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# 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 assassination of former Prime Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

While the sentencing order has not yet been put in the pub**INSIDE** 

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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 Guiarat 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

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

Meanwhile, Shah replies

## 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 Surva 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-

#### **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.

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# ban hijab: Karnataka

**JOHNSON TA** 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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## Uniform order needed Girls barred from class: better drafting...doesn't Unease in BJP sections, attempt to dial down

#### LIZ MATHEW & **IRAM SIDDIQUE** NEW DELHI, BHOPAL,

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THE KARNATAKA government's indication of a rethink over its

school uniform order, the BIP's distancing from the MP education minister's remarks on a "uniform dress code," come amid a growing unease in the senior BJP leadership over how the "hijab row" is playing out.

Sources said that there is a sense that the Karnataka government and the state BIP allowed protests by a "small group of students at some pre-university colleges" in Udupi to spread, reach the high court and acquire a national dimension.

Deepening the discomfort in a section of the leadership have been images and videos of young women going to class with a crowd of protesting men behind them, schoolgirls and CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## to CM Channi: will probe THE EDITORIAL PAGE

**KANCHAN VASDEV** CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 18

AS THE campaign



for the Assembly elections Punjab ended Friday and parties braced for the vote Sunday,

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the Centre has taken allegations of AAP taking sides with separatists seriously, and that he would personally get

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this inquired.

Shah said this in response to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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**RUSSIA TURNS UP HEAT WITH DRILLS** 

## **KHURRAM CASE**

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

#### **DEEPTIMANTIWARY** 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-Toiba. 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 Hurrivat leaders, but was also a key officer in the team that probed Hindutva terror

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 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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**JAY ANAND ON SINGING LOOOP** LAPETA'S TITLE TRACK

The song is an absolute earworm

# **EXPRESS** AUDIO

**Hijab row continues** 

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Negi had allegedly shown a "con-

fidential document related to in-

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had first raided Parvez's resi-

dence in October 2020 when he

was investigating the NIA case

been arrested invoked IPC

Sections 120B (criminal conspir-

acy), 121 (waging, attempting to

wage, abetting waging of war

against the government), and

121A (conspiracy to commit of-

fences punishable by Section

121); and Sections 17 (raising

funds for terrorist act), 18 (con-

spiracy), 18B (recruiting of any

person or persons for terrorist

act) and 40 (raising funds for a

terrorist organisation) of the

Unlawful Activities (Prevention)

The FIR in which Negi has

Negi maintained his inno-

Incidentally, it was Negi who

vestigations" to Pervez.

against NGOs in J&K.

In this episode, Kiran Parashar joins host Snigdha Sharma to discuss the latest developments in the hijab controversy that continues to rock Karnataka

## **FROM PAGE ONE**

#### **Arvind Kejriwal**

The AAP has emerged as a key challenger ahead of the February 20 vote.

Kejriwal's remarks came on a day the Congress stepped up its attack on the AAP leader, with Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi saying he has requested the Prime Minister to order an inquiry into Vishwas's allegation.

Speaking to reporters in Bathinda, Kejriwal said all parties had joined hands to target him. "Modi ji, Priyanka Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Channi saab, Badal, Captain Amarinder, Sidhu... They all are now levelling allegations that for the last 10 years, Kejriwal has been hatching a plan to break the country into two parts and that I'll be the PM of one of the two parts. This is comedy... Can it hap-

Saying the two national parties had made a "joke of national security", he said, "I got to know that on Thursday evening, the Central government got a letter from the Punjab CM seeking an inquiry against me... An officer told me that in the next 1-2 days an FIR will be lodged against me by the NIA... That means I am a big terrorists. If so, what were the Congress and BIP governments doing, what were their security agencies doing? Why didn't they arrest me? Were they sleeping?

Calling Vishwas's allegations laughable, he said, "One day a kavi recites a poem and says that Kejriwal is planning to divide the country and wants to be PM of one part... Perhaps I am duniya ke sabse sweet atankwadi (the world's sweetest terrorist) who builds schools and hospitals for people, sends the elderly on pilgrimages, builds roads, works on road, water and power infra-

Hitting out at both Modi and Gandhi, he said, "Rahul Gandhi was the first to level charges against me (after Vishwas' statement)... The next day, the PM used the same language... Some people told me at least with Rahul Gandhi, people don't believe what he says. But I never thought there would be a day when the PM would copy Rahul Gandhi... and become Rahul Gandhi."

Rahul tweeted on Friday: "Mr Kejriwal, give a straight answer - Is Kumar Vishwas telling the truth? yes or no"

On Thursday, at a rally in Abohar, Modi had called Vishwas's allegations "very dangerous" and that it explained his (Kejriwal) "character". He said the AAP can "even align with separatists and anti-nationals" and that "they speak the same language as Pakistan".

At a rally in Fategarh Sahib, Rahul Gandhi had questioned the silence of the Delhi chief minister over the accusation. Other Congress leaders, including Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, had asked Kejriwal to clarify his stand.

Earlier in the day, Channi tweeted, "As CM of Punjab, I request Hon'ble PM @narendramodi Ji to order an impartial enquiry in the matter of @DrKumarVishwas Ji's video... Politics aside, people of Punjab have paid a heavy price while fighting separatism. Hon'ble PM needs to address the worry of

On Wednesday, rebel AAP leader Vishwas had accused Kejriwal of separatist ideas and said that during the 2017 elections, the Delhi CM told him he would "either be the chief minister of an independent state" or "the first PM of an independent

AAP's Punjab in-charge Raghav Chadha had calling the allegations defamatory, tweeting, "Malicious, unfounded, fabricated, inflammatory insinuations made by Mr. Vishwas are not only demonstrably defamatory but redolent of promoting hatred ill-will, hostility in society and in particular against AAP, as well as supporters as also intending to create a situation of un-

## Will probe: Shah a letter from Chief Minister

Charanjit Singh Channi who had sought an inquiry into a letter purportedly written by the separatist Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) urging Punjabis to support AAP in the elections. Channi had also mentioned former AAP leader Kumar Vishwas's allegation that Delhi Chief Minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal wanted to become Punjab CM by taking the support of separatists.

In his letter, Shah said that any political outfit's relations with such organisations and seeking their support during elections was a matter of grave concern. The agenda of such elements, he said, was no different than the agenda of anti-national

He assured Channi that nobody would be allowed to play with the integrity and harmony of the country. "The Government of India has taken it seriously and I will get it looked into," the letter

Around midnight Thursday, Channi had demanded an inquiry into Vishwas's allegation. 'As CM of Punjab, I request Hon'ble PM@narendramodi Ji to order an impartial enquiry in the matter of @DrKumarVishwas Ji's video. Politics aside, people of Punjab have paid a heavy price while fighting separatism. Hon'ble PM needs to address the worry of every Punjabi," he said on Twitter.

His tweet came a few hours after Punjab Additional Chief Electoral Officer issued a letter restraining the media from reproducing the content of Vishwas's video. The direction, however, was overruled by CEO Dr S Karuna Raju who said there was no bar on it.

On Friday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi asked Kejriwal to clarify whether the allegation levelled against him by Vishwas was true. "Kejriwalji, give a straight answer -- is Kumar Vishwas telling the truth? Yes or no." Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also said "waiting for a reply".

even teachers forced to remove their head scarves, some being told to go home from the school-

we play up Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, when the PM highlights his government's triple talag ban as a step for empowering Muslim women," said a Union

In Delhi, senior BJP leaders issue. In the Lok Sabha, when the Opposition raised the matter, not many BJP MPs came forward, except Kolar representative S Muniswamy. Even Tejasvi Surya, who has a record of speech criticised as inflammatory, has been

In Tripura, the education minister struck a note of concern and in NDA-ruled Bihar. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said the hijab wasn't an issue in Bihar where religious sentiments were respected. The education minister of BIP-ruled Himachal Pradesh. Govind Singh Thakur, said nothing is being actively considered on a uniform dress code in schools so far.

Another BJP leader said the party was apprehensive of the issue blowing up into an agitation like the anti-CAA protests which, too, had Muslim women at the forefront. "Despite its initial enthusiasm and propaganda over the CAA, the government has not yet made rules for the law passed

# sentence had been convicted

Kolkata in January 2002 that killed four policemen and a private security guard; Qayamuddin Kapadiya from Vadodara who is considered one of the key conspirators in

Those facing trial in other serial blasts cases are Qamruddin Chand Mohammad Nagori, Aamil Parvaz Qazi Saifuddin Faroogi, Abdul Kareem, Shibli Mohammad Arif Badruddin Shaikh, Mohammad Mansooi Asghar Peerbhoy, Mubeen Kadar Shaikh, Asif Bashiruddin Shaikh, and Asadullah Abu Bakar H.

and his brother Saaduli too stood trial in connection with a secret meeting of SIMI in

All convicts were present for the hearing via video-conference from eight different iails. Of the 38 acquitted on February 8, 17 continue to be in judicial custody over charges in other criminal

Ayaz Saiyed, a resident of Vatva in Ahmedabad, was acquitted of all charges in the Ahmedabad serial blasts and pardoned after he turned approver in 2019. He had earlier been accused of planting bombs on bicycles and an AMTS bus in Naroda area of Ahmedabad.

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As many as 22 bombs exploded in an hour in Ahmedabad on July 26, 2008, killing 56 people and leaving over 200 injured. The bombs went off at various spots including the state-run civil hospital, the municipal corporation-run LG Hospital, buses, cars and parked bicycles. The explosions were allegedly carried out by the Indian Mujahideen, said to be a regrouping of the banned SIMI.

#### Recovery notices The state repeatedly urged

the court to direct status quo, saying that a refund would send a wrong message on deterrence, but the bench said that when a proceeding itself is withdrawn, all actions consequent to it will

The bench said in its order recording UP's submission that on 14th and 15th February 2022, two Government Orders have been issued in terms of which, the show cause notices which were issued in 274 cases for alleged destruction of public property since December 2019 have been withdrawn together with the proceedings vhich were subsequently carried out pursuant to the notices by the Additional District Magistrates".

It said: "In view of the enactment of the Uttar Pradesh Recovery of Damage to Public and Private Property Act, 2020, it has been stated that the state government would refer all the above cases to the claims tribunal, which has been constituted in pursuance of the state legislation for further action in accordance with law. In view of the above statement, which has been made on behalf of the state government, nothing fur-

ther would survive." Last week, hearing a plea challenging the notices, the Supreme Court had pointed out that the earlier recovery procedure was not in accordance with its 2009 ruling as reiterated in 2018, that the claims commissioner should be a judge. Pointing out that the notices in question were adjudicated by ADMs, the bench had pulled up the state and asked it

to withdraw the notices. On Friday, the bench appreciated UP's stand even as the state's Additional Advocate General Garima Prashad sought liberty for the state to proceed under the new law. She said the intent of the court's past judgments on destruction of public property have been fulfilled as there has not been a single such incident after the new law was enacted.

Justice Chandrachud responded: "...the idea of our judgment was that there should be accountability when public property is damaged. But our concern is that it has to be overseen by a judicial mind. That ensures due process is followed. That is the thrust of our two judgments. You have brought in new legislation and this (question of recovery) can now be con-

sidered as per the legislation."

The counsel for petitioner Parwaiz Arif Titu submitted that some of those from whom the damages had been recovered with overground workers of a were poor and that the court should order a refund. The bench accordingly asked the state to refund the recovery made under the withdrawn

> "Since the orders in pursuance of the show cause no

tices have been withdrawn in pursuance of the GOs, there shall be refund of any recovery made in the meantime. This will, however, be without prejudice to such action as may be warranted in terms of the proceedings before and the decision of the claims Tribunal at a subsequent stage," the bench

Prashad pointed out the payment for damages caused worth crores had been recovered and urged the bench to instead order status quo till the Tribunal decides the matters. 'The message your lordships' judgment sought to convey was that such acts cannot take place. With the refund, the deterrence will go, please see the message which will go," she argued, adding that some property had already been attached and that the order would pose difficulties as the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for the state polls was in force

But the bench did not agree. 'Imagine the property has been attached, the order pursuant to which that was done has been withdrawn, can we say that the attachment would still continue?...Once the orders have been withdrawn, we cannot say the attachment will continue,"

said Justice Chandrachud. "We have no doubt as to the competence of the state. As soon as the tribunal holds them entitled to or responsible for any damage, we are sure you will issue the lawful process and re-

cover," said Justice Surva Kant.

The bench also said that the MCC should not get in the way of implementing a Supreme Court order. Prashad then urged the court to allow both sides to approach the Tribunal and said "these amounts and these attachments will remain as security with the claims Tribunal"

"Both parties can approach the claims Tribunal. But the message (of order of refund) which will go to the public will be that the amount has been refunded and the entire process is illegal and no such recovery can be made," Prashad said.

Justice Chandrachud responded: "We will clarify that the basis for ordering a refund is because the show cause notices have been withdrawn and therefore it has not become necessary for us to express any view on the merits of the allegations. We have said you can move under the Act. But all conseguences of withdrawal have to follow.'

While Prashad argued that "the entire law will be frustrated", Justice Surva Kant said: "Law cannot be frustrated because you have just brought in new law and you will give full effectiveness to it. You will appoint good people, with an able composition of the tribunal, they will decide matters immediately."

Justice Chandrachud said: .all deterrence under the provisions of law has to be provided within the four corners of law. There cannot be any provision for deterrence outside the fold of law. This is a very important principle."

Last month, The Indian Express in a two-part investigation analysed 46 such recovery orders issued by the Additional District Magistrate (Lucknow East) and found a pattern, which showed the administration played not only prosecutor but judge and jury as well to assess damage, estimate cost, bring charges, and fix liability with many of the accused not even getting a hearing.

In Kanpur, the investigation found 15 families, mostly of daily wagers ranging from a tonga driver to a milkman, who paid Rs 13,476 each to the district administration for their alleged role in the protests. None was aware of how their share of Rs 13,476 was arrived at.

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

under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) and provisions of the

They include Safdar Nagori, leader of the banned SIMI, who was sentenced to life imprisonment by a CBI court in Indore in 2017 for sedition, possession of illegal arms and explosives, and for plotting terror activities: Saif-ur-Rehman and Mohammad Saif who have already been awarded the death penalty for the 2008 Jaipur serial blasts; Mohammadsadik alias Yaseer from Mumbai who is facing trial in the 2008 Delhi blasts case, and for opening fire outside the American Center in

the Delhi blasts case.

Abu Bakar has also been

convicted in the Vagamon case in Kerala. Shibli Abdulkarim

> 2022, does not prohibit hijab. In fact, we have given complete autonomy to College Development Committees (CDCs) as well as to the private management of institutions to prescribe uniforms and dress codes," Navadgi ar-

The full bench, however, questioned the advocate general on why the February 5 order had quoted judgments of High Courts to suggest that restrictions on hijabs would not amount to a violation of the right to freedom of religion.

"You say that the order is very innocuous and that it only says that whatever uniforms were prescribed earlier will continue in all the institutions. In the earlier part of the order, you have considered these judgments and said directing not to attend school wearing headscarves is not in violation of Article 25 of the Constitution. Where was the

"You have not said it in so many words that wearing of hijab should be prohibited, you have not articulately put it, but for a commoner -- since the order addresses people like teachers, parents, members of the CDC -- how will they interpret this or-

"On better advice, those things could have been avoided. The government officials are very good at these things and I do not know why they have allowed this. Sometimes, the less said the better it is," the advocate general admitted.

Navadgi also argued that portions of the government order, which said that uniforms in colleges must promote equality and facilitate maintenance of law and order, were the consequence of overenthusiastic" drafting by of-

"Our draftsman has become overenthusiastic and unnecessarily added some things but all that he meant was students should wear clothes that depict equality, unity and public peace but they have gone into law and order. All that he meant to say was please wear clothes that inspire public decency, and nothing more and nothing less,' Navadgi said.

Although the state did not aggressively defend the controversial order, it claimed that it was in line with the Karnataka Education Act, 1983. The state contended that hijabs are "not an essential religious part of Islam" and that restrictions on its use will not curb freedom of expression. It also attempted to claim higher ground by stating that Constitutional morality and individual dignity must be consid-"There is one positive propo-

sition that the state wants to

make and the proposition is that for the practice of hijab to be accepted, it must pass the test of Constitutional morality and individual dignity as expounded by the honorable Supreme Court in Sabarimala and Shayara Bano case," Navadgi said. Bano was the original petitioner in the instant triple talaq case. According to the advocate general, the February 5 order was

issued after a protest by a few girl students at the government preuniversity college in Udupi spread to other colleges despite efforts to resolve it at the college "The unrest continued and another resolution was passed

on January 31, 2022 (by the CDC at the Udupi college), where it was asserted that children should not wear hijabs and that disciplinary action will be taken otherwise," he said.

#### NIA officer

removed later, and the Samjhauta Express blast where Swami Aseemanand is an ac-

Some of his recent cases include those against PDP leader Wahid Parra and dismissed I&K DvSP Davinder Singh, Negi had earlier investigated several key cases in the North East, too.

The NIA said Friday it arrested Negi in connection with a case of terrorism it had registered on November 6 last year pertaining to "widespread network of OGWs (Over Ground Workers) of LeT (Lashkar e Taiba), a proscribed Terrorist Organization, for providing support in planning and execution of terrorist activities in India."

The NIA had, earlier, arrested six people in the case.

"During investigation the role of A D Negi, IPS, SP posted at Shimla (since repatriated from NIA) was verified and his houses were searched. It was also found that official secret documents of NIA were leaked by A D Negi to another accused person who is an OGW of LeT in the case," an NIA statement said

The searches at Negi's resi-

dence came a day after the arrest of I&K human rights activist Khurram Parvez on November 22 last year. It is in the same case that Negi has been arrested now. At the time of Parvez's arrest, NIA had said he "was in touch

Pakistan-based banned terror NIA sources said the interrogation of Pervez revealed information that cast doubts on Negi's role following which his house

New Delhi

Unease in BJP

"This comes at a time when minister.

have refused to be drawn on the

in December 2019," the leader

pointed out. There is another key difference, say sources. Unlike the CAA, which is about a law, this is seen as directly linked to faith and family. When more Muslim girls are going to schools and col-

leges than ever, a code like this

may affect that, a leader said. The minister added that ways had been discussed on how to resolve the Karnataka issue. "There have been suggestions that the state take the stand that girls could use the dupattas that are a part of the uniform to cover their heads. The leadership seems to be keen on finding a middle path. instead of being seen as hardlin-

ers on this." the minister said. "Delhi (the national leaderip of the BIP) doesn't like it when a state creates controversy, lets it flare up and then throws it into the lap of the national leadership to resolve," a party leader

A source said the feeling in Delhi was that the hijab row in Karnataka was "a spark that could have been put off, instead

of letting it kindle." Those close to Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai say it is unfair to blame him, and the onus lies with the party state unit. "What did they do to douse the fire? They were not even present to defend the government," said a leader. Bommai, whose position within the faction-ridden BIP is shaky, does not have much command over the party cadre, the leader pointed out. "But finally it was he who told them to not fan the

In Madhya Pradesh, both Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and his hardliner Home Minister Narottam Mishra distanced themselves from remarks by Education Minister Inder Singh Parmar on a uniform dress code. While Chouhan is believed to have pulled up ministers at a Cabinet meeting and told them not to comment without consulting the government, Parmar later said there was no plan regarding a uniform code.

Mishra made his displeasure clear over the heckling of two hiiab-wearing women by rightwing groups on a college campus in Datia, his native place and constituency. With over 23,000 Muslim voters in the seat, Mishra called the town a living example of "communal harmony", and asked the district collector to enquire why the college had issued an order against religious attire.

also an office-bearer, admitted there was a direction from the senior leadership not to amplify the hijab issue. "It was never a BJP issue, the party never wanted to create this issue. It's a local fight," the leader said. Another party MP from Madhya Pradesh confirmed instructions to stay away.

A senior party leader, who is

In what seems like a complete turnaround from the initial Parmar remarks, BJP state media in-charge Lokendra Parashar now says women should decide what they want to wear: "it is their issue". "The dress code is already in place. We just want to gued. empower the women so that they can make an independent decision on whether they should or should not wear a hijab...

The Indian Express. A state BJP leader said the Central leadership had reacted similarly when party workers had opposed girls wearing jeans to colleges. "It did not resonate with the people in Delhi as over 90% girls wear jeans to college. Similarly wearing or not wearing a hijab is not an issue for discussion here in MP," he said.

School is not a place where reli-

gion should be a point of discus-

sion, schools are to impart edu-

cation, and that alone," he told

### Uniform order

Responding to petitions filed by Muslim girl students against the hijab ban, advocate general Prabhuling Navadgi told the full bench of the Karnataka High Court: "The legal submission is that the attack on the February 5, 2022 order, saying that it is irrational, discriminates against Muslim women, that it gives a communal colour, is absolutely

without basis.' The full bench comprises Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Justice Krishna M Dixit and Justice J M Khazi. The government's response comes on a day when an FIR was filed against 15 girls at a pre-university college in Tumkur for questioning authorities who restricted them from entering

the campus wearing hijabs. Navadgi said the February 5 order did not prescribe a ban on hijabs despite its explanatory portions suggesting that restricting the use of headscarves or hijabs on campuses did not amount to a violation of Article 25 of the Constitution, which guarantees the right to freedom

"The order of February 5, 2022, is innocuous in nature and does not interdict any of the rights of the petitioners. The orders must be read as they are," the advocate general said. "The question of hijab is not there, I have read it ten times but

I am unable to read anything about hijab in these two paragraphs (operative portion). The question of either asking institutions to proscribe the hijab or prescribe does not arise. Where does the state say it?" Navadgi said while claiming that the state has been wrongly accused of dis-"They (the petitioners) have

unnecessarily dragged us into it

and made it an issue. On a plain

reading, the order of February 5,

necessity to say all this?" Chief Justice Awasthi asked. "If judges feel that the paragraph just above the operative portion indicates that hijab should be banned or proscribed, I will clarify as the AG that it is not the purport of the order," Navadgi said.

der?" Justice Dixit said.

was searched. An official said

proceedings.

# 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 Khannna

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, 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

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-yearold 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 Ialalpur, 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 department 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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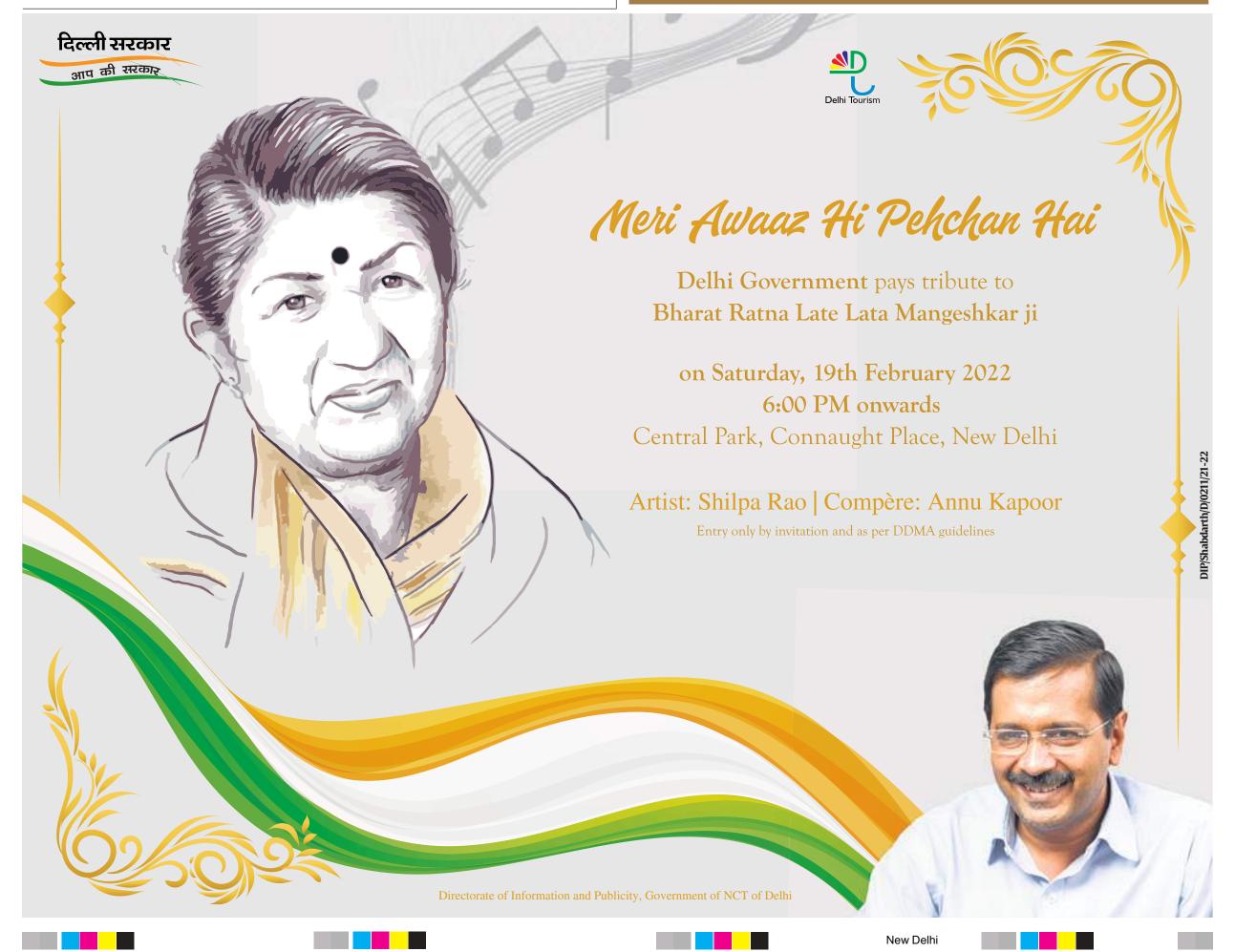
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**PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA** 

suspended IPS officer Dheeraj

Setia, as proclaimed offenders in

the Gurgaon multi-crore heist

case. It also directed the investi-

gating agency to initiate pro-

ceedings for attachment of their

Sessions Judge Amit Sahrawat

said, "... three accused persons

namely gangster Vikas

Lagarpuria, son of Surender,

Dheerai 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

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

provide details of the properties

of these accused on the next

date of hearing. "Further pro-

ceedings be also initiated

against these accused persons

under Section 83 CrPC for at-

tachment of their properties in

order to secure their presence

DCP in Gurgaon when the theft

was committed, was suspended

on December 10, 2021, after the

court had put under scanner al-

legations of bribery against him.

In a disclosure statement to po-

lice, the alleged mastermind of

Setia, who was posted as a

before this court." it said.

The court directed the STF to

Force (STF) probing the case.

Lagarpuria, suspected to be

well as DCP, (HQ), Gurgaon."

In the order, Additional

properties.

GURGAON, FEBRUARY 18

Total

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**OPENING SOON** 

# AllMS 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 Naravan Apex Trauma Centre (IPNATC) run by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, they will find updated infrastructure and faster turnaround time thanks to the complete overhaul of the emergency department during the three

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

shifted back to the main campus when the heavily mutated omicron variant drove up cases

While the centre treated Covid patients, the underutilised areas were redeveloped.

The 256-bed IPNATC is one among only two governmentrun 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.

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

two emergency departments,

with a triage area just inside the

vere life-threatening injuries will

The emergency department

a Covid-19 ICU).

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

> 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

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 threefour 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

they had not occupied these

Kamala Nehru College prin-

cipal Kalpana Bhakuni said the

first day's "euphoria" seemed to

have settled down. "I think many

outstation students are yet to

reach here, so it's possible that

Monday will be another high.

Many of them had intimated

that they will be able to reach

Delhi only by the end of this

week and so it's very likely that

the numbers will swell again on

Miranda House principal

Bijayalaxmi Nanda said stu-

dents were continuing to come

to college but they were appre-

Monday," she said.

spaces as much," he said.

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 gov-

#### offender in heist case in Gurgaon Nawal, had claimed that he had handed over a bag containing 3 kg gold bricks, 1,35,000 US dol-A DISTRICT court Friday declared lars and Rs 62,000 (total value of three accused persons, including 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-cumflat of Alpha G Corp Management

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

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

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

On allegations that Umar met INU student Sharieel 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 FORMER INU student Umar about February, 2020. You can-Khalid's lawyer Friday told a not 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.

## **BRIEFLY** —

### Palika Bazaar on US list of notorious markets, traders object

New Delhi: The Palika Bazaar Association Friday objected to the market being named in the notorious market list of the US Trade Representative for allegedly selling 'counterfeit' products, and demanded that the 'fake allegations' be withdrawn and New Delhi's popular underground market be removed from the list.

#### 2 kids mowed down by truck

New Delhi: Two children,

aged 7 and 4, were mowed down by a pickup truck while they were playing on the street in Sagarpur Thursday. Police have apprehended the driver. ENS

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IN A bid to go green, the New

Delhi Municipal Council

(NDMC) is considering purchas-

ing only electric vehicles for of-

ficial use and for enforcement

drives. The council has also de-

cided to stop buying and hiring

petrol and CNG vehicles, offi-

currently has around 80 electric

cars for official purposes and a

large number of vehicles have

been allotted to the heads of de-

partments. Also, NDMC areas

have the highest number of

They added that the NDMC

cials said.

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

# 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 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 vesterday with their parents just to see the col-

electric charging stations



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

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

Singh had said nearly 90% of stu-

At SGTB Khalsa College Thursday, principal Jaswinder

they were everywhere — in the dents had attended the first day

the picture was slightly different. "There was not as much enthusiasm as vesterday 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

#### hensive. "We are having classes round the clock so I'm seeing students in all these classes. We are trying to maintain Covid protocols. One grievance that we have heard quite a bit is the high living cost. So through our alumni, and other means, we are trying to figure out ways to help students who need financial assistance," she said.

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

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

pletely 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.

'We have decided to go com-

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

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

plaints 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-

In his complaint to police, SOL Officiating Principal Ú 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".

ernment had launched a scheme for registration of 4,261 e-autos of which 33%, that is, 1406 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 eautos reserved for women candidates have also been reopened.

#### EAST MCD PLAN FACES SETBACK

NDMC plans to purchase

only EVs for its officials

# 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 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).

**FDMC** 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 Guiran 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-



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

New Delhi

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 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 outermost area of it, where floodwater reaches only in 1 in 50 years or so." The panel has also directed the

obstruction to the flow of the river.

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 Puniab.

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. Puniab 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 crumpling.

In 2017, Singh was the Captain in the winning slogan: "Cĥaunda 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

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: "Imtihan ki ghadi aan padi hai toh koi fikr nahin/ hamne sau baar zamaane ke bhram 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 Jarnail 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

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, Gurmail 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 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

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 Puniab. Puniab'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



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 (20 seats, a distant second to the Congress's 77), the song in Hindi by an AAP Delhi leader, would be identified as one of the many lapses in judgement ahead of polling day. "A party leader's attempt at humour might seem trivial. But this exemplifies how AAP unwittingly amplified the attempt to brand it as a party of outsiders," said a senior AAP leader.

This time, ironically, AAP is leading the battle of perception precisely on the "outsider" factor. În 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 Keiriwal nu (Keiriwal 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 BIP 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 Keiriwal 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 cyber volunteers. 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 BIP 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 BIP 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 Ialandhar 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, Jarnail Singh and Delhi ministers Manish Sisodia and Satvendra Iain, 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.

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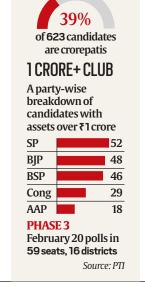
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#### HATHRAS RAPE-MURDER NOT FORGOTTEN

# 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-yearold 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 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-yearold Dalit rape victim.

Particularly as the accused in the murder-rape are Thakurs, who are seen to enjoy the blessing of the administration under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

"What happened to that girl was unfortunate. We could not sleep for days. This was a nightmare. For Dalits, there are many nightmares anyway. While a lot of work has been done under the present government, this incident really shook us. And there is every reason to believe this will manifest itself in the polls," says Rajpal Singh, former pradhan of Garha Kasbi, a village with a majority Jatav population.

The Sikandra Rao constituency was won by senior BIP's Birendra Singh Rana last time. The



Rajpal Singh

BIP had also won the Hathras (SC) seat (Harishankar Mahaur), while BSP's Ramveer Upadhyay had won Sadabad. All three seats vote on February 20.

During their campaign, allies Samajwadi Party and RLD have been raising the Hathras incident. Both the SP and RLD had camped at the victim's village and protested for day. Rajendra Singh, a BSP supporter, says the incident sent a message, especially to Dalits, "that there is community support for the accused". "We already felt afraid and marginalised, and the Thakur solidarity has further alienated us. In such a situation, we must stick to those who can preserve our fun-

damental identity.'

Of the three seats, the RLD has a substantial hold in Sadabad, having won it twice earlier, in 2002 and 2007. However, its candidate this time, Pradeep Kumar Singh, has a formidable opponent in the BJP's Ramveer Upadhyay. A for-

mer BSP leader, he is a five-time MLA, including from Sadabad in 2017 and Hathras constituency earlier. In Hathras city too, the caste divide runs deep. A Jatav colony in the heart of the city, Tamanna Garhi, questions the government's claims.

"The BJP says it has done a lot for the security of the people. But incidents like Hathras remind us that we are the 'others'," says Amar. "This election is a test whether the government really thinks of everyone in society or iust a particular section.'

Hathras (SC) was till the 2012 elections a BSP bastion. This time, its candidate Sanjeev Kumar is up against the BIP's Anjula Singh Mahaur, the former Agra mayor.

#### SEAT WATCH BEHBAL KALAN

# In village that saw anti-sacrilege protests and two deaths, anger and no closure

#### **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 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 Puniab politics since October 2015. Even before that, it was wellknown — for its historic shrine of Tibbi Sahib where the tenth Sikh master, Guru Gobind Singh, staved 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.

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 laito 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.

New Delhi

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.

"We have a niche market and our

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 Master Baldev Singh, a teacherturned-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 Hardey, 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)?'

jhaadoo." Jaito elected AAP's

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

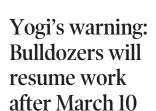
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

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



PTI & ENS MAINPURI, UNNAO, FEB 18

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 Aditynatha 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 PRESS TRUST OF INDIA 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 LIP 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.

#### **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 BIF 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."



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 sewapanthi, 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 strengthworld 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, Harnam 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.

# 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)

"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".

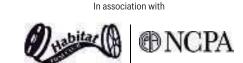
If the Congress returns to

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."

Discipline / Game







Dibakar Banerjee, Director

in conversation with

Shubhra Gupta, Film Critic, The Indian Express

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# Akhilesh hits back at BJP's 'dynast' jibe

JALAUN, FEBRUARY 18

HITTING BACK at BIP 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 pertion 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.

#### SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY RECRUITMENT AGAINST SPORTS QUOTA (OA)

In Group 'C' categories for the year 2021-22 (Employment Notice No. SWR/P-HQ/Sports (OA)/2021-22 dated 19-02-2022) outh Western Railway invites online applications from the eligible candidates for 2 posts to be recruited in Group 'C' categories in Level - 5/4 and in Level - 3/2 in VII CPC Pay Matrix against Sports Quota (Open Advertisement) for the year 2021-22. The detailed notification is on website: www.rrchubli.in

How to apply: Online applications only will be accepted. Candidates are advised to

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Opening Date: 19.02.2022 & Closing Date: 11.59 PM of 20.03.2022.

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BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD

I.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14. POST GRADUATE MEDICAL ADMISSION COUNSELLING (PGMAC)-2021

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Advt. No.-BCECEB(PGMAC)-2021/07 Dated: 18.02.2022 Website: bceceboard.bihar.gov.in Notice for 2nd round counselling

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 portant dates for offline 2nd

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i. Free exit from Govt. Colleges	:	up to 18.02.2022	up to 21.02.20
ii. Willingness for 2nd round counselling iii. Result / counselling programme	:	up to 20.02.2022	up to 23.02.20
publication of 2nd round counselling	:	23.02.2022	25.02.20
iv. Seat Matrix uploading	:	25.02.2022	26.02.20
v. Proposed date of counselling/admission	:	from 26.02.2022	from 28.02.20
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# National Entrance Screening Test (NEST) 2022

Admission to 5-year Integrated MSc Programmes in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics at NISER (Bhubaneswar) and UM-DAE CEBS (Mumbai) (Autonomous institutions under the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India)

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Application: Through ONLINE portal ONLY. Visit www.nestexam.in to apply. Online portal opens on Feb. 21, 2022 & closes on May 18, 2022

Address for correspondence: The Chief Coordinator, NEST 2022 UM-DAE CEBS, Nalanda Building, University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari Campus Kalina, Santacruz (E), Mumbai 400098, India

Examination: ONLINE/computer based ONLY. Date of examination: June 18, 2022 (Saturday) Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (1st session) 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM (2nd session) Results announcement : July 05, 2022

Fees structure and mode of payment:

Male (General and OBC categories): Rs.1200/-Male (SC and ST categories): Rs.600/-

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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, BIP MLA T Raia 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

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 (Keiriwal) said, nahin ho javega (it will be done)... he told me, 'ya toh main ek swantatra sube ka mukhyamantri banoonga ya swantantra 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.



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?..."

Keiriwal 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 Iammu 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-

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

"We welcome #India's balanced, principled and independ-

bassy 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



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 epayment 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 underprivileged 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** 



## 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 THAVER** 

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18

THE MAHARASHTRA government on Friday appointed Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) chief Rainish 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

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 Baneriee 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. Kalavan 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 vicepresidents.

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 com-

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 northeast unit will be looked after by Sushmita Dev, Mukul Sangma and Subal Bhowmik,"The Goa unit will be helmed by former chief minis-





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-today 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-

TN: Kerala Governor's remark on

Mullaperiyar dam against SC order

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

The Friday notification signed by the Principal Secretary (Personnel, Administrative Reforms, and Rajbhasha Department) has kept Nagpuri, Urdu, Khortha, Kurmali 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 Bhoipuri 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

A DAY after he kept the CPI(M)-led state government on tenterhooks. Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed 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-



alism has been recognised as our

legislation by the Union govern-

ment are taking place on sub-

iects enumerated in State and

Concurrent Lists, that too with-

out effective consultation with

the states," he said. "This goes

"However, in recent times,

common desirable goal.'

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan addresses the opening day of the Assembly's Budget Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. UNI

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-

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

ernment along with the recent

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 dis-

tress 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 necessitates 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.

#### **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 Mullaperivar 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 ar-

bitrary decision to go ahead with the new dam project cannot be accepted. At any cost, the state of Tamil Nadu will oppose

New Delhi

Nadu cannot be compromised," said Murugan. Last November, the Tamil Nadu government stated the

such a move. The rights of Tamil

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 decommission the dam to build a new one would violate a series of SC judgments.

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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

stating that it wants to probe fur-

ther into hawala money transac-

tions and locate the trail of the

Lawyer Sultan Khan, repre-

senting Kaskar, said that he has

been in iail since 2017 and has no

cases in which his brother is his

co-accused. Khan submitted that

Kaskar was acquitted in a previ-

ous case where Ibrahim 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

laundering case against Ibrahim

and his gang members.

The ED is probing a money

statement to inculpate himself.

Khan said that Kaskar was

named a wanted accused.

The ED sought his custody,

image as a global terrorist.

Venegavkar submitted that

Ibrahim and others.

proceeds of crime

Kaskar

arrested in

PMLA case

# EXPRESS NETWORK

## Dawood brother in ED custody till Feb 24

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Friday arrested underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's brother Iqbal Kaskar from Thane iail 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 becharged 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

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

Seeking damages of Rs 2

The court will hear the suit on

## 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 iustice 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

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

Innocent, claim kin of convicts; set to move higher courts

VAIBHAV JHA & ADITI RAJA AHMEDABAD, VADODARA FEBRUARY18

FAMILIES OF most of those awarded the death penalty in the 2008 Ahmedabad serial blasts case plan to move higher courts against the special court's decision on Friday.

Aalam Gir Afridi, 35, twin brother of Aalam Jeb Afridi, among those handed the death penalty, claimed that his brother in innocent. He said "The lone state-approved witness in this case claimed that he saw my brother was present at his uncle Altaf's house in Juhapura on July 26, 2008, watching news on TV, and that he got very scared after watching news of the blasts and ran away. The truth is, we don't have an uncle named Altaf. He was wrongly arrested in Bengaluru. We will surely move the HC."

Aalam Gir, who works as a human rights activist, said, "After the blasts, when my brother's name emerged in the media, it wreaked

**HIJAB CONTROVERSY** 

havoc in our family. Our sister KhurshidBen, who was married in 2009, killed herself a few months later...our mother is in depression for the past decade....'

At Mohammad Usman Agarbattiwala's home in Vadodara, a close friend said, "Ever since the court convicted him, his parents have spent their days in prayers... They wanted him to disassociate himself with SIMI after he was initially found at a meeting in 2001 and he had also assured them that he would..."

Mahmad Ishak Mansuri, 77. from Gomtipur in Ahmedabad, father of Ismail Razik, said, "I saw the news of death penalty on TV. My son is innocent and we had made him surrender to police in 2008 to prove his innocence. Had he been guilty. I wouldn't have escorted him myself. We have full confidence in our lawyers. We will get

Four convicts from Vadodara were handed out the death sentence on Friday and their families are pinning hopes on an appeal in

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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 USbased academics Dr Audrey Truschke, Dr Ananya Chakrabarti and Dr Rohit Chopra on February 11 was addressed to the Royal Historical Society where Dr the society to subject Sampath's body of work to scrutiny.

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.

April 1. It has sought replies from

# 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-ahalf 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 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 sev-

eral questions. Why was the well not repaired using the gram panchavat 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 gavi hain*'." said Rainish 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 Yaday 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 nightoff, the one parked ambulance '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.

'An outsider cannot know': Suicide attempt, death

send shock waves among traders in UP's Baghpat

# 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 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 MemorialCollege in Udupi, which had witnessed slogan-shouting between separate groups of students over the hiter 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 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 KS 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.

persuasion **EXPRESS NEW SERVICE** jab row, reopened on Friday af-BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 18 ficials

WHEN HIJAB-WEARING stu-

dents were being barred from classrooms elsewhere in Karnataka, the administration of-Chikkamagaluru 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 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...,'

## 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

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

ICIS 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 ICIS system would be made available through a dedicated and secure cloud-based infrastructure with high speed connectivity.

**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 at-

tempt 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.'

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."

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.

WORDLY WISE

I CONFUSED THINGS WITH THEIR NAMES: THAT IS BELIEF.

— JEAN-PAUL SARTRE

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

# 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

STHE 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 sacrilege 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

NDIA 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

ASE 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 whirring 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



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

SUBHASHIS BANERJEE AND SUBODH SHARMA

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 wellestablished 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

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"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-sothoughtful 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

BADRI NARAYAN

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 voungest and treated him badly. So, everyday, 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-

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.

ing as BSP cadres. The Jatavs are nearly twothird 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

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 nonbase 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.

LALDENGA PASSPORT
THE GOVERNMENT HAS decided to issue a

ing 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.

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#### MP HOLDS UP TRAIN

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

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

### 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 - DAWN. PAKISTAN

# Who we are

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



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

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 intercaste 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 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



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-cumarranged" 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

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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.

Supreme Court of India

# 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

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 coordinate 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 Aimer 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.

Pal is president, Krantikari Kisan Union; and Happy is a PhD scholar at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Both are associated with the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM)

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Indians get married the way The writer is a Senior Advocate at the

#### 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

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 forwardlooking 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 burga are indeed regressive, but not necessarily so. It is possible that tion", merely cultural assertion, like the bindi. The burden of secularism cannot be borne by India's minorities alone. Shantanu Ray, via email

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VC's CHALLENGE THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Healing a

campus' (IE 18 February). The controver-

sial appointment of the new VC of JNU

comes in the wake of disturbing reports

of similar such placements in other edu-

## cational institutions, which casts doubt on their ability to serve as places of higher

learning. Stories of dissent being suppressed, seminars being cancelled, visas denied, etc on dubious grounds, abound and convey a sense of frustration in academia. Universities are places where learning takes place through a free flow of ideas. One hopes the new VC appreciates this and proves her naysayers wrong.

**Hemant Contractor, Pune** 

#### KREMLIN'S STRATEGY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Ukraine on the brink' (IE, February 17). The Kremlin was always mindful of the reactions from the international community on its aggressive stand on Ukraine and knew its own geo-economic limitations. Yet, Russia went ahead with mobilising troops. The predetermined goal of keeping the US and its western allies on their toes during the course of the tension has been achieved. Moscow has come out as being extremely sensitive about receiving any foreign power or coalition near

its sphere of influence. **Sudip Kumar Dey,** Barasat

# Our fates are tied together

Covid has shown that people suffer when countries fail to act unitedly

#### 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 be-

comes 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.

In September last year, I issued a report on these issues: Our Common Agenda. It is a starting point, a roadmap to gather the world together to tackle these governance challenges and reinvigorate multilateralism for the 21st century.

Change won't be easy, nor will it happen overnight. But we can begin by finding areas of consensus and moving in the direction of progress.

This is our greatest test because so much is at stake. We are already seeing the consequences. As people start to lose trust in the ability of institutions to deliver, they also risk losing faith in the values that underlie those institutions. In every corner of the world, we see an erosion of trust and I fear that we are seeing the emergence of the twilight of shared values. Injustice, inequality, mistrust, racism and discrimination are casting dark shadows across every society. We must restore human dignity and human decency and respond to people's anxieties with answers.

In the face of growing inter-connected threats, enormous human suffering, and shared risks, we have an obligation to speak up and act to put out the fire.

> The writer is Secretary-General of the United Nations

Dy. CSTE/Works, ECR, Hajipur

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#### NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**E - TENDER NOTICE** No: CARRIAGE-10-2021-RT DATE 17.02.2022

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## Amit Shah reviews J&K development, security

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

**UNION HOME Minister Amit** Shah on Friday held a review meeting on the progress of development work and the security situation in Jammu and

"It was a routine meeting where the Home Minister takes stock of developmental projects in Jammu and Kashmir and reviews the security situation. The meeting was very satisfactory," J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said after the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by NSA Ajit Doval, chiefs of Intelligence Bureau and R&AW, Army chief M M Naravane and top officials of the

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Food Corporation of India, Haryana invites online lenders unde "TWO BID SYSTEM" for offering Godowns/Warehouses to FCI for

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Detailed Tender Notice indicating Instructions, terms and conditions and

critical dates can be seen and downloaded at FCI website (URL https://fci.gov.in) and GaM Portal (URL https://gem.gov.in/) w.e.f. 18.92.2022 and last date for submission of tender is 14.03.2022

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office, North Central Railway, Prayagraj on behalf of President of India.

11:00 AM. Corrigendum, if any, will be published online only.



Home Minister Amit Shah at the meeting. PTI

Home Ministry

Sources said that during the security review, the Home Minister appreciated the various operations carried out by the forces in the Valley even as he took stock of possible threats. Sources said because of winter, infiltration from across the border is low. "The Union Home Minister directed that the security grid should be further strengthened," a MHA statement said.

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Thane district collector

Rajesh Narvekar said that

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Laboratory in Bhopal for testing

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#### GM (Procurement)/MRVC NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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At a poultry farm in Vehloli, 70 km from Mumbai. Deepak Joshi

A team of experts from

alert and stay vigilant for any suspicious death of birds, said an official. Vehloli is situated near Mumbai Nashik Expressway. It has a population of 1,697 individuals staying in 296 families. A year ago, bird flu had struck nearly six districts of Maharashtra. It was most prominent in Navapur area of Nandurbar district in western Maharashtra and it was caused by migratory birds. More than 10 lakh birds were culled in the state. Prior to that, a massive bird

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

THE UNION Environment

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After recycling the mandated percentage of plastic, a

a certificate to the relevant authority and if more than the mandated amount is recycled, it could be sold to other companies. "The idea is to create an eco-system of recycling and incentivising it. Recycling will now be driven by market forces. We expect more companies to enter the recycling market and this will create a circular economy," said a ministry official.

Plastic Management Rules, 2016, mandate the generators of plastic waste to take steps to minimise it, ensure its segregated storage at source and hand it over to local bodies or agencies. The rules cast Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) on producer, importer and brand owner for collection and recycling of plastic packaging waste. The guidelines specify three categories. The second category relates to flexible plastic packaging of single layer or multilayer. The third category covers multi-lay-

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18

FORMER LOK Sabha MP Ravindra Vishwanath Gaikwad, who was accused of assaulting an Air India employee after not getting a business class seat on a flight in 2017, was discharged by a Delhi court on Friday.

After landing in New Delhi on an Air India flight from Pune on March 23, 2017, Gaikwad refused to leave the plane and demanded an explanation about why he was seated in economy class despite having a business class ticket. A member of the ground tions 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence) of the IPC. The court. however, said that section 355 (assault or criminal force with intent to dishonour person, otherwise than on grave provocation) was prima facie made out against the accused, and since this was a non-cognizable offence, the chargesheet would be treated as a complaint. The matter will now be heard by an additional chief metropolitan magistrate.

Gaikwad to leave the plane, was

discharged Gaikwad under sec-

Special Judge Geetanjali Goel

assaulted with a slipper.

## Romanian campaigns for DMK, gets an

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

A ROMANIAN national on a business trip to Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore city was Friday summoned and warned by the Foreigners Regional Registration

ing part in an

Marius's business partner – a DMK member

claimed the

own accord as he was impressed with the party's schemes. The FRRO sent Marius a notice after his videos, sporting DMK flags and party chief M K Stalin's pictures, were shared widely on social media.

over 20k chickens culled YOGESH NAIK MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18 THE STATE animal husbandry department culled 23.428

Bird flu detected in Thane,

and 3,800 kilograms of poultry feed at Vehloli village near Shahapur in Thane district on

to bird flu around four to five days back. Vehloli is just 69 kilometres from Mumbai.

> clared the area within 1 km radius of the epicentre as "Infected Zone" to enforce the prescribed containment measures.

Disease Investigation Section, Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry, Pune, have been deputed for supervising and monitoring the containment measures undertaken at the location. Work is on to disinfect the area.

In connection with this, the Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry issued instructions to keep the field machinery on flu wave was reported in 2006.

## Centre notifies EPR norms for plastic packaging waste

Ministry notified extended producer responsibility (EPR) guidelines for plastic packaging waste. To be implemented from

date recycling and reusing a certain percentage of plastic produced by manufacturers, importers and brand owners. Environment Minister

Bhupender Yadav said the guidelines would promote development of "new alternatives to plastics and provide a roadmap for businesses to move towards sustainable plastic packaging"

and state pollution control boards has also been compulsorv under the new rules.

company would have to submit

Registering with the central ered plastic packaging and one of material other than plastic).

## A-I staff assault case: Court discharges ex-MP Gaikwad

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

staff, who tried to persuade

#### EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **E-Open Tender Notice**

E-Tender Notice No.- CRW-HRT-M-Camping-22, Date: 16.02.2022 For and on behalf of President of India, Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Carriage Repair Workshop, Harnaut invites open e-tender (Under two packet System) for the following works as detailed :-

1. Name of work with its location Refurbishment of 46 ICF Coach into Camping coach for track machines at Carriage Repair Workshop Harnaut over a period of three (03) years. 2. Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 10,81,54,549.56 (Rupees Ten Crore Eighty One Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Nine and Paise Fifty Six only). 3. Cost of Tender Form: Nil. 4. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 690800.00 (Rupees Six acs Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred only). 5. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender: The tender have to be submitted online on www.ireps.gov.in. website up to 12.00 hrs. on 09.03.2022 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs. 6. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.: Detailed tender notice. eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website https.//www.ireps.gov.in & full details o notice can be seen on notice board in the office of Chief Workshop Manager. Administrative Building, Carriage Repair

website if required. Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer Carriage Repair Workshop/Harnaut PR/01703/HRT/MECH/T/21-22/52

Workshop, Harnaut, Nalanda, Bihar

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# FRRO warning

CHENNAI, FEBRUARY 18

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#### New Delhi

## Dated: 18.02.2022 Place: Chandigarh

🔊 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚳 Open E-Tender Publication Notice Open E-Tender No.: - Kavach-ECR-01 GM (S&T)/Hajipur invites e-tenders on behalf of president of India for following work. 1. Name of work with its location: -Provision of Train Collision Avoidance System (KAVACH) along with two 24 Fiber OFC backbone in the sections between Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) and Pradhankhunta (PKA) of the East Central Railway. 2. Approx. cost of the work :-Rs. 1512113545.00 (Rs. One Hundred Fifty One Crore Twenty One Lakh Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five only) 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: - Rs. 10000000.00 (Rs. One Crore only) and Cost of tender Document :- Rs. 0.00 (Rs. Zero Only) 4. Last Date & Time for Submission of tender: - 11/04/2022 up to 12.00 Hrs. and Opening of E-Tender 19/04/2022 at 12.30 hrs. 5. Full details of tender may be seen on www.ireps.gov.in If there is any change in tender document/ Date of opening/closing, it will be uploaded on www.ireps.gov.in The railway administration reserves the right to change/cancel/postpone the Tender at

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#### **WALK-IN INTERVIEW**

#### Haryana AIDS Control Society, Panchkula

The following posts are to be appointed on contract basis under Haryana State AIDS Control Society Panchkula upto 31.03.2022 (which may be further extended/renewed if required) by HSACS, Panchkula. Eligible and nterested candidates shall have to apply on prescribed form available from the O/o Civil Surgeon, Rohtak. Candidates should reach for walk-in Interview with all original documents/ testimonials, one latest colour photograph and one set of self-attested photocopies of all documents in the o/o Civil Surgeon, Rohtak on every Monday and Thursday till the vacan

Sr. No.	Name an Posts cate	with	Qualification	Age	Consolidated Salary (Per Month)
1	category  Senior Medical Officer-ART Centre PGIMS Rohtak Post-1 Gen-1		(ii) M.B.B.S. plus	18 to 70 Years	Rs. 60000/-
2	Medical ART Centre Rohtak Post-1 Gen-1	Officer- PGIMS	ESSENTIAL (i) M.B.B.S. with valid registration with Medical Council	18 to 70 Years	Rs. 50000/-

Civil Surgeon

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR SETTING UP OF COMMERCIAL COLONIES UNDER 3.5% COM-PONENT OF NET PLANNED AREA OF A RESI-DENTIAL SECTOR IN VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE STATE UNDER POLICY DATED 10.11.2017 AND POLICIES DATED 14.06.2012 09.08.2016 & 30.05.2018 (LEFT-OVER POCKET

- 1. The Department of Town & Country Planning, Haryana has notified a policy dated 10.11.2017 for grant of license for setting up of those categories of colonies for which there is a cap on the Net Planned Area (NPA). This policy is hosted on the website of the department at https://tcpharyana.gov.in/Policy/PF-64- Pawan%20Bhatia%20 Notification.docx%2010 11 2017 4 20.pdf. The policy gives guidelines with respect to grant of licenses under the provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975 and Rules framed thereunder (Act 8 of 1975) for those categories of colonies which are allowed on limited area.
- 2. Also 'Policy for planned development of left-over land located in the developed sectors through either grant of licence under Act no 8 of 1975 or approval of Town Planning (TP) scheme under Municipal Acts' was notified on 14.06.2012 and amended on 09.08.2016 & 30.05.2018 for left-over land pockets which either stand unacquired or released from acquisition proceedings or have remained unlicenced since they do not independently fulfill the area norms prescribed for grant of licences in the midst of any developed sector which stands developed and services are already functional. For developed sectors falling under the purview of the above said policy, the minimum area norms for setting up of Commercial
- colony is 0.2 acres. In view of provisions of the policies mentioned above, the applications on LC-I form (hard copies) are invited for grant of license for setting up of Commercial Colony (within 3.5% limit of Net Planned area of residential sectors) on the prescribed form LC-I in accordance with Rule 3 of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules- 1976, provisions of policy dated 10.11.2017 and zoning regulations of relevant Final Development Plans published under Section 5(7) of Act

No. 41 of 1963. The applications on LC-I form (hard copies) are to be submitted in the office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana. No applications on received after expiry of two months period will be entertained.

The net planned area is under calculation and the exact available net planned area will be subject to decision on the applications pending with the department. The application received under this window shall be examined as per the balance available net planned area in respective sector and decided as per Act/Rules and Policies.

An opening window of two months from the date of pub-

lication of this notice is given to the persons/companies

- /firms/trusts etc. who are interested in seeking license permissions for the Commercial colonies under purview of policies dated 10.11.2017, 14.06.2012, 09.08.2016 & 30.05.2018. 6. For developed sectors falling under the purview of the
- above said policy, the minimum area norms for setting up of Commercial colony shall be 0.2 acres. 7. The details of scrutiny fee and license fee to be submitted alongwith the application as well as the planning

parameters are available on the website of the

- Department i.e. www.tcpharyana.gov.in. 8. In case of any ambiguity/ dispute on the net planned area of any sector, the decision of Director shall be final.
- 9. For any queries regarding this public notice, the Senior Town Planner Gurugram (0124-2305872), Hisar (01662-231106), Rohtak (01262-266655), Panchkula (0172-2560217) and Faridabad (0129-2220692) or District Town Planner (HQ) (0172- 2549349) may be contacted during working hours.

(K. Makrand Pandurang) Director, **Town and Country Planning** Haryana, Chandigarh.

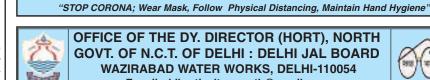
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**DEEP MUKHERJEE** JAIPUR, FEBRUARY 18

Pratap, Akbar

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 Iustices L Nageswara Rao and PS 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 ID (U) leader of Madhepura was shot dead on Friday by some unidentified assailants at his village under Biharihanj 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 momitoring the construction of his new home at

#### **CHHATTISGARH**

#### State to provide fortified rice

Hathiomdha village. **ENS** 

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

**JAYPRAKASHS NAIDU** 

NASHIK POLICE have arrested a

36-year-old businessman for al-

legedly murdering a 70-year-old

retired registrar of Yashwantrao

Chavan Maharashtra Open

University and the registrar's 35-

year-old doctor son. The arrest

months after the double murder.

Jagtap, 36, lived in the same building

as the victims Nanasaheb Kapadnis

and his doctors on Amit Kapadnis, 35.

Jagtaplived with his wife, mother-in-

lawanda four-year-old son, The two

murders were committed in

December last year within a span of

After committing the mur-

eight to 10 days, said police.

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**Examinations** 

The arrested accused, Rahul

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MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18

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 Ernakulam 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

ders, Jagtap allegedly sold their

shares and also used their debit

cards to withdraw Rs 93 lakh from

their bank account and transfer it

to other accounts. He spent the

money on three trips to Mumbai

and even bought a Range Rover

for Rs 25 lakh, said police. His next

plan was to usurp their row house

vealed that father and son were

murdered in similar fashion. They

were made unconscious, after

which they were put in the car

and strangled to death. The body

of Nanasaheb, who was mur-

dered first, was dumped by Jagtap

in Ambivali ghat in Palghar dis-

trict, said police. Eight to ten days

later, Amit was murdered and his

body was dumped in a forest in

Date: 01 02 2022

Ahmednagar district.

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Nashik businessman held

for murder, looting Rs 93L

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.

#### SC dismisses plea challenging Ordinance raising BMC seats by 9

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 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 Iustice of India NV 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.

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
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All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AlIMS) 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 a 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) 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, AllMS, New Delhi is <u>01st April, 2022</u>.

Vacancy details, General terms & conditions and prescribed recruitment rules etc for the advertised posts will be available on the AlIMS, New Delhi websites www.aiimsexams.ac.in and www.aiims.edu under the Head "Notices &

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#### JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU 0191-2561578 (O), 0191-254780 (F), E-mail-sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in 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 deady 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:** 

: About 40/45 Years : 5 Feet 7 Inch

Height Contacts/Telephone Numbers:

: 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578 DPO, Jammu SSP Jammu Mail I.D : sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in PCR Jammu : 0191-2542000

SP Rural : 0191-2605949 SDPO Nagrota : 0191-2673666 P/S Nagrota : 0191-2662094

Dated: 14.02.2022 For Sr. Superintendent of Police,

## **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.	(General Central Service, Group C, Non	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]	

#### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. 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.
- 10. 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

davp-10622/11/0011/2122

#### **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: -

SI	Name of	No. of	Category	Scale of	Age	Essential Qualification
No.	Post	Vacancies		Pay/Level in	Limit	
				Pay Matrix		
(a)	MTS (Safaiwala)		05-UR, 02- OBC (One vacancy is reserved for Ex- servicemen)	Rs 18,000/- Level-1	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 Exserviceman 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: -

- (a) Educational qualification pass certificate.
- (b) Birth certificate/10th/Matriculation certificate.
- (c) Caste certificate (wherever applicable)
- (d) 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.
- (e) Two latest passport size photographs.
- (f) NOC from present employer if the applicant is already a Govt. servant).
- (g) Copy of discharge certificate (ESM candidate)
- (h) Candidates must carry the original of all the documents enclosed with the application if called for appearing in the examination/skill test for verification. Scheme of Examination: A written test will be held at Delhi which will have
- guestions 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 writen 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:

  - (a) Appointments are initially on a temporary basis.
  - (b) 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**

		Photograph
1. Post Applied for	:	
2. Name (in block letters)	:	
3. Father's Name	:	
4. Mother's Name	:	
5. Date of Birth	:	
6. Age as on 01 Jan 2022	:YrsMonth	ısDays
7. Category (UR/OBC/SC/ST/ESM)	:	
8. (a) Correspondence Address	:	
(b) Permanent Address	:	

#### 9. I hereby certify that: -

(a) I am not involved in any criminal case and no proceedings Criminal/Civil are pending/contemplated against me in any court of law.

(b) 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 : .....

Place :	(Signature of Applicant
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (	CARD

(TO BE FILLED BY CANDIDATE)

POST APPLIED	FOR	
1. Name : (in block letters)	:	Self attested
2. Father's Name (in block letters)	:	Passport size Photograph
3. Correspondence A (As mentioned in 8 of application Fo	column	

#### (FOR OFFICE USE)

4.		dex	No:								
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Application accepted/rejected and date of test if accepted\_

reasons to be specified:\_ 7. Date of reporting for test\_ \_at IHQ MoD (Army) Camp, Delhi Cantt

6. Reason for rejection: Under age/Over age/Documents incomplete/Any other

davp - 10101/11/0003/2122 Signature of Controlling Officer

New Delhi

Self attested Passport size

#### HARYANA GOVERNMENT

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

#### NOTIFICATION Part-II

No. 9121/RSD Dated-15.02.2022 Whereas the Governor of Haryana is satisfied that the land described in the specifications below is needed by the Government, at public expense, for a public purpose, namely for the construction of Rohtak-Meham-Hansi New Railway Line in villages:-

- Bhali Anandpur Tehsil Kalanaur and Bhau Akbarpur (Tehsil Rohtak) of Distt.
- For which the Haryana Government, Public Works Department (Building and Roads Branch), Notification No. 28RA/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 fo lows:-

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Collector rate 2021- 2022 plus 20% land Adjoining with Link Road upto the depth of 100 metre (Rate in Rs. Per Acre)	2021-2022 plus 20% Other Land (Rate in Rs. Per	Rate of adjoining land acquired (in Rs.)
1-	Bhali Anandpur	28,80,000	25,80,000	45,87,178
2-	Bahu Akbarpur	24,00,000	20,40,000	45,89,151

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 Competenent 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,

#### Schedule

Schedule of boundaries of project land falling in Revenue Estate Bhali Anandpur Hadabast Number 98 Tehshil Kalanaur District Rohtak Murba No. 28 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 25/1/3 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

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Sr No.	Name of owner/share holders	KIII/Khasra No.	Share	Acre Kanal Maria
t.	Prakash s/o Ramchandra s/o Gurudett	28/12,19	1/25	0-16
	Bijendra s/o Ramchandra s/o Gurdutt	1	1/26	
	Anil Kumar s/o Randhir s/o		1/25	
_	Ramchander Ajit Kumar s/o Satbir s/o		1/25	
	Ramchandra Sandeep s/o Jagbir 5/o		1/25	100
	RamChander		Tigo	
F	Hawa Singh s/o Gurudutt s/o Mamraj		1/5	
	Ramesh s/o Gurdutt s/o Mamraj		1/5	8
	Krishan s/o Gurudat s/o Mamraj Amit Kumar s/o Satpal s/o Bije		1/5	\$
	Singh		4/40	Š.
2.	Sumit s/o Satpal s/o Bije Singh Anita urf Neeta widow ishwar s/o	72//20	1/10	36
	Chattar Singh			
	Rachna d/o Ishwar Putra Om Prakash s/o Chatru s/o Lalji		1/15	
	Warir Singh s/o Chatru s/o Lalji Satanarayan s/o chatru s/o lalji		13/60	
	Vedprakash s/o Chatru s/o Lalji		13/60	
3.	Ashok s/o Ramnarayan s/o Dilip Shamsher s/o Sube S/o Dileep	57//23/1	9/35 8/35	0-1
	Sombir's s/o Balwan's s/o Dieep		9/35	1
4.	Rambhagat s/o Dilip s/o Shivlal Chandkaur d/o Bhikhu s/o Harbhaj	73/16/1	9/35 17 / 1880	0-0
-00	Om Prakash s/o Chattar Singh s/o Lalji	enwardd	101 /470	2004
	Vedprakash s/o Chatar Singh s/o		403 / 1880	
-	Lalji Anita urf Neeta widow Ishwar s/o		249 / 3760	
_	Chattar Singh Rachna d/o Ishwar s/o Chatar	i.	249 / 3760	
	Singh			
	Water s/o Chateu s/o Lalji Satanarayan s/o chateu lalji	E.,	101 /470 403 / 1880	
5.	Om Prakash s/o Kidara s/o Moldad	72/25/1	1/2	0-4
	Rakesh s/o Dayanand @ Dayachand s/o Kidara	Access Copy	1/2	08 -
в.	Krishan S/o Gaje Singh S/o Maman Sandeep S/o Gaje Singh S/o	58/7/1,14/3	1/32	0-8
_	Maman	-	141362	55
-	Gaje s/o Maman s/o Juglal Rajbir s/o Maman s/o Juglal		1/16	
	Jagbir s/o Maman s/o Juglal		1/8	1
	Jelkaur d/o Katar s/o Juglal Phulapati d/o dagger s/o Juglal	1	1/4	1
	Birnala widow Satanarayan s/o Maman Singh	]	1/64	1
$\Box$	Rakesh s/o Satanarayan s/o	1	3/84	1
_	Maman Singh Rajesh s/o Satanarayan s/o	1	3/64	
_	Maman Singh Meens d/o Satanorayan s/o		1/04	
	Maman Singh			
7.	Anoop s/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Raghbir	73/2/2	1/72	1-9
+0	Rahul s/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Raghbir		1/72	
	Mandeep s/o Suresh Kumar s/o		1/36	
-	Raghbir Singh Balbir s/o Bhairam s/o Udhami		1/30	-
	Bala widow Dharambir s/o		1/90	
-	Shairam Manish s/o Dharambir s/o	-	1/90	1
_	Shayram			1
	Anish s/o Dharambir s/o Bhairam tshwer s/o Munshi s/o Shadi		1/90 88167/5804756	1
	Murti widow ishwer s/o raghbir Anand s/o ishwar s/o Raghbir		60/4727 60/4727	-
	Vikash s/o Ishwar s/o Raghbir	1	60/4727	1
	Sombir s/o ishwar s/o Raghbir Darshana widow Jalit s/o Manful	-	60/4727	1
	Mohit s/o Jaljeet s/oManful	1	1/36	1
-	Anil s/o taljit s/o Manfool Kamla Devi widow d/o Rajendra	1	1/36 20/4727	1
	s/o Sardara Ravindra s/o Rajender s/o Sardara		20/4727	-
	Rajneesh s/o Rajendar s/o Sardara	1	20/4727	1
	Suman d/o Rajendar s/o Sardara Ajit s/o Marghool s/o Shadi	1	20/4727 6167/56724	-
	Samundra s/o Dulichand S/o Putra	1	1/18	
+	Phoolchand Stjender s/o dulichand s/o	1	1/18	-
_	phoolchand Mahender s/o Dulichand s/o		1/18	1
	Phoolchand			
	Kuldeep s/o Munshi s/o Shadi Darshana wife Mahender Singh	-	1538513/31708716	-
	s/o Dulli Chand			1
-	Anita widow Jasveer s/o Bhayaram	1	1/45	
_	Satpal s/o Jasveer s/o Bhairam	1	1/45	1
	Sumit s/o Jasveer s/o Bhayaram Karambir s/o Mahabir s/o Krishan	1	1/45	+
_	Lal Chand s/o Mahabir s/o Krishan Lal	-	1/36	-
	Naresh Kumar s/o Randhir s/o	1	1/54	1
-	Krishan Lali Rajesh s/o Randhir s/o Krishan Lali	4	1/54	+
	Sanjay s/o Randhir s/o Krishan Lal	1	1/54	
	Sunita wife Ajit Singh s/o Manful Rajwanti widow Baljit Singh	1	1/36	1
	Manish s/o Baljeet Singh		1/36	-
	Manoj s/o Baljeet Singh Jagdish s/o Manfool s/o Shadi	1	1/36 2279/56724	1
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Rughbir Singh

Ranbir s/o Bhairam s/o Udhami

Rahul s/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Raghbir Singh	1/72
Mandeep s/o Suresh Kunr s/o Raghbir Singh	1/36
Balbir s/o Bhairam s/o Udhami	1/10
Bala widow Dharambir s/o	1/90
Bhairam	1
Manish s/o Dharambir s/o	1/90
Shayram	153
Anish s/o Dharambir s/o Shairam	1/90
Ishwer s/o Munshi s/o Shadi	88167/5804756
Murti widow Ishwer s/o raghbir	995/14181
Anand s/o Ishwar s/o Raghbir	60/4727
Vikash s/o Ishwar s/o Raghbir	60/4727
Sombeer s/o Ishwar s/o Raghbir	60/4727
Darshana widow Jaljit s/o Manful	1/36
Mohit s/o Jaijeet s/o Marful	1/36
Anii s/o Jaljit s/o Manphool	1/36
Kamla Devi widow d/o Rajender s/o Sardara	20/4727
Ravinder s/o Rajender s/o Sardara	20/4727
Rajneesh s/o Rajendar s/o Sardara	20/4727
Suman d/o Rajendar s/o Sardara	20/4727
Ajit s/o Manphool s/o Shadi	6167/56724
Samunder s/o Dulichand S/o Phoolchand	1/18
Bijender s/o dulichand s/o phoolchand	1/18
Mahender s/o Dulichand s/o Phoolchand	1/18
Kuldeep s/o Munshi s/o Shadi	3767/56724
Darshana wife Mahender Singh s/o Dulli Chand	149312/4353567
Anita widow Jasveer s/o Bhayaram	1/45
Satpal s/o Jasveer s/o Bhairam	1/45
Sumit s/o Jasveer s/o Bhayaram	1/45
Karambir s/o Mahabir s/o Krishan Lal	1/36
Chand s/o Mahabir s/o Krishan Lal	1/36
Naresh Kumar s/o Randhir s/o Krishan Lal	1/54
Rajesh s/o Randhir s/o Krishan Lal	1/54
Saniay s/o Randhir s/o Krishan Lal	1/54
Sunita wife Ajit Singh s/o Manful	4/4727
Rajwanti widow Baljit Singh	1/116
Manish s/o Balleet Singh	1/116
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Manoj s/o Baljeet Singh	1/116
Jagdish s/o Manphool s/o Shadi	2279/56724
Ranbir s/o Bheyram s/o Udhami	1/30

Schedule

Schedule of boundaries of project land falling in Revenue Estate Bahu Akbarpur Hadabast Number 94 Tehsil Rohtak District Rohtak Murba No. 170 Killa No. 2 Min (0-5), Kila 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 (1-2), Killa No. 8 Min (8-14), Killa No. 11/1 Min (0- 2), Killa No. 12 Min (0-8), Killa No. 19 Min (3-2) 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 Marta.

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ir Vo.	Name of owner/share holders	Kill/Khasra No.	Share	Acre Kana Maria
	Omprakash s/o Chhotu s/o Jeeta	263//7	1/3	0-18
	Ramphal s/o Chhotu s/o Jeeta		1/3	
_	Ramkavar s/o Chhotu s/o Jeeta	~~	1/3	0.10
-	Lakshya s/o Srikrishna s/o Baljeet Prateek s/o Srikrishna s/o Baljeet	254//14	1/18	0-18
_	Mohit Kumar s/o Sardhana s/o		1/9	-1
	Baljeet			
	Sunita widow Rajesh s/o Baljeet		1/27	
	Nidhi d/o Rajesh s/o Baljeet		2/27	_
_	Baiwan s/o Darbari s/o Lachhaman		1/3	
_	Lalita wife Deepak s/o Hosiyar Singh Surjati Mata Surender s/o Surajmal		80/729 163/1458	_
=	Sheela widow Balga s/o Surajmal		163/5832	
	Sheetal d/o Balga s/o Surajmal		163/5832	
_	Neha d/o Balga s/o Surajmal		163/5832	
_	Sahii s/o Balga s/o Surajmai	252/00/0	163/5832	2-16
	iqbal s/o Raghbir s/o Hazari Santosh d/o Raghbir s/o Hazari	253//10/1	1/30	- 2-16
	Kamiesh d/o Raghbir s/o Harari		1/30	
	Sukhbir s/o Balbirs/o Hazari		1/18	
	Rajkumar s/o Balbir s/o Hazari		1/18	
-	Ravinder s/o Rajendra s/o Balbir		1/36	-
-	Sikandar s/o Rajendar s/o Balbir Ramesh Kumar s/o Shamsher s/o		1/16	
	Hazari		100	
	Jasbir Kumar s/o Shamsher s/o Hazari		1/12	
_	Krishna Bai widow Brijlal s/o Hazarilal Sandeep s/o Brijlal s/o Hazarilal		1/24	-
_	Vinod s/o Brijial s/o Hazarilal		1/24	
	Jyoti d/o Brijlal s/o Hazarilal		1/24	
	Prakashi widow Kitab Singh s/o		1/120	
_	Raghbir Sonu s/o Kitab Singh s/o Raghbir		1/120	
	Pawan s/o kitab Singh s/o Raghbir		1/120	
	Renu d/o Kitab Singh s/o Raghbir		1/120	
	Suresh Kumar s/o Bhup Singh s/o		1/15	
-	Hazari Karmabir s/o Bhup Singh s/o Hazari		1/15	
	Naresh s/o Bhup Singh s/o Hazari		1/15	
	Vicky s/o Ranbir Singh s/o 8hup Singh		1/15	
	Anita widow Mangalsen s/o Raghbir		1/60	-
-	Rahul s/o mangalsen s/o raghbir Jagmohan s/o Jagmal s/o Bhup Singh		1/60	-
	Rejendre Singh s/o Daye Singh s/o	254//15/1/1	1/12	1-10
	Prabhu Rajesh Devi wife Ramkaran s/o		1/48	
	Rajesh Dest wife Ramkaran s/o Jaisingh	-	1/40	1
	Ajit Singh s/o Daya Singh s/o Prabhu	1	1/12	
	Harender Singh s/o Daya Singh s/o		1/12	
-	Prabhu Manoj s/o Bhagwan Singh s/o Prabhu		1/12	
	Deepak s/o Hoshira s/o Prabhu		1/8	
	Devender s/o Hoshira s/o Prabhu		1/8	
	Vikrant s/o Manoj s/o Bhagwan Singh		1/6	
_	Gyan Singh s/o Jai Singh s/o Prabhu Amarjeet s/o Ramcharan s/o Jai Singh	1	1/8 5/96	
	Joginder s/o Ramcharan s/o Jai Singh		5/96	
	Randhir s/o Shamsher s /o Mangli	272//15/2	Salam	3-4
f	Shateri Widow Balbir Singh s/o Hari	272//2/2/2	1/15	0-4
-	Singh Rajpati s/o Balbir Singh s/o Hart		1/15	
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	Taravati d/o Balbir Singh s/o Hari	1	1/15	
_	Singh	1	2000	-
-	Vedpal s/o Balbir Singh s/o Hari Singh		3/20	-1-
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	Satpail s/o Rohtas s/o Hari Singh	1	1/10	- 12
_	Yashpal s/o Rohtas s/o Hari Singh Mukesh s/o Rohtas s/o Hari Singh	i	1/10	
	Suman d/o Rohtas s/o Hari Singh		1/10	
×.	Sudhir son Ramkwar s/o Murshi	228/11/1	Salam	0-17
S.	Sunita widow Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala	237//19/3	×	0-8
-	Karmit s/o Kapoor Singh S/o Girdhala	1	*	
	Sachin s/o Kapoor Singh S/o Girdhala	1	1/4	
	Pinky d/o Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala	332105	×	-
	Diwan s/o Girdhala Sunita widow Kapoor Singh s/o	237//20/2	1/12	0-2
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_	Girdhala Sachin s/o Kapoor Singh S/o Girdhala	1	1/12	
-	Pinky d/o Kapoor Singh s/o Girdhala		1/12	-
	Sheela widow Ajit Singh s/o Karn		1/36	
_	Singh	4	165	
-	Ajay s/o Ajit Singh s/o Karn Singh Wazir Singh s/o Karna Singh s/o	1	1/36	
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	Rajendar s/o Karna Singh s/o Girdhala		1/18	
	Bijender s/o Karna Singh s/o Girdhala	1	169/1746	(2)
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0.	Rahul s/o jagdish s/o nafay	253//20/2	1/2	0-6
	Sumitra widow Jayakarna s/o Dhan	1	1/8	
_	Singh	4	4.08	_
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_	Naveen s/o Jayakarna s/o Dhan Singh	7	1/8	
1.	Sukhiit Singh s/o Kapoor Singh s/o	206//8,12,19	1/3	12-4
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_	Sunder s/o kapoor singh s/o Badlu Manmeet s/o kapoor singh s/o badlu	-	1/3	
2.	Anita widow Sombir s/o Bharat Singh	206//1	1/6	1-2
Ť	Vivek s/o Sombir s/o Bharat Singh	50000	1/6	
	Mokshit s/o Sombir s/o Bharat Singh	4	1/6	
_	Jasbir s/o Prithi's s/o Mahipal Omorakash s/o Prithi s/o Mahipal	-	3/42	
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	Kapil S/o Jasvir S/o Prithi		1/28	
	Manjeet S/o Jaipal S/o Prithi Rajbir s/o Bhagat Singh s/o Prithi		1/28	
	Savita widow Ranbir's s/o Bhagat		1/252	1
	Singh Ajay s/o Ranbir s/o Bhagat Singh		1/252	
	Ankush s/o Ranbir s/o Bhagat Singh Jagbir s/o Bhagat Singh s/o Prithi		1/252	
_	Sompati d/o Bhagat Singh s/o Prithi Sarala d/o Bhagat Singh s/o Prithi		1/84	
	Chandrakala d/o Bhagat Singh s/o Prithi		1/84	]
13.	Ramrati widow Raj Singh s/ o Karnasingh	205//11/1	1/4	0-2
	Pradeep s/o Raj Singh s/o Kamsingh		1/4	
	Sukhdeep s/o Raj Singh s/o Kamasingh		1/4	
14.	Sunita d/o Raj Singh s/o Kamasingh Jagdish s/o Dharm Singh s/o Paltu	199//8/2,16/2	1/4	1-5
15.	Sudhir s/o Dharm Singh s/o Paltu Harsarup s/o Paltu S/o Kanhiya	1990/25/1	1/4	0-4
LS.	Rajpal s/o Harsarup s/o Paltu	188020/1	1/4	
	Mahabir s/o Harsarup s/o Paltu Jasbir s/o Harsarup s/o Paltu		1/4	1
18.	Rakesh s/o Rajbir s/o Jayalal Rajesh s/o Rajbir s/o Jayalal	171//17/2	1/6	2-6
	Angoori widow Rajbir s/o Jayalal Azad s/o Surja s/o Jayalal	Š.	1/5	1
	Dayachand s/o Surja s/o Jayalal	Ų	67/588	
17.	Ravindra s/o Dayanand s/o Surja Reena d/o Krishan s/o Raj Singh	170//2 , 15	20/147 11/180	1-3
	Sonia d/o Krishan s/o Raj Singh Kuldeep Singh s/o Raj Singh s/o Juglal	8	11/180	-
	Ompati widow Raj Singh s/o Juglal Monika d/o Krishan s/o Raj Singh	8	19/30	
18.	Jagdish s/o Ved Singh s/o Husayar Singh	171//12/2,19	92/1349	5-14
	Jayakarna s/o Vedasingh s/o Husayar Singh		92/1349	
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	Richaram Surender s/o Ram Mehar s/o		92/1349	1
-	Richaram Ajay Kumar s/o Rameshwar s/o	į.	184/1349	-
_	Singhram Ishwar s/o Charan Singh s/o Mansukh		491/5396	1
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	Dhanapati wife Ramreer s/o		7599/3766408 10/349	
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	Subhash s/o Krishan s/o Bhagwana Omprakash s/o Bhagwana s/o Neki		245/5396 245/5396	
	Mahabir's s/o Dhir Singh's s/o Neki Dharambir s/o Ram Kishan s/o Neki		245/2698 245/10792	1
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19.	Prem s/o Bheem Singh's s/o Musaddi Satyavan s/o Bhim Singh s /o	264//22	1/3	0-18
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20.	Karmabir s/o Bhim Singh s/o Musaddi Rohtash s/o Teluram alias Harsroof	272//7	1/3	0-3
_	s/o Raj Singh Devraj s/o Banasingh	100	1/12	-
	Satish's /o devraj s/o banisingh Vedpal s/o Hukam Singh s/o Raj Singh		1/12	1
	Joginder s/o Hukam Singh s/o Raj	1	1/12	1
	Singh Kapura s/o Rupram s/o Chetram		1/12	
	Pritam s/o Mrs. Dholi's d/o Sher Singh Sheela d/o Mrs. Dholi d/o Sher Singh		1/108	-
	Vijay s/o Mrs. Dholi d/o Sher Singh Dinesh s/o Anand Pal s/o Shri Ram	1	1/108 7/135	7
	Manish s/o Dilbag Singh s/o Shriram	1	7/270	1
	Rajneesh s/oDilbag Singh s/o Shriram Dharamraj s/o Kitab Singh s/o Shri	1	7/270 7/135	1
	Ram Sunil Kumar s/o Chand Ram s/o Sher	1	1/36	+
	Singh Raipati widow Chand Ram s/o Sher	-	1/36	-
_	Singh Baby d/o Mehar Singh's s/o Prithi	-	1/180	-
	Ankit s/o Mehar Singh s/o Prithi		1/180	
1	Baljeet s/o Satbir s/o Sher Singh Suresh s/o Satbir s/o Sher Singh		59/2520 59/2520	+
	Biramati d/o Satbir s/o Sher Singh Bina d/o Satbir s/o Sher Singh		23/2520 23/2520	1
	Suman d/o Satbir s/o Sher Singh Sunil Kumari d/o Satbir s/o Sher Singh	1	23/2520	
	Naresh Kumar s/o Havasingh s/o		1/12	1
21	Rupram Ramkwar s/o Mukhtiar Singh s/o	254//2/2	293/878	06
	Shodan Vikram s/o Mukhtiar s/o Shodan		66/439	-
-	Ajit s/o Sukhdel d/o Ram Prasad Naresh s/o Mukhtiar s/o Shodan	1	8/439 56043/378418	1
	Ranjit Singh s/o Ramprasad s/o	1	66152/189209	1
22.	Mrs. Premkaur Mata Karamchand s/o	281//14/1,7/2	2735/4836	2-0
7	Karan Singh Murti wife Ramphool s/o Munna	1	2043/8060	+
-	Singh Manu Devi Wd/o Hemant s/o	-	547/12090	-
-	Ramphool Yashika D/o Hemant s/o Ramphool		547/12090	7
	Digvijay S/o Hemant s/o Ramphool		547/12090	
23.	Purv Singh S/o Hemant s/o Ramphool Rajpal s/o Ishwar Singh s/o Ghashi	281//2,3,8	547/12090 3299/14796	1-18
	Ram Zermanti widow Satpal s/o Ishwar	1	1/12	-
_	Singh  Jitender s/o Satpal s/o Ishwar Singh	-	1/12	-
	Manoj s/o Satpal s/o Ishwar Singh	1	1/12	7
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## TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

#### DASHBOARD, AS ON FEB 17

New cases **25,920** 

**Active cases** 2,92,092

Deaths 492

Weekly CFR: 0.28% | Overall CFR: 1.22% | Total deaths: 5,10,905

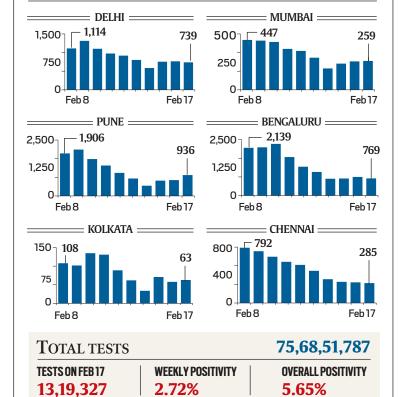
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#### SURGE IN THE STATES

State		Weekly		
	New cases	Active cases	Deaths	positivity
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



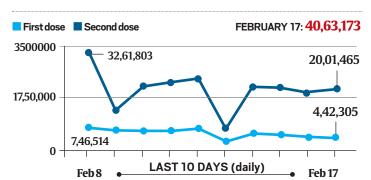
#### INDIA TOTAL DOSES

174,64,99,461

**5.65**%

(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)

2.72%





#### 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.

#### **SOHINIGHOSH**

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.

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, oneof 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 AR 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 Mohammadsaif 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, Viyyur (Ќerala), 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 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

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 Aĥmedabad Čentral 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 symp-

toms, 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

#### **SHUBHAJITROY**

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 government 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 system 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 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.

Korean ambassador and conveyed its "strong

South Korea's Foreign Minister Chung Euiyong 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 Devvani 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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# 16 THE WORLD



sitions menacing Ukraine in a crisis

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 in-

cludes Russia-backed separatists

in eastern Ukraine. The officials also

repeated warnings that Moscow

would try to manufacture a provo-

cation by Ukraine to justify an in-

incident escalated when a leader

of those separatists claimed with-

out 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

ter and foreign minister denounced

the claims of an imminent

Ukrainian attack as fabrications de-

Consistent with Russia's con-

tradictory 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

gotiating 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.

"We are ready to go on the ne-

Minister Sergey V. Lavrov.

signed to inflame tensions.

The Ukrainian defence minis-

Republic to evacuate to Russia.

The fears of such a "false flag"

vasion of its smaller neighbour.

conflict in Europe in decades.

#### **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.



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.



## 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

**KJMVARMA** 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.

## \$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, govspokesperson

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

Shelling damages homes near the gray zone occupied by

Russian-backed separatists on Friday. NYT

## 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.

## 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,

### **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** 

## Pakistan court directs IG to file report on detained journalist's torture claim

**SAJJAD HUSSAIN** 

ISLAMABAD, FEBRUARY 18

THE ISLAMABAD High Court on Friday ordered the city police chief to file a report by February 21 on the allegation of police torture made by a senior media personality who was arrested recently.

Mohsin Baig was arrested on Wednesday from his house by police and Federal Investigation Agency on the complaint of communication minister Murad Saeed that he made "indecent" comments against him during a TV talk show. Baig told the media while being presented before a court after his arrest that he was subjected to physical torture by the police.

The issue of torture again came up during a hearing by the Islamabad High Court (IHC) of a petition filed by Baig's wife for the dismissal of terrorism and other charges brought against him.

The petitioner's lawyer said Baig was severely tortured by 15 people in the room of the SHO.

#### POLICE: THIEVES KILL TV PRODUCER IN KARACHI

Karachi: Thieves on a motorcycle shot and killed a TV producer when he tried to ram them with his car to prevent a street robbery in Karachi on Friday, police said. Athar Mateen rammed his car into their motorcycle but one of them managed to open fire, killing him. The thieves then fled the scene, police said. AP

IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah ordered the Inspector General (IG) of Islamabad to file a formal report of alleged torture by police personnel by February 21. He also ordered that legal access to Baig should not be blocked.

However, the IHC dismissed the petition by saying that only Baig himself can file the petition to delete terrorism charges against him and also granted permission to Baig to file the petition. PTI



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 Italianflagged Euroferry Olympia when the fire broke out, and rescue vessels had taken most of them to the

 $is land \, of \, Corfu \, where \, ambulances \,$ 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.

### 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 byajuryinDecember 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-snarling 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 that read "Mandate Freedom." Police made their first move to

end the occupation late Thursday with the arrest of two key protest leaders. They also sealed off much of the downtown area to outsiders to prevent them from coming to the aid of the self-styled Freedom Convoy protesters. The capital represented the movement's last stronghold after three weeks of demonstrations and blockades that shut down border crossings into the U.S., caused economic damage to both countries and created a political crisis for Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. AP



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** FEBRUARY 18

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.

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 308GTS. For many years O'Rourke was

Some of his best writing was



camped out like Graham Greene

admired for his willingness to mock just about anyone who deserved it, including himself. Reuters

PJ O'Rourke was

in a hotel bar. "Each American embassy comes with two permanent features," he wrote: "a giant anti-American demonstration 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 iust 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 wi He was a charmer, not a haranguer. 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 reli-

ably light on their feet.

New Delhi

### leader election postponed Hong Kong: The election of Hong

Hong Kong

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 **S**PYWARE

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

**AASHISHARYAN** 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 right 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.

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

EXPLAINED Loujain 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



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

the vulnerabilities in its devices and how those were being

> and other people by worldwide. Apart from fixing the glitch, Apple reached out to the

people who were

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 Whats-

likely targets and alerted them.

used to spy on journalists, activists, politicians

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

App or iMessage. Full report on

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### 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 Pivush Goval 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-

**4.1%** of gross domestic product (GDP)

was the earlier fiscal

deficit forecast of states



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal with UAE Economy Minister Abdulla bin Toug 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

17.6% is the estimated national nominal

GDP growth for FY22, against

Source: India Ratings/PTI

previous estimate of 15.6%

'States' aggregate fiscal deficit

Fiscal deficit of states is likely to be 3.6% of their GDP in FY23,

to stand at 3.6% next fiscal'

on robust revenue growth, an India Ratings report said

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

Citing an example of tariff reduction, Commerce Secretary BV 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 to 200 tonnes per year. India imported about 70 tonnes of gold from the UAE in FY21.

Goyal said the agreement included robust rules of origin to protect both economies from misuse of the agreement by third countries, including a requirement of "melt and pour" for steel exports to qualify as domestically produced products from either country. The agreement also provides a permanent safeguard mechanism to protect businesses in both countries to prevent "any unnecessary or unwarranted surge in volumes of (imports) any particular product," according to Goyal.

Under the agreement, the UAE has also, in a first, agreed to facilitate market access and regulatory approval within 90 days for Indian pharmaceutical products and medical products that have been approved in developed jurisdictions such as the US, the UK, the EU. Canada and Australia.

Goyal noted that the deepening of the relationship with the UAE would also help Indian exporters gain access to other West Asian countries, Africa and some parts of Europe

"So, the UAE is a good gateway for a very large region for Indian exporters," Goyal said.

#### **IN 2018 CASE**

# **CBI** questions NSE ex-MD & **CEO Ramkrishna**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, FEB 18

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday questioned aging 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 Saniav

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

"Gupta, with the help of his brother-in-law Aman Kokrady managed the data centre staff



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 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. TENDER NOTICE No: HWPK/INST/ ROI IOIV/MTA-22/101 lame of the work: "Servicing of air motor operate mitorque actuators of ROIVs and electric mot perated (Flotork/Limitorque) actuators of MOIVs IWP (Kota) during MTA-2022."

of NSE, who passed the infor-

CORRIGENDUM - 1 TO TENDER NOTICE.

ate of availability of Tender Docume nd Date of opening has been extended 3/02/2022. All other terms and conditions of tend

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

isters 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

#### **EUatWTO**

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

**ENS ECONOMIC 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 valnations 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

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

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK** 

GOOGLE IS adopting new privacy

restrictions that limit tracking

across apps on its Android oper-

ating system, following a similar

move by Apple last year. Google's

measures however, may not be as

disruptive as Apple's, which dis-

rupted advertising revenues of

several firms, most notably Meta.

Alphabet-owned Google has

announced a multi-year initiative

to build a 'Privacy Sandbox' on

Android to introduce "more pri-

vate advertising solutions". Specif-

ically, these features will "limit"

sharing of user data with third

The new curbs

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18



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 Gangwal quits board **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** 

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



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

IndiGo co-promoter

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

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

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

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

diversifying one's holdings.

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

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 DF setup) for physical servers. Bidders, who are interested to submit bids, visi nt news at https://www.sbi.co.in and e-Procurement agenc oortal https://etender.sbi Commencement of download of RFP: 18.02.2022

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

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** 

ast date and time for submission of bids: 11.03.2022 CMP & SCF Department

**JASOL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL TREATMENT & REVERSE** OSMOSIS Pvt. Ltd. ( JWPCT&ROPL ), JASOL C/O CETP, Tilwara road, Jasol, Barmer, (Raj.) Email: 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" Floor, Yojana Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur						
RISL invites e-bids fror	n the eligible bidders for the following	g:				
NIB No./ Date/	Particulars	Estimated	Start of sale /			
Unique bid no.	Cost / EMD	Last date				
7125/17.02.2022	RFP for supply and support services	7.43 Crore	17.02.2022			
(RIS2122GLOB00083)	of Microsoft Products for RSDC	14.86 Lacs	15.03.2022			
Details can be seen on the websites <a href="http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in">http://risl.rajasthan.gov.in</a> , and <a href="http://doitc.rajasthan.gov.in">http://doitc.rajasthan.gov.in</a> . Bids are to be submitted						
through <u>http://eproc.</u> Raj.Samwad/C/21/11		ACP	(Dy. Director)			



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Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts in Zirconium Complex, Pazhayakayal, Tuticorin District, Tamil Nadu, a unit of Nuclear Fuel Complex(NFC), Hyderabad, an industrial establishment unde 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:-

Post, Group and Pay

	12201	Technical Officer 'D' (Chemistry)	UR-01				
2	12202	Technical Officer 'D' (Chemical)	UR-01				
3	12203	Technical Officer 'D' (Civil)	UR-01				
ļ	12204	Technical Officer 'D' (Mechanical)	UR-01				
5	12205	Technical Officer 'D' (Electronics / Instrumentation)	UR-02				
as	ast date of receipt of application is 11.03.2022. Candidates are require						
) \	visit NFC website www.nfc.gov.in for detailed advertisement and other						

## Cross-app tracking: Google move to 'limit' sharing of user data parties and operate without cross-

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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

app identifiers, including adver-

tising ID, the company claimed.

The advertising ID is a unique,

user-resettable ID for advertising,

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

advertisements, with Meta saying earlier this month that Apple's new privacy system was "negatively impacting" its business. In fact, Meta said the change could cost the company \$10 billion in lost sales this year.

Google has hinted it will not go down Apple's route. "We realise that other platforms have taken a different approach to ads privacy, bluntly restricting existing technologies used by developers and advertisers," it said, in a potential reference to Apple's app tracking system.

However, Google said "such approaches can be ineffective and lead to worse outcomes for user privacy and developer bu-

# US list red flags 4 Indian markets, l e-comm website

**LALITKJHA** WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 18

INDIAMART.COM AND four other markets, including New Delhi's famous Palika Bazaar, have figured in the latest annual list of the world's notorious markets released by the US Trade Representative.

The 2021 Notorious Markets List identified 42 online and 35 physical markets around the world that are reported to engage in or facilitate substantial trademark counterfeiting or copyright piracy. The three other Indian markets

#### **2021 NOTORIOUS MARKETS LIST**

■Palika Bazaar, New Delhi ■ Heera Panna, Mumbai

■ Kidderpore, Kolkata ■ Tank Road, New Delhi ■IndiaMart.com

Mumbai, Kidderpore in Kolkata and Tank Road in Delhi. "The global trade in counterfeit and pirated goods undermines critical US innovation...," said US Trade in the list are Heera Panna in Representative Katherine Tai. PTI

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING



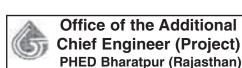
Seneral Public is hereby informed that a male person namely Lallan Kamat, S/o Laxman Kamat, R/o Naresh Ka Makan Gali No. 25A Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi. Age: 22 years, Height: 5'6" Complexion-Wheatish, Face-Round, Built-Strong, Wearing-Blue Colour shirt & Jeans in feet has been reported missing from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

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 due 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 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-23011334 DP/1575/ON/2022

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





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

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 rom 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 NIT/tender document available on website: http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.

Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic format on website

http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in as per prescribed schedule.							
NIT No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.		Date and time for			
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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"		PHE2122 WLOB 13697	From 10.02.2022 (6.00 PM) t 14.03.2022 (6.00 PM) 15.03.2022 (6.00 PM)			

SAVE WATER- SAVE LIFE

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(Hemant Kumar) Additional Chief Engineer (Project)
PHED Bharatpur

#### NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

**OPEN TENDER NOTICE** 

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 28/P-59/2021-22/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 evailable in website on http://ireps.gov.in.upto 15:00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).

S	Tender No.	Brief Description	Tender Value (1)	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	Fiter, Details of description, make and quantity asper tender document. [Acceptable Make: CUMMINS]	2,19,729/-	4,4007-
3	TM 225028	SPIN on Fiter, Cetaits of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: DEUTZ]	2,12,612/-	4,3007-
4	TM 225024	Chard Wire. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser]	2,45,6761	5,000/-
5	TM 225003	Cabin Light. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser, Hilux, Autopal, Hella, JMI or Lucas only]	2,58,739/-	5,2007-
6	TM 225029	Round Not Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser]	15,75,725/-	31,600/-
7	TM 225017	Preumatic Cylinder, Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. [Acceptable Make: Plasser, Duncan or Wolfiams 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]	42,36,088/-	84,800/-

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 lander opening, 2. Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(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 cartel situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved/sources are adjudged urreasonably 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-2000. 4. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 5. Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest money is "Deposit Misc stores 00844523. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be 181/22 FA

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कार्यालय संयुक्त निदेशक, पशुपालन विभाग, जयपुर

<u>ई-बोली सूचना</u> (UBN NO. ANH2122WSO

(UBN NO: ANIZIZZ अञ्चलकारी) माननीय मुख्यमंत्री की बजट प्रोषण के अंतर्गत जवपुर जिल की प्रत्येक पंचायत समिति स्तर पर संस्थ का चयन नंदीशाला संचालन एवं आधारभूत परिसम्पत्तियों के निर्माण कार्यों हेतु ई-चोली प्रस्ताव दिनांव 4.03.2022 तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। विस्तृत विवरण/शर्तें- वेबस http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in ttp://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, nttp://gopalan.rajasthan.gov.in पर या कार्यालय संयुक्त निदेशक पशुपालन विभाग जयप् कार्यालय समय में देखी जा सकती है।

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#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dated-17.02.2022 Tender No. 191-DRM-MB-21-22 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 TRR & 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 <a href="https://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>.

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

#### SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

# Govt. of Jharkhand ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT Road Divison, Seraikella-Kharsawan

	<u>e-Procurement Notice</u>							
Ter	nder Reference No. RCD/S	ERAIKELLA/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								
LKK :	PR 264247 (Road) 21-22 (D) Seraikella-Kharsawan							

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड मुंगेली

जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.) -मेल-eemun-phe-cg@nic '' ट्रांजिट हॉस्टल, जेल रोड मुंगेली'' फोन-07755-264172-205475

#### ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ऑनलाईन निविदाएँ प्रपत्र-ए में प्रतिशत दर पर अनुबंध हेतु नीचे उल्लेखित कार्यों के लिये जिला जल एवं स्वच्छता मिशन द्वारा एकीकृत पंजीयन व्यवस्था में सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

कार्य का विवरण:- जिला मुंगेली के विकासखण्ड-मुंगेली एवं लोरमी के विभिन्न ग्रामो में जल जीवन मिशन के अंतर्गत एकल ग्राम जल प्रदाय योजना कार्य।

क्र.	निविदा सूचना क्र.	सिस्टम	ग्राम का नाम	विकास	अनुमानित लागत
	/दिनांक	क्रमांक		खण्ड	(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	करुपान	मुंगेली	81.86
6	211/14.02.2002	92938	कुआगांव	मुंगेली	134.19
7	212/14.02.2002	92943	छुहिया	मुंगेली	68.45
8	213/14.02.2002	92944	कारीडोंगरी	लोरमी	89.14

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उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यो की निविदा की सामान्य रार्ते, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञाप्ति निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in में दिनांक 14.02.2022 से देखे जा सकते है।

> कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड मुंगेली जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.)

#### 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 Rectfier 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	Yaw 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
Reg	arding detailed notice EMD, Purchase	restrictions and	detailed

tender conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in. and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in.

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Ph No.: +91-651-2225878, e-mail Id-pdt.juidco@gmail.com CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

#### **TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE**

NIT No: -JUIDCO/DPR-PMC/SWM-Mahagama/2925/2021/

**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 \_1** is *cancelled* due to Non-responsive bid. All bidders are therefore requested to wait for future correspondence regarding fresh tender.

PR 264298 Urban Development(21-22).D Project Director (T)

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Ph No.: +91-651-2225878, e-mail Id-pdt.juidco@gmail.com 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

PRNo.: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

The tender of NIT No: JUIDCO/DPR-PMC/SWM-Barharwa/ 2928/2021/431 and Tender ID: 2021\_UDD\_ 54672\_1 is cancelled due to Non-responsive bid. All bidders are therefore requested to wait for future correspondence regarding fresh

Project Director (T) PR 264290 Urban Development(21-22)D

#### 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।

ह०/-, (सुनील कुमार) कार्यपालक अभियन्ता (गुण नियंत्रण) सी०डी०ओ०, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, PR 264264 Drinking झारखण्ड, राँची। Water and Sanitation(21-22)#D

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA, JHARKHAND

e-Procurement Notice For National Competitive Bidding

e Te	nder 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

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

र्द-पोक्योग्रसेंट अनुना अं0-10/2021-22

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ई-	निविदा प्रसंग—RCD/JAMTA	RA/ 282/21-22 दिनाक 18 02 2022
1	कार्य का नाम	पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा अंतर्गत गोबिन्दपुर —साहेबगंज पथ के कि0मी0 29.020 (करमदाहा) से कि0मी0 126.00 (निष्वितपुर) तक पथ (ए०डी०बी० बाईपास सहित) (कुल लम्बाई—96.980 कि0मी0) के राइडिंग क्वालिटी में सुधार (Improvement of Riding Quality) कार्य वर्ष 2021—22
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	रू0 6284.40109 लाख (बासठ करोड़ चौरासी लाख चालीस हजार एक सौ नौ रूपये)
3.	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	०६ (छह) महीना
4.	ई–निविंदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एंव समय	25.03.2022 के दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक
5	ई—निविदा का वेबसाईट पर प्रकाशन की तिथि एंव समय	26.02.2022 के अपराहन 4:30 बजे से
6.	ई—निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एंव पता	कार्यपालक अभियता, पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा।
7.	ई—प्रोक्यूरमेंट अधिकारी का संपर्क नंo/मोबाईल नंo	07992269247
	ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का संपर्क	0651-2401010

http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग,

पथ प्रमंडल, जामताङा

PR 264325 Road(21-22)#D

**CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION** (A Govt. of India Undertaking)
egional Office: Scope Minar, Core-3, 1st I
agar Distt. Center, Delhi-110092, Ph: 011
Email: ccdelhi.cwc@cewacor.nic.in

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Warehousing for Everyone
/Engg. Sectton/PRESS NOTE/2021-22/660
PRESS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

CWC invites online tenders from the approv following work:timated Last date of on Cost line submission Lakh) of tenders SI. Name of Work Cost (in Lakh) Construction of MS Temporary Shed measuring 28Mx14M along long wall of Godown No. 2 at CW Okhla-II, Delhi. 03.03.2022 upto 15.00 Hrs 45.89

Detailed Tender Notice along with Conditions of Contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and downloaded from the CWC's website www.cewacornic.ir or e-tender website www.cwceprocure.com or CPP Porta http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app. 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

NIB: 14/2021-22

Bids for 1. External Electrification work of Sector-03 CMIAY RHF 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 procuremen portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state & http://urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rhbdepartmentwebsite.

**UBN**: RHB2122WSOB00259, RHB2122WSOB00257

RHB2122WSOB00260, RHB2122WSOB00258 Samwad/C/11933/2021-22 Addl. Chief Engineer-I, Jaipur

ISER Mohali

भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंघान संस्वान मोहाली (प्रिया मंत्रालय सारत सरकार द्वारा स्वाधित) विकटर-६१, पंडेब किटी, से. बो. मनैसी, एस.ए.एस. नगर, मोडासी, पंचाव-142306 INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NOHALI (Estd. By Ministry of Education, Govt of India) Sector-81, Knowledge city, PO-Manari, SAS Nagar Mohai-1430K, Purjab PAN No. - AAAA11735H, SGST No: -93AAAA11731KZZS Phome : +91-172-2240088, Fax : +91-172-2240124

http://www.lisermohall.ac.in, Email:stores@lisermohall.ac.ir ई-जिविदा आर्गात्रण शुक्ता/NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Online tender(s) are invited on behalf of the Director, IISER Mohal at E-procure

portal, i.e. http://eprocure.gov.in/eprecurre/app. for the following items East date & time for Tender Description Supply, Installation and commissioning of Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GC-MS) Instrument with accessories. The items / services are reserved for oxclusive purchase from Local/Domestic supplier **HSERM** 2022 up to 11,00AW For detail and apply ordine, please visit the website http://egrecure.gov.in/eprecurre/app "http://www.itsermohali.ac.in". Bobis) shall be accepted only through ordine mode and re-manual submission of the same shall be entertained except tender lee and EMD

Late tenders will not be appapted. This is a domestic Tender according to the DPIT Order dated 15/07/2017 and subsequent emendments to the order to: Public Procurement Preference & PROVISION FOR LOCAL SUPPLIERS TOWARDS PREFERENCE TO MAKE IN INDIA.

सहायक रिक्ट्स (अंकर और प्राप्ति) Assistant Registrar (S&P)

#### ई - प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिटिडंग भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, रांची

ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट नोटिस

टेन्डर रेफरेन्स नं0-BCD/CE/110/Ranchi Div-01/2021-22 दिनांक— 18-02-2022

		14914 18-02-2022
1	कार्य का नाम	Furniture and Furnishing work for office ,Construction of Boundary wall ,Gate, Parking Shed at Hon'ble Ex-C.M. Sri Sibu Soren Residence as Heritage Building at Morabadi Ranchi.
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू०)	रू० 1,59,16,000.00(रुपये एक करोड़ उनसठ लाख सोलह हजार ) मात्र ।
3	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	06 महीने
4	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	04-03-2022
5	वेबसाइट पर बिंड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि/समय	11-03-2022 के 11.00 AM तक
6	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	ई – प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय , कन्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टेंक रोड, रांघी।
7	प्रोक्योरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	9631476651
8	ई—प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	9431371592

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 $Note: UCAN\,Registration\,is\,mandatory\,for\,the\,Bidders$ 

नोडल पदाधिकारी ई – प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, -कम्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग,

PR 264324 Building(21-22).D भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, रांची

#### RI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY (Central University) B-4, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016

S.No.: F. 7(514)/LBNSU/UWD/2020-21 Date:16.02.2022 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Sealed percentage rate tenders are invited for the under mentioned

works from the approved and eligible CPWD contractors. 1) NIT No. 06/2021-22/LBSU/UWD (T.I.D. No. 2022\_SLBS\_

647680\_1) Renovation of Residential buildings of the University during 2021-22 (S.H.: R/o damaged GI pipes, door frames, doors & P/L Tiles, CP fittings, etc. including electrical works of the Guest House). Estimated cost - Rs.22,82,177/-, Earnest Money Rs.45,644/-, Time Allowed - 120 Days, Tender Cost - Rs. 1200/-(Non-Refundable). 2) NIT No. 07/2021-22/LBSU/UWD (T.I.D. No. 2022\_SLBS \_647539\_1) Face lifting of University parks & Dismantling of existing damaged fountains and reconstructing the same etc. complete work during 2021-22. Estimated cost Rs.12,15,047/-, Earnest Money - Rs.24,301/-, Time Allowed - 60 Days, Tender Cost - Rs. 1200/- (Non-Refundable). 3) NIT No. 08/2021-22/LBSU/UWD (T.I.D. No. 2022\_SLBS\_647665\_1) Construction of damaged C.C. roads of the University during 2021-22. Estimated cost - Rs.37,70,209/-, Earnest Money Rs.75,404/-, Time Allowed - 60 Days, Tender Cost - Rs. 1200/-(Non-Refundable). 4) NIT No. 09/2021-22/LBSU/UWD (T.I.D. No. 2022 SLBS 647673 1) Replacement of blowers etc. of the STP & Augmentation of additional feeder panel with main LT panel etc. of the University during 2021-22. Estimated cost - Rs.12,76,818/-Earnest Money - Rs.25,536/-, Time Allowed - 30 Days, Tender Cost Rs. 1200/- (Non-Refundable). 5) NIT No. 10/2021-22/LBSU/UWD (T.I.D. No. 2022\_SLBS\_647556\_2) Upgradation of electrical works of Resd. and Non-Resd. Buildings of the University during 2021-22 (S.H.: P/o additional electrical points and R/o Light, Fans by energy efficient fittings etc.) Estimated cost - Rs.36,12,090/-, Earnest Money - Rs.72,242/-, Time Allowed - 120 Days, Tender Cost - Rs 1200/- (Non-Refundable).

The last date & time of receipt of applications: 28/02/2022 up to 4.00 P.M. Last date & time of issue of tenders: 03/03/2022 up to 4.00 P.M. Last date & time of Submission of tenders: 08/03/2022 up to 3.00 P.M. Date & time of opening of tenders: 08/03/2022 from 3.30 P.M. For eligibility criteria, other details & corrigendum etc, if any, please visit websites: www.slbsrsv.ac.in & www.eprocure.gov.in. REGISTRAR

## Classifieds

#### **PERSONAL**

Lhitherto 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 0040603532-9 Sharma.

I,ARSHI, W/O.SHUAIB 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.

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.

0040603502-3

0040603508-10

I.Ruchi Bhadouriya .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 DoB-14 Jan-1987 instead of Ruchi Bhadouriya 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 0040603502-4

IJYOTI MUKHIJA W/O DINESH KUMAR, D-7, SECONDFLOOR, ASHOKA-ROAD ADARSHNAGAR ,DELHI-33.I,HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON'S NAME MUKHIJA, PERMANENTLY.

0040603502-1

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.

**I,Gurcharan** Kaur,D/O Kamaljeet Singh.W/O-Prabhati 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 S/O-Nazir Ahmad 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.

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 GHILDIYAL for all future purposes. It is also stated that Virendra Kumar and Virendra Ghildiyal is the one & same person.

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 Revansh Jain to Anvit Jain for all purposes, vide affidavit Dt: 10-Feb-2022 Sworn before notary Ram Niwas Malik, Gurugram.

0040603485-1

0040603454-9

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-875279, 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

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.

0040603508-6

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, Harinagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to SUDESH 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 0070773632-1 Devi.

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 B-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 0070773702-1

I. Manisha. D/o Subhash Chandra, R/o D 267, Sarai Pinal Thala, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi 110033, that name of my father has been wrongly written as 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-1110, Siena Tower, Mahagun Moderne, 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.

0070773690-1

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 0040603065-9 purpose.

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, RAII WAY STATION ROAD. KEWALPUR, BAHRAICH, 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

L Pratvaksh Parthroop Ranga, S/o Dinesh Kumar Ranga, R/o D-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-Drugmulla ,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 Nelofar Bashir (D o B-07-09-1993), Rubeena Bashir (D o B- 01-04-1996) and Son's Shah Fasal(Do 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

within seven days. 20434270-1 **I,Irene** Saikia,D/o Terence John Obrien R/o-A-802 Tai-Apartment Ghazipur Delhi-110096, Have Changed My Name To Irene Agnes Obrien.

correction. Objections be filed

to concerned authorities

0040603502-8

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

LANURADHA SHARMA W/o Deepak Gandhi, R/o B-3/31, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029, have changed my name to ANURADHA GANDHI, for all

I, AAKRITI GUPTA, D/o MAHESH GUPTA, R/o 274-A, FIRST FLOOR, SANT NAGAR DELHI-110065, have changed my name and shall hereafter he 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 0040603454-6 purposes.

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 0040603493-1 purposes.

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.Rayinder 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 0040603455-1 all purposes.

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 otherdocuments correct-name of my daughter is Anushka 0040603532-4

l 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, Jhilmil Colony, Delhi-110095 have changed my name from Amit to Amit Arora for all future 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 Virai Thakran foi 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 0040603459-1 purposes

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-1008595. The actual name of My Father is Veerendra Kumar Verma, which may be amended accordingly.

**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.Aditva S/o Pramod Rohella R/o H.No.C-1/G-5,Shalimar-Garden Extn-2 Sahibabad Ghaziabad, II.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 all purposes.

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,Inderjeet Kaur Bhullar W/O Gurpreet Singh,R/O 2/208,2nd Floor, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027 Have Changed my Name to Inderjeet Kaur.

0040603508-8

I,Ranbir Singh S/O Omkar Singh R/O E-16/448, Anand Puri, Tank Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 Lost Original Documents

0040603538-1

Kumar Sejwal. 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

have changed my name to Ravi

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 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, 0040603508-2 permanently. I,Irene Agnes Obrien,R/o A-802 Tai Apartment Ghazipur Delhi-

Nikita Saikia To Nikita Obrien 0040603502-10 Saikia. I.Gurpreet Bhullar.S/O Kuldip Singh R/O 2/208,2nd Floor, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027. Have Changed my

110096, Have Changed My

Minor Daughter's Name, From

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

#### **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**

FROCI AMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDAN (ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure n the Court of Sh. Vipin Kumar Rai Judge Family Court, South West Case No. HMA-365/21 Sujata Khatri Versus Prem Sagar

Prem Sagar S/o Desh Bandhu R/o Flat No. 104, Plot No. 2650, Gali No.4, Laxman Vihar, Phase-II Gurugram, Haryana-122001 The Defendant above named W H E R E A S you are intentionally evading service of that if you shall not defend the case on the 19-04-2022 at 10:00 O'clock the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. seal of the court, this 07-02-2022.

Judge Family Court, South Wes

PUBLIC NOTICE nd in possession of Entire Ground Floor ithout Roof/Terrace Rights, A Part o roperty Bearing No. WZ-583-A, built o tot No. 11, area measuring 65 Sq. Yds ut of Khasra No. 565/2, Situated in the out of Khasra No. 565/2. Ślutated in the area of Village Tihar, Colony Known as Gali No. 21, Shiv Nagar, New Delhi by virtue of Sale Deed dated 03.11.2021, now Mr. Harpreet Singh and Mrs. Gurinder Kaur are selling sald property to Mr. Savinder Singh and Mrs. Harminder Kaur and now Mr. Savinder Singh and Mrs. Harminder Kaur has anomached Mrs. Harminder Kaur has anomached aur and now Mr. Savinder Singh ann firs. Harminder Kaur has approaches DFC First Bank Limited for financia ssistance and therefore shall be nortgaged with the said Bank. We giw is public notice that if any person havin y claim/objection regarding ownership nd/or creating mortgage of the said roperty or any part of the said property in avour of IDFC First Bank Ltd is/and preally requised for notify the same is favour of IDFC First Bank Ltd is/are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mention below within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any claim, if any, of such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or, abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of Mortgage in respect thereof.

For Juris NextGen Law Offices E-56,LGF, Greater Kailash Encl@ffces E-56,LGF, Greater Kailash En

Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. Mv client ICICI Bank Ltd. DCM PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that my client Sh.
Vishwanath S/o Brij Lal R/o
(hereinafter refer to as seller) is
informing public at large that seller
shall in no way whatsoever be
responsible for any misdeeds,
unlawful activities or any acts of
omission or commission with the ars (GJ 18 A 1048), (GJ 18 A 1050 Cars (G) 18 A 1048), (G) 18 A 1050), (G) 18 A 1051), (G) 15 A 1387), (G) 08 0055), (HR 68 B 1567), (HR 30 K 0111) by the buyer Mr. Bharat Kumar S/o Khimraj R/O Mahershwari Colony, Tharad Road, Ward No. 14, Sanchore, Jalore, Rajasthan or any other person who Mahershwari Colony, Tharad Road, Ward No. 14, Sanchore, Jalore, Rajasthan or any other person who directly or indirectly uses the aforesaid cars for such misdeeds, unlawful activities or any acts of omission or commission. The liability of such misdeeds, unlawful activities or any other omission or commission shall solely rest with the buyer above named of the cars. In case any person deals or enters into any kind of agreement of sale, mortgage, lease, transfer, gift etc with respect to the aforesaid cars shall do so at their own risk, cost and consequences and the deal or agreement made or executed shall be treated and deemed as null and void-ab-initio. Seller shall not be responsible for any loss or damage occurred to any person/person's due to unlawful and illegal deal or agreement made or executed with respect to aforesaid cars.

BIGUL NANDA (Advocate)
BN ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM
M: 811576338 Prachi Narang, Advocate

BN ASSOCIATES LAW FIR M: 8010576336 LOST & FOUND

.e.Lease Deed and other Property Documents of Property No. 9/14-A Double Storey , Moti Nagar, New Delhi - 110015 Favouring Joginder La S/o Shanker Dass FIR Lodge Vide LR No.139895/2022 Founde inform at Mahesh Kumar at above address.

CORRIGENDUM Re: Entire First Floor "the said floor", put to Property bearing No. R-59, area measurin 500 Sq. Yds., Situated at Greater Kailas

500 Sq. Yds., Situated at Greater Kailash Part-I, New Delhi; hereinafter referred to ast 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, this is to notify that the words "Ground Floor" appearing in line no. 47 of para no. 1 may be read as "First Floor". may be read as "First Floor."

Amit Kumar Khurana, Advocate

M/s Intellective Law Offices, A-74, LGF Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024 **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

s hereby notified to the public at larg at my Client Mr. Amar Bakhru (S/o La I. Mul Chand Bakhru) had entered in preement to Sell dated 05.11.2021 wi greement to Sell dated 05.11.2021 wit,

Ashok Kapoor (S/o Mr. K.B. Kapoor

Ms. Aayushi both residents of A

118, Ground Floor, Green Field

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saring no. R-499, 2nd Floor, Nev

ajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060. Sd/- **RAJIV BAJAJ** Advocat 5C/84, New Rohtak Roac Karol Bagh, New Delhi-11000

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Ansar Ahmad S/o Sh. Alimuddin and his wife Nazma Begam, both R/o 1661, Saini Mohalla Main, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 have evicted all their relations with their son Sh. Zubair Ahmad and his wife Mehrunnisa Begum due to his disobedient behavior and bad habits. Both of my above named client have also disowned and debarred his said son from all their movable and disowned and debarred his said son from all their movable and mmovable properties. Anybody dealing with Sh. Zubair Ahmad and his wife will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Sh. Zubair Ahmad.

iad. Raees Ahmad (Advocate) Delhi High court Mob no. 7053737088

PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that my client(s) signar enterseted to buy DOA Flat No. 177, DDA HIG Flat, Ground Floor, Pocket-3, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, presently owned 8 possessed by Shri Sushil Singh Bishit by virtue of Sale Deed duly Regd, Vide Regi. No. 7669, dated-18.08.2021, & as per the present owner version the said property Flat Sizlar feer form all sorts of encumbrances. link documents are mission & duly informed vide 18. No.-1390918. owner version the said property. Rat kjare free from all sorts of encumbrances link documents are missing & duly informed vide LR No-134918 (2022, Del R80, 2022), with SHO, Chine Branch, Delili. R is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank, HUF member of HUF, financial institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents Si/or objection to thereof, hely she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undesigned with documentary proof / court judgment within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further /future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected a my client prospective buyer(s) as a bran-field purchase conclude the title (Sale Deed proposed to be escuted in favor of my client or in the name of his/her/ ther nomines shall be deemed to be clear & marketable without any defect, excumbrance, flav & impediment. Whithliesh Kumar (Activo called) Ch. No. 17. Distinct Courts Rohmin, Delhil. 65 # 96119930.09.

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all general public that my client Mr. Jasbir Singh S/o Late Harbans Singh allottee of Plo No. A-028, Green Wood City, Secto 26-27, Sonipat, Haryana, has lost misplaced original payment Receipts of the above said Plot, To Receipts of the above said Plot, To transfer above said plot in favour of 3rd party, We jaikrishna Artee JV, hereby invite any claim/objection from Public, Such claim/objection if any, should reach jaikrishna Artee JV, 8, Hansalya Building, 15, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 within 15 days In case 110001, within 15 days. In case claim/objection received within 15 days, the above said Jaikrishna Artee will proceed for above said ransfer as per allottee's instructions (Advocate) Enrl No. D/244/06

his Notice is hereby given to general ublic that Mr. Ajay Kumar & Mr. Gauruho claimed to be owner and Khasra No. 496, Situated in the area c Village Nawada, Colony known as Bloc L-Extn., Mohan Garden, New Delhi b virtue of Sale Deed dated 14.02.2022 now Sale Deed dated 26.04.200 executed by Mr. Anil Kumar Sharma i favour of Mrs. Marya Kutty Joy in respec of the said property, page number six of the above mentioned Sale Deed in mission Now Mr. Alaw Kumar & M. the above mentioned Sale Deed is missing. Now Mr. Ajay Kumar & Mr. Gaurav have approached Jana Smal Finance Bank Limited for financia assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said Bank. We give his public notice that if any person having any claim/objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property or any part of the said recording or the said property or any part of the said property or any part or and the said property or any part or any part or and the said property or any part or any part or and the said property or any part or any ownership and/or creating mortigage in the said property or any part of the sai property in favour of Jana Small Financ Bank Limited. Is/are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigne with supporting documentary evidence at the address mention below within days from the date of publication of thin notice, falling which any claim, if any, c such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or abandoned an

For Juris NextGen Law Office -56,LGF, Greater Kailash Enclave Part

Plot No. 12, (288 sq. mtrs.), Block-C, Sector-Swarn Nagri (TAU)

Hind Rao. Manohar Lal Khurana Marg, New Delhi is in the process of advancing a loan to Mrs. Sangita Singh, Mr. Vivek Kumar Singh & Ms. Himani Singh against mortgage of Plot No. 12, (288 sq. mtrs.), Block-C Sector-Swarn Nagri (TAU) Greater Noida, Distt. Gautar Budh Nagar, U.P. who have represented that they are the absolute owners of the said plot having inherited the same from Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Singh who died on 24.01.2018. If anybody person, body corporate has an right, lien or claim whatsoever o the said plot or objection to its mortgage, then he/she/it may contact the undersigned with documentary proof of clain within 15 days of publication of this notice, otherwise it shall b deemed that either there are no claims or the same have beer waived off. No claim shall be entertained thereafter and my client shall proceed to advance the loan by mortgaging the said

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Advocate
Ch. No. 572, Patiala House Courts
New Delhi-0

that my client Sudhir Kumar Verma S/o
Sh. S. L. Verma R/o K-11, Mahipalpur,
New Delhi-110037, have disowned and
disinherited his son namely Shaiwal
Verma S/o Sh. Sudhir Kumar Verma
from all his movable & immovable
properties and have also served all his
relations from her due to his cruel acts
and disobedient behavior as he is out of
his control and my client shall not be
responsible for any act and conduct
done by him.

Sd/at my client Sudhir Kumar Verma S

Ch. No. 572, Patiala House Court

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** Tanvinderiit Kaur W/o Mi No.35,Sikri Bazar, Bathinda unjab-151001. do hereb

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PUBLIC NOTICE client Smt. Raj Sethi W/o Late Sh K L Set R/o B-172, Gujranwala Town, Part RKO B-172, Gujranwala Town, Part Delhi have dishnerited, disowned her bot daughter namely Smt. Rupa Sharma Wh. Sh. Ajay Sharma R/o H-1/13 DLF, Ph-1 Gurugram and Smt. Sonakshi Manchand W/o Sh Rajan Manchanda R/o D-10 Cakwood Estate, DLF, Ph-11, Gurugrar from all her movable and immovabl properfies, assets and savings due their disobedieral and discraceful behavior. between the control of the control o atsoever manner. vneet Singh Sandhu (Advocate) 26-27, GF, Rameshwar Nagar, Near Model Town, Delhi 9810027479,9899558399

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri-522503, email: generalmanager.estt@gmail.com & md.aperc@gmail.com

Tender Notice No.1/APMSIBC/ADMIN/2021-22, Dated.17.02.2022 lenders are invited for 1. Appointment of Consultant for carrying out Techno Economic Viability (TEV) study for medical college and hospital projects in Andhra Pradesh 2. Appointment of Consultant for credit rating of APMERO (This tender is through AP e-procurement platform https://tender.apeprocurement. govin) The other details can be seen at the website http://msidc.ag.nic.in Sd/- Managing Director

DIPR No.588PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt. 18/02/2022

**Sub Divisional Officer (C) Badshahpur** Add:- Sector-57, Near Rail Vihar, Wazirabad, Gurugram

बादशाहपुर स्थित सैक्टर 57, गुरुग्राम की पार्किंग व कैंटीन का ठेका वर्ष 2022-2023 (01042022 से 31.03.2023) उपमंडल अधिकारी (न.) बादशाहपुर स्थित सैक्टर 57, गुरुग्राम की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक 24.03.2022 को प्रातः 1100 बजे उपमंडल अधिकारी (ना.) बादशाहपुर के कार्यालय में स्थित सैक्टर 57, गुरुग्राम में ठेके की खुली बोली लगाई जाएंगी।

कार्यालय दिवस में देख सकता है।

उपस्थित होकर बोली दे सकता है, नीलामी आरंभ होने से एक घंटा पूर्व इच्छुक व्यक्ति को म. 50000/- रुपए बतौर जमानत राशि जमा करने होंगे। जिस व्यक्ति के नाम से बोली छोड़ी जाएगी उसे बोली की समस्त राशि मौके पर जमा करनी होगी अन्यथा जमानत राशि जब्त कर ली जाएगी। किसी भी प्रकार के विवाद की सूरत में उपमंडल अधिकारी (ना.) बादशाहपुर गुरुग्राम का निर्णय अंतिम व मान्य

उपमंडल अधिकारी ( ना. ).

CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar (Established by Parliament Act 16 of 1970)

CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar is inviting Tender for following equipments/items :-

For the purchase of following equipments/items

& pad cooling system) for COA, Bawal.

पृ. क्रमांक 130/एम.सी. दिनांक 14.02.22

valid for a period of afleast three months from the date of opening of tender O/o Director (S&P). Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Hi-tech Green house (Fan

College of Fisheries Science

complete installation for COA, Kaul. Purchase of Interactive flat Panel Display 75'4K UHD and Accessories

Purchase of One Automatic Nitrogen/Protein Estimation System for College of Fisheries Science.

8. Supply of Moisture meter and its installation and demonstration for COA,

Bawal Fabrication of Seed drill-cum-planter with spraying attachment for the Dept.

of FMPE. Procurement of Smart Seeder for the Dept. of FMPE.

Purchase of CHNS Analyzer for DDUCE-OF

Date of start of bid preparation and submission on 21,02,2022 (09:00 hours) and Closing on 13.03.2022 up to 17:00 hours. Opening of Technical Bid on 14.03.2022 at 11:00 AM. Opening of Financial Bid on 17.03.2022 at 11.00

Note: 1. All updates, amendments, Corrigenda etc. (if any) will be posted only on the CCS HAU Website/Tender website. There will not be any

2. Interested bidders are advised to deposit bid security/EMD on or before 48:00 hrs of expiring date and time of bid online so as to get the payment

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, ASSAM SIXMILE, KHANAPARA, GUWAHATI-22

email:dme@assam.gov.in, dmeassam@gmail.com,

No DMF/Forensic/11/2022/Pt-II/2744

## **INVITATION FOR E-BID (IFB)**

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING E-Tenders are invited online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in from the intending Manufacturer/Accredited Dealers for supply & installation of equipment related to Forensic Medicine Department at Medical College

The e-Tender is Two-Bid System, to be submitted with affixed Court Fee Stamp Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight point two five paisa) only (for local bidders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) only (in case of bidders from outside of the State of Assam) in favour of "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022.

	SI. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
		e- Tender Publishing	19-02-2022	12.00 Noon	_	_
		e- Tender Download		12.00 Noon	15-03-2022	12.00 Noon
	3.	Pre-Bid Meeting	01-03-2022	11.00 AM	Venue - Room No. 4C, 2nd Floor, Directorate of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Guwahati- 32	
	4.	Bid Submission	02-03-2022	02.00 PM	15-03-2022	02.00 PM
l	5.	Bid Opening	15-03-2022	05.00 PM		
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1. B	rief Schedule				
SI No.	Description (Name of the Items)	Bid Security (E.M.D.)	Delivery/ Installation schedule/ Completion period	Tender fees in Rs.	Eligibility
1	Supply & installation of equipment related to Forensic Medicine Department of Medical College Hospitals of	Rs. 3.00 Lakh	45 days	Rs. 5000/-	Manufacturer/ accredited Dealer

The detailed information of bidding documents are available online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in only. The bidders would be required to register in the website for submission of the bids. The bidders are required to have Digital Signature (DSC) from any of the Certifying Authorities. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement may obtain the same by registering in the www.assamtenders.gov.in. The requirements to register with the e-procurement porta are available on the website indicated above. The tender fees is non refundable and payable in favour of the .Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022, at SBI-Dispur (Guwahati) Branch.

**Director of Medical Education. Assam** 

New Delhi

Contact:-0124-2570029 E-Mail:- dmbadshahpur@gmail.com नीलामी नोटिस सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि उपमंडल अधिकारी (न.)

बोली से संबंधित शर्तें मौके पर सुनाई जाएगी। यदि कोई व्यक्ति शर्तों को देखना चाहता है तो उपमंडल अधिकारी (ना.) बादशाहपुर गुरुग्राम के कार्यालय में किसी

कोई भी इच्छुक व्यक्ति ठेका लेना चाहे तो वह उक्त तिथि को बोली स्थल पर होगा। सफल बोली देने वाले को सभी दस्तावेज सक्षम अधिकारी को प्रस्तुत करने होंगे। उनकी सहमति के बिना अपना कार्य आरंभ करने का अधिकार नहीं होगा।

> हस्ता./-बादशाहपुर (गुरुग्राम)

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Purchase of Foam type Bags of various sizes with printing. The offer must be

 Purchase of One Automatic PC Compatible Fiber Estimation System for 4. Purchase of Interactive flat panel and Online UPS for smart diassroom with

installed at 12 KVKs.

. Supply of Refrigerated Centrifuge and its installation and demonstration for

11. Installation of Two Tubewells at FRS, Bawal 12. Purchase of Microwave Digestion System for DDUCE-OF

For detail information and e-tendening schedule, clease visit the website http://etenders.hrv.nic.in and University website http://hau.ac.in.

publication of the same through Newspapers or any other media.

Director (Store & Purchase)

**INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM** 

verified.

Web site: www.assamtenders.gov.in, www.dmeassam.gov.in,

Hospitals of Assam, under the Health & F.W. Department, Govt. of Assam.

Important dates of the e-Tender

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l	5.	Bid Opening	15-	03-2022	05.	00 PM				
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Sandeep K. Gupt

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Bhagwan Sahai

Whilst care is taken prior to

any manner whatsoever.

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D-28, Jangpura Extension New Delhi-110014



#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (WB)-I **DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI** ROOM NO. 31, B-BUILDING, JHANDEWALAN, NEW DELHI-110005

Phone:- 09558007601 E-mail Id:- djbwaterbody@gmail.com

I		<u>PRESS NIT No. 28/WB-I/ (2021-22)</u>										
	SI. No.	Name of work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Fee	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date / Time of receipt of tender E- Procurement Solution					
		Appointment of Consultant for Designing of Architectural/ structural /Mechanical/ electrical/ Plumbing/ PMC services etc for Construction of Club house at Timarpur Oxidation Ponds		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

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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 Himacha 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

Sr.	Name of work	Estimated	EMD	Cost of	Eligibility criteria	Time
No.		cost		tender form		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. 1,14,97902/-	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. NO. EE/IPHD/EA-I/e-Tender/ 18435-534 Division Dharamshala, H.P. Dated: 15.02.2022 6990/HP

> 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) GIST of e-NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/337/e-tendering

Dated: 17.02.2022 or and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders, valid for 180 days, are invited from the

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	2	3	4	5	6	7
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
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV Surveillance System with remote access in Oxygen Plant at Super Specialty Hospital, Srinagar.	1.73	200	10	50 MCS of 2020 Dt:-28.08.2020	MHCHD/ TS/255 Dated /22	3500

- of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from17.02.2022(18.00 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, Srinaga

Executive Engineer

No: MHCHD/ TS/11101-11106 Dt. 17-02-2022 DIPK-18333

MHCHD, Srinagar

#### SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY HEADQUARTER, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY RECRUITMENT CELL, R.T.S. COLONY, BILASPUR (C.G.) 495004 Date: 19.02.2022

No. P-HQ/RRC/798/Sports Quota 2021-22, 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 Sportspersons 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/		Events/ Positions		Group 'C' y band-₹ 5200-202	200)	
	Disciplines	8	7th CPC Pay Matrix Level-4/5 (6th CPC:- GP- 2400/2800)	7th CPC Pay Matrix Level-2/3 (6th CPC: GP- 1900/2000)	Game wise Total	
			No. of Posts	No. of Posts		
1	Archery (M)	Compound	-	2	3	
353	Archery (W)	Recurve		1	3	
2	Athletics (W)	1500m	7.8	1	2	
2	Athletics (M)	Hammer Throw		1	2	
3	Badminton (M)	œ.	1			
3	Badminton (W)		- 1	97	2	
- 1	Basket Ball (M)	Post	1	1	5 50	
4	Basket Ball (W)	Post	.1	93	4	
	Basket Ball (W)	Forward	14	1 1		
5	Boxing (W)	45-48 Kg	7.6	1 1	- 1	
6	Cross Country (M)	10 Km	- 6	1	2	
0	Cross Country (W)	10 Km	93	1.	-	
7	Hondball JAD	Left Wing	104	1	2	
	Handball (W)	Right Wing		1 1	2	
В	Hockey (M)	Left Forward	\$ <del>*</del>	1	- 1	
9	Vho Vho (M)	Chaser	- 1		2	
8	Kho-Kho (M)	Defender	29	1	4	
10	Table Tennis (M)	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	- 59	1	2	
10	Table Tennis (W)	196	<u>24</u>	1	2	
	Tota	al .	5	16	21	

Note-[M-Men, W-Women]

(2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - Minimum Educational Qualification:-

S.N.	Post in Pay Matrix Level	Mini	mum Educational	Qualification	í
		12th Pass along wit	h sports achieveme OR	nts - for non-te	echnical posts.
1	Level-2/3	10th with ITI Pass a	long with sports ach OR	ievements - fo	r technical posts.
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2	Level-4	Graduation in any of sports achievement 1st Year B.Sc. (Ph Maths) Pass along of 12th (+2 stage) will standards for recrui	s, OR ysics) or 12th (+2 with sports achiever OR n Stenography (Hin	stage) in Sci ments di or English	ence (Physics or as per scheduled
		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 of sports achievement		cognized univ	ersity, along with

- (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
- (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.indlanrallways.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 f /South East Central Railway 🔛 @secrall

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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 mutatior & 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 nis/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.

Chief Executive Officer Tele.:- 011-25693837 Delhi Cantonment Board, Delhi Cantt, 011-25695450

#### 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 Payjami and Black colour Sleeper in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/917/ED/2022

P.S., Kalyanpuri, Delhi Ph.: 011-22772287,51 8750870629. 9911425333

#### **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 Vidayalaya, Ishwar Colony, Bawana, Delhi Age: 17 years 6 months, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Build: Thin, wearing green colour suit, black colour payjami 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 Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 24368639. Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO: P.S. Bawana, Delhi Ph.: 011-27751949, 27752534



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 8 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 se further details and may login in website: www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in and department website 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 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.

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ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,धनबाद

# Resisting his father's diktat to join farming, Gani scores triple ton on debut

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 recol-

Sakibul, fourth among the four broth-

The right-handed batter was Bihar's top

ers — all of them have played cricket at

some level - had an impressive Vijay

run-getter, with 231 runs in five matches,

including a century and a fifty. His perform-

ances caught the eye of the Delhi Capitals,

and the IPL franchise called him for the tri-

als 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 repre-

sents Motihari in the Hayman Trophy,

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.

"We owe this to Ajay Ratra sir. He took

Bihar's Inter-district tournament.

Hazare Trophy earlier this season.

lected about his brother.

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 firstclass debut against Mizoram on Friday.

Gani's record 341 came off 405 balls, with two sixes and 56 fours. And former India wicketkeeper Ajay Ratra couldn't have been prouder of his ward's knock. It was during the squad selection camp for CK Nayudu Trophy that Ratra — 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," Ratra, currently coaching the Assam Ranji team, told The Indian

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 Ratra. "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,"

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 Ratra 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.

**Consistent Sarfaraz** continues big-scoring spree

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 18

ITTOOK 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 Aĥmedabad.

"Chhota score koi vaad 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 prepandemic days. His last few Ranji Trophy innings include a 177, a 226 not out and an un-

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.

a lot, so one needs to be cautious. Controlling aggression is the key, ball marne se jyada, ball leave karna tough hai (It's tougher to leave the ball than hit it). So I wait for my chance," he ex-

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

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. BRIEFSCORES: 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 17year-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 signifi-

cant occasion for him."Thoda disappointed tha but aage aur bhi mauke milege (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 situa-tions," 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-en-

."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

**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 Yaday found another able ally in Kuldip 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 1stinnings: 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 (Kaushik Gandhi 37 batting; Kuldip 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 Gharami (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.

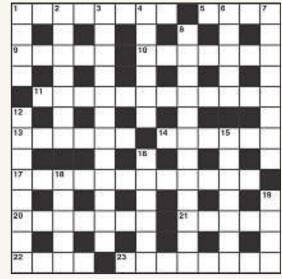
BRIEF SCORES: Baroda 181 and 144/5 (Kedar Devdhar 41; Ishan Porel 2/50). Bengal 88 (Atit Sheth 5/44, Lukman Meriwala 3/15).

#### 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 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 Sin or mistake
- 10 Talk of having nothing to
- 11 Unmarried individual (6,6)
- 13 Settles for the illuminations 14 Old sports organised just so
- 17 It gives the larger view of a
- writer's work (7,5)20 Greek character against
- Italian wine
- 21 Ends riot in Lagos
- 23 Curtain fabric shows no recent change (8)
- 22 Lingering desire (4)

#### **DOWN** Measure taken to indicate

- marriage relations
- Patient attention
- 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 Benevolence of a sort shown
- by the head (8)
- Have a liking for aviation as a form of escapism?
- (4,2,6)12 Concerned with office duties of a priest
- Support us in shame
- (7) 16 Not so fair (6) A right to be different from
  - others(5)
- 19 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 Ailing, 17 Armour, 19 Even

## **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis



LOOK, I GOT A LETTER I'M SUPPOSED TO COPY AND SEND TO 20 PEOPLE

FOR GOOD WICK

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

CHAIN

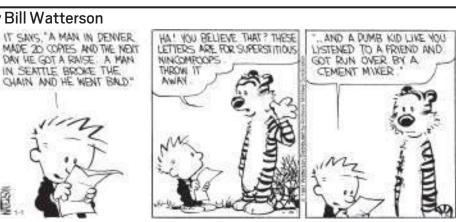
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IN SEATTLE BROKE THE

CHAIN AND HE WENT BALD"





#### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong





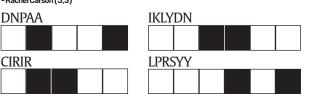




## JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to  $\,$ the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

-Rachel Carson (5,3)



Answer: A **rainy day** is the perfect time for a walk in the woods. SOLUTION: PANDA, CIRRI, KINDLY, SPRYLY

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

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Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4749 9 8 4 6 7 3 5 6 5 3 9 7 2 4 8 1 4 7 8 5 1 3 9 2 6 7 2 1 4 5 9 3 6 8 9 4 5 6 3 8 1 7 2 8 3 6 7 2 1 5 9 4 5 6 4 3 8 7 187295643 3 9 2 1 6 4 8 5 7

#### **DAY TODAY**

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

push should do it. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) You have now entered an exciting phase at home, but it's one which

sight of resolution. One last

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

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) 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,

your liking. CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Your planets are hitting a vigorous note.

one which may be more to

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 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

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

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Happily, continuing

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, under-

positive patterns

coming from the

#### mined 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

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) You'll be in fighting form and the battle over the latest financial or business

you can.

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

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) If we look ahead a

prosperous.



period of domestic improvement is soon to begin. First, though, you must ask vourself whether you are now in a position to make the most of your opportunities.

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."

#### 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.

# 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.

**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-

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 offcutter 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 ascendency. "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. But the dew-soaked Kookaburra popped out. The skipper

"I was happy with my intent that I wanted to play my shots. Sometimes when you play with responsibility over a period of time, you tend to ask (yourself) 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 is the balance you strive for."

-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

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 playand-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

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 bigscoring mojo, but is working his socks off at the nets to get it back. After the first T20I, he was deep in con-

versation with Rahul Dravid, while the postmatch 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 Fiiday, 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 notwith-

**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

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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 Muttah 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 Helmot, 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 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

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 et 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 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** FEBRUARY18

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

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 dis-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

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.

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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**THOMAS BACH** 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 re-

act 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 in-

Shcherbakova arrived in Beijing as the world champion from 2021, but Valieva's record-breaking scores and Trusova's all-ornothing 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-

New Delhi

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.

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