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At a polling booth in Lucknow. Vishal Srivastav REPORT, PAGE 7

## BharatPe sacks co-founder's wife, cloud over use of funds



Madhuri Grover tweeted images from office parties

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK & PRANAV MUKUL**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

FINTECH COMPANY BharatPe has terminated the services of Madhuri Jain Grover, the company's former head of controls and wife of co-founder Ashneer Grover, over alleged financial irregularities, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The company confirmed the development but did not reveal any reason for the move. "As per your query, we can confirm that services of Madhuri Jain Grover have been terminated in accordance with the terms of her employment agreement," a company spokesperson said.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Madhuri's services were terminated over alleged

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## CITES PROPERTY DEAL WITH DAWOOD SISTER

# ED arrests Nawab Malik on money laundering charge

Pawar says bid to harass those flagging misuse of Central agencies

**KHUSHBOO NARAYAN & SADAF MODAK**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 23

IN A blow for the coalition government in Maharashtra, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday arrested NCP leader and state cabinet minister Nawab Malik in connection with a case of alleged money laundering and "active involvement in terror funding" linked to a land deal in 1999 with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's sister. He was remanded in ED custody till



Malik in Mumbai; in custody until March 3. Ganesh Shirsekar

March 3 by a special court.

Malik is the second senior NCP leader to be arrested by the central agency over the last four months, after Anil Deshmukh, the former state home minister, was taken into custody and jailed last November over

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## BUDGET: FREE POWER UPTO 50 UNITS

# Gehlot announces urban job guarantee scheme

**HAMZA KHAN**  
JAIPUR, FEBRUARY 23

AHEAD OF the Assembly elections next year, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced a job guarantee scheme for urban areas, free electricity of up to 50 units for domestic users consuming upto 100 units per month, old pension scheme for government employees appointed after January 1, 2004, and increase in man-days under

MGNREGA among other measures, in the 2022-23 Budget tabled on Wednesday.

Announcing the Indira Gandhi Shehri Rozgar Guarantee Yojana for urban areas, along the lines of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Gehlot said Covid has impacted the livelihood of the common man. "While MGNREGA assisted people in rural areas, there is no such scheme for street vendors

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## On marriage age, RSS not with Govt: Social, not legal

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

AHEAD OF the annual meeting of its highest decision-making body, the RSS has made it clear that it has a difference of opinion on the legislation proposed by the government on the age of marriage for women and believes such issues should be left to society to decide. It also believes that the hijab controversy has been blown out of proportion and should have been handled at the local level.

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## The departure, the echo

THE RSS view on the proposed law to raise women's marriage age differs from the government. Union Minister Smriti Irani, while introducing the Bill, had objected to criticism, calling it "an insult to rural women". On the hijab row, it echoes a section within the BJP.



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# Girl falls off 3rd floor, father dies trying to save her

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

A 36-YEAR-OLD man and his five-year-old daughter died after falling off the third floor of a building in Northeast Delhi's Mustafabad on Tuesday. Police said the girl was playing on the roof when she slipped and fell. Her elder sister and father rushed to save her, but they too lost their balance and fell. The elder daughter suffered a fracture.

The incident took place around 11.30 pm. According to police, two sisters, aged 7 and 5, were playing in their house when the five-year-old, Safiya, slipped and fell. Her elder sister first rushed to save her, but she too fell off the third floor.

Neighbours and bystanders started screaming when they saw the girls fall. Their father, Asadullah (36), then rushed to save his daughters, but he too lost his balance.

A neighbour, who did not wish to be identified, said, "He was also trying to come towards the edge. We told him to stay back and asked him to come downstairs. He was panicking and kept looking at the ground. He too lost his



The incident took place in Northeast Delhi's Mustafabad

balance. We saw him fall and tried to catch him. He fell on us and collapsed."

The police were informed and the man and his daughters were rushed to hospital for treatment. During treatment, Asadullah and his younger daughter succumbed to their injuries. The elder daughter was discharged after treatment.

Police said Asadullah worked as an electrician and lived in a joint family.

An officer said, "We conducted an enquiry and don't see any foul play. The neighbours also stated that the girls slipped and fell off the roof. Their father

tried to save them but also died in the process."

An investigation will be conducted to verify the sequence of events and enquiry details. Meanwhile, the family said they did not know what exactly happened and were alerted by the neighbours.

Ayesha, a relative of the family, said, "I was sitting with my children downstairs and heard screams. I ran outside and saw Asadullah's daughters lying on the ground. Our neighbours had gathered outside our house and had tried saving Asadullah, but he also fell."

# Student's father writes to MLA: Asked to take off headscarf in class

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

A PARENT of a class VI student in a government school in Northeast Delhi's Tukhmipur has submitted a complaint to the local MLA, alleging that his daughter had been made to remove her headscarf in class by her teacher.

In his complaint to AAP MLA from Mustafabad, Haji Yunus, Mohammad Ayub alleged that his 10-year-old daughter's teacher asked her to remove a dupatta draped on her head on her first day at school on February 21. He submitted the complaint to Yunus's office Tuesday. The girl is a student of Government Girls Senior Secondary School No. 2, Tukhmipur, which starts at class VI.

"It was her first day back in school and her class teacher told her she is not allowed to wear a headscarf in school. She came back home and told my wife, who told me about it. I went to meet the school head the next day, who told me the government rules are for students to be in proper uniform. So I asked them to show me a government order or notification saying the scarf is not allowed, which they didn't have," he claimed. He said he went to Yunus's office after that but since the MLA was not there, he submitted a complaint. He said he has not sent his daughter to school since then.

The school's head Sushila Singh did not respond to calls or messages.

As of Wednesday evening, Yunus had not yet spoken to the father. "I was not in Delhi when he visited my office.

I tried contacting him during the day but could not get through. I will meet the family tonight and try to find out exactly what has happened. The government schools here are not co-ed; all the students are girls, the teachers are ladies. This has been a longstanding practice and till date, there has been no such complaint," he said.

Sources in the education department said no formal complaint has been received: "In terms of practice, nothing has changed in the last fortnight or even the last few years. There is no government policy on this but in the area, girls come to school in their usual attire and take off their scarves in school as an accepted practice. Now, someone has taken an exception... There is no question of not allowing anyone into the school over this."

## Ahead of MCD polls, AAP readies campaign

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party Wednesday announced the two campaigns to increase its reach ahead of municipal polls in Delhi. The campaigns — Booth Samvaad and MCD Badlaav Yatra — aim to reach people across the city by mid-March.

While the first will have party leaders hold a dialogue with the people at 13,000 booths between February 24 and March 10, the party's top brass will take out massive MCD Badlaav Yatras in all 70 constituencies of Delhi on March 12 and 13. **ENS**

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i) Revision in amount of Material Related Party Transaction(s) entered into or to be entered into with HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited during the Financial Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023; and

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The Notice of Postal Ballot which, inter-alia, includes detailed procedure for remote e-voting is hosted under the "Investors" section of the Company's website [www.hindustanpetroleum.com](http://www.hindustanpetroleum.com) and on the website of NSDL at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) and shall also be informed to BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) respectively.

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<b>Commencement of remote e-voting</b>	Thursday, February 24, 2022, 9.00 a.m. IST
<b>End of remote e-voting</b>	Friday, March 25, 2022, 5.00 p.m. IST
<b>Cut-Off Date for remote e-voting</b>	Friday, February 18, 2022
<b>Results of remote e-voting</b>	At or before 4.00 p.m. IST on Monday, March 28, 2022
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- The Company has appointed Shri Upendra Shukla, Practising Company Secretary, as the Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot Process in a fair and transparent manner.

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				14,383
				4,172
	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Feb 22	498	411	1	38,136
Feb 23	583	603	3	55,504
Total	2,344*	18,29,145	26,109	3,61,31,852

\*Total active cases in Delhi

NOIDA	Feb 22	Feb 23
Cases	61	43
Deaths	0	0
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Cases	179	184
Deaths	1	1

## Flight lands in Delhi from Ukraine, students say 'tension building up'

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

AN AIR India special flight, AI1946, from Kyiv in Ukraine landed in Delhi around 11.30 pm on Tuesday.

On board were mostly students who were returning after the Indian embassy in Ukraine issued advisories asking them to leave Ukraine temporarily.

On Tuesday night, families crowded around the arrival gates well in advance, waiting for returning students.

Dhruv Malhotra, a fifth-year student of medicine in the city of Kharkiv in Ukraine, was among those who returned. "Right now, it's peaceful and the situation is under control in Kharkiv and Kyiv. But the tension seems to be building up, and we were advised to leave," he said.

Malhotra, who is from Vrindavan, said that his friends will also head back soon, some on the Air India flights scheduled for the next few days, and others who have booked on other airlines.

In addition to the one that landed on Tuesday, Air India is operating two special flights between Kyiv and Delhi on February 24 and 26.

Mohammad Alfaiz, a second-



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year student of medicine from Delhi, said that there seemed to be a lot of tension among the Ukrainians. "The situation is normal so far, but students are worried," he said.

"Classes will now be held online. It will have an impact on our studies, since practicals will be affected, and we'll be able to get back only once the situation re-

turns to normal," said Mohammad Zeeshan, also a second-year MBBS student from Mumbai. "Our friends will be returning soon as well. People are returning as and when they are able to book flights. The flight tickets we have been seeing are very expensive."

Harwinder Saroha, a resident of Sonipat, whose daughter Nikita

was returning from the Temopil National Medical University, also pointed out that the flight tickets were very expensive.

"The tickets cost around Rs 66,000 now, when it is usually around Rs 26,000. We managed to get the ticket, but it might be difficult for others. There were no major problems where she was staying, but we decided that she

would come back to be on the safe side. She lives over 400 km away from Kyiv, but didn't have any problem commuting to Kyiv to take the flight," Saroha said.

Rajesh Rana, a resident of Patiala, whose daughter Harshita, a fifth-year student of medicine, was returning on Tuesday, also said that there were not too many flights for the re-

turn. "It was very expensive. It's good that these flights were made available, but there need to be more," said Rana.

Students also returned by other flights on Tuesday. Divyam, who is from Botad in Gujarat, and Neerav Patel, also from Gujarat, returned to Delhi by a Turkish Airlines flight. "We're not sure what the situation at the border

was like. The embassy issued advisories to leave, and students began to leave. Classes will now be online," said Divyam, a first-year student in Chemnitz.

In an advisory issued on February 20, the Indian embassy in Kyiv had asked all Indian nationals "whose stay is not deemed essential and all Indian students" to leave Ukraine tem-

porarily, in view of "the continued high levels of tensions and uncertainties with respect to the situation in Ukraine".

In another advisory issued on Tuesday, the embassy again asked Indian students to leave Ukraine temporarily, rather than wait for an official confirmation from universities about online classes.

## BRIEFLY

## Covid beds at pvt hospitals reduced from 40% to 10%

*New Delhi:* With cases of Covid remaining stable even after all restrictions were lifted and schools and colleges opened, the Delhi government Wednesday reduced the number of beds earmarked for the treatment of Covid in private hospitals. All private hospitals with 50 beds or more now have to keep only 10% of their beds on stand-by for the treatment of Covid-19. Earlier, they had been asked to earmark 40% of their total beds, including 40% of their ICU beds.

## Gurgaon MP reviews probe into Chintels incident

*Gurgaon:* Union Minister and Gurgaon MP Rao Inderjit Singh Wednesday called for complete transparency in the investigation into the incident at Chintels Paradiso society, adding that there was a need to bridge a 'trust deficit'. "If there is trust deficit regarding builders, then neither will the builders come to Gurgaon nor would people come and settle here from other places," he said. **ENS**

## Anxiety, insomnia, depression — for riot-hit families, scars run deep even two years later

ANAND MOHAN J  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

THE FAMILY had just finished dinner and the 16-year-old was speaking to her mother when, mid-sentence, she forgot who she was.

It's been like this for two years now, ever since she lost her brother, Shabban (25), in the violence during the Northeast Delhi riots.

"She has been having so many episodes of anxiety over the last two years. Now she has started forgetting herself. We took her to two hospitals in Delhi but her condition has not improved. She went into shock after her brother died. We take her to our village now and then to help her feel better," said her father Aziz Ahmed (55).

For several families that lost people in the riots, the burden of mental health issues has gotten heavier with each passing year.

Babu Khan (58), whose two sons Hashim Ali (17) and Amir (30) were beaten to death minutes from their home, now spends most of his days looking at old videos of them. "I have no mental peace. I keep thinking of how they were killed, like animals. Every step to my house is filled with pain," he said.

Also killed in the riots was Intelligence Bureau staffer Ankit Sharma (26), whose body was found in a drain. To try and move on, the family has left their old home at Khajuri Khas. His brother Ankur said, "The drain from where he was pulled out was a few metres from our house. Every conversation we



53 people died in the violence that engulfed Northeast Delhi. *Archive*

have had over the last two years would lead to him, and it was hard to let go. We found closure after the government recognised him as a martyr. And we're relieved to leave that house – we don't have to see that drain again."

Dilbar Negi (21), a worker at a sweet shop, died when he sought refuge inside a store. His family lives in Uttarakhand's Pauri Garhwal. Ranjit Singh (46), one of Dilbar's three siblings, says they will never visit Delhi. "The sight of a Delhi-bound bus scares us. If we have to do manual labour for sustenance, we will do it. *Magar Dilli nah jayenge* (we will never go to Delhi)," he said.

On February 26, 2020, Nitin

(15) left his house at Gokulpuri to buy chowmein, ignoring his family's advice to stay put. He died after allegedly being hit by a teargas shell.

His father, Ram Sugarat, said, "He was killed near our home where he was supposed to be safe. We don't know who killed him and who is responsible. The compensation of Rs 5 lakh paid to us was inadequate. I am desperately looking for another home in Delhi. I don't want to live here."

Rahul Solanki was shot in the neck and killed on February 24 when he stepped out of his home to buy groceries. Solanki's father Hari Singh Solanki said the last year has been extremely difficult. "Soon after Rahul's death,

my wife became paralysed. We suffer from insomnia. I barely sleep and get anxious most of the time," he said.

Ishtiya Khan (27) was shot dead outside his house at Mustafabad when he stepped out after hearing a commotion. Since then, his family has spent countless sleepless nights. His brother Mustaq (24) has been the worst affected. "Right after my brother died, I started noticing that the right side of my face stopped moving. One day I was unable to move my eyebrows. I visited IHBAS and AIIMS for treatment, and even sought ayurvedic treatment. My condition is just beginning to improve," Mustaq said.

The family of Rahul Thakur

(25), a student who was shot in the chest outside his Brijpuri home, has relied on kirtans to find solace. Now they are in the process of moving out. His brother Yogesh Thakur said, "We are all going to leave this home and memories behind. The only solution is to forget."

Also among the victims was Faizan (23), a video of whom had surfaced being made to sing Vande Mataram by security forces as he lay on the ground, writhing in pain.

His mother Kishmatoon's life has changed after donations came in from people, with which they built a three-storey home and bought an e-rickshaw. But the grief remains. "I will give all the money back for my Faizan. People think we got a lot of money, they don't know the sorrow I carry in my heart," she said.

Firdaus (25) has not spent a single rupee from the Rs 10 lakh compensation she got after the death of her husband Mohd Furkan (30), who was shot dead on February 24 when he went out to get cheese for his children.

She says that her in-laws pressure her to vacate the home at Karampuri, and that she depends on monthly handouts from them to raise her two children, aged 7 and 4. "I was raised in a conservative family and never stepped out of the house until now. Today, I have to do a man's job by stepping out and buying things for my children. All of this is new for me. I have not spent the compensation money because my family will think I am wasting it and kick us out," she said.

## DU's Lakshmibai College plans yagyashala to hold regular havans



The site, filled with swings, a hut, a pond, a temple sight and a cowshed, started coming into creation in 2020. *Anil Sharma*

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

ASPART of its "holistic" village site called Gokul, Delhi University's Lakshmibai College will soon have an operational yagyashala – a place for performing havan rituals – on the campus. Principal Pratyush Vatsala said yagnas would be performed on various special occasions, with the intention of "purifying air".

The Gokul – a site filled with swings, a hut, a pond, a temple sight and a cowshed – started coming into creation in 2020. The Eco Park was the first to be built, which houses several ducks and rabbits. "The site was created with the idea of bringing together education, culture and sanskaar (values). We want our students to be connected to villages and have respect for them. We also think this impacts the overall Happiness Index because we have all kinds of peaceful places as part of the Gokul. In English, we have named it 'Go Cool' because it is a part of the college where, when students visit, they can forget all their stresses and worries and just become cool," said Vatsala.

The yagyashala, still in the last stages of being ready, will be the latest addition to the Gokul.

"It will become operational in the Chaitra month. We are yet to think about when we can hold yagnas but I have some ideas in mind. For example, every day we would have at least some students' birthday, so yagnas can be held for that occasion. It is known that performing yagna purifies air. That is our ultimate aim. In the future, we also hope to install some mechanism through which we can research and study what has been the impact of these yagnas in improving air quality around," she said.

The site also has a medicinal garden, an organic farming site, compost pits, a wetland site, waste recycle station and fruit orchard. There is also a natural water filtering and harvesting system, as well as a mushroom farming centre.

The college also holds a daily ritual of chanting the Bhagavad Gita which is open for all, and a

monthly Tuesday programme of Sunderkand Path too. "Extending the idea of the Gokul, which we feel is a connection between the traditional and the modern, we also hold daily Bhagavad Gita reading at 4 pm for the non-teaching staff in our meditation room. This is open for all – students, teachers, everyone. Abell is installed at the gate which rings a few minutes before 4 pm as a reminder. We also have Sunderkand Path on the first Tuesday of every month, which is a two-hour programme," said Vatsala.

Inside the Gokul is also a cowshed, and the college uses 'panchagavya', which includes cow dung, urine and milk among other things, to manufacture various ingredients used in havans and pujas. The cowshed has one cow (Nandini) and a calf (Surbhi). "We bought them last year during Covid and have been taking care of them here. We make sure they don't eat any plastic or such waste. They are given utmost care and respect, and we want our children to have the same respect for them. This is, however, not like the Gausala in Hansraj College which courted controversy. For us the cows are just one part of the whole experience," said Vatsala.

The college also has a Go Cast machine, which converts cow dung into logs. "These logs can be used for anything from performing havans to cremations to cooking. There are multiple benefits. We also have a Biogas plant, and several other organic elements to this village site. The students have also decorated it themselves with village art," she said.

Asked if such a site could raise questions of not being secular or favouring one religion, Vatsala said, "There's no such thing. Even Muslims come and chant Bhagavad Gita and participate in our Sunderkand Paths. I don't know the religion of students who are decorating the village site. If a pond is Hindu, if ducks and rabbits can be Hindu, what can one say?"

When contacted, DU Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh said, "I will have to speak to the principal first. I have nothing to say about this."

## Metro site, app to offer info on cabs, to-do list

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

TO FACILITATE smooth travel and commuting, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Wednesday launched its revamped official website and mobile app where information about arrival, departure, station, distance, fare, last-mile connectivity, restaurants, monuments that fall around a particular station is just a click away.

The mobile application can be operated offline. The website and app, launched at Metro Bhawan by Managing Director Mangu Singh, are among the world's most feature-rich and advanced interactive digital platforms of Metro, said Delhi Metro officials. They contain many advanced features including interactive route maps, station search options, real-time first and last train time calculator, next and nearest station alert.

"These facilities have been designed after months of thor-

ough research during which DMRC officials scanned through the websites and applications of all major transport systems across the world," said the DMRC official. The DMRC said a comparative study of the official websites of leading Metro systems revealed that Delhi Metro's website has more features for passenger convenience than any other websites operational in other cities.

"As part of the research process, a dedicated team of officials also studied the feedback provided by commuters and incorporated improvements. A specialised team of IT professionals has also been roped in to design and handle the website. It has also been ensured through intermittent audits that the website and application are safe and resistant to virus attacks," said an official.

The DMRC website can be accessed through [www.delhimetrorail.com](http://www.delhimetrorail.com) and the mobile application, named DMRC app, can be downloaded from Google Playstore.

## Stage set, grand play on Ambedkar's life will be screened in capital from tomorrow

JIGNASA SINHA  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

A 40-FEET revolving platform, dozens of LED screens, digital props, 160 dancers and performers will brighten the grand stage at Delhi's JLN stadium for the musical on Babasaheb Ambedkar's life. Several Aam Aadmi Party leaders visited the auditorium Tuesday afternoon to take stock of the preparations before the release.

"Babasaheb: The Grand Musical", a play on the life of the father of the Indian Constitution, will be released on February 25. With two shows each day, the musical will be staged till March 12. In the 120-minute play directed by theatre artist Mahua Chauhan, Bollywood actor Rohit Roy (53) will play the lead role of Ambedkar. The event was to be hosted last year but was postponed due to rising Covid cases.

Chauhan said the musical isn't like any other biography and



A team of 240 artists has been working to set up the stage

is a message-driven story on one of the most underrated personalities in India. "We didn't want it to be like other biographical films. Every part of the movie is a message for the youth. We want everyone to know how Ambedkar ji was not only the father of the Constitution but also fought for women empowerment and youth leaders. We are inviting children to watch it, and learn something from the social reformer's life," she said.

It took around six months for the script to be finalised and pre-

production work. Due to the lockdown last year and Covid-related restrictions, most of the auditions were conducted online.

Chauhan said she was in Dubai and a team of 240 artists has been working very hard to set up the stage and prepare the show. The Indian Ocean has contributed to the music, and several Delhi-based artists and students will be performing contemporary dance and acrobatics.

The Delhi government is hosting the musical and has said it will be one of the biggest

shows with a 100-foot stage.

MLA Atishi told the media, "The hall has a capacity of 2,000 persons but we are operating at 50 per cent seating capacity. We are following Covid guidelines and taking necessary precautions. There will be hand sanitising stations at every corner and face masks will be compulsory. We are happy that the first two shows are fully booked."

Meanwhile, performers are excited as they have been practising for almost a month now. Roy believes the musical is an entertaining Broadway-style film show and said, "It's not a preachy show. It's a bright musical with amazing performances and an entertaining script. The scale of the show is mind-blowing. It's been one of the most challenging roles I have done since I don't look like Ambedkar. There's not much visual material or information about him and I feel I have picked up a lot from what I perceive him as. I love the script and keep rephrasing to get the lines better."



# "MY HEARTFELT TRIBUTES TO BABASAHEB"

– Arvind Kejriwal



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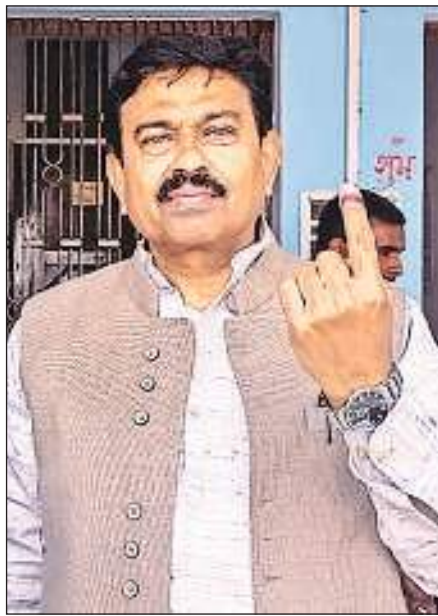
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The Congress's Unnao candidate Asha Singh (centre) busy with household chores after exercising her franchise in the fourth phase of the UP elections on Wednesday. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (left) and his ministerial colleague Ajay Mishra voted in Lucknow and Lakhimpur Kheri respectively. Vishal Srivastav & PTI

## OPPN PARTY FIELDS MOST MUSLIMS, LIKELY TO HURT SP MORE

# As Shah, Maya pat each other's back, BSP candidate choice has a message

LALMANI VERMA & MAULSHREE SETH  
LUCKNOW, GORAKHPUR,  
FEBRUARY 23

HALF-WAY through the Uttar Pradesh elections, the BJP and BSP seem to have reached an unusual common ground: on how well Mayawati's party would do come March 10. First, senior BJP leader Amit Shah said in an interview to News18 that Mayawati remained "relevant" contrary to political predictions, and that the BSP would also get Muslim support apart from its core Jatav votes. On Tuesday, Mayawati thanked Shah for his "greatness" in saying the same, and said the Samajwadi Party was wrong in claiming that the Muslim vote would be cornered by it.

An analysis of the candidates fielded by the BSP, in fact, shows that the party may damage the SP on more seats than it will do the BJP.

One reason is the number of Muslim candidates fielded by the BSP in an election where the SP is hoping to pull ahead of the BJP by rallying all its Muslim and Yadav support, plus extra votes from other communities.

For the 403 seats, the BSP has fielded 88 Muslim candidates, to the SP alliance's 61. In 2017, when the BSP had fielded 100 Muslim candidates, only four could win.

In at least 28 seats, both the



Mayawati after voting in Lucknow Wednesday. Vishal Srivastav

BSP and SP alliance have fielded Muslim candidates. A majority of these seats are in western UP, where the SP expected the least hiccups having sealed an alliance with the RLD to bring the Muslim and Jat votes together.

Apart from this, in 44 seats, the BSP has fielded Muslim candidates against non-Muslim candidates of the SP.

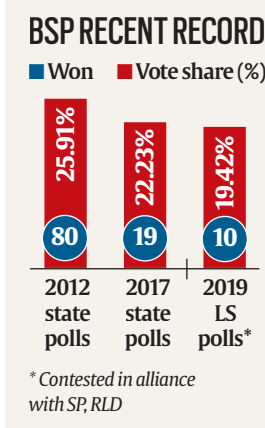
Party leaders across the SP and BSP admitted that while Muslims are more or less voting for the SP alliance, there will be a division in those seats where the BSP has a strong Muslim candidate. "Most voters have supported the alliance to avoid wastage of votes but the BSP too will get a small share depending on the candidate," said a BSP leader.

In six seats particularly, Shekhpur, Aliganj,

Chhibramau, Bakshi Ka Talab, Kunda and Gainsari, BSP Muslim candidates will damage the SP's Yadav candidate.

Incidentally, the BSP too has fielded Yadav candidates in a few seats. Like Malhani, which goes to polls in the last phase on March 7. With the SP and BSP both fielding Yadavs, the BJP fancies the chances of its Thakur candidate in the Yadav-dominated seat.

While the Brahmins are seen to be unhappy with the Yogi Adityanath government, the Opposition parties have surprisingly fielded fewer Brahmin candidates than the BJP. Compared to the 62 Brahmin candidates put up by the BJP and allies, the BSP has put up 54, the SP alliance 34 and the Congress 48. Last time the BSP



had fielded 62 Brahmins and four had won.

In the run-up to the polls, both the BSP and SP had held a series of meetings wooing the Brahmin community. BSP national general secretary S C Mishra had addressed such sammelans across the state, while for the SP, Manoj Pandey had organised the events.

Though the BSP has been out of power in the state for over a decade, it has held on to its vote share in successive elections. In 2007, its successful social engineering, adding the upper castes and Muslims to its traditional vote bank, had resulted in an unexpected two-thirds majority.

Among those who could face a tough fight courtesy the BSP's choices is Swami Prasad

Maurya, the former BJP minister who is contesting from Fazilnagar Padaruna as an SP candidate. Facing him are the BSP's Ilias Ansari and the BJP's Surendra Kushwaha. An SP worker, Ansari left the party after the SP gave the ticket to Swami Prasad. The BSP dropped its Brahmin candidate from here to field Ansari.

In Zahooraabad, where SP ally Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party's leader Om Prakash Rajbhar is contesting, the BSP has fielded former SP leader Shadab Fatima. In Bahraich, which votes in the coming phases, the BSP's Naeem is up against the SP's Yasar Shah. The BJP candidate there is former minister and sitting MLA Anupama Jaiswal.

Similarly, the BSP choices are seen to be hurting the Opposition to the advantage of BJP candidates, including Adityanath, in Gorakhpur, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya in Sirathu, and the BJP's Aditi Singh in Raebareli. In Gorakhpur Urban, the BSP has fielded Khwaja Shamsuddin; while in Raebareli, the BSP has gone with Mohd Asharaf.

In Raebareli though, the BSP's Muslim candidate might hurt the BJP's Aditi Singh, as she will end up losing the Muslim support she and earlier her father got when they were in the Congress.

# AAP's UP hope: 'Maybe other parties will need us to keep BJP out of power'

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

ARVIND KEJRIWAL knows that even those loudly cheering his promises on education, health, and free power at his rallies in Uttar Pradesh must have one question playing on their minds.

So while winding up his speeches, the Delhi chief minister spells it out: "Now, many people tell me that you make all big promises, but will you be able to form government in UP?"

After a pause, comes the answer. "Surveys shows that the Assembly might be hung. Maybe our help will be needed to keep the BJP out. *Jitne bhi seat humari aayegi aur agar hum sarkar mein jaate hai* (however many seats we win, and if we get to join the government), I promise to get all the promises fulfilled."

With the election entering its last leg in Uttar Pradesh, the AAP is focussing on about half a dozen seats, including Barabanki, Rudauli, and Khalilabad, where Kejriwal made these remarks at rallies on February 21-22.

Following an aborted attempt to sign a pre-election pact with the Samajwadi Party (SP), the AAP in December decided to field candidates in all the 403 constituencies.

Since then, as the AAP leadership invested most of its resources in Punjab, Goa, and Uttarakhand, the party's UP campaign was left almost entirely on Singh.

Previously, between September and October, the AAP used Uttar Pradesh for political messaging at the national level, with Kejriwal turning up at Ayodhya to perform puja on the banks of the Saryu and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia organising "tiranga yatra" (Tricolour marches).

However, between his Ayodhya visit in October and the latest round of campaigning in Awadh and Purvanchal, Kejriwal addressed only one poll rally in UP — on January 2 in Lucknow. "Fighting all the seats was more about expanding organisation. But the party is hoping that in seats like Khalilabad and Rudauli, it will make gains," says a leader.

"People often ask me about the AAP has achieved through its campaign in UP. I request them to look at the manifestos of the other parties. The AAP is there. We have forced them to steal the issues like free power that we have consistently raised," says Singh.

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Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia campaigns for an AAP candidate in Prayagraj on Wednesday. PTI

# 'Zero-assets' nominee unfazed in a field packed with crorepatitis

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

"LAAGU NAHI" or "Not applicable" — this reply to almost all questions, especially one related to his assets, in his poll affidavit does not ruffle Vijay Kumar Gautam, the 30-year-old Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate from Khaga seat in Fatehpur district near Prayagraj.

"The voter has evolved. Gone are the days when votes could be bought. Now people choose their candidates on real issues," said Gautam.

Khaga is among 59 constituencies that voted in the fourth phase of the UP Assembly polls on Wednesday. With 31 per cent of the total 624 candidates in this phase holding assets over Rs 1 crore, Gautam is the exception. In his affidavit to the Election Commission (EC), he has declared that he has neither moveable nor immovable assets. In Khaga, the assets of the SP, BJP and BSP candidates range from Rs 1.25 crore to Rs 6 crore. In the 2017 polls, 322 crorepatitis were sent to the 403-member Assembly.

Despite the paucity of personal funds, Gautam, a father of three children, said his campaigning went off smoothly even if it could not be compared in scale with that of other promi-

nent candidates. "People have known me and supporters contributed in whatever way they could. We collected around Rs 2-3 lakh for campaigning."

He said, "I had worked with the BSP for three years. Later, people started talking about Kejriwalji's vision in the education and health sector. That's when I decided to move to the AAP. When the elections came, people decided to support me. They knew I had nothing. People wanted change. And they saw it in Kejriwalji's vision."

Making his electoral debut, Gautam said he earns his livelihood by working in his field registered in his late father's name.

Asked about his victory prospects, the AAP candidate struck a solemn note. "You can't expect fruits the same day you sow seeds. It takes time," he said, hoping to garner 20,000 out of the total 3.4 lakh votes in Khaga.

On his plunge into politics, Gautam said: "Politics has remained close to me since my college days. I studied political science in my graduation. I could have done other jobs too but politics is the only means to rid the society of injustices and provide relief to the backward communities. And this is my aim: building schools and health infrastructure."

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SWAMI PRASAD MAURYA,  
SP candidate  
from  
Fazilnagar  
(Kushinagar)

**TOTAL ASSETS**  
₹3.7 crore  
**MOVABLE ASSETS**  
SELF: ₹42.19 lakh  
(includes a revolver  
and a rifle)  
**LOANS FROM BANKS**  
Nil  
**CRIMINAL CASE**  
1  
**SOURCES OF INCOME**  
Salary as minister  
and MLA  
**Education:**  
LLB (1979-80)



DARASINGH CHAUHAN,  
SP candidate  
from Ghosi  
(Azamgarh)

**TOTAL ASSETS**  
₹4.58 crore  
**MOVABLE ASSETS**  
SELF: ₹59.34 lakh  
(includes a revolver)  
**LOANS FROM BANKS**  
AND OTHER FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS  
WIFE: ₹3 lakh  
**CRIMINAL CASES:** 3  
**SOURCES OF INCOME**  
Agriculture & MLA  
salary  
**EDUCATION:**  
Intermediate (2012)

# SFJ: Why its name keeps coming up

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR  
AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 23

THE BRAINCHILD of Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, a law graduate from Punjab University who is currently an attorney at law in the US, Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) claims to be "an international advocacy and human rights group", "with the express intent of achieving self-determination for the Sikh people" and "establishing a sovereign state, popularly known as Khalistan".

Set up in 2007, the SFJ hasn't really made much progress on its self-avowed goals, but the Punjab elections that just got over were the latest where the outfit's name was touted by leaders invoking separatist fears.

## The beginnings

The SFJ ran its first campaign against leaders it alleged had links with the anti-Sikh riots in 1984. It urged courts in the US to prosecute Congress leaders Kamal Nath, Sonia Gandhi and (then Prime Minister) Manmohan Singh for "role" in the violence or in "supporting" the alleged culprits. In 2016, then Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh had to cancel a visit to Canada following a case filed by the SFJ against him there. On the basis of the SFJ appeal, a Washington federal court had issued summons against

Manmohan Singh during his September 2013 visit to the US. It did not amount to much.

## Referendum 2020

In August 2018, the SFJ made a declaration in London for a 'Referendum 2020' "to liberate Punjab". The so-called referendum was to be held in 2020 in Punjab along with major cities of North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Kenya and the Middle Eastern Countries. Voting was held in Britain in

October 2021 and in Switzerland in December 2021.

## Differences with pro-Khalistan outfits in India

Apart from the Indian government, pro-Khalistan groups such as the Dal Khalsa and Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) expressed reservations about the referendum. The two outfits wrote a joint letter to the SFJ questioning the practicality and legal standing of such a move before the United Nations.

In 2019, the Home Ministry announced a ban on the SFJ under the UAPA. The government also alleged that the SFJ and 'Referendum 2020' were supported by Pakistan.

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# 'Senior BJP leaders' campaign signals it should be fine for me'

TORA AGARWALA  
IMPHAL, FEBRUARY 23

THE TENURE of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh, who formed the state's first BJP government after the 2017 Assembly elections, has seen both highs and lows over the last five years. On one hand, the former footballer and journalist has been seen as an amiable, accessible Meitei leader, who has worked hard to bridge the hill-versus-valley divide in the conflict-ridden state. On the other, the 56-year-old leader has also drawn criticism over his government's crack-down on dissenting voices and its move to make a series of arrests under the UAPA. In an interview with *The Indian Express*, Biren Singh, who is spearheading the saffron party's campaign in the Assembly elections, spoke on a range of issues.

Excerpts:

## 2017 was a historic election for BJP. What were the challenges of the last five years?

Running a coalition government...it was the most difficult thing. The National People's Party (NPP) was difficult, and even within the Naga People's Front, one or two people were difficult. In 2020, we averted a crisis (when the NPP virtually pulled the plug on the government). They did not like my working style, which is very different from others. I wanted to go to the grassroots, but not everyone did. So handling a



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N BIREN  
SINGH  
CHIEF MINISTER,  
MANIPUR

coalition was the most difficult task. This time we are trying very hard to get an absolute majority on our own.

## Your 'Go To Hills' initiative got a lot of attention. What made you think of that?

All these years, the hill districts never developed. No one tried to do anything to help the hills. We Meiteis should act as the guardians of the hills, but no one bothered. So, there has always been a division...socially, politically. When I became CM, I thought we must bridge this gap. We must go to the hills, consult their leaders,

ask them what they want.

## But even now many in the hill districts say 'Go To Hills' is nothing more than a slogan.

I will admit, development-wise, there is a long way to go. But we are trying, step by step. We are investing more money in the hills...

## Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act is the reason you joined politics. Today, every other party has it on the manifesto, but not the BJP.

People are not so bothered about AFSPA now. The relationship of the security forces with the public has become better. Police-public relationship has improved. No incident (of police excesses) has happened in the last five years. Having said that, whether it is on or off the manifesto, repeal of AFSPA has been our government's continuing demand, and will always remain so.

## If BJP wins, who is going to be the next Manipur CM, there is talk that it may not be you?

It is not in my hand, but many senior BJP leaders, who are campaigning in Manipur, make frequent references to the "Biren government"...these are signals that it should be fine (for me after polls). Having said that, becoming CM or not does not matter to me. Right now, all I care about is getting an absolute majority.

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## HASHTAG POLITICS



## • BJP MLA seeks forgiveness



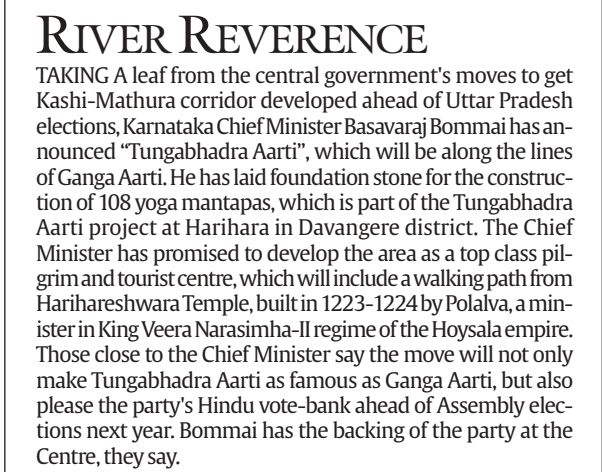
BJP MLA from Robertsganj Bhupesh Chaubey chose a rather unusual way to seek forgiveness "for the mistakes of the last five years". At a public meeting, he held his ear and did sit-ups on a chair, trying to convince voters to elect him again from the seat.



## • Akhilesh meets Rita Bahuguna Joshi's son

BJP MP Rita Bahuguna Joshi's son Mayank met SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday. On Twitter, Yadav claimed that it was a "courtesy call". Recently, there has been speculation of Mayank joining the SP.





A REFERENCE to “cash couriers” – who physically transport currency – in documents of the global Financial Action Task Force had Solicitor General Tushar Mehta explaining the concept of Angadia system to a Supreme Court bench comprising Justices AM Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar, which is hearing challenges to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. Pointing to references about cash couriers, Justice Khanwilkar brought up the topic of angadias and said they are “very prevalent” in Mumbai, Rajasthan and Gujarat. “I think they originated in Gujarat,” he said. Confirming, Mehta said “angadias are from Gujarat and that, too, incidentally from a particular city”. Mehta explained that it was a system where one could transfer a large amount of cash without having to physically carry it. “If I want to transfer Rs 5 crore cash, I will hand it over to their office in Delhi. Their office in Ahmedabad will give a similar amount when the recipient approaches with a code,” said Mehta. Justice Khanwilkar laughingly said the code is OTP, but Mehta said, “OTP is a new concept, code word has been used for many years.”

IN THE backdrop of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi articulating two Indias and the Constitution's federal structure in Parliament recently, the RSS is coming up with a book timed with its centenary celebration in 2025, which will discuss its own idea of India. Sources in the RSS said the book will not only be about the organisation and its work but also explain what India means. The book aims to drive home the point that India was not formed by different nations coming together, rather was one since the beginning despite its diversity. The book will also have two versions – one for popular reading and other for researchers interested in understanding RSS's idea of India..

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that no citizen will be left behind if we achieve 100 per cent targets of the government schemes.

Addressing a webinar on the positive impact of Union Budget 2022 rural development, the Prime Minister said, "...By ensuring optimum utilization of each and every penny (of the allocation under a scheme) we can bring changes in lives of people in villages. If we are able to do this, you will see that no citizen is left behind."

At the beginning of his speech, the Prime Minister discussed how his government has provided ba-

these schemes, to achieve their 100% goals. For this we will also have to adopt a new strategy..."

Modi said. In this budget, a clear roadmap has been given by the government to achieve this goal of saturation, Modi said.

Stating that proper demarcation of buildings and land is essential for the development of villages, the PM said that over 40 lakh property cards have been issued under the Svamitva scheme, adding that the budget has also allocated Rs 48,000 crore to build 80 lakh houses under the PM Awas Yojana in the Union Budget 2022-23.

**New Delhi:** The Centre approached the Delhi High Court seeking directions for eviction of former Rajya Sabha MP Sharad Yadav from the government bungalow in the national capital, saying that he ceased to be a parliamentarian in 2017 but continues to retain the residence.

"The General Pool is already facing acute shortage of the bungalows and many senior dignitaries, including some Union ministers, are yet to get the entitled accommodation (Type VIII)," the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs submitted before the court.

The division bench comprising Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh, while allowing the ministry's application for compelling it as a party to the case, also advanced the hearing of the matter. "In view of these facts and looking at the urgency of the matter, we direct the Registry of this court to enlist WPC under the hearing for hearing on March 15, 2022." **ENS**

WITH THE US, the European Union and Australia slapping sanctions on Russia, Roman Babushkin, Russian embassy's charge d'affaires, said on Wednesday that Moscow will continue to work with Indian partners in the defence sector even as they will keep in mind the possibility of a "negative influence of sanctions" on defence cooperation.

At an online media briefing, the envoy said, "We have big plans and we hope that our partnership will continue further at the same level we are enjoying today. The crisis would not impact India-Russia ties, including in areas of defence, and that there will be a "huge" Russian participation in the DeFExpo in

According to the EC, around 2.3 crore voters had registered for the fourth phase of polling, including 1.14 crore men and 99.3 lakh women. It said 24,643 polling booths and 13,817 polling centres were set up.

young children, then why didn't you understand the pain of their family? We may not be *pariwar wale* (family persons), but we understand the pain of every family because entire India and UP is my family," said Modi at an election rally in Barabanki.

Justice Maheshwari too said "this creates false hope and confusion". The bench stopped short of imposing any cost on the petitioners.

Earlier, Singh admitted to have made the remarks but added that he "had no intention to threaten anybody". Domariyaganj will vote on March 3.

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# 9 THE IDEAS PAGE

## A more inclusive science

Efforts by the Indian Academy of Sciences to ensure greater opportunities for women scientists are much-needed, and must be supported. Gender equality is the work of all stakeholders



NIMITA PANDEY AND KRISHNA RAVI SRINIVAS

THERE HAS BEEN a lot of discussion and debate on the underrepresentation of women in the sciences. This exists across the entire career trajectory — in recruitment and promotion, in awards, in selection to science academies as members/fellows and in leadership positions in scientific institutions. The status of women's representation in science academies reflects their overall position in the scientific community. Science academies have strict criteria for electing fellows; to be elected as a fellow in one or more academies of science is a mark of recognition and achievement. Even today, a fellowship of academies like the Royal Society (of Britain) is considered respectable and prestigious.

Historically, academies have been male bastions with the significant exclusion of women scientists, irrespective of their contributions and work. The early part of the 20th century witnessed the acceptance of women scientists as members in many of the European academies. The global picture of science academies also reveals considerable underrepresentation of women. A recent study done jointly by GenderInSITE (Gender in Science, Innovation, Technology and Engineering), the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) and the International Science Council (ISC) shows that elected membership of women in senior academies increased marginally from 13 per cent in 2015 to 16 per cent in 2020. However, in 19 academies it is 10 per cent or less. In the case of young academies, the position is better although there is underrepresentation as the average share is 42 per cent. Among the senior academies, the Academy of Sciences of Cuba leads with 33 per cent.

In 2015, a similar study stirred discussion among academies on this issue which led to various recommendations. Unfortunately, in 2020, it was found that only a third of them (34 per cent) had developed a specific strategy to enhance women's participation and merely 16 per cent of them have a budget for activities to promote gender equality. What is more worrisome is the severe underrepresentation in academies in specific fields; in engineering sciences and mathematics, women are just 10 per cent and 8 per cent respectively. Undoubtedly, women scientists have a long way to go to be accepted and elected as equals. While the given issue emanates from the larger problem of the underrepresentation of women in all spheres of life, its persistence in science shows that scientists and science academies need to develop policies and strategies to enhance the representation of women. More importantly, science academies have to reflect upon their role and contributions to promote and retain women in science, thereby making science inclusive and sensitive.

In the Indian context, the survey conducted in 2020 showed that out of 1,044 members of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), only 89 are women, amounting to 9 per cent. In 2015, it was worse with 6 per cent women scientist members out of 864 members. Similarly, the govern-



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ing body of INSA had seven women out of 31 members in 2020, while there were no women members in 2015. The three academies, the Indian National Science Academies (INSA), the Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS) and the National Academies (NAS) are striving to enhance the representation of women in science, including in professional bodies and related institutions. A report was published in 2016, pointing out the status of women in science outlining various suggestions to tackle the issue. In 2019, INSA elected its first woman president, Chandrima Shaha. Some of the recent initiatives of the IAS are notable and pioneering. Recognising gender equality as enshrined in the Constitution and the reality of discrimination, sexual harassment, gender bias and inadequacies in institutional infrastructures, it has adopted the five policy commitments. "Promote gender equality as an explicit human right; identify and eliminate practices that create systemic and structural impediments to the advancement of women in science; support the empowerment of women to enable them to flourish in the scientific profession; identify potential risks and hindrances to women in their pursuit of science and implement strategies to eliminate them; and engage with the Government of India, scientific institutions and the civil society to promote and support gender equality in general, and in science in particular."

Each commitment has its own significance and can contribute immensely to creating synergies between principles and actions. The academy's assurance to set specific goals and periodically monitor progress are steps in the right direction. The eight guidelines adopted by the IAS indicate its willingness to walk the talk. It is noteworthy that the IAS is prioritising addressing issues of underrepresentation within the institution rather than making general observations and suggestions.

The initiative to enhance the current representation in fellowships and the governing body will address a long-felt need, ensuring

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that the first step has been taken to tackle existing inequities in science. Although the IAS is explicitly avoiding quotas in this regard, it can be considered as an option in the initial years so that a critical mass of women can be attained. In 2017 and 2018, to address the severe imbalance in terms of gender, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences decided to elect only women as members with 10 in 2017 and six in 2018, as women were just 13 per cent of its 556 members. The IAS can consider such measures, including sub-quotas for a few years to begin with. Such measures without compromising on the quality of selection and rigour will make a welcome difference. In doing so, such interventions will supplement and complement other efforts of the IAS.

The guideline also endorses significant representation of women in all activities, functioning and positions of IAS. It will ensure more visibility for women in IAS and create greater impact, thereby addressing the issue of gender equality in the true sense, rather than reducing it to tokenism. The other six guidelines revolve around the aforementioned ideas.

Efforts to ensure gender equity in science should not be limited to the science academies. Much needs to be done by all stakeholders. However, it is truly a clarion call when academies set a precedent in matters of women's underrepresentation by acting internally, without any external compulsion or pressure. In light of the thrust on gender equity and inclusion in India's forthcoming Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy (STIP), we optimistically anticipate the relevance of science academies in implementing recommendations to promote and retain women as well as in creating an enabling milieu to achieve gender equality in science.

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## The third aircraft carrier

There is broad consensus on India's need for it. But post-pandemic budgetary constraints mean the idea may have to be put on backburner



SUJAN R CHINYOY

INDIA'S FIRST AIRCRAFT carrier, the original INS Vikrant, was commissioned in 1961 followed by a second carrier, the INS Viraat in 1987. Both have since been decommissioned. At present, India has only one aircraft carrier, the INS Vikramaditya, which is a Russian-origin platform. The indigenously-built aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant, the first of its kind and a symbol of India's *atmanirbharta* in defence, is expected to be commissioned later this year.

There is a broad consensus in the strategic community on the Indian Navy having two aircraft carriers, one for each of the two seabords. There also exists a broad consensus on acquiring a third carrier to ensure the operational availability of two aircraft carriers at any given time, accounting for maintenance, repairs and refits. The debate, therefore, revolves around the timing of the acquisition of a third carrier, whether now or later.

The proponents consider an aircraft carrier an operational necessity for sustained naval presence in the vast oceanic space. They favour the early acquisition of a third aircraft carrier, citing the rapid expansion of the Chinese PLA Navy (PLAN) and its growing forays into the Indian Ocean. Indeed, the PLAN is the world's fastest-growing navy with more than 350 ships and submarines. China has two aircraft carriers — the Liaoning (Type 001, originally the Soviet carrier Varyag) and the Shandong (Type 002), which was built indigenously. China is also building a third carrier, the Type 003, and may have a few more in the next decade. The under-construction Type 003 will be the first Chinese aircraft carrier to use Catapult-Assisted Take-Off But Arrested Recovery (CATOBAR) and Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS), which will permit bigger fighter aircraft with heavier payloads and longer ranges to operate from its deck. With the Indo-Pacific increasingly becoming a contested theatre, India must prepare for the future well in advance. Strategic observers aver that it is only a matter of time before China deploys a carrier-based task force in the Indian Ocean.

Aircraft carriers are mobile platforms that ensure sea control and power projection. They permit the use of tactical airpower over a vast region. They are equally capable of mounting offensive attacks on maritime as well as shore-based targets. Due to their mobility, aircraft carriers can evade hostile attacks. This aspect is increasingly of relevance against the backdrop of China's development of Anti-Access and Areas Denial (A2AD) weaponry of growing lethality such as carrier-killer missiles (DF21D and DF26), as well as a large fleet of nuclear attack (SSNs) and Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) diesel-electric submarines. These have naturally questioned the continuing relevance of

aircraft carriers that cost billions of dollars in future naval warfare.

Another argument favouring a third aircraft carrier is that the gestation period for any such indigenous acquisition is long. The Vikrant took 17 years to complete and is yet to be commissioned. Failure to take an early decision could result in India's shipyards losing the expertise that has been nurtured in recent years. In the Indian context, effective reliance on shore-based aircraft for maritime dominance as against the use of an aircraft carrier would also involve developing effective jointness with the Indian Air Force. Shore-based aircraft such as the SU-30 MKI can support the Indian Navy with a combat range of about 1,500 km, with an additional strike range provided by the Brahmos missiles (400 km). At the same time, all shore-based aircraft have some limitations, in terms of loitering time for flying and distant support, regardless of the availability of air refuellers. While shore-based aircraft may be available for strikes at sea, their ability to provide air defence cover to our fleets would be limited.

The case against the immediate acquisition of a third aircraft carrier is also quite compelling. It hinges on the astronomical cost of an aircraft carrier versus cheaper alternative options that may be available today for achieving air dominance in the area of interest. Shore-based aircraft, for instance, are increasingly bigger, capable of carrying heavier fuel and weapons payloads and can be supported by airborne refuellers. There is also the case for greater strategic utilisation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands that abut vital sea lanes of communication. At the same time, shore-based aircraft and other assets are vulnerable to detection by satellites and potential missile attacks.

The question then boils down to whether India should acquire a third aircraft carrier at this time or in a few years until the Indian economic pie is bigger. The navy budget is the smallest of the three services. The cost of the indigenously produced Vikrant, without the aircraft and weapons systems, amounted to Rs 23,000 crore. The next aircraft carrier India builds is bound to cost much more. It is a moot question if the navy can absorb the cost of a third aircraft carrier within its existing budget. A related issue concerns the prioritisation of ongoing and planned major naval acquisitions, which include the Scorpene submarines (P-75 Programme), the Project 75 (India)-class submarines, the Visakhapatnam (P-15B) class destroyers, and the Nilgiri (P17A) class stealth frigates.

India occupies a pole position in the Indian Ocean. It wields a high degree of influence in the oceanic spaces which are crucial to its trade and energy requirements, as well as those of many others such as India's partners in the Quad and Malabar Naval Exercise (the US, Japan and Australia). There is no doubt that a third aircraft carrier would add to the considerable punch of the Indian Navy. However, given the deleterious effect of the pandemic on economic growth, it appears that the idea of a third aircraft carrier may have to be put on the back burner.

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THE ONGOING ROW over wearing the hijab in Karnataka's classrooms has reignited age-old debates around veils, patriarchy and the status of Muslim women. However, among the cacophony of familiar arguments and counter-arguments, an essential voice seems to be missing: That of Muslim women, especially young women, who have chosen to pursue education as well as their faith.

The singular narrative of Muslim women as secluded, brainwashed victims of perceived male oppression, peddled globally by imperialist powers, has also found favour with the majoritarian forces at home. Often, this narrative is peddled by various factions of the society to "liberate" the Muslim women from the clutches of the Muslim man, the quintessential "mullah". It is easy to believe this singular story given its prevalence in the visual and literary representations of Muslims worldwide. The sheer number of movies, pulp fiction, and television debates based on this theme fixes the discourse with which Muslims should engage. This obsession with Muslim women's plight continues to authorise and legitimise a moral crusade of "saving" Muslim women.

The heart-breaking images of Muslim teachers and students being made to take off their headscarves and burqas at the school gates in Karnataka hark back to the well-choreographed ceremonies arranged by the French colonial rulers to publicly unveil

## Speaking for myself

Because Muslim women are not mute spectators in Indian political discourse

Muslim women in Algeria. America's "war on terror" was justified by the aim of "saving" Afghan Muslim women through carpet-bombing Afghanistan. The anti-triple talaq legislation criminalised Muslim men to "save" Indian Muslim women. In this process, Muslim spaces get invaded, their practices criminalised, and Muslim women's voices appropriated.

The spokespersons on the hijab row in the media such as Arif Mohammad Khan, Taslima Nasreen, Javed Anand and Javed Akhtar do not represent the modern, hijab-wearing Muslim woman. The lines between the right-winger, liberals, and progressives are blurred by their mutual pity for Muslim women. These voices claim to think for us and define the choices we ought to make, just as colonisers do. Muslim women prioritising their commitments to the values of their faith is not seen as a valid choice they should be making. The hijabi Muslim women, on the streets to defend their choice of clothing, remain persistently unheard by those preaching the virtues of freedom. There is an obsession with defining Muslim women's rights by values of choice and freedom alone, which are projected to not exist within the community.

Such a framing of Muslim women's oppression limits other concerns that plague them. Whether it is the online "auction" of Muslim women's bodies or the fetishisation of Kashmiri Muslim women after the removal

of Article 370, there is a growing trend of targeting Muslim women. Perhaps, the worst of such sexualisation occurs during communal riots, when Muslim women's bodies are hunted as a prized possession. This discourse on liberating Indian Muslim women is silent on freeing them from these everyday acts of violence, and Islamophobia.

The dynamics that shape Muslim women's lives in India are varied and need to be understood before reducing them to a single narrative. The political and historical explanations behind women's oppression are often ignored in lieu of religious and cultural explanations alone, with little or no nuance. Many of the sufferings of women in general, and Muslim women in particular, can be attributed to reasons such as poverty, ill-health, low levels of education, limited access to public amenities, and political violence inflicted on them and their families. But concerns about being denied access to education and jobs are not acceptable, unless religious reasons are attached. The uproar over the hijab row shows the selective sensationalisation of their concerns.

Muslim women are not mute spectators in the Indian political discourse. The resilience of the women of Shaheen Bagh, many of them in hijab and burqa, should not be forgotten. These women have shaped the resistance in preserving the changing nature of increasingly majoritarian India. In this process, they have also paid a heavy price, with their brothers, husbands,

and fathers being picked up, abused, and detained in Indian jails. The gatekeepers of civil societies need to acknowledge their contribution to defending Indian democracy when they are the most vulnerable. Any genuine engagement to address gendered forms of discrimination and violence in any community cannot be superimposed by an authoritarian conception and fixation with freedom alone.

Muslim women's voices are infantilised, dismissed, and forced to choose between false binaries such as education or hijab, Indianness or Muslimness. Such a portrayal constantly pressures us to justify our choices, lest we be misunderstood. Our everyday lives in classrooms, professional spaces are turned into standing in courts — framing and reframing, constantly polishing and refining our justifications in fear of being judged on a scale of backwardness to literacy.

The language of the debate should not rob us of the dignity to exist as practising Muslims. Disrobing Muslim women in public spaces outside college gates is no less than auctioning them online because both humiliate and bully us. Our voices may be absent in media channels, but we are definitely on the streets, fighting for the right to exist on our terms.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SHAMEFUL APATHY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Indignity made invisible' (IE, February 23). The authors essentially confirm the famous Marxian axiom, "philosophers have hitherto only interpreted the world in various ways". The article once again tries to visit numerous constitutional provisions, covenants to underline the state's resolve to stop manual scavenging and provides statistical evidence to illustrate the continuance of the practice in the midst of losing interest by the state. The point that remains to be addressed adequately is how to change the situation so as to really stop manual scavenging. And the situation cannot be changed, as argued by B R Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly, "if we continue to deny the principle of one person, one value".

**G Javaid Rasool, Lucknow**

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Indignity made invisible' (IE, February 23). The practice of manual scavenging, carrying of human excreta and death-prone sewer cleaning by a particular community constitute together a continuing shame for India. Seven decades of freedom have made no difference due to the apathy of the government and rigid social structure. It is also ironic that the BSP and other parties claiming to be guardians of the Dalits have never made it an election issue. Neither is there a planned strategy to mechanise

the jobs nor are they recognised, leave alone compensated for the arduous and unpleasant work thrust on them.

**YG Chouksey, Pune**

### LET THEM LEARN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Lowering the bar' (IE, February 23). The government's decision to deny scholarships to students studying social sciences abroad smacks of overreach. In recent times, the government has, on many occasions, strongly rejected criticisms from foreign countries on the decline of democracy in India. This latest move however deprives economically marginalised students and interferes with autonomy.

**Ila Railkar, Mumbai**

### CAPEX WOES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Trust and loan' (IE, February 23). Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed a 50-year, interest-free loan of Rs 1 lakh crore to states to enable them to spend on capital investments, especially in infrastructure, under the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan during 2022-23. The massive ramp-up of capital spending and focus on infrastructure cements the budget's credentials as a firmly growth-oriented one. But some states opine that Gati Shakti is nothing but eyewash. There are so many conditions that are difficult for states to meet.

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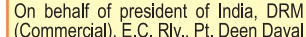


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dress vaccine hesitancy, said Dr. Amit Kapoor, honorary chairperson of Institute of Competitiveness-India.

**The rescue operation in Surat, Wednesday.** *Hanif Malek*

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The smoke emitted from the godown reached the fourth floor of the complex where 20 students were

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A KERALA Police constable was dismissed from service after a departmental probe found him guilty of leaking official data on RSS-BJP leaders to Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), the political arm of right-wing Popular Front of India (PFI).

Constable PK Anas was posted at the Karimannoor police station in Idukki district when suspended in the last week of December 2021, after a preliminary probe into the alleged incident. He is likely to face legal action, including a criminal case, official sources said.

Anas' links with extremist elements came to the fore accidentally when Idukki police were probing into an alleged SDPI attack on a bus conductor.

The conductor named Sudhan, had faced threat from right-wing Muslim groups for making anti-Islamic comments on social media.

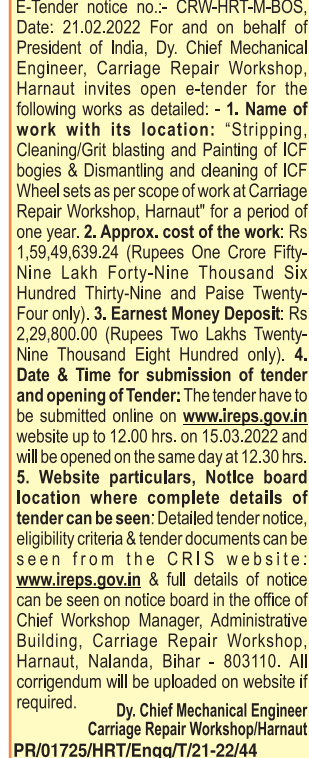
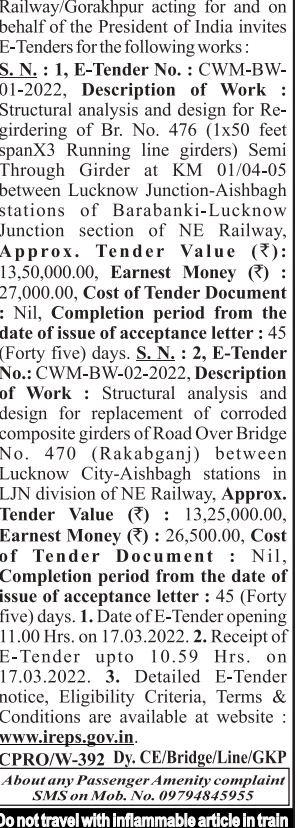
The police had arrested four SDPI members for the attack.

When the police examined the mobile phones of the arrested SDPI men, they stumbled upon sensitive police data on Sangh Parivar leaders.

The issue had created a furore in Kerala with the BJP alleging that there were cells of Islamic fundamentalists in the Kerala Police.



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## EXPRESS NETWORK

**Rs 18,000 crore returned to banks from Mallya, Nirav Modi, Choksi, SC told**

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THE CENTRE on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that banks got back Rs 18,000 crore from absconding businessmen Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi after proceedings were initiated under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a three-judge bench led by Justice A M Khanwilkar that 4,700 cases are being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), and that only 313 people have been arrested for the alleged offences since the enactment of the Act.

He also said orders against coercive action given by various courts had held up as much as Rs 67,000 crore from being recovered.

The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar, is hearing a clutch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the scope of powers available to the ED under the PMLA for search, seizure, investigation, and attachment of proceeds of crime.

Citing statistics, Mehta said that only a "very small number of cases are being taken up for investigation" in India as compared to countries like the United Kingdom, the United States, China, Austria, Hongkong, Belgium and Russia.

Mehta contended that PMLA has inbuilt provisions to ensure that it is in keeping with constitutional guidelines.

"The validity of the PMLA, 2002 shall have to be judged from the antecedent events which took place globally," he said, adding that the court, while deciding on constitutionality, would have to apply a different threshold if international ramifications were to be kept in mind.

## SHAH RUKH TO BE FACE OF GAMING COMPANY

**Mumbai:** Online skill gaming company Head Digital Works recently announced that it has brought in actor Shah Rukh Khan as the brand ambassador for its online multi-gaming platform — A23 (www.a23.com). Khan will feature in A23's 'Chalo Saath Khelo' campaign along with a responsible gaming campaign, which showcases A23's new multi-gaming platform. It includes various games of skill, such as rummy, fantasy sports, carom and pool.

# MVA allies get into huddle, say won't ask Malik to quit

Express solidarity with Maharashtra minister, to hold protests from today

**VISHWAS WAGHMODE**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 23

MAHARASHTRA'S RULING alliance partners Shiv Sena, Congress and the NCP went into a huddle on Tuesday soon after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Nawab Malik, and unanimously decided to defend the state minister. They said the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government will not seek Malik's resignation in spite of his arrest.

The MVA also decided to hold protests across the state against the opposition BJP.

In the evening, NCP chief Sharad Pawar held a meeting at his residence with party ministers and was joined by senior Congress leaders who expressed solidarity with Malik. Subsequently, a meeting was held at Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's residence, which was attended by Pawar and senior ministers.

Chhagan Bhujbal, senior NCP minister, termed Malik's arrest as unfortunate and said the MVA would hold protests from Thursday. "We all will fight the battle legally and will also go to the people. We as ministers will hold a protest tomorrow at 10 am at the Mahatma Gandhi statue near Mantralaya. Besides, we will also carry out peaceful agitations and protests at all taluka, city and district levels across the state from Friday," Bhujbal told reporters after the meeting with Thackeray. He was accompanied by Congress minister Balasaheb Thorat and Sena minister Subhash Desai.

Bhujbal said Malik will not be asked to resign as the charges have not yet been proved, and pointed out that the BJP had not asked

Union minister Narayan Rane to resign after he was arrested in a case of threatening to slap the Chief Minister.

"The question of resignation does not arise. He has not yet been convicted. Narayan Rane was also arrested but his resignation was not taken then. There is no question of resignation until he is proved guilty in court. In our view, he did not commit a mistake," said Bhujbal. "What happened to Anil Deshmukh and Sanjay Rathod will not happen now. We will not allow the BJP to derive happiness from Malik's resignation."

In April last year, NCP leader Deshmukh had tendered his resignation as Home Minister after Bombay High Court asked the CBI to probe corruption charges levelled against him by former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh. In February last year, Shiv Sena leader Rathod resigned as Forest Minister following allegations linking him to the Pooja Chavan death case.

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut said Malik's arrest is a challenge to MVA government. "Malik never stopped speaking out against injustice and exposing them. As a result, they are allowing the ED to go after such individuals."

State Congress president Nana Patole said, "The action taken against Malik was not a surprise as similar action has been taken by the central agencies against anyone who speaks against the Centre... Central investigative agencies are being misused to stifle dissent. We will collectively fight such acts of oppression by the power-drunk BJP government at the Centre. All this is being done to defame Maharashtra and to gain power in the state."

## 11,447 sq m plot that landed Malik in trouble

**VALLABHOZARKAR**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 23

THE GOAWALA Compound property that is being linked with the arrest of NCP leader and Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik is a 11,447-square-metre plot of land located along Lal Bahadur Shastri Road in Kurla West.

The plot was bought in 2005 by Solidus Investment, a company owned by Nawab's son Faraz Nawab Malik. Records show the minister currently is not director in the firm. Its current directors are Aamir Malik Nawab and Mehjbeen Nawab Malik.

The property was sold to Faraz Malik's company for Rs 25 lakh on September 15, 2005, less than the then ready reckoner rate. The documents put the ready reckoner rate of a 6,567-square-metre plot in 2005 at Rs 3.53 crore. The documents show that a sum of Rs 17.67 lakh was paid in stamp duty and Rs 30,000 as registration fee.

Documents show the original owner was Mariyambai Fazleabbas Mohamedali Goawala and Munira S Plumber, who had executed the power of attorney in 1999 in favour of Mohammad Salim Ishaq Patel who reportedly had links with Haseena Parkar, sister of Dawood Ibrahim.



NCP workers gathered outside the ED office in Mumbai to protest against Malik's arrest.  *Ganesh Shirsekar*

## ED action on MVA leaders, their kin

NAWAB MALIK on Wednesday became the second minister from the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, after former state home minister Anil Deshmukh, to be arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Around a dozen senior MVA leaders are presently being investigated by central agencies. **MOHAMED THAYER** and **KHUSHBOO NARAYAN** list out the charges the MVA leaders or their close family members face:

**SHARAD PAWAR:** In September 2019, the ED booked the NCP chief, his nephew Ajit Pawar and others in a criminal case of money laundering linked to the alleged Rs 25,000-crore scam in Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSCB). When his name came up in the case, Sharad Pawar had decided to "voluntarily" visit the ED office, but was stopped midway when the ED said his presence was not required.

**PRAFUL PATEL:** In October 2019, Praful Patel was questioned by the ED in connection with the Cejay House property which was developed by a company that has links to him and his family developed by him and his

family. Family members of gangster Iqbal Mirchi owned a 14,000-square-feet duplex in the property in Mumbai's Worli.

**EKNATH KHADSE:** The ED registered a case against Eknath Khadse in 2019, and in

September 2021, it submitted a prosecution complaint (chargesheet) against him, his wife Mandakini and son-in-law Girish Chaudhari in connection with a money laundering case related to Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation land in Pune's Bhosari village. The ED also attached assets and properties belonging to Khadse. Khadse, who was formerly with the BJP, joined the NCP in 2020.

**PRATAP SARNAIK:** In November 2020, the ED raided the Shiv Sena MLA's residence and office in connection with an alleged Rs 175-crore money laundering, and has been investigating whether he played a role in the case. The agency later issued summons to Sarnaik.

**VARSHA RAUT (Sanjay Raut's wife):** In January 2021, the ED had questioned Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut's wife Varsha Raut in connection with the PMC Bank case and her purported links with businessman Pravin Raut's wife. Pravin Raut was arrested this month by the ED in a

case that pertains to alleged irregularities in the sale of FSI (floor space index) of a plot by a firm linked to him and is a subsidiary company of the Housing Development Infrastructure Ltd. While seeking his remand, the ED claimed before a special court that Pravin Raut made payments to a "politically exposed person" and is "acting as a front" or in collusion with some influential people.

**PRITI SHROFF (Sushil Kumar Shinde's daughter):** In March 2021, the ED attached assets worth more than Rs 35 crore belonging to Congress leader Sushil Kumar Shinde's daughter Priti Shroff and her husband Raj Shroff in a money laundering case linked to alleged bank fraud.

**ANIL BHOSALE:** The ED arrested NCP leader Anil Bhosale in March 2021 in connection with a Pune-based cooperative bank fraud case. The agency alleged that Bhosale, who was the director of Shivajirao Bhosale Co-operative Bank Ltd, had misused his position, conspired with the co-accused and siphoned off money from the bank.

**AJIT PAWAR:** In July 2021, the ED attached a sugar mill worth Rs 65 crore in Satara that was leased to a company which has links to the Maharashtra Deputy Chief

Minister and his wife, Sunetra, as part of an investigation into a money laundering case related to the Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank. More than 70 politicians are accused in the case.

**ANANDRAO ADSUL:** In September 2021, the ED questioned the Shiv Sena MP in connection with an alleged Rs 890-crore fraud at the city co-operative bank. He was questioned at his residence, and later developed health complications due to which he was hospitalised.

**ANIL DESHMUKH:** The NCP leader and former state home minister is in jail after his arrest in November 2021 by the ED on

money laundering charges. The ED alleged that money collected by dismissed police officer Sachin Waze was routed to Deshmukh through a Nagpur-based trust.

**ANIL PARAB:** In September 2021, the Shiv Sena leader appeared before the ED in connection with an alleged bribery and money laundering case linked to Deshmukh.

**BHAVANA GAWALI:** In 2021, the ED attached an office building worth Rs 3.75 crore of Saeed Khan, an aide of Shiv Sena MP Gawali, in connection with a money laundering investigation into an NGO run by Gawali and her mother that was later converted into a company.

## Six pvt labs included in Covid-19 genome sequencing consortium

**ANONNA DUTT**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

THE DEPARTMENT of Biotechnology on Tuesday approved the inclusion of six private laboratories to India's Sars-CoV-2 genomic sequencing consortium, which keeps track of the mutations in the virus and emerging variants.

The consortium, INSACOG, is a network of 10 central laboratories acting as hubs and 28 regional laboratories working as spokes. The approval comes nearly five months after the department released the standard operating

procedures (SOPs) for the same.

Four of the six laboratories that have been included in the consortium are from Bengaluru, and one each from Delhi and Ahmedabad, according to an official memorandum.

The labs will have to arrange funds on their own and they cannot charge people for the tests, and neither will the government be paying them for sequencing, the memorandum states.

It costs laboratories anywhere between Rs. 5,000 to 10,000 per sample for genomic sequencing.

Dr Harsh Mahajan, founder of Mahajan Imaging, whose

CARINGdx is the only lab from Delhi to have been included in the consortium, said: "It is fair that we don't ask patients to pay for sequencing because the data is of no use for a patient. We will now look for funding from aid agencies, multilateral agencies, or even CSR funds from corporate houses. We will be willing to do sequencing on a 'no profit, no loss' basis."

The laboratories have also been forbidden to advertise their association with INSACOG and the recognition can be withdrawn if all SOPs are not followed. The labs have also been asked to keep the details of the sequencing to themselves.

### BIHAR MAN KILLED

## No cow vigilante angle, murder after feud over job: police

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
PATNA, FEBRUARY 23

A WEEK after a local JD(U) leader from Bihar's Samastipur was kidnapped and allegedly killed the same day — and three days after a video surfaced on social media, purportedly showing that he was killed for involvement in cow slaughter — the police on Wednesday booked a person for posting the video with intention to provoke communal tension and divert the murder probe.

Police denied the murder of Mohammed Khalil Alam, 35, had anything to do with religion. They said Alam was killed for purportedly failing to keep his promise to give job to a youth in Railways.

Three people have been arrested so far in the cases of murder and a second one over inflammatory social media post. A fourth accused is absconding.

Alam, of Musari Gharani area of Samastipur, was missing from home since February 16. According to police, his family received a ransom call, seeking Rs 2.75 lakh. Police said no ransom was paid and Alam's family lodged a case against unknown persons.

On February 18, Vipul Jha, a student who claims to be an NGO worker, was the first arrest in the case — police said he told them that Alam had died of assault by

them on February 16 itself. Police subsequently dug out the half-burnt body.

Samastipur SP Hriday Kant told *The Indian Express*: "Vipul told us that the JD(U) leader had taken Rs 3.75 lakh from a student to get him a job in the Railways in 2019 but was unable to do it. Vipul and his accomplice, Kishan Kumar, had taken upon themselves to recover the money from Alam."

On February 16, they allegedly beat Alam to death, Kant said.

Kant said the issue took a turn after a video emerged on social media, purportedly showing a man — allegedly Vipul — asking Alam about people who sold beef in the area and how much beef he had consumed in his life thus far. Throughout the conversation, the man intimidating Alam — the video does not show his face — uses expletives and slaps and hits him intermittently.

The SP said: "We re-started the probe and the second accused, Kishan Kumar, told us that the video was shot a few days before Alam was killed. We were told that it was shot with intention to give the case a communal colour and divert the probe. One Anurag Jha had posted it."

The second case names Anurag, who is absconding. Kant said the cow vigilante angle was concocted, and the victim's family has not made any such allegation.

### BAJRANG DAL ACTIVIST MURDER

## Two more arrested; CM says call on NIA probe after police investigation

**KIRAN PARASHAR**  
BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 23

KARNATAKA POLICE on Wednesday arrested two more men in connection with the murder of a 26-year-old Bajrang Dal activist in Seegehatti town of Shivamogga district on Sunday.

Amid the continuing demand by several BJP leaders for a NIA probe into the case, CM Basavaraj Bommai said a decision would be taken after police investigation is complete.

Police said the two arrested

— Feroz Pasha (24) and Abdul Khadar (25) — are residents of Shivamogga.

On Sunday night, Harsha alias Harsha Hindu, who was involved in at least five cases of assault and attempt to murder, was attacked by a group of armed assailants.

On Tuesday, the police had arrested six people — Mohammed Kashif, Syed Nadeem, Afsifullah Khan, Rihan, Nihan, Abdul Afnan — in connection with the murder case.

"Several people have been arrested, investigation is on. Depending on what comes out

of the investigation it will be decided as to which agency has to investigate further. We should give an opportunity for police to investigate first," Bommai said.

Meanwhile, speaking to *The Indian Express*, one of the accused Syed Nadeem's uncle, Rafeez said Nadeem was suffering from fever and did not step out of the house when Harsha's murder took place.

"But all of a sudden, the police arrested him stating that he was accused in Harsha's case. We do not know what is going on," Rafeez said.

## Actor by accident, activist by choice, Chetan to remain in jail on birthday

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 23

KANNADA ACTOR Chetan Kumar A, arrested for making comments against a Karnataka High Court judge hearing the hijab cases, will remain in prison on his 39th birthday, with a court on Wednesday reserving its order on his bail petition for Friday.

On Tuesday police registered a suo motu case and arrested him under the Sections 505 (2) (statements conducing to public mischief) and 504 (intentional insult to provoke breach of the peace) of the IPC, six days after he, in a tweet, referred to the



**Chetan Kumar A**

comments the judge had made during a rape trial.

On Saturday he participated in a huge march organised by Dalit organisations demanding the suspension of then sessions judge Mallikarjuna Gowda, who had allegedly objected to placing BR Ambedkar's portrait next to that of Mahatma Gandhi at a court function on Republic Day in Raichur. Gowda was later

transferred to the Karnataka State Transport Appellate Tribunal.

Born and raised in the US, Chetan is a familiar face in movements for the welfare of farmers, workers, Dalits and adivasis. He was associated with movements for the rehabilitation of endosulfan victims (2013), and, more recently, for a separate religion status for Lingayats.

Director of Chetan's debut movie, Aa Dinagalu (2007), KM Chaitanya, says: "He grew up in a family which is involved in social causes. You can call it accidental or incidental."

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## 12 THE WORLD

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## US, allies unveil more Russia sanctions

EU sanctions target Putin's inner circle

REUTERS & NYT  
MOSCOW/DONETSK, FEB 23

THE UNITED States and its allies unveiled more sanctions against Russia on Wednesday over its recognition of two separatist areas in eastern Ukraine, while making clear they were keeping tougher measures in reserve in case of a full-scale invasion by Moscow.

European Union sanctions to take effect on Wednesday would add all members of Russia's lower house of Parliament who voted to recognise the separatist regions in Ukraine to a blacklist, freezing their assets and banning travel.

Prominent Russian officials from Putin's inner circle, as well as high-profile Russians from the media world, are the targets of EU sanctions made public on Wednesday. The list includes Russia's defence minister, Sergei K. Shoigu, and Anton Vaino, Putin's chief of staff. They promised heavier penalties if Russia escalates its hostilities in Ukraine

into a full-blown invasion.

Britain followed the US in announcing new restrictions banning Russia from the issuing of new bonds in its security markets.

But none of the measures announced so far directly targets Putin himself, or is expected to have severe medium-term consequences for Moscow, which is sitting on more than \$630 billion in international reserves.

On Wednesday, Australia, Canada and Japan joined the US, European allies and other nations in announcing sanctions against Russia, whose actions Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada called "a threat to the security and stability of the region and the international rules-based order." "This invasion is unjustified, it's unwarranted, it's unprovoked and it's unacceptable," Australia's Morrison said. In Japan, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Wednesday that the country would enact similar sanctions against Russia, including prohibiting it from issuing new sovereign bonds in Japanese markets.



Ukrainian service members take part in tactical drills in an unknown location in Ukraine on Tuesday. Reuters

## RUSSIAN MILITARY PRESENCE AROUND UKRAINE



A satellite image by Maxar Technologies shows a close up of assembled vehicles near Mazyr, Belarus, on Tuesday. Reuters

## Amid crisis, Europe prepares for arrival of Ukrainian refugees

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
BRUSSELS, FEBRUARY 23

HUMANITARIAN GROUPS have warned of a major crisis for millions of people in Ukraine if Russia further invades, and the European Union says it is preparing for large numbers of displaced people if a full-on conflict breaks out.

The European commissioner for migration, Ylva Johansson, said during a visit to Poland on Tuesday that the European Union and experts working for her in Brussels were drawing up plans on how to respond to a possible large-scale arrival of Ukrainian refugees.

"The focus has been on the contingency planning for the very dangerous situation in Ukraine," Johansson said in Warsaw. Although it was unclear what the next steps by President Vladimir V. Putin would be, she added, "We have to be prepared if there will be a massive inflow of refugees of Ukrainians into the EU."

The US troops who arrived in



A border crossing between Poland and Ukraine. Reuters

Poland this month are preparing to assist with Ukrainian evacuees.

Jan Egeland, who leads the Norwegian Refugee Council humanitarian agency, said that communities in Ukraine were already suffering since Russia invaded the country's east in a 2014 conflict. "The freezing pensioners I met near the front line told me they are struggling to survive in their isolated, war-ravaged villages," he said.

The UN has appealed to the international community to raise \$190 million this year to help Ukrainians, although only 9 per cent of that has been raised.

## China criticises sanctions against Russia as ineffective

CHINA ON Wednesday criticised the expansion of economic sanctions against Russia, saying that they were unlikely to solve the Ukraine crisis and that they had the potential to harm average people as well as the interests of Beijing.

"The position of the Chinese government is that we believe that sanctions have never been a fundamental and effective way to solve problems, and China always opposes any illegal unilateral sanctions," Hua Chunying, a spokeswoman for China's foreign ministry, said at a regular press briefing on Wednesday. "Since 2011, the US has imposed sanctions on Russia over 100 times, but we can all think about it calmly," she added. "Have US sanctions solved the problem?"

Russia has cultivated close ties with China, a neighbour whose huge domestic economy offers a potential bulwark against Western sanctions. "When handling the Ukraine issue and relations with Russia," Hua said, "the US must not harm the legitimate rights and interests of China and other parties." NYT

## Ukraine declares emergency, calls citizens home from Russia

Moscow too begins evacuation in Kyiv

REUTERS & AP  
KYIV/DONETSK, FEBRUARY 23

UKRAINE DECLARED a state of emergency on Wednesday and told its citizens in Russia to flee, while Moscow began evacuating its Kyiv embassy in the latest ominous signs for Ukrainians who fear an all-out Russian military onslaught.

Shelling intensified at the line of contact in eastern Ukraine, where Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised the independence of two Moscow-backed rebel regions this week and has ordered the deployment of Russian troops as "peacekeepers".

But there was still no clear indication of whether he plans to follow that up with a massed assault on his neighbour by tens of thousands of troops gathered near Ukraine's borders.

"Predicting what might be the next step of Russia, the sep-



Some residents leave the town of Shchastia in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday. NYT

ararists or the personal decisions of the Russian president — I cannot say," Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

In addition to the 30-day state of emergency, the Ukrainian government has announced compulsory military service for all men of fighting age. Ukraine's parliament, cabinet and foreign ministry websites were down.

The Foreign Ministry advised

against travel to Russia and recommended any Ukrainians there leave immediately.

Moscow on Wednesday, took down flags from its embassy in Kyiv, having ordered its diplomats to evacuate for safety reasons. Russia emptied its diplomatic posts in Ukraine, state news agency Tass reported, a day after the Foreign Ministry announced a plan to evacuate, citing threats.

## Can sanctions work?

EIGHT YEARS ago, after Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, the US and its allies harshly condemned the invasion and imposed economic sanctions on Russia. It barely seemed to matter. Russia still controls Crimea. Russia's economy, after going through a recession, soon started growing again. President Vladimir Putin remains firmly in control of his government — and has now begun another invasion, this time of eastern Ukraine.

In response, President Biden yesterday announced a new set of sanctions, imposed in tandem with Britain and the European Union. Putin's aggression, Biden said, is "a flagrant violation of international law, and it demands a firm response from the international community." Biden also signaled that more sanctions may follow. The obvious question is whether these sanctions will be any more effective than the earlier ones. Today's newsletter lays out the possibilities.

## Targeted and weak

The 2014 sanctions against Russia did have some effect — arguably more than many people

have realised. They made it harder for Russian banks to obtain foreign loans and restricted Western companies from working with Russian oil companies, among other steps. Still, the sanctions clearly did not reorder Russian politics. Putin, after all, moved to claim eastern Ukraine this week. Experts say that the sanctions' limited effect is not surprising, because they were less ambitious than the sanctions the US has imposed on other countries that have flouted global rules.

## More to come?

For now, they have imposed sanctions that Biden said went beyond the 2014 sanctions while still falling well short of what the US and Europe could impose. In the short term, those sanctions will almost certainly not cause Putin to stop menacing Ukraine. There are two big uncertainties: whether the sanctions hurt Russia's economy once that war chest is drawn down; and whether the US and Europe will impose tougher sanctions if Putin continues his war. Experts say, Tuesday's announcement, gives room to hit Putin harder if he does more." NYT

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19616 Kamakhya Jn.-Udaipur Express	24.02.2022
19615 Udaipur-Kamakhya Jn. Express	28.02.2022
14619 Agartala-Firozpur Cantt. Express	24.02.2022
14620 Firozpur Cantt.-Agartala Express	28.02.2022
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14037 Silchar-New Delhi Express	28.02.2022
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Pakistan's former interior minister Rehman Malik. File

## Rehman Malik, Pak minister during 26/11, dies at 70

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
ISLAMABAD, FEBRUARY 23

PAKISTAN PEOPLES Party (PPP) stalwart Rehman Malik, who was the Interior Minister when 10 LeT terrorists launched a brazen attack on Mumbai in 2008, died at a hospital on Wednesday due to Covid-related complications. He was 70.

Malik, a special intelligence agent-turned politician, tested Covid-positive in January, and had complained of breathing problems. Earlier this month, he was put on a ventilator.

"Deeply devastated to say that former interior minister [and] PPP's senior leader, Abdul Rehman Malik, passed away," Malik's spokesperson Riaz Ali Turi tweeted on Wednesday. Pakistan President Dr Arif Alvi expressed grief over the death and expressed sympathies with the deceased's family. The Prime Minister's Office said "May Allah Almighty forgive the deceased and grant patience to the mourners."

## Nepal's Deuba seeks opposition support on \$500 million US deal

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE  
KATHMANDU, FEBRUARY 23

DETERMINED To have the \$500 million grant from the US State Department ratified by the Parliament, Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba has now turned to the main opposition led by K P Oli, for support. Deuba's series of attempts to convince Oli comes after two major left parties in the ruling coalition stated that they would rather quit the alliance than endorse the deal.

The Nepal communist Party-Maoist Centre and the Unified socialists have said the deal undermines Nepal's sovereignty and goes



Nepal PM Sher Bahadur Deuba

against its independent foreign policy and should not be approved.

By all indications, over seven months coalition arrangement that came into place to dislodge K P Oli as the Prime Minister is going to collapse, but the survival of Deuba as PM will depend on whether UML will support it, either as a partner or from outside. The government resolution that has already been tabled in the House is listed for debate on

Thursday. The government is under pressure from the US to have the compact, which is meant for construction of a 400-kv power station along with a 300-km transmission line and enhancement of road quality, approved by February 28.

"Oli has not yet made any commitment, but given the fact that he was in favour of ratification during his tenure, means he will have no reservation if his conditions are met," a senior UML leader said. Apart from UML and Nepali Congress together making 163, Janata Samajbadi Party and the Loktantrik Party have also decided to back the resolution.

## ‘Sanofi-GSK vaccine shows 100% efficacy against severe disease’

APOORVA MANDAVILLI  
FEBRUARY 23

TWO DOSES of a new Covid vaccine that is based on a conventional approach achieved 100 per cent efficacy against severe disease and hospitalisations, and it could be an effective booster after other Covid shots, the vaccine's manufacturers announced on Wednesday.

The vaccine, made by the Europe-based pharmaceutical companies Sanofi and GSK, is one of four candidates that received billions of dollars for development from Operation



A makeshift Covid testing site on Wednesday in Seoul. AP

Warp Speed, the Trump administration's programme to accelerate vaccines.

The new vaccine had an efficacy of 75 per cent against moderate-to-severe disease. It showed 58 per cent efficacy

against symptomatic disease in its Phase 3 clinical trial. Although that number is lower than was observed for the mRNA vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna in their initial trials, it is "in line with expected vaccine effectiveness in today's environment dominated by variants of concern," Sanofi and GSK said.

Used as a booster dose after one of the other available coronavirus vaccines, the Sanofi-GSK shot increased antibody levels by 18- to 30-fold. The companies intend to submit the vaccine for authorisation to regulatory authorities in the US and Europe, they said on Wednesday. NYT

PRIME MINISTER Imran Khan on Wednesday left for Russia on a two-day visit — the first by a Pakistani premier in over two decades — during which he will hold talks with President Vladimir Putin and exchange views on major regional and international issues.

Khan is accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising senior members of his Cabinet. According to Foreign Office, the bilateral summit between Khan and Putin will be the highlight of the visit.

"During the summit meeting, the two leaders will review the entire array of bilateral relations, including energy cooperation. They will also have a wide-ranging exchange of views on major regional and international issues, including Islamophobia and the situation in Afghanistan," the FO said.

It said the PM visit will contribute to further deepening of the multifaceted Pakistan-Russia bilateral relationship and enhancement of mutual cooperation in diverse fields. In a tweet, the Russian Foreign Office said Putin and Khan will hold talks in Moscow on Thursday.

Khan's visit, which comes amid heightened Russia-Ukraine tensions, is believed to be a clear signal to the West, especially after he said no to Washington on giving military bases in Pakistan following American withdrawal from Afghanistan and not receiving a phone call from US President Joe Biden since he assumed his office in the White House. PTI





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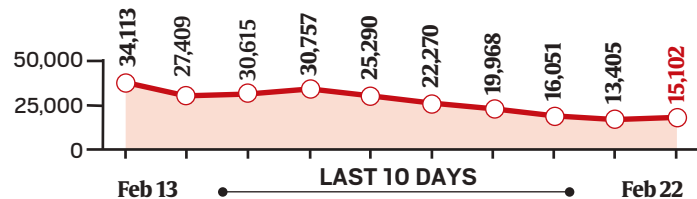
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## TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

### DASHBOARD, AS ON FEB 22

723  
DAYS SINCE  
PANDEMIC  
BEGANNew cases  
**15,102**Active cases  
**1,64,522**Deaths  
**278**Weekly CFR: **0.35%** | Overall CFR: **1.21%** | Total deaths: **5,12,622**

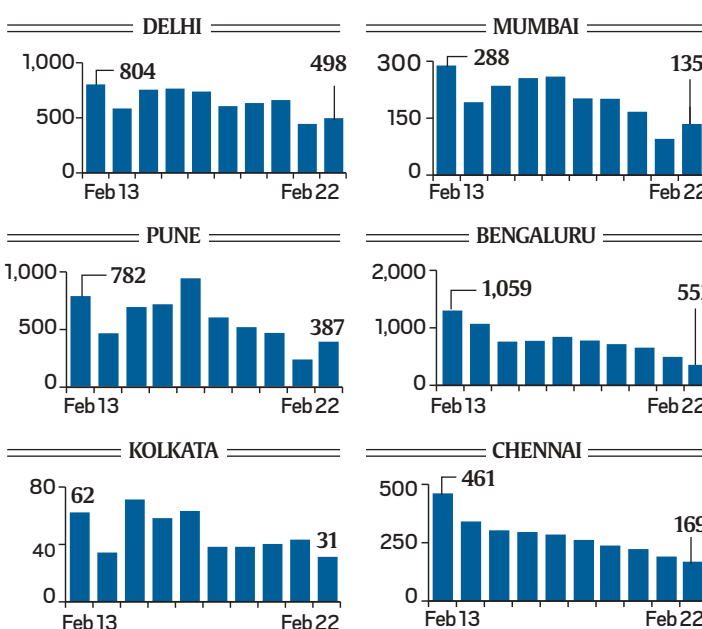
### NEW CASES, DAILY



### SURGE IN THE STATES

State	ON FEBRUARY 22			Weekly positivity
	New cases	Active cases	Deaths	
Kerala	5,691	54,394	130	12.15%
Mizoram	1,295	9,247	2	0.05%
Maharashtra	1,080	13,070	47	1.69%
Karnataka	767	10,443	29	1.57%
Tamil Nadu	671	12,321	8	1.31%

### CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 10 DAYS



### TOTAL TESTS

**76,24,14,018**

### TESTS ON FEB 22

**11,83,438**

### WEEKLY POSITIVITY

**1.76%**

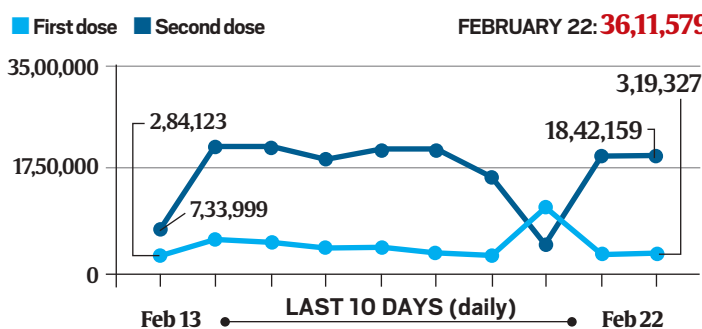
### OVERALL POSITIVITY

**5.62%**

### INDIA TOTAL DOSES

**176,19,39,020**

(Adults 1st dose: **90,80,86,007**; 2nd: **75,65,24,038**; 15-18 age group 1st dose: **5,40,95,926**; 2nd: **2,38,74,286**; precautionary: **1,93,58,763**)



## SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# Case against Nawab Malik

The Maharashtra minister has been arrested for alleged money-laundering and involvement in terror funding. What is the ED's case against him, and what links with the underworld has it accused him of?

**KHUSHBOO NARAYAN & ZEESHAN SHAIKH**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 23

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate on Wednesday arrested NCP leader and Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik on charges of money-laundering and "active involvement in terror funding".

### What are the charges against Malik?

The ED is investigating Malik for a property deal that he entered into with Haseena Parkar, sister of fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim. There are allegations that Malik bought this property — 3 acres of land at Goawala Compound on LBS Marg in Kurla, Mumbai — for Rs 85 lakh, of which Rs 30 lakh was shown in sale agreement and the rest was paid in cash. The ED has alleged that the registered value of the property was much lower than the prevailing market rate.

According to the ED, Parkar transferred her interest in the property held through Salim Patel for the beneficial interest of Malik in 2005. The ED has claimed that Sardar Shahwali Khan, who has underworld links, played an important role in the sale.

According to the ED's remand application in the court, the land was originally owned by Munira Plumber and was "usurped" from her by Parkar and her frontman, Mohammed Salim Ishaq Khan alias Salim Patel, who too has underworld links, through a forged power of attorney (POA) in the name of Patel. The document gave Patel the rights to sell Plumber's land.

Plumber has told the ED she had never approached Malik for the sale and got to know about it only last year, through media reports. The ED has alleged that the total value of the land in the sale agreement is Rs 30 lakh. The agency said Malik introduced "fake tenants" for lowering the registry value of the land.

### Who are these two men linked with the underworld?

Shahwali Khan is serving a life term in the 1993 Mumbai blasts case. He is said to have been part of the team given firearms training by alleged mastermind Tiger Memon and to have done a recce of the Bombay Stock Exchange and BMC to decide where the bombs should be placed. He was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment in June 2007 and is currently in Aurangabad jail. The property deal took place in September 2005.



Nawab Malik after his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in Mumbai on Wednesday. Ganesh Shirsekar

The other man linked to the underworld, Salim Patel, was the bodyguard and driver of Parkar.

### What is Malik's defence?

Senior counsel Amit Desai, who is representing Malik, said there is no connection shown between Malik and the "gang" (Dawood gang) in the remand application. Desai said a property transaction dating back to 1999, when the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002) was not even in force, is being used to create an impression that an elected representative of Maharashtra is involved in anti-national activities.

Desai said Malik is himself a victim since a person who did not possess title to the property had sold it to him. "Ms Plumber claims misuse of her power of attorney by Patel. Where is Mr Malik in this?" said Desai.

Earlier too, when former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis had alleged that Malik had bought the land from people connected with the underworld, the NCP minister had denied the charges. Malik had said the Kurla land held a godown that his company Solidus Investments Pvt Ltd had leased from Plumber. "She approached us and said that she wanted to sell the land to us. We took ownership of the land and got the registration done through one Salim Patel, who had the power of attorney."

On Fadnavis's claims about Shahwali Khan, Malik had said: "Khan's father was a watchman at this compound and the family had managed to get their names on the property records staking claim to 300 metres of land. When we came to know about it, we paid them money to surrender their rights."

### What is Solidus Investments, and what is

### its link with Malik?

Solidus Investments Pvt Ltd is a company set up in 1973. Malik's son Aamir Nawab Malik and wife Mehjabeen Nawab Malik are listed as its two directors.

According to the ED's remand application, Solidus Investments, owned by Kanubhai M Patel until 2002-03, was one of the tenants at Plumber's Kurla property. Malik, who was then Maharashtra's revenue minister, approached Patel to sell the tenancy rights held by his company for rehabilitation of 360 families who would be affected by a proposed road project. According to the ED, Patel agreed to sell Solidus to Nawab Malik for Re 1 in a philanthropic gesture. Subsequently, Malik's family became the owners of Solidus and had entry to the property as a tenant. Malik was on the Solidus board until he became a cabinet minister in the present government in 2019.

# Early hiccups for countries' digital currencies

### PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

AT A time when the Reserve Bank of India is planning to launch its own central bank digital currency (CBDC) next fiscal, there may be lessons to draw from initial digital currency experiments in other countries. Some of these have run into hurdles: Recently, a digital currency being used by seven Caribbean nations experienced glitches that have kept it offline for more than a month.

### What is a CBDC and what is the need for it?

CBDC is a legal tender issued by a central bank in a digital form. It is similar to a fiat currency issued in paper and is interchangeable with any other fiat currency. According to Investopedia, the goal of CBDCs is to provide users with convenience and security of digital as well as the regulated, reserve-backed circulation of the traditional banking system.

### Which countries have launched CBDCs

### or plan to do so?

According to the Atlantic Council's CBDC tracker, nine countries or currency unions have launched digital currencies, while 15 are in the pilot phase, 16 including India are in the development stage, and 40 are in the research stage. Seven are inactive and two have cancelled plans to launch it.

The nine that have launched are the Bahamas, the seven Caribbean nations and Nigeria. Those piloting include South Africa, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, China, Russia, Sweden, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. The Bahamas launched the world's first CBDC in October 2020 called the "Sand Dollar". China introduced the e-CNY, the digital form of the Chinese yuan, at the Winter Olympics.

### What are the glitches being faced?

Citing bank officials, Bloomberg reported that the digital version of the East Caribbean dollar — DCash — has been offline for over a month and could take several more days to get restored. The report quoted Josh Lipsky, director of Atlantic Council's GeoEconomics Centre,

as saying: "This is an important case study in things that can go wrong in the rollout and expansion of a digital currency. ... Every country trying to do a large rollout has had problems." Such glitches have led financial sector experts to call for central banks to make necessary preparations to allow enough leeway to banks and other stakeholders to make their systems ready to deal with digital currencies and develop solutions to problems as they develop.

### Are countries facing other problems?

El Salvador last year adopted the Bitcoin as a legal tender alongside the US dollar. In addition to facing technical glitches on its Chivo payment platform, the country also ran into macroeconomic problems with the volatility of the Bitcoin. The Chivo system also reportedly failed to prevent identity fraud leading to unscrupulous use of the \$30 sign-up bonus being offered to users. But the fiscal deficit problems that El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele hoped to resolve with the use of Bitcoin as legal tender remained even after the move. To fund the deficit spending, Bukele had asked for

\$1 billion in loans from the International Monetary Fund, which refused, raising concerns about the country's Bitcoin scheme. The volatility and the speculative nature of private cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, Ether, etc is what is pushing many central banks across the world to adopt their own digital currencies.

### Where does India's plan stand?

During the Budget Speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that RBI would launch the CBDC in the upcoming fiscal. While the RBI is still working on the finalities, it is understood that the CBDC will be based on Blockchain technology. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that with the launch of the revamped digital version of the Indian rupee, people could convert digital currency to physical currency and vice-versa with ease, and this will strengthen India's digital economy and ecosystem. Digital payments and online transfer of funds will be more secure with the launch of CBDC, he said, adding this will also streamline the global digital payment system.

# Emerging axes, new equations: Pak-Russia dynamics in a changing world

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

THE TWO-DAY visit to Moscow by Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan beginning on Wednesday comes at a time when President Vladimir Putin is the bad boy of the world for his actions against Ukraine. Imran will become the first foreign leader to visit Russia after Putin recognised two breakaway regions of Ukraine as independent republics, and the first Prime Minister of Pakistan to travel to that country since the landmark visit by Nawaz Sharif in 1999.

Imran is visiting Russia on the Kremlin's invitation, and Pakistani officials have said the visit was scheduled well ahead of current developments. In an interview to Russia's state-controlled RT channel on Tuesday, Imran said the visit would focus on Pakistan's relations with Russia.

"This [Ukraine crisis] does not concern us. We have a bilateral relationship with Russia, and we really want to strengthen it," Imran

said, adding that Pakistan wanted trade relations with "all countries".

"I do not believe that military conflicts solve problems," he said. "... The developing world really wishes that there is not another Cold War... Now, what we want to do is not become part of any bloc."

While Imran's visit reflects the greatly improved ties between Pakistan and Russia, their mutual partnership with China that has grown in recent years signals the undeniable development of a new axis in South Asia and Central Asia. The relations of each of these countries with the United States have worsened over the last two years. This and their overlapping stakes and interests in Afghanistan and Central Asia, and the Belt and Road Initiative, have seen these three countries take the lead in projecting the Taliban as the rightful claimants to power in Kabul.

### Cold War is history

Pakistan's relations with Russia have come a long way since the time it was a willing ally and treaty partner of the US bloc

against the Soviet Union. It had helped the US repair its relations with China, which sent Beijing and Moscow further apart. In response, India and the USSR solidified their ties with a defence pact, and increased economic and people-to-people exchanges.

Pakistan saw itself as a frontline state against the spread of communism, and actively assisted in the defeat of the Red Army in the first Afghan war, with the US and Saudi Arabia using the Pakistan Army to funnel funds and weapons to the mujahideen.

The collapse of the Soviet Union led to major shifts in international relations. From their vantage points, Pakistan and Russia watched the US and post-economic-reforms India draw closer. Towards the end of Boris Yeltsin's presidency, Sharif became the first Pakistani leader to visit Moscow.

But it was only in the next decade that Putin's Russia, looking for new markets for its military hardware, as well as new international partners, began building ties with Pakistan. By then, serious rifts had emerged between the Obama Administration and

Pakistan, with the killing of Osama bin Laden in a stealth raid by US marines in Pakistan's Abbottabad being the turning point.

### Russia-Pakistan-China

In 2011, to New Delhi's shock, Russia lifted its four-decade-old arms embargo on Pakistan — and within four years, would sell Pakistan its first MiG attack helicopters. As a US defeat in Afghanistan began to look certain, the two countries made common cause on Afghanistan, again to India's dismay.

In September 2016, after the Jaish-e-Mohammed attack in Uri, Russia went ahead with a joint military exercise with Pakistan, ignoring New Delhi's appeal against it. In 2017, with Indo-Pak relations at their lowest, Russia sold more helicopters to Pakistan.

And after its 2014 annexation of Crimea, Russia found a friend in China, Pakistan's long-time friend, triangulating the relationship.

Both Pakistan and Russia are participants in China's Belt and Road Initiative. After the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, the world has seen the three take common positions

and in tacit acknowledgment of each other's interests in that country.

### New Delhi and Moscow

However, Russia is hardly starry-eyed about its relations with Pakistan. As its support for the designation of Pakistan-based terrorist groups, including those targeting India such as the Jaish and its leader, and the Lashkar-e-Taiba, have shown, Russia has clear views against Pakistan's patronage of terrorists. And while it is supportive of the Taliban regime, Russia is concerned about Islamist extremism emanating from Afghanistan appearing in Central Asian republics and on the margins of its own territory.

Also, even though the Russia-India relationship is not what it used to be in the Soviet days, both sides recognise its continued mutual benefits. Russia remains India's biggest arms supplier, and India decided to buy the S400 missile system from Russia despite the risk of US sanctions. And New Delhi has not yet allowed its close ties with the US to tilt its delicate balance on the Ukraine issue.

### Imran and Putin

Imran will meet Putin on Thursday. It will be an opportunity for the two sides to convey their own messages to the West about building partnerships in a changing world — even though they may steer clear of discussing the conflict directly, and focus more on economic ties. Imran is accompanied by a delegation of cabinet ministers and key advisers.

Pakistan wants Russia to invest in, and construct a \$2.5 billion gas pipeline from the seaport in Karachi to Kasur in the Punjab hinterland, even though this pipeline is unlikely to transport Russian gas. Moscow, however, appears to be more interested in the possibility of building the 1,800-km Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) pipeline — something that Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said last July.

Despite publicly stated opposition to normalising relations with India over Kashmir, Pakistani officials too have been talking about the potential of TAPI — while also pushing with the Russians another plan for a Kazakhstan-Pakistan pipeline.



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PERSONAL

I Dilip Verma S/O Janki Prasad R/o T-318/10, Baljeet Nagar Delhi-8 have changed my minor son's name from Sonal Kumar to Shubham Verma (DOB 18/05/2005). 0040604134-10

I Chitra D/O, Harish Chander Nailwal R/o D 102 Gali No 3 Ajeet Vihar Burari Delhi 110084 have changed my name to Chitra Nailwal for all purposes. 0040604082-1

I Chander Bhan Verma S/o-Tej Bahadur R/o-H.No.807/2, R-R-Block, Near Gupta Nursing Home, Naveen Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Chandra Bhan Verma for all purposes. 0040604045-1

I Bhupesh S/O Naresh Kumar R/O H.No 625, Sector-4 , Gurgaon , Haryana- 122001 have changed my name to Bhupesh Kumar for all purposes 0040604094-1

I,Keshav S/o ManojJethliya, R/o 20 Savita Vihar Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Keshav Jethliya Permanently. 0040604158-2

I, Reshmi W/o Nitin Kumar Gugnani R/o F-225, Vikaspuri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Rashmi Gugnani. 0040604142-3

In My service record my daughter's name wrongly mentioned as Rinu where as the actual name is Renu kindly record their actual name for all future purposes.No-10135578N HAV Krishan chander, R/o-VIII+Post Kakroi,Distt-Sonipat Haryana-131001. 0040604154-5

I,Yogesh Choudhary S/o Naresh Kumar R/o Old-Address: Cb-283, Ring-Road,Post-Naraina Kair South- West Delhi-110028,New-Address: WZ-262, Naraina-Village, South-West Delhi-110028 have changed my name Yogesh Kanolija to Yogesh Chaudhary for all future purposes. 0040604146-2

I,Lalit Dhakolia alias Lalit Kumar Dhakolia S/o Late Hari Chand R/o-287,G/F, Block-B,Delhi, Administration Flats Karkardooma,East Delhi Delhi-110092,have changed my name to Lalit Kumar for all,purposes. 0040604151-6

I,Vishu Jain, S/o Sh.Vijay Kumar Jain,R/o D-29,BLOCK-D, OPP.RANA-PRATAP BAGH, C.C.COLONY,DELHI-110007, have changed my minor son's name,from KANHAV JAIN to SHIVANAN JAIN,for future purposes. 0040604154-4

I,VIJAY KUMAR,S/O JAGDISH CHAUDHARY,R/O D-156,ANTRISH APARTMENTS, SECTOR-14 EXTN,ROHINI, DELHI-110085.CHANGED MY NAME TO VIJAY KUMAR CHOUDHARY. 0040604134-4

I,VAISHALI D/O DINESH PANWAR R/O HNO.100,DDA SFS FLATS,ROHTAK ROAD,MADIPUR,PASCHIM-VIHAR,DELHI-110063.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VAISHALI PANWAR. 0040604154-3

It Is For General Information that I,Abhishek Kumar,S/o Shri Jiwachh Prasad Kamat,R/o H.No.1133,Gali No.2,Asghok Mohalla,Nangloi,West Delhi,Delhi-110041,Declare that Name Of My Father has been Wrongly-Written as Jiwachh Prasad in My all-Educational Documents.The actual-Name of My Father is Jiwachh Prasad Kamat,Which may be amended accordingly. 0040604146-7

I,WG CDR MUTHU KRISHNAN(RETD),RESIDENT OF,FLAT.NO.307,BLOCK-H,MANJEERA DIAMOND TOWERS(NEAR-JAWAHAR NAVOYDAYA VIDYALAYA),GOPANPALLY, SERILINGAMPALLY,KV RANGA REDDY,HYDERABAD, TELANGANA-500107,HAVE CHANGED MY DAUGHTER'S NAME,FROM VAISHNAVI M KRISHNAN TO VAISHNAVI MUTHU KRISHNAN,VIDE- AFFIDAVIT DATED-17-02-2022 AT COURT OF XVI SPL.METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE,SECUNDRABAD. 0040604146-9

I,ANUSHREE KRISHNAN,DAUGHTER OF,WG CDR MUTHU KRISHNAN(RETD),RESIDENT OF FLAT.NO.307,BLOCK-H,MANJEERA DIAMOND TOWERS(NEARJAWAHAR NAVOYDAYA-VIDYALAYA), GOPANPALLY,SERILINGAMPALLY ,KV RANGA REDDY,HYDERABAD, TELANGANA-500107,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM ANUSHREE KRISHNAN TO ANUSHREE MUTHU KRISHNAN,VIDE- AFFIDAVIT,DATED-17-02-2022 AT COURT OF XVI SPL.METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE,SECUNDRABAD. 0040604146-8

I,SHILO alias SHELO D/o Asong R/O H/196,Block-9, New Aruna Nagar,Majnu Ka Tilla,Delhi-54,Will be use name SHILO for all future purposes. 0040604146-1

I,Firdaus Sheikh D/O Late,Mohd Khalid R/O,H.No-301, Plot-No-32, 2nd-Floor, Block-C,Sewak Park,Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059,have changed my name to Firdaus Kaur. 0040604134-9

I, SHABIR AHMAD, ADD. G-24 FIRST FLR NORR NAGAR EXTN JOHRI FARM JAMIA NAGAR DELHI 110025, changed my Minor daughter name, SAMIAH AHMAD to SAMIA AHMAD, permanently. 0040603817-7

I,SWEET KUMAR S/O SARWAN RAM R/O CGY-031,DLF CAPITAL GREENS,MOTI NAGAR,DELHI-110015.CHANGED MY NAME TO SWEET KUMAR BANSAL. 0040604154-1

I,SANGITA,W/O MANOJ JETHLIYA,R/o 20, SAVITA VIHAR, EAST DELHI, DELHI-110092, have changed my name to SANGEETA JETHLIYA, permanently. 0040604142-5

I,Sweetey Mittal W/o Anish Garg R/o D-16/299-300, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Sweety Garg. 0040604151-3

I,Sudarshan Singh,S/o Karnail Singh Uppal R/O-A-1B/108-C, LG-Flats Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63,changed my name to Sudarshan Singh Uppal. 0040604151-4

I,Sangita W/o Manoj Jethliya, R/o 20 Savita Vihar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Sangeeta Jethliya Permanently. 0040604158-3

I,SAHANARA KHATUN,W/O SUROJIT ROY,R/O PLOT.NO.42,5F-5, SHAKTI-KHAND-2, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P.-201014,changed my name to SEEMA ROY,permanently. 0040604142-4

I,Ruchi Sethi,W/o Barin Mukherjee,R/o-90/38 A B T F Malviya-Nagar,Delhi-110017,Have changed my name to Ruchi Mukherjee. 0040604142-8

I,RENU W/O SWEET KUMAR BANSAL R/O CGY-031,DLF CAPITAL GREENS,MOTI NAGAR,DELHI-110015.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RENU BANSAL. 0040604154-2

I,PUSHPI LATA W/O YUDHISTER DHALL R/O-364,Block-24,New Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015,have changed my name to NEELAM DHALL. 0040604142-9

I,Nita Rawal/Neeta Rawal W/O, Madan Rawal R/O-B-6/41, Rohini Sector-4, Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Neeta. 0040604134-1

I,SYEADA ALIVA(TUMPA) BIBI,spouse of ALAM SHAIKH,resident of,Vill-Gopalpur, Post-Nalhati,Police Station-Nalhati, Tehsil-Rampurhat,Dist-Birbhum,State-West Bengal,PIN-731220,have changed my name,from SYEADA ALIVA(TUMPA) BIBI to SYEDA TUMPA KHATUN vide-affidavit/self declaration dated-22-02-2022. 0040604134-6

I,Nirmala D/o J Raman, Ex,W/o Swarup Kumar Bellie R/O 4/144-3, Water Falls Road, Allakarai Village, Coonoor, The Nilgiris, Tamilnadu-643104 have changed my minor son name Dharman Swarup Kumar Bellie aged 13 years to Ridhaan for all future purposes. 0040604146-3

I,Manoj Kumar Shukla S/o R.A Shukla R/O T-12/1704, Sunworld Vanalika, Sector-107, Noida (U.P) have changed my name to Manoj Shukla for all future purposes. 0040604079-1

I,Guru Charan Mehto, S/o-Late Sh. Ram Nagina Mehto,R/o-SMQ-No.94-E, Air-Force-Station, Arjangarh,NewDelhi-110047,have changed my name,from Guru Charan Mahato, to Guru Charan Mehto, Vide-Affidavit Date-11-02-2022 0040604154-8

I,Devendra Pratap Singh,S/o-Narendra Pratap Singh,R/o-Dell-A,801,HRC Professional Hub 1/2,Vaibhav-Khand, Ghaziabad,have lost my general power of authormey for Suman Randhava, to Satyaveer Singh Bhati Date-16/09/2000,GreaterNoida,Prop erty C-369,Sector- Alpha-1 GB-Nagar-203110 0040604154-7

I,Bhupinder Pal Singh,S/o Inder Singh Kohli R/O-M-501,Guru Harkishan-Nagar, Paschim Vihar,New Delhi-87, have changed my name to Bhupinder Pal Singh Kohli. 0040604151-1

I,BHAJAN SINGH S/o.Hari Singh, R/C-592, 2nd-floor,VIKAS PURI,DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM HARNAM SINGH TO BHAJAN SINGH,PERMANENTLY 0040604134-11

I,Anupama Kumari, W/O, Sandeep Kumar R/O,Flat.No-15D,Vasudha-Apartment Sector-6, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad Uttar-Pradesh-201012, have changed my name to Anupama Jaiswal. 0040604134-2

I,Anshuman Tripathi,S/o Ramesh Chandra Tripathi,R/o Flat.No-615-E-Block,Konark-Enclave, Sector-17, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad,U.P.-201012,have changed my minor daughter's name,from Vaani Tripathi to Vaanee Tripathi. 0040604134-8

I, Raju, S/o Ramlubhaya, R/o-Gugaheri (III), Rohtak, Haryana-124514, have changed my name to Raju Kumar for all future purposes. 0070774353-1

I, Nitin Kumar S/o Om Parkash R/O F-225, Vikaspuri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Nitin Kumar Gugnani. 0040604142-2

I,Akash S/o Naresh R/o Jai Singh Colony, Ward No.2,Gharaunda Karnal Haryana-132114 have changed my name to Akash Kumar. 0040604142-10

I,YOGESH S/o RAJESH RECKWAR R/O 1137/25, Block L-1, Gali no.-25, Sangam Vihar, Delhi-110062 have changed my name to YOGESH RECKWAR. 0040604076-1

I, Vinayak D Dhamale R/o P152/9, Kabul Lines, Delhi Cantt- 110010 have changed the name of my minor child from Sharnvi to Shanvi Vinayak Dhamale for all purposes 0040604091-1

I, Vinaya Natarajan Iyer, W/o Balakrishnan Chidambaram, R/o 5504, ATS Green-2 Apartment, Sector-50, Noida, U.P, have change my name to Vinaya Iyer for all purposes. 0070774352-1

I, Shubham Khurana son of Shri Ashok Khurana Residence of House No.C-2/56, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058 have changed my name Shubham Khurana to Shubhaam Khurana for all intents and future purposes. 0040604080-1

I, Ranjeet Kumar, S/o Binda Prasad, R/o-SK-1, Sector-93, Noida, Gautambudhnagar-201304, have changed my daughter's name Pooja Kumari to Pooja Rai for all future purpose. Pooja Kumari and Pooja Rai both are same person. 0070774360-1

I, Raj Sahil Awasthi alias Km Raj Sahil, D/o Sanjay, R/o Ganga Bax Purwa, Hardsoi, Hardsoi (Gramin), Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh-241001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Twinkle Awasthi. 0070774362-1

I, Pradeep Kumar Narang s/o Satya Prakash Narang r/o M-219, Guru Harkishan Nagar, Paschlmi Vihar Delhi-110087 have changed my name to PRADEEP NARANG permanently. PRADEEP NARANG and PRADEEP KUMAR NARANG both are same and one person. 0040604077-3

I, Nityanand Shukla, S/o Kapildeo Shukla, R/o H-604, Tower-6, Floor-6, Ace City, Sector-1, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Nityanand Kapildeo Shukla for all future purposes. 0070774354-1

I, MAJID ALI SHAH S/O LATE AFSAR ALI SHAH R/O H.NO.A-18, HIMGIRI ENCLAVE, CHANDER VIHAR, NILOTHI EXTN., DELHI-110041 declare that my father Late Sh. Afsar Ali Shah was also known as Afsar Ali that two different names found on different documents adhar card and death certificate refer to one person only and the same shall be considered as one for future reference. 0040604108-9

I, Harshsharan Singh Walia S/o Sant Singh Walia r/o -House no.-6784, Gali no.-3, Block-10, Dev Nagar, Delhi-110005 have changed my name to HARSHARAN SINGH WALIA permanently. HARSHSHARAN SINGH WALIA and HARSHARAN SINGH WALIA both are same and one person. 0040604077-2

I, Guneeet Walia d/o Harsharan Singh Walia r/o -House no.-6784, Gali no.-3, Block-10, Dev Nagar, Delhi-110005 have changed my name to GUNEET KAUWALIA permanently. GUNEET KAUWALIA and GUNEET WALIA both are same and one person. 0040604077-1

I, Gourav Aggarwal, S/o-Subhash Aggarwal, R/o- 438, 3rd Floor, St.No.-13, Sunder Vihar, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Gaurav Aggarwal. 0070774358-1

I,Jatin S/o Manoj Kumar R/o 431 A, BLK H G/F, Phase-6, Ayanagar, Delhi-110047 have changed my name to Jatin Lohia 0040604096-1

I, Balakrishnan Chidambaram, R/o 5504, ATS Green-2 Apartment, Sector-50, Noida U.P. Declare that Balakrishnan Chidambaram and B. Chidambaram are same person. 0070774349-1

I, Anju G, Spouse of M. 2620184P, rank Sep Githu Sankar, R/o Revathy Nivas, Kizhavor Kurumanna Mukhathala, PO- Thrikkovilattom Mukhathala, Kollam, Kerala-691577, have changed my name from Anju G to Anju R vide affidavit dated 23.02.2022 before Notary Public, Delhi. 0070774357-1

I, Anjeeta Bhatti, R/o 2E/15, First Floor, Jhandewalan Extn., SRT Nagar, New Delhi-110055, have changed my name to Anjeeta Manish Bhatti. 0070774348-1

I, Akanksha,W/o-Ashwani Kumar, R/o-VIII+Post Mohammadpur,Dist-Kanpur (Dehat)UP-209312.,inform that in husband office record my name wrongly mentioned as Akanksha instead of Akanksha Gupta. 0040604154-6

I,MANOJ KUMAR,S/O LAL CHAND JETHLIYA,R/O-20, SAVITA VIHAR, EAST DELHI, DELHI-110092,Changed my name to MANOJ JETHLIYA, permanently. 0040604142-6

I,AMRITPAL SINGH S/O KABUL SINGH R/O HP-34,PITAMPURA,DELHI-110034, changed my minor daughter's name PRABLEEN KAUR to PRBLEEN KAUR permanently. 0040604151-7

I,Suraj Sharma S/o Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma R/O F-297, Vikaspuri, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed the name of my minor son from Shivam Sharma to Kiaann Sharma for all purposes. 0040604108-8

I,Ritu Bubna alias Ritu Singhal D/o Sh. Prem Kumar Bubna W/o Sh. Sachin Kumar Singhal R/o 9, B-J-Block West, G.Floor, Shalimar Bagh S/O.,North West Delhi, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Ritu Singhal for all purposes. 0040604108-7

I,Tirlok Singh S/O, Jaimal Singh R/O I-5e, Emarti Block, Gangra Ram Vatika, Tiлак Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Tirlok Singh for all purposes. 0040604088-1

I,ARUN KUMAR S/O DEI CHAND R/O-79 PARTAP NAGAR HARI NAGAR DELHI-110064,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ARUN GAUR. 0040604134-3

I,ARIK KAUR W/O-HARVINDER SINGH R/O J-177, J-BLOCK,RAJOURI GARDEN, DELHI 110027,have changed my name to RAMNEEK KAUR. 0040604151-5

I, Abdul Saheed s/o Abdul Rashid r/o RZ-D-84, New Janakpuri, Old Bindapur, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to ABDUL SHAHID. 0040604081-1

I Gitika Khosla W/o Sagar Mehta R/o 27 Raj Nagar Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Gitika Khosla Mehta 0040604092-1

I, Monica Goel,W/O-Sandeep AgarwalR/O D-142 Vivek Vihar Delhi-110095 Have changed my name to Monika Agarwal. 0040604142-1

I,Lakhan S/o-Ram Swarup R/O,H.No.24, Gali.No.-7, Block-C,Sheelta Colony, Gurgaon-122001(Haryana),have changed my name to Lakhan Kumar. 0040604134-5

I,Freya D/O Shri Jainender Ahuja R/O C-5/123, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Freya Ahuja. 0040604158-1

I,KESHAV,S/O MANOJ JETHLIYA,R/O 20, SAVITA VIHAR,EAST DELHI,DELHI-110092,Changed my name to KESHAV JETHLIYA., Permanently 0040604142-7

I,KAILASH CHANDER AGGARWAL,S/O Sh.Chhotay Lal,R/O 2/7,Roop-Nagar,Delhi-110007,Inform That KAILASH CHANDER AGGARWAL and KAILASH CHANDER is the name of same and one person i.e. myself. 0040604134-7

I,Isha Mittal D/o Sanjeev Kumar Mittal R/O B-9/107,Sector-5,Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Hershita Mittal for all purposes. 0040604151-2

LOST & FOUND

Lost 6 Nos "C" Forms and 6 Nos "OC Stamp" in the name of DN International , D-41, First Floor, Sectoe 7, Noida, an FIR to this effect lodge in police station LAR No: 20220000075210. Finder pls contact above address or call # 8448295313.

It is notified for the information that M/s Prakash Labels Pvt Ltd Address C-44, Sector-07, Noida-201301 have lost our 34 Nos "C" FORMS, 10 Nos "F" FORMS, 14 Nos FORM "38", 22 Nos "OC STAMP". An FIR to effect to lodge police station LAR no : 20220000075175. Finder please contact above address or Call # 8448295313.

It's noticed for the information that Prakash Industries address -D-41, Ground Floor, Sector-7, Noida-301301, Lost 11 Nos "C" Forms and 5 Nos "Form 38". aodge in police station LAR No: 20220000075215. Finder pls contact above address or call#8448295313.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF SH. BHARAT PARASHAR, LD. DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL-01) ROOM NO-308 CENTRAL TS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI  
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (Order 5, Rules 20 of the Code of Civil Procedures )  
SUIT NO- CS(COMM)-102/2020 ICICI BANK LTD.,.....Plaintiff V/S GURPREET SINGH.....Defendant  
To, 1. Gurpreet Singh S/o. Trilochan Parashar (Borrower) R/o- M-4, Mesora Kunj, Nitholi Ext., Nangloi, Delhi-110041.  
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 09.03.2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 15.01.2022.  
District Judge (Commercial Court) SH. BHARAT PARASHAR

IN THE COURT OF SH. BHARAT PARASHAR, LD. DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL-01) ROOM NO-308 CENTRAL TS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI  
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (Order 5, Rules 20 of the Code of Civil Procedures )  
SUIT NO- CS(COMM)-1029/2020 ICICI BANK LTD.,.....Plaintiff V/S MOHAMMAD NADEEM SHEIKH.....Defendant  
To, 1. Mohammad Nadeem Sheik. S/o. Mohd. Naseem (Borrower) R/o- B-24/3 Street No.1, Near Jain Mandir, Shastri Park, Delhi-110053.  
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 09.03.2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 15.01.2022.  
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (Order 5, Rules 20 of the Code of Civil Procedures )  
SUIT NO- CS(COMM)-958/2019 ICICI BANK LTD.,.....Plaintiff V/S RAHUL.....Defendant  
To, 1. Rahul S/o. Sh. Ram Kumar R/o. 24/3, Gurdwara Colony Part-1, Jharoda Marza, Baran, Delhi-110092.  
Email id: rahul01.sharma@cont.in Phone No. 971747621  
Also at Flat No P.V. S-1, Kh.No. 795, Left Portion, 1st Floor, Extended Lal Dora Village-Burari, Delhi-110084  
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 09.03.2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 15.01.2022.  
District Judge (Commercial Court) SH. BHARAT PARASHAR

LOST & FOUND

I, Narendra Kumar, S/o Sundar Lal Sharma, R/o Village-Ghori Bachera, G.B. Nagar, U.P, have lost my Original Allotment letter of Plot No.B-214, Size 220 mtr. Allotment No.- GHDD011071 Contact: 9871177724. 0070774365-1

Original property-documents of Plot-No.32, Hargovind Enclave, New-Delhi-110092 Registered- No.22704 has been lost.Finder contact: Vishal Singhal S/o,Vishwanath Singhal R/o-40, Priya-Enclave, Near-Karkardooma, Delhi Mobile-No.9811801205. 0040604151-10

I,Shamsher Singh Malik have lost my original property documents of flat K-65, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi. If documents are found then contact me on 9971122583. 0040604083-1

I, Ratnesh Kumar Jain Partner of M/s Greozol Surfactants, have lost Original flat buyer agreement of 818,Kirti Shikhar, Delhi-110058, Finder Contact:9212001769 0040604078-1

WE, Pawan Kumar & Sonu Mishra are in possession, bonafide and registered owners of flat No-F-174, F-2, Dilshad Colony, Delhi-110095. Original chains (prior to registered in our name 3 in nos) of our above said flat was misplaced. An online FIR was lodged on. Through this advertisement this is to inform to the general public that any one come across with the original chains of sale deeds may handover and contact me on +91-9958314438 venture.pawan@gmail.com within 15 days from the date of advertisement. 0070774282-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to the general public at large on behalf of my client Shri Ajay Kumar Goyal S/o Late Sh. Shobha Ram and Smt. Mamta Goyal W/o Sh. Ajay Kumar Goyal both R/o F-24/149-150, Top Floor with Roof Rights, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085 that my aforesaid client has disowned and disinherited his son Shri Nishant Goyal, his wife Smt. Palak Shastan and their daughter Baby Krishna Goyal from all their moveable and immovable properties. In case anybody deal with him, he/she/they shall do the same at his/her/their own risks, costs and consequences and my above-named client shall not be responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever.

Varun Mittal  
Advocate  
Ch. No- 328 rohini Court Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to all General Public that my clients named Shri Ajay Kumar Jain son of Late Shri Saswant Rai Jain and Smt. Charu Jain wife of Shri Ajay Kumar Jain Both Residents of H.No. D-6/5, Rana Partap Bagh, Delhi-110007 hereby disown their Son Anuj Jain from inheriting their assets and properties either M o v e a b l e o r i m m o v a b l e being their class-I legal heir and my aforesaid clients have also severed all their relations with him and my clients shall not be responsible for his any act while dealing with any person.

PRAVEEN KUMAR  
ADVOCATE (F-1727/ 2007)  
Office:-  
84, Dhaka Village,  
G.T.B. Nagar, Delhi  
Mobile: 9891618153

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Rajesh Sehdev, s/o:- Lt. Sh. Janak Raj, R/o:- E-1/A, R.B. Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033 He entered in the Agreement to Sale Purchase a property Bearing No.D-2425, Mahindra Park, Area 400 Sq.Yards to Mr. Javeed Iqbal S/O:- Ishwar Singh, R/o:- H.No. 14993/1, Gali no. 2, Saroha sancti, Haryana. If any person having rights and titles or interest by way inheritance or claim against the said plot/property or share should send the claim/bank loan/ Mortgage in writing to the undersigned or my client Rajesh Sehdev, S/o:- Lt. Sh. Janak Raj as earliest as possible.

Sd/-  
NKHIL BHARDWAJ  
ADVOCATE  
D-1645-2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my client, ANIL KUMAR JAIN S/o Sh. Duli Chand Jain, is the owner of property bearing no. 4110, Naya Nohra, Delhi-110048 and on 25.01.2022 he lost the original documents pertaining to property no. 4110, Naya Bazar, Delhi-110006. It is informed to general public that any misuse of the said original documents would be actionable as per law.

Sd/-  
Mohit Sharma  
(Advocate)  
Ch. No. 637, Western Wing  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

NOTICE GIVEN to the general public on behalf of Mr.Suraj Prakash Bajaj s/o Late Churni Lal Bajaj R/o H.No. 1000, Sec.15, Part 2, Gurgaon, Haryana. My Mother was the joint owner of office space situated Partam 305-s/3 office space located at Guru Angad Bhawan- 71, Noida Place, New Delhi-110019 addressing 272 sqft approx was purchased from Doon Apartments (P) Ltd, New Delhi. The Original Sale Agreement dated 13th april 1979 has been lost/ misplaced by us. The loss of original sale agreement has been reported online on lost articles/ documents report section of Delhi Police vide S.No.-340/2014 Delhi Police dated 02/02/2022 registered as LR NO 92977/2022. P/S Crime Branch. Hence notice is given that no person should carry out any legal transaction in respect of said portion/ space without the consent by us. If any person does the same he shall do at his own risk and we shall not be liable for the same and such transactions will be illegal and void and will not be binding.

Suraj Prakash  
Add: House No. 1600, Sec 15, Part 2, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122001

PUBLIC NOTICE

That public in general is hereby informed that Mrs. Ritu Harjai W/o Sunit Kumar Harjai D/o Somnath and Kailash Kumar resident at Bm-92 West Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110086 is negotiating to sale with my client, Mr. Rakesh Anand R/O School block N-1986. The property details are One building property bearing no. S-206, School block, Shakapur Delhi-110092 area measuring 181 Sq. Yards i.e. 155.93 Sq. mtrs. with the rights of upper construction upto tall storey, fitted with electricity and water tap connection both in running condition with their meters, out off khasra no. 183 situated in the area of village shakapur khas, in the abadi of school block, shakapur, ilaga shahdra, Delhi-110092. Mrs. Ritu Harjai claims that she is the present owner having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property, by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice at P-71, FIRST FLOOR, EAST VINOD NAGAR DELHI-110091 or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. And, my client shall proceed to conclude the negotiations and no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

ASHISH SHARMA (ADVOCATE)  
Date: 23/02/2022 D-371/30219  
Place: DELHI 956058532

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA  
Tribal Development Department  
Executive Engineer,  
P.W. (Tribal) Division, Nashik  
Building No. A-3, Adivasi Vikas Colony, Near RTO Office, Beside Military & Police Training Centre, Peth Road, Nashik  
Web - <http://mahatender.gov.in>  
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 45 for 2021-2022  
ONLINE E-Tender in B-1 Form for the 08 (Eight) Works for Civil Works for School Building invited by Executive Engineer, P.W. (Tribal) Division, Nashik Telephone No. (0253-2992053) from the Registered Civil Contractors (Of Eligible Class) For Work Management Cell, Tribal Development Department and Government of Maharashtra. This Tender Notice is available from Dt. 25.02.2022 on Web site. <https://mahatenders.gov.in>  
Sd/-  
(D.B.Bagul)  
Executive Engineer  
P.W. (Tribal) Division, Nashik  
DGIPR-2021-22/4656

OFFICE OF THE JOINT DIRECTOR  
INSTITUTE OF VETERINARY BIOLOGICALS  
A.H. & VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, KHANAPARA,  
GUWAHATI-781022  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR “EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR SELECTION OF TECHNICAL EXPERT CONSULTANT FOR PREPARING THE PRE-DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR UP-GRADATION OF IVB to cGMP STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION OF BSL-III DIAGNOSTIC FACILITY AT ANIMAL HEALTH CENTRE, KHANAPARA”  
Sealed Tender affixing court fee stamp of Rs.8.25/- on behalf of the Director A. H. & Veterinary Department, Assam, Chenikuthi, Guwahati-781003 are invited in single bid system from reputed Consultancy Service Provider for supply of “EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR SELECTION OF TECHNICAL EXPERT CONSULTANT FOR PREPARING THE PRE-DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR UP-GRADATION OF IVB to cGMP STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION OF BSL-III DIAGNOSTIC FACILITY AT ANIMAL HEALTH CENTRE, KHANAPARA” under the Head of account 2403-00-001-0172-000-05-03-EE-GA-V  
Schedule of Tender

Sl.	Activity Description	Schedule
1	Tender No.	IVB/GMP/(01)/2021-22/208 dated 23rd Feb/2022
2	Published Date	25th February/2022
3	Issue of bid documents (duration)	26 <sup>th</sup> February' 2022 to 18th March' 2022
4	Bid submission start date	26 <sup>th</sup> February' 2022
5	Bid submission end date	18th March' 2022 (17.00 PM)
6	Technical Bid opening date	19th March' 2022 (14.00 PM)
7	Financial Bid opening date	After recommendation from Departmental Bid Management Committee (DBMC)

The complete bid document may be collected from the office of the undersigned only. In the event of specified date for submission of bids are being declared a holiday for purchaser, the bid will be received up to the appointed time on next working day and will be opened at the appointed times and location on the same day.  
Mode of bid submission:- The bid should be submitted at Office of the Joint Director, Institute of Veterinary Biologicals, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.  
Joint Director  
Institute of Veterinary Biologicals  
Khanapara, Guwahati-781022  
Janasanyog /C/12494/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I,Anand Manoj son of Late Shri Govind Ram Arund resident of DP-49, Maurya Enclave, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110024, (Original allottee of plot no. 147, Pocket A-2, Sector-36, Measuring 60 SQ Meter of Rohini Delhi-110085, has applied for declaration of paper of the aforesaid plot/property such as original Possession slip has been lost. File No. 161(4243)/2012 M/N/Delhi dated 31/03/2021. An FIR (LR No. 157056/2022) to this effect has been lodged in the police station Maurya Enclave Pitam Pura on dated 23/02/2022. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or right in possession of original documents may write/contact with the above named person at above address or Assist. Engineer DDA 6th Floor, Madhuban Chowk Rohini New Delhi, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Sd/-  
DAKSHA KUMAR (Advocate)  
Off:- A-51, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Anwar Ahmad S/o Sh. Alimuddin and his wife Nazma Begam, both R/o No 1661, Saini Mohalla Main, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 have evicted all their relations with their son Sh. Junaid Ahmed and his wife rukaiyya 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 moveable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Sh. Junaid Ahmed 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. Junaid Ahmed.

Sd/- Raees Ahmad  
(Advocate)  
Delhi High Court  
Mob. No. 7053737086

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Deep Sarkar s/o Late Shri Subodh Sarkar resident of 25, S/F Block B-1, Sewak Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have adopted Divti Narang aged three years as stated above on date 15th April 2021. I have also changed her name from Divti Narang to Divti Sarkar and therefore she will be known as Divti Sarkar. It is certified that I have already completed all the legal requirements in this connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all, through this Public Notice that my client Mr. Devender Kumar Yadav S/O Sh. Ram Sukh Yadav R/O H. No. Flat No. 68, Pragatishat Apartment, Rohini Sector-9, Delhi-110085 has severed all kinds of relationship with his younger brother Mr. Brender Yadav and Mr. Deepak Yadav. My client further informs the public in general that he is unaware of his said brothers namely Mr. Brender Yadav and Mr. Deepak whereabouts. My client further informs the public in general that anybody dealing with his said brothers in any manner, shall do the same on his/her own risk, cost and consequences and my client will not be responsible for any act, deed, commission and omission of his said brothers.

Sd/- PRASHANT PRABHAKAR (ADVOCATE)  
Chamber No. 344-B, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Be it informed to the General Public at large that my clientless Shashi Prabha Bhagirathi wife of Late Devinder Nath Bhagirathi R/o E-3/7, Ganga Triveni Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-85, have severed all her relations with her son RISHI NATH BHAGIRATHI and his wife HIMANSHI KAUSHIK BHAGIRATHI, as they are out of control of my clientless and also debar and disown them from her all moveable and immovable properties due to their disobedient, rude and quarrelsome nature. Any person dealing with them will be doing so, at his/her own risk and responsibilities. My clientless shall not be responsible in any manner."

Sd/- RAJ KUMAR (ADVOCATE)  
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
Ch. No. 1405, 14th floor Ro





GOLD

₹49,960



RUPEE

₹74.59



OIL

\$97.21



SILVER

₹63,939

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of February 22

SENSEX: 57,232.06 ▼ 68.62 (0.12%) NIFTY: 17,063.25 ▼ 28.95 (0.17%) NIKKEI: 26,449.61 ▼ 461.26 HANG SENG: 23,660.28 ▲ 140.28 FTSE: 7,519.93 ▲ 25.72 DAX: 14,785.57 ▲ 92.57

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH  
EDTECHLido Learning shuts:  
Staff, clients in the  
lurch; lack of funds  
compounds problemSOUMYARENDRABARIK  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

## THE BACKERS

■ The firm is backed by high-profile investors, including Upgrad founder Ronnie Screwvala, Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma, and Shaadi.com's Anupam Mittal, among others

UNPAID DUES to its teachers and employees, mass layoffs, inability to offer refunds on cancelled subscriptions, and a funding crunch — these are learnt to be the troubles that Lido Learning finds itself in, as the edtech startup shut down its business operations, leaving tutors, parents, students, and its employees in the lurch.

The company had last raised \$10 million in September last year, and has so far raised \$24 million in total since April 2019 when it was founded. It is backed by high-profile investors, including Upgrad founder Ronnie Screwvala, Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma, and Shaadi.com's Anupam Mittal, among others.

The company is not taking any new signups and is trying to complete classes for students who had already bought its subscriptions, sources said. That, though, is proving to be a challenge as several of its tutors have parted ways with the company after it failed to pay them their dues for the month of January. Lido Learning offered live online classes for the K-12 segment.

More than a hundred employees, mostly from its Bengaluru and Noida offices, are learnt to have been fired by the company, current and former employees, that *The Indian Express* spoke to, said. But even for those that haven't yet been laid off, the panic has set in. Some of these employees haven't been paid their salaries for January. Earlier in February, Lido Learning organised a town hall where it invited its employees and it was at this gathering that the company's founder Sahil Sheth informed them that the firm has no funds to run its business and is actively looking to either raise funds or get acquired by another company, sources said.

At this townhall, Sheth is also learnt to have announced that the company was looking to sell off its assets to pay dues to tutors and employees.

"After the company communicated to us about its financial health, we were all left wondering how it burned through \$10 million in about five months," said an employee of the company. Lido Learning did not respond to a detailed questionnaire until publication. Ronnie Screwvala, whose firm Unilazer Ventures had led the last funding round in the company, also did not respond to texts and multiple phone calls. The development comes as a warning note in India's booming edtech ecosystem, home to the world's most valuable edtech firm in Byju's. It also comes at a time when traditional classes have been disrupted owing to the ravaging coronavirus pandemic, a gap that a number of edtech firms in the country have been claiming to fill.

The sector however has come under the scanner lately. In January, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had announced that the government was working on a policy to regulate the edtech ecosystem.

Last December, Congress MP Karti Chidambaram had accused edtech companies of engaging in "predatory" marketing practices that "prey upon" the aspirations of poor people who want to give their children a better education.

Major edtech companies — Byju's, Unacademy, Eruditus, upGrad, Vedantu, and Lead School — on their part have swiftly moved to forming a collective called India EdTech Consortium and adopting a self-regulatory code of conduct right after coming under the scanner.

## 'INTERMEDIARIES MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE TO CONSUMERS'

MoS IT: Rules soon to put onus  
of cybercrime reporting on cosENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 23

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) will soon come out with regulations, which will put onus on organisations to report any cyber-crime that may have happened against them, including data leaks, said Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology.

Speaking at the launch of IBM's Security Command Centre for Asia Pacific, which has been set up in Bengaluru, Chandrasekhar said companies must report these crimes instead of being silent.

"You will soon hear in the next few days that new regulations go-

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR  
Minister of State, Electronics and IT File

ing out there that put the onus on organisations to report these crimes and not just push it under the carpet. It is important that at any given point, government and government agencies have absolute clarity on the threat matrix that is around and is active in the cyber space in India," he said.

In doing so, Chandrasekhar said, the government would ensure that cyberspace remained a safe, trusted and open space for all.

"We are investing heavily on capabilities. The internet must be safe, trusted and open, and intermediaries that operate on the internet must be accountable to the consumers," he said.

Talking about the recent cyber threats that the country had faced, Chandrasekhar said that India faced a million cybersecurity incidents in the recent times, which were tracked and reported by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (Cert-In) over the last year, which made the country the second most attacked as far as cybercrime was concerned.

"This makes it even more ur-

gent for us to secure our cyberspace and achieve our objective of a trusted cyberspace. Over the years we have built up capacity," he said.

On Wednesday, IBM India managing director Sandip Patel announced that the company was setting up its second Security Command Centre (SOC) globally, and the first of its kind for the Asia-Pacific region. The SOC will be for training companies and its employees for a correct cybersecurity response by simulating such attack environments.

"India, Australia and Japan emerged as most attacked geographies with ransomware as the dominant attack in India. We have a responsibility to respond and act now," Patel said.

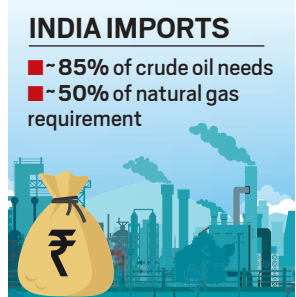
'Russia-Ukraine faceoff: Global  
oil, LNG prices may rise sharply'

Global oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices may rise sharply in case of a Russia-Ukraine faceoff, and have negative implications for net energy importers, a Moody's report said

Trade effects are likely to arise from import diversion and diversification, although there may be opportunities for commodities producers in Central Asia to increase supply to China

Supply chain bottlenecks will also be aggravated

Source: Moody's Investors Service/PTI

UK's Vodafone to cut  
Indus Towers stake

Mumbai: Vodafone Group Plc of the UK has launched the placing of 63.6 million primary shares in Indus Towers Ltd through an accelerated book build offering. This represents 2.4 per cent of Indus' outstanding share capital.

Vodafone said it is also in advanced discussions with one of the largest shareholders in Indus for the purchase of up to 127.1m Indus shares from Vodafone, or 4.7 per cent of Indus' outstanding share capital, which represents the remaining balance of primary shares. The terms of such an agree-

ment are currently being discussed and there can be no certainty that the sale will proceed. "Should the sale be completed, Vodafone would retain 567.2 million shares in Indus, or a 21.0 per cent shareholding," it said in a filing on the London Stock Exchange.

Vodafone is also in discussions with several interested parties in relation to a potential sale of the residual shareholding. A further announcement will be made as soon as practicable if any further deals are reached, it said. **ENS Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)**



## NEW BALENO LAUNCHED

Kenichi Ayukawa, MD-CEO, Maruti Suzuki, at the launch of the new Baleno on Wednesday, New Delhi. Starting at ex-showroom price of ₹6.35 lakh, the hatchback is the first model to feature 'NEXA's Crafted Futurism design language'. PTI

## BRIEFLY

## Amazon, Future

New Delhi: The Supreme Court asked Amazon and Future group to urge National Company Law Appellate Tribunal to decide a plea challenging the revocation of sanction to Amazon for its deal with Future Retail by Competition Commission.

## ZEEL NCLT plea

New Delhi: Zee Entertainment Enterprise Ltd (ZEEL) has moved an application before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) requesting dismissal of IndusInd Bank's plea against the company.

## IKEA India CEO

New Delhi: IKEA named Susanne Pulverer as its first woman CEO and chief sustainability officer (CSO) for India. PTI

## US FAA on 5G

Washington: US Federal Aviation Administration warned that 5G could affect radio altimeters in most Boeing 737 aircraft.

## EU, illegal data

Brussels: Amazon, Microsoft, other cloud services providers and data processing service providers will have to adopt safeguards to prevent non-EU governments gain illegal access to EU data, as per European Commission draft rules. **REUTERS**

Export potential of  
half trillion dollars in  
clean energy: Ambani

Mumbai: Reliance Industries (RIL) chairman and MD Mukesh Ambani said at least 25-30 new Indian companies in the green energy and tech space will grow as big as RIL in the next 10-20 years.

Speaking at the Asia Economic Dialogue 2022 on Wednesday, he said it took RIL about 38 years to become a \$200-billion company, adding, "The next generation of Indian entrepreneurs will achieve this in half the time. What this also means is that India's community of entrepreneurs will become broader and wealth creation will also become more inclusive."

He said India's technology and digital exports have risen to \$150 billion from less than \$10 billion 20 years ago. "By 2030, I believe they will exceed half a trillion dollars. Similarly, India's clean and

Reliance Industries CMD  
Mukesh Ambani File

green energy exports ... at the end of 20 years also has the potential of half a trillion dollars of export."

"If the last 20 years, we were known for India's emergence as an IT superpower, next 20 years I believe, along with technology, will mark our emergence as a superpower in energy and life sciences," he said. **ENS Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)**

RBI to focus all  
energies on  
accelerating  
recovery: Patra

Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Michael Patra on Wednesday said the central bank will focus all its energies on reviving the country's economic growth given that inflation's momentum is declining.

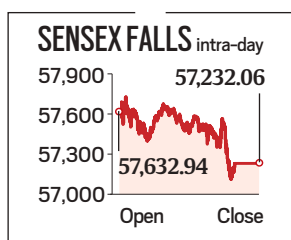
"Our sense is that headline inflation has peaked in January and from hereon it will ease down to the target of 4 per cent by the last quarter of 2022," he said at the Asia Economic Dialogue, adding, "This has provided us the space to maintain policy rates low and persevere with an accommodative stance so that we can focus all energies on accelerating and broadening the recovery."

Meanwhile, as per a PTI report, Patra said the RBI's views about cryptocurrencies might have delayed the government's proposed legislation on crypto assets. **ENS**

As sanctions start, Russia's  
trade flow shifts towards China

Washington/Mumbai: The US is poised to unleash wider sanctions against Russia if Moscow escalates the conflict in Ukraine, denying key Russian financial institutions and firms access to US dollar transactions and global markets for trade, energy exports and financing.

A review of World Bank and United Nations trade data shows that since lesser sanctions were imposed in 2014 after Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimea, China has



emerged as its biggest export destination, as per a Reuters report. New sanctions could prompt

Russia to try to deepen its non-dollar denominated trade ties with Beijing in an effort to skirt the restrictions, said Harry Broadman, former US trade negotiator and World Bank official.

The Dow fell 226 points, or 0.6 percent, to 33,370 as of 1:54 pm ET. The Sensex closed 68.62 points or 0.12 per cent lower at 57,232, as per a PTI report. Brent was up 0.06 per cent, to \$96.9 at 1:46 pm ET. **REUTERS & PTI**

**DAVANAGERE SMART CITY LIMITED**

Plot No.77, Zilladalitha Bhavana Office Premises, Karur Industrial Area, Old P.B. Road, Davanagere-577006  
Tel-08192-222383, CIN: U74999KA2016PLC093411, [davanageresmartcity.mrc.gov.in](mailto:davanageresmartcity.mrc.gov.in), [smartcitydavanagere@gmail.com](mailto:smartcitydavanagere@gmail.com)

No: DSC/L/EE-2/CR-04/2021-22/2259 Date: 22-02-2022

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION/ TENDER NOTIFICATION**  
Through Government of Karnataka E-Procurement Portal Only

As per Karnataka Transparency in the Public Procurement Act-1999-2000 (Amendment) Law of Act-2000 and as per the relevant Standard Tender Documents, the undersigned invites tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal for the detailed below. The tenderer may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (<https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>). Further details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned or by contacting e-procurement helpline Telephone No.+91 80 23010900, +91 80 23010901.

Sl. No.	E-Procurement No.	Estimate Amount in Lakhs
<b>SHORT TERM TENDER WORKS</b>		
1	UDD/2021-22/RD/WORK_INDENT1538	260.00
2	UDD/2021-22/RD/WORK_INDENT1536	350.00
3	UDD/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT1533	220.00
4	UDD/2021-22/RD/WORK_INDENT1539	300.00
5	UDD/2021-22/RD/WORK_INDENT1535	772.00
6	UDD/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT1537	850.00
7	UDD/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT1544	550.00
8	UDD/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT1542	400.00
9	UDD/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT1543	256.00
10	UDD/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT1540	200.00
<b>REGULAR TERM TENDER WORKS</b>		
1	UDD/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT1491	0.55
2	UDD/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT1529	0.50
3	UDD/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT1541	1.60
4	UDD/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT1534	0.65

Note: Tender documents can be downloaded in e-procurement from 28-02-2022

(1) Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting 03-03-2022 hrs: 11.30  
(2) Last date & time for tender queries 10-03-2022 hrs: 15.00  
(3) Last date & time for submission of Tender 14-03-2022 hrs: 16.00 (4) Date & time of opening Technical bids 16-03-2022 hrs: 16.30 (5) Date & time of opening of Financial Bid 18-03-2022 hrs: 11.30

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Sd/- Managing Director and CEO  
Davanagere Smart City Ltd., Davanagere Smart City Ltd.,  
Davanagere. Davanagere.

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**District Urban Development Cell. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Davanagere Dist.**

No:DUDC(2)CR/1012 /2018-19 Dated:19-02-2022

**RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

(Through GOK E-Procurement Portal Only) **TWO COVER SYSTEM INDENT No: DUDC(2)CR/1012/2018-19/CaII-2**

(1) Deputy Commissioner, Davanagere District, Davanagere invites tenders from eligible Bidders/group of entities (the "Consortium") registered with registrar of companies (ROC) under the companies act 1965/2013 or registered with PWD/ Electrical inspectorate or registration need for firms or shall be registered with government of India or State government or its undertakings or any State Government Organizations for the work detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (Viz <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract as per standard bidding document uploaded in e-procurement portal. (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 29-02-2022 on Wards. (3) Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit specified for the work in the table below. Earnest money deposit will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the Tender document and shall have to be valid for a minimum of 60 days beyond the validity of the tender. (4) Other details can be seen in the tender documents. (a) Name of the work:- **Implementation of Energy Efficiency Project for streetlights by replacement of existing conventional lamps with LED lamps along with Centralized Control & Monitoring System (CCMS) in ULB's (Harihar CMC, Channagiri TMC, Malebennuru TMC, Honnali TMC & Jagalur TP) in Davanagere District through PPP Mode. (b) EMD (in lakhs):- Refer e-Procurement Portal. (c) Cost of Tender Document:- As per e-Procurement Portal. (d) Period of Completion 8 months (including monsoon period) and operation and maintenance for seven years.**

**Note:** (1) corrigendum/addendums if any, will be published in e-procurement portal only and no separate paper notification will be published. (2) Before submission of bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid. (3) All the required information required for Bids must be filled and submit online. (4) for more details, registration and e-payment visit GOK e-procurement website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> (5) If any clarification required please contact DUDC, Room No.22, D.C. Office Davanagere Ph:08192-251168.

ಎಸ್ಎಸ್ಸಿಸಿ/ಎಮ್ಆರ್/77/1540/ಎಂಎಸ್/2021-22

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,  
Davanagere District, Davanagere.



<b>TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD</b>			
<b>Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)</b>			
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Tender Inviting Authority</b>	<b>Specification No. and Description of works / Materials</b>	<b>Due date &amp; time for Submission of Tender</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>CE/MECHANICAL/COAL</b>	<b>COAL(SHIP) - 100 t/d at 21.02.2022, Providing Protection and Indemnity Insurance Cover for Charterer liability for Ships Chartered by TANGEDCO</b>	<b>14.03.2022 Up to 14.30 Hours</b>

The tender Specification can be downloaded from TANGEDCO website, [www.tangedco.gov.in](http://www.tangedco.gov.in), [www.tenders tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders tn.gov.in), <https://tenders.gov.in/initiativeapp/> at free of cost. Tender will be accepted through the NIGC portal.

**DIPR/202/Gender/2022** **CHIEF ENGINEER/MECHANICAL/COAL**

சென்னை மின் துறைமுகம், காரைக்கல், கோவை மற்றும் திருச்சி ஆகிய இடங்களில் கப்பல்களை பாதுகாக்கும் பொறுப்பு வாய்ந்த பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ளும் நோக்கத்திற்காக

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
TENDER NOTICE	
Department	Electrical (TRD)
Tender No.	T-15-TRD-MB-21-22
Name of work	Replacement of faded, invisible and corroded structure number plates over Moradabad Division Phase-2.
Tender Closing Date & Time	07.03.2022, 15:00 Hrs.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Rs. 8206855.30 (Including GST)
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. 164100/-
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	NIL
Validity of offer (Days)	45 days
Period of completion	6 Months
Website particulars & Address of office	www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age** : About 32 years, **Height**: 5'7", **Complexion**: Shallow, **Face**: Long, **Build**: Medium, wearing blue colour shirt, grey colour pant, black colour socks and brown colour shoes in feet, was fell down from under construction building on 02.05.2020 at Plot No. 1, Motia Khan, Paharganj, Delhi. He was admitted in LHMC Hospital, where doctor declared him brought dead. In this regard a FIR No. 100/2020 dated 03.05.2020 u/s 288/304A IPC has been registered at P.S. Paharganj, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased man may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

**SHO : P.S. Paharganj, Delhi**  
**Ph.:** 011-23524746, 23520871  
**087508703427, 09873433503**

DP/1273/CD/22


## PRESS NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The under signed for and on behalf of the Government of Tripura invites e-tender from the Sugar Mills / Sugar Importers / Bulk Sugar Suppliers of India for supply of total 11280 MT (tentative) ISS Grade S-30/S-31 Sugar out of 2021-22 seasons production to different State Food Godowns of Tripura during the period from April 2022 to March 2023 at the sole discretion of the Food CS&CA Department.

2. Interested Bidders may see & download the NIT Document from the website '<https://tripuratenders.gov.in/nicgpeapp/>'. However, e-Bidding to be made only through '<https://tripuratenders.gov.in/nicgpeapp/>'. Last date & time of submission of Bid is **15.03.2022 up to 3.00 PM.**

Sd/- (**Tapan Kt Das**)  
Addl. Secretary & Director  
Food, Civil Supplies & CA  
Government of Tripura

ICA-C-3852-22



## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

### SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL E-AUCTION NOTICE (SCRAP SALE)

Month	DIVISION	DATE	Mobile
March 2022	Samastipur	24.03.2022 (Thursday) & 31.03.2022 (Thursday)	9771428770

(a) Bidders are advised to inspect the scrap lot before submission of bid. They are allowed to inspect the lot, on an authority from the concerned officer of Railway Administration, at the site of lot mentioned in the auction catalogue on any working day (except Sunday).

(b) The complete catalogue of materials and terms and conditions will be as per Auction Catalogue, which shall be available with the respective auction conducting authority of East Central Railway or from our website : [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) prior to the date of auction.

PR/01728/HQ/STORE/IN-21-22/40
Principal Chief Material Manager



**Andhra Pradesh Industrial  
Infrastructure Corporation Limited**

**O/o Engineer-in-Chief, Mangalagiri**

**Email ID: engineer-in-chief@apic.in, gnagabhushanam@gov.in**

**e-Procurement Notice**

**Tender Notice No. 06/ENC/VCICDP-T2-APIC/NCB/06B/  
2021-22, Dt: 22.02.2022**

Engineer-in-Chief/ APIC Ltd., Mangalagiri invites bid for the following works  
**Subject:** VCICDP-T2-APIC/06B : Establishment of 1.2 Mld Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) including O&M for a period of 5 years in Start-up area of Chittoor Node, South Cluster, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, India. Date of Publication : 23.02.2022. Last date & Time for submission of proposal : 11.04.2022 up to 3.00 PM. **The details of tender notice and bid document can be downloaded from website: <https://eprocure.gov.in>**

**Sd/- Engineer-in-Chief,  
APIC Ltd., Mangalagiri**

Ro.No.701PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22

 **NMDC Limited**  
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)  
10-3-311/A, CASTLE HILLS, MASAB TANK, HYDERABAD-502 028  
CIN:L13100TG1958G0010674

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Tender No. CGM/ENV/ENI/ENG/GHG-CD/2022, 24/02/2022

MSTC Ref no: NMDC/HO/87/21-22/ET/467

Tenders are invited from reputed firms for the work of "Carbon Foot Print assessment and disclosure of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Carbon Disclosure Project for production projects of NMDC Limited (Ballailadi Iron Ore Mine - Bacheli Complex and Kirandul Complex located in Dantewada District of Chhattisgarh and Donimalai Iron Ore Mine & Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine located in Donimalai, Bellary Dist. of Karnataka) for 3 F.Y.s i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24".

For viewing/downloading the schedule of e-bidding, detailed NIT along with pre-qualification requirements etc, bidders may visit MSTC website link:<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eproc/home/nmdc/> and register on-line as 'New Vendor'. The tenders shall submit their online bids through MSTC portal from 24-02-2022 to 17-03-2022. Any corrigendum to the tender will be uploaded only in the above-mentioned website. Bidders should visit the above website from time to time to take note of corrigendum, if any.

The bidders may be viewed NIT and tender document from NMDC web site <http://www.nmdc.co.in> and [www.eprocurement.gov.in](http://www.eprocurement.gov.in)

For further clarification, CGM(RP)/DGM(Env), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad can be contacted on 7382291342, email: [jayapal@nmdc.co.in](mailto:jayapal@nmdc.co.in) / [nsssekhar@nmdc.co.in](mailto:nsssekhar@nmdc.co.in)

**Chief General Manager (Resource Planning)**

**उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रान्समिशन कॉर्पोरेशन लि०**

 ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-14 / वि०जा०पा०ख० / आगरा / 2021-22 के समय विस्तार हेतु कोरिजिण्डम का प्रकाशन

**E-Tender Notice No.14/ECTD/Agra/2021-22 पर अंकित ई**  
निविदायें जिसकी ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण सं०-38 / वि०जा०पा०ख० / आ / 2021-22 है, (765 क०वी० उपकन्टे फतेहाबाद जिला आगरा पर सी०टी० हेतु 04 नव स्टोरेज प्लेटफार्म का जानपदिय निर्माण कार्य) जो कि दिनांक 23.02.2022 समय 12:00 बजे प्रातः कर उसी दिन दिनांक 23.02.2022 समय 15:00 बजे (03:00 बजे अपराह्न) बजे खोली जानी थी। अपरिहार्य कारणों से सऊ निविदा की तिथि व समय को विस्तारित किया जाता है जिसमें निविदाओं को प्रातः कर की तिथि 02.03.2022 समय 12:00 बजे एवं निविदा को खोलने की तिथि 02.03.2022 समय 15:00 बजे (03:00 बजे अपराह्न) निर्धारित किया जाता है। अन्य सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेगी। निविदा सम्बन्धित विवरण मिमागीय वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से भी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाव" अधिशासी अभियन्ता (जानपद) विद्युत जानपद पारषण खण्ड, ककरेदा रोड (निकट अमर उजाला प्रेस), 220 क०वी० उपकन्टे सिकरन्दा आगरा। पत्रांक: 429 वि०जा०पा०ख० / आगरा / दिनांक:23.02.2022

**CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
Tender Notice No. DRMWNGP-  
09-2022 Dated 22.02.2022

Sr. No. 1 Name of work: Orthopedic  
Hospital (Surgis) at Samsat  
Mapping for all operational route of  
Nagpur Division of C. Ry. (Expect  
Marajinh-Dharakhori, Kesla-Talkh,  
Kandhoda-Tegapan Surpan) Total = 891  
Kms. As per Annexure-A. **Approximate  
Cost: Rs. 2999900/- Earnest Money: Rs.  
10000/-** **Seal Closing of  
Tender: 16.03.2022 at 15.00 pm.** Details  
on Railway website [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in).  
(DRM / WY, Nagpur)

**Rail Madad Helpline: 139 NGP-221**

**NOTICE FOR LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATE**

We would like to inform that we have lost the original share certificates of Ultra Tech Cement Ltd. issued in the names of CHANDER SHEKHAR REDDY & BAGWATHI MOOKIAH REDDY under Folio No.10778867 bearing Certificate No.00101778 with Distinctive Numbers from 038979659 to 03898767 for 20 shares. If anyone finds it kindly contact at 98115 19557 within 15 days from the date of issue of the Ad.

Sd/- CHANDER SHEKHAR & BAGWATHI  
Place : Delhi  
Date : 24.02.22

and Dr.M's. Office, Opp. (Total-3):  
SAWAINADHCPUR-PF 1& 2 side in  
Circulating area, (Total-2) remaining  
other Stations-BHARATPUR, HANUMAN  
CITY, GANGAPUR CITY, RAMGARH,  
MANDI, BUNDI, DAKANIYA TALAV,  
BHAHWANI MANDI, BAYANA,  
SRAMGARH, SRIMAHAVEERJI,  
SARAN, VIKRAMGARHALOT,  
CHAUMAHLA, SUWASRA,  
INDERGARH, SUMERGANI MANDI,  
CHHABRA GUGOR, LAKHERI,  
JHALAWAR CITY, MAHDIPUR ROAD,  
MORAK, KESHORIPATAN, MALARNA,  
NARAYANPUR TATWARA, ANTAH,  
ATRU, SALPURA-PF 1 side in  
Circulating area (Total-26). E-Tender  
No.-C/4/5/ATM/232002, E-Tender  
Date-22/02/2022, Cost of E-Tender

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**ई-निविदा सूचना**

ई-निविदा सूचना 88/2022/वाणिज्य /  
अवस्थक निर्माण 17.02.2022 मण्डल रेल  
अवस्थक (वाणिज्य), उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, बीकानेर  
आमत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से अनुभवी विज्ञापन  
एजेंसी/से बीकानेर मण्डल के बीकानेर स्टेशन  
पर एलडी टीवी और स्पीकर खोज सॉफ्ट के  
वाणिज्य स्थाना, संचालन, व रख रखाव हेतु  
वाणिज्य प्रचार प्राधिकार में केके पर देने की  
अभिनिधि से पांच वर्ष की अवधि हेतु ई - निविदा  
आयोजित की जाती है। इस सम्बन्ध में  
वित्तुत जानकारी IREPS की वेबसाइट  
[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध है। **कार्य का  
नाम व स्थान:** बीकानेर मण्डल के बीकानेर  
स्टेशन पर एलडी टीवी और स्पीकर खोज सॉफ्ट  
के संचालन, संचालन, व रख रखाव  
अभिनिधि के लिए वाणिज्य प्रचार प्राधिकार में केके  
पर देने हेतु। **कार्य की अनुमानित लागत:**  
IREPS की वेबसाइट पर दर्शाये गये वित्तुत विवरण के  
अनुसार। **बनाना राशि:** IREPS की  
वेबसाइट पर दर्शाये गये वित्तुत विवरण के  
अनुसार। **ई - टेण्डर खोलने की तिथि एवं  
समय:** ई - टेण्डर दिनांक 15.03.2022 को  
15:30 बजे खोला जायेगा। **IREPS की  
वेबसाइट:** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).



**राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान रायपुर**  
**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY RAIPUR**  
 (An Institute of National Importance)  
 G.E. Road, Raipur – 492010 (CG)

**Phone: (0771) 22523700**  
**Fax : (0771) 22523104**  
**Email: registrar@nitrr.ac.in**  
**Website: www.nitrr.ac.in**

**NO./NITRR/S&P/Advt./2022/2253**

**Raipur, Dated: 23/02/2022**

## INVITATION OF E-TENDER

NIT, Raipur is inviting tender which details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Department/ Tender	Tender Enquiry No.	Last Date & Time of Submission of Tender	Date for Opening of Tender
1.	<b>Biomedical Engineering</b>	<b>NITRR/S&amp;P/BM/OT/2022/2253</b>	<b>19/03/2022 upto 06.00PM</b>	<b>21/03/2022 at 04.00PM</b>

Forms & Details can be downloaded from the website i.e. [www.nitrr.ac.in](http://www.nitrr.ac.in), [www.eprocure.gov.in/publish/app](http://www.eprocure.gov.in/publish/app) and portal [www.tenderwizard.com/NITRR](http://www.tenderwizard.com/NITRR)

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**REGISTRAR**

 **HITES**  
HLL INFRA TECH SERVICES LTD.

(A 100% Subsidiary of HLL Lifecare Ltd., a Govt. of India Enterprise)

B-14 A, Sector-62, Noida-201 307, Uttar Pradesh

**Notice Inviting E-Tender**

Tender NO.: HITES/IDN/EP/ADL-BED/NHM/2021-22

HLL Infra Tech Services Ltd., (HITES) on behalf of NHM, Govt. of UP, invites bids online through e-tendering from eligible contractors/firms in two bid system for the Construction of Health facilities under " Covid-19 ECRP-II" in EPC mode, in the existing Hospitals of Chitrakoot, Moradabad & Bareilly Divisions in UP. The bid documents shall be available online from 24.02.2022. For submission and other details, please refer detailed NIT available on websites [www.hllhites.com/tenders](http://www.hllhites.com/tenders), <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Corrigendum/amendments, if any, will be notified on these websites only.

Chief Engineer (ID)

HOTILAL RAMNATH COLLEGE				
Amnour, Saran – 841401				
<b>Tender Notice No - HRC/03/2021-22</b>				
Sealed tenders are invited for registered contractors of appropriate				
Categories for the works mentioned below:-				
Sl. No.	Name of works	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (Rs.)	Time of Completion
1.	Construction of Boundary Wall	5,13,000/-	1,250/-	2 Months
2.	Renovation & repairing of Main Administrative Building & Library Building	10,87,295/-	2,500/-	2 Months
3.	Construction of Girls Common Room	6,01,354/-	1,250/-	2 Months
4.	Renovation and Repairing of Teachers Common Room	2,77,000/-	750/-	2 Months



## MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

Corporate Office: MESCOM BHAVANA, Bejai, Mangaluru - 575 004.

Ph: 0824-2885795, CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGCA 030425

No. MESCOM - PROCPURC/302/2021-PROC
Date: 21.02.2022

**TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)**

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Commissionerate of Agriculture,**  
 Seshadri Road, Bengaluru – 560001

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**No.: DDA(FM&M)/FM RFP/2021-22      Date: 18.02.2022**

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The interested OEM / Manufacturers / Importers / MoU Holders can download the tender documents through e-Procurement free of cost by payment of applicable e-Procurement processing fees and the EMD amount as fixed by the Department. Applications for RFP can be downloaded from the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from **23.02.2022 to 24.03.2022**. The last date for submission of proposals in e-Procurement platform is **24.03.2022, 4:30 p.m.** The Technical Bids will be opened on **28.03.2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Samruddi VC Hall, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru-560001**.

The Hard copies (Physical Deposition) of the Technical and Financial Proposals along with other relevant documents uploaded in the e-Procurement portal will be received at the Office of the **Deputy Director of Agriculture (Farm Mechanization & Micro irrigation), Department of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru-560001** till **4:30 p.m.**, on or before **DT: 25.03.2022**.

The interested Manufacturers / OEM / MoU Holders have to register at the **Centre for e-Governance, 1st Floor, M.S. Building, Bengaluru-560001** and obtain the DSC key or e-token (Helpdesk: 080-41296235, 41296261, 42250402).

**NOTE: e-Procurement processing fee is non-refundable and Tender documents are non transferable.**

**Sd/-, Director of Agriculture  
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उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड,  
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**33/18, कपिल विहार, निकट विश्वकर्मा चौक, सहारनपुर 247001, उ.प्र.**

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**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,**  
**SHIVNATH CIRCLE DURG (CHHATTISGARH)**

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SYSTEM TENDER No.91922/NIT No:28/SAC/2021-22, Bemetara, Dated:21.02.2022

**Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 14.03.2022 at 17.30 Hour**

**Name of Work:- CONSTRUCTION OF BUDHWARA BANK PROTECTION WORK ON SURHI RIVER IN SAJA BLOCK OF BEMETARA DISTRICT**

**Probable amount of Contract- Rs. 196.74 Lakhs**

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 28/02/2022, at 17.31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

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**Sd/-**  
**Executive Engineer**  
**Water Resources Division Bemetara (C.G.)**  
**For, Superintending Engineer Shivnath Circle, Durg (C.G.)**

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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,**  
**WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, KORBA DISTT- KORBA (C.G.)**

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Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to **10.03.2022**  
**(17.30 hours IST).**

<b>System Tender No.</b>	<b>Name of Work</b>	<b>Probable amount of contract</b>
92939	Balance work of construction of left bank main canal from R.D. 0 M to 3240 M along with 06 nos of structures construction of outlet, inlet structures and cement concrete lining between R.D. 0 M to 3240 M including renovation of left bank canal head regulator (Gurma Nalla Division H/W) in Rampur Tank Project	Rs.  192.05 Lakhs

The details can be viewed & downloaded online directly from the Govt. of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from dated **24-02-2022 at 17.31 hours (IST)** onwards.  
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**Water Resources Division,**  
**Distt.- Korba (C.G.)**

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India were handed an advantage ahead of their Davis Cup World Group I play-off tie against Denmark next week after the visiting side's top-ranked player Holger Rune pulled out of the two-day rubber. The March 4-5 tie will be played on the fast grass courts of the Delhi Gymkhana Club (DGC) here inside a strict bio-secure bubble. **PTI**

## BRIEFLY

## Raducanu stalker gets restraining order

*London:* A man who was found guilty of stalking U.S. Open tennis champion Emma Raducanu was given a five-year restraining order on Wednesday. Amrit Magar, a 35-year-old former delivery driver from London, also was sentenced to an 18-month community service order that includes 200 hours of unpaid work. He will be under curfew for eight weeks and monitored by an electronic tag. Magar went to the 19-year-old Raducanu's home on three separate dates late last year, loitered outside, left unwanted gifts and cards, and stole property from the porch, a trial heard last month. On one occasion, he decorated a tree in the front garden with Christmas lights. He also left a bouquet of flowers with a personal note. Another time, he drew a map to show the 23 miles (37 kilometers) he had walked from his home. Magar was arrested after Raducanu's father was alerted by a doorbell camera, finding his shoe had been taken from the porch. He was found guilty at the trial at Bromley Magistrates' Court. **AP**

## ATKMB look to secure semifinal spot

*Vasco:* ATK Mohun Bagan will look to secure a spot in the top-four with a win over lowly Odisha FC in their Indian Super League match here on Thursday. ATKMB are currently third in the standings with 30 points from 16 games. The Mariners dropped points against Kerala in a heated 2-2 draw, snapping a run of three wins. But Juan Fernando's men are on a 12-game unbeaten streak and have looked at their best in recent matches, even with injuries to key players. Joni Kauko has been the one who has stepped up whenever his team has needed him, and the Finland international scored the last-gasp equaliser in the last game too. Kauko has now been involved in five goals, netting two. Along with Hugo Boumous, Kauko is the joint leading assist provider for ATKMB this season. **PTI**

## Patna Pirates to play Dabang Delhi in final

*Bengaluru:* Three-time champions Patna Pirates on Wednesday beat UP Yoddha 38-27 while Dabang Delhi KC defeated Bengaluru Bulls 40-35 to set up a title clash against each other in the Pro Kabaddi League. In the first semifinal, defender Mohammedreza Shadlou and Sunil picked up High 5s for Patna while at the other end raiders Sachin (7 points) and Guman Singh (8 points) ensured a difficult night for UP Yoddha. Later, Dabang Delhi qualified for their second consecutive final. **PTI**

# Next round of auditions for Vision 2022

With some mainstays rested or injured, opportunity knocks during SL series for non-regulars to make a mark in a T20 World Cup year

**ABHISHEK PUROHIT**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 23

THE THREE-MATCH Sri Lanka T20I series is the last for the Indian team before the IPL season, following clean sweeps against West Indies and New Zealand at home.

Coach Rahul Dravid has said that he and captain Rohit Sharma are "pretty clear" about the balance and combination for the 2022 T20 World Cup in Australia, and that it is now about giving people opportunities and also finding back-up players. With several first-choice players rested or injured, we take a look at those vying for chances in the three games in Lucknow and Dharamsala.

### ROHIT'S OPENING PARTNER

**INCUMBENT:** KL Rahul

**OPTIONS VS SL:** Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Sanju Samson  
**CAPTAIN ROHIT** Sharma came in at No 4 in the ninth over in the third T20I against West Indies at Eden Gardens, but the series had been sealed already, so Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ishan Kishan were given a go at the top. Rohit



will likely retake his opening slot going forward. KL Rahul has been the preferred choice as Rohit's partner since the selectors stopped including Shikhar Dhawan for the shortest format.

After Rohit took over as skipper following the 2021 T20 World Cup, Ishan Kishan has been given the most chances when Rahul has been injured or rested. He hasn't grabbed them yet, with a strike-rate of only 96. But if he manages to click, he provides the team with a couple of additional advantages: a left-right opening pair, and a back-up wicket-keeping option in a World Cup squad where there is an upper limit on how many players you can pick. Also, it breaks the 'sameness' in the games of a top order comprising Rohit, Rahul and Virat Kohli, something the current team management seems to be attempting to do.

Sanju Samson was given a couple of games as opener in New Zealand in 2020. The keeper-batsman has been picked for the Sri Lanka T20Is with Rohit saying he has the game to succeed in Australia. Samson has a strike-rate of 141 in three innings in Australia, but at No 4, so it will be interesting to see where he is used in the line-up against Sri Lanka.

Unlike Kishan and Samson, Ruturaj Gaikwad brings only batting skills, but he's won Chennai Super Kings an IPL title already. The opening combinations in Lucknow and Dharamsala could give an idea of who stands where at the moment.

### THE MIDDLE ORDER

**INCUMBENTS:** Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant, Suryakumar Yadav

**OPTIONS VS SL:** Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson  
**ONLY EIGHT** of Virat Kohli's 89 T20I innings have come as opener, so for now, he remains the incumbent at No 3 heading into the World Cup. The last time Rahul batted in the T20I the middle order was in November 2019 when Dhawan was still opening. He is a ver-



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satile batsman, though, and if required, can drop down the order and also presents an additional keeping option. The presence of all three of Rohit, Rahul and Kohli in a T20I line-up has been questioned before, but so far, there has been no public indication from the new team management that the former captain's spot could be in danger.



Suryakumar Yadav's strike-rate since the 2021 T20 World Cup is 168, with an average of 34, so he's probably also established himself in that middle order. However, his injury as well as Rishabh Pant's absence have provided a chance for Shreyas Iyer to make another case for driving the innings through the middle overs against Sri Lanka. Finishing is not really his forte, and the upper middle order has plenty of options now, so this might be his best opportunity in a while.

Samson, like Rahul, can be utilised in the middle overs too, where he is capable of hitting spin straight or over extra cover to keep the momentum going.

### THE FINISHERS

**PREVIOUSLY:** Hardik Pandya  
**OPTIONS VS SL:** Venkatesh Iyer, Deepak Hooda

**OTHER OPTION:** Shahrukh Khan  
**HARDIK PANDYA** hasn't played since the 2021 T20 World Cup, and Venkatesh Iyer has made an impression since. It has been only

three innings, but he strikes at 164 with the bat and averages 13 with the ball with an economy-rate of 6.32. He caught the selectors' attention after his success as opener for Kolkata Knight Riders, but coach Rahul Dravid has said that the Indian team is looking at him as a finisher who can also give a few overs. Uncertainty continues to surround Pandya's bowling status; chief selector Chetan Sharma has said previously that he needs to see Pandya back bowling before he can be considered for the national side.

Deepak Hooda has also come into reckoning now, although he is yet to make his T20I debut. Hooda has a fine T20I strike-rate of 139, but the part-time off-spinner has been given the ball in only 54 of his 141 T20I games, where he bowls an average of 2.1 overs.

Shahrukh Khan's six-hitting was in demand in the IPL auction but he hardly bowls in domestic cricket, so unless he plays alongside Venkatesh Iyer, the team could struggle for a sixth bowling option. He is not part of the squad for the Sri Lanka T20Is though.

### THE WRIST-SPINNERS

**INCUMBENT:** Yuzvendra Chahal

**OPTIONS VS SL:** Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Kuldeep Yadav  
**THREE WRIST-SPINNERS** in a T20I squad is an indicator that Rohit wants more wickets in the middle overs. Yuzvendra Chahal and

Ravi Bishnoi both played the first two T20Is against West Indies. Young Bishnoi has had a creditable start with an economy-rate of 6.33 in the West Indies series. His googlies and sliders can complement the more conventional Chahal.

Kuldeep Yadav is yet to get a T20I on his comeback. During the third ODI against West Indies, Rohit was heard on the stump mic telling Kuldeep he wouldn't give him the ball after the left-arm bowler bowled one flat and quick. If Kuldeep can regain some confidence, India will have all bases covered on the wrist-spin front, especially on the larger outfields in Australia where there will be more cushion.

Rahul Chahal seems to have fallen behind after the 2021 T20 World Cup, and will need a good IPL season for Punjab Kings to have a shot at the South Africa T20Is in June.

### THE FINGER-SPINNERS

**OPTION VS SL:** Ravindra Jadeja

**OTHER OPTIONS:** R Ashwin, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel  
**R ASHWIN** may have struggled in the South Africa ODIs but he had a couple of solid T20I outings against New Zealand last year. Washington Sundar hasn't played a T20I

## 'Lot of challenges to look forward to'

INDIA'S NEWLY appointed test captain Rohit Sharma said he had no issues with managing his workload ahead of India's three-match Twenty20 International series and two-match Test series against Sri Lanka at home.

Rohit was named test captain last week, succeeding Virat Kohli as the team's leader in all three formats. Kohli, India's most successful test captain, resigned from the role in a shock move last month after seven years in charge.

"It's a huge honour and it's a great feeling to be captaining India in all three formats," Sharma told reporters on Wednesday. "I have a lot of challenges to look forward to now. At the moment, I have no issues. I'm looking forward to play all the games, the workload always depends on what happens thereafter. You take it day by day and understand what you need to do."

Rohit said Suryakumar Yadav's injury was a blow to India's preparations.

"He was in great form as you saw in the last series. But you can't control these kinds of injuries," said Sharma. "We have already seen a lot of injuries within our squad. So we have to be very careful as to what we do with individuals and how we manage to give them a break from the game." **REUTERS**

since March last year, and he is now out injured. Axar Patel is yet to fully recover as well, which means Ravindra Jadeja is the sole finger-spinner for the Sri Lanka T20Is. Jadeja himself is returning to action after three months. He easily brings the best hitting ability among India's spinners, and adds to the batting depth at No. 7. And in case his finger-spin goes for runs, India have the sixth bowling option in Venkatesh Iyer to fall back on.

### THE FAST BOWLERS

**OPTIONS VS SL:** Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Siraj, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan

**OTHER OPTIONS:** Mohammed Shami, Shardul Thakur, Deepak Chahal

**AMID TALK** of Deepak Chahal being Bhuvneshwar Kumar's replacement with more hitting ability, the senior pacer sealed a T20I against West Indies with a superb 19th over. Plus, Harshal Patel's astonishing growth



has provided India another death-bowling option. And Shardul Thakur keeps delivering breakthroughs. With Jasprit Bumrah returning for T20Is for the first time since the World Cup last year, the fast-bowling stocks are plentiful. Choosing only three to go with Bumrah for the T20 World Cup in Australia will be quite the selection headache.

**LIVE:** India vs Sri Lanka 1st T20I from 7:00pm on Star network and Hotstar

# Why podium protests at CWG is boost for activism

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AT THE 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, home athlete Cathy Freeman held the aboriginal flag and the Australian flag over her head during her victory lap of the 400 metres. This was six years before winning the gold at Sydney Olympics where she also lit the flame.

It remains an enduring image, but her choice to identify with her roots at a big sporting stage didn't go down well with Australia's chef de mission. This is what Arthur Tunstall had said: "She should have carried the Australian flag first up, and (we should have) not seen the Aboriginal flag at all," he had told the media. Such prejudiced views, like the one Tunstall held, no longer have a place in the Commonwealth Games.

On Wednesday, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) gave athletes the freedom to take a stand on issues close to their heart, including displaying an aboriginal flag, by announcing the Athlete Advocacy Guiding Principles. So how does it empower athletes at this year's Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham in July-August?

**Are podium protests, like American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos did against racial discrimination at the 1968 Olympics Games, allowed?**

Athletes in Birmingham will be allowed to raise a hand on the podium to highlight racial issues like Black Lives Matter or any other social justice issues. Use of the podium, when the focus of broadcasters and the spectators is on the medal ceremony, to raise their voice is the biggest boost for athletes who believe in activism. They can also wear armbands, badges or a piece of clothing when on the podium to highlight issues, including those about human



US shot-putter Raven Saunders made a demonstration in Tokyo despite IOC rules prohibiting protests of any kind on the podium at the Olympics. **Reuters**

rights. They can take a knee when they line up on the track or before a bout. Raising an aboriginal flag or a pride flag for example will not be scoffed upon during a victory lap. They are also free to speak to the press on social issues and do the same via social media.

**Do the Commonwealth Games run the risk of mixing sport and politics by allowing athletes to raise issues?**

Athletes have to stick to racial, gender, human rights and social justice causes. So an athlete is not being encouraged to wear a T-shirt which says 'Justice for Ukraine'. Protests against a country, a particular person or an organisation are not allowed, which means messages against politicians like Russian president Vladimir Putin or US president Joe Biden are not permitted. A

gesture to highlight China's alleged crimes against the Uyghur population in the north-western region of Xinjiang could be seen as being 'against a country' but falls under the category of human rights.

**What else should athletes be mindful of?**

It is learnt that any comments which fall under the category of hate speech, a hate symbol or making gestures which are used by hate groups are not allowed. Doing anything which insults a national flag or verbal protests on a podium are also not in line with the guiding principles of the Commonwealth Games.

**So what are the key differences between how athletes are allowed to protest at the**

### Olympics and the CWG?

Rule 50.2 of the Olympic Charter, to which changes were made before last year's Tokyo Olympics to give athletes more scope to protest, laid down how athletes could express their views. The big difference between Birmingham 2022 and Tokyo 2020 is that athletes were not allowed to protest on the podium during the Summer Games. At Birmingham they can. Rule 50.2 states that 'expressions are not permitted' during official ceremonies, including medal ceremonies and opening and closing ceremonies'. The Rule also disallows any form of protest during competition on the field of play and in the Olympic village. However, the Rule allows for athletes to express their views prior to the start of competition on the field of play, in mixed zones, during interviews, at team meetings and through social media channels.

However, in Tokyo, and later in Beijing, athletes could have been subject to IOC's disciplinary proceedings if they tried to target people, organisations or countries or an athlete was disruptive.

### What is the philosophy of the CGF?

The voices coming out from the Commonwealth Games Federation are in favour of empowering athletes to take a stand against racial and social injustices. This has also been necessitated as the Commonwealth itself — with its colonial past — searches for relevance in modern times. CGF president Dame Louise Martin said, "It is the belief of the CGF that athlete advocacy and activism humanises, rather than politicises sport. We want to encourage the positive, not police the negative."

Rule 50.2 of the Olympic charter has a discouraging tone to it: "Athletes' expressions on the field of play during competitions or official ceremonies may distract the focus from the celebration of athletes' sporting performance."

# Zverev kicked out of Mexican Open after outburst at umpire

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THIRD-RANKED ALEXANDER Zverev was thrown out of the Mexican Open for violently smashing his racket on the umpire's chair moments after losing a doubles match.

The incident took place after Zverev and Marcelo Melo lost to Lloyd Glasspool and Harri Heliövaara 6-2, 4-6, 10-6 on Tuesday night in Acapulco.

Zverev struck the umpire's chair three times, sat for a moment, then got back up and yelled at the umpire that he "destroyed the whole (expletive) match" and struck the chair once more with his racket as the umpire climbed down. The umpire had pulled his feet back at one point for fear of being hit.

Minutes earlier, Zverev had received a code violation after yelling and swearing in protest of a shot that was ruled in, setting up match point. Glasspool then ended the match with an ace.

"Due to unsportsmanlike conduct at the conclusion of his doubles match on Tuesday night, Alexander Zverev has been withdrawn from the tournament in Acapulco," the ATP said on Twitter early Wednesday.

The 24-year-old German was the defending champion in the singles. The ATP website shows that his second-round opponent, Peter Gojowczyk, has been given a walkover.

As the crowd booed, Zverev handed his damaged racket to a child in the front row.

Zverev apologized in a statement posted on his Instagram account on Wednesday.

"It is difficult to put into words how much I regret my behavior during and after the doubles match yesterday," he wrote.

"I have privately apologized to the chair



Alexander Zverev struck the umpire's chair three times. **Screengrab**

umpire because my outburst towards him was wrong and unacceptable, and I am only disappointed in myself. It just should not have happened and there is no excuse." With a possible suspension looming, Zverev also apologized to fans, the tournament, and "the sport that I love." "As you know, I leave everything on the court," he continued. "Yesterday, I left too much. I am going to take the coming days to reflect — on my actions and how I can ensure that it will not happen again. I am sorry for letting you down."

Earlier, Daniil Medvedev continued his pursuit of the No. 1 ranking with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Benoit Paire.