sodhir son Ramkwar s/o Munsahi	228//11/1		Salam 0-17
8.	Sunita widow Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala Karmjit s/o Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala Sachin s/o Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala Pinky d/o Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala	237//19/3	% % 1/4 %	0-8
9.	Diwan s/o Girdhala Sunita widow Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala Karmjit s/o Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala Sachin s/o Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala Pinky d/o Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala Sheela widow Ajit Singh s/o Karn Singh Ajay s/o Ajit Singh s/o Karn Singh Wazir Singh s/o Karma Singh s/o Girdhala Rajendar s/o Karma Singh s/o Girdhala Bjender s/o Karma Singh s/o Girdhala Santosh d/o Karan Singh s/o of Girdhala	237//20/2	1/3 1/12 1/12 1/12 1/12 1/36 1/36 1/9 1/18 169/1746 25/1746	0-2
10.	Rahul s/o Jagdish s/o natay Sumitra widow Jayakarna s/o Dhan Singh Vinay s/o Jayakarna s/o Dhan Singh Vinod s/o Jayakarna s/o Dhan Singh Naveen s/o Jayakarna s/o Dhan Singh	253//20/2	1/2 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8	0-6
11.	Sukhjit Singh s/o Kapoor Singh s/o Badlu Sunder s/o Kapoor Singh s/o Badlu Manmeet s/o Kapoor Singh s/o Badlu Anita widow Sombir s/o Bharat Singh Vivek s/o Sombir s/o Bharat Singh Mokshit s/o Sombir s/o Bharat Singh Jasbir s/o Prithi's s/o Mahipal Omprakash s/o Prithi s/o Mahipal Mahavir's s/o Prithi's s/o Mahipal Jaipal s/o Prithi s/o Mahipal	206//8,12,19	1/3 1/3 1/3 1/6 1/6 1/6 3/42 3/42 3/28 3/42	12-4
12.	Anita widow Sombir s/o Bharat Singh Vivek s/o Sombir s/o Bharat Singh Mokshit s/o Sombir s/o Bharat Singh Jasbir s/o Prithi's s/o Mahipal Omprakash s/o Prithi s/o Mahipal Mahavir's s/o Prithi's s/o Mahipal Jaipal s/o Prithi s/o Mahipal	206//1	1/6 1/6 1/6 3/42 3/42 3/28 3/42	1-2

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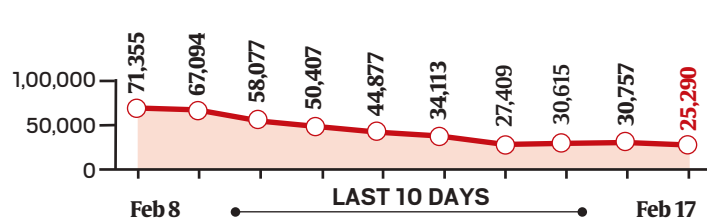
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## TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

### DASHBOARD, AS ON FEB 17

<b>718</b> DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN	<b>New cases</b> <b>25,920</b>	<b>Active cases</b> <b>2,92,092</b>	<b>Deaths</b> <b>492</b>
	Weekly CFR: <b>0.28%</b>	Overall CFR: <b>1.22%</b>	Total deaths: <b>5,10,905</b>

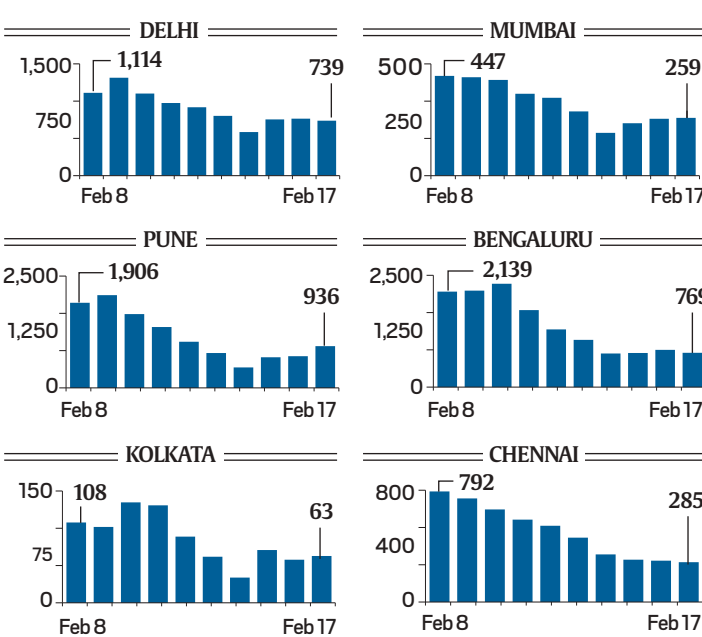
### NEW CASES, DAILY



### SURGE IN THE STATES

State	ON FEBRUARY 16			Weekly positivity
	New cases	Active cases	Deaths	
Kerala	8,655	100,211	319	17.27%
Maharashtra	2,797	23,816	43	2.83%
Karnataka	1,579	19,797	23	2.43%
Rajasthan	1,506	14,085	7	5.21%
Madhya Pradesh	1,328	11,535	6	2.59%

### CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 10 DAYS



### TOTAL TESTS

75,68,51,787

### TESTS ON FEB 17

13,19,327

### WEEKLY POSITIVITY

2.72%

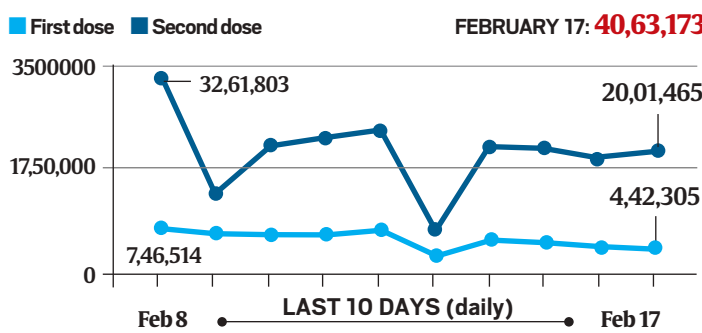
### OVERALL POSITIVITY

5.65%

### INDIA TOTAL DOSES

174,64,99,461

(Adults 1st dose: **90,65,94,301**; 2nd: **74,85,79,211**; 15-18 age group 1st dose: **5,31,94,507**; 2nd: **1,96,41,290**; precautionary: **1,84,90,152**)



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## TOTAL RECALL

# Ahmedabad blasts & after

A special court has sentenced 38 accused to death and 11 to life imprisonment. Recalling the 2008 serial blasts, Indian Mujahideen's emergence and similar bombings elsewhere, and the course of the trial.

SOHINI GHOSH

AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 18

A SPECIAL court in Ahmedabad on Friday awarded the death sentence to 38 accused in the 2008 Ahmedabad serial blasts case, and rigorous life imprisonment to 11 others.

### The blasts

On July 26, 2008, 22 bombs went off at various spots in Ahmedabad city in a span of about 70 minutes, including at the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital and the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation-run LG Hospital, in buses, on parked bicycles, and in cars, killing 56 and injuring 200. Of 24 bombs planted, one each at Kalol and Naroda did not go off.

Between July 27 and August 9, similar bombs were found in Surat. None of them went off, however.

In emails sent to some media houses, the Indian Mujahideen (IM) claimed responsibility for the Ahmedabad blasts and previous serial bombings in Jaipur (May 2008) and Bengaluru (July 2008). The mails claimed the bombings were carried out in revenge for the 2002 Gujarat riots and the Babri Masjid demolition. Police investigations found the IM was a regrouping of the banned Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI).

Following similar blasts in Pune's German Bakery (2010) and Mumbai (2011), the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) camped at Sabarmati Central Jail to question some of the Ahmedabad accused. Police from Rajasthan, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka coordinated to investigate the bombings across multiple cities.

According to Gujarat DGP Ashish Bhatia, then Joint Commissioner of Police in Ahmedabad's Crime Branch, the bombs were improvised placed, along with gas cylinders, in cars stolen from Pune and Mumbai. The bombs that went off had a cocktail of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil (ANFO).

### The trial & the sentence

Defence lawyers said this is the highest number of death sentences in a single trial in India after Independence. In 1998, a TADA trial court had sentenced 26 to death for former PM Rajiv Gandhi's assassination; in 1999, the Supreme Court acquitted 19 of them and upheld the death sentence for four of the others.

A total of 35 cases were registered in the Ahmedabad case — 20 in Ahmedabad and 15 in Surat — and the trial began in April 2010. By



Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, one of the sites targeted on July 26, 2008. Express Archive

2017, 78 accused had been arrested. They were charged under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Arms Act, Explosive Substances Act, IT Act, and IPC.

On February 8, special judge A R Patel convicted 49, acquitted 28, and acquitted and pardoned one accused who had turned approver in 2019. Of those sentenced to death on Friday, Saif-ur-Rehman alias Saifu alias Saif Abdul Rehman and Mohammad Saif alias Rahul Shami alias Keriseva Shaikh had also been awarded death in December 2019 by a Jaipur court for the May 2008 blasts in that city.

The Ahmedabad court is yet to begin trial for four other accused who were arrested subsequently, including alleged IM co-founder Yasin Bhatkal, who has already been sentenced to death by a Hyderabad court (in 2016) along with four others for twin blasts in 2013.

The accused were lodged in jails in Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Vijaypur (Kerala), Jaipur and Gaya. One of them — Naved Kadri, now acquitted — was on extended temporary bail since 2018 after being diagnosed with schizophrenia.

The approver, Ayaz Saiyed of Ahmedabad, was granted regular bail by the Gujarat High Court in June 2020. Saiyed, now 38, was accused of planting bombs on bicycles and a bus in Naroda area, with the bus blowing up near Sarkhej. He had applied for pardon on the ground that he had turned approver, which the court granted under CrPC sections 306 and 307.

Of the 28 acquitted, 13 were initially expected to be released immediately as they

were not required in judicial custody in relation to any other case. However, on February 10, two of the 13 were sent to judicial custody by an Ahmedabad magisterial court in relation to a jail misdemeanour case of 2016. Sabarmati Central Jail authorities had moved an application following their acquittal last week.

### Twists & turns

**2015:** The prosecution sought permission to show photographs of the accused to *panch* witnesses as the "appearance of the accused had changed" over the years. The trial court rejected it; the state moved the Gujarat High Court, which upheld the trial court ruling.

**2019:** The special court issued production warrants for 10 accused lodged in Bhopal Central Jail. Madhya Pradesh moved the Gujarat High Court, with the former submitting that the accused in Bhopal had tried to escape several times and a transfer to Ahmedabad would pose a risk. The High Court ruled in MP's favour and proposed that the court conduct its trial by videoconferencing.

**2020:** The trial court rejected an application by the accused that the defence be permitted to examine editors, reporters and photographers of certain newspapers that had reported on the event, including *The Indian Express*, *Ahmedabad Mirror*, *Sandesh* and *Divya Bhaskar*. According to the application, the reportage pointed out inconsistencies in the case.

### Events in jail

In February 2013, 14 of the accused were

## SERIES OF ATTACKS

### 2006

Mar 7: Varanasi

July 11: Mumbai

Sept 8: Malegaon

### 2007

Feb 18: Samjhauta Express

May 18: Mecca Masjid, Hyderabad

Aug 25: Lumbini Park, Gokul Chat, Hyderabad

Oct 11: Ajmer Dargah

Oct 14: Ludhiana

Nov 24: UP courts

### 2008

Jan 1: Rampur CRPF camp

May 13: Jaipur

July 25: Bangalore

July 26: Ahmedabad

Sept 13: Delhi markets

Sept 27: Mehrauli, Delhi

Sept 29: Malegaon, Modasa

Nov 26: Mumbai

booked in a fresh case at Ranip police station of Ahmedabad city, for digging a 213-foot-long tunnel in Sabarmati jail. The chargesheet in the jailbreak case has been filed before a magisterial court and the trial will be independent of the 2008 serial blast judgment. Among the 14, 11 were convicted in the blasts case, with nine of them getting the death sentence, while three others were acquitted of the serial blast charges.

In September 2013, a special court invoked a prisoner's right to education and directed Ahmedabad Central jail authorities to give back two books on architecture that had been seized from one of the accused, Mohammed Sami Bagewadi, of Bijapur, Karnataka. An architecture student of Vishveshwaraiah Technology University in Belgaum, he had wanted to study for exams and his father had given him seven books in March 2012. He has now been acquitted.

Among the other accused, Safdar Nagori studied Gandhian philosophy in jail; he is now among those sentenced to death.

## THIS WORD MEANS OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNOEA

# The condition Bappi Lahiri was suffering from

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

MUSICIAN BAPPI Lahiri, 69, died on Tuesday following complications from Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA), a widely prevalent but under-diagnosed medical condition.

### What is OSA?

OSA is a disorder in which a person's breathing stops and starts repeatedly in their sleep. Muscles in the throat and upper airway relax intermittently during sleep, blocking the airway. "It usually happens in obese men, less commonly in women but it does happen. When a person is obese, they develop extra fat on their larynx and pharynx that can close off their airway in sleep," said Dr Nevin Kishore, head of the department of bronchology at Max Hospital, Saket. "When it is critical, the brain wakes the person up... the breathing restarts."

Although the condition doesn't kill by itself, low oxygen level can lead to heart attacks

and strokes. In the long run, OSA can raise blood pressure, lead to abnormal heart rhythms and increase obesity, compounding the problem.

### How common is it?

The prevalence of OSA is 4% among women and 13.4% among men, said Dr G C Khilnani, former head of the department of pulmonology and sleep medicine at AIIMS and currently the chairperson of PSRI Institute of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine. The prevalence is about 10% in people younger than 40 and about 10% in those over 40.

"A hospital the size of, say, 300 to 500 beds probably sees around 12 to 15 cases every day, especially in places like Delhi where awareness is higher. More cases might be seen in hospitals with dedicated departments for sleep medicine," said Dr Sumit Ray, head of the department of critical care, Holy Family Hospital.

"OSA as a medical condition has been recognised only for 40 or 50-odd years," Dr Khilnani said. "It is under-diagnosed, especially in smaller cities."

### When should you go to a doctor?

Snoring is one of the most common symptoms, but not everyone who snores has OSA. Dr Kishore said 9 out of 10 persons who snore do not have OSA, but you should consult the doctor if you feel groggy or sleepy in the morning and doze off during the day.

To check if someone has OSA, doctors look for the 'STOP BANG': 'S' - Do you SNORE while you sleep? 'T' - Are you TIRED on waking up or for most part of your day? (This happens because patients of OSA have a very unrefreshing sleep) 'O' - Has anyone OBSERVED you having choking spells while you were asleep? 'P' - Do you have high blood PRESSURE, tweeted Dr Abhishek Tandon, specialist in pulmonary and sleep medicine, from AIIMS Jodhpur. 'B' - Is your BMI (Body Mass Index) >35? 'A' - Is your AGE >50 years? 'N' - Is your NECK circumference >40 cm? 'G' - Is your GENDER a male or are you a post-menopausal woman? If your answer to >5 of the above listed 8 questions is a YES, you are on a high risk for having OSA! "Whether you have OSA is determined by a

sleep study. The test costs Rs 10,000-20,000.

### How can OSA be treated or controlled?

The prevalence of OSA in India is rising alongside obesity, and doctors believe the best way to reduce symptoms is to lose weight.

"Studies have shown that a 10% increase in body weight increases the incidence of OSA six-fold. However, if the patients shed 10% weight, incidence goes down by 20%," said Dr Ray. Drinking too increases the symptoms.

Treatment includes CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) therapy. "It is akin to letting the water run in the garden hose to help it maintain the structure," said Dr Kishore. Some surgeries, too, may be offered if there are structural anomalies in the mouth. "Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (surgery to open the upper airways by taking out extra tissue in the throat) doesn't really treat sleep apnoea, it just reduces the snoring," Dr Kishore said.

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# In reaction to foreign critique, claimed assertion, perceived touchiness

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

DAYS AFTER Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said almost half the lawmakers in Lok Sabha have criminal charges against them, suggesting a decline from "Nehru's India", the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday summoned Singapore's High Commissioner Simon Wong to convey that the "remarks... were uncalled for".

Singapore is a key strategic partner, and PM Narendra Modi has visited the country at least five times. The unusual step of summoning the envoy of such a close partner country is being seen as part of a pattern of sensitivity to external criticism that India has demonstrated in recent years.

This seeming touchiness is different from India's traditionally strong protests against statements concerning the territorial integrity of the nation. It has always rebutted statements made on Jammu and Kashmir or Arunachal Pradesh by countries such as

Pakistan or China. Recently, India has strongly rebutted statements by Nepal on Kalapani. It has also routinely rejected allegations from Pakistan and the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation on the situation of minorities. When Turkey or Iran have occasionally made similar comments, it has pushed back.

But of late, the government has reacted with seemingly disproportionate intensity to statements made by leaders of partner countries with whom India speaks of "shared values". It has also chosen to respond to statements by lawmakers from these countries, and to comments posted by private individuals on social media.

Many diplomats feel India's reactions represent muscle-flexing that is essential to projecting power at the international stage.

**TRUDEAU, DEC 2020:** After Canada's PM Justin Trudeau spoke in support of farmers protesting the three farm laws, India criticised his "ill-informed comments" on the "internal affairs of a democratic country".

Speaking on Gurpurab, Trudeau had said to Canadian Sikhs: "The situation [in India] is

concerning. We are all very worried about family and friends... Canada will always be there to defend the rights of peaceful protesters... We've reached out through multiple means to the Indian authorities to highlight our concerns. This is a moment for all of us to pull together."

In response, then MEA official spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said without naming Trudeau: "We have seen some ill-informed comments by Canadian leaders relating to farmers in India. Such comments are unwarranted, especially when pertaining to the internal affairs of a democratic country. It is also best that diplomatic conversations are not misrepresented for political purposes."

India also summoned the Canadian High Commissioner and said that if such "unacceptable interference" in India's internal affairs continued, it would have a "seriously damaging" impact on bilateral ties.

The India-Canada relationship has seen some hiccups as the Canadian political leadership has tried to woo the numerically and socially important Sikh diaspora. The govern-

ment was frosty during Trudeau's trip to India in 2018, as Canada's ruling party was seen as supporting pro-Khalistan elements there.

**RIHANNA & GRETA, FEB 2021:** After pop star Rihanna and teenage activist Greta Thunberg spoke on the farmer protests and the violence on January 26, the MEA issued a statement: "The temptation of sensationalist social media hashtags and comments, especially when resorted to by celebrities and others, is neither accurate nor responsible." External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar tweeted, "Motivated campaigns targeting India will never succeed. We have the self confidence today to hold our own. This India will push back," using the #IndiaTogether and #IndiaAgainstPropaganda hashtags.

The Indian government ultimately withdrew the farm laws.

**UK ENVOY, MAR 2021:** At least a dozen MPs from the UK, Australia, and Canada, and a US Republican leader also voiced support for the farmers. There are sizable Sikh populations in Canada, the UK, and Australia, which have a strong influence on the political sys-

tem at some places.

After the issue figured in UK's Parliament, India summoned British High Commissioner Alex Ellis to lodge a protest against what it said was an "unwarranted and tendentious" House debate. The debate, which was held in response to a public petition that garnered more than 115,000 signatures, saw lawmakers across parties criticising the Indian government's handling of the farmers' protest. Most MPs acknowledged that the agriculture reforms were India's domestic matter, but noted their constituents were upset.

Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla served a *demarche* on Ellis saying the Parliament debate "represented a gross interference in the politics of another democratic country," and advised that "British MPs should refrain from practising vote bank politics by misrepresenting events..." The Indian mission in London had earlier complained that "rather than a balanced debate, false assertions — without substantiation or facts — were made".

**SOUTH KOREA ENVOY, FEB 2022:** On February 7, India summoned the South

Korean ambassador and conveyed its "strong displeasure" over an "unacceptable" social media post by Hyundai Pakistan supporting Pakistan's Kashmir Solidarity Day. "It was highlighted that this matter concerned India's territorial integrity on which there could be no compromise," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

South Korea's Foreign Minister Chung Eui-yong rang Jaishankar, and while they discussed several issues, Chung also conveyed that his country regretted the offence caused to the people and government of India.

**UNDER EARLIER GOVTS:** In December 2013, the UPA government had responded with outrage to the treatment meted out to diplomat Devyani Khobragade by US law enforcement authorities. India summoned US diplomats and went after some diplomatic privileges, pulling bilateral ties to a low.

Long before that, Indira Gandhi would routinely blame the "foreign hand" for India's domestic challenges.

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## TOP OF THE WORLD



Prince Harry moved to US in 2020. Reuters

## UNITED KINGDOM

## 'Prince Harry feels unsafe bringing kids to UK'

London: Lawyers for Prince Harry told a court hearing on Friday that the British royal is unwilling to bring his children to his homeland because it is not safe. Harry has launched a legal challenge to the UK government's refusal to let him personally pay for police protection when he comes to Britain. His legal team says Harry wants to bring his children — Archie, who is almost 3, and 8-month-old Lilibet — to visit his home country from the US but that is too risky without police protection. Senior members of Britain's royal family are given taxpayer-funded police protection, but Harry lost that when he and his wife Meghan stepped down as working royals and moved to the US in 2020. **AP**

## SRI LANKA

## Two officials in Easter attacks acquitted

Colombo: A Sri Lankan court on Friday acquitted two top officials, including former police chief Pujith Jayasundera, of all charges of negligence in the 2019 Easter terror attacks that killed nearly 270 people, including 11 Indians. The High Court freed Jayasundera and former defence secretary Hemasiri Fernando of all charges of negligence where they had been accused of not taking action to prevent the attacks despite the availability of prior intelligence. **PTI**

## BRAZIL

## Mudslide toll at 117, police say 116 missing

Petropolis: The toll from floods and landslides that swept down on the mountain city of Petropolis rose to at least 117 on Thursday and local officials said it could still rise sharply, with 116 more still unaccounted for. The Rio de Janeiro state government confirmed the rising loss of life, with many feared buried in mud beneath the German-influenced city nestled in the mountains above the city of Rio de Janeiro. Torrents of floodwaters and mudslides dragged cars and houses through the streets of the city Tuesday during the most intense rainfall in decades. **AP**



## WORST STORM IN 30 YEARS HITS UK

An Atlantic storm battered Britain and Ireland on Friday with record winds of up to 122 miles per hour, killing at least one person, knocking out power for tens of thousands and shredding the roof of London's O2 arena. The storm, called Eunice, was expected to be the worst to hit the region in 30 years, weather officials said. Britain's national weather service issued rare red weather warnings for southern England and parts of Wales through Friday. **AP**

## France joins China to build \$1.7 bn global infra projects

K J M VARMA  
BEIJING, FEBRUARY 18

FRANCE HAS become the first country to join China to jointly build seven infrastructure projects worth over \$1.7 billion in Africa, South East Asia and Eastern Europe, in a boost for Beijing in the face of its growing hostility with the US.

Following up on the recent virtual meeting between French President Emmanuel Macron and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, the two countries signed the Fourth Round China-France Third-Party Market Cooperation Pilot Project List.

The list includes seven projects in areas like infrastructure, environmental protection and new energy with a total value of over \$1.7 billion, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said on Friday. **PTI**

## \$ 500 MN U.S. GRANT: CHINA WADES INTO DIVIDE

## Nepal's ruling alliance meet remains inconclusive

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
KATHMANDU, FEBRUARY 18

THE MEETING of Nepal's ruling alliance to decide on endorsing the US-funded Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) agreement remained inconclusive for a second day on Friday, amid China wading into the political rift in Kathmandu over the contentious \$500 million infrastructure grants programme.

The meeting of the top leaders of coalition partners, including Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, CPN (Maoist Centre) Chairman Pushpakamal Dahal 'Prachanda' and CPN-Unified Socialist Chairman Madhav Nepal concluded after a brief discussion on the MCC issue, government spokesperson Gyanendra Bahadur Karki said.

The discussion remained inconclusive and the next meeting

will be held on Sunday where a call will be taken on the issue, he said.

Nepal's political parties are sharply divided over the issue of whether to accept the US grant assistance under MCC agreement, which is under consideration in the House of Representatives.

Wary of the grant, China on Friday said it is against "coercive diplomacy" and aid at the expense of sovereignty. The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said Beijing is glad to see international assistance to Nepal but it should come without any political strings attached. "Such cooperation should be based on full respect for the will of the Nepalese people and come with no political strings attached," Wang said.

"We oppose coercive diplomacy and actions that pursue a selfish agenda at the expense of Nepal's sovereignty and interests," he added.



A total of 240 passengers and 51 crew were onboard the Italian-flagged Euroferry Olympia when the fire broke out. **AP**

## Three trapped, 8 missing after flames engulf Greece-Italy ferry

REUTERS  
ATHENS/ROME, FEB 18

EIGHT PASSENGERS were missing after a blaze engulfed a ferry sailing from Greece to Italy early on Friday and fire fighters were still battling to rescue people trapped on the ship, authorities said.

A total of 240 passengers and 51 crew were onboard the Italian-flagged Euroferry Olympia when the fire broke out, and rescue vessels had taken most of them to the

island of Corfu where ambulances were waiting. The Greek fire brigade said two men trapped in the ship's garage had been rescued. Fire fighters were trying to reach another three. Grimaldi Lines, the owner of the vessel, said eight passengers were missing.

"The worst thing is the cars in the garage are glued next to each other, there is no escape route," one Greek truck driver said.

The cause of the blaze was still being investigated, Greek authorities said.



## MEANWHILE

## THAILAND QUELLS TALK OF NAME CHANGE

No, English speakers and others using the Roman alphabet aren't going to have to start calling the Thai capital by its local name, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon, and drop the more familiar "Bangkok." That's the message from Thailand's Royal Society, which is responsible for academic and linguistic standards, after a seemingly innocuous change in punctuation in official guidance sparked a flurry of speculation that the city's name was being changed.

## Russia turns up heat with drills and additional troops

## US says 190,000 Russian soldiers now surround Ukraine

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
KYIV, FEBRUARY 18

TENSIONS BETWEEN Russia and the West ratcheted up on Friday as Moscow announced plans to test nuclear-capable missiles and held war games on NATO's doorstep in Belarus, while the US said more Russian forces continued to take positions menacing Ukraine in a crisis that risks erupting into the biggest conflict in Europe in decades.

As President Biden prepared to speak with NATO allies on Friday, US officials said as many as 190,000 Russian troops were arrayed in and near Ukraine, a number that includes Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine. The officials also repeated warnings that Moscow would try to manufacture a provocation by Ukraine to justify an invasion of its smaller neighbour.

The fears of such a "false flag" incident escalated when a leader of those separatists claimed without evidence in a video message on Friday that a Ukrainian military offensive would soon take place, and called for residents in the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic to evacuate to Russia.

The Ukrainian defence minister and foreign minister denounced the claims of an imminent Ukrainian attack as fabrications designed to inflame tensions.

Consistent with Russia's contradictory messaging throughout the crisis, however, Putin said on Friday that Russia was prepared for further diplomacy, and President Biden's secretary of state, Antony J. Blinken, accepted an invitation to meet next week with Foreign Minister Sergey V. Lavrov.

"We are ready to go on the negotiating track under the condition that all questions will be considered together, without being separated from Russia's main proposals," Putin said in a news conference alongside his close ally President Aleksandr G. Lukashenko of Belarus, who was visiting Moscow.



Shelling damages homes near the gray zone occupied by Russian-backed separatists on Friday. **NYT**

## East Ukraine sees its worst shelling in years

ANTON ZVEREV & PAVEL POLITYUK  
MOSCOW/KYIV, FEBRUARY 18

UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT forces and pro-Russian rebels reported increased shelling in eastern Ukraine for a second straight day on Friday, an escalation that Washington and other Western allies say could form part of a Russian pretext to invade.

A diplomatic source with years of direct experience of the conflict described the shelling over the past two days as the most intense along the frontline in eastern Ukraine since major combat there ended with a 2015 ceasefire.

Russia denies Western accusations it is planning an all-out invasion of Ukraine, a country of over 40 million people, in what would potentially be Europe's worst war in generations.

The marked escalation of shelling in eastern Ukraine,



A kindergarten that was damaged in shelling. **Reuters**

where government troops have faced Moscow-backed rebels since 2014, has stoked global alarm since Thursday. Both sides have said shelling stepped up dramatically, although so far no deaths have been reported.

The diplomatic source said close to 600 explosions were recorded on Friday morning, 100 more than on Thursday, some involving 152 mm and 122 mm artillery and large mortars. At least four rounds had been fired from tanks. "They are shooting - everyone and everything," said the source. **REUTERS**

## EXPLAINED Will Ukraine invasion help Putin?

A LARGE-SCALE invasion, many analysts point out, will be an enormous escalation compared with any of the actions that Putin has taken before. They say that starting a full-scale war is completely not in Putin's interest. Even if he were able to take control of Ukraine, they claim, such a war would accomplish the opposite of what the President says he wants: rolling back the NATO presence in Eastern Europe.

## RUSSIAN ATTACK MAY END NORD STREAM 2, SUGGESTS GERMANY

AS CONCERNS grew in Europe over an imminent Russian invasion of Ukraine, Germany's foreign minister suggested for the first time on Friday that military action by Moscow could mean the end of Nord Stream 2, a natural-gas pipeline running from Russia to Germany.

"We in Germany are prepared to pay a high price economically. That's why everything is on the table — also Nord Stream 2," the minister, Annalena Baerbock, told the Munich Security Conference, the annual trans-Atlantic security gathering that is taking place from Friday to Sunday.

Baerbock's comments departed from the German government's public comments so far during the Ukraine crisis, which had refrained from explicitly mentioning the pipeline as part of a package of sanctions that Western countries would impose against Russia if it invades Ukraine. **NYT**

## 2 yrs jail for cop who shot Black man by mistake

REUTERS  
FEBRUARY 18

A MINNESOTA judge on Friday sentenced former police officer Kimberly Potter to two years in the fatal shooting of Black motorist Daunte Wright during a traffic stop, a lighter sentence than the roughly seven years in prison sought by prosecutors.

Potter, 49 — who mistook her handgun for her Taser in firing on Wright, 20, as he resisted officers who pulled him over in a Minneapolis suburb last April — was found guilty by a jury in December of first-degree and second-degree manslaughter.

"This is a cop who made a tragic mistake," said Judge Regina Chu, who became emotional as she delivered the sentence of 24 months, two-thirds of which is to be served in prison and the remaining third on supervised release. Chu said while she did not believe Potter posed a risk of committing future crimes, some punishment was justified because her mistake caused Wright's death.

## Canadian police start arresting protesters

Ottawa: Police began arresting protesters Friday in a bid to break the three-week, traffic-snarl siege of Canada's capital by hundreds of truckers angry over the country's Covid-19 restrictions.

Officers, some carrying automatic weapons and wearing tactical unit uniforms, were seen going door to door along a line of trucks, campers and other vehicles parked on Ottawa's snow-covered streets.

Some protesters surrendered and were taken into custody, police said. Some were seen being led away in handcuffs. One person being led away was carrying a sign



Snow covers semi-trailer trucks as a winter storm warning is in effect during a protest on Friday. **AP**

## PJ O'ROURKE, WHO DIED ON TUESDAY AT 74, WAS A SHARP-TOOTHED SATIRIST WHOSE CONSERVATISM WASN'T DOCTRINAIRE

## He wrote with high, cranky style in shrinking tradition

DWIGHT GARNER  
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DURING THE 1980s and '90s, his heyday, PJ O'Rourke owned one of those bylines — like Nora Ephron's, or Michael Kinsley's, or Calvin Trillin's — that made many readers, including this one, tingle with anticipation.

O'Rourke, who died on Tuesday at 74, came bombing in from the right side of the political spectrum, which made him doubly interesting. He was that rare conservative who appeared to be having a better time, and doing better drugs, than everyone else. He was well-read; he

was, it often seemed, the only funny Republican alive.

His books — "Holidays in Hell" (1988), "Parliament of Whores" (1991) and "Age and Guile Beat Youth, Innocence, and a Bad Haircut" (1995) among them — often collected his journalism. Their author, these books made clear, liked to get out of the house.

Some of his best writing was about the open road. One early piece was memorably titled, "How to Drive Fast on Drugs While Getting Your Wing-Wang Squeezed and Not Spill Your Drink." In 1980, for Car and Driver, he drove cross country in a blood-red Ferrari 308GT. For many years O'Rourke was



PJ O'Rourke was admired for his willingness to mock just about anyone who deserved it, including himself. **Reuters**

Rolling Stone's foreign-affairs desk chief. He was a detector of dichotomies, when he wasn't camped out like Graham Greene

in a hotel bar. "Each American embassy comes with two permanent features," he wrote: "a giant anti-American demonstra-

tion and a giant line for American visas."

O'Rourke's conservatism wasn't doctrinaire. Like HL Mencken, who influenced his writing, his bedrock loathing was for sanctimony. Liberals, to O'Rourke, were pretentious bores who want to "make us carry our groceries home in our mouths."

"By loudly denouncing all bad things — war and hunger and date rape — liberals testify to their own terrific goodness," he wrote. He added: "It's a kind of natural aristocracy, and the wonderful thing about this aristocracy is that you don't have to be brave, smart, strong or even lucky to join it, you just

have to be liberal."

Yet he voted for Hillary Clinton. "She's wrong about absolutely everything," he said, "but she's wrong within normal parameters." About Trump he said, "This man just can't be president. They've got this button, you know, in the briefcase. He's going to find it."

He provoked the right in other ways. Accepting asylum seekers was consistent with conservative principles, he argued: "Aren't we pro-life?" he asked. "Aren't refugees life?"

Too often, O'Rourke shot fish in a barrel. His sentences lost some of their snap over time. He became an imitation of himself,

an occupational hazard for a big personality. A certain Foghorn Leghorn quality crept in. The cocky cigars didn't help.

O'Rourke's death matters not just because he was a lively presence, a cranky original. His absence leaves a martini-glass-size gap in what remains of conservatism's huddled and surrounded intellectual and cultural world. He was a charmer, not a harranguer. Each of his essays, I'd guess, won more converts to conservatism than a lifetime of columns by Charles Krauthammer or Michelle Malkin. Almost anyone can thunder. Almost no one is reliably light on their feet. **NYT**

## Hong Kong leader election postponed

Hong Kong: The election of Hong Kong's chief executive, scheduled to be held in March, will be postponed to May as the Asian financial hub battles to control an accelerating surge in Covid-19 infections, city leader Carrie Lam said on Friday.

A nomination period would be pushed back till April 3-16 and the election delayed until May 8, she told reporters, which would still give time for a new leader to be installed on July 1 after the end of her term.

Lam said she had received Beijing's "consent" for the postponement, using powers under emergency regulations. "I remain optimistic that we will be able to overcome this public health crisis," she said. **REUTERS**





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CYBER WATCH  
SPYWARE

## How a 'fake image' on activist's phone unravelled Pegasus

AASHISH ARYAN  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

A GLITCH in the NSO Group's spyware Pegasus left behind a "mysterious fake image file" on the phone of Saudi Arabia's women's rights activist Loujain al-Hathloul, and is the likely trigger that helped cybersecurity researchers discover how the malware infected phones around the world, as per a Reuters report.



A 'mysterious fake image' was found on Saudi activist Loujain al-Hathloul's mobile phone. Reuters file

What was the glitch in Pegasus? How was it discovered?

Loujain al-Hathloul, an activist who had campaigned to end the ban on women drivers in Saudi Arabia, was arrested by the country's police and jailed. In February 2021, after she was released, she received an email from Google which alerted her that state-backed hackers had tried to illegally access her mail account. With a suspicion that her phone could be hacked as well, al-Hathloul reached out to Citizen Lab, a Canada-based privacy rights group, to probe her device and check for any vulnerabilities.

Citizen Lab found that Pegasus had left behind a copy of a malicious image file by mistake instead of deleting it as per the software instructions. This glitch in the malware led the lab to be certain that the spyware had been used to track al-Hathloul. Following the discovery, Citizen Lab alerted Apple about

the vulnerabilities in its devices and how those were being used to spy on journalists, activists, politicians and other people by governments worldwide. Apart from fixing the glitch, Apple reached out to the people who were likely targets and alerted them.

What was the modus operandi Pegasus used to infect al-Hathloul's phone?

As per the Reuters report, Citizen Lab found al-Hathloul's phone was infected with a version of the malware that could penetrate without any action required from the user's end. This newer version, called 'zero click' malware launches into the device without the target of the spying ever accessing any malware of clicking on suspicious links. The 'zero-click' feature was introduced as an update to an earlier version that required the target to click a link, sent either via email, a SMS, or a message on WhatsApp or iMessage. Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## WILL RAISE BILATERAL TRADE TO \$100 BN WITHIN 5 YEARS

## India, UAE sign FTA: Tariffs to fall, more access to West Asia, Africa

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

INDIA AND the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Friday signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which is set to reduce tariffs for 80 per cent of goods and give zero duty access to 90 per cent of India's exports to the UAE.

The agreement, which is expected to come into effect in about 60 days, is expected to boost annual bilateral trade to \$100 billion within 5 years of its adoption, up from about \$60 billion currently. The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement was signed by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and the UAE's Minister of Economy Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri after 88 days of negotiations.

"This comprehensive economic partnership agreement covers a wide array of gains for both economies, provides opportunities for business in both economies," said Goyal. The Minister added the agreement would boost the country's exports in a number of labour-oriented sectors including gems and jewellery, textiles, leather, footwear, sports goods, engineering goods, and pharmaceuticals. Annual ex-



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal with UAE Economy Minister Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri, in New Delhi, Friday. PTI

ports worth about \$26 billion from India that currently attract a 5-per cent import duty in the UAE are set to benefit.

The agreement covers areas including goods, services, rules of origin, Customs procedures, government procurement, intellectual property rights, and e-commerce. "I'm confident that the UAE India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement will be regarded as a towering achievement, a new era not only for our two nations but for global trade", said Al Marri, adding both countries had removed tariffs on over 80 per cent of products.

An official from the Commerce Ministry said further

tariff concessions were expected on both sides over 5 years that would lead to lower tariffs for 98 per cent of exports and 90 per cent of imports from the UAE. Indian exports set to get zero duty access within a further 5 to 10 years, including electronic goods, chemicals and petrochemicals cement, ceramics and machinery accounting for about 9 per cent of the value of current exports to the UAE.

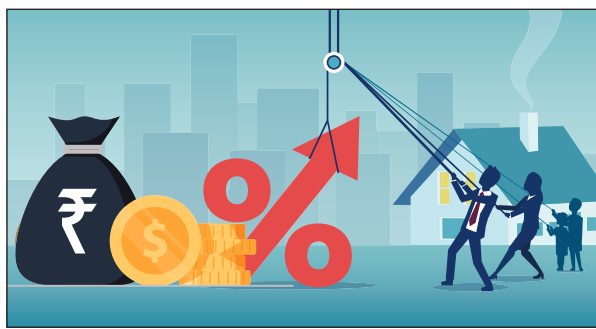
Citing an example of tariff reduction, Commerce Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam said: "We've given tariff concessions to UAE on gold, and they have eliminated tariffs on jewellery." Sources said India had agreed to concessional

## 'States' aggregate fiscal deficit to stand at 3.6% next fiscal

Fiscal deficit of states is likely to be 3.6% of their GDP in FY23, on robust revenue growth, an India Ratings report said

**4.1%** of gross domestic product (GDP) was the earlier fiscal deficit forecast of states for FY23

**17.6%** is the estimated national nominal GDP growth for FY22, against previous estimate of 15.6%  
Source: India Ratings/PTI



## G20 stresses on corporate tax deal live by next year

Paris/New Delhi: G20 finance ministers recommitted Friday to implementing a global overhaul of cross-border corporate tax rules next year on a minimum tax rate of 15 per cent on multinationals, as per a Reuters report.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, at a virtual discussion on 'Sustainable Financing and Infrastructure' at the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, as per a PTI report stressed on the need for bridging the funding gap for infrastructure and developing innovation. AGENCIES

## BRIEFLY

## IEG Director

New Delhi: Chetan Ghate was appointed as Director of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) on February 7, succeeding Ajit Mishra. Ghate was a member of the first RBI Monetary Policy Committee during October 2016-September 2020. He is currently an external affiliate at Swansea University's Centre for Research in Macroeconomics and Macro-Finance. He has also been a professor of economics at Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi for over 18 years and a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Accounts System in the Ministry of Statistics. ENS

## Respurts 40p

Mumbai: The rupee rose 40 paise to reach 74.66 against US dollar on Friday. PTI

## EU at WTO

Brussels: The European Union launched a legal challenge against China at the WTO, arguing that Chinese courts were preventing European companies from protecting their telecom technology patents. REUTERS

## New age IPOs: Sebi for key performance indicator disclosures

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Friday proposed that loss-making new age technology companies planning to list their shares should make disclosures about their key performance indicators (KPIs) considered for arriving at the basis of issue price in offer documents.

In a consultation paper, Sebi said such companies should make disclosures about their valuations based on issuance of new shares and acquisition of shares in the past 18 months before filing draft offer documents. Several new age companies, which do not have a track record of having an operating profit at least in the preceding three years, had tapped IPO route to raise funds. Some of them had fallen below their issue prices in the recent weeks.

These new age firms generally remain loss-making for a longer period before achieving break-even as they opt for ways to gain



Sebi building, Mumbai. Some new age companies had fallen below their issue prices in the recent weeks. File

scale of operations rather than profits in the initial years. "The issuer company should disclose all material KPIs that have been shared with any pre-IPO investor at any point of time during the three years prior to IPO. However, for those KPIs which the issuer company deems are not relevant for the proposed IPO, the issuer should provide adequate explanation for considering those KPIs as not relevant with proper cross reference to a table disclosing the said KPIs," Sebi said. Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## Cross-app tracking: Google move to 'limit' sharing of user data

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

GOOGLE IS adopting new privacy restrictions that limit tracking across apps on its Android operating system, following a similar move by Apple last year. Google's measures however, may not be as disruptive as Apple's, which disrupted advertising revenues of several firms, most notably Meta.

## The new curbs

Alphabet-owned Google has announced a multi-year initiative to build a 'Privacy Sandbox' on Android to introduce "more private advertising solutions". Specifically, these features will "limit" sharing of user data with third

parties and operate without cross-app identifiers, including advertising ID, the company claimed. The advertising ID is a unique, user-resettable ID for advertising, provided by Google Play services. "We're also exploring technologies that reduce the potential for covert data collection, including safer ways for apps to integrate with advertising SDKs (software development kits)," Google said.

## Different from Apple

Last year, Apple said iPhone users will see a feature upon opening apps where they will have the option to allow or disallow an app to track them. The change has had a profound impact on internet companies that rely on revenue from

## TO SELL HOLDING OVER 5 YRS; KEEPS OPTION OPEN TO REJOIN BOARD

## IndiGo co-promoter Gangwal quits board

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

INDIGO CO-PROMOTER Rakesh Gangwal on Friday resigned with immediate effect from the board of directors of the parent firm, InterGlobe Aviation, where he served as a non-executive, non-independent director.

While Gangwal in his letter to the board said that he would sell his entire holding in the airline over a period of five years, he also added that he may consider joining the board again as a member at a later stage.

Gangwal's resignation comes around two weeks after other promoter Rahul Bhatia took charge as the company's managing director.

At the end of December 2021, shareholders of IndiGo had approved the changes in the articles of association which allowed either of the partner to exit without the other exercising the right of first refusal. The company's shareholders had rejected



IndiGo MD Rahul Bhatia (left) and Rakesh Gangwal. Reuters file

a similar proposal of Gangwal to the amend the AoA in January 2020.

Gangwal and his family entities own 36.61 per cent stake in the company and going by the market capitalisation on Friday his stake is worth around Rs 29,900 crore. Bhatia and his related entities own around 38 per cent in InterGlobe Aviation.

"I have been a long-term shareholder in the company for more than 15 years and it's only natural to some day think about

diversifying one's holdings. Accordingly, my current intention is to slowly reduce my equity stake in the company over the next five plus years," Gangwal said in his letter. "However, I am concerned about the optics of reducing my holdings even though such transactions would only be undertaken when I do not have any unpublished price sensitive information," he added. Gangwal also said that he continues to be a big believer in the long-term prospects of IndiGo and more so now with the industry consolidation underway.

The differences between Gangwal and Bhatia came out in the open in July 2019 after Gangwal sought Securities and Exchange Board of India's intervention to address alleged corporate governance lapses at the company. Later, an arbitration award was also passed relating to the dispute between the two, the details of which were not disclosed. FE

## IN 2018 CASE

## CBI questions NSE ex-MD &amp; CEO Ramkrishna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, FEB 18

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday questioned Chitra Ramkrishna, former managing director and chief executive officer of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), in connection with a case it had registered in 2018.

It also issued look-out circulars (LOCs) against Ramkrishna, former NSE group operating officer Anand Subramanian, and another former NSE CEO Ravi Narain. "In light of the new developments and certain information collected by the CBI, Ramkrishna is being questioned. The agency has also opened lookout circulars against three people in the case including Ramkrishna," a CBI official said.

In an order last week, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) penalised Ramkrishna and a few others for allegedly violating securities contract rules in the appointment of Subramanian as group operating officer and advisor to the MD. It said Ramkrishna was steered by a 'yogi' in the appointment of Subramanian.

On Thursday, the Income Tax Department searched the residences of Ramkrishna and Subramanian as part of its probe into allegations of illegal gains made by passing on internal exchange information to a third party.

The 2018 case pertains to charges of preferential access to the trading system to some brokers, through the co-location facility (where brokers can buy 'rack space' for their servers) at the stock exchange, early login and 'dark fibre', which can allow trader split-second faster access to the data feed of the bourse. Such a split-second edge is considered capable of bringing huge gains to a trader.

The CBI had booked Sanjay Gupta, owner and promoter of Delhi-based OPG Securities Pvt Ltd, and others in the case. As per the CBI, between 2010 and 2014, Gupta abused the NSE server architecture, in criminal conspiracy with unknown officials of NSE, and even bribed Sebi officials.

"Gupta, with the help of his brother-in-law Aman Kokrady and other unknown persons, managed the data centre staff of NSE, who passed the infor-



The CBI also issued an LOC against Chitra Ramkrishna. PTI

mation regarding switching on time of NSE exchange servers. Further, unknown officials of NSE gave OPG Securities Pvt Ltd access to servers which were technologically latest and least crowded at that particular period. This helped OPG Securities Pvt Ltd, in being mostly the first one to login on the exchange server of the NSE," the FIR by CBI said.

The allegations of unfair access were first made by a whistleblower in January 2015. The whistleblower wrote to Sebi, alleging that a few brokers were able to log into the NSE system with better hardware specifications while engaging in algorithmic trading, to their unfair advantage. Algorithmic trading, or 'algo' in market parlance, refers to orders generated at superfast speed by the use of advanced mathematical models that involve automated execution of trade.

A technical advisory committee report by the Sebi later found that OPG Securities had consistently logged in first on selected TBT (tick-by-tick) servers on most trading days in 2010-2014, and also had access to servers that had better hardware. At this point, Gupta is alleged to have bribed Sebi officials for a favourable order in its enquiry. Ramkrishna was MD-CEO of NSE from April 2013 to December 2016, while Narain held the same post from April 1994 to March 2013.

Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy, Heavy Water Plant (Koda)  
CORRIGENDUM - 1 TO TENDER NOTICE.  
\*TENDER NOTICE No: HWP/KINST/ ROIV. MOV/MTA-22/01  
Name of the work: Servicing of air motor operated Limitorque actuators of ROIVs and electric motor operated (Rotork/Limitorque) actuators of MOIVs at HWP (Koda) during MTA-2022.  
Date of availability of Tender Documents for view and download has been extended to 24/02/2022 and Date of opening has been extended to 28/02/2022. All other terms and conditions of tender documents shall remain unaltered. The details are available on website [www.hwb.gov.in](http://www.hwb.gov.in) & <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>  
General Manager  
For and on behalf of the President of India

## OSBI

CMP &amp; SCF Department, State Bank of India, Global IT - Centre, Sec-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400 614

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RFP No. 694

DATED: 08.07.2021

Bids are invited by State Bank of India from the eligible bidders for Procurement of 200 TB all flash storage (100 TB each for Primary and DR setup) for physical servers. Bidders, who are interested to submit bids, visit Procurement news at <https://www.sbi.co.in> and e-Procurement agency portal <https://etender.sbi>

Commencement of download of RFP: 18.02.2022

Last date and time for submission of bids: 11.03.2022 up to 14:00 hrs

CMP &amp; SCF Department

## JASOL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL TREATMENT &amp; REVERSE

OSMOSIS Pvt. Ltd. ( JWPCT&amp;ROPL ), JASOL.

C/O CETP, Tilwara road, Jasol, Barmer, (Raj.)

Email: [jasolrospv@gmail.com](mailto:jasolrospv@gmail.com), M : 9413308771 & 9887298819

## TENDER NOTICE

JWPCT&ROPL, Jasol plans to setup a "Thermal treatment plant" to treat RO reject water from 2.5 MLD ZLD on Design-Build-Operate-Transfer basis including 3 Years of O & M. The tender document will be available from the following dates at our office from 23.02.2022 to 09.03.2022. Tender fees is Rs. 10000/-.

## RajCOMP Info Services Limited (RISL)

C-Block, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Vojana Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur

RISL invites e-bids from the eligible bidders for the following:

NIB No. / Date / Unique bid no.	Particulars	Estimated Cost / EMD	Start of sale / Last date
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7125/17.02.2022	RFP for supply and support services of Microsoft Products for RSDC	7.43 Crore	17.02.2022
(RIS2122GLOB00083)		14.86 Lacs	15.03.2022

Details can be seen on the websites <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://risl.rajjasthan.gov.in>, and <http://doit.rajjasthan.gov.in>. Bids are to be submitted through <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

Raj.Samvad/C21/11919

ACP (Dy. Director)

## Government of India

Department of Atomic Energy

Nuclear Fuel Complex

ECIL Post, Hyderabad-500062

ADVT. No. NFC/01/2022

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts in Zirconium Complex, Pazhayakalay, Tuticorin District, Tamil Nadu, a unit of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC), Hyderabad, an industrial establishment under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). The selected candidates, on appointment, are liable to serve in any of the other constituent units of NFC or any of the Units of the DAE located in different parts of the country. Details and eligibility criteria for the post are as under:-

S. No.	Post Code	Post, Group and Pay	No. of Vacancies
1	12201	Technical Officer 'D' (Chemistry)	UR-01
2	12202	Technical Officer 'D' (Chemical)	UR-01
3	12203	Technical Officer 'D' (Civil)	UR-01
4	12204	Technical Officer 'D' (Mechanical)	UR-01
5	12205	Technical Officer 'D' (Electronics / Instrumentation)	UR-02

Last date of receipt of application is 11.03.2022. Candidates are required to visit NFC website [www.nfc.gov.in](http://www.nfc.gov.in) for detailed advertisement and other details.





**SEARCH FOR MISSING**


General Public is hereby informed that a male person namely **Lallan Kamat, S/o Laxman Kamat, R/o Namash Ka Makan Gali No. 25A Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi. Age : 22 years, Height : 5'6" Complexion-Wheatish, Face-Round, Built-Strong, Wearing-Blue Colour shirt & Jeans in feel has been reported missing from factory No. B-2563 DSIIDC area of P.S. Narela, Delhi, since 30.12.2021 in this regard**

a DD No. 78A dated 01.01.2022 has been registered at P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far, if any one having any information about this person please inform to the undersigned.

E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-23011334  
DP1575/ON/2022

**SHO**  
P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi  
Ph. : 011-27787593, 7065036324



**Office of the Additional Chief Engineer (Project) PHED Bharatpur (Rajasthan)**

**E-Notice Inviting Bid No. 03/2021-22**

No.- PHED/ACE (P)/JMM/Tender/2021-22/ Dated:-

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, NIT no. 03/2021-22 online tender is hereby invited from eligible bidders for work of “Bids for the Work of construction of cluster & intermediate pumping stations along with switchyards and associated civil, EMI works, construction of CWR, OHSR's of different capacity along with associated works, Rising Main pipeline, Distribution Main Pipeline from OHSRs to VTCs, Pipeline network of village Distribution, Providing Functional Household Connections in villages and their other habitations, testing, commissioning and trial run of whole system and all related civil works on Single Point Responsibility basis contract including Operation & Maintenance (upto VTC) for Ten years after one year defect liability period to be carried out under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) of Package-8th (cluster package for 177 villages and Bonli Kasba) of Isarda Dausa Water supply Project, District Sawai Madhopur” as per criteria mentioned in the detailed NIT/tender document available on website: <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> & <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in>. Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic format on website <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> as per prescribed schedule.

NIT No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Crore)	UBN No.	Date and time for online downloading/ submission/ open of bid
03/2021-22	“Bids for the Work of construction of cluster & intermediate pumping stations along with switchyards and associated civil, EMI works, construction of CWR, OHSR's of different capacity along with associated works, Rising Main pipeline, Distribution Main Pipeline from OHSRs to VTCs, Pipeline network of village Distribution, Providing Functional Household Connections in villages and their other habitations, testing, commissioning and trial run of whole system and all related civil works on Single Point Responsibility basis contract including O&M (upto VTC) for Ten years after one year defect liability period to be carried out under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) of Package-8th (cluster package for 177 villages and Bonli Kasba) of Isarda Dausa Water supply Project, District Sawai Madhopur”	286.58	PHE2122 WLOB 13697	From 10.02.2022 (6.00 PM) to 14.03.2022 (6.00 PM) 15.03.2022 (6.00 PM)

**SAVE WATER- SAVE LIFE**

Sd/- (Hemant Kumar) Additional Chief Engineer (Project) PHED Bharatpur

DIPR/C/2003/2022



**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ**

**OPEN TENDER NOTICE**

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 281P-09/2021-22/TMC/HQ/NCR/ Prayagraj dated: 15.02.2022

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedarganj, Prayagraj-211015 invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:

(The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on <http://ireps.gov.in> upto 15.00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).

S Tender N	Brief Description	Tender Value (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)
1 TM 225026	CAT DEO 15W 40. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Caterpillar]	2,20,306/-	4,500/-
2 TM 225027	Filter, Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: CUMMINS]	2,19,739/-	4,400/-
3 TM 225028	SPIN on Filter, Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: DEUTZ]	2,12,612/-	4,300/-
4 TM 225024	Chord Wire, Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser]	2,45,676/-	5,000/-
5 TM 225003	Caten Light, Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser, Hiltex, Autopal, Hella, JMI or Lucas only]	2,58,739/-	5,200/-
6 TM 225029	Round Nut, Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser]	15,75,725/-	31,600/-
7 TM 225017	Pneumatic Cylinder, Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser, Duncan or Williams only]	20,19,644/-	40,400/-
8 TM 225019	Bearing, Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser, HMT, KOYO, SKF, INA, IKO, MAYFIELD, ELGES or FAG only]	42,36,000/-	84,000/-

For all the Tenders Date of opening: 11.03.2022. Quantity: From Sr. No. 1 to 8-As per Section IV of tender document. Note:- 1. The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website <https://ireps.gov.in> up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 2. Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide Railway Board Letter No. 2001RS(G)/779/7 Pt I Dated: 29.06.2017 "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected credit situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved sources are adjudged unreasonably high, despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions". 3. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class-III Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2008. 4. This tender notice has also been uploaded on [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in). 5. Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest money is "Deposit Misc stores 08B44523. 6. In case of any difficulty/helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached.

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North Central Railway [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in) North Central Railway@CPWD/NCR



**JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED**  
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)

3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR, PRAGATI SADAN, KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI-834001, JHARKHAND.

Ph No.: +91-651-2225878, e-mail [ldt-pdt.juidco@gmail.com](mailto:ldt-pdt.juidco@gmail.com)  
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

**TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE**

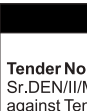
NIT No: -JUIDCO/DPR-PMC/SWM-Mahagama/2925/2021/433 Date:18.02.2022

Tender ID.: 2021 UDD 54677\_1 PR No.:260244

Project Title: - “Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Consultant for providing Consultancy services for Preparation of DPR of Solid Waste Management (SWM) Project and Project Monitoring Consultancy (PMC) at Mahagama”.

The tender of NIT No:JUIDCO/DPR- PMC/SWM-Mahagama /2925/2021/433and Tender ID:-2021 UDD 54677 \_1is cancelled due to Non-responsive bid. All bidders are therefore requested to wait for future correspondence regarding fresh tender.

Sd/- PR 264298 Urban Development(21-22).D Project Director (T)



**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Tender No.191-DRM-MB-21-22 Dated-17.02.2022

Sr.DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No.191-DRM-MB-21-22 closing date: 15.03.2022 16:00 hrs. Name of work:- Miscellaneous track work in connection with TFR & CTR in RAC-SPC section and replacement/repair of overdue glued joint in the section of Sr. DEN-II/MB. Tender closing date/time- 15.03.2022 16:00. Cost of work: Rs. 4539865.44. Earnest Money: Rs - 90800.00, Tender Cost: Rs-NIL. Bidding start date: 01.03.2022 and Period of Completion: 06 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. 363/2022

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**




**Govt. of Jharkhand ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT Road Division , Seraikella-Kharsawan e-Procurement Notice**

Tender Reference No. RCD/SERAIKELLA/30 Date :- 18.02.2022

1.	Name of the work	Construction Work of Burudih Bypass (Total Length 1.553 Km.) on Seraikella-Kharsawan Road (MDR-144) for the year 2021-22.
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	₹ 6,33,27,903.78 (Rupees Six Crore Thirty Three lakh Twenty Seven thousand Nine hundred Three and Paise Seventy Eight only)
3.	Time of Completion	02 (Two) months
4.	Last Date/Time for receipt of bids	21.03.2022 (12.00 Noon)
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	26.02.2022 (06.30 PM)
6.	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	O/o Executive Engineer , Road Construction Department , Road Division , Seraikella - Kharsawan
7.	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	8809347906
8.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> Note-Estimated Cost will be increase/decrease Executive Engineer RCD , Road Division Seraikella-Kharsawan

PR 264247 (Road) 21-22 (D)



**कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड मुंगेली जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.)**

ई-मेल-cemun-phe-cg@nic “यूनिट हॉल्ट, जेल रोड मुंगेली” फोन-07755-264172-205475

**ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

ऑनलाईन निविदाएं प्रपत्र-ए में प्रतिशत दर पर अनुबंध हेतु नीचे उल्लेखित कार्यों के लिये जिला जल एवं स्वच्छता मिशन द्वारा एकीकृत पंजीवन व्यवस्था में सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

**कार्य का विवरण:-** जिला मुंगेली के विकासखण्ड-मुंगेली एवं लोरमी के विभिन्न ग्रामों में जल जीवन मिशन के अंतर्गत एकर ग्राम जल प्रदाय योजना कार्य।


क्र.	निविदा सूचना क्र./दिनांक	सिस्टम क्रमांक	ग्राम का नाम	विकास खण्ड	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)
1	206/14.02.2002	92906	सहसपुर	लोरमी	111.61
2	207/14.02.2002	92908	खेली	लोरमी	112.13
3	208/14.02.2002	92932	पंडोतरा	मुंगेली	72.21
4	209/14.02.2002	92934	खुजहा	मुंगेली	83.26
5	210/14.02.2002	92935	कराधन	मुंगेली	81.86
6	211/14.02.2002	92938	कुआणांव	मुंगेली	134.19
7	212/14.02.2002	92943	छुहिया	मुंगेली	68.45
8	213/14.02.2002	92944	कांठोदींगी	लोरमी	89.14

**बिड सबमिशन की अंतिम तिथि-07.03.2022**

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की समान शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापित निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> में दिनांक 14.02.2022 से देखे जा सकते हैं।

हस्ता/- कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड मुंगेली जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.)

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**WESTERN RAILWAY**

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/04/2022 Date 17.02.2022**

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
48	VRLA Battery 110V,70AH.	115.00 Set	28-Feb-22
49	Upgraded High Capacity Draft Gear With Follower For Upgraded High Tensile CBC	131.00 Nos	01-Mar-22
50	Amalgamated Transformer Rectifier Unit	20.00 Nos	03-Mar-22
51	SMPS Based Integrated Power Supply (IPS)	17.00 Set	04-Mar-22
52	BPAC for Double Line Operation	5.00 Set	04-Mar-22
53	Wye Damper	800.00 Nos	04-Mar-22
54	Primary Vertical Damper	1561.00 Nos	04-Mar-22
55	Safety Wire Rope Assly.For Brake Beam	11994.00 Nos	04-Mar-22
56	Air Brake Hose Coupling	3500.00 Nos	04-Mar-22
57	Sealed Maintenance Free VRLA Battery 2V/300AH	24.00 Set	05-Mar-22
58	Set of 1500 AMP Capacity CTF-1,CTF-2 & CTF-3	7.00 Set	07-Mar-22
59	RTV Silicon Rubber Compound	10928.00 Nos	08-Mar-22
60	24 OFC Cable	97.00 KM	10-Mar-22
61	Catenary Wire 125 SQ MM	9.60 KM	10-Mar-22
62	Power Car Panel as per ALT 7 of RDSO	10.00 Set	11-Mar-22
63	Coupler Body With Shank Wears Plate	942.00 Nos	11-Mar-22
64	Aluminium Chequered Sheet	11500.00 Kg	14-Mar-22
65	Power Cable 2 X 25 SQ MM	101.00 KM	14-Mar-22
66	Drug Eluting Coronary Stent System	125.00 Nos	15-Mar-22
67	Industrial Compressed Oxygen Gas	30000.00 Cum	16-Mar-22
68	T 524 F Application Form For Reservation Loose Forms	15052500.00 Nos	16-Mar-22
69	Antiwear Hydraulic Oil VG68	33113.00 Ltr	17-Mar-22
70	4 mm Dia Manual Metal Arc Welding Electrode.	398372.00 Mtr	18-Mar-22
71	Brushless Alternator of 25KW	12.00 Nos	18-Mar-22
72	M-48 Maintenance Kit for Air Dryer	80.00 Set	18-Mar-22
73	Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 2 Lifts	2.00 Nos	19-Mar-22
74	Set Of Equiliser	22.00 Set	21-Mar-22
75	Hydraulic oil extra heavy duty VG68	31290.00 Ltr	21-Mar-22

**REVERSE AUCTION**

1	415 V ac 3 Phase Tower AC System	164. Nos	07-Mar-22
2	Signalling cable 12 Core X 1.5 sqmm	3000.00 KM	15-Mar-22

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and [www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in). For Principal Chief Material Manager

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CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

**TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE**


NIT No: -JUIDCO/DPR-PMC/SWM-Mahagama/2925/2021/433 Date:18.02.2022

Tender ID.: 2021 UDD 54677\_1 PR No.:260244

Project Title: - “Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Consultant for providing Consultancy services for Preparation of DPR of Solid Waste Management (SWM) Project and Project Monitoring Consultancy (PMC) at Mahagama”.

The tender of NIT No:JUIDCO/DPR- PMC/SWM-Mahagama /2925/2021/433and Tender ID:-2021 UDD 54677 \_1is cancelled due to Non-responsive bid. All bidders are therefore requested to wait for future correspondence regarding fresh tender.

Sd/- PR 264298 Urban Development(21-22).D Project Director (T)



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CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

**TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE**

NIT No: -JUIDCO/DPR- PMC/SWM-Barharwa/2928/2021/431 Date:18.02.2022

Tender ID.: 2021 UDD 54672\_1 PR No.:260248

Project Title: - “Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Consultant for providing Consultancy services for Preparation of DPR of Solid Waste Management (SWM) Project and Project Monitoring Consultancy (PMC)at Barharwa”.

The tender of NIT No:JUIDCO/DPR-PMC/SWM-Barharwa /2928/2021/431and Tender ID:-2021 UDD 54672 \_1is cancelled due to Non-responsive bid. All bidders are therefore requested to wait for future correspondence regarding fresh tender.

Sd/- PR 264290 Urban Development(21-22)D Project Director (T)



**झारखण्ड सरकार**

**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग**

**शुद्धि-पत्र**

इस कार्यालय द्वारा प्रकाशित “Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Consultant for providing Project Management Consultancy services for “Execution of Rural Piped Water Supply Project pertaining to 9 Blocks in Godda 3 Blocks in Sahibganj and 2 Blocks of Dumka District” (RFP No. – 01/CDO/Ranchi/PMC/2021-22) जिसका PR No.-262644 Drinking Water & Sanitation (21-22)#D है, में Last date & time of online submission : 21.02.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs. को संशोधित करते हुए 04.03.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs.; Last date & time for submission of hard copy : 22.02.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. को संशोधित करते हुए 07.03.2022 upto 16:00 Hrs. एवं Opening date of technical bid : 23.02.2022 at 15.30 Hrs. को संशोधित करते हुए 08.03.2022 at 15:30 Hrs. किया जाता है। शेष यथावत रहेगा।

हं/-, (सुनील कुमार) कार्यपालक अभियंता (पृष्ठ नियंत्रण) सी०डी०ओ०, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।

PR 264264 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22)#D



**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA, JHARKHAND**

**e-Procurement Notice**

For National Competitive Bidding e Tender Reference No. RCD/DUMKA/501 Date: 17.02.2022

1.	Name of the work	Reconstruction of Gandhi Chowk Kathikund (Govindpur-Sahebganj Road)-Karbindha (MDR-191) Road (Total Length-22.265 Km) with Bridge for the year 2021-22.
2(a)	Approximate value of Work (Rs. In Lacs )	Rs 5671.980 Lacs (Rupees Fifty Six Crore Seventy One Lac Ninety Eight Thousand Only )
(b)	Bid Security ( Rs In Lacs )	Rs 56.72 Lacs
3.	Time of Completion	18 (Eighteen) Months
4.	Last date/Time for receipt of bids	21.03.2022 Up to 12.00 Noon.
5	Date of Publication of Tender on website	28.02.2022 AT 10.30 A.M
6.	Date of Pre Bid Meeting & Place	07.03.2022 Chief Engineer (Communication), RCD, Jharkhand, Ranchi
7.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer Road Division, Dumka
8.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	7070190875
9.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer Road Construction Department Road Division, Dumka Pin-814101

PR 264221 (Road) 21-22 (D)



**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**

**पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा**

**ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सूचना सं०-10/2021-22**


ई-निविदा प्रसंग-RCD/JAMTARA/ 282/21-22 दिनांक 18.02.2022

1	कार्य का नाम	पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा अंतर्गत गोबिन्दपुर –साहेबगंज पथ के कि०मी० 29.020 (करमदाहा) से कि०मी० 126.00 (निष्चितपुर) तक पथ (ए०डी०वी० वाईपास सहित) (कुल लम्बाई-96.980 कि०मी०) के राइडिंग क्वालिटी में सुधार (Improvement of Riding Quality) कार्य वर्ष 2021-22
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	रु० 6284.40109 लाख (बासंत करोड़ चौरासी लाख वालीस हजार एक सौ नौ रुपये)
3.	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	06 (छह) महीना
4.	ई-निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	25.03.2022 के दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक
5	ई-निविदा का वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	26.02.2022 के अपराह्न 4:30 बजे
6.	वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा।
7.	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट अधिकारी का संपर्क नं० /मोबाईल नं०	07992269247
8.	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का संपर्क सहायता नम्बर	0651-2401010

नोट:- प्राक्कलित राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है। निविदा संशोधी अन्य जानकारी <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा

PR 264325 Road(21-22)#D



**CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION**  
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Regional Office: Scope Minar, Core-3, 1st Floor, Laxmi Nagar Distt. Center, Delhi-110092, Ph: 011-22041851, Email: [codehil.cwc@cewacorp.nic.in](mailto:codehil.cwc@cewacorp.nic.in) Warehousing for Everyone

No. CWC/RO-DL/Engg. Section/PRESS NOTE/2021-22/660 Date: 16.02.2022

**PRESS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

CWC invites online tenders from the approved contractors of appropriate class for the following work:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lakh)	Last date of on line submission of tenders
1.	Construction of MS Temporary Shed measuring 28Mx14M along long wall of Godown No. 2 at CW Oshla-II, Delhi	45.89	03.03.2022 upto 15.00 Hrs.

Detailed Tender Notice along with Conditions of Contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and downloaded from the CWC's website [www.cewacorp.nic.in](http://www.cewacorp.nic.in) or e-tender website [www.cwcprocure.com](http://www.cwcprocure.com) or CPP Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/eipublishapp>. Further Corrigendum/Addendum to this tender, if any, will be published on the above mentioned websites only. Press advertisement in Newspapers shall not be issued for the same.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER



**RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD**

No.ACE-I/RHB/JPR/2021-22/636 Date:- 11.02.2022

**NIB: 14/2021-22**

Bids for 1. External Electrification work of Sector-03 CMJAY RHB scheme, Pratap Nagar, Jaipur and Shifting of 11 kV line from the Scheme. 2. Fire Fighting work of Campus of Teacher and Constable's flats scheme, Sector-26, Pratap Nagar, Jaipur 3. Development work of Parks at Indira Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur 4. Development work of GH-3 Sector-7, I.G. Nagar, Jaipur are invited from interested bidders for Sr. No. 1 from Date 21.02.2022 to 14.03.2022 & Sr. No. 2 to 4 from Date 21.02.2022 to 02.03.2022 upto 6:00PM. Other particular of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state & <http://urban.rajjasthan.gov.in> /rhh department website. U B N : R H B 2 1 2 2 W S O B 0 0 2 5 9 , R H B 2 1 2 2 W S O B 0 0 2 5 7 , R H B 2 1 2 2 W S O B 0 0 2 6 0 , R H B 2 1 2 2 W S O B 0 0 2 5 8

Samwad/C/11933/2021-22 Addl. Chief Engineer-I, Jaipur



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ISERM/1532/2122 Pur Date : 18-02-2022

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना/NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online tender(s) are invited on behalf of the Director, ISER Mohali at E-procurement portal, i.e. <http://eprocure.gov.in/eiprocureapp>, for the following items:

Tender Ref. No.	Description	Last date & time for upload the tender
ISERM/1532/2122-Pur	Supply, installation and commissioning of Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GC-MS) instrument with accessories. The items /services are reserved for exclusive purchase from Local Domestic supplier	10th March 2022 up to 11.00AM

For detail and apply online, please visit the website <http://eprocure.gov.in/eiprocureapp> [stores@isermohali.ac.in](mailto:stores@isermohali.ac.in). Bids(s) shall be accepted only through online mode and no manual submission of the same shall be entertained except tender fee and EMD. Late tenders will not be accepted.

This is a domestic Tender according to the DPAT Order dated 15/07/2017 and subsequent amendments to the order for Public Procurement Preference & PROVISION FOR LOCAL SUPPLIERS TOWARDS PREFERENCE TO MAKE IN INDIA.

सहायक रजिस्ट्रार (पथ और खनिज)/Assistant Registrar (S&P)



# Classifieds

## PERSONAL

**I,hitherto** known as Samta Atre Alisa Samta Sharma,D/o Late Sh.Santosh Kumar Sharma,R/o 1870-A/138, Shanti-Nagar Tri Nagar,Delhi-110035,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Samta Sharma. 0040603532-9

**I,ARSHI, W/O.SHAUAIB AHMED, ADD-B-2/278,B-2-BLOCK YAMUNA VIHAR, NORTH EAST,DELHI-110053,** changed my name to ARSHI NAAZ. Permanently. 0040603502-2

**I,Surinder Kumar Goyal S/o Lajpat Rai R/o-E-66, Second-Floor, New-Multan Nagar, Shakurbasti Depot,Delhi-110056** have changed my name to Surinder Kumar. 0040603508-11

**I,Suman Goyal W/o Surinder Kumar, R/o-E-66, Second-Floor, New-Multan Nagar, Shakurbasti Depot,Delhi-110056** have changed my name to Suman Devi Goyal. 0040603508-10

**I,SHNYOGITA,W/O Shri MAHESH KUMAR, R/o A-328,BETA-1, GREATER NOIDA,GAUTAM-BUDDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201306,**have changed my name to SANYOGITA, permanently. 00406035032-3

**I,Ruchi Bhadoriya, W/O-No-3006921Y,Hav Ravi Singh, In my husband's service record my name and D o B has been wrongly written as Ruchi Bhadoriya and D o B -14 Jan-1987 instead of Ruchi Bhadoriya and D o B- 27 June-1989 as per Aadhaar card, mark sheet and marriage certificate. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days.** 0020434269-1

**I,Mithu Majumdar & Mithu Chatterjee D/o Jagannath Chatterjee R/o-B-82, Chander-Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011,**have changed my name to Mithu Chatterjee Majumdar. 0040603508-9

**I,Mayank Gupta,S/o Sh.Prem Narayan Gupta,R/o-A-36,Indra-Puri Loni Ghaziabad,UP-201102,**have changed my name from Mayank Kumar to Mayank Gupta,for all,future purposes. 0040603508-7

**I,Laxmi Bisht,D/O Manber Singh Bisht R/O-1219/52, DDA Flats,Kalka ji South Delhi,New Delhi-110019,**have changed my name to "Pooja" for all,future purposes. 0040603502-4

**I,JYOTI MUKHIJA W/O DINESH KUMAR, R/O-7,SECOND FLOOR, ASHOKA-ROAD ADARSHNAGAR ,DELHI -33 , I,HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON'S NAME HARDIK TO HARDIK MUKHIJA,PERMANENTLY.** 0040603475-1

**I,JITHENDER/JEETENDRA BULCHANDANI S/O MANOHAR LAL BULCHANDANI R/O-B-401,BALAJI APARTMENTS, PLOTNO.11/2,SECTOR-14,ROHINI,DELHI-110085,** CHANGED MY NAME TO JITENDER BULCHANDANI. 0040603532-1

**I,Gurcharan Kaur,D/O Kamaljeet Singh,W/O-Prabhathi Prakash,R/o-71,B.M. Khand, Giri-Nagar,Kalkaji,Delhi-110019.**I declared that Gurcharan Kaur and Rinky Prakash both are one and same person,my correct name is Gurcharan Kaur. 0040603502-5

**I,Army No-30012161F,SPR/173 ENGR RFGT(T.A),Vikas Nazir Khan,R/O-Pringal ward No-5,Tehsil-Boniyar,Pin-193122, District-Baramulla .In my Service records the name of my brother has been wrongly mentioned as Ishfar Nazir Khan instead of Ishfaq Nazir as in school records.It needs correction.Objections be filed concerned authorities within seven days.** 0020434271-1

**I,Virendra Kumar, S/o Shri Indra Mani Ghildiyal, R/o 36, Prem Nagar Market, Near Tyagraj Stadium, New Delhi-110003** have changed my name to VIRENDRA GHILDYAL for all future purposes. It is also stated that Virendra Kumar and Virendra Ghildiyal is the one & same person. 0040603454-9

**I,Vaibhav Jain R/o H.No. 222-A, Laxman Vihar-1, Gurugram-122001** have changed the name of my minor son Born on 18.01.2020 from Reyansh Jain to Anvit Jain for all purposes, vide affidavit Dt: 10-Feb-2022 Sworn before Notary Ram Niwas Malik, Gurugram. 0040603485-1

**I,TARUN KUMAR GAUTAM, S/O SHRIKRISHNA GAUTAM, R/O H.N.1. PRAKASH NAGAR, K.C. SHARMA SCHOOL, SADABAD, HATHRAS, UTTAR PRADESH-281306.** Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as KRISHNA GAUTAM in my 12TH CLASS CERTIFICATE NO-872799, 12TH CLASS CERTIFICATE NO-1157311. The actual name of My Father is SHRIKRISHNA GAUTAM, which may be amended accordingly. 0070773620-1

**I,Irene Agnes Obrien,R/o A-802 Taj Apartment Ghazipur Delhi-110096,**Have Changed My Minor Son's Name,From Aditya Sankar Saikia To Aditya Obrien Saikia. 0040603502-9

**I,Divya Gupta,W/o Sh.Mayank Gupta,R/o,A-36,Indra-Puri Loni,Ghaziabad,UP-201102,** have changed my name from Divya to Divya Gupta,for all,future purposes. 0040603508-6

**I,ABHINAV KUNHIRAMA MENON,S/O SREENIVASAN,R/o FLAT.NO.15, GURUKRIPA APARTMENT MANDI ESTATE MANDI DELHI 110047** changed my name to ABHINAV MENON. 0040603349-4

**I, PARVEZ ALI KHAN, S/o SHUJAT ALI KHAN, R/o S-20/49 A, CLARK ROAD, VARUNA BRIDGE, VARANASI CANTT., UTTAR PRADESH-221002,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAFAT PARVEZ. 0070773617-1

**I, Sudesh Kumar Suri, S/o Amar Das Suri, R/o B-301,SF, Haringanar, Delhi-110064** have changed my name to SUDESH SURI 0040603463-1

**I, Meena Kumari, W/o Devi Singh, R/o 25/186, Masta Ki Bagichi Jeevni Mandi, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282004,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Meena Devi. 0070773632-1

**I, Manoj Kumar, S/o Malkhan Singh, R/o House No-104, VPO Baslambi, Gurugram, Haryana-122001,** have changed my name to Manoj Kumar Yadav. 0070773696-1

**I, Manoj Kumar, S/o Late Anand Prasad Dhyani, R/o R-336A, Lajpat Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005,** have declared that my Wife Neelam Dhyani D.O.B-4/6/1979 Wrongly Mentioned in My Services Record while the correct D.O.B is-21/10/1978 Use For All Future purpose. 0070773702-1

**I, Manisha, D/o Subhash Chandra, R/o D 267, Sarai Pipal Thala, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi 110033,** that name of my father has been wrongly written as Subhash Chand in my School Certificate Cum Marksheet of 10th Class and 12th Class. The actual name of my father is Subhash Chandra. 70773694-1

**I, Vineet Kumar, S/o Anil Prasad, R/o Flat No-110, Siena Tower, Mahagun Moderno, Sector-78, Noida Gauttam Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301,** have changed my minor Son's name from Viyan Kumar aged 05 years to Viyan Kutariyar forever. 0070773696-1

**I, GEETA PANDEY W/O Shri PRAKASH CHANDRA Pandey R/O H N 235 GALI NO 22 VIPIN GARDEN EXTN.Uttam Nagar D. K. Road,Mohan Garden New Delhi-110059.** Have Changed my Name from Govindi to Geeta Pandey for all future purpose. 0040603065-9

**I, Dr. Priyanka D/o Sh. Suresh Thakran R/o 79, 2nd Floor, Shankar Vihar, Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092** have changed my Minor daughter's name from Ayana Chhikara to Ayana Thakran for all purposes. 0040603475-1

**I, Saraswathy Sridhar W/o Shri. R. Sridhar D/o Sh. Venkatakrishana Srinivasan Rao aged 61 years, R/o - C-8, Parwana Apartment, Mayur Vihar Ph-1, (Ext) Delhi - 110091,** declared that V. Saraswathy, V. Saraswathy Rao, and Saraswathy Venkatakrishana Rao after Marriage Saraswathy Sridhar are one & same person. Hereinafter i will use my name as Saraswathy Sridhar for all purposes. 0040603478-1

**I, RAJAT AGARWAL, S/o RAJIV KISHORE AGRAWAL, R/O GEETA TRADERS, SHANTI NAGAR, RAILWAY STATION ROAD, KEWALPUR, BAHRACHA, UTTAR PRADESH-271881.** Declare that Name of Mine has been wrongly written as RAJAT AGRAWAL in my EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS. The actual name of Mine is RAJAT AGARWAL, which may be amended accordingly. 0070773618-1

**I, Pratyaksh Parthroop Ranga, S/o Dinesh Kumar Ranga, R/O -148, Sector-61, Opp. Flex Industries, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301.** Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Pratyaksh Parthroop and Dinesh Kumar in my Marks statement cum Certificate No-U120/59248/0017 and Migration Certificate-1957870. The actual name of Mine and My Father are Pratyaksh Parthroop Ranga and Dinesh Kumar Ranga, which may be amended accordingly. 0070773607-1

**I, Bashir Ahmad shah, Ex NK No-9086571N, R/O-Muqam Shah Wali,Tehsil- Drugmalla ,District-Kupwara. In my Service records name and D o B of my Children's has been wrongly mentioned as daughters Nilafarhad (D o B-15-04-1991),Robina Akhter (D o B-16-06-1994) instead of Nelfor Bashir (D o B-07-09-1993), Rubena Bashir (D o B-01-04-1996) and Son's Shah Fasal(D o B-22-05-1998) Mohd Uvais Shah (D o B-21-05-1999), Zahir Ahmad Shah D o B-08-12-2000) Instead of Faisal Ahmad Shah Rishi (D o B-10-12-1998), Mohd Owais Shah(D o B-20-06-2000) and Zahir Ahmad Shah Reshi (D o B-10-07-2001)respectively as in School records. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days. 20434270-1**

**I,Irene Saikia,D/o Terence John Obrien R/o-A-802 Taj Apartment Ghaziipur Delhi-110096,**Have Changed My Minor Son's Name,From Aditya Sankar Saikia To Aditya Obrien Saikia. 0040603502-9

**I, Anil Kumar Agarwal, S/o T.C. Agarwal, R/o C-1802, Exotica Fresco, Sector-137 Noida, Distt- Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.,** have changed my name to Anil Agarwal permanently. 0070773698-1

**I,ANURADHA SHARMA, W/o Deepak Gandhi, R/o B-3/31, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029,** have changed my name to ANURADHA GANDHI, for all purposes. 0040603502-6

**I, AAKRITI GUPTA, D/o MAHESH GUPTA, R/o 274-A, FIRST FLOOR, SANT NAGAR DELHI-110065,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AADITRI RAMESHWARI GUPTA. 0070773612-1

**I Swati D/o Sh. Ram Kumar Singh R/o KB-12 A, 1st Floor, Opposite Radisson Hotel, Kaushambi, i.e. Sahibabad, Ghaziabad,U.P.-201010** have changed my name to Swati Tomar for all purposes. 0040603454-6

**I Shamma Sachdeva D/O, Satish Kumar Sachdeva R/O D-216/1, Balli Apartment, Ugf, Flat No. 2 Krishna Park, Devli Road, Khanpur, New Delhi-110080** have changed my name to Shama Sachdeva for all purposes. 0040603493-1

**I Poonam W/o Sh. Ashish R/o E-405, F/F, Tagore Garden Extension, Tagore Garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110027** have changed my name to Poonam Chola for all purposes. 0040603454-8

**I Jyoti Sharma @ Jyoti Ravinder Singh D/o Dr.Rajesh Sharma W/o Sh.Ravinder Singh R/o H.No.R-107-B, Behind Krishna Mandir, Model Town-II, Dr.Mukherjee Nagar,Delhi-110009** have changed my name to Jyoti Ravinder Kaur for all purposes. 0040603454-7

**I Dhruva Malhotra S/o/Late Sh.Chaman Lal Malhotra R/O-I-6, Shanti Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085** have changed the name of my minor daughter's from Sunakshi Malhotra to Kavya Malhotra for all purposes. 0040603455-1

**I,HARISH PANDEY S/O RAM CHEZ PANDEY R/O BLOCK GH-9,FLATNO.194,PASCHIM VIHAR,DELHI-110087.** CHANGED MY NAME TO HARISH KUMAR PANDEY. 0040603532-3

**I,Vineet Kumar Shukla,S/o Sh.Ram Badan Shukla,R/O WZ-329/A, 2nd-Floor, Sri Nagar, Gali.No.4,Shakurbasti, Saraswati Vihar, North-West Delhi-110034,**declare that my daughter name mention as Anushka in her School-Record and as per Record of her Birth Certificate and other-documents correct-name of my daughter is Anushka Shukla. 0040603532-4

**I Pooja Devi Dogra,R/o 15D Vrudavan Park,opp. Lalvadi School,Jamnagar,Have Changed My Name To Praja Devi Dogra Via Affidavit In All My Documents.** 0040603483-1

**I, Amit Arora S/o Sh. Parveen Kumar R/O-A-154, Jhimil Colony, Delhi-110095** have changed my name from Amit to Amit Arora for all future Purpose. 0040603458-1

**I, Dr. Priyanka D/o Sh. Suresh Thakran R/o 79, 2 nd Floor, Shankar Vihar, Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092** have changed my Minor son's name from Viraj Chhikara to Viraj Thakran for all purposes. 0040603476-1

**I, Bishan Dev R/O House No.4A, Deep Enclave, Part-2, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059,** Have Changed my Name from Bishan Dev to Bishan Dev Rai for all future purposes 0040603459-1

**I, Bhupinder Kaur, W/o Gurdeep Singh Sethi, R/o C-101, Inderpuri, Delhi-110012** have changed my name to BHUPINDER KAUR SETHI 0040603463-2

**I, Utkarsh Patel, S/o Veerendra Kumar Verma, R/o Tambeshwar Nagar, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212601.** Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Virendra Kumar Verma in my 12th Class Certificate No-100859S. The actual name of My Father is Veerendra Kumar Verma, which may be amended accordingly. 0070773615-1

**I,Arjun singh S/o-Sh.Gyan singh R/O-H.No.379/16, Kh.No.1056, Block-H,New Delhi-110062,** inform that Arjun singh and Arvind singh,both name are same person,I Known as Arjun singh,for future purpose. 0040603508-3

**I,Aditya S/o Pramod Rohella R/O H.No.C-1/G-5,Shalimar-Garden Extn-2 Sahibabad Ghaziabad, U.P.201005,**have been changed my name to Aditya Rohella. 0040603502-7

**I,ARUNA W/O JITENDER BULCHANDANI R/O B-401, BALAJI APARTMENTS, PLOT NO.11/2,SECTOR-14,ROHINI, DELHI-110085.** CHANGED MY NAME TO ARUNA BULCHANDANI. 0040603532-2

**I,Ishzorawar Singh S/O-Rajdeep Singh Oberoi R/O-H.No.1340, Sec-7/D, Faridabad, Haryana-121006** have changed my name to Ishzorawar Singh Oberoi for all purposes. 0040603461-1

**I,Karan S/o Sanjay Sahal,R/o B-933, Dabua Colony,NIT Faridabad-121001** have changed my name to Karan Sahal for all purpose. 0040603508-4

**I,Indirjeet Kaur Bhullar W/O Gurpreet Singh,R/O 2/208,2nd Floor,Subhash Nagar,New Delhi-110027** Have Changed my Name to Indirjeet Kaur. 0040603508-8

**I,Ranbir Singh S/O Omkar Singh R/O E-16/448,Anand Puri,Tank-Road, Karol Bagh,Delhi-110005,** have changed my name to Ravi Kumar Sejwal. 0040603538-1

**I,Rajesh S/o Kailash Chand R/O-House.No-A-463 Camp.No-4 Jwala Puri,Delhi-110087,**have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Permanently. 0040603465-1

**I,RAVINDER KUMAR,S/O ISHWAR CHAND C-2/61 RAJASTHALI APARTMENT PITAMPURA -110034**HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVINDER kumar GOEL 0040603538-2

**I,Nitin Bhatia,S/O Amit Jha,R/O A-41 Second-Floor Amar Colony Lajpat-Nagar IV New Delhi-110024,**have changed my name to Nitin Jha, permanently. 0040603508-2

**I,Irene Agnes Obrien,R/o A-802 Taj Apartment Ghaziipur Delhi-110096,**Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name,From Nikita Saikia To Nikita Obrien Saikia. 0040603502-10

**I,Gurpreet Bhullar S/O Kuldeep Singh R/O 2/208,2nd Floor, Subhash Nagar,New Delhi-110027** Have Changed my Name to Gurpreet Singh. 0040603508-5

**I,ANAND SAINI S/O RAM CHAND SAINI,RESIDENT B-4/102, GROUND FLOOR, SECTOR-7, ROHINI,DELHI-110085,**HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHA ANAND SAINI. 0040603508-1

**I hitherto** known as POOJA NEGI D/O BIKRAM SINGH NEGI W/O PRAVEEN SINGH GUSAIN (residing at H. NO. 662, Sector-28, Noida Gautam Budha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as POOJA GUSAIN.

It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

## LOST & FOUND

It is information that my Original Qualifying Certificate of Secondary, Examination Year-2016 Roll No.6174484 issued by CBSE Board has been actually lost Srijan Srivastava S/o Sanjay Srivastava R/O B-44, FF, Sector-31, Noida U.P. 0070773705-1

**Lost** original Demolition Slip 963 issued 28/08/1975 by DDA under Jhuggi Jhopri removal scheme to Sita Ram S/O Brikh Dev R/O F 561 DakshinPuri New Delhi Complaint has been lodged on Crime Branch Delhi LR NO 127781/2022 dated 14/02/2022 Founder call 9811025758 0050192368-1

## COURT NOTICE

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# Classifieds & TENDERS

## LOST & FOUND

Lost Original Documents i.e.Lease Deed and other Property Documents of Property No. 9/14-A, Double Storey Moti Nagar, New Delhi - 110015 Favouring Joginder Lal S/o Shanker Dass FIR L o d g e V i d e L R . No.139895/2022 Founder inform at Mahesh Kumar at above address.

**Re-Entire First Floor** 'the said floor' button Property bearing No. R-59, area measuring 500 Sq. Yds., Situated at Greater Kailash Part-I, New Delhi; hereinafter referred to as 'the said property'. Reference our Public Notice published by us in the Indian Express and Jansatta on 18/02/2022 on behalf of our clients, Mrs. Vidhi Aggarwal and Shri Ashish Aggarwal, regarding the above. In this regard, it is to notify that the words "Ground Floor" appearing in line no. 47 of para no. 1 may be read as "First Floor".

**Ansikumar Khurana, Advocate M/s Intellectual Law Offices, A-74, LGF Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024**

**It is hereby notified** to the public at large that my Client Mr. Amar Bakshi (S/o Late Mr. Mah Chand Bakshi) had entered into Agreement to Sell dated 05.11.2021 with Mr. Ashish Kapoor (S/o Mr. K.B. Kapoor) and Ms. Aayushi, both residents of A-1818, Ground Floor, Green Field, Faridabad, Haryana in respect of property bearing No. F-699, 2nd Floor, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060. Due to unreasonable, unethical and illegal acts on part of Mr. Ashish Kapoor (S/o Mr. K.B. Kapoor) and Ms



**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (WB)-I**  
**DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI**  
**ROOM No. 31, B-BUILDING, JHANEWALAN, NEW DELHI-110005**  
**Phone:- 09558007601 E-mail Id:- djbwaterbody@gmail.com**

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**PRESS NIT No. 28/WB-I/ (2021-22)**

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date / Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
01	Appointment of Consultant for Designing of Architectural/ structural /Mechanical/ electrical/ Plumbing/ PWC services etc for Construction of Club house at Timarpur Oxidation Ponds	Lump Sum Basis	1,22,000/-	₹ 1000/-	18.2.2022 2022_DJB_216934_1	14.3.2022 At 03:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)  
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1143 (2021-22)

Sd/-  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (WB)-I**  
"STOP CORONA, WEAR FACE MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is to bring to the notice of all concerned that Smt. Chandra Prabha Bhatia W/o Late Sh. Mohinder Pal Bhatia III/123, comprising of Sy. No. 52/2, Shastri Bazar, Delhi Cantt has requested to the office of Delhi Cantonment Board for mutation & transfer of lease hold rights in respect of Survey No. 52/2, Shastri Bazar, Delhi Cantt, being legal heirs of the recorded lessees, to the extent of the rights of the recorded lessees. The ownership of the land vests in Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence. If any person has objection to the mutation of above property/transfer of lease hold rights in favour of above applicant, may file his/her objections within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the undersigned with documentary proof in support of his/her objection, failing which the matter shall be referred to the competent authorities for consideration and taking appropriate decision as per law.

Tele.:- 011-25693837  
011-25695450

Sd/-  
Chief Executive Officer  
Delhi Cantonment Board, Delhi Cantt.

**OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (CIVIL) PLANT WW C/o ACE (P)-2**  
**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. DELHI**  
**CHANDRAWAL: WATER WORKS NO. II CIVIL LINES: DELHI-54**  
**Office Telephone No.-: 23815504 E-mail:- eecplantww.djb@gmail.com**

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**SHORT PRESS NIT No. 45 (2021-22) (Re-invited)**

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (Fresh)	Tender Processing Fee (Fresh)	Publication date of tender in e-procurement Solution	Last date & time for receipt of tender from e-procurement solution
1	Covering of 12.00 meter dia RCC Well for Stalling of submersible pump opposite Akshardham Temple. (Tender ID: 2022_DJB_217016_1)	2789448/-	55800/-	500/-	18.02.2022	25.02.2022

The more detail required above can be seen on website [www.delhi.govtprocurement.com](http://www.delhi.govtprocurement.com)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)  
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1147 (2021-22)

Sd/-  
**EX. ENGINEER (C) PLANT, WW C/o ACE (P)-2**  
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**HIMACHAL PRADESH,**  
**IRRIGATION CUM PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
e-Procurement Notice  
"NOTICE FOR BIDS (IFB)"

The Executive Engineer I&PH Division Dharamshala District Kangra (HP) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invite the item rate/lump sum contract bids from the eligible contractors/Firms. Bidders should be registered Jal Shakti Vibhag. The Contractor/Firm who have experience in construction of similar work and have established organization for taking up such work and who satisfy the qualification criteria of bid document need only apply. The scope of the work will be as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	EMD	Cost of tender form	Eligibility criteria	Time limit
1	Establishment of FSSM Facilities with State Of Art Technology at Dharamshala Distt. Kangra Himachal Pradesh (Sub Head: C/o main approach road from national highway to FSSM facility along with defect liability period 5 years).	Rs. 1,14,97,902/-	Rs. 147500/-	Rs. 2500/-	(a) Experience on similar works executed during the last seven years and details like monetary value, clients proof of satisfactory completion should be furnished in online mode. The eligibility criteria are: Bidder must have Experience of having completed similar work	One year

Last date of submission of e-tender 1.3.2022 at 11.00 A.M  
Others terms and conditions, tender documents please refer website : <https://hptenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Vibhag,  
Division Dharamshala, H.P.

NO. EE/PHD/EA-I/e-Tender/ 18435-534  
Dated: 15.02.2022 6990/HP

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General Public is hereby informed that a female **Kajal D/o Brijesh Kumar R/o H.No. 2/194, Trilokpuri, Delhi** has been missing from his house since 06.02.2022 at 02:45 PM from the area of P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 118A, dated 07.02.2022** has been lodged at PS, Kalyanpuri, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under:

**Name:** Kajal, **Father's Name :** Brijesh Kumar, **Age :** 21 years, **Height :** 5'3", **Face :** Round, **Built:** Fat **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Wearing :** Black colour Top & White Black Print Payjama and Black colour Sleeper in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

**SHO**  
**P.S., Kalyanpuri, Delhi**  
**Ph. : 011-22772287, 51, 8750870629, 9911425333**

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
e-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax : 011-24368639  
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/917/ED/2022

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR**  
(Telefax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: [xenmhchdk@yahoo.in](mailto:xenmhchdk@yahoo.in))  
**GIST of e-NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2021-22/337/e-tendering.**  
**Dated: 17.02.2022**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders, valid for 180 days, are invited from the **Registered, reputed & experienced firms** as detailed in the NIT for below mentioned works:

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (In days)	AA Accorded Vide No:	TS No	Earnest Money in Rs.
1. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV Surveillance System with remote access in various Oxygen Plants at SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.	4.44	200	10	MC/Plan/Aug/oxygenplant/1973-82, Dated: 05-09-2020	MHCHD/TS/254 Dated /22	8900
2. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV Surveillance System with remote access in Oxygen Plant at Super Speciality Hospital, Srinagar.	1.73	200	10	50 MCS of 2020 Dt:-28.08.2020	MHCHD/TS/255 Dated /22	3500

- The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from **17.02.2022 (16.00 hrs)**.
- The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from **18.02.2022 (10:00 hrs)** to **23.02.2022 (16:00 hrs)** in two (02) covers.
- The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on **24.02.2022 (14.00 hrs)** or any date convenient to the department in the Office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
MHCHD, Srinagar

No: MHCHD/ TS/11101-11106 Dt. 17-02-2022 DIPK-18333

**SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Sapna D/o Rajeshwar Paswan R/o Ramesh Ka Makan, Near Nigam Prathmik Vidyalaya, Ishwar Colony, Bawana, Delhi **Age :** 17 years 6 months, **Height :** 5'2", **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** Fair, **Built :** Thin, wearing green colour suit, black colour payjama and red colour plastic chappal in feet, has been missing since 06.01.2022 from the area of P.S. Bawana. In this regard FIR No. 0038/22 dated 07.01.2022 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Bawana, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
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No. P-HQ/RRC/798/Sports Quota 2021-22, Date: 19.02.2022

**INDICATIVE NOTIFICATION**

**RECRUITMENT AGAINST SPORTS QUOTA 2021-22 (OPEN ADVERTISEMENT)**  
**Date of issue:- 19.02.2022 ■ Closing Date (upto 23.59 Hrs.): - 05.03.2022**

(1) Online applications are invited from eligible Sports persons in following sports disciplines for recruitment of posts in 7th CPC Pay Matrix Level-2 or 3, Level-4 and Level-5 against Sports Quota 2021-22 through Open Advertisement over South East Central Railway:  
**Sports/Games/Disciplines/Events/Positions:-**

S.N.	Name of Sports/Games/ Disciplines	Events/ Positions	Group 'C'		Game wise Total
			(6th CPC Pay band- ₹ 5200-20200)		
			7th CPC Pay Matrix Level-4/5 (6th CPC: GP- 2400/2800) No. of Posts	7th CPC Pay Matrix Level-2/3 (6th CPC: GP- 1900/2000) No. of Posts	
1	Archery (M)	Compound	-	2	3
	Archery (W)	Recurve	-	1	
2	Athletics (W)	1500m	-	1	2
	Athletics (M)	Hammer Throw	-	1	
3	Badminton (M)	-	1	-	2
	Badminton (W)	-	1	-	
4	Basket Ball (M)	Post	1	1	4
	Basket Ball (W)	Post	1	-	
	Basket Ball (W)	Forward	-	1	
5	Boxing (W)	45-48 Kg	-	1	1
6	Cross Country (M)	10 Km	-	1	2
	Cross Country (W)	10 Km	-	1	
7	Handball (W)	Left Wing	-	1	2
		Right Wing	-	1	
8	Hockey (M)	Left Forward	-	1	1
		Chaser	1	-	2
9	Kho-Kho (M)	Defender	-	1	
	Table Tennis (M)	-	-	1	2
	Table Tennis (W)	-	-	1	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>

**Note:-[M-Men, W-Women]**

(2) **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - Minimum Educational Qualification:-**

S.N.	Post in Pay Matrix Level	Minimum Educational Qualification
1	Level-2/3	12th Pass along with sports achievements - for non-technical posts. OR 10th with ITI Pass along with sports achievements - for technical posts. OR 10th Pass along with sports achievements. However, candidates having 10th qualification will be considered only for Technician categories, and their training period will be 03 years, unless they pass ITI qualification in the relevant trade, in which case it will be 06 months. Graduation in any discipline from a recognized university, along with sports achievements.
		1st Year B.Sc. (Physics) or 12th (+2 stage) in Science (Physics or Maths) Pass along with sports achievements
		OR 12th (+2 stage) with Stenography (Hindi or English as per scheduled standards for recruitment in Rlys.), along with sports achievements
2	Level-4	Type of Stenographer Speed (Words per minute) Duration (Minutes) Transcription time (minutes) English 80 10 50 Hindi 80 10 65
3	Level-5	Graduation in any discipline from a recognized university, along with sports achievements.

(3) **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - Minimum Sports Norms:-** The details regarding sports norms and other criteria are available in detailed online notification.

(4) **Age Limit (As on 01.07.2022):-** Minimum 18 years and maximum 25 years as on 01.07.2022, i.e. must have been born not earlier than 02.07.1997 and not later than 01.07.2004.

(5) **Examination Fees:-** The details regarding fee and mode of payment are available in detailed online notification.

(6) **Whom/How to apply:-** Only Online application will be accepted. Candidates are advised to follow the instructions given in "HOW TO APPLY" while submitting online application. The link of website for applying is - [www.secr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.secr.indianrailways.gov.in) - Recruitment- RRC Bilaspur - Sports Quota 2021-22.

Detailed Notification is available in the above mentioned website of South East Central Railway and candidates are advised to visit the website regularly for getting all updates time to time.

Chairman/Railway Recruitment Cell/Bilaspur  
for Principal Chief Personnel Officer/Bilaspur

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**Department for the Empowerment**  
**Of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens**  
Podium Block, V.V. Tower, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. 080-2286 0907, 2286 6066

No: DSD/STAFF/C1/14/2021-22 Date :18.02.2022

**CORRIGENDUM**

The Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V.V. Tower, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001 here by extends last date, Technical & Commercial bids from officially registered & eligible Suppliers in Karnataka for the supply of 1500 Motorized Two Wheeler 124CC and above (Gear less) and with Retro fitment of additional two wheels attachment for the use of severely affected orthopedically handicapped for the year 2021-22. The interesting bidders may see further details and may login in website: [www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) and department website [www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in).

1) Tender Reference DSD/STAFF/C1/14/2021-22 Date: 19.01.2022. 2) Extended Last date and time for submission of tender: **24.02.2022 at 04.00 p.m.** 3) Extended Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid: **25.02.2022 at 04.30 p.m.** 4) Extended Date & Time of opening of Commercial Bid: **07.03.2022 at 11.00 a.m.** 5) Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication: **OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, Department for the Empowerment of Differently abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V.V. Tower, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001.** Interested and eligible bidders can submit their bids through E-procurement process only.

Sd/- Director,  
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DIPR/DDU/AAPL/3447/2021-22

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**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Ele), East Zone, 16th floor, P.U.B., M.G. Road, Bengaluru.

No: BBMP/EE/ELE/East/TEND/14/2021-22 Date: 18.02.2022

**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover)**  
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Elect), East Zone, invites Tenders in accordance with KTPP rules 2000 from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/KPWD/CPWD/Railways/MES/ National Highway or any other equivalent Central/State Govt. Organizations for Electrical work as detailed in the table.

Name of the Work	Est.Cost (in lakhs)	EMD in Rs.
Improvements to lighting system on Mission road, Ali askar road, Cantonment junction underpass, Cunningham cross road & surrounding area coming under Shivajinagara Constituency. Improvements to lighting system on Pottery road, MM road, Hall road, Viviani road, Davis road & surrounding area coming under Pulikeshinagara Constituency. (2nd Call)	134.25	2,01,500

**Calendar of Events:** (1) Tender documents may be downloaded in the e-procurement portal from **19.02.2022**. (2) Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting on **24.02.2022 at 11:30 am**. (3) Bids must be submitted online through e-procurement or before **02.03.2022 by 4:00 pm**. (4) The Technical Bids will be opened on **04.03.2022 at 4:00 pm**. (5) The Financial Bids will be opened on **07.03.2022 at 4:00 pm**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele)  
East Zone

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**3rd Extension Notice**  
of  
**NIT No. 194/PR/BJVNL/2021-22**

e-tender invited for "Empanement of Agencies for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Grid connected Rooftop SPV Power Plants of different capacities including five years Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) on Turnkey basis for Residential Electricity Consumers aggregating capacity to 25 MW in Market Mode anywhere in the state of Jharkhand" is hereby extended as per the schedule given below:-

Sl. No.	Revised Calendar of Events :	
i	Online bid uploading/submission closing date and time	22-02-2022 upto 17:00 Hrs
ii	Last date & time for receiving / submission of tender fee and EMD	23-02-2022 upto 17:00 Hrs
iii	Date and Time for Opening of Technical bid	24-02-2022 at 17:00 Hrs

**Note 1:-** Due to COVID protocol, Bidders have optional to submit their tender fee & EMD through courier/ Regd. post before the due date and time failing which Bid shall be treated as cancelled.

**Note 2:-** Further bidders are requested to go through the replies of Pre - Bid queries raised during the pre-bid meeting held on dated- 14.12.2021 alongwith Corrigendum/ amendments. Bidders are requested to prepare price bid in excel form alongwith pdf before uploading their Bid. The details of the same can be seen on website <http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> through JSEB organisation Chain. Contact person Mobile No. - 9431708983 / 9801063475. NIC Helpline No.-06512400178. Email [rts.jbvn@gmail.com](mailto:rts.jbvn@gmail.com)

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Sd/-  
**General Manager (Coml.)**

PR No. 257771 PR 264236 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(21-22)D

**DEFENCE ESTATES OFFICE, AGRA CIRCLE, AGRA CANTT.**  
**NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION**

**E-auction for grant of rights for collection of parking fee from GLR Sy No. 312 & 312-A, Agra Cantt.**

Online Bids (E-Auction) are invited on behalf of Defence Estates Officer, Agra Circle from the eligible Individuals/ Agencies/ Organization/ Firms etc. for Awarding the Contract for grant of rights for collection of parking fee for one year in respect of Sy. No. 312 & 312-A, Agra Cantt. Term of contract is for one year from the date of issue of work order. Manual bids/ offers will not be accepted. The interested contractors/ firms may visit the website <http://eauction.gov.in/eAuction/app> No conditional bids will be accepted. The Defence Estates Officer Agra Circle reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the auction without any notice and the Defence Estates Officer Agra Circle decision in this regard will be final. Terms/ Conditions, eligibility criteria and connected details can be seen in the website- <http://eauction.gov.in/eAuction/app> Clarification needed, if any may be enquired/ clarified from the office on any working day through telephone 0562-2225457.

Sl. No.	Activity	Date	Time in IST
i)	Date of Publication	19.02.2022	At 10:00 HRS
ii)	Start Date and Time for downloading of auction documents from <a href="http://eauction.gov.in/eAuction/app">http://eauction.gov.in/eAuction/app</a>	19.02.2022	At 10:00 HRS
iii)	Submission Start date and time	19.02.2022	At 16:00 HRS
iv)	Submission End date and time	11.03.2022	At 13:00 HRS
v)	Payment/ Approval Start Date and time	11.03.2022	At 14:00 HRS
vi)	Payment/ Approval End Date and time	14.03.2022	At 17:00 HRS
vii)	Auction Start Date	15.03.2022	At 10:00 HRS
viii)	Auction End Date	15.03.2022	At 17:00 HRS

The bidder may download the "Auction Document" and other terms and conditions as available on the website of <http://eauction.gov.in/eAuction/app>.

Sd/- Defence Estates Officer  
Agra Circle, Agra Cantt

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पत्रांक:- 175 धनबाद / दिनांक-18.02.2022

**ई० अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**  
ई०-निविदा सूचना संख्या - **17/2021-22/RDSD/EE/Dhanbad**  
जिला खनिज फाउण्डेशन ट्रस्ट योजना मद

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	Construction of Hall, Library and Required Room With Dining Table and Bench at RMS Keska, Tundi, Dhanbad	11046900.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
2	Construction of Hall, Dining Hall, Comp. Lab, Principal Room, 2ACR, Library, Art & Craft and Integrated Lab at UHS Ojhadihi, Kataniya Tundi, Dhanbad	9986100.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
3	Construction of Hall, Library, Art & Craft, Comp. Lab and Intig. Lab at UMS Parvatpur, Tundi, Dhanbad	8405600.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
4	Construction Hall, Library, Art & Craft, Principal Room and Computer Lab at UMS (Urdu) Karmatand, Tundi, Dhanbad	8374000.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
5	Construction of Dining Hall, Hall and Library With Dining Table and Bench, and Kitchen at M.S. Barwatand, Tundi, Dhanbad	8257300.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
6	Construction of Art & Craft, Computer Lab, Library and Hall, Boundary Wall with Concertina Wire and Main Gate and Side Gate at UHS Lachhuraiddhi (High School) Tundi, Dhanbad	9959500.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
7	Construction of Hall, Comp. Lab, Principal Room, Art&Craft, Integ. Lab and Library, Dining Hall With Dining Table and Bench at M.S. Palma, Tundi, Dhanbad	9857400.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
8	Construction of Hall, Dining Hall Library, Computer Lab, Integrated Lab and Art & Carft. With Dining Table, Bench and Soakpit at M.S. Maniyadihi, Tundi, Dhanbad	8817200.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
9	Construction of Dining Hall and Hall With Dining Table Bench and Soakpit at UHS Nawatand, Tundi, Dhanbad	4699600.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	5000	4 महीना
10	Construction of Hall , Dining Hall, Library Computer Lab and 2ACR With Dining Table, Bench and Soak pit at UMS Jatakhuti, Tundi, Dhanbad	9813600.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
11	Renovation of old Building, Construction of Dining Hall and Hall with Dining Table, Bench and Soak pit, Boundary Wall with Concertina Wire, Boys Toilet and Girls Toilet at UHS Jhinaki, Tundi, Dhanbad	8278400.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%	10000	4 महीना
12	Construction of Dining Hall, Art & Craft, Hall, Computer Room, Library and Integrated Lab. at Board MS Tundi with Dining Table and Bench at Board Middle School, Tundi, Dhanbad	9511900.00	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि 2%		



# Resisting his father’s diktat to join farming, Gani scores triple ton on debut

The 22-year-old broke the earlier record of Madhya Pradesh batsman Ajay Rohera

PRATYUSH RAJ  
FEBRUARY 18

BIHAR’S SAKIBUL Gani became the first player to score a triple century on his first-class debut against Mizoram on Friday.

Gani’s record 341 came off 405 balls, with two sixes and 56 fours. And former India wicketkeeper Ajay Ratna couldn’t have been prouder of his ward’s knock. It was during the squad selection camp for CK Nayudu Trophy that Ratna — then Bihar’s U-23 coach — spotted Gani at Moin-ul-Haq Stadium in Patna. “What caught my eye was his fearless strokeplay. He was a class apart among the lot. I immediately checked his scores in the local circuit. He can bat anywhere in the top 6,” Ratna, currently coaching the Assam Ranji team, told *The Indian Express*.

Gani delivered on the promise, amassing 685 runs at an average of 57.08, including two centuries, with the highest score of 282. He was the top scorer for the Bihar Under-23 team in the 2018-19 season. “He could have scored at least 1,000 runs in that season, but he has this tendency to throw away his wickets after scoring a crisp 30 or 40. My only advice for him was to stay at the crease, and you will score runs. But you know, the exuberance of youth,” said Ratna. “We are still in touch, and I am very happy to see the feat he has achieved. You will hear more of him in the near future,” said Ratna.

After the breakout season, Gani mustered 694 runs in the 2019-20 CK Nayudu and 498 in the Under-23 One Day Trophy. He earned the call up to the Bihar senior team as well. On Friday, the 22-year-old, who was unbeaten on 136 overnight, toyed with the Mizoram attack to race to the score of 341. The highest score on first-class debut previously belonged to Madhya Pradesh’s Ajay Rohera – 267 against Hyderabad in 2018.

If Ratna provided Sakibul with the platform to showcase his talent, his elder brother Faisal Gani went against his father’s will and trained him for fifteen years. “I am a cricketer myself. I played Cooch Behar (Under-19) Trophy with the Bihar Associate team in 2009-10. Thereafter, I captained the East Zone in the Vizzy Trophy, but I quit cricket because it had no future in Bihar,”



Sakibul Gani (Second from left) and Babul Kumar (third from left) added 538 runs for the fourth wicket.

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said the 29-year-old, who runs a sports shop in Motihari. “Even when I stopped playing cricket, I made sure Sakib would not skip a single training session. I had decided that I would send him to Ranchi so that he can play for Jharkhand.” Sakibul’s father Mohammed Manan Gani is a farmer who was always against his sons taking up cricket. “We have got small farmland, and our father wanted us to either study or help him in farming. But he had his reasons. After all, when was the last time one heard any Bihar cricketer doing well,” Faisal recollected about his brother.

Sakibul, fourth among the four brothers — all of them have played cricket at some level — had an impressive Vijay Hazare Trophy earlier this season.

The right-handed batter was Bihar’s top run-getter, with 231 runs in five matches, including a century and a fifty. His performances caught the eye of the Delhi Capitals, and the IPL franchise called him for the trials held in Mumbai. “His name was not in the auction, but he was very happy with the way he batted during the trials. It was a great learning curve for him, and it has helped him a lot. After coming back from the trials, I have seen him watch videos of his batting carefully. Now, he is constantly in touch with the team’s video analyst, which is a new phenomenon even for me,” said Gani’s elder brother Faisal, who represents Motihari in the Hayman Trophy, Bihar’s Inter-district tournament.

“We owe this to Ajay Ratna sir. He took a personal interest in him and made a few changes in his batting. Since then, he has scored bucketloads of runs,” he signed off.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Bihar 686 for 5 declared (Sakibul Gani 341, Babul Kumar 229 not out) lead Mizoram 40 for 3 by 646 runs.

## Consistent Sarfaraz continues big-scoring spree

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18

IT TOOK a long time and years of hard work for Sarfaraz Khan to find consistency and the ability to make big scores regularly. He seems to have reached that stage, judging by his 275 against defending champions Saurashtra in the Ranji Trophy game in Ahmedabad.

“Chhota score koi yaad nahi karta hai, bada banane ke liye bada hi marna padta hai (nobody remembers small scores, to become big, one needs to score big),” Khan casually says over phone. The Mumbai batsman continued his red-ball form from where he had left in pre-pandemic days. His last few Ranji Trophy innings include a 177, a 226 not out and an unbeaten 301.

Even during lockdown, with no immediate resumption of cricket, Khan kept training for red-ball cricket.

“During lockdown, I travelled across India with my father and continued my practice sessions. Even when there was no cricket throughout the country in 2020, my practice continued on the terrace of my village home,” he recalls. Against Saurashtra, Khan seemed to be sending a message with his runs. He wanted to tell the world that all those runs in the 2019-2020 season were no fluke. He batted for nearly two days and hit 30 fours and seven sixes. His modus operandi is simple. He respects each bowler in his first spell but aims to dominate thereafter.

“I control my instincts. The new ball does



Sarfaraz Khan smashed 275 runs against Saurashtra.

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a lot, so one needs to be cautious. Controlling aggression is the key, ball marnae se jyada, ball leave karna tough hai (It’s tougher to leave the ball than hit it). So I wait for my chance,” he explains.

His body is tired after the long innings but he is still rueing missing a triple hundred. When he came to bat on Thursday, Mumbai were 44 for 3, a perfect opportunity to prove his mettle. Khan and Rahane added 252 runs for fifth wicket, before Rahane departed for 129 on Friday.

Khan’s innings enabled Mumbai to post 544 for 7 declared and gave them a chance for a perfect start to their red-ball season.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Mumbai: 544 for 7 declared (S Khan 257, Ajinkya Rahane 129; Tanush Kotian 50 not out; Chirag Jani 2/83, D Jadeja 2/191) vs Saurashtra : 18 for no loss.

## Sindhu makes smooth transition from U-19 to first class on debut

PRATYUSH RAJ  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

NISHANT SINDHU, one of the heroes of India’s victorious campaign at the recent ICC Under-19 World Cup, marked his first-class debut with an unbeaten 93 against Tripura, putting Haryana in the driver’s seat after the second day of their Ranji Trophy encounter at Delhi’s Palam Air Force ground on Friday.

After being asked to bat, Haryana had put on a mammoth 556. In reply, Tripura were 56/1. The 17-year-old said he derived a lot of satisfaction from his effort but was a bit disappointed that he remained stranded in the 90s, missing the chance to score a century to mark a significant occasion for him. “Thoda disappointed tha but aage aur bhi mauke milega (I was a bit disappointed, but I will get more chances in the future),” Sindhu told *The Indian Express* after the day’s play. Sindhu, who came to bat at No. 7, added 176 runs with the lower-order batsmen. “I enjoy batting in such situations,” Sindhu said. “It brings the best out of me. The century could have been the cherry on the cake, but I succeeded in taking the team to a good position batting with tail-enders

.” It has been a hectic time for Sindhu since returning from the Caribbean, where he hit a vital half-century to take India home in the final against England. He has lived out of a suitcase for the past three months and is yet to go home in Rohtak post the Under-19 World Cup win. Sindhu had met his parents for just 30 minutes in Delhi before joining the Haryana senior team’s bio-bubble. Friday’s knock was even more praiseworthy as Sindhu had not played any red-ball cricket this season after being named in India U-19 squad.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Haryana 1st innings: 556 all out in 155.3 overs (Yashi Sharma 129, Nishant Sindhu 93 not out; Sankar Paul 5/141, Mura Singh 3/106) vs Tripura 1st innings: 56 for 1 in 24 overs

### Lalit puts Delhi in command

**Guwahati:** Lalit Yadav slammed a maiden hundred to take Delhi to an imposing 452 and put them in a strong position against Tamil Nadu on the second day of their Elite Group H Ranji Trophy game in Guwahati on Friday. If Day 1 of the match was dominated by Yash Dhull’s sublime century, Yadav stepped up on Day 2.

The 25-year-old all-rounder, who Delhi Capitals bought for Rs 65 lakh in the IPL mega auction, took the Tamil Nadu attack to the cleaners as he hammered 17 boundaries and 10 maximums enroute his 177 off 287

balls. Yadav resumed the day on 45 and lost overnight partner Simarjeet Singh (19) early, but kept playing his shots. Thereafter, he stitched a 92-run stand with number 10 Vikas Mishra (7 off 58 balls), before pacer M Mohammed (4/75) trapped Mishra in front. The ninth wicket fell at 393, but there was more agony in store for Tamil Nadu as Yadav found another able ally in Kuldeep Yadav (9 not out off 37 balls) to add 59 more runs. “I am more relieved than happy. I made my first-class debut in 2017, and after playing 12 matches, I have finally scored my first century,” Lalit Yadav told this paper. In reply, Tamil Nadu are 75 for 2 in 30 overs.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Delhi 1st innings: 452 in 141.2 overs (Lalit Yadav 177, Yash Dhull 113; M Mohammed 4/75, Baba Aparajith 2/89) vs Tamil Nadu 1st innings: 75 for 2 in 30 overs (Kaushtik Gandhi 37 batting; Kuldeep Yadav 1/21, Vikas Mishra 1/19)

### Baroda pacers restrict Bengal

**Cuttack:** Atit Sheth and Lukman Meriwala ripped through the Bengal line-up sharing eight wickets between them to skittle them out for a paltry 88 in their Ranji Trophy Group B match in Cuttack on Friday.

Resuming the day on 24/1, Bengal lost nine wickets for 64 runs in 21.3 overs as they could not last even one session with Baroda bowlers making hay. Only four batsmen – Sudip Gharani (21), Sudip Chatterjee (11), Abhishek Porel (21) and Shahbaz Ahmed (20) – reached double figures. Former Bengal captain and West Bengal deputy sports minister Manoj Tiwary got out for zero. Sheth was on a roll with figures of 13.3-3-44-5. Left-arm pacer Meriwala finished with 3/15 as Bengal were bundled out in 34.3 overs.

Baroda, who made 181 in their first innings, responded with 144/5 in 52 overs to lead by 237 runs by the end of the day. Skipper Kedar Devdhar was the top-scorer in their second essay with 41, while Ishan Porel claimed 2/50 for Bengal.

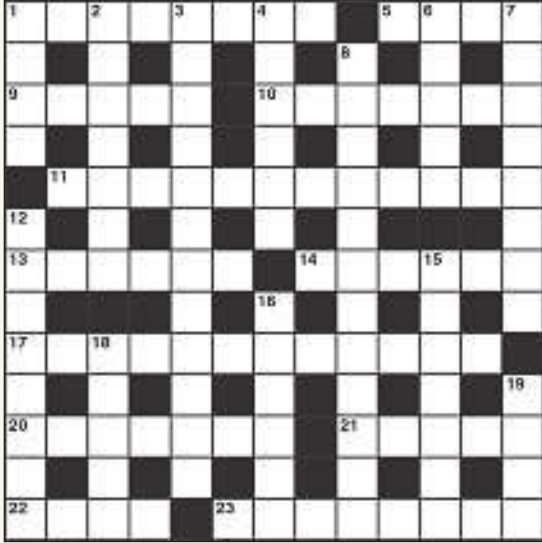
**BRIEF SCORES:** Baroda 181 and 144/5 (Kedar Devdhar 41; Ishan Porel 2/50). Bengal 88 (Atit Sheth 5/44, Lukman Meriwala 3/15).

### Kerala in control

**Rajkot:** Kerala took total command of their Elite Group A match against Meghalaya, reaching 454/8 after the second day in Rajkot. Rahul P (147) and Rohan Kunnummal (107) hit centuries as Kerala took a 306-run lead after bowling out Meghalaya for 148 on the first day.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Meghalaya 148 (Punit Bist 93, Kishan Lyngdoh 26; Edhen Tom 4/41, Unnikrishnan Manukrishnan 3/34) vs Kerala 454 for 8 (Rahul P 147, Rohan Kunnummal 107, Vathsal 76 not out; Chirag Khurana 3/106, Md Nafees 2/48). (With PTI inputs)

### CROSSWORD 4668



#### ACROSS

- A ruling’s remarkable outcome (8)
- He is a weightlifter (4)
- Sin or mistake (5)
- Talk of having nothing to share (7)
- Unmarried individual (6,6)
- Settles for the illuminations (6)
- Old sports organised just so (6)
- It gives the larger view of a writer’s work (7,5)
- Greek character against Italian wine (7)
- Ends riot in Lagos (5)
- Lingering desire (4)
- Curtain fabric shows no recent change (8)

#### DOWN

- Measure taken to indicate marriage relations (4)
- Patient attention (7)
- Honest player, but not a grand one (7,5)
- Made up for having the date wrong on the inside (6)
- A girl appears to be wrong (5)
- Benevolence of a sort shown by the head (8)
- Have a liking for aviation as a form of escapism? (4,2,6)
- Concerned with office duties of a priest (8)
- Support us in shame (7)
- Not so fair (6)
- A right to be different from others (5)
- Misleading piece of land (4)

**Solutions Crossword 4667:** Across: 1 Eightfold, 8 Ether, 9 Bedroom, 10 Teapot, 11 Pliers, 12 Tactless, 15 Terrapin, 18 Varied, 20 Insult, 21 Crooked, 22 Green, 23 Gatecrash. Down: 2 Ideal, 3 Hordes, 4 Footstep, 5 Desert, 6 Chopper, 7 Protested, 11 Partridge, 13 Converse, 14 Crossed, 16 Alling, 17 Armour, 19 Evens

### JUMBLD WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is the perfect time for a walk in the woods.

- Rachel Carson (5,3)

DNPA A



CIRIR



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SOLUTION: PANDA, CIRRI, KINDLY, SPRYLY  
Answer: A rainy day is the perfect time for a walk in the woods.

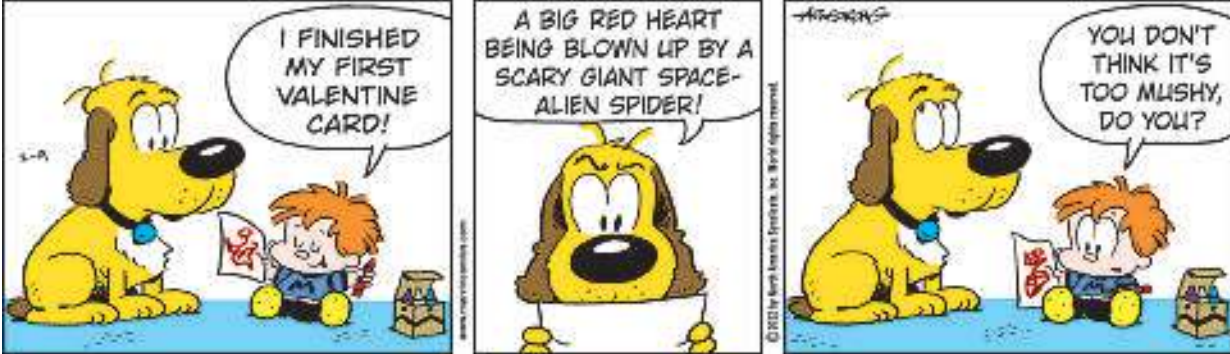
### OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



### CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



### SUDOKU 4750

#### Difficulty Level 2s

##### Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

#### Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



### SOLUTION SUDOKU 4749



### DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

#### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

As time passes, new contacts and associations will be reassuring you that home and family affairs are on the right path. Hopefully a recent dispute with a relative should now be resolved, or at least within sight of resolution. One last push should do it.

#### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You have now entered an exciting phase at home, but it’s one which could also be described as demanding and challenging. However, it is not clear yet whether the focus will be on personal relationships or repairs and decoration. Trouble is, you just can’t decide.

#### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

As a new astrological cycle begins, why not hold back and let the dust settle before pressing ahead with financial enterprises. It may be that recent personnel changes have resulted in a changed situation, one which may be more to your liking.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Your planets are hitting a vigorous note. This has been a strange period for many Cancerians. Some of you have come through unscathed but others are now in need of all the love and affection you can get in order to restore your battered morale.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Let me temper your confidence and enthusiasm with a long-term consideration: in about three weeks you will enter a period of domestic or family change. Therefore, why don’t you use your present position to lay foundations for the future? Use your grey matter, and think ahead.

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Be positive. And if you can’t be positive at least don’t be gloomy. It is fortunate that irrational fears will no longer hold you back, but there is no reason why you should allow them to succeed. You have too much to gain from pressing forward to be put off, now.

#### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Happily, continuing positive patterns coming from the Sun, Venus, Mercury and Saturn should deal with your lingering insecurities and give you the nerve to deal with people whose actions have, perhaps unwittingly, undermined your self-confidence.

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Mars, your tough planetary ruler, is now doing its very best. For the first time it may be possible to gauge and predict the future progress of your ambitions, at least over the next three weeks. I’d say it’s about another seven weeks before you’re completely in the clear, though.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Energetic Mars is reinforcing your adventurous instincts and this is indeed a suitable time for a holiday, other commitments permitting. Intriguing travel influences continue for many weeks, so take your time. And, if you are held back by work and family commitments, try to make them as enjoyable as you can.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You’ll be in fighting form and the battle over the latest financial or business matters may have only just begun. Yet please do not set up aunt-sallies where no problem existed, or fight imaginary and time-consuming battles. In other words, please stick to the facts.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Now that passionate Mars’ deepening relationship to your sign is taking hold, you are beginning to see that this is a time of excitement and energy. Many astrologers say that periods such as this are the most creative and fulfilling. It’s certainly potentially prosperous.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

If we look ahead a little way, we can get a better fix on where you’re at now. And, since the Sun is approaching a series of beneficial conjunctions, a great period of domestic improvement is soon to begin. First, though, you must ask yourself whether you are now in a position to make the most of your opportunities.



# 22 SPORT

## STIMAC WANTS FANS FOR ASIAN QUALIFIERS

Indian football team head coach Igor Stimac and the players are excited about playing their third round qualifiers matches of the 2023 Asian Cup at home in June this year, saying they will aim to seal a berth in the main tournament. We are very happy. We need to prepare in the best possible fashion, and pray that the fans get an opportunity to be with us at the stadium Stimac said to AIFF. **PTI**

### BRIEFLY

#### Hard day for SA as Kiwis dominate on Day 2 of 1st Test

*Christchurch:* Henry Nicholls' eighth test century helped New Zealand to a 387-run, first-innings lead over South Africa on the second day of the first test Friday and the Proteas limped to stumps at 34-3. With additional contributions of 96 from wicketkeeper Tom Blundell, 45 from Colin de Grandhomme and 49 from South Africa-born Neil Wagner, who taunted his former countrymen as nightwatchman, New Zealand amassed 482 in reply to South Africa's first innings of 95.

**BRIEF SCORES:** South Africa 95 and 34/3 (Temba Bavuma 22\*, Rassie van der Dussen 9\*; Tim Southee 2-20); New Zealand 482 all out (Henry Nicholls 105, Tom Blundell 96; Duanne Olivier 3-100). **PTI**

#### Mickelson explains Saudi League motive

*Los Angeles:* Phil Mickelson has told a journalist writing a biography on him that he recruited three other "top players" for the Saudi-backed golf league. In another inflammatory moment for the six-time major champion, Mickelson said his end game is more about a chance to reshape the PGA Tour than for the Saudi league to succeed. "We know they killed (Washington Post reporter Jamal) Khashoggi and have a horrible record on human rights. They execute people over there for being gay. Knowing all of this, why would I even consider it? Because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape how the PGA Tour operates." **AP**

#### Hamilton energised for new F1 season

*Brackley (West Northamptonshire):* Lewis Hamilton downplayed speculation he considered quitting F1 following last year's finale that cost the Mercedes driver a record eighth championship. "I never ever said I was going to stop," Hamilton said Friday at the launch of Mercedes' car for the upcoming season. Hamilton said he "needed to take a step back" after the Abu Dhabi GP, where Max Verstappen won his first world title. "It was obviously a difficult time for me," Hamilton said. "I eventually got to a point where I decided I (am) going to be attacking again coming into another season." **AP**

#### Bengaluru's top-4 hopes dented in ISL

*Fatorda:* Bengaluru FC's top-four aspirations were dealt a blow as NorthEast United FC came from behind to win 2-1 in the Hero Indian Super League at the PJN Stadium here on Friday. Cleiton Silva gave Bengaluru the lead in the 66th minute after a barren first half, but two goals in the space of six minutes from Deshorn Brown (74th) and Laldanmawia Ralte (80th) allowed Khalid Jamil's team to snap a 10-game winless run and move up a rung from the foot of the points table. NEUFC now have 13 points from 18 matches. SC East Bengal dropped to the bottom of the heap, having just 10 points from 17 outings. **PTI**

# Two sixes short

WI make a match of it, but India's all-round superiority seals T20 series with 8-run victory



Ravi Bishnoi celebrates with captain Rohit Sharma after dismissing West Indies batsman Brandon King. Earlier, Virat Kohli led India to a total of 186.



PTI

#### SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 18

WEST INDIES lost again, but this time they took the game deep and made India edgy. Even in the last over, with 25 runs required for victory, the tourists refused to throw in the towel. Rovman Powell (68, 36 balls) hit two towering sixes off Harshal Patel, prompting India captain Rohit Sharma to assemble his troops for a mini-conference.

The two sixes had brought the equation down to 11 runs off two balls. As it turned out, the decision from the on-field conference was to take pace off the ball. A slower delivery outside off restricted Powell to a single, as India secured their 100th T20I victory. They beat the West Indies by eight runs in the second T20I to clinch the three-match series, on the heels of their ODI series clean-sweep.

An old hand contributed immensely to this victory. The game was pretty even, when Bhuvneshwar Kumar started the penultimate over. The Caribbeans needed 29 runs off the last two overs, Nicholas Pooran was batting on 62 and riding on a bit of luck, he and Powell were regularly finding the boundary. From India's perspective, Pooran's wicket was vital and a Kumar off-cutter did the trick. The left-hander had to reach out to strike the ball, skied it and Ravi Bishnoi took an excellent catch, back-peddling from extra cover. Kumar conceded just four runs in that over to put his team in the ascendancy. "Experience does matter," Sharma said at the post-match presentation.

The over was also Kumar's redemption, after dropping Powell off his own bowling on 38. The catch went so high that Rishabh Pant running in about 30 yards and going for it with the advantage of the big gloves probably would have been the better option. But the medium pacer called early, settled underneath the ball and backed himself to take it. Under the dew-soaked Kookaburra popped out. The skipper

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**-VIRAT KOHLI**

DURING THE INNINGS BREAK

kicked the ball in frustration.

Earlier, Pooran was dropped on 21 by Bishnoi off Yuzvendra Chahal's bowling and together with Powell he stitched a 100-run partnership off 60 deliveries to threaten an upset. In the end, India's quality shone through. They were always favourites to win this game after posting 186/5. The West Indies, 178/3, were so near yet so far.

#### Kohli unshackles himself

Virat Kohli batted freely and it augured well for him and India. The second ball he faced from Akeal Hosein was a touch too straight and instead of playing it towards mid-on or mid-wicket, which he usually does early in his innings, Kohli used the wrists to find the boundary. That's positive intent at the outset.

A couple of deliveries later, Hosein beat Kohli, the ball dipping and spinning past the outside edge. Kohli in his current vintage would have grown cagey to such early jitters. But on Friday, he was in the mood to score runs. He brought out the sweep and beat the long leg fielder, who was moved squarer.

Kohli is still India's most popular cricketer across the globe. Even at Eden Gardens, which is Sharma's happy hunting ground, the biggest cheer was reserved for him, albeit by 2,500-odd fans in this game due to

Covid-forced restrictions. So when he welcomed Jason Holder with a four over cover, the noise from the Club House upper tier was duly magnified. In the next over, when he took back-to-back boundaries off Romario Shepherd, the former captain's intent became even clearer; that he would go after the bowling, ignoring the odd play-and-miss.

It wasn't a case of indiscretion being the better part of valour. Refreshingly, it was about Kohli finding the right tempo. His last half-century in this format came at the T20 World Cup against Pakistan, where he had to delve into every ounce of his class to counter a marauding Shaheen Shah Afridi on a challenging Dubai pitch. With wickets falling at the other end, he didn't have the leeway to go into attack mode.

A game against the West Indies doesn't carry the pressure of an India-Pakistan fixture. The Eden Gardens pitch was excellent and the West Indies bowling pretty average. Kohli had the opportunity to cut loose. He rightly chose the fourth gear.

Sharma couldn't make use of an early reprieve, Suryakumar Yadav flattered to deceive, but Kohli was setting himself up for a back-end onslaught. A six off Roston Chase took him to his 30th T20I half-century. It came with a touch of luck, Holder misjudging the skier and letting it go for a six. The rub of the green hasn't gone his way of late. The Holder misjudgement was a welcome change. But Kohli couldn't capitalise on it.

His dismissal was an anti-climax. After playing so well, Kohli walked down to a Chase delivery, got beaten in the air and was bowled through the gate. A 41-ball 52, including seven fours and a six, was still very encouraging.

Not that Kohli's batting has fallen into a rut. He scored two half-centuries in the three-match ODI series in South Africa. The home ODI series against the West Indies was underwhelming, but even when Kohli was getting out cheaply, he wasn't looking out

of touch. For an elongated period now, though, the great batsman has lost his big-scoring mojo, but is working his socks off at the nets to get it back.

After the first T20I, he was deep in conversation with Rahul Dravid, while the post-match presentation was on, a few yards away from them. He had perished to a spinner in that game, trying to clear the wide long-off boundary and the hand gestures suggested that the conversation was about his dismissal.

On Friday, as the players were doing their warm-ups before the match, Kohli was taking throwdowns at the nets and it was a longish session. A lot of things happened in the past few months after he stepped down from T20I captaincy, was stood down from ODI captaincy and his relinquishment of Test leadership. On Friday, however, Kohli looked to be enjoying himself, batting without the excess baggage of pressure.

"I had decided, when I went in, to stay positive but then we lost a few wickets. I still wanted to keep going but (it was) unfortunate I got out. I was happy with my intent that I wanted to play my shots. Sometimes you play with responsibility over a period of time, you tend to ask if you want to play the big shots early. You don't want to be reckless but at the same time, you want to play your shots. That's the balance you strive for. Today I was happy with that balance," Kohli said during the innings break.

After his departure, Rishabh Pant took over and his 52 not out off 28 balls eventually proved to be the difference between the two sides. The Man-of-the-Match award was well earned. Venkatesh Iyer, too, played a nice cameo, a dropped catch notwithstanding.

**BRIEF SCORES:** India 186 for 5 in 20 overs (Rishabh Pant 52 not out, Virat Kohli 52; Roston Chase 3/25) beat West Indies 178/3 in 20 overs (Nicholas Pooran 62; Rovman Powell 68 not out; Bhuvneshwar Kumar 1/29) by eight runs.

## Katich tenders resignation after conflicting auction big buys, says report

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

INDIAN PREMIER League franchise Sunrisers Hyderabad is once again in news for all the wrong reasons after former Australian batter Simon Katich resigned from the post of assistant coach after reportedly being unhappy with some of the side's hefty auction buys.

Katich, who along with West Indies legend Brian Lara and former India batter Hemang Badani, were added to the SRH coaching group headed by Tom Moody and Muttiah Muralitharan, resigned immediately after the auction.

Although the SRH management, headed by Kavya Maran, hasn't yet issued any official statement, it is understood that his resignation has been accepted and well-known coach Simon Helmut, who has earlier worked with the franchise, has been brought back.

The Australian reported that Katich's resignation was primarily due to the fact that the pre-auction strategy discussed wasn't followed at the two-day auction where SRH had some whopping big buys like Nicholas Pooran (Rs 10.75 crore), Washington Sundar (8.75 crore) and Rahul Tripathi (8.50 crore).

Some of the SRH big buys have been baffling although it's not always a player's quality but the auction dynamics that determines the final price of a player.

Left-handed spin bowling all-rounder Abhishek Sharma's Rs 6.75 crore deal also grabbed eye balls.

Abhishek is being looked as a potential opener for this edition of IPL.

The 21-year-old hasn't done anything in his four seasons in the league which would warrant such a steep price and many were shocked at Pooran's bid after he had endured one of the worst IPL seasons in the UAE last time round.

SRH's three retentions have also come under scanner as they couldn't convince their best performer spinner Rashid Khan to stay back while keeping New Zealand captain Kane Williamson, who has a recurrent elbow condition.

Add to that, they kept two Kashmiri youngsters, pacer Urman Malik, more for his raw pace and Abdul Samad for his big hitting prowess for Rs 4 crore each.

Even Romario Shepherd, who might not get a start, was bought for over a million dollars (Rs 7.75 crore), based on his CPL exploits.

The SRH management was embroiled in the controversy last year when they stripped David Warner from captaincy and then unceremoniously dumped him from the playing eleven during the second phase in the UAE.

The Australian, who led SRH to its only IPL title in 2016, was also not allowed to sit in the dug-out.

Coach Trevor Bayliss and assistant coach Brad Haddin were not retained after the season but Moody, who was the 'Director of Cricket' back then is now head coach and Muralitharan stayed back as the premier brains in the team management.

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## 2022 BEIJING GAMES

# 'I hate this sport!': Rage, teen tears and a Winter Olympic collapse

**JAMES ELLINGWORTH**  
FEBRUARY 18

THE GOLD medalist said she felt empty. The silver medalist pledged never to skate again. The favorite left in tears without saying a word. After one of the most dramatic nights in their sport's history, Russia's trio of teenage figure skating stars each enter an uncertain future.

Her Olympics and life turned upside down by a doping case, world record holder Kamila Valieva faces a possible ban and a coach whose first response to her disastrous skate Thursday was criticism.

"Why did you let it go? Why did you stop fighting?" cameras caught Eteri Tutberidze — the notoriously strict coach who will be investigated over Valieva's failed drug test — telling the 15-year-old after she fell twice and dropped out of medal contention.

International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said he was disturbed by the intense pressure on the young skaters, particularly Valieva, and criticized her coaches without naming Tutberidze.

"When I afterwards saw how she was received by her closest entourage, with such,

what appeared to be a tremendous coldness, it was chilling to see this," he said at a news conference Friday. "Rather than giving her comfort, rather than to try to help her, you could feel this chilling atmosphere, this distance."

Some in skating have pushed to raise the minimum age for participation at the Olympics from 15 to 17 or 18.

As Valieva placed fourth and left in tears, she received a message of support from 2018 silver medalist Evgenia Medvedeva.

"I am so happy that this hell is over for you," Medvedeva posted on Instagram. "I really value you and love you and I'm happy that you can relax now, sweetie. I congratulate you on the end of the Olympics and I hope that you can live calmly and breathe."

Unfortunately for Valieva, she can't relax just yet. The failed drug test which turned her life upside down still hangs over her head.

While she was allowed to keep skating in Beijing by the Court of Arbitration for Sport to avoid "irreparable harm," that ruling is valid only until a full investigation of her Dec. 25 test for the banned substance trimetazidine is resolved. The case could take months and still cost Valieva and her Russian teammates the



Kamila Valieva, of the Russian Olympic Committee, reacts after competing in the women's free skate program during the figure skating competition. **AP**

gold medal they won in last week's team event. Runner-up Alexandra Trusova was also in despair after her history-making five quadruple jumps proved not enough to beat

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IOC PRESIDENT

teammate Anna Shcherbakova to the gold medal. "I hate this sport," she shouted at the side of the rink. "I won't go onto the ice again."

Trusova said she was happy with the skate but not with the result, an apparent jab at the judging that gave Shcherbakova enough extra points for artistry to keep her ahead.

Trusova could be heard crying that she was the only one without a gold medal. The Russians won the team event using Valieva twice instead of allowing Shcherbakova or Trusova to skate one of the women's programs. That win could be stripped because of Valieva's doping case.

Trusova later said her comments about not skating again had been "emotional", the result of missing her family and her dogs, but didn't commit to compete at next month's world championships.

Of the three teenagers, Trusova has had the most fractious relationship with Tutberidze. She switched coaches briefly, returning to the Tutberidze camp in May of last year. And her music selection seemed to send a message. She danced her long program to "Cruella" from the movie soundtrack.

Shcherbakova seemed unsure how to react the drama unfolding around her, and said she felt sorry for Valieva. "I still don't comprehend what has happened. On the one hand I feel happy, on the other I feel this emptiness inside."

Shcherbakova arrived in Beijing as the world champion from 2021, but Valieva's record-breaking scores and Trusova's all-or-nothing quads turned her into an underdog to her younger teammates. Being called an Olympic champion was "unreal," Shcherbakova said. "I don't feel like it's me they're talking about."

Russian skaters' careers are typically so short that at the age of 17, Shcherbakova al-

most immediately faced questions over whether she would retire.

"I have the desire to skate, and I can't even imagine being without figure skating," she said. The 2026 Olympics are a long way off, and no Tutberidze-trained woman has ever stayed in elite skating long enough to become a two-time Olympian. The last woman to retain the gold was Katarina Witt of East Germany in 1988.

What happens next for Shcherbakova and her teammates-turned-rivals depends on many factors — the eventual doping verdict, any further punishment for Tutberidze and the rest of her entourage and the myriad of injuries which can plague young skaters performing quads.

As she tries to recover from a failure on the sport's biggest stage, Valieva remains at the center of a confrontation between Russia and international institutions. About six hours before she took to the ice, Russian Olympic Committee president Stanislav Pozdnyakov said he would not give up the team event gold medal "under any circumstances, regardless of the results of the disciplinary investigation into the athlete."

Just one of many unresolved questions for the three young Russian skaters. **AP**