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PUTIN WARNS: STAY AWAY OR FACE UKRAINE SENDS OUT SOS, SEEKS global support: 'The time to act is now' 'consequences you have never seen'

In this handout photo taken from video released by Ukrainian Police Department Press Service, military helicopters, apparently Russian, fly over the outskirts of Kyiv on Thursday. AP

AFTER CCS. NEW DELHI SIGNAL TO BOTH SIDES

Modi tells Putin to end violence; Biden says US in talks with India

India avoids echo of West outrage; **Kremlin** says **Putin outlined** Kiev's aggression

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

AS A stunned world watched the Russian attack unfold in Ukraine and key US and European leaders condemned the invasion. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called up Russian President Vladimir Putin and "appealed for

an immediate cessation of violence". This is an important signal to the

Western bloc which has been pressing on India to condemn the Russian



At the CCS meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

SENSEX PLUNGES 4.7%

Concerns over Budget math and growth as oil tops \$100, markets crash

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DE-ESCALATE The world cannot afford a war over

FIND NEAREST BOMB SHELTER: ADVISORY

To evacuate stranded Indians, MEA teams head to Ukraine land borders

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these four countries.

ice for evacuation.

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

WITH UKRAINE closing its airspace, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is sending teams "to the land borders... in Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic and Romania" to assist in the evacuation of Indian nationals stranded in the country.

Ukraine shares its western



CHERNOBYL FALLS TO PUTIN'S TROOPS Russia invades Ukraine, rumble shakes the world

YURAS KARMANAU, JIM HEINTZ, VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV & DASHA LITVINOVA KYIV, FEBRUARY 24

RUSSIA LAUNCHED a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Thursday, unleashing airstrikes on cities and military bases and sending troops and tanks from multiple directions in a move that could rewrite the world's geopolitical landscape. Ukraine's government pleaded for help as civilians piled into trains and cars to flee.

Russian President Vladimir Putin addresses the nation in Moscow, Thursday. AP

bear the consequences" of new

Ukrainian officials said their

forces were battling Russians on

multiple fronts, and had lost con-

trol of the decommissioned Chernobyl nuclear power plant,

scene of the world's worst nu-

President Vladimir Putin ignored global condemnation and cascading new sanctions as he unleashed the largest ground war in Europe in decades, and chillingly referred to his country's nuclear arsenal. He threatened any foreign country trying to interfere with "consequences you have never seen".

clear disaster. Late Thursday, US President "Russia has embarked on a path of evil, but Ukraine is Joe Biden said "Putin chose this , war" and he and Russia "will CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



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sanctions.



esident Joe Bid has called it "unprovoked and unjustified attack by Russian military forces" while British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has called it "barbaric" saying **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

RULING PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS CELL CHIEF

'Regional conflict, not global... Delhi should continue normal ties'

Key Russian leader: No regime change, want talks between Kiev and Donbas

NIRUPAMA **SUBRAMANIAN** NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

THE OPERATIONS in Ukraine mark a "regional conflict" and all other countries, including India, should continue to have normal relations with Moscow, Andrey A Klimov, an influential member of the upper house of the Russian Federation's Parliament, Indian Express hours before and the head of the ruling United Prime Minister Narendra Modi Russia party's international af-

IEW DELNI, FEDRUART 24 GLOBAL CRUDE oil prices top-

ping \$100 a barrel and singeing of stock markets following Russia's attack on Ukraine will cast a shadow not just on India's

fairs section, said Thursday.

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turning more grave. To take stock of the evolving situation, Prime Minister

must return to the negotiating table THE EDITORIAL PAGE Narendra Modi met Finance PAGES 10,15,16,17,18 Minister Nirmala Sitharaman **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

UKRAINE AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

'Deeply dissatisfied with India stand, but Modiji makes me hopeful'

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

HOURS AFTER his country came "India is a great democratic under attack Thursday, Ukraine's state with a long democratic tra-Ambassador to India, Igor Polikha, said Kyiv is "deeply dissatisfied" dition. It is an independent state. Of course, we would like to have with India's position on Russian aggression. While "pleading" for India, as we had in our past, as our strategic partner and friend, India's support, he said "I don't partner of the state, and a friend know how many world leaders of our people. So we look at our (Russian President Vladimir) relationship with India in such a Putin may listen to but the status of (Prime Minister Narendra) way," said Klimov in a phone interview from Moscow to The Modiji makes me hopeful".

As events unfolded rapidly in Ukraine, Polikha said, "I am following all the reports from the



to India side of your ministry and the latest advisory to your citizens in Ukraine was just not to go out, not to go to Kyiv, and the statement of your Minister of External Affairs was that India is closely following development

Igor Polikha,

Ambassador

Ukraine's

of events. We are deeply dissatisfied with their positions. What does it mean? Closely following

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Indian students outside the embassy in Kyiv

INDIAN STUDENTS ON EDGE 'Window sill started vibrating, car sensors went off... it's terrifying'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, BHOPAL, **BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 24**

AROUND 4.30 am Thursday, Animesh Kumar arrived at the airport in Kviv to board a flight to Dubai on his way to Delhi. He checked in his luggage, stuffing his jacket into the bag at the last minute because "the airport was

warm". Moments later, he heard

the blasts, and then the screams.

He ran out into the biting cold --and kept going. "There was chaos all around.

When I asked for my bag, a staffer told me, 'are you mad? Just run'," said Kumar, a student at the National Medical University in Vinnytsia, over 200 km from Kyiv. With no warm clothes on

him except a hoodie, Kumar "kept walking for 3-4 km" with other Indian students. "It was freezing. It was only after some time that a bus arrived and

dropped us to a Metro station, and we reached the Indian Embassy around 7 am. Initially, they didn't allow us in. After the crowd swelled, they gave us shelter in a nearby school. We are in a very bad situation, we want to be evacuated immediately," said the 22-year-old who hails from Dhanbad in Jharkhand.

From Ukraine's capital to Uzhhorod in the west, Kharkiv in the northeast and the port city of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



THE SECOND PAGE 4

The Indian EXPRESS



FROM PAGE ONE Concerns over

budget, growth

and other senior government functionaries Thursday. With economic recovery still nascent post the third wave of Covid-19, the new geo-political tensions and an extended military engagement could post hurdles to growth in India

"The PM met senior government functionaries to take stock of the situation arising from the Russia-Ukraine conflict and its impact on India," a government official said. With surging crude oil prices, the most immediate concern is on the price front – India's inflation rate is expected to surge higher than most official calculations. An above trend inflation print may prompt the central bank to raise policy rates ahead of schedule, coinciding with the rate hikes that the US Federal Reserve is slated to undertake early summer.

The government is also worried that plummeting stock markets may put a spanner on its budgeted disinvestment push. "Will the government be fine to price it lower given the market conditions," asked a fund manager. The government hopes to raise over Rs 50.000 crore by selling 5 per cent stake in the 100 per cent state-owned life insurer.

Brent crude prices topped \$105 per barrel mark on Thursday for the first time since September 2014 after the Russian President authorised the military operation in the Donbas region in Ukraine. The Bombay Stock Exchange's Sensitive Index, Sensex, crashed over 2,700 points, its biggest single-day fall in about two years. The Nifty nosedived 815.30 points or 4.78

per cent to end at 16,247.95. While India's trade with share of over 9 per cent in the WPI basket and, according to a report by Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis. a 10 per cent increase in crude would

lead to an increase of around 0.9 per cent in WPI inflation. In Mumbai, Sitharaman had

earlier this week said that the Russia-Ukraine tension and a surge in crude oil prices "posed risks" to India's financial stability. Higher fuel prices are expected to hit consumption, which is already subdued due to the pandemic.

Investor sentiment has also taken a beating over the last few days in line with rising crude prices. Foreign portfolio investors have turned net sellers and have pulled out a net of Rs 51,703 crore from Indian equities between January and February, leading to decline and volatility in equity markets. The rupee has dropped over 1.7 per cent against the US dollar from 73.8 on January 12 to hit 75.09 on Thursday. Fund managers said markets are likely to remain volatile in the near term over the geopolitical concern, with FII outflows already touching record levels.

Experts noted that while India's exports to Russia could continue largely uninterrupted despite US sanctions, potential sanctions from the UN could have a much more significant impact on exports to the region. "We are worried about shipments being stuck, we don't know how long it will stay at which port (during a conflict)," Ajay Sahai, Director General & CEO of FIEO said.

Russia is India's 25th largest trading partner with exports of \$2.5 billion and imports of \$6.9 billion in the first nine months of FY2022. India's key exports to Russia include mobile phones and pharmaceuticals while India's key imports from Russia are crude oil, coal and diamonds. Tea is a major export item from India. India's exports to Ukraine were about \$372 million in the April - December period led by pharmaceuticals and mobile phones, while imports worth about \$2.0 billion are dominated by sunflower oil and urea. Together exports to both countries accounted for under one per cent of India's exports in the first three quarters of this fiscal. The tensions in Ukraine are particularly expected to impact prices of sunflower oil in India, given that Ukraine was the biggest source of imported crude sunflower seed oil for the country. In 2021-22 (April-December), India imported a total of \$1.87 billion worth of crude sunflower seed oil, of which \$1.35 billion was from Ukraine. In 2020-21. total import of the commodity was worth \$1.96 billion, of which \$1.60 billion was from Ukraine. Ukraine is also a major source of military spares for India's pre-

defending itself and won't give

up its freedom," Ukrainian President Zelenskyy tweeted. Later, he offered Russia an end to the hostilities. "It wasn't Ukraine that chose the path of war, but Ukraine is offering to go back to the path of peace," he said.

> Zelenskyy, who earlier cut diplomatic ties with Moscow and declared martial law, described Russian forces advancing on a series fronts, including a "difficult situation" developing in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, just over 20 km away from the eastern border with Russia, and Russian troops slowly advancing from the north on the city of Chernihiv. He said a Russian airborne unit at an airport just outside Kyiv was being destroyed.

He appealed to global leaders, saying that "if you don't help us now, if you fail to offer a powerful assistance to Ukraine, tomorrow the war will knock on your door".

Both sides claimed to have destroyed some of the other's aircraft and military hardware, though little of that could be confirmed.

The attacks came first from the air. Later, Ukrainian authorities described ground invasions in multiple regions, and border guards released footage

uated. They are praying for some peaceful solution. And in this case, not only for the sake of Ukraine but even for the sake of your citizens, all of us including the powerful world leader Modi ii should exert every pressure.

Russia invades Ukraine

showing a line of Russian military vehicles crossing into Volodymyr Ukraine's government-held territory. European authorities declared the country's airspace an active conflict zone.

> It wasn't until late Thursday afternoon that Russia confirmed that its ground forces had moved into Ukraine, saving they'd crossed over from Crimea, the southern region that Russia annexed in 2014. Associated Press reporters

saw or confirmed explosions in the capital, in Mariupol on the Azov Sea, Kharkiv in the east and beyond. AP confirmed video showing Russian military vehicles crossing into Ukrainian-held territory in the north from Belarus and from Russian-annexed Crimea in the south.

Russian and Ukrainian authorities made competing claims about damage they had inflicted. Russia's Defense Ministry said it had destroyed scores of Ukrainian air bases, military facilities and drones, and confirmed the loss of a Su-25 attack jet, blaming it on "pilot error". It said it was not targeting cities, but using precision weapons and claimed that "there is no threat to civilian population".

Ukraine's armed forces reported at least 40 soldiers

Indian Embassy on Thursday advised all Indian nationals in Ukraine to not leave their homes and to find the nearest bomb shelters if they hear air sirens.

Shringla said the colleges have reed to hold online classes, so the students can leave the country without fearing disruption in their studies.

dead, and said a military plane carrying 14 people crashed south of Kyiv.

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its airspace.

Poland's military increased its readiness level, and Lithuania and Moldova moved toward doing the same. Border crossings increased from Ukraine to Poland, which has prepared centers for refugees. The chief of the NATO al-

liance said the "brutal act of war" shattered peace in Europe, joining a chorus of world leaders who decried the attack, which could cause mascasualties, topple sive Ukraine's democratically elected government and upend the post-Cold War security order. The conflict was already shaking global financial markets: Stocks plunged and oil prices soared amid concerns that heating bills and food prices would skyrocket.

Condemnation rained down not only from the US and Europe, but from South Korea, Australia and beyond -- and many governments readied new sanctions. Even friendly leaders like Hungary's Viktor Orban sought to distance themselves from Putin. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he aimed to cut off Russia from the UK's financial markets as he announced sanctions in response to the inva-

complete their course "in the next four months". "I don't want to leave years of hard work and essential documents here, and return to India. What if I am unable to return to Ukraine and miss my final-vear examination?" asked

A senior US official said the

UN Security Council was ex-

pected to vote Friday on a res-

olution condemning Russia for

the attack and demanding the

immediate withdrawal of its

forces. The vote will proceed

even though the legally bind-

ing measure will almost cer-

tainly be vetoed by Russia, said

Europeans speculated about a

possible new world war, the US

and its NATO partners have so

far shown no indication they

would join in a war against

Russia. They instead mobilized

troops and equipment around

Ukraine's western flank -- as

Ukraine pleaded for defense

assistance and help protecting

an overnight televised address,

asserting that the attack was

needed to protect civilians in

eastern Ukraine -- a false claim

the US had predicted he would

make as a pretext for an inva-

sion. He accused the US and its allies of ignoring Russia's de-

mands to prevent Ukraine

from joining NATO and for se-

curity guarantees. He called

the military action a "forced

measure" stemming from ris-

- (ASSOCIATED PRESS)

According to the Prime

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Minister's Office, Putin "briefed

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Putin justified his actions in

While some nervous

In his chat with Putin, Modi flagged concerns regarding the safety of Indian citizens in

External Affairs Minister S

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flict, it is a regional conflict. And

it is not necessary (for others to

be involved in this). The best

thing for the rest of the world is

to continue normal relations

with Russia because it is not

fruitful and very dangerous to

increase the regional conflict

into a global one," Klimov said.

signal of support from China for

the Russian military operation,

and Delhi's tensions with Beijing

at the Line of Actual Control,

Klimov, considered close to the

Kremlin, said: "This (conflict) is

not about China and Russia, this

is about Russia and our neigh-

bours on the western borders of

my country. The position of

China is the position of China,

the same for India, but that is not

for changes in other parts of the

world...When, for example,

people in Beijing, they speak

about understanding the

Russian position, this is their vi-

The 67-year-old parliamen-

tarian, who is also the deputy

chair of the upper house's com-

mittee on international affairs,

accused US President Joe Biden

of "arranging and realising" a

"coup" in Ukraine in 2014 when

he was vice-president in the Obama Administration, and said

since then, the country had been

in the grip of "pro-American

politicians, pro-American bu-

reaucrats, pro-American mili-

sion of the situation".

Asked to comment on the

"We respect India as a sover-

Ukraine, especially students, and "conveyed that India attaches the highest priority to their safe exit and return to India".

The leaders agreed that their officials and diplomatic teams would continue to maintain regular contact on issues of topical interest, the PMO statement said.

So far, India had waited and watched. But, with the PM's phone call to Putin, it has signalled to both sides its intent to dial down the temperature. Jaishankar also spoke to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and is expected to talk to his Ukrainian counterpart as well.

Before the call, New Delhi's only statement came at 8.36 am (IST) Thursday, around the same time the attacks started, in which it expressed "regret" - a notch higher than expressing "concern" but stopping short of condemnation.

Earlier, Jaishankar got calls from European Union's High Representative on Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (equivalent to Foreign Minister) and British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in which, it is learnt, they

tried to lean on Delhi. India's top diplomat at the UN – reading from a prepared script - expressed "regret" and said that the "situation is in danger of spiralling into a major cri-

Minutes later, explosions were heard in Ukraine's capital Kyiv and the eastern port city of Mariupol, according to AFP. Speaking at the UNSC meet-

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India's Permanent radicals". Representative at the UN T S

tary people, and some others, He denied Russia was plan

Russia has not yet been severely impacted by the rising tensions in the border region of Russia and Ukraine, prospects of wide ranging sanctions against Russia by Europe and the US loom large on bilateral trade. "The impact on India will be two-fold: higher crude oil prices will keep CPI inflation higher for longer, obliging the RBI to raise rates more than the two hikes we expected in Aug-Dec'22 - unless the government sharply cuts excise duties on petrol and diesel to contain fuel inflation; via the trade route, given that the EU is the biggest market for India's exports: supply disruptions to the EU are also likely to generate greater demand for steel, engineering goods, etc., of which India is an alternate supplier, so the factors that caused India's exports to outperform the world in 2021 will continue to hold in 2022, allowing exports to remain robust," researchers at ICICI Securities said in a note.

Although India imports over 80 per cent of its oil requirement, its share in total imports is around 25 per cent. Rising oil prices will impact the current account deficit - the difference between the values of goods and services that are imported and those exported. The rise in crude oil prices is also expected to increase the subsidy on LPG and kerosene, pushing up the subsidy bill.

More importantly, for the NDA government, the surge intensifies the pressure on the state-owned oil retailers to hike retail prices. These hikes have been put on hold in the wake of the state elections and an increase is expected immediately after the polling is over. A calibration of the hike, officials said, is now a more complex task, given the cascading inflation impact that could follow in the wake of the anticipated rise in prices.

The rise in crude prices poses inflationary, fiscal, and external sector risks. Inflation could turn even more structural with high oil prices having a pass-through effect for other sectors. Crude oilrelated products have a direct

equipment. 'Modiji makes me hopeful

dominantly Russian arms and

or more closely? Now, 10-15 people are killed. When hundreds of thousands are killed, what will happen? We are waiting, we are asking, we are pleading for the strong voice of India."

Referring to the large number of Indian students who study in medical colleges in Ukraine, Polikha said Indian intervention is also required for the safety of these Indian citizens.

"Ukraine has got one of the biggest amounts of Indian students. More than 20,000. The well-being and safety of your citizens is also our task but first of all, it's the task of your government. Immediately after the request of the Indian side, we tried to help. Now unfortunately, the airspace of Ukraine is closed. I spoke directly to many Indians residing in Ukraine... the majority of them don't want to be evac-

every effort to stop this aggression," he said.

He said he believes that India's relationship with Russia and Prime Minister Modi's position could mean that India can make a meaningful intervention in this matter.

"Don't forget that for many years, India was and still is a leader of the Non-Aligned Movement which was created in the time of the Cold War just to prevent world tensions. It was based on the principles of peace. Don't forget that India was among the architects of the five famous principles – the Panchsheel. That's why, at the present moment, we are asking, pleading for the support of India. India is a powerful global player and in case of aggression, of a totalitarian regime against a democratic state. India should fully as-

sume its global role," he said. "Modi ji is one of the most powerful and respected leaders of the world. You know that you have a special privileged strategic partnership with Russia. I don't know how many world leaders Putin may listen to but the status of Modi ji makes me hopeful that in the case of his strong voice. Putin should at least think over. We are expecting a much more favourable attitude of the Indian government in this crisis situation. It's the moment of truth, moment of destiny," Polikha said.

MEA teams

Of the estimated 20,000 Indians in Ukraine, about 4,000 managed to leave the country in the last few weeks, he said.

MEA teams are being sent to Hungary's Zahony border post, opposite Uzhhorod in Zakarpattia Oblast of Ukraine; Poland's Krakowiec border; Slovak Republic's Vvsne Nemecke horder; and Romania's Suceava border. Indian nationals in Ukraine near these border points have been asked to contact these teams.

Earlier in the day, stating that the imposition of martial law has made movement difficult, the

'Car sensors went off'

Odessa in the south, The Indian Express spoke to several students from India who woke up to frantic calls, messages and knocks on the door -- and news of Russia's "special military operation", which left them in despair, their plans in disarray. The Indian Envoy to the UN has estimated that there are 20,000 Indian students in Ukraine -- a majority of them in medical colleges. And over the past few weeks, as tensions escalated, several of them returned to India after paying exhorbitant air fares. But many more are still stuck with limited access to food, water and money.

Asif Khan, a medical student in Uzhhorod, says shops and malls there have run out of food. "All I could manage was an onion and one kg of wheat. My breakfast today was one slice of bread. The situation is very bad. There is no fresh water, and we are being told the power supply will be cut. How will we survive?" he said. Almost all the students said it was difficult to get through on the Embassy's phone lines, and that they are hoping to be evacuated at the earliest.

"How can we not panic? It is terrifying...around 4 am, there were sounds of bombing. The window sill started vibrating and the sensors in cars parked outside went offall at once. My heart went cold," said Akanksha Katiyar, who hails from UP's Kanpur and is a medical student at V N Karazin Kharkiv National University.

Kharkiv is the second-largest city in Ukraine, and is estimated to have around 5,000 Indian students. "I tried to book a seat on a flight to India but could not. Anyway, the price of a ticket (which is around Rs 23,000 one way) is now upwards of Rs 60,000," Katiyar said.

The situation is particularly challenging for final-year MBBS students who were hoping to

Sanket Raghvendra Pathak, who hails from Parbhani in Maharashtra and is a student at National Medical University in Odessa. Several students said the circulation of "fake news" has created more panic. "We are completely dependent on social media for news. But so much fake information is being circulated that students are distraught," said Sagar Kumar, who hails from Bihar and is a second-year student at National Medical University of Ivano-Frankivsk in the west.

Shivani Lonkar, a third-year medical student at Bogomolets National University in Kyiv was packing her bags when she heard the blasts. "We tried calling the Embassy but no one answered. Then we received a message that our flight was cancelled," she said.

Khushali Ketan Kumar Parekh, a third-vear medical student at the university, said: "We have about 10 days of groceries. I wanted to stock up on chips and biscuits in case we ran out of cooking gas, but my roommate and I are wary of stepping out." Anurag Puniya, a fourth-year medical student from Kharkiv, was among those who reached the Embassy gates on Thursday morning from the airport. "As the crowd kept getting bigger, we were informed by officials that they are trying to arrange accommodation at a school nearby. We were asked to write our names and other details on a

piece of paper," he said. After standing outside for "about four hours", with temperatures starting at minus-two degree Celsius, the students were taken to the indoor play area of the school. he said.

The students' families in India, meanwhile, are leaning on hope.

(ANONNA DUTT, ARANYA SHANKAR, IRAM SIDDIQUE, **KIRAN PARASHAR, RUPSA** CHAKRABORTY, SOURAV ROY BARMAN & SHUBHAJIT ROY) Modi tells Putin

to end violence Putin's hands were stained with

Ukraine's blood.

Russia and the NATO group can only be resolved through honest and sincere dialogue. The Prime Minister appealed for an immediate cessation of violence, and called for concerted efforts from all sides to return to the path of diplomatic negotiations and dialogue," the PMO said

After the call, in Washington, asked by PTI if India was in sync with the US on the issue, US President Joe Biden said that "we are in consultations (with India) today, we haven't resolved that yet."

Significantly, for the first time, India is framing the conflict as one between Russia and what it calls the "NATO group", not just Russia and Ukraine.

In a statement on the call late Thursday night, Kremlin said that Putin "outlined the fundamental assessments of Kiev's aggressive actions against the civilian population of Donbass" and many years of a "destructive policy" meant to break the Minsk agreements. It added that Modi thanked Putin for the "clarification" and asked for assistance in ensuring the security of Indian citizens in Ukraine. The Russian President said that "necessary instructions" would be given, the statement said

While India has been advocating for diplomacy for a while, its call for "immediate cessation of violence" gives a signal to the West that Delhi is not in favour of war.

Sources said the fact that the "call" and the "appeal" for "cessation of violence" was first made to Putin rather than a Western leader also signals that it's the Russian side that has initiated the war and it's up to Putin to find a way out. This has been the position of the Western bloc led by the US as well.

The PM's call came after he chaired the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security with top ministers including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh,

New Delhi

Tirumurti said: "However, we note with regret, that the calls of the international community to give time to the recent initiatives undertaken by parties to defuse tensions were not heeded to. The situation is in danger of spiraling into a major crisis. We express our deep concern over the developments, which if not handled carefully, may well undermine the peace and security of the region."

He called for "immediate deescalation and refraining from any further action that could contribute to a worsening of the situation".

The West views this statement as condoning Russia's actions and applying double standards given that India raises the issue of "territorial integrity and sovereignty" when it comes to China.

India's strategic ties with Russia and its dependence for military supplies - 60-70 per cent of India's military hardware is of Russian-origin - is extremely crucial at a time when India has an ongoing border standoff with China.

Meanwhile, China Thursday called for restraint on all sides while saying the military operation should not be described as an "invasion".

"China is closely watching the latest situation, and we call on all parties to maintain restraint and prevent the situation from getting out of control," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said.

China has blamed the United States and its Western allies in recent weeks for "hyping up" the crisis, with Hua saying at an earlier briefing that the US was "adding fuel to the fire."

In contrast, India has asked "all sides" to intensify diplomatic efforts towards an amicable solution at the earliest. "We call on all parties to exert greater efforts to bridge divergent interests. I would like to underline that the legitimate security interests of all parties should be fully taken into account,"

ning regime change in Ukraine. "Look, we do not want to have any kind of invasion. or interference in other states. This is not our job. And this is not our method. This is the method of Washington and some others. And it is the hands of Ukrainian people to build their own political system, according to their own laws by or through their own politicians, elected by their people," he said.

He asserted the occupation of Ukraine was not on Russia's agenda. Asked how the conflict could now be scaled down and resolved, he indicated that Russia's first demand would be that Ukraine put in place a federal system.

"We are looking for the beginning of negotiations between Kiev, Lugansk and Donetsk, then we ready for continuing our dialogue with Western countries, members of NATO, and the US in particular peaceful coexistence in Europe. We are ready to continue that dialogue but in a very constructive way, not blah, blah. blah."

He said Russia would also continue to provide a "humanitarian umbrella" to Russians in these territories against attacks from "extremists, soldiers of fortune" and some Ukrainian troops, "which prefer to kill Ukrainians, than to build their own country the proper way...they have ruined their own country, Russia did not do it".

Asked about Russian President Vladimir Putin's threat that any intervention by outside forces in the conflict would invite "consequences" of the kind the world had not seen before, Klimov said it was not a threat.

"It means that the Russian state is really a powerful state. So we do not want to have any kind of jokes or any kind of attempts at intervention to Russia from any side. So it is about how serious we are. This is not a threat for the rest. It is a kind of explanation of reality".

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No 'religious attire' in Delhi's South MCD schools: Order

should be drawn.'

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those run by the Delhi govern-

ment and those by municipal

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In Delhi, public schools are

school uniform," it said.

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

THE CHAIRPERSON of the education committee of South Delhi Municipal Corporation, BJF councillor Nitika Sharma, has written to officials instructing them to ensure that no child comes to schools in "religious attire".

This comes days after a parent of a Class VI student in a Delhi government school in Northeast Delhi's Tukhmirpur complained to the area MLA that his daughter had been asked to remove her headscarf by her teacher.

Sharma, who is the councillor from Dwarka, stated in the letter: "School uniform is prescribed for children studying in the primary school running under the South Delhi Municipal Corporation, in which they look very beautiful From time to time, the corporation keeps changing the colour of the uniform, due to which (uni-

This comes days after a student was asked by a

teacher to remove her headscarf in school

form) there is no inferiority complex between the rich and poor children studying in school. It has been found recently that some

parents send their children to school in religious attire, which is not right at all. This move will create a mentality of inequality among the children, which is not good for their future." Sharma told The Indian Express that she had decided to

write the letter after the incident at the Tukhmirpur school. "The letter has been written to ensure that such an incident does not happen in schools under our jurisdiction." she said.

Asked if the same rule would apply to students wearing tur-Tukhmirpur school was in Class bans, she said, "No, that is differ-VI and had gone to the Delhi govent. Turbans are needed to tie ernment school for the first time

nair. In every school. Sikhs come on Monday when the alleged inin turban and no correlation cident took place.

On Thursday, Delhi Deputy The letter further states that Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the matter was being politiall zonal officers have to ensure that school children deviate from cised and that students from all the school uniform only during religions were treated with dignity in Delhi government schools. competitions or festivities. "On normal days, students should be

"Delhi schools have an excellent arrangement to teach students. Regarding this incident... attempts are being made to politicise the issue. In our schools, students of all religions and castes are treated with dignity. There is no restriction from our side and their traditions are respected. I also enquired how the incident had taken place, but so far I don't think there is a problem... Our school system or education department has not imposed any restrictions in this regard," he said.

The Delhi government education department, which does not govern the municipal schools. said they had no information about the SDMC order and said there are no such instructions in Delhi government schools.

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HOME LOANS

Structural audit ordered for towers of 5 residential societies in Gurgaon

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mentioned in above colonies.

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ing done by IIT Delhi at Chintels

Paradiso, sector 109," said the or-

der by S K Sehrawat, district

town planner (HQ). Officials said

the team will flag issues and sug-

gest measures to repair defects.

ner(enforcement)Gurgaon said.

"In light of the urgency of the

structural audit, the Director

General Town & Country

Planning Department Haryana

(DGTCP) has directed to submit

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residents a safe environment."

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PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, FEBRUARY 24

A FORTNIGHT after a large portion of sixth floor flat collapsed at Chintels Paradiso society in Gurgaon's Sector 109 killing two women, the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Haryana, has ordered a structural audit of towers in five high-rise societies of Gurgaon on an urgent basis.

The cost of the audit, to be conducted by experts from IIT Roorkee, will be borne by the respective developers, officials said. In a letter to senior town planner and district town planner Gurgaon, the district town planner (HQ) said various complaints regarding structural sta-

bility in high-rise societies have been received from Raheja Vedanta, Sector 108; Raheja Atharva, Sector 109; Brisk Lumbini, Sector 109; M3M Woodshire, Sector 107 and Mahindra Aura at Sector 110-A.

"Keeping in view the serious-Chintels Paradiso, residents of ness of the matter and threat to the lives of residents, it has been societies especially the ones located along Dwarka Expressway decided to get the audit of struc-

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On February 14, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal material used etc of the towers Khattar had given directions for a structural audit of the affected from IIT Roorkee on urgent basis towers at Chintels Paradiso to detect defects in design or workmanship during its construction. The CM said the government in principle had decided that, apart from the structural engineers appointed by the builders, the Town and Country Planning Department would also conduct structural audits headed by reputed government institutions or structural engineers empanelled by them, before giving occupation certificates. The devel-

oper of 'Mahindra Aura' proiect said it was yet to receive any intimation regarding the audit.

Dimple Bhardwaj, Head of Marketing and Communication, Raheja Developers, developer of Raheja Atharva and Raheja Vedanta, said, "The construction work on our all projects have been awarded on turnkey basis to reputed builders like Shapoorji Pallonji and structural consultants like Dr P C Ragatha, an IIT Delhi alumnus. All reports submitted by builders and structural consultants ensure that the work was done with the best quality of material and specified IS codes by the authorities/government.'

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'Appointment of Lokayukta soon'

New Delhi: The Delhi government Thursday told the High Court that it is in the process of appointing a Lokayukta in the national capital. The position has remained vacant since December 2020.

"On February 10, a meeting was convened with all statutory authorities and a name has been recommended." the Delhi government's standing counsel Santosh Tripathi submitted before the division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh. The submission was made during the hearing of BJP leader Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay's plea for the appointment of the Lokavukta within a month. Following the government submission, the court listed the matter for hearing on April 29. "Have patience. We are simply adjourning the matter," the court told Upadhyay.

Upadhyay earlier submitted that more than 100 cases against MLAs are pending before the office of Lokayukta: "The party-in-power [Aam Aadmi Party] promised Lokpal in the 2013 manifesto, 2015 manifesto and 2020 manifesto. Delhi is without Lokayukta from 2020. Corruption cases against the MLAs are pending and that is why the government is not appointing Lokayukta." ENS



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Police move to withdraw 17 cases against farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

THREE MONTHS after the Centre agreed to withdraw cases against farmers protesting the three farm laws in Delhi and Chandigarh, the Delhi Police has sent a proposal to Lieutenant-Governor's office asking them to withdraw 17 cases registered against the farmers in connection with the violence during the farmers' tractor parade on Republic Day 2021, said Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana.

While addressing the Delhi Police's annual press briefing at the police headquarters, Asthana said the 54 cases were registered by the Delhi Police, and they have filed chargesheet in five cases. Another five cases have been marked as 'untraced', while 44 cases are under investigation. "We have also written to the L-G's office, requesting them to withdraw 17 cases," he said.

The farmers had held protests at borders of Delhi for over a year starting November 2020 till December last year, demanding withdrawal of the three farm laws. On January 26 last year, a group of farmers holding a rally in outer parts of Delhi deviated from the gathering and went to ITO and Red Fort. The Crime Branch had registered cases against a number of farmers. leaders and activists including Punjabi actor Deep Sidhu and activist Lakha Sidhana. A total of 183 farmers were arrested in connection with these cases.

"Investigation is pending in other cases because a lot many people have not been identified. We are trying to file a chargesheet in cases. In cases where the chargesheet has been filed, we are hoping for a speedy trial and judiciary proceedings." he said.

The crime statistics provided by the Delhi Police show that the city witnessed over a 15 per cent rise in crime in 2021 as compared with the last year. The crime rate recorded in 2020 was



CRIME AND THE CAPITAL

	2020	2021	Difference
Overall crime (cases)	2.66 lakh	3.06 lakh	15.0%
Heinous crimes (cases)	5,413	5,740	▲ 6.0%
Rape cases	1,618	1,969	▲ 21.0%
Snatching (cases)	7,503	8,844	17.0%
*Murder	472	459	▼ 3.0%

*Delhi Police Commissioner said the motive in most cases (36%) is enmity/dispute and (30%) sudden provocation

lower due to the pandemic. "A total of 3,06,389 crime

and theft. cases were reported in 2021 as compared to 2,66,070 cases in 2020.5,740 heinous crime cases were reported in 2021 as compared to 5,413 last year. In 2021, a total of 2,87,563 crime cases under other IPC sections (theft, robbery, burglary), 2,93,303 cases under 'total IPC' (heinous and theft) and 13,086 cases under 'Local and Special Laws' (arms-related crime, NDPS) were registered," Asthana

"In 2020, 7,965 cases of

snatching were reported and in 2021, 9,383 cases were reported - an increase of 15 per cent. There is also an increase of 13 per cent in terms of arrests in snatching cases. The percentage of arrested accused has been increased by 17 per cent in 2021 as compared to 2020. In 2021, a total of 1,47,115 arrests were made as compared to 1.25.986 in the previous year," the data shows

in 2021 were burglary, robbery

Asthana said that murder Nearly 70 per cent of crimes

Delhi Police chief Rakesh Asthana addresses the Delhi Police's annual press briefing at the police headquarters

cases in Delhi have decreased by three per cent from 459 in 2021 to 472 in 2020. "We had arrested 1,050 people in connection with murder cases as compared to 1,015 in the previous year," he added.

Data further shows that the number of attempt to murder cases has increased by 35 per cent from 655 in 2021 to 485 in 2020.

"We have arrested 1,629 people in connection with these cases which is 45 per cent higher than 1,126 in 2020. A total of 9,383 cases of snatching were registered in 2021 as compared to 7,695 in 2020 which is 17.80 per cent higher. The number of cases regarding kidnapping for ransom was 17 in 2021 and all of them have been solved. In 2020, 11 cases were filed and all of them were solved. The solving percentage of extortion cases was 87 in 2021 and a total of 170 cases were lodged, compared to 120 cases in the previous year," it shows.

The use of firearms has also gone down by nine per cent in

murder, attempt to murder and dacoity/robbery cases. There was a 9 per cent increase in crime against senior citizens in 2021. A total of 41,113 such cases were registered in 2021, police added.

The Delhi Police further stated that a total of 15,146 PCR calls were received in 2021 and 2,359 cases have been filed in connection with robbery and dacoity. In 2020, the number of PCR calls and cases was 11,790 and 1,972 respectively. A total of 21 major gangs active in the outlying districts of Delhi were identified. In 2021, seven dreaded criminals were neutralised, police said.

Talking about the case' registered against climate activist Disha Ravi, Asthana said the investigation is pending. "We have sent requests to social media platforms Zoom, WhatsApp, Google and Instagram to get details about suspected persons. We are also investigating the money trail involved in the farmer protest." he said.

At least 5 rape cases recorded per day in 2021, data shows

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

AT LEAST five rape cases were registered every day in the naing complaints. For us, the safety tional capital last year as cases of of women, children and vulnercrimes against women saw an able sections of society is of utupward tick, according to the most priority. So, we have initi-Delhi Police statistics. On Thursday, the Delhi Police said there's an increase of 21.6 % in rape cases with 1,969 cases registered last year as compared to the 1,618 cases in 2020.

In cases of molestation, there's a spike of 17.5% with 2,429 cases registered last year. A total of 421 cases of eve teas-

ing were registered last year. Delhi Police chief Rakesh Asthana said, "There's a rise in cases because the police are ac-

tively registering cases and tak-

ated a drive to introduce pink

booths across the city."

the first week of the incident. A total of 35.221 accused were held in rape cases last year. In over 98.7% rape cases, the

the accused are arrested within

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accused were known to the victim. "Around 1% of the accused arrested in rape cases were not known to the victim. In most cases, it was a family member, friend, neighbour or relatives," said Asthana.

The police have said that the Out of the total rape cases, over 95% of cases have been solved and 96% of cases have been chargesheeted. The police

rise in the cases is due to a "conscious policy of fair and truthful registration". According to the data, in

also stated that a majority of the accused were first time offend-

about 1.22% of rape cases, the accused were not known to the victim. Police said around 60% of ers.

1,180 lives lost in fatal accidents on capital's roads last year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

THE NATIONAL capital witnessed 1,145 fatal accidents with 1,180 people losing their lives in road accidents last year. According to the data released by the Delhi Police, there is an 11 per cent increase in road accidents and a 14 per cent increase in injuries sustained as a result of traffic accidents.

Last year, 3,300 cases of simple accidents took place as compared to 2,840 accidents recorded in 2020, showing a 16 per cent increase from last year.

In fatal accidents, 1,145 accidents took place last year as compared to 1,119 accidents recorded in 2020, the data further showed. A total of 4,061 persons were injured in 2021, the data added. To curb such incidents, the Delhi Police has sent 62.6 lakh notices under the Motor Vehicle Act. The Delhi



Delhi Police sent 62.6 lakh notices under Motor Vehicle Act

Police said that 12.45 lakh challans have been issued for improper parking, followed by riding without a helmet, which 85.000. Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana said: "Delhi Police has a citizencentric traffic management mechanism, with e-challans, user-friendly applications in place." He also mentioned that the force has modernised its Traffic Management System, effectively and is working towards future-ready technology infrastructure-Intelligence Traffic Management System (ITMS). The strength of inspectors posted in the traffic unit has been increased from 53 to 67 in recent years to prevent accidents. A total of 30 ACPs guide the traffic circles in and around Delhi

BRIEFLY — **Delhigovt to** set up e-waste eco-park



stated.

ARHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

demolition, who did not want to be identified, said brick walls

Honorariums hiked but stir by anganwadi workers continues

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for workers and Rs 2 000 for

creased to Rs 25,000 per month ganwadi helper. All workers and

New Delhi: The Delhi Cabinet has approved a decision to set up an ewaste eco-park, to dismantle, segregate and recycle e-waste. The park is also likely to have a refurbishing market, which will be a sale market for electronic goods like laptops, mobiles, chargers and batteries.

Woman 'molested' by bouncer outside club

Gurgaon: A 22-year-old woman was allegedly molested by a man outside a mall on MG road while she was waiting for an autorickshaw to return to her house on Tuesday night in Gurgaon. Police said the accused, who works as a bouncer at a club. was arrested and later released on bail. Police said the victim. who hails from Sikkim, has been staying in Gurgaon on rent.

3 booked over man's murder

Gurgaon: Three men have been booked under sections of murder after a 28year-old medical store owner was found dead under suspicious circumstances Thursday. Pankaj Kumar, SHO, Kherki Daula police station, said, "The cause of death will be ascertained after we receive post-mortem report... He did not have any injury marks on his body. On the complaint of his brother, we have registered an FIR against 3 persons." ENS

WHILE WORKERS have begun dismantling the walls of the Supertech twin towers in Noida which were slated to be demolished, the entire demolition itself could still take a while.

On August 30, the Supreme Court had ordered the demolition of the twin towers within three months, for having violated regulations on the distance between buildings, which also has a bearing on fire safety. The expenses for the demolition are to be borne by the developer.

The demolition of the building is being carried out under the supervision of the Noida Authority. bv Edifice Engineering, a company selected by the Noida Authority and the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee. The company has submitted

a blast design for the demolition to the CEO of the Noida Authority.

A supervisor at the site in Noida's Sector 93A said that around 200 workers have been



Workers pull down walls of Supertech

Around 200 workers have been deployed to pull down the walls on each floor and drill holes in the remaining structure to place the explosives. Gajendra Yadav

deployed to pull down the walls on each floor and drill holes in the remaining structure to place the explosives.

Work has been underway at the site from February 12, he said

phone. At 8 pm, he again came

On Thursday afternoon, workers at the site were demol-

ishing the walls that would have formed balconies along the front façade of the building. Other workers tried to keep vehicles and pedestrians away

from the building when debris from the walls began falling to the ground.

A source associated with the

and blockwork is being removed across the building now. The tentative date for the dem-

olition is May 22, but it is likely to be finalised only closer to the date. the source said.

UBS Teotia, president of the Resident Welfare Association at Emerald Court, said, "The men are working here. Verbally, we've been getting information, but nothing in writing yet. There are around 200 people working to demolish it manually."

On protection for the adjacent buildings in the Emerald Court complex, Teotia said nothing had been done so far. "But they are making a plan and are on the job," he said.

When asked about the insurance for the adjacent Emerald Court building, Teotia said, "Perhaps, they have done it, but we have not received a copy of it yet. We have asked for

The side of the twin towers that faces the existing and occupied Emerald Court buildings, was covered with a safety net on Thursday.

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

FOLLOWING MORE than three weeks of strike by anganwadi workers and helpers in the capital, the Delhi government announced Thursday that it will be increasing their honorariums by around Rs 3,000 for workers and

around Rs 2,000 for helpers. However, the Delhi State Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Union (DSAWHU) have stated they will continue with their strike and protest at Civil Lines near the Chief Minister's residence.

Hundreds of workers and helpers have been gathering at the Civil Lines protest site every day since January 31 demanding a substantial hike in their honorariums.

So far, anganwadi workers in Delhi have been receiving a monthly honorarium of Rs 9,678 and helpers have been receiving Rs 4,839. Their pay had been increased to this rate from Rs 5.000 and Rs 2,500 respectively, after they had gone on strike nearly five years ago in 2017. They have been demanding that this be in-

workers. There are currently around 22,000 workers and helpers employed in AWCs across Delhi.

On Thursday, Women and Child Development Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam announced that their honorariums are now being increased to Rs 12,720 and Rs 6.810 respectively and said that this hike will be implemented from March 1.

"Keeping in view of the rising inflation, and the recent strike, the Kejriwal government has taken the decision to once again increase the honorarium of anganwadi workers and helpers in Delhi... An anganwadi worker will be given an honorarium of Rs 11,220 along with which she will be given a convevance/communication allowance of Rs 1,500. Hence a total of Rs 12,720 will be earned by each anganwadi worker. Similarly, an honorarium of Rs 5,610 will be given to each anganwadi helper along with which she will be given Rs 1,200 as conveyance/communication allowance. Hence a total of Rs 6,810 will be earned by each an-

their travel and mobile etc through the conveyance/communication allowance," he said. He further said, "With this

decision Delhi becomes the only state in India to give the highest honorarium to anganwadi workers." He stated that he had a meeting with some anganwadi workers' unions a few days back after which they took this decision, and that the decision has been given Cabinet approval.

However, the protest is being led by the DSAWHU which said that they had not been invited for a meeting with the minister.

"He said he has spoken to some union... My question is who are these unions because they have not met with Delhi State Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Union which has been conducting this strike...Till this union is not invited, the strike will not be called off... The government which is going to Punjab and telling anganwadi workers there that they will double their honorarium are giving this 'bheek' in Delhi," said DSAWHU president Shivani Kaul

19-year-old commits suicide; 'stalker' booked for abetment

daughter.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, FEBRUARY 24

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman studying in Class XII allegedly committed suicide after consuming poison at Ballabgarh, Faridabad

Police have booked a 23past two months.

dent took place on Wednesday

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stepped out of her house on in the FIR. Wednesday and upon her return

Police said the family rushed at 6 pm, she learnt that the acher to a private hospital in cused had visited their house in Faridabad, where doctors dethe afternoon, asking for her clared her dead on arrival.

A police officer, who did not wish to be identified, said, "We have registered an FIR against a man who was allegedly harassing the victim'

He further said, "He is absconding and raids are being conducted to arrest him."

An FIR was registered under sections 306 (abetment of suicide), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 34 (common intention) at Sector 8 police station, said police of the Indian Penal Code, a senior officer said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

SUBSIDIES OF up to Rs 3 crore, clearances and approvals to shoot movies in Delhi within 15 days, and an international film festival of its own -the Delhi government's new Film Policy, 2022 is looking at these incentives to promote the city as a hub of shooting.

The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting Thursday, attended by CM Arvind Kejriwal along with other ministers. Looking at norms followed internationally, the government has decided to provide a subsidy of

up to Rs 3 crores depending on how much of the movie is set in Delhi and the crew that worked on the production.

Subsidies, quick approvals and global film

festival as Delhi govt pushes new film policy

"The government will provide subsidies to films being made in Delhi up to Rs 3 Crore. This will bring down the overall production cost but will be provided as per certain parameters. Support funding would be based on parameters such as the number of days of shooting in Delhi, content in films - you can't just sit in a closed space in Delhi and ask for subsidies, the shots would need to establish Delhi as the location - and screen time given to locations and local artists, support staff and skilled

crew from Delhi. The maximum subsidy granted would be Rs. 3 crores and depending on the points scored in the scoring system. subsidy from 5% to 25% of the qualified below the line production cost would be given. This has been modelled after the provisions of European Cities," said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. The process of getting clearances will also be simplified. "Under the current regime,

you need to apply to several different agencies to get clearances... We will eliminate all such hassles and provide an online single-window clearance. You'd apply online, pay online and within 15 days you'd get either the approvals or

rejection. We will launch the e-Film Clearance portal for this purpose. Over 25 agencies of Delhi including DDA and Police have been brought together on the platform," said Sisodia. The government also aims to provide a package for discounted travel and accommodation within the city as part of the Delhi Film Card at a cost of Rs 1 lakh.

The government also plans to hold an annual international film festival, along with the festival in Goa. "Along with this, we will introduce the Delhi Film Excellence Awards. These awards will recognise the efforts of junior film crew in addition to directors, producers and actors," Sisodia said.

Wednesday. year-old man for abetment of suicide after the woman's family alleged that he had been stalking and harassing her for the

According to police, the incinight.

In the police complaint, the



'The accused had been pressuring her to become friends and used to threaten her over



PRESTIGE CONTEST IN AYODHYA

In Gonda, BJP has a fight As BJP hits caste hump, RSS lends a on its hands as local issues hand, with Ram, prasad & temple soil trump national narratives

SHYAMLAL YADAV AYODHYA, FEBRUARY 24

WITH CASTE equations making Ayodhya a sticky wicket for the BJP, the RSS has hit the ground for the prestige contest in the town which lies at the heart of the Sangh Parivar's Hindutva project. Apart from invoking the ongoing construction for a Ram temple, RSS workers are handing out to voters literature on the Yogi Adityanath government's works as well as "Ram lalla's prasad" and pouches of "raj-kan (soil)" from Ram Janmabhoomi.

Over the past fortnight, RSS top leaders have held meetings in Ayodhya, including sahsarkaryawah and BJP in-charge Arun Kumar. Prant pracharak Kaushal Kishore, based in Lucknow, has been camping here for the past week and will be here till polling day on February 27.

RSS sources said nearly a hundred Sangh workers are holding five to 10 meetings every day, with groups of 10-15, where they talk about the BJP government's achievements and request for votes in the name of Ram. The activities are parallel to what the BJP is doing on the ground.

Winning UP again would be a big boost to the Sangh ahead of its centenary year to be celebrated in 2025. Months back it had appointed in-charge for each Assembly segment in UP, with pracharaks, former pracharaks and cadre given the task of ensuring voters get to booths on polling day, and early. A former

VIJAY MISHRA,

Pragatisheel

Manav Samaj

Party, Gyanpur (Bhadohi)

Priests and supporters shower flower petals during UP CM Yogi Adityanath's roadshow in Ayodhya on Thursday. AP

of the Samajwadi Party. Both are

again in the fray. However, at the

time, the BSP's Md Bazmi

Among the 3.79 lakh total

pracharak in Lucknow said. "If they come late, many change their mind.'

The hope is that not only Siddeque and another candidate, will the RSS and Ram temple Banshilal Yadav, had split the push help overcome the anger Opposition vote. among some against the BJP,

but also take it over the caste voters in the Ayodhya Assembly hump. While the BIP is likely to segment, Brahmins, Muslims get the Bania, Thakur and and SCs number around 45,000 Brahmin votes, and is counting each; Vaishyas 40,000; and on Dalits backing it for its Yadavs and Chauhans 35,000 schemes, the party has a strong each; apart from a sizeable Kurmi challenger in the SP's Pawan

and Nishad strength. Pandey, also a Brahmin and The VHP, which has also well-liked in the area. been pitching in, says they want All the five Assembly segto ensure that "those who had ments in the Ayodhya Lok Sabha made donations at the feet of constituency – Ayodhya, Bikapur, Ram Lalla, of whom crores have Sohawal, Milkipur and Gosaiganj not had 'darshan' till now, - were won by the BJP in 2017 should get the prasad". The amidst a BJP wave. In the Ayodhya prasad is being distributed with seat, the BJP's Ved Prakash Gupta the help of the Sri Ram had won by 50,440 votes against Janmabhomi Teerth Kshetra his nearest rival Tej Narain Pandey Trust. The VHP also carried out

a 'sant yatra' in the constituency of Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, and is planning another in Adityanath's constituency of Gorakhpur.

RSS sources said one of the frequent complaints they are hearing about BJP MLAs is their inaccessibility, and that they are "controlled by bureaucrats". A pracharak working in Assembly constituencies in eastern UP said another common complaint was the delayed recruitment for government jobs.

The RSS has been promising to take care of their concerns as well as work out a proper mechanism against this during its Pratinidhi Sabha on March 11-13 at Ahmedabad. Among those called in for help is Anupam Jaiswal, who was a vibhag pracharak in Ayodhya earlier.

A pracharak welcomed RSS leader Arun Kumar's visit to UP recently, accompanied by Union minister and BJP UP in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan, where a patient hearing was given to them over meetings lasting nearly five hours. However, he said: "This exercise should have been done long back".

The division among voters is apparent as one travels from Brahmin-dominated village Malikpur on Ayodhya's outskirts to Dabha Semari nearby. In Malikpur, a young farmer, Ajay Tewari, says: "Our whole village is with Pandeyji. We don't have any problem with Yogiji or the BJP, but the MLA is inaccessible." In Dabha Semari, Shivam Tewari, who runs a Common Service Centre that provides facilities in rural areas for the government's e-services, is, however, a BIP voter. "Like me, there are many beneficiaries of the PM Awas Yojana in my village.

Brajesh Rawat, who belongs to a Dalit-majority village and runs a coaching centre in Ayodhya, says "hardly anyone in my village will vote for the BJP". "People are angry due to unemployment, inflation, stray cattle."

At a private hostel in Ayodhya where students stay while preparing for competitive examinations, Dharmendra Patel, Rohit Nishad, Vipin Chandra Pal and Ashvani Yadav say their families voted for the BJP in 2017 and 2019, but not now. "The BIP is seeking votes in the name of Ram and killing reservation (referring to a reservation scandal in teacher re-

cruitment in the state)." BJP sitting MLA Gupta, who has contested from Ayodhya before on SP and BSP tickets, said the party has brought "historic changes" to Ayodhya and all sections are benefiting from the same. "I am fighting to increase my margin of win.'

SP candidate Pandey said that the BJP has only duped people in the name of development. "Local businessmen are being cheated and Gujarati businessmen being given contracts. Farmers' land is being taken by force and false cases being registered."

BJP and RSS sources admitted the situation was "tight". "Victory or loss will be by only a few thousand.

HARISH DAMODARAN GONDA (UP), FEBRUARY 24

"RASHTRAVAD THEEK hai, par dharam ke liye karam bhi zaroori hai (Nationalism is fine, but work also matters for religion)".

This statement by Surya Prasad Shukla from Maijapur village in Colonelganj tehsil of Gonda is, perhaps, an indicator of what the current Uttar Pradesh polls are turning out to be - a "normal" election where local development issues, caste equations and factionalism are trumping grand nationalist narratives.

In the 2017 polls, the BJP won all seven of Gonda's Assembly seats. With hardly 20% Muslims, and substantial Brahmin and Kshatriya Rajput populations, one would expect a cakewalk this time round too.

Butitisn't so. For now, BJP's position looks shaky in at least three seats (Katra Bazar, Colonelganj and Mehnaun) and comfortable in one (Mankapur), while it is locked in tight contests in the remaining three (Gonda, Gaura and Tarabganj). At work is a mix of dissatisfaction, especially among Brahmins, against local BIP MP from Kaiserganj, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, plus Muslim vote consolidation in favour of the Samajwadi Party.

"How long will they keep talking of Hindu-Muslim and Mandir-Masjid? Look at the state of our roads," points out Shukla, who owns a nursery.

For Vijay Kumar Mishra, a three-acre farmer from Katela Talab village of Colonelganj SP have fielded Brahmins: Vinay Kumar Dwivedi (sitting legislator) and Nandita Shukla (2012 election winner and wife of former minister Ghanshyam Shukla).

Equally interesting is the battle in Colonelganj, where BJP has denied the ticket to its current legislator Kunwar Ajay Pratap Singh, alias 'Lalla Bhaiya', from the erstwhile princely estate of Bargadi Kot. It has, instead, chosen Paraspur block president Ajay Kumar Singh, a non-royal considered close to MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Lalla Bhaiya has since extended support to SP candidate Yogesh Pratap Singh, who is from the Bhabua Kot estate. This is the first time, after 1984, that the two royal families have also buried their political rivalries. "We will vote for whichever party Lalla Bhaiya goes to," declares Bam Bahadur Singh, a six-acre farmer from Paska village

Colonelganj has 75,000-odd Rajput, 65,000 Brahmin, 50,000 Muslim and 20,000 Yadav voters. But there are also other communities such as the Kashyaps. "The BJP government is giving me 50 kg of free grain per month and Rs 6,000 (under PM-Kisan scheme). They are saving we will soon be getting Rs 500/month against Shramik Card (for labourers). Why should I vote for any other party?" asks Ram Gopal Kashyap, who sells puja items at the Sarayu river ghat.

The one seat where BJP seems well-placed is Mankapur, where its candidate Ramapati Shastri had won by 60,161 votes in 2017. FULL REPORT ON

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Youngest candidate in Manipur out on a mission: 'Polls not only for the rich'

JIMMY LEIVON IMPHAL FEBRUARY 24 much so, it has become a trend that being rich and powerful is a prerequisite for contesting elections," he added.

IN A candidate field abound with crorepatis, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) candidate Ningthoujam Popilal Singh stands out. Not only is the 26-year-old the

The NCP candidate, who has a pending defamation case from 2018, completed his BA from Manipur University in 2016. He initially wanted to contest for the

I HEREBY ____ PM attacks dynasts in Amethi, cites own mother DECLARE

LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 24

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Thursday again slammed the Opposition parties for maintaining "silence" over the recent court verdict in the 2008 Ahmedabad terror blasts case and not welcoming it due to "vote bank politics".

sulting them because that makes their vote bank happy. With same intention, they question constitu-

tional institutions," he alleged. Referring to a court judgment giving capital punishment to 38 convicts in the Ahmedabad serial blasts case, Modi said, "You all clapped and felt satisfied when I said that the court has pronounced punishment. But these parties did not show





BJP supporter Ram Gopal

Colonelganj's Sarayu Ghat.

tehsil, the main issue is baadh

(floods) and saand (stray cattle).

Farmers like him with land in

low-lying areas have suffered

huge crop loss from excess rains

Shukla and Mishra are back-

ing Baijnath Dubey, a fellow

Brahmin and SP candidate from

Katra Bazar, pitted against three-

term BJP MLA Bawan Singh who is

said to be facing anti-incumbency

and was yet selected over two

Brahmin contenders. With

Masood Alam Khan, who polled

nearly 56,000 votes as BSP candi-

date in 2017, also not fighting, the

SP is counting on a Brahmin-

tried out in Mehnaun, which has

around one lakh Brahmin voters

and 75,000 Muslims. Both BJP and

The same formula is being

Muslim winning combination.

and overflowing rivers.

Kashyap at his stall at

Harish Damodara

charges include murder and attempt to murder) SOURCES OF INCOME **MLA salary Education:** BA(1976)



TOTALASSETS

MOVABLE ASSETS

SELF: ₹66.06 lakh

CRIMINAL CASE: 24

Self: ₹5.71 lakh

LOANS FROM BANKS

₹9.52 crore

Congress candidate from Pindra (Varanasi)

TOTAL ASSETS ₹2.36 crore **MOVABLE ASSETS** SELF: ₹5.87 lakh WIFE:₹46.2 lakh LOANS FROM BANKS WIFE: ₹28 lakh CRIMINAL CASES: 18 (charges include attempt to murder and robberv) SOURCES OF INCOME **MLA pension EDUCATION:** Graduate (1989)

At an election rally in Amethi in support of the candidates of the BJP and its allies, Modi said the people of Uttar Pradesh have suffered from these parties' "vote bank politics" and "parivarwadi rajneeti (dynasty politics)".

"When I speak about these two topics, parivarwadis get tight-lipped and their ecosystem diverts the discussion. They never reply to this because they have foul intentions - their politics of vote bank and parivarwad

have done maximum damage to the country," the PM said. Modi said these parties first

nurtured politics of appeasement, which later held them hostage. "Now leaders of these parties are compelled to do vote bank politics and so their every decision is according to that politics. They don't hesitate in taking such decision even if that is against the interest of nation," he charged. "Hence they discourage armed forces and the police by in-

courage to welcome the judg ment as they fear losing vote bank. They are lip-locked.' The PM also hit out at "parivarwadis" in the Opposition who

"spread rumours" about the Covid vaccine to malign the "image of Modi and Yogi", adding they lost credibility in the process as their own workers did not listen to them.

Modi said when the vaccination exercise got underway, neither he nor his 100-year-old mother rushed for the dose and waited for their turn, "Both PM and his100-year-old mother fol-

Modi said initially there was democracy in the Congress but problems started when one familv "captured" it. In a veiled attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who lost the Lok Sabha election from Amethi in 2019, Modi said, "The one you chose for decades, he went to Kerala and questioned your wisdom."

fought the Indian government

for an 'independent Kuki home-

low the law and rules," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry Anupriya Patel (second from right) and others at a public meeting in Prayagraj Thursday. PTT

oungest candidate in the fray, he has also not declared any assets.

Singh is contesting from the Sekmai Assembly seat that will go to the polls in the first

phase of the twophase elections on February 28. Of the 173 candidates featuring in this phase, over half (91) are crorepatis.

Asked why he was contesting the polls, Singh told The Indian Express that among his many motivations was

challenging the dogma that being "rich and powerful" is a prerequisite for contesting elections.

Singh said he wanted to show that money was not the only solution and a good leader could bring change. "Politics is a very powerful platform that can change people's lives for the better. Unfortunately, this platform has become the playground for rich and power-hungry people. So

Congress, but quit and joined the NCP after being denied a ticket. According to his poll affidavit, Singh is a cultivator. He claims he

> private tuition. Asked how he financed his campaign, Singh said he received donations from his supporters. "More than 3,000 people turned up for my flag-hoisting ceremony and my supporters contributed

earns his living through

whatever they could." Singh added Though he is up against

NCP's NP Singh

heavyweights such as incumbent BJP MLA H Dingo Singh, and former MLA Kh Devendro who is contesting on a Janata Dal (United) ticket, the young NCP leader has a vision for his constituency. He has released a 17-point manifesto detailing his plan if elected.

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ETHNIC FAULTLINES

Nagas have NPF, Meiteis numbers, and now Kukis, a party & hope

TORA AGARWALA CHURACHANDPUR,

KANGPOKPI, FEBRUARY 24

IN JUNE 2021, about 200 people gathered at a community hall in southwest Manipur's Churachandpur, the heartland of the state's Kuki tribe. As people from Kangpokpi, Tengnoupal and other Kuki-dominated districts poured in, fiery speeches were made. At the end of the two-hourlong meeting, the Kuki People Alliance (KPA) was born.

Come February 28, when 38 out of 60 constituencies of Manipur go to polls, taking on big players like the BIP and the Congress will be the little-known KPA, formed by two retired bureaucrats, a practising doctor and a lawyer.

With the KPA contesting only two seats (Saikul in Kangpokpi district and Singhat in

Churachandpur district), it is unlikely to have much of an impact on the results. But its formation is a significant development in Manipur's political landscape, where tribal aspirations play a

major role. Says Gracy Lamkholhing, a 25year-old Churachandpur-based

need of the hour."

land' spread across Manipur. Lamkholhing remembers that she first heard of this "homeland" when she was five, when a bomb went off near her home. Twenty

years later, all the Kuki underground groups are in talks with the Centre. And, Lamkholhing feels, priorities have changed. "We need jobs, we need development, we need our voices to be heard. teacher, who was at the meeting Without a political party, you can't in Vegnom Hall that day: "A political platform for the Kukis was the achieve anything.

On Wednesday, as Union Distinct from the Meitei-Home Minister Amit Shah promdominated valley, the hills of ised the end of Kuki insurgency, at Manipur are home to two major a rally in Churachandpur, a small tribal groups - the Nagas and crowd gathered at a two-storeved Kukis. While the Naga movehouse nearby to seek votes for ment is the country's longest-Chinlunthang, the KPA candidate running insurgency, underfor Singhat. A 47-year-old lawyer, Chinlunthang is one of the KPA's ground Kuki groups, too, have

KPA's Saikul candidate Kimneo Haokip Hnagshing.

founding members.

David, 41, a college lecturer, echoes Lamkholhing. "So far. most Kuki politicians have been a part of national parties like the BJP and Congress... When you are with big parties, you have to stick to their guidelines, and indige-



nous interests are sidelined," he says, adding that parties have only been fielding Kuki candidates to get the Kuki vote before forgetting all about them.

His friend Lianzagou, 36, also a teacher, rattles off incidents where tribal interests were "sidelined" by Biren Singh's "Meitei government". These include the government's recent move to make Mount Koubru in Kangpokpi district a protected government site, as well as the inauguration of a 'Maharaja Chandrakriti Memorial Park' at Chivu Lake in Churachandpur district in 2020.

Chinlunthang is facing JD(U) Manipur chief T Hangkhanpau, the Congress's Tuankhan Kiamlo Hangzo(a retired bureaucrat) and the BIP's Ginsuanhau Zou. Earlier with the Congress, Zou is expected to be Chinlunthang's main rival.

In Saikul, in Kangpokpi district, the KPA fielded the young Kimneo Haokip Hnagshing, after the BJP denied her a ticket. The wife of the self-styled chairman of the outlawed Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA), Kimneo says her main fo-

New Delhi

cus is "safeguarding tribal rights". In both Singhat and Saikul, the

Kuki Students' Organisation(KSO) as well as the Kuki Inpi, the tribe's apex body, are backing the KPA. In Manipur, such support goes a long way. Sasang Vaiphei, President, KSO, refers to the Kuki National Assembly (KNA), a Kuki political party that fizzled out over the years, adding: "In other areas in the Northeast, tribes enjoy the Sixth Schedule, but when it comes to Manipur, we have no privileges,

no protection." While the KPA's main poll planks are what the state's tribal communities have demanded for long(a repeal of the AFSPA, a push for the 'Autonomous District Council Bill 2021', as well as strengthening of Article 371-C, which safeguards the rights of the hills of Manipur), the other push

for the party comes from insecurity about the Nagas.

The two tribes have had a strained relationship since the 1990s, which saw bloody clashes over imagined territorial homelands. The Kukis feel the Nagas have an upper hand as the Naga People's Front (NPF) speaks for the community's rights, and is also an ally of the BJP-led state government.

"The Nagas have the NPF, the Meiteis are the dominant group... so where does this leave the Kukis?" asks Seilin Haokip, the spokesperson of the Kuki National Organisation (KNO), an umbrella group of armed outfits fighting for a homeland for the Kukis. These groups too are tacitly supporting the KPA.

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2019 DEFECTIONS THAT GAVE BJP MAJORITY IN ASSEMBLY Goa Speaker right in not disqualifying 12 MLAs: HC

MAYURA JANWALKAR PORVORIM, FEBRUARY 24

MORE THAN two years after 10 MLAs from Congress and two from Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP) defected to the BIP to give it full majority in Goa Assembly, High Court of Bombay at Goa on Thursday held that the Assembly Speaker was right in not disqualifying the 12 legislators.

A division bench of Justices Manish Pitale and RNLaddha dismissed petitions filed by Goa Pradesh Congress Committee president Girish Chodankar and senior MGP leader Ramkrishna Dhavalikar. Both had challenged the order of Speaker Raiesh Patnekar, who had in April 2021 rejected petitions seeking disqualification of the 12 defectors.

The court held that "the disgualification petitions filed by the petitioners were correctly dismissed" by the Speaker. It said the Speaker was justified in holding that the 10 Congress MLAs and



AS DEFECTIONS are not limited to Goa, the High Court's verdict may set a precedent to determine the legal validity of political crossovers by elected representatives across the country. Since the court found the merger of legislature parties legally sound, it may open the gates for more such postpoll moves of MLAs elsewhere.

two MGP MLAs "did not attract disqualification under the Tenth Schedule.

Congress won 17 seats while the BJP won 13. The BJP, however, formed a coalition government with the MGP, Goa Forward Party and Independents.

later in 2017 and two followed in the Assembly rose to 15 again.

EXPLAINED

The crossover was done as a

dropped from the government.

court was paragraph 4 of Tenth

Schedule of the Constitution,

which states that "disqualification

At the centre of the case in the

However, months later, in July 2019, 10 of the 15 Congress MLAs and two of the three MGP MLAs In the 2017 Assembly polls, switched over to the BJP, giving the

party full majority in the House. "merger" of the legislature parties of Congress and MGP, as twothirds of their respective MLAs One Congress MLA resigned consented to merge with the BJP. The MGP and GFP were then

him in 2018. In 2019, the Congress won the Panaji bypoll after the death of former CM Manohar Parrikar and the party's strength

on ground of defection not to apply in case of merger". Sub-paragraph 2 under paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule states, "... the merger of the original political party of a member of a House shall be deemed to have taken place if, and only if, not less than two thirds of the members of the legislature party concerned have agreed to such merger".

"Parliament in its own wisdom has incorporated a deeming fiction under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution, which protects a member of a House from being disqualified... provided at least two-thirds members of the legislature party agree to merge with another political party," the court said. "As long as Parliament...has determined threshold of morality of at least two-thirds members of the legislature party agreeing for merger, the courts have nothing else to go by, except the legislative wisdom of Parliament to determine such a threshold of political morality in that context.

Verdict unexpected, will challenge it in SC: Cong

MAYURA JANWALKAR PORVORIM, FEBRUARY 24

GOA PRADESH Congress Committee president Girish Chodankar said on Thursday that the court's verdict was on "unexpected lines" and the order was against the spirit of the Tenth Schedule (antidefection law) of the Constitution. "We are going to challenge it in Supreme Court because the

very existence of parties in politics is concerned. With the use of money, they can change the mandate of the people. This order goes against the existence... of demo-

cratic values," he said. "It's setting a bad precedent in the country where after elections. a few MLAs can come together and take a decision irrespective of the political party which has nominated them as a candidate, they may take money from the party in power and break away. This is not only going to set a bad precedent for the Congress party but all parties across the country," he said.

Senior MGP MLA Ramkrishna Dhavalikar, the petitioner in the MGP's case, said, "We don't have the financial capacity to take this ahead in Supreme Court. But... the law needs to change. A person who is elected from one party ... the day they go to another party, they should be barred from contesting elections for six years. This is a mockery of democracy."

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant tweeted, "I welcome the decision of the Hon. High Court in dismissing the appeal filed by Congress and MGP against merger of 12 MLAs into the BJP legislature party. Democracy and constitutional mandate has prevailed over the smear campaign!"



HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR, FEBRUARY 24

FOLLOWING EMBARRASSMENT over the Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET), the state government on Thursday tabled a Bill proposing 10-year imprisonment and fine up to Rs 10 crore and attachment/ confiscation of property to curb use of unfair means in

public examinations. Under the Rajasthan Public Examination (Measures for Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Bill, 2022, if an examinee takes unauthorised help from any person or group or from any material written, recorded, copied or printed or uses any unauthorised electronic or mechanical instrument or gadget, it may invite imprisonment up to three years and a fine not less than Rs 1 lakh. In case of

default of fine payment, the examinee shall also be liable to be punished with nine-month jail. Secondly, anyone associated with the examination, including the examinee, or someone impersonating, or trying to leak the

question paper, or procures the banned forever. paper in an unauthorised manher, or assists the examinee in an unauthorised manner, shall be

special courts to try offences punishable under the Act. Need 'vocal for local' in

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot

imprisoned for five to 10 years

and fined between Rs 10 lakh

convicted of an offence under

the Act shall be debarred from

taking any public examination

If an officer investigating of-

fences under the Act finds out that a property has been ob-

tained from commission of of-

fence under the Act, the officer

will be authorised to seize or at-

ganisations assisting the govern-

ment with conducting the ex-

amination are found guilty too,

they would be liable to pay all

cost and expenditure related to

the examination and would be

The state may also designate

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An examinee who has been

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tach the property.

farm sector too, curb import of food items: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

OBSERVING THAT the Budget can become a means for "transformation" of life, agriculture and villages, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asked officials to roll out the Budget proposals from April 1, 'without wasting time".

PM Modi addresses a postbudget webinar, Friday. PTI

Modi also asked officials to reduce the country's dependence on import of agricultural goods



Shah in Bahraich: To keep Azam, Atiq, Mukhtar **DELHICONFIDENTIAL** in jail, bring BJP back to power

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

PRAISING THE Yogi Adityanath government's on the law and order front in Uttar Pradesh, Union Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah on Thursday said no "baahubali'

everywhere. Addressing

bahubalis will be set free.

He asked the rally where is crowd responding "in jail".

"If you make a mistake and



Amit Shah

rally here, Shah targeted the Samajwadi Party, claiming that if Akhilesh Yadav comes to power,

Azam Khan, Atiq Ansari and Mukhtar Ansari today, with the

ome out and trouble all. If you

can be seen now even using a telescope and that it is only "Bajrangbali'

an election

bring 'cycle' (SP's symbol), will they remain in jail? They will Ayodhya is our top priority

their issues as per their wishes.

ashwast karna chahta hoon ki

unki samasya ka samadhan hoga.

Wo jo chahenge, vahi hoga. (I

want to reassure the priests and

traders that all their problems

will be resolved. What they

want, will be done)," Aditvanath

said after concluding the two-

km long roadshow at Naya Ghat.

Ayodhya, where a Ram Temple is

being constructed, has expressed

their unhappiness with the state

The business community of

"Babaon aur vvaparivon ko

SHYAMLAL YADAV AYODHYA, FEBRUARY 24

CHIEF

MINISTER Yogi held a h on Thursda

government's plan to widen roads as part of the beautification project of the temple town.

In a bid to woo the Brahmins in Ayodhya, Adityanath an-"most qualified"

be given to the students.

welfare of priests and saints.

Brahmin candidate. Moreover.

the sitting BJP MLA Ved Prakash

he said.

Gupta is said to be facing anti-incumbency.

Reminding the people of his government's top priority to Ayodhya, Adityanath said that he visited the temple town

Yogi woos traders, Brahmins:

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during a roadshow in Ayodhya on Thursday. AP

BAHRAICH, FEBRUARY 24





HOME, ABROAD

LOK SABHA Speaker Om Birla, who is on a five-day trip to the

UAE, visited the Swami Narayan temple in Abu Dhabi on

Thursday. Impressed by the grandeur of the temple, Birla got

a chance to meet the artisans who were involved in its con-

struction. It was then that he realised that many of them were

from his home state Raiasthan – from Bharatpur and Alwar

regions. He was impressed by their plans to bring in water from

Ganga and Yamuna to create a feeling of confluence of the holy

rivers inside the temple. On Wednesday, too, the Speaker was

surprised to see Bundi, Jodhpur and Alwar engraved at Louvre

Museum in Abu Dhabi. He was told that the construction ma-

terials were brought from several places and the names of all

VOICE FROM LEFT

MUCH HAS been written and said about the split of the Communist Party in 1964 - into CPI(M) and CPI - one faction, which formed the CPI(M), was closer to the Chinese Communist Party and those who remained in parent party CPI agreed with the line of the Communist Party of the erstwhile Soviet Union. That is history. On Thursday, as Russia invaded Ukraine, the CPI(M) was silent but the CPI put out a statement. Three paragraphs and 126 words, but there was no mention of Russia. It expressed deep concern and anguish over the military conflicts in and around Ukraine. Further, it said the CPI believes war is not the solution for any geo-political conflict in any part of the world and that conflicts could be solved only through peaceful means and meaningful dialogue. While the CPI did not mention Russia, it did mention the US and NATO as it said Washington's move to expand NATO to the "East and any part of the world would be an eternal threat to world peace".

have to keep them in jail and roadshow in Ayodhya and keep the state free of 'baahubalis' sought people's support to defor five more years then only BJP velop the temple town into the and Yogi Adityanath can do this," "world's greatest cultural and he told the rally. spiritual city". He also assured He said Akhilesh had asked the priests and traders of what change has been made on Ayodhya that if re-elected, the the law and order front, but BJP government would resolve

those who wear dark glasses see everything black. "These are samajwadis only in name, they cannot see anything other than their family. When Akhilesh got a chance, 45 people of his family were occupying different posts," he added.

The Union Home Minister said the BJP had promised to improve law and order in the 2017 election campaign and Adityanath, after becoming the chief minister, eradicated mafia elements.

TAMIL NADU LOCAL BODY POLLS Behind DMK's big win: steady allies, dispirited Opp

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, FEBRUARY 24

WHILE THE ruling party's victory in the local body polls isn't a first for Tamil Nadu, the magnitude of the DMK's landslide win in the urban body polls held on Sunday has taken all political parties by surprise.

While a final picture is yet to emerge - indirect polls are yet to be held to elect mayors and council heads - in all likelihood, the DMK is set to rule all the 21 city corporations, not less than 128 of the 138 municipalities, and at least 400 of the 489 town panchayats. While the DMK walked away with a vote share of around 60 per cent, ally Congress too put up a decent show, bagging 4.6 per cent of the votes.

For DMK chief MK Stalin, this unprecedented victory means more responsibilities considering the Lok Sabha elections are at least two years away and the challenge would be to retain un-

evidently has among voters now.

DMK's favour - from a steady alparties and no real fight.

The party, which hasn't quite recovered since party supremo J Jayalalithaa's death in 2016, has seen a string of major poll defeats - the 2019 Lok Sabha and rural body polls, the 2021 Assembly elections and the second phase of rural body polls in 2021.

While the AIADMK put up a brave face, with senior leader O Panneerselvam calling the DMK's victory "artificial", the party lost both Periyakulam municipality, part of Panneerselvam's home

til then the goodwill the party While there were a number of factors that worked in the

liance with the Congress, Left Thirumavalavan's Dalit party VCK, to the popular schemes announced by the party since it came to power in 2021, and the advantage of having the government machinery at its disposal the single biggest factor was that the Opposition AIADMK put up

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CM Stalin, wife Durga before casting vote on Sunday. PTI

town, and former CM Edappadi Palaniswami's Edappadi municipality in Salem district.

A senior AIADMK leader, who was part of Palaniswami's Cabinet, said the defeat calls for introspection. "What we need is introspection - nothing more, nothing less. Is our problem that of double leadership (Edapadi and Pannerselvam)? Or is the alliance with the BJP costing us our secular, minority followers?" he said.

leader said the party's shrinking base is a cause of concern. "Over the years, MGR and Jayalalithaa built an assured vote share of 20 to 25 per cent. We maintained this vote share, irrespective of whether we won or not. It has gone down to 16 per cent this election. This means there is something seriously wrong with the party," he said, warning the

cannot run a party without a leader. You cannot run a party by flaunting your connections with the leader of another party in Delhi," he said, referring to the BJP's influence on the AIADMK

> leadership. This election, the BJP made a friendly exit from the AIADMK alliance to contest the urban local body polls on its own - a decision that may have backfired.

While BIP state chief K Annamalai is claiming credit for the party having emerged as the third-largest in the state, the

Another senior AIADMK BJP's performance this election - it won 308 seats from among the 5,000-odd seats it contested - is only marginally better than its showing in 2011. That election, the party won 226 wards (including rural local bodies). But as a BJP leader pointed out, the situation was vastly different then. "We were neither in power in Delhi then nor did we enjoy the backing of a powerful party may face a "slow death" if Dravidian party (AIADMK) like corrections were not made. "You we do now," said the leader. A BIP leader from central Tamil Nadu pointed out that in nearly 100 wards, BJP candidates got less than 10 votes. "When a candidate is required to have signatures from about 10

people to submit nominations. why did they fail to get even 10 votes in these wards? We didn't win a single seat in at least 10 districts. What went wrong in western Tamil Nadu and Coimbatore?' he said. Former state chief L Murugan and present state leader K Annamalai hail from western

Tamil Nadu.

teachers will be appointed in times" in the last five years of his Sanskrit colleges and schools in chief ministership, and added the state, and scholarships will that he has come again to ensure that BJP wins all the five "Those who want to run Assembly seats in Ayodhya. Sanskrit schools will get grants "Main swayam aaya hoon (I have as well," the chief minister said myself come here)," Adityanath said a day before the campaignas he promised to give tablets and smartphones to Sanskrit ing ends for the fifth phase.

school students. "...So that they Ayodhya will vote on Sunday. The BIP leader also hit out at could connect with technology," Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Adityanath also said that his Yadav, who is set to visit the temgovernment would constitute a ple town on Friday

Purohit Kalyan Board for the In Barabanki and Bahraich, Aditvanath claimed that the The BJP is banking on the Akhilesh Yadav government did Brahmin votes in Ayodhya as not provide electricity to people there is a possibility of the votes on Holi and Diwali, but there was getting divided between the BIP always power on Eid and and SP, which has fielded a Muharram.

WITH PTI INPUTS FROM time, we should do all prepara-BARABANKI AND BAHRAICH tions in March and plan to de-

On import of food it said India is an agricultural country and emphasised the need to follow the dictum "vocal for local" about food also. "We should not bring even a single (food) item from outside to meet our requirements; we should produce according to the needs of the country," Modi said.

> Addressing a webinar on 'positive impact" of Union Budget-2022 on the agriculture sector, Modi said, "We must roll out the proposals and start work on April 1, itself, the day when new the Budget comes in effect. Stating that the government has the "full month of March" to prepare, Modi said: "The Budget has already been presented in Parliament.... Without wasting

liver the schemes to farmers in April, well before the new agriculture year starts in July."

Recently, Prime Minister

policy to tackle the menace of

Adityanath also said that a

The Congress leader also ac-

'These political leaders have

by invoking religion... But who

has nurtured this habit among

them? The people have."

Minister Yogi

stray cattle.

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'Sarvgyaani' Modi was unaware of stray cattle issue till now: Priyanka

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA GONDA, FEBRUARY 24

CONGRESS GENERAL secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra took a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi describing him as "allknowing" who reaches out to the US and Russian leaders when they are ill but is unaware of the woes of the people of Uttar Pradesh.

Raising the issue of stray cattle at an election rally in Gonda. she said: "Stray animals are ruining your farms and they seem to be unaware of it. Modi ji is 'antaryaami and sarvgyaani' (omniscient)... But he was unaware that farmers in the biggest state of our country are suffering and dying because stray animals are destroying their crops."

"Modi *ji* gets to know when the prime minister of Russia catches some disease and when Donald Trump in America coughs. He quickly writes letters

New Delhi

Priyanka campaigns in Gonda, UP, on Friday. PTI

monthly stipend of Rs 900 per to them and calls them on cow will be given to farmers. phone

"But Modi Ji, who has governcused the Bahujan Samaj Party ment in Centre and in Uttar and Samajwadi Party of dividing Pradesh, was unaware of this people on the lines of caste and (farmers' problems). Now, when religion. the elections are here, the prime minister has taken note of it and understood that they do not announced a solution," Priyanka need to work for the public as Gandhi said asking where was they are assured of getting votes

he during the last five years. "You (Modi) were nowhere to be seen when youth struggled

DRAFT IN PROCESS

New Delhi: The Centre is drafting a new cooperative policy, the Union Ministry of Cooperation said on Thursday. In a statement issued after a webinar on budget proposals, the ministry said, "Under the guidance of Union Cooperation minister Amit Shah, we are in the process of bringing a new cooperative policy and many new schemes which will incorporate various suggestions given by stakeholders." ENS





Sidhu aide calls Cong campaign 'botched up'

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

KANCHAN VASDEV

BAIL PLEA TO BE HEARD TODAY Drugs case: Majithia surrenders in court, remanded in judicial custody till March 8 Days after Amritsar MP Gurjeet

Aujla targeted PPCC chief Navjot Sidhu claiming people of Amritsar(East) were upset with him, Sidhu's chief strategic advisor Mohd Mustafa criticised the party's poll campaign as "botched up, incoherent".

In a tweet, Mustafa wrote, "Punjab Fatwa: Despite a botched up campaign, incoherent campaign strategy and conspicuous absence of decisive leadership at all levels. Congress would form government with or without support from unexpected corners." His tweet also indicated that the Congress may not reach the twothird majority number of 59 in the House of 117. Speaking to The Indian Express, he said: "Cabinet Minister Rana Gurjit Singh had fielded his son, Rana Inderpal Singh, against party nominee from Sultanpur Lodhi, Navtej Cheema. Rana Gurjit went to the extent of campaigning for his son but nobody could stop him. CM Charanjit Channi's brother, Dr Manohar Singh, also contested as an Independent against party nominee from Bassi Pathana. How come the CM has his brother contest as an Independent?"

JAGDEEP SINGH DEEP MOHALI, FEBRUARY 24

SHIROMANI AKALI Dal (SAD) leader Bikram Singh Majithia was on Thursday remanded in judicial custody till March 8 after he surrendered before a Mohali court in connection with a drugs smuggling case. The Akali leader has now

moved a plea for regular bail which will be taken up by the court on Friday.

As Majithia arrived for surrendering before the special court of Additional District and Sessions Judge (ADSJ) Sandeep Singla, the prosecution filed an application seeking his arrest and questioning.

The court allowed the application following which Majithia was formally arrested. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case then questioned Majithia for nearly 90 minutes in the court complex. He was later produced in the court of Judicial Magistrate (Ist Class), Mukesh Kumar Singla.



Akali Dal leader Bikram Majithia at the Mohali court complex on Thursday. Jasbir Malhi

After questioning, the investigating agency, however, did not seek Maiithia's police remand and instead applied for judicial remand.

The court observed, "In view of the averments made in the instant application, the accused Bikram Maiithia is hereby remanded in judicial custody till

March 8. Accused be again produced in the special court." Earlier, speaking to reporters

outside the court premises in the morning, Majithia, who entered

the court complex at around 11 am along with his supporters, said, "As per orders of the hon'ble Supreme Court, I have appeared before the (Mohali) court". While the SC had granted Majithia protection from arrest till February 23 (Wednesday), it had also directed him to surrender in court after February 20 polls in Punjab.

Majithia, who is the brotherin-law of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal and brother of former Union minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal, contested the February 20 polls from the Amritsar East constituency, from where Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee president Navjot Singh Sidhu is seeking re-election. He was booked by the state's Bureau of Investigation (BoI) on December 20 last year under Sections 25, 27-A, and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The case was registered on the basis of a report of the Special Task Force of the Punjab Police formed to tackle the drug menace in the state

Proceeds of crime worth Rs 1,249 crore identified in terror cases: Centre dication, he said, adding that pro-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

THE CENTRE on Thursday told the Supreme Court that investigation into 57 cases of terror has resulted in identification of proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs 1,249 crore and attachment of 256 properties worth Rs 982 crore besides filing of 37 prosecution complaints and conviction of two terrorists under the Prevention of Money Laundering

Act (PMLA). "The attached properties include that of Hafiz Mohammad Sayeed (a UN-designated terrorist), Syed Salahuddin (head of Hijbul Mujahideen) and Iqbal Mirchi (an international narcotics smuggler involved in the Mumbai blasts)," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the three-judge bench comprising Justices AM Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar. Mehta pointed out that proceeds of crime worth Rs 98.368 crore were identified and attached provisionally under the Act so far. Of this, proceeds worth

anism for risk-based selection of cases for investigation". He said the Financial Action Task Force's recommendations provide for no threshold for the selection of cases for probe under the PMLA while the ED is focusing on cases involving high-value proceeds of crime and cases involving serious Rs 55,899 crore were confirmed predicate offences involving terby the Adjudicating Authority ror financing, narcotics, corruption and offences involving naand substantial part of attached proceeds were still under adjutional security, etc".

ceeds worth Rs 853.16 crore have

already been confiscated to the

Central Government under the

The bench is hearing a clutch

orders of the competent court.

of petitions challenging the con-

stitutional validity of the scope

of powers available to the

Enforcement Directorate (ED)

under the PMLA for search,

seizure, investigation, and at-

Wednesday 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,

Hong Kong, Belgium and Russia.

that low registration of cases in

India "is due to the robust mech-

On Thursday, he explained

Mehta told the court on

tachment of proceeds of crime.



Leaders of the Maha Vikas Aghadi at a protest against the arrest of Nawab Malik in Mumbai on Thursday. Amit Chakravarty

NAWAB MALIK'S ARREST MVA leaders stage sit-in, state-wide protests today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 24

A DAY after the arrest of minister Nawab Malik by the Enforcement Directorate, the leaders of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) held a protest outside the Mahatma Gandhi statue near Mantralaya against BJP and misuse of central investigation agencies. The activists of the three parties will hold state-wide protests on Friday in support of Malik and against the BIP. On Thursday, leaders of the MVA staged a sit-in against the arrest of Malik at the Mahatma Gandhi statue near Mantralaya. NCP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil, Irrigation Minister Jayant Patil, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Chhagan Bhujbal, NCP MP Supriya Sule, Congress ministers Balasaheb Thorat, Ashok Chavan and others were also present. While the protest began at 10 am, the Sena leaders joined it an hour later with party legislators from Mumbai coming to the venue. Subsequently, senior Sena minister Subhash Desai also joined the protest. The protest went on till 1.30 pm. Leaders from the Shiv Sena and NCP leaders clarified that some Sena leaders including

Aaditya Thackeray, Sanjay Raut and Eknath Shinde had gone to Uttar Pradesh for election cam-

paigning while others had gone to Konkan for Bharadi Devi Yatra. On Wednesday, the MVA decided not to seek resignation of Malik despite arrest and have decided to mount defence against the misuse of central agencies by the Centre. The protests are part of MVA's strategy to take on the BJP in the state.

Bhujbal said Malik has no links with the bomb blast or those who were behind the



Amrit Mahotsav

"The mission of our Govt. is to provide roof over every head at affordable price" - Manohar Lal



URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONCLAVE

Future Road Map for Urban Development Challenges in Implementation of RERA



blast. "But a Muslim party activist is being linked with Dawood to defame him. Using Dawood's name, an impression is being created that an elected representative has links with him to justify the action. All these things will be put before the court and legal battle will be fought," said the NCP minister speaking to media persons.

Throat said the MVA is fighting a united front against the repression of the Centre. Shiv Sena legislator Manisha Kayande said the MVA allies are together in the fight against the Centre's misuse of agencies. In the evening, a meeting was held by senior NCP leaders to discuss various aspects related to Malik's arrest. The MVA announced that the activists of all three parties will stage a protest on Friday in Malik's support.

Top court dismisses plea seeking stay on release of 'Gangubai Kathiawadi'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday dismissed a plea seeking stay on the release of Bollywood movie Gangubai Kathiawadi. A bench of Iustices Indira Banerjee and J K Maheshwari junked the plea by Babuji Rawji Shah, who claimed to be the adopted son of Gangubai Kathiawadi, clearing the way for the movie's release on Friday.

On Wednesday, the bench had asked the film's makers if it was possible to change the title given the legal challenge. On Thursday, Senior Advocate C Aryama Sundaram and Advocate Rohini Musa, appearing for director Sanjay Leela Bhansali, said the name was published and advertised long ago and it could not be changed at the last moment.

The film, the counsel argued. actually glorifies Gangubai and shows how she rose from a red



A poster of the movie

light area to become a social worker. Sundaram said the film is based on book Mafia Queens of Bombay published in 2011 but the book has never been challenged. Justice Banerjee said: "What if there are sensibilities in the family?...What he is saying is that lady is not there but members of family, when daughters are going out... I don't look down upon anyone. But if the family is concerned, that is a concern." Sundaram said the movie there was nothing defamatory in the movie.



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I KNOW NOT WITH WHAT WEAPONS WORLD WAR III WILL BE FOUGHT, BUT WW IV WILL BE FOUGHT WITH STICKS AND STONES. — Albert Einstein

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DE-ESCALATE

The world cannot afford a war over Ukraine. Both sides must return to the negotiating table

HE RUSSIAN ATTACK on Ukraine is, unarguably, an assault on the latter's sovereignty and territorial integrity. In a 24-hour period, Moscow recognised the "republics" of Donetsk and Luhansk in East Ukraine and deployed aerial forces into the country. The attacks, reportedly, are taking place on multiple fronts, including airports and military targets. The conflict is now the largest attack by one state on another in Europe since the Second World War and the first since the Balkan conflict in the 1990s. While Beijing has expressed its full-throated support for Russia, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg has condemned the invasion, warned of dire "economic and political consequences", as well as placed aerial and naval assets on high alert. In essence, Ukraine is now on the verge of becoming a theatre of conflict in a new Cold War. But the world has changed in the last 30-odd years, and both sides - the West and Russia - must defuse the situation as soon as possible.

While there is no justification for the attack, it is important to understand why Vladimir Putin's Russia is willing to brave severe economic sanctions as well as a military conflict over Ukraine. In the years since the demise of the Soviet Union, Russia's position has been somewhat comparable to that of Germany post World War I. Much as with the Treaty of Versailles and Germany, Russia stood diminished without the USSR. Its economy was in shambles, national assets sold and national pride dented. The West, for its part, oversaw the eastward expansion of NATO, and by the mid-2000s Russia under Vladimir Putin began to assert itself once again in its neighbourhood with hostile actions in Georgia, Estonia and Ukraine. NATO's decision to include Ukraine and Georgia on the shortlist for membership only added to Russia's insecurities and anxieties - which Putin has often played up for domestic political reasons. The 2014 annexation of Crimea had thus far been Moscow's boldest act - that crisis, like the current one, was justified by Putin on the grounds of security interests and the rights of ethnic Russians in former Soviet Republics. Now, with the invasion of Ukraine, agreements like the Minsk Protocols of 2014, and the Russia-NATO Act of 1997 stand all but voided.

Unlike during the Cold War, though, the global economy is now deeply integrated. The costs of a prolonged conflict are just too dire, first and foremost in terms of the loss of life and suffering that is already underway in Ukraine. Second, the world is still reeling from the Covid-19 pandemic, which hurt the poorest countries and people the most. It can ill-afford a conflict-induced slowdown. It is incumbent on Russia to implement a ceasefire and, subsequently, for both sides to return to the negotiating table. Escalation is not an option.

CRUDE THREAT

Rising oil prices will be inflationary, posing risks to the external sector

TH THE CONFLICT between Russia and Ukraine escalating, crude oil prices on Thursday touched multi-year highs, breaching the \$100 per barrel mark. The spike in prices is driven by worries of a significant disruptions in supplies - as per some estimates, Russia accounts for one in every 10 barrels of oil consumed globally, along with being the largest supplier of natural gas to Europe. Disruptions in these markets will have adverse consequences on the global economy, affecting both industries and households, dampening the pace of the recovery.

For India, which imports around 80 per cent of its crude oil requirement, the risks



The information war by Russia and the West has made it difficult for each side to understand the other

Brijesh Singh

THE CRISIS IN Ukraine has caught the world's attention. Visible is the conventional conflict between soldiers and words between leaders. But invisible is the information war that led up to the conventional war. NATO calls it hybrid warfare, but actually, it is a combination of cyberattacks, information campaigns and kinetic force. The sophisticated hybrid warfare and disinformation campaigns are being played by both Russia and the West. The aim is to create a multiplicity of narratives, which fragment the understanding of the opponent. Alongside the physical battles, the mind battles are on.

While a cyberattack is used to create panic and degrade the adversary's capability to fight, information operations break the resolve to respond and push a narrative conducive to the attacking forces, even legitimising the aggression. Kinetic operations are thus suitably aided by softening the battlefield. This is what NATO accuses Russia of doing over Ukraine.

The credit for coining the term "hybrid warfare" goes to US Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Frank G Hoffman, who in 2007 defined it thus: "Hybrid wars incorporate a range of different modes of warfare, including conventional capabilities, irregular tactics and formations, terrorist acts including indiscriminate violence and coercion, and criminal disorder".

Russian hybrid war strategies in the 2014 invasion of Crimea were very well thought out. An important element in the success of the Russian approach was the prior establishment of a dominant position for the official Kremlin media in the local population as the primary source of news. Similar agenda-setting is already underway in many Baltic states.

From the earlier experience of Georgia, Crimea and Estonia, it has been noticed that Russian aggression coincided with the dissemination of pro-Russian and anti-Estonian, anti-Georgian or anti-Ukrainian propaganda, with an active intent of public opinion manipulation elsewhere in the world too.

Russia's rivals in the West practise this whole-heartedly as well. The American or Western approach to these influence operations has centred on perception management, by creating impressions in the mass media and other platforms and steering disbefore it is passed on.



cussions in the desired direction. These "psyops" and "strategic communications" are carefully crafted by state leaders to attain predefined objectives.

The Communist bloc has long accused the West of engineering revolutions and organising regime change across the world. In fact, it was the threat of an imminent "colour revolution" overturning a pro-Russian government in Ukraine, that may have precipitated a military response by Russia, resulting in the annexation of Crimea in 2014. "Colour" and "flower" revolutions across the world, as also the Arab springs, are widely believed to have been aided and abetted by western powers using mass and social media.

In a Kremlin-produced film chronicling the annexation of Crimea, Russian President Putin declares the mission of Russian forces to be, "to save the life of the ousted Ukrainian President Yanukovych, to protect the rights of minorities and Russian-speakers, and to liberate Crimea and bring it back to the homeland."

Vladimir Lefebvre, the original theorist of "reflexive control" theory, posits that an adversary uses information about the other side when making decisions. It then aims to disrupt and control the decision-making algorithm of the opponent. In practice, this is achieved by feeding selective information or providing disinformation to influence the voluntary decisions of the adversary. This tactic is skillfully used to shape public discourse, set an agenda and manipulate the understanding of events.

Some of the very successful techniques used are as follows: Show of force to precipitate a crisis; providing false information; use of surprise to force decisions; interfering with an adversary's decision-making process

These approaches involve the use of "maskirovka" – camouflage, denial, and deception – and may even include systematic modelling by intelligence agencies and policy establishment of an adversary's thought processes, publication of deliberately-distorted doctrines, and feeding distorted information to an enemy's key figures.

A surprising aspect of these information operations is that the mode and manner of messaging are considered irrelevant, and a

large number of different channels - from radio to mobile, word-of-mouth to government reports — are used till it reaches just a small section of the mainstream media on the other side, which then picks it up and starts discussing it in public.

The aim is the creation of a multiplicity of narratives, which fragment the understanding of the other side. Leakage of confidential information, telling of tactical truths and creation of several alternative versions, creates a situation where the official channels are no longer trusted. This technique also feeds on the trust deficit between the other government and its citizenry.

Such information operations use the techniques of elaboration, persuasion, manipulation, reiteration (repeating it again and again), wedging (causing dissensions) and seeding (agenda-setting).

Russia, with its Communist past, has substantial expertise in propaganda. It is effectively used to generate, spread and amplify narratives in various languages across several geographies and demographics. When the Malaysian Airlines Flight MH 17 went missing in July 2014, the pro-Kremlin propaganda networks seized the opportunity to generate a huge volume of disinformation about the complicity of Ukraine in its disappearance. Russian mass media, official and unofficial Twitter accounts, bots and sock puppets created and shared a flurry of doctored images, videos and even fake first-person accounts to defame Ukraine.

Ukraine's security service, SBU, recently took down two bot farms operating under the Russians, in the Ukrainian city of Lviv. These farms controlled more than 18,000 bots, engaged in spreading rumours of bombings and placement of "mines" etc. thereby engaging in disruptive influence operations.

The mind battles are on. So beware, whatever is read or heard about the crisis in Ukraine from any side, has to be taken with a pinch of salt, vetted with common sense and ascertained to be true, before it is passed on.

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KERALA'S COMMON WOMAN

KPAC Lalitha stood out for the elan with which she elevated the ordinary on screen

stemming from higher prices are particularly challenging. The Economic Survey had projected growth for 2022-23 at 8-8.5 per cent assuming crude oil prices to range between \$70-75 per barrel. Elevated crude prices will not only be inflationary but also pose risks on the fiscal front and the external sector. On inflation, according to research by analysts at the RBI, a \$10 increase in oil prices could raise inflation by 49 basis points (unless it is absorbed by the government). But while retail fuel prices in India are currently not in line with market prices, post the conclusion of the ongoing state elections, oil marketing companies are expected to hike pump prices. This will increase the risks of retail inflation not moderating in line with the projections of the RBI, limiting the degrees of freedom before the monetary policy committee, unless these price hikes are offset by governments, at both the central and state level, by lowering their fuel taxes. However, doing so will impact their revenues. This will be particularly challenging for state governments who face considerable uncertainty over their revenues once the GST compensation cess ends in its current form in the coming financial year. Higher oil prices will also exert pressure on the current account deficit. As per a report from Kotak Economic Research, for every \$10/bbl increase in the average crude price, the current account deficit increases by roughly \$17 billion or 0.5 per cent of GDP. The Indian currency will also come under pressure.

The oil market is currently in the midst of a mismatch. As per Crisil, for the past three months, the OPEC countries have not been meeting their production targets "which has influenced prices". Thus, the longer this conflict goes on, the greater is the upside risk to the price of crude, and greater will be the costs to the Indian economy.

WILD SWING

Imran Khan wants a debate with the Indian PM to settle India-Pakistan differences. Has he watched any TV recently?

OU'VE GOT TO give it to Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan. His government might have just passed a harsh law that can throw social media users and journalists into prison for "fake news", but his belief in the power of rhetoric - especially his own - appears rather intact. And so, one television debate is all he wants with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi - to resolve differences that have too often brought the two neighbours to war. Or, as the great balladeers of 1990s soppy romance, the boy band Boyzone, would say: "Words are all I have to take your heart away."

Surely, Khan hasn't watched TV recently. It is hard to imagine the small-screen gladiators on either side of the LoC - not known for control or restraint in crossing lines - as moderators of peace. Does this touching faith in eloquence have something to do with the debating culture at Oxford University, where Khan studied in the early 1970s, and began his charmed life as player and playboy? After all, in universities across the world, there are enough young privileged men (and women) with the breezy confidence that they only have to marshall facts and dazzling arguments to solve the world's most intractable problems. Demagogues and populists, too, like nothing more than to anoint themselves the heroes of all stories. Who needs the grunt work of diplomacy and negotiation and conflict management? Let's settle this, man to man, one on one.

On a Moscow visit as the war on Ukraine unfolds, will Khan be tempted to organise another debate-cum-primetime-peace-mission? That crossing words - and not swords or nuclear buttons - is a great idea is undebatable. But to imagine that tricky geopolitical disputes can be untangled by personal chemistry is not statesmanship. It is to sell the world a lemon. Well at least, there will be lemonade at hand as we watch another edition of the Great Bluster.

MEENA T PILLAI

ONE OF MALAYALAM cinema's most beloved female character actors has made a quiet exit from life. She leaves a yawning gap that remains unbridgeable for the sheer variety. depth and shades of life she portrayed. KPAC Lalitha wrote herself onto the silver screen at a time when Malayalam cinema was blooming and maturing in the 1970s. Her life straddled its most vibrant phase for over half a century.

Born Maheswari Amma, Lalitha grew up in Kayamkulam, a small hamlet in central Kerala. She joined the left-leaning theatre collective, KPAC (Kerala People's Arts Club), at an early age and adopted its acronym as her stage name

Lalitha stood out for the elan with which she played the agonies and ecstasies of being a common woman. The moral dilemmas of embracing imperfection, or the plain messiness of being ordinary, helped transform the characters she played into women of all seasons

Behind each of her finely-crafted characters, no matter how brief their screen time or how trivial their import, was a fully-formed life force radiating vitality and vigour that crackled with electricity, holding audiences spellbound by the ease with which an actor could master perfection in such small brushstrokes. In the cult classic, Manichitrathazhu, remade in multiple languages including Hindi (Bhool Bhulaiyaa), Lalitha has a small memorable scene where she narrates the spellbinding backstory of the spectral danseuse's love

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life in her former birth. It is captivating to watch her face and eyes brim with the mirth of the present, while her voice conjures a ghostly presence from the past.

In Adoor Gopalakrishnan's adaptation of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer's Mathilukal, she "acts" with just her voice, making audiences laugh and cry, nudging them to be more human, touching their hearts with the transformative potential of a love that transgresses walls and transforms prisons into veritable gardens, where roses bloom and the fragrance of humanity fills one with strange epiphanies. All this, with just the crystal stream of a voice of undying clarity, tinged with muted passions and suffused with deep melancholic notations.

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through satire in Panchavadi Palam, challenging them to savour the wide spectrum of her acting prowess that went far beyond received feminine stereotypes.

That she acted in a small regional film industry, away from the "hype" around the glitz and glamour of Bollywood and its self-assigned aura of nationalist myth-making, was her only shortcoming as an actor. She lived and died a guintessential Malayali actor, for whom fame and acclaim were measured by yardsticks that often did not meet national standards. Though she bagged the National Award for Best Supporting Actress twice, and the Kerala State Film Awards four times, alongside Filmfare Awards and many other accolades, the 550-odd films she acted in clamour for applause that ought to go beyond the narrow confines of the regional. Nevertheless, she lives on in the hearts of generations of Malavalis around the world, many who grew up mouthing her "comic" dialogues, or adoring her "heroic"/ "villainous" mothers, garrulous sisters-in-law, "nosy" women-next-door characters, all of whom could turn the tables on celluloid stereotypes, whose foibles were etched unerringly on a physiognomy that was often a palimpsest of the finest undertones of human emotions, carrying the ordinary to extraordinary heights of finesse and perfection.

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FEBRUARY 25, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

ISLAMABAD VISIT

cinematic enterprise.

INDIA HAS DECIDED to defer indefinitely the visit of Foreign Secretary R D Sathe to Islamabad for talks on a no-war pact following references to Kashmir made by Pakistan at the Human Rights Commission in Geneva. According to a Pakistan embassy spokesman, the Indian decision was conveyed to Pakistan ambassador Abdul Sattar by Sathe. India had taken objection to the fact that during a discussion in the commission on countries under colonial domination, Pakistan had compared the situation in Kashmir with that in Palestine and Namibia.

CALL FOR EXPORTS

THE ECONOMIC SURVEY, presented to Parliament, speaks of "increasing pressure" on the budget but doesn't indicate areas where the new Finance Minister hopes to widen his tax net. The survey noted a sharp deterioration in the balance of payments in the past two years and spells out a twopronged attack – maximum import saving and redoubling of exports - to improve this situation.

SECRET MEETING

THE PRESIDENT OF the Uttar Pradesh Lok Dal, Mulayam Singh Yadav, alleged that UP's

Minister of State for Home, Rajinder Tripathi, had a secret meeting with the dacoit, Chhatiram, near the village of a Congress (I) MLA in Mainpuri district.

ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION

THE PRIME MINISTER declared in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday that, there was no political motive behind the Indian scientific expedition to Antarctica and said India had as much right as any other country to go to uninhabited places. "We do not subscribe to the view that only a few very rich countries have the right to such uninhabited and other places," Mrs Indira Gandhi said.





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THE IDEAS PAGE

The great exodus

How India's education and employment crises result in



MILIND SOHONI

A RECENT REPORT estimates that about 8 lakh students travel abroad for higher education every year and spend \$28 billion or 1 per cent of our GDP on this. Of this, about \$6 billion are fees that go to foreign universities. This is about Rs 45,000 crore, which is adequate capital to start and run 10 new IITs, IISERs or INUs or any such elite institution every year. And yet, by the recent CAG report, the eight new IITs started in the period 2008-2009 are not doing well at all. The clutch of new private universities too has not managed to dent the above exodus of students and wealth. Thus, even after 70 years of Independence, and the last eight years of vigorous policy initiatives, we neither have aatmanirbharta nor a value proposition in higher education. Why is that?

Firstly, it's about jobs. From the income tax department data of the last few years, we see that there are about 3 crore taxpayers. Taking two-thirds of these as the number of salaried people and assuming an average tax-paying life of 20 years, we see that there are only about 10 lakh fresh jobs available each year. This includes both public and private sector jobs. More data from the income tax department show that of these, there are about 3 lakh "good" jobs which pay Rs 5 lakh per annum (LPA) or more, and 30,000 "posh" jobs which pay a starting salary of Rs 10 lakh-plus per annum. Of the 3 lakh good jobs, about 1 lakh come from the IT majors. The posh jobs come from multinational companies and are in marketing, finance, IT and global engineering services. Hardly any Indian company serving the Indian customer offers a starting salary of Rs 10 lakh per annum.

From the MHRD data, we see that India graduated about 30 lakh students last year from about 45,000 colleges. Given the recent employment data, there may be about 1 crore unemployed graduates seeking jobs. This is 10 times the number of salaried jobs, 30 times the good jobs and 300 times the number of posh jobs available every year. Now, it is impossible for companies or state agencies to meaningfully interview such a large number of applicants for every job. The short-listing task for private companies is done by branded institutions and colleges. Good jobs are concentrated in about 800 top colleges and posh jobs in 80-100 elite colleges such as the IITs and IIMs, St Stephen's in Delhi, Presidency College in Kolkata and emerging elite private universities. It is only here that good companies will go and recruit, and where a student has a hope that her CV will be read. And hence the madness of competitive exams, closing ranks and coaching classes in high school and placement and packages in college. If there was an option, no wise parent would want to put her child through this ordeal. And that partly explains the flight of students and capital to foreign shores. Sadly, the central and state governments also rely on such exams for their recruitment, for example, even the IAS. Can capabilities in science, economics or administrative ability be tested through exams with odds of 1-in-100? The answer is a firm no. The JEE is perhaps the



single biggest disaster in India's higher education, and yet there is no formal analysis of this exam in the public domain. Students should ask our PM for his opinion on this in his pariksha pe charcha.

But it's also about knowledge. Why are there so few jobs? The answer to that, our economists tell us, are outdated labour laws, inadequate investments and bureaucratic cholesterol. That may be, but here too, there is a deeper connection with higher education and it begins with the job description. This is the work that a person on a job must do through the week or month. Consider, for example, a bus driver in MSRTC, the Maharashtra state regional bus service. Her weekly schedule, number of hours of service, the route etc., along with other job descriptions within MSRTC must be carefully designed. Together, they decide the efficiency, profitability and societal value provided by MSRTC. The performance of the enterprise needs to be periodically measured and analysed and the job descriptions updated. Such studies should be commissioned by the concerned IAS officer and done by the regional universities and consultancy firms.

Unfortunately for MSRTC, and for most state agencies such as irrigation, water supply or city administrations, this has not happened and they are now in a deadly spiral of decreasing efficiency and mounting losses. MSRTC itself faces a crippling strike and 93,000 jobs are at risk. In fact, most job descriptions in the public sector have remained stagnant since independence. Thus, there is no statistician in the district public health department nor an economist in the agriculture department. If these had been there, we would have a much better understanding of the epidemic and its impact on our society. But the role of our elite institutions is all the more crucial in emerging areas. Take, for examThe answer to that, our economists tell us, are outdated labour laws, inadequate investments and bureaucratic cholesterol. That may be, but here too, there is a deeper connection with higher education and it begins with the job description. The performance of an enterprise needs to be periodically measured and analysed and the job descriptions updated. But most job descriptions in the public sector have remained stagnant since independence.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Londongrad' - a damning nickname which has been around for well over a decade - must finally be dismantled as a hub of Russian soft power and a safe conduit for Kremlin cronyism." -THE GUARDIAN

Ravish, my friend

As a journalist, Ravish Tiwari was open, sharp and analytical. He was loval and generous to a fault



Atishi

"AB AKHAADE MEIN kood gayi hain, toh kushti toh ladni padegi", was the advice given to me by Ravish in mid-2018. I had been asked by my party to become the in-charge of the East Delhi Parliamentary constituency and prepare for the Lok Sabha elections in 2019. Having spent much of my time in the Aam Aadmi Party in behind-the-scenes policy work, I was not sure whether I was ready for a transition to electoral politics. As with many difficult personal and political decisions in my life, I turned for advice to one of my oldest and closest friends, Ravish Tiwari.

Ravish and I had been friends since 2005 when as twenty-somethings we had gone to Oxford University as Rhodes Scholars. Even then, Ravish's passion was to understand Indian society, economy and politics; his sharp and irreverent analysis peppered many weekend dinners where he used to cook tehri for his friends. He talked about going into poli-tics and when the 2007 Uttar Pradesh elections began inching closer, he decided that he couldn't watch from a distance and needed a ring-side view of the same. He came back to India after completing his Masters in Comparative Social Policy and joined the Indian Express in September 2006. He felt that being a journalist could give him an insight into Indian politics, and maybe even help provide an entry point into it.

He took to journalism with gusto. From his very first beat where he used to cover agriculture and panchayati raj, Ravish hit the ground running. His writing was never constrained by any pre-existing frameworks but based on intensive groundwork into policies and politics. I am not sure when his passion shifted from politics to journalism but interestingly, my own journey from working on education and rural development brought me to India Against Corruption and then the Aam Aadmi Party. Over a lunch in October 2013 in the run-up to AAP's first Delhi election, I commented to Ravish, "Who would have thought when we came back from Oxford that I and not you - would be in politics?" His tongue-in-cheek response came within seconds, "If I had joined politics, I would have been in serious politics!" But when AAP won 28 seats in that election, he was the first to concede that he had not spent enough time on the ground in Delhi to assess the political transformation that had lack of understanding of an issue, ready to listen to every voice on a subject and then form his own opinion, an opinion that was unencumbered by fashionable frameworks. He was ever ready with his sharp, analytical lens — James Bond movies were subject to the same scrutiny as the political decisions of Mayawati and Mulayam Singh Yadav.

Ravish's own life journey was inspirational. From a small town in Eastern UP, he got admission to the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, in Basti District. The school was new and had very limited infrastructure, but Ravish was clearly committed to bettering his life and stuck on. After Class 12, he moved away from home to Allahabad to take coaching classes for the IIT-JEE exam. That is when he learned to cook his signature dishes - tehri, mirchi waali daal and matar sauté - that many of us ate over the years. In 2000, he got admission to IIT Bombay for a dual B.Tech-M.Tech degree in Metallurgy. That Ravish was always ready to walk his own path was evident even in his decision not to follow the MS-MBA-Consulting route that most of his batchmates took, but to shift to public policy. From Basti district to Oxford University to becoming the National Bureau Chief of the Indian Express, Ravish was a self-made man who shaped his own destiny.

As a friend and human being, Ravish was loyal and generous to a fault. He was the friend who would show up at 3 am if you needed help. He was the older brother who always found time to mentor a young cousin who told him she was lonely while studying abroad. Even while he was battling cancer, he found the emotional bandwidth to support others. I remember when he was admitted to Max hospital a few months ago for the administration of a new chemotherapy drug, he spent much of his time counselling a young cancer patient and her family, telling them not to lose hope in the fight against the disease.

No remembrance of Ravish would be complete without acknowledging his brave and wonderful wife, Pujya. A successful professional from the publishing field, Pujya put her entire life on a backburner and stood like a rock with Ravish while he battled cancer for the last two vears. Ravish breathed his last in the early hours of February 19. While the country lost a stellar journalist, I lost one of my dearest friends.

As I write this piece, my Twitter timeline is showing stories about the last two phases of UP elections, and it breaks my heart to think that I will never hear Ravish's sharp, grounded and irreverent analysis of Indian politics again; to realise that I will not have the counsel of my friend, my political advisor, my sharpest critic when I have a difficult political decision to make. Ravish, you will always be missed.

So, it is no surprise that so many of our students choose to go abroad to study and eventually work there. Are achhe din here for these professionals to return? To find meaningful work in solving the problems that we face? To come back home and raise a family? The answer lies in our Air Quality Index, an environmental marker of the social reality we have collectively accepted.

ple, air pollution. An ICMR study estimates that

air pollution caused about 1.7 million deaths

and Rs 2.6 lakh crore worth of lost output.

Ideally, if the professional know-how and busi-

ness models had been there, this could have

been a Rs 26,000 crore industry of measuring,

mitigating, and managing air pollution and em-

ploying 26,000 people in posh jobs. And yet, that

has not happened. There is a National Clean Air

Programme that has offered Rs 300 crore to over

100 city administrations across India to initiate

a basic study of the problem in their cities. That

is languishing because of bureaucratic sloth, in-

competence but principally because there is no

elite central institutions, the IITs, the IISERs,

JNU and others. They should look at the prob-

lems of the day, formalise them, and convert

them into business models and job defini-

tions which offer solutions that deliver value.

They should then have supported local insti-

tutions and entrepreneurs in the deployment

of these solutions. They have missed doing

that. Instead, they have chosen to become ac-

cessories to the globalisation of knowledge

and a highly unequal system of delivering the

benefits of science to the people. As a result,

they have very little primary experience in

solving the hard problems that the world

faces today. In short, our professors have very

little to teach.

Thus, there was and is a clear role for the

clear idea on what is to be done.

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taken place. This is who Ravish was - eager to learn, never embarrassed to admit his

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GO NO FURTHER

THIS REFERS TO the editorial. 'Go no further' (IE, February 24). Setting a dangerous precedent, President Vladimir Putin recognised the independence of two separatist areas of Ukraine's eastern region – Donetsk and Luhansk – which has raked up tensions in Europe. The US and EU have responded with targeted sanctions on the two Ukraine areas and Russian officials, with Germany halting the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project that would have doubled Russian gas exports to Berlin. But it seems that the West may be willing to live with Russia's recognition of Donetsk and Luhansk as the Ukrainian government had itself declared the two areas as occupied. The targeted sanctions would serve as a face-saver for NATO. A return to a Cold War-like situation doesn't help Europe, as it will disrupt energy supplies and economic activity. Oil prices are already touching \$100, most major economies including India are facing high inflation and national economies are just about recovering from the pandemic. India finds itself in a tough spot having historical ties with Russia and growing ties with the US and facing a huge threat from China. Although Delhi has taken a neutral approach to the Ukraine crisis so far, it will likely be tested as matters escalate. Can India stay neutral on Russia going further into Ukraine if it wants the world to be with it on China's imperialism?

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

LISTEN TO STATES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Trust and loan' (IE, February 23). The hesitation of some states to avail of the central loan assistance scheme for capex stems from the binding restrictions that such assistance entails. The said provisions

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hamper the ability of states to borrow without the Centre's prior approval. Some states have suggested flexibility, in the form of prepayment of loans, which would free them from taking the Centre's nod for future loans. Such proposals should be considered by the Centre, in the interests of the development of states and more congenial fiscal federalism.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

APATHY GALORE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Indignity made invisible' (IE, February 23). That the Centre and the states have not even proper or relevant data on people engaged in manual scavenging shows criminal callousness. It is worth noting that on the one hand, our governments are spending crores of rupees on cleaning up the rivers and constructing bathrooms near religious places for VIPs. On the other hand, they hesitate to reward manual scavengers. It exposes our government's hypocrisy of having a casteless society. For this purpose, they need to make jobs like gutter cleaning attractive through better service conditions. Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

Insufficiently green

Budget misses a chance to facilitate climate action

Ashish Kothari

THREE THINGS STAND out in the 2022-23 Union budget for anyone interested in the relationship between economy and ecology. One is the complete absence of the following words in Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's budget speech: Nature, wildlife, environment, ecology, ecosystem, pollution, and conservation (except uses such as "business environment" and "growthecosystem"). Second, it is a budget with a stated focus on climate action. Third, there is a massive rise in allocation for infrastructure projects, with huge environmental implications. Seen together, these highlights demonstrate the deep contradictions in the government's approach to sustainable development.

One can analyse the budget from three standpoints: Direct allocations for the environment sector, allocations for environment in non-environment sectors, and allocations for other sectors with environmental impacts.

On the first count, there is a slight increase in the budget of the Ministry for Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) from 2021-22's revised estimate of Rs 2,870 crore to Rs 3,030 crore. But this is easily wiped out by inflation. More importantly, this is a meagre 0.08 per cent of the total budgetary outlay. While some sectors like forestry and wildlife have seen a healthy rise in allocation, the outlay for others like the National River Conservation Plan has declined - this, astonishingly, also includes the allocation for tackling air pollution, widely acknowledged as a national emergency.

On the second count, there is mixed news. There is a welcome stated focus on natural and organic farming, and on promoting millets. But

there are no details on the allocations, including for linkages necessary to make such farming viable, such as manure and markets. Also, given the major push for food processing in the budget, without making reservations for community-run businesses, there is a danger of big corporations capturing the organic space. Completely missing is a focus on rainfed farming that involves 60 per cent of the farming population and is ecologically more sustainable than artificially irrigated agriculture. The FM announced the government's support to "chemical-free farming throughout the country," but she has also allocated a massive chemical fertiliser subsidy of Rs 1,05,222 crore. A chance to begin shifting this subsidy to organics has been missed.

On the climate front, there are several positive provisions -- use of biomass for power stations, boost to batteries, energy-efficiency measures in large commercial buildings, and sovereign green bonds. However, these gains will be more than wiped out by the much greater budgetary support to climate-unfriendly investments like those on mega-infrastructure, air travel, and coal expansion.

Renewable and "clean" energy has received substantially higher allocations. But the focus remains on mega-parks in solar/wind energy, nuclear power, and large hydro that have serious ecological impacts. These projects also threaten to grab peoples' lands. The additional budget for farm-level solar pumps and rooftop solar generation is welcome, but it's minuscule compared to mega-projects. Another chance to shift towards decentralised renewable energy with less ecological impacts and greater

community access has been missed.

There is a striking schizophrenia in the government acknowledging climate as the 'strongest negative externality" but investing hardly anything in coping mechanisms for hundreds of millions of people facing the consequences of increased floods, fires, droughts coastal erosion, cloudbursts, unpredictable rainfall, and temperature extremes. The National Climate Action Plan gets an abysmally inadequate Rs 30 crore - the same as in 2021-22. And there is no focus on a "just transition" that could help workers in fossil fuel sectors, like coal, to transition to jobs in cleaner, greener sectors.

It is encouraging to see the budget proposing a "paradigm shift" towards sustainable urban living. A committee is to be set up to advise on this. The budget does promise greater support for public transport, something demanded by citizens' groups for decades. Unfortunately, most of the allocation in this will go to metros that are extremely carbon-intensive in terms of construction. The budget misses out on the shift towards a full bus system, cycling and walking - which would help both the environment and most road users in cities. Even the boost to electric vehicles is likely to benefit the rich unless it is predominantly focused on buses.

The third dimension is of greatest concern. As highlighted by the FM, this is predominantly an "infrastructure budget". While investments in infrastructure for small towns and villages are urgently needed, much of what is proposed are mega-projects. The proposed 25,000 km increase in highways will further fragment forests, wetlands, mountains, grasslands, agri-

cultural lands and bypass most villages. A shift in paradigm to decentralised, sustainable, and community-oriented infrastructure is missing.

Several specific allocations are of further concern. For instance, the Ken-Betwa river-linking project, given over Rs 40,000 crore, will submerge valuable tiger habitat. Viable decentralised irrigation alternatives have been ignored. The Deep Ocean Mission and the Blue Revolution allocations are oriented towards commercial exploitation rather than conservation and sustainable use. A new budgetary item is oil palm, given nearly Rs 500 crore (under the SC, ST and gender budgets). A recent announcement that palm plantations are proposed in Northeast India and the Andaman Îslands, both ecologically fragile, makes this a worrying prospect.

Finally, the budget misses out on a major shift to "green jobs". This includes support to decentralised (including handmade) production of textiles, footwear, and other products. Even the MGNREGS, which could have been used for regenerating two-thirds of India's landmass that is ecologically degraded, has got reduced allocation.

The economy will continue being overwhelmingly unsustainable and inequitable, as the private corporate sector has been favoured, and environmental regulations are being steadily whittled down. Another chance to turn the economy towards real sustainability and equity — a real "Amrit Kaal" as India heads to a centenary of Independence -- has been missed.

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4217(MLALAD) Name of Work: Improvement and reconstruction of internal lanes at village Dhansa in AC-35. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 62,44,8221- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,24,896/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

2. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/96 (ID No. 2022_IFC_217195_1) Major Head of Account 4217(MLALAD) Name of Work: Improvement and reconstruction of internal lanes at village Issapur in AC-35. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 89,18,855/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,78,3771- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 28-02-2022 on

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3. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/97 (ID No. 2022_IFC_217196_1) Major Head of Account

2711(Revenue) Name of Work: Construction of Boundary wall between RD 7000m to RD 8000m of left bank of Mundella drain in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 53,02,195/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,06,044/. Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through EProcurement System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively. 4. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/ Acs/2021-22/98 (ID No. 2022 IFC 217197 11 Major Head of Account 2711(Revenue) Name of Work: Widening, Protection of left embankment of Mundella drain from RD 7500m to RD 8050m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 43,23,7521- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 86,475/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 28-022022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

5. NIT No. E.E/CD-131 Acs/2021-22/99 (ID No. 2022_IFC_217199_1) Major Head of Account 4217(MLALAD) Name of Work: Construction of racing track on Gram Sabha land bearing Kh. No. 25/1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 at village Malikpur in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 12,26,795/Earnest Money (in Rs.) 24,536)- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

6. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/100 (ID No. 2022_IFC_217232_1) Major Head of Account 2711(Revenue) Name of Work: ./Providing and fixing of solar light on Mundella drain from RD 8950m to RD 10950m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 75,38,206 nest Money (in Rs.) 1,50,764)- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Prod ment System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively. 7. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/101 (ID No. 2022_IFC_217243_1) Major Head of Account 2711(Revenue) Name of W Providing and fixing of LED street lights on Mungeshpur drain from RD 10362m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 8,00,3321- Ea Money (in Rs.) 16,0071- Time allowed 30 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procure System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively. 8. NIT No. E.EICD-13/Acs/2021-22/102 (ID No. 2022 IFC 217251 1) Major Head of Account 2711(Revenue) Name of W Providing and fixing of LED street lights on Right bank and left bank of B.C. drain from RD 2700m to RD 6500m. Estim Cost (in Rs.) 71,26,4721- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,42,5297- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & openin tender through EProcurement System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively. 9. NIT No. E.EICD-13/Acs/2021-22/103 (ID No. 2022_IFC_217256_1) Major Head of Account 2711(Revenue) Nan Work: Providing and fixing of LED street lights on Right bank and left bank of B.C. drain from RD 6500m to RD 75 Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 22,61,019/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 45,220/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving opening of tender through E



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10. NIT No. E.E/CD-131 Acs/2021-22/3815h Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_217190_1) Major Head of Account

4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and construction of side drain N Ram Park, Najafgarh, AC-35 (Reg. No. 172). Construction of main road from Najafgarh Tilak Nagar road to Nathu Ram Najafgarh Block (Balance Work). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 91,76,034). Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,83,521/. Time allowed Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 respectively.

11. NIT No. E.E/CD-131 Acs/2021-22/71(3rd Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_217220_1) Major Head of Account

2711(Revenue) Name of Work: Providing Neelgiri/Mexican Grass turf on plot adjacent to Kakraula Model Nursery Right of Mungeshpur Drain. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 24,95,736/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 49,915). Time allowed 30 Days. Last da time of receiving & opening of tender through E

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12. NIT No. E.EICD-13/Acs/2021-2217313" Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_217269_1) Major Head of Account

2711(Revenue) Name of Work: Demolishing and Reconstruction of RCC Retaining wall cum protection wall from RD to RD 150m on left bank of Mungeshpur Drain. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 51,83,1471. Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,03,6631allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving &

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2711(Revenue) Name of Work: Demolishing and Re-Construction of west side RCC Retaining wall on the land boun of plot at Kakraula Model Nursery. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 51,83,1471- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,03,663/- Time allowe Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 respectively.

14. NIT No. E.EICD-131 Acs/2021-22/9012" Call) (ID No. 2022_IFC_217192_1) Major Head of Account

4217(MLALAD) Name of Work: Construction of Temporary Shed by Laying Metro sheet on Gram Sabha land bearing Kh 1114, 1512 and 113/10, 11 at village Dhansa in N.G. Block, AC-35 Development of Pandit cremation ground village Dh in N.G. Block (Balance Work). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 16,45,0721- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 32.901/- Time allowed 60 I Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 28-02-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hr spectively.

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HIJAB ROW Karnataka govt stretches HC order scope, creates confusion in colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 24

DESPITE THE Karnataka Advocate General telling the High Court that the state government is not interfering with uniforms in private-minority institutions, the state education department officials have reportedly been doing the opposite.

According to reports, at-tempts were made to dissuade a turbaned Sikh girl from attending classes at Mount Carmel College, a private-minority institution in Bengaluru, this week reportedly at the instance of the Karnataka Education Pre-University Department officials. She, however, was not stopped from attending classes. Deputy Director of the depart-

ment in north Bengaluru G K Sriram said he was entrusted with the duty of convincing authorities at Mount Carmel College to enforce the ban on religious attire as prescribed by a February 10 High Court order. "The High Court order only says the order should be implemented in colleges where uniforms have been prescribed. The order is not clear on private-minority institutions specifically," he said.

Karnataka Advocate General Prabhuling Navadgi had, however, informed Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi on February 22 that the state was not interfering with uniform norms in private-minority educational institutions.

The declaration by the AG was used by the High Court to dispose of a petition filed by Karnataka State Minorities Educational Institutions Managements' Federation that had questioned

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Students in hijab outside a school in Udupi. Reuters file

the applicability of restrictions on religious attire. "We are of the considered view that nothing is required to be adjudicated in the matter. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of," the court had said.

"We think the High Court order applies to all institutions. The order says do not allow headscarves in classrooms in colleges that have uniforms. This college (Mount Carmel) has a uniform,"

ucation official said.

However, Muslim girls have



On February 15, advocate Mohammed Tahir, who has been representing Muslim students on the hijab issue in the High Court, sought a clarification on the February 10 order from the court. 'The order passed by the High

Court has been grossly misused. They are using this order in every institution. Muslim girls are being forced to remove their hijab," he told the court. On February 23, in an oral clarification of its February 10 or-

Sriram said. "We are not conducting any inspections but if someone points it out (religious attire) then we go to the college. We have to ensure no religious attire is worn in classrooms. People complain out of precaution to prevent students from indulging in a competitive display of religious attire," an ed-

even been kept out of the classrooms in degree colleges where there is no dress code, a move that goes against the High Court order. Even Muslim teachers were forced to remove hijab and burqa at some places.



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE **BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 24**

A FEMALE Sikh student in Bengaluru was asked to remove her turban by college authorities as they cited the High Court's order related to the hijab row.

In its interim order on February 10, the High Court restrained students from "wearing saffron shawls, hijab and religious flags or the like" in classrooms of colleges that have prescribed a uniform.

An Amritdhari (baptised) Sikh, the 17-year-old student of Mount Carmel PU College, Bengaluru, was told she could not wear the turban in spite of the college's uniform dress code. She refused to remove the headgear

The incident has drawn criticism from the girl's father as well as Campus Front of India, a student outfit affiliated to the Popular Front of India, involved in organising Muslim students to fight for their rights in the state's coastal districts.

"Asking a Sikh to remove his/her turban is a big insult to a Sikh and the entire Sikh community," Gurcharan Singh, the girl's father wrote to the administrator of the Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Ulsoor. Bengaluru.

Singh said he also stands by Muslim female students who wanted to cover their heads as a

the scarf and dastaar (turban) can match the uniform of the institution." he wrote

college, CFI's state unit chief Athaulla Punjalkatte on Thursday said asking the Sikh student to remove her turban was "against individual and religious freedom".

"The repression of Constitutional rights in the name of uniforms threatens the unity of the country. Religious rights of minorities in colleges are being violated as part of the state government's indiscretion and anti-Muslim behavior, while the

munity to follow the fundamental rights of the Sikh community," the CFI leader added. The college authorities had first asked the girl to remove the

headgear on February 16. They later wrote to Singh, saying while they understood the importance of the turban for a Sikh they were bound by the court order.

lege management they had "misunderstood" the High Court's order. "I have gone through this order and this High Court order does not mention anything about Sikh turban... it should not be misunderstood." he wrote, telling the college that he was in touch with "our community advocates and various

organisations" on the issue.

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SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 24

TENNIS ACE Leander Paes "caused various acts of domestic violence" against former partner, model-actor Rhea Pillai, a metropolitan magistrate court has said.

In its order, issued earlier this month, the court also ordered Pillai to leave their shared residence, with directions to Paes to pay her a monthly rent of Rs 50,000, besides monthly maintenance of Rs 1 lakh.

The court, in its order on the domestic violence case filed by Pillai, said that with his career in tennis "almost over", it would cause "serious prejudice" to order him to live in a rented home while also paying maintenance to Pillai.

The court directed Paes to pay an additional amount of Rs 1 lakh towards legal costs and expenses, while continuing to pay expenses of maintenance, education and other necessities of their daughter. It rejected Pillai's prayers seeking payment of past maintenance and partition of their shared residence, located in Mumbai western suburbs.

The court's order came more than seven years after Pillai, through lawyers Mahesh Jethmalani and Amna Usman, had filed proceedings under the Domestic Violence Act, naming Paes and his father Vace Paes as respondents. Pillai had claimed that she and Paes were in a relationship since 2003; they were living together since 2005-06; and had a child in 2006.

It was claimed that they then shifted to a house in Mumbai's Bandra, and Paes's father also



The court dealt with aspects

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Paes, represented by his lawyers

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Cherivan, that the plea filed by

Pillai was not maintainable under

the Act since she was still married

when they began living together,

and got divorced from her previ-

ous marriage only in 2008. He

had claimed that he was unaware

ing that Paes was aware of the

fact that she was separated from

her then husband - actor Sanjay

Dutt - and divorce proceedings

remained to be completed due

to a pending trial against Dutt

and the death of his father.

Pillai countered this by stat-

about her marital status.

Rhea Pillai

moved in with them Subsequently, differences arose between them.

Leander Paes

Paes filed an application before the family court in Bandra seeking custody of his daughter. Following this, Pillai filed a plea in court in 2014, alleging that she was subjected to domestic violence by Paes.

"Considering the facts admitted by the Respondent (Paes)...it can be said that the Applicant (Pillai) succeeded in proving all allegations constituting emotional and economic violence and then burden shifts on the shoulders of Respondent to prove counter i.e. his stance/defence," Metropolitan Magistrate Komalsing Rajput said in the order. "But if we perused either cross-examination of the Applicant from his side, or his evidence affidavit, there is nothing in it on the basis of which it cannot be said that Respondent suc-

ceeded in proving his defence." The court took into account submissions made by Pillai alleging domestic violence through various means, including "economic violence", for being made to bear all expenses despite his earnings.

US-based academics on February

11 was addressed to the Royal

Historical Society where Sampath

is a fellow. They asked the Society

to subject Sampath's body of work

and 100 rupees and permanent in-

junction against the defendants.

Sampath said that the letter was

part of an "international smear

campaign" to discredit him be-

cause "he has shown the academic

courage and gumption to challenge

the prevailing narrative around a

historical figure". The court was

told that he has given references to

After hearing Sampath's coun-

sel last week, Justice Amit Bansal

had said he made a prima facie

case for grant of an interim injunc-

tion and the publication of the let-

ter has been causing "consider-

able damage" to his reputation.

the work of other scholars.

Seeking damages of Rs. 2 crore

to scrutiny.

Plagiarism accusation: HC asks Twitter to remove US-based historian's posts

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her and other academics.

The court on February 18 had restrained Truschke, Dr Ananya Chakrabarti and Dr Rohit Chopra from further publication of their



Dr Audrey Truschke

On Thursday, the court heard Sampath's application seeking takedown of the tweets posted after the injunction order was

While Advocate Jawahar Raja,

The court said it was difficult to believe that Paes was unaware of the status of Pillai's first marriage, given that he had "roamed internationally" and was "acclaimed belonging to the elite class". It also did not agree with Paes's contention that the divorce between Pillai and Dutt was not valid. It said even though Pillai was still married legally when she began living

with Paes, the fact of "existence

of relationship beyond marriage

is undeniable".

India's overall ranking on IP protection

improves: USCC

Washington: India has improved its overall IP score from 38.4 per cent to 38.6 per cent, and the country is ranked 43 out of 55 countries on the International Intellectual Property Index, according to an annual report compiled by the influential ÛS Chambers of Commerce (USCC) on Thursday.

"India's overall score has increased from 38.40 percent (19.20 out of 50) in the ninth edition to 38.64 percent (19.32 out of 50) in the 10th edition. This reflects a

score increase on indicator 32,"

said the report 'Global Innovation

Policy Center' of the USCC. The re-

port said it welcomed last year's

Review of the Intellectual Property

Rights Regime in India released by

the Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Commerce. PTI

KARNATAKA POLLS NEXT YEAR



on Friday a plea by West Bengal BIP leaders against the Calcutta High Court order which had left it to the State Election Commission (SEC) to decide on demands for deployment of central forces for elections to 106 municipalities scheduled on February 27.

On Thursday, Senior Advocate aramiit Patwalia, appearing for petitioners Mousumi Roy and Pratap Baneriee, informed Chief Justice of India N V Ramana that they have filed an appeal against the High Court direction and requested that it be listed urgently given that the polls are on Sunday. He submitted that the High Court had "put the ball on the Election Commission" to decide if central forces will need to be deployed to maintain peace.



der, the High Court said that re-

strictions on wearing religious at-

tire would apply only to state

colleges where uniforms are pre-

scribed. No written clarification

was issued in this regard. The

High Court also clarified, orally

again, that its February 10 order

would apply only to students and

anonymity said the government's

February 5 order banning hijab

and leaving it to the discretion of

college development committees

that prescribe dress code was the

root cause behind the issue get-

An official on condition of

not teachers.

ting out of hand.

THE DELHI High Court on Thursday ordered the micro-blogging site Twitter to take down certain tweets of historian Dr Audrev Truschke within 48 hours after hearing an application moved by Indian historian Vikram Sampath who last week filed a suit against

CJI Ramana then sought to know why the court should interfere in the matter when the High Court had left it to the SEC.

Patwalia said that in a matter concerning local body polls in Tripura, a bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud had allowed a plea by Trinamool Congress to deploy additional central forces. Following this, the CJI agreed to list the BJP plea for hearing.

The party had approached the High Court alleging large scale violence and rigging of votes in the elections held on February 12 to four municipal corporations --Siliguri, Bidhannagar, Asansol and Chandernagore - and sought deployment of central forces for the remaining polls.

WITH ASSEMBLY elections in Karnataka just over a year away, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday met the party's top leadership from the state, including former chief minister Siddaramaiah and state unit chief D K Shivakumar, and asked them to work unitedly to

bring the party back to power. The meeting came amid a raging controversy in the state over barring Muslim girls in hijab from entering schools and colleges. Both the Congress central leadership and its state unit had been treading cautiously on the issue. Thursday's meeting, sources

Rahul Gandhi with senior leaders of the party's Karnataka unit in New Delhi, Thursday. PTI

Rahul meets Congress leaders, urges unity to get back to power

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Assembly elections next summer. Rahul, sources said, was clear: he asked the leaders to work unitedly. discord between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar has been a recurring theme of Karnataka Congress for some time.

The meeting was attended by 21 senior leaders from the state, including Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, former Union minister M Veerappa Moily and Leader of Opposition in Karnataka Legislative Council B K Hariprasad. After the meeting, AICC general secretary in charge of the state, Randeep Surjewala, said the party would restart its 100-km 'Mekedatu

Yatra' from February 27. said, was to brainstorm on the broader strategies ahead of the

The party had stopped the yatra in January in view of the rising Covid-19 cases, and after some of its leaders contracted the disease. Surjewala said the party has also decided to launch a series of protests highlighting unemployment, price-rise, corruption and scams in Karnataka.

"We had a detailed discussion on the state of political affairs in Karnataka. How the (Basavaraj) Bommai government is mired in deep-rooted corruption, it is a 40 per cent tender commission government and how the crypto-currency scam has reached the highest echelons of power and the government being completely mum," Surjewala told reporters.

letter accusing historian Sampath of plagiarism with respect to his two-volume biography of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. The court also had said that the defendants would not post anything defamatory against him on any platform, online or offline.

BENGAL STUDENT LEADER'S DEATH Were following officer's orders, say arrested cops

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THE HOMEGUARD and the civic police volunteer, who were on Wednesday arrested in connection with the death of student leader Anis Khan, said on Thursday that they had visited the latter's Amta residence "on the instructions of the officer-ininstructions". "We have been charge". They did not, however, made scapegoats. We are innocent. We were only carrying out name the OC. orders," one of the two told me-

Speaking to reporters on the way to a court where they were representing Chakrabarti, argued against passing any order for removal of tweets citing freedom of speech, Twitter told the court that it would not come in the way of the court's orders.

The letter written by the three

to be produced on Thursday,

diapersons.

Beaten up for voting BSP in UP, claims Dalit family

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homeguard Kashinath Bera and civic police volunteer Pritam A DALIT family in a Mathura vil-Bhattacharya said they had vislage has alleged that they were attacked in their home last Sunday ited Anis's house on the night of February 18, the day of the incifor voting on 'elephant' - the poll dent, but did not know how he symbol of the BSP. The police, died. To a question on whose inhowever, said the incident was not linked to the elections. An FIR has structions they had gone to Anis's house, they claimed they been registered against seven persons of the village. were only carrying out "the OC's

"We received information that some people were attacked in a house on Sunday. The FIR was filed on the basis of the complaint given by the family which said

that the accused objected to their vote. During the investigation, it was found that the assault took place over an issue regarding a cricket match. Further investigation is pending," said Circle Officer (Goverdhan) Gaurav Tripathi.

Police also said that they have video statements of family denying that the incident was linked to the polls. As per the FIR, a group of seven entered the family's house and began assaulting them. "They told us that we had voted for 'elephant'instead of the candidate we were told to support... They fired multiple rounds in the air to disperse the crowd," the FIR stated.

UNTITLED 1969 PAINTING NOW MOST EXPENSIVE WORK OF MODERN INDIAN ART; WORKS BY TYEB MEHTA, ARPITA SINGH ALSO BREAK RECORDS Gaitonde work from Glenbarra Art Museum sets new record for Indian art

BENITA FERNANDO MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 24

AN UNTITLED oil on canvas from 1969 by V S Gaitonde sold for Rs 42 crore on Thursday evening, making it the highest price achieved for a work of modern or contemporary Indian art globally

The painting was among 57 lots that went under the hammer at auction house Pundole's in Mumbai.

Works by other Indian artists – Tyeb Mehta, Akbar Padamsee, Arpita Singh,

Somnath Hore and Jagdish Swaminathan - also made records for the artists.

reminiscent of large expanses of sky or sea, is from the collection of Masanori Fukuoka, a Japanese fish processing businessman. Fukuoka set up Glenbarra Art Museum in Himeji, Japan, in 1991, with works of 60 Indian artists.

The expansive collection includes important works by artists such as Gaitonde, Tyeb Mehta, K K Hebbar, M F Husain, Jogen Chowdhury, Ganesh Pyne and Arpita Singh. The auction

catalogue pays homage to the collector, including extensive images of Fukuoka in the com-Gaitonde's bluish painting, pany of the artists and the art-

works he collected. The museum routinely deaccessions (removes and sells) works from its collection. These works, as art critic Ranjit

Hoskote notes in the catalogue, embody "high points and turning points" of artists' careers. Before deaccessioning, Fukuoka is known to carefully consider the options by displaying the works for a period of time to see which ones he is drawn to.

Dadiba Pundole, owner of

Pundole's, said, "The depth of bidding across the sale fulfilled Masanori's dream of bringing a broad range of Indian artists into the sphere of international awareness and recognition. The sale witnessed an encouraging level of bidding from international institutions that reaffirms a growing interest in Indian art worldwide.' The auction also saw intense

bidding for three works by Tyeb Mehta – a sculpture, a drawing and a painting, all themed

The untitled painting that was sold for Rs 42 crore

around a bovine figure. The painting, Mahishasura (1995), is part of the artist's Mahisha series from the late 1990s. Mehta uses the legendary battle between goddess Durga and the shapeshifting buffalo-demon Mahishasura as the starting point to create a work that is notable for simultaneously conveying both combat and embrace. Now among the top Indian artworks, Mahishasura sold for Rs 32 crore, beating the artist's previous record of Kali (1989) in 2018.

Jagdish Swaminathan doubled his record with the triptych,

titled 'The Altar', from 1988, selling at Rs 22 crore. A Somnath Hore bronze sculpture, 'Wild Boar', sold for Rs 1.6 crore, and an Arpita Singh canvas, 'My Lily Pond' (2009), sold for Rs 9 crore setting records for both artists. Previously, in 2020, a similar auction of works from the Glenbarra collection at

Pundole's created a record for Gaitonde. An untitled work from 1974 sold for Rs 32 crore, then the highest-selling Indian artwork internationally.

New Delhi

Gaitonde has consistently broken records in recent years. Art adviser Farah Siddiqui Khan

said this particular 1969 work is "exceptional" because of its provenance, rarity and its debut in the auction market. She said, "Gaitonde's work has. over a significant period, increased in terms of its value. But it comes as no surprise because he is considered a pioneer modern master. His work was subtle and abstract, which resonates a lot globally as well.

She added, "Also, it goes to show that on a day when the world is in chaos and globally markets went into panic, top quality art offerings always have collectors.







14 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I. hitherto known as Shubham, S/o Sh.Sushil Chauhan,R/o Shop.Plot.No.D-8, Third-Floor, Pandav-Nagar,New Delhi-110092, have Changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shubham Chauhan.

0040604236-4 I.Sudhir Tyagi.S/o Babu Ram,R/o.H.No.783,Near Khandeshwar Mandir,Landa Pada Burari-Noth.Delhi-110084, have changed my name, from Sudhir Kumar to Sudhir Tyagi, for all, future 0040604274-2 purposes.

I,Shiv Kumar,S/O Naresh Kumar R/O-173-A, Pocket-J&K Dilshad Garden.Delhi-110095.Have Changed My Name To Shiv Kumar Yadav, For All Purposes.

0040604236-6 I,Shailly Sabharwal W/o Vipul Arva R/o-11/3.Pant Nagar. Jangpura Delhi-110014 have changed my name to Shailly Arya for all, purposes.

0040604274-4 I,Shailla Mittal W/O Shri Anil Jindal R/O C-122, Mahendru Enclave, G. T. Karnal Road, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Shailla Jindal

0040604274-1 I,Shahin Khan S/O,Wakil Khan R/O.A-65, J.J.Colony Bawana.Delhi-110039.have changed my name to Sahib Khan. 0040604251-5

I.Sagar Singh S/o Manoi Kumar R/o Chhaprauli Dehat(Now in Nagar), Baghpat Chhaprauli, U.P.-250617, have changed my name to Sagar Kumar.

0040604274-6 I,Roshni Sunar Bishwakarma

D/o Prakash Bishwkarma R/o-16 F/F, Ishwar Colony G.T.B.Nagar Delhi-110009 changed my name to Roshni 0040604251-3 Bishwkarma.

I,Ratan Chand S/o Mahinder Singh R/o-Z-75, Vishnu-Garden Extn.,Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Narinder Singh for all future purposes. 0040604274-5

I,Pappu Kumar,S/o Ram Babu Prasad R/o.H.No.22, North-Block, Vipin Garden, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Suraj 0040604251-8 Srivastava.

It is for general information that I,Aravind Kumar,S/o Sh.Borang Lal Rathi, R/o Village-Goharpur Post-Office Kurmali District-Shamli,U.P.251305,declare that name of my Wife has been wrongly-written as Annu Rathi in my service record.The actual-name of my Wife is 'Anita' which may be amended 0040604274-3 accordingly.

It is for general information that I, Rajender Kumar S/o Shri Vishan Dass R/O H.No.29, New Nandwani Nagar, Sonipat, Haryana-131001 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Rajinder Kumar and Bishan Dass in my Service Record. The actual name of mine and my father are Rajender Kumar and Vishan Dass respectively,

I, VISHAL S/o Shri Kailash, R/o 359. Block-G. Dakshin Puri. Delhi-110062 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VISHAL RANA.

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

I,Navneet Hunjan/Navnit Kalsi,W/O Malkit Singh,H.No-165, Upper Ground-Floor, Gali.No-2,A-2-Block,Near.Pesi-Road Himgiri-Enclave, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Navneet Kaur. 0040604251-6

I,NEETASHA W/O Daljeet Singh Sethi R/O D-3,Srijan Vihar Nyay Khand-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P-201014 Change My Name NEETASHA JAITWAL 0040604242-5 SETHI.

I,Deepak S/o Late Sh. Suresh Kumar R/o 1961/153, Ganes Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar,permanantly. 0040604242-1

I,DALJEET SINGH S/O Sarabjinder Singh Sethi, R/O 1C/61,Namdhari-Colony, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, Change My Name DALJEET SINGH SETHI. 0040604242-6 I,CHESHTA ARORA.,W/O PRABH SIMRAN SINGH CHADHA R/o-25, SHAKTI VIHAR PITAM PURA NORTH-WEST DELHI-

110034.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO CHESHTA KAUR 0040604236-5 CHADHA. I.Arvind S/o Kumar Shanker R/o A-2/027.Tower-16 Purvanchal

Roval Park Sector-137, Noida UP have changed my name to Arvind Kumar all future. 0040604242-2 Purposes. I,ANJLI D/0 ISHAM SINGH W/0

SATYAM SINGH R/o E-107, First-Floor, Luxuria, Estate Aditya World.City Ghaziabad New Rai Nagar,Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201002, changed my name to Aniali. 0040604251-4 I,ANIL KUMAR S/o Satpal R/o-A-

244 Kh.No.661, Second-Floor Vijay,Vihar Phase-I,Rohini Delhi-110085.changed my name to Anil Babbar. 0040604242-3

> I, Virandar Singh Nehra S/o Partap Singh Nehra R/o H.No.234, Rajouri Apartment, Mayapuri, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Virender 0040604251-7 Nehra.

I, Vaisakha Singh Kukreja S/o Sh. Aya Singh R/o C-21, Duggal Colony, Khanpur, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name from Vaisakhi Ram Kukreja to Vaisakha Singh Kukreja for all 0070774495-1 purposes. I, Shivani Saxena W/O Ankit Shankar Bisaria Employ as NS-24407P Capt R/o H No- 50, Green Park Mains, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh-243006. have changed my name and shall hereafter

be Known as Shivani Bisaria. 0070774468-1 I, SAURAV KUMAR S/O Umesh Prasad Dikshit, R/o A block 205 Silver Pearl Apt Ksrp Quarters. Choodasandra Circle, Hosa Road, VTS: Bangalore South, PO: Electronics City, Bangalore Karnataka -560100, have changed my name and shall r/o 212 HUDA Sector-9 hereafter be Known as SAURAV Bahadurgarh Haryana-124507 0070774454-1 DIXIT. have declared that my name is incorrect on Income Tax PPO I, SATVIR SINGH RATHI, S/o book of Late Sh Ramjidass The HARPAL SINGH RATHI, R/o C-31, correct name is KRISHNA RANI SHIV VIHAR, SHANTI NAGAR, r/o 212 HUDA Sector-9 KARAWAL NAGAR, DELHI-Bahadurgarh Haryana-124507 110094. I have changed the for all future purpose this will be applicable 0040604189-1 name of my minor daughter PEEHU CHOUDHARY aged about 8 YEARS and She shall hereafter be known as ANAYA RATHI. 0070774450-1

I, Ram Gopal S/O Jaiveer Singh, R/o Bhupendra Puri, Gali No- 3. Nand Nagri, Modinagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201204, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known 0040604220-1 as Sagar Prajapati.

> 0070774474-1 I. ROHAN, S/o MAHADEV THAKUR, R/o- 382, 2nd Floor, Street No-12, West Guru Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to ROHAN THAKUR for all 0070774480-1 purposes.

RASHMI VERMA, W/o GOVIND PRASAD SINGH, R/O-A-131, Raja Vihar, Badli, Samai Pur, North West Delhi-110042 inform that RASHMI VERMA and RASHMI both are same and one person. 0070774478-1

RANDHEER SINGH CHAUDHARY, S/o RAJPAL SINGH, R/o-F-1, Jawahar Park, Khanpur, New Delhi, South Delhi-110062, have changed my name to RANDHIR SINGH for all

purposes. 0070774479-1 I. Pratish Kumar Srivastava S/O Anjani Kumar, R/o 259, Nikat Modal School, Satya Premi Nagar, Nawabganj, Barabanki Uttar Pradesh-225001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pratish 0070774449-1 Srivastava. I, Pawan Kumar s/o Jai Bhagwan R/o T-6/1003, Panchsheel Pratishtha, Sec-75, Noida Gautam Budh Nagar have changed my name to Pawan

Kumar Jindal for all future 0070774494-1 purpose. I, Gita Verma D/O Sh.Om Parkash W/O. Rakesh Kumar born on 17/11/1970 residing at D-61, Street No.2, East Chander Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Geeta vide affidavit dated 22/02/2022 At Delhi. 0050192697-1

I, DINESH KUMAR, S/o RAMNARAIN, R/o H.NO. 1370G/1, jind bye pass, shiv colony, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DINESH PANCHAL. 0070774453-1

l, Ashok Kumar Bharati, S/o Lal Dhari Ram, R/o 533/1, Gandhi Nagar, Gidhauli New Basti, Chandauli, Mugalsarai, Uttar Pradesh-232101, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kartik Yadav.

0070774439-1 Raunag Singh S/o-Amrit Pal Singh R/o-385, Block-C, Paramount Golf, Sector-Zeta-1, Greater-Noida, Surjpur, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306 have changed my name to Ronak Singh for all 0040604218-1 purposes I Ratanachit Sachdev alias Rattanjit Katari D/o Sh. Hardarshan Singh Sachdev W/o Sh. Monik Katari R/o 34 F, Ashoka Avenue, Sainik Farm, New Delhi-110062 have

changed my name to Rattanjit Katari for all purposes. 0040604203-4 Neetu Aggarwal W/o Sh.Radhey Shyam Jindal D/o Sh.Madan Gopal R/o 4980/40, Darya Ganj, Central Delhi-110002 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Tanvi Jindal to Tanvi Aggarwal for all purposes. 0040604203-6 I Krishna Rani w/o Sh Ramjidass

I, SAURABH GUPTA S/o Sh. Yogeshwar Dass Gupta R/o-98A, Pocket-C, Sidhartha-Extension, New Delhi-110014 have changed my name to SOURABH GUPTA.

0040604199-1

I. MATTA PARVATHI W/O SIMHACHALAM R/o K N PALEM, 2-9, ISLAMPETA, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH-530031. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as GIRADA PRAVATHI. 0070774461-1

I, KM Madhu D/O Krishna Mohan Thakur, R/o Vijayipur, Ballia City, Uttar Pradesh- 277001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Madhu. 0070774470-1

I, Gautam Sonkar, S/o Ramesh Chandra Sonkar, R/o D/24, Khaparamohal, Kanpur Cantt. Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh-208004, have changed my name to Ekalavya Singhania.

0070774501-1 I, Bilafred Toppo S/o Korneliyas Toppo R/o A-50, Gali No.18. Madhu Vihar, I.P. Extension, Delhi-110092 have changed my minor son's name from Birbal Toppo to Anuj Toppo for all 0040604221-1 purposes. Joginder Rathi S/O. Braham Singh R/o 237, Gali No.-9, Chander Lok, Mandoli, North East Delhi-110093 have changed my name to Joginder Pratap Singh for all purposes.

0040604219-1 I.Umesh Devi Tomar W/o,no.2967957N SEP Ram Ratan Singh Tomar R/o.H/no C-6/214.Yamuna Vihar.Delhi-53.have changed my name to Umesh Tomar for all, purposes.

I, Gita Katyal inform that I have lost my Allotment Letter and payment receipts No. 682115, 682116, 682117, 682118, 682119, 682120 and 636347 of Common Wealth Games Village unit No. T-24-04-06. If anyone found please contact: 9818300033

0040604215-1 I,Sunil Raj Jain,S/o Anand Prakash Jain, R/o C-66409, Vasant-Kunj,Delhi,have lost my original F-Form documents F-Form. No.337545-0337547, and 0339248-0339259.finder please Contact Mobile.no.9891745802

0040604251-10 Lost my original property document, sale deed of property number 1333 to 1336, Gali-Ambey Wali, Main Road Farash Khana, Delhi-110006. Finder contact: Rehan Mirza S/o Gulzar Mirza, 1404, Farash Khana, Delhi. M-9999896000. 0070774498-1

I. Sukhbir Singh Bhatia son of Late Baldev Singh C/o Surinder Singh Bhatia, 38-A, Pocket-A, Sukhdev Vihar, New Delhi -110025 have lost original Share Certificate No. 286, issued by Public Sector Employees **Cooperative Housing Society** Ltd. and original Possession Letter issued by the said Society for Flat No.2831. Overseas Apartment, F-9, Sector-50, Noida, Finders may contact at the above address or mobile No.8884133270 or 9312235617. 0040604203-7

PUBLIC NOTICE is for the information of general put my client Hukmi Kaur W/o Sh. Kish at my client Hukmi Kaur W/o Sh. Kisho ngh R/o House No.7/4, Bharat Viha nander Vihar, Nilothi Extension, Nanglo w Delhi-110041, has disowned an ubarred her son Anil Singh and his wifi ngretat Kaur (2) Kuldeep Singh and his wifi ngretat Kaur (7) Kuldeep Singh and his wifi angretat Kaur (7) Kuldeep Singh and his wifi angretat Kaur (7) Kuldeep Singh and his wifi movable properties with himmediate effect of severed all her relations an nnections with her son because they an t of control of my client. y dealing with them shall do so a their own risk and responsibilitie and my clients and her family shall be ay responsible for any act, deeds an long by them

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<u>सार्वजनिक सूचना</u> प्रवंसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मे मवक्किल श्री सर्वेश पत्र स्व. श्री राम कपाल और मेरे मुवक्किल की पत्नी श्रीमती उ पति श्री सर्वेश निवासी -E 663, जे.जे कॉलोनी, रघुबीर नगर, टैगोर गार्डन एस.ओ., वेस्ट दिल्ली, दिल्ली-27 ने अप बेटे भूपेंदर उसकी पत्नी श्रीमती दिव्या व पो सक्षम से सभी सम्बन्ध तोड लिये हैं औ सभी ''चल एवं अचल'' सम्पत्ति से बेदख कर दिया है, क्योंकि इन सभी का व्यवहार ग दोनों मुवक्किल के प्रति ठीक नहीं है। अग इनसे कोई भी व्यक्ति किसी भी प्रकार व लेन–देन करता है तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेदार होग विनोद कुम अधिवव

PUBLIC NOTICE now to public at large that my ients Sh. Ashok Kumar Sharma Jo Sh. Shrichand Sharma and his ife Smt. Munni Devi both R/o ZF10, Street No. 20, Sadh agar-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi 1045, have severed all their lations with their son namely Mr. vatan Sharma and also disowned vatan Sharma and also disowned him from all their movable, mmovable properties with mmediate effect and he is also being disobedient with my clients and my clients shall not be esponsible for any acts and deeds fihim.

PUBLIC NOTICE MT. KAMLESH W/O SHRI NARES MAR BOTH R/O WZ-134, HARIJA LONY, TLAK NAGAR, NEW DELH 0018 have severed all their relations an meetions with their son ARUN UR MMBQ, because he is out of control of m ents and have debarred him from their a vable and immovable properties." Any body deals with him at his/her/the wwn risk, cost and expenses. My clien shall neither liable nor responsible for h acts, deeds and things under an

ances". Sd/- **G.S. SINGH** (ADVOCATE **Resi Cum Office** A-108-A Bhagwati Garden Extn. Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110055

PUBLIC NOTICE e General Public is hereby informed tha y client **Smt Kanta Devi Jain** Widow o ny client Smt Kanta Devi Jain Widow o "ate Shri Subhash Chand Jain R/o CGA 551, DLF Capital Greens, 15, Shivaji Marg Vew Delhi-110015 is going to transfer egistered the property No CGA-051, and parking No. PA2070/PA2070/PA1006 varking Vet Elet ac CSP1500 and Parking No. and Flat no CSP1509, and Parking Ne EG1076 situated at DLF Capital Greens 15, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi-110015 in favour of Smt Kanta Devi Jain. He husband Shri Subhash Chand Jain, the other co-owner of the above said property has expired on 16.03.2021. If any persor have any objection or claim regarding the same, may contact my client at her mobile No: **9540467328** or DLF Ltd within 21 day: of publication and after that my client will not be responsible for any type of claim, litigation regarding the said property. **KShitiz Tyagi** (Advocate) Ch.No.1317, ji (Advocate) Ch.No.1317, ber Block, Rohini Courts, Delhi.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Yadav R/O 474, near Yada Vill. Kapashera, New Delhi -11003 has revoked/cancelled the registred S.P.A i Ana revoked/cancelled the registred S.P.A i 716. In Addl Book No. 4 Vol. No 2006 o pages 6-10 dated 21-11-2020 day Saturday executed in favour of Smt. Bab Yadav W/o Sh. Sandeep kumar R/o H.No 2 D. Konsehers New Dell's Pac Yadaw W/o Sh. Sandeap kumar R/o H.No 2' Willage & P.O. Kapashera New Dehi A Rer Bai W/o Sh. Anil Kumar, Village Daulap New Dehi-110043 of the property built House No 474, Area Measuring 80 So Yang Comprised in KH. No 50, Shutael in the o DORA (1908-09) of VIII. Kapashera, Ne DORA (1908-09) of VIII respect of said property have been misplaced/lost. That the NCR lodged having LR No.1122158/2021 on Dt. 30/12/2021. Any person/s claiming any above said Smt. Babita Yadav and Sm nu Bai. rights interest, having any objection or found in possession of the above original address & phone no.9910022438 within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. Bhupinder Kumar Arya (Advocate) UG-

> PUBLIC NOTICE Beneral Public is hereby informed that m lients Rahis Ahmed S/o Late Riaz Ahmed and Guishan Begum Wio Rahis Ahmee oth Rio Block-D, House No. 145-146 ave disowned and disinherited their elde ave disowned and disinherited their elde and Amin Khan and his wie Shaila from a Marik Khan and his wie Shaila from a Marik Khan and his wie Shaila from a Marik Gebreud m. voc cliente no keep as. Itera disobreud m. voc cliente no properties and severed all relations fror them as they disobeyed my clients an they are not in their control. Anybod dealing with Aamir Khan and his wif Shaila will do so at his/her/their own ris and responsibilities any my clients will no be responsibilities for any act, deed or dealin done by Aamir Khan and his wife Shaila i turon Sd/-

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION General public is hereby informed that this person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 45 Years, Sex:

Male, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Face: Long, Wearing: Pink Blue Shirt, Blue Jacket, Blue Jeans and Bare foot, was found dead at Trauma Center

Hospital, Civil Lines, Delhi on 20.02.2022. In this regard a FIR No. 144/22, dated 20.02.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Civil Lines, North District, Delhi. The Dead Body has been preserved in Sabzi Mandi Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hours for identification.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform the following. SHO

P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi DP/2024/N/2022(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23815444, 8750870127

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one female Namely Laxmi D/o Maniram R/o Gajraj Ka Makan, Near Shivalaya Mandir, Village Badli, Delhi has been an . missing/kidnapped since 29.12.2021. In this regard, a case DD No 032A dated 31.12.2021 has been registered at P.S. S. P Badli Delhi. The description of the missing / kidnapped female are as under. ears, Height: LAXMI Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: T-shirt with Green Colour Jacket and Black colour Pant. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the kidnapped/missing girl then please inform P.S. S. P. Badli, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in,providing clue about the person. Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Sd/- SHO Fax No. 011-24368639 S. P Badli, Delhi PH.011-21710052, DP/1605/ON/2022 Mobile No. 9868592064

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients NPS KOHLI S/O LATE S. SOHAN SINGH KOHLI and his wife MRS HARINDER KAUR KOHLI both R/o H. NO. A+62, 2m folox, Narang Colony, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 (india), do hereby disowr/dokar their son JOHNBIR SINGH KOHLI & his wife GURPREET KAUR MARWAHA R/o 2/29, Simpson Drive Mount Waverly, Melbourne Australia, from their all moveable-immovable properties and severed all relations from them due to their misconduct and cruel nature. My clients will not be responsible for their any act in future. tature. My clients will not be responsible or their any act in future. Sd/- PITAMBAR SINGH (ADVOCATE) CH. NO. 1001, 10TH FLOOR, LAWYER'S CHAMBER BUILDING ROHINI COURTS, DELHI- 110085

20A, Suneja Tower-I, D.C. Janakpuri, Delhi

St (LAL SINGH THAKUR & ASSOCIATE: ADVOCATE AMBER NO. 518, LAWYERS CHAMBER BLOC: RICT COURT COMPLEX, SECTOR 10, DWARK, NEW DELHI-11007 PUBLIC NOTICE Io be known to all that, Sanjeeda Begam W/o Abdul Hakim R/o WZ-A-25, Plot No.17, Gali No.13, Sant Garh, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, present owner of Property No. WZ-A25, Plot No.17, Gali No.13, Sar Garh, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi (having First Floor in the name of **Sanjeeda Begam** & Second Floor with roof rights in the name of **Abdul Hakim**). That all original documents i.e. General Power of Attorney. Agreemer o sell, Affidavit, Receipt, WILL etc.) In

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Commodity, Grain Dispensing Machine popularly (Grain ATM) on a pilot project basis, in the state of Jharkhand. Following Amendment are hereby Authorised. 06.02.2022 Т

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Director **Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs**

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No.: JHS-DY-CEE-C-T-03-2022 Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India Invites in SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM open tender on prescribed forms online (E Tendering). Tender offer can be submitted online up to 15.00 hours of 21.03.2022 on website http://www.ireps.gov.in. The details of the tenders are as under:-

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which may be amended 0040604187-1 accordingly

I,Bhagwati Devi,W/o-Jai Bhagwan,R/o-A-216,New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096, do hereby inform that my.name was wrongly, mentioned as Bhagwati in Power of Attorney, while it is correct in other documents. This is also to certify that Bhagwati and Bhagwati Devi is same person, belongs to me. 0040604251-1

I,Bambode Suresh Raoji,S/O-Raoji,R/O-58C,CBI COLONY, VASANT VIHAR, New Delhi-110057, inform that Name is my,wife has been wronglywritten Sumitra in my, service book. Actual name of my, wife is Shital Devi which, may be amended accordingly

0040604251-2

I, Vamika Malik W/O Sh. Nimish Malik R/O 15A/4, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi 110026, do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that my name has been spelled wrongly. The correct name spelling is Vanika and not Vamika for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 22.2.2022.

0040604195-1 I, Satyawati Agarwal, W/O, Late

Mr. Nawal Kishore Agarwal, R/O 3 Silver Oak Avenue, Westend Green, Rajokari phase-1 Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that both the names i.e. Satyawati Agarwal & Satyawati Agarwala are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not to different person and shall hereafter be Known As Satyawati Agarwal for the purpose of passport.

0040604185-1

I, Tara Shanker Joshi, S/o Pan Dev Joshi, R/o 107-B, Pocket C-1, Mayur Vihar, Delhi-110096, have changed my minor Son's name from Rihaan aged 04 years to Tanmay Joshi forever.

0070774509-1

I, RENU GOYAL W/O-DEEPAK GOEL R/O E-5/96, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI-110085 have changed my name to RENU GOEL 0040604236-3

I, DEEPAK GOYAL S/O-UMA SHANKAR R/O E-5/96, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI-110085 have changed my name to DEEPAK GOEL 0040604236-2 I, Nimish Malik S/O Sh. Giridhari Lal Malik R/O 15A/4, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi 110026, do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that my name has been spelled wrongly. The correct name spelling is Nimish and not Nimesh for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 0040604193-1 22.2.2022.

I, MANISH KUMAR, S/o SHRI RAJA RAM SHARMA, R/o 201. SHIV LOK PURI, KRISHNA PUBLIC SCHOOL, KANKER KHERA, MEERUT, UTTAR PRADESH-250001. I have changed the name of my minor daughter SHRADDHA BHARDWAJ aged about 7 years and she shall hereafter be known as MIHIKA BHARDWAJ.

0070774446-1 I, MANISH KUMAR S/O SHRI RAJA RAM SHARMA, R/o 201, SHIV LOK PURI, KRISHNA PUBLIC SCHOOL, KANKER KHERA, MEERUT, UTTAR PRADESH-250001. I have changed the name of my minor Son SHAURYA BHARDWAJ aged about 3 YEARS and He shall hereafter be known as SHRISH BHARDWAJ. 0070774445-1 I, SARGAM D/o Anil Kumar, R/o-

House No.56, Block-B, sector-Beta-I, Greater Noida UP, have changed my name to SARGAM SANIL as per weekly gazette notification no.31 dated August 3, 2019. 0040603927-1 I, Angela Massey D/O, Arun

Massey R/o Hp-18/c Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Angela Sharma for all purposes.

0040604274-7 I.DEEPAK GOEL S/O-UMA SHANKAR R/O E-5/96, SECTOR-16. ROHINI.DELHI-110085,have changed my minor daughter's name, from KHUSHI GOYAL to KHUSHI GOEL. 0040604236-1

IKm Vandna Singh alias Vandna Singh alias Vandna D/o Sh. Banke Prasad Singh W/o Sh. Anil Kumar R/o B-4/230A, Lawrence Road, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Vandna for all

purposes. 0040604203-5 I,.MANNU SETH,S/O.RAJINDER KUMAR SETH, ADD-C-9/104,YAMUNA VIHAR DELHI-110053, changed my name to

MANNU KUMAR SETH, 0040604236-8 permanantly.

I,BHAGWAN SINGH,S/O FATEH SINGH BHANDARI, ADD-X-27.A.SHYAM VIHAR PHASE-1 NAJAFGARH,NEW DELHI-110043.Changed my name to BHAGWAN SINGH BHANDARI, permanantly. 0040604236-7

I, Bhavna Kakkar, W/o Anish Gupta Employ as Assistant Professor, R/o House No-98, Om Vihar, Phase-1A, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110069, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bhavna 0070774452-1 Gupta.

l, Ashok Kumar Verma, S/o Rajinder Verma, R/o Belbhariya, Kamhariyakala, Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh-273303, have changed my name to Krishan Verma.

0070774503-1

I, Nishu Sharma alias Nishu, D/o Shiv Charan, R/o House No-1753, Nehru Vihar, Sampla (36), Rohtak, Haryana-124501, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nishu Rani. 0070774437-1 I, MATTA VENKATESH S/O

SIMHACHALAM, R/o 2-9, K N PALAM, ISLAMPETA, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH-530031, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as GIRADA VENKATESH.

0070774455-1 I.Smriti Garg W/o Akshav Goel R/o 52, Kapil Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Smriti Goel.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large the Mrs. Babli acquired House No. 23 measuring 100 Sq. Yds, Khasra N. 382, village Narela, Old Lal Dora (1900) 09), Pana Udyan, Narela, Delhi vide G Deed dated 16.09.2021 executed by M Deed dated 18.09.2021 executed by M Surseh Kumar, duly regd as Doc. No 5383 and now Mrs. Babli is the undisputed owner of the above sai property. OR Any person / firm institution / company having any clain oright in respect of the said Property b way of inheritance, share, sale agreement, lease, license, gift possession, legal heirs, partners o encumbrance howsoever or otherwisis hereby required to intimate in writin hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days fro the date of publication of this notice the date of policities that or claims notice t his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration or notice period, the claims, if any, of suc person shall be treated null and void an also treated as waived and not bindin on our claim. n our client

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) I.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

is Notice is hereby given to gener-iblic that Mrs. Hemlata who claime be owner and in possession of th Vestern Side Portion Property/Plo rea measuring 26 Sq. Yds. out of (hasra. No. 33//22/1, Sitauted a Khasra. No. 33//2211, Sitauted a Village Saran (Jawahar Colony) Tehsil and Distt, Faridabad (Haryana by virtue of Sale Deed date 03.04.2001, above-mentionec property document, related saic property has been misplaced/lost Now Mrs. Hemilata has approachec Jana Small Finance Bank Limited for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortacade with the said Bank financial assistance and thereform shall be mortgaged with the said Bank We give this public notice that if an person having any claim/objectioi regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property or any part of the said property in favour o Jana Small Finance Bank Limited is/are hereby requested to notify th same online in market bank control to the control same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence a the address mention below within 7 days from the date of publication o this notice, failing which any claim, i any, of such persons will be consider to burd bene winder and to beneface e been waived and/or, aband nd our client shall proceed with th sbursement of loan against the sai Aroperty and subsequent creation of Aortgage in respect thereof. For Juris NextGen Law Offices 5-56,LGF, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-New Delhi-110042

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 55 years, Height: 5'7" Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing : Naked condition was found dead at loop towards shanty van red light, near geeta colony flyover, Darya Ganj, Delhi. In this regard, a DD No. 55-A, dated 22.02.2022 has been

lodged at PS Darya Ganj, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the mortuary of Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi for identification.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following. SHO

P.S., Darya Ganj, Delhi DP/1279/CD/2022 Ph.: 011-23274683, 23279331

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022 15 ECONOMY

SILVER GOLD RUPEE OIL **③** ₹66,267 ⊙ ₹51,627 ⊙ ₹75.60 95.47 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of February 23

SENSEX: 54,529.91 ▼ 2,702.15 (4.72%) NIFTY: 16,247.95 ▼ 815.30 (4.78%) NIKKEI: 25,970.82 ▼ 478.79 HANG SENG: 22,901.56 ▼ 758.72 FTSE: 7,286.11 ▼ 212.07 DAX: 13,940.78 ▼ 690.58

CRUDE WATCH HIGH INTERNATIONAL PRICES

RUSSIAN INVASION in Ukraine triggers risk-off sentiment, Sensex tanks 4.7%

BIGGEST MARKET crash in nearly 2 years; crude oil crosses \$100

Sell Shock

ROUBLE OFF record low, Dow cracks nearly 2%

When crude oil boils, everything heats up: What changes for users

SANDEEP SINGH & **KARUNJIT SINGH** MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, FEB 24

BRENT CRUDE prices breached the \$100-per-barrel mark on

Thursday, for the first time since September 2014, following Russian President Vladimir Putin authorising a military operation in the Donbass region in Ukraine. Oil prices surged and the stock markets crashed globally.

While oil surged over 40 percent to \$101.2 (earlier in the day around 10 am IST) since December 1, 2021, when it was trading at \$70.4, the Sensex at the BSE fell by 2,702.15 points, or 4.72 per cent, to 54,529.91.

Why has crude jumped? The spike has been driven

EXPLAINED

primarily by fears of supply side disruptions as the threat of Russian invasion in Ukraine looms large following Putin's deployment of troops to separatist

areas Donetsk and Luhansk in Ukraine. A Russian invasion of Ukraine could not only disrupt crude supplies globally but also lead to sanctions by the US and Europe. Brent crude rose \$5.5, or

5.7 per cent, to \$102.4 a barrel by 1:21 pm ET, after touching a high of \$105.79.

How will it impact the Indian economy?

There is going to be an inflationary impact. India imports more than 80 per cent of its oil requirement, but the share of oil imports in its total imports is around 25 per cent. Rising oil prices will impact the current account deficit. The rise in crude oil prices is also expected to increase the subsidv on LPG and kerosene, pushing up the subsidy bill.

CRUDE: FROM O TO 100

MID-APRIL 2020: Price of a barrel of West Texas crude went below \$0 as sellers had to pay to get rid of it

LESS THAN 2 YEARS: Brent crude futures hit \$100 a barrel on Wednesday for the first time since 2014



impact consumers?

High crude oil prices contributed to the increase in petrol and diesel prices that hit record highs across the country in 2021. Pump prices fell in November as the

Central government cut excise on petrol and diesel by Rs 5 and Rs 10 per litre, respectively, and most states followed by cutting value added tax. Petrol and diesel are retailng at Rs 95.3 and Rs 86.7 per litre, respectively, in the Capital. Higher crude prices could result in higher fuel prices.

What can be the impact on investor sentiment?

Investor sentiment has taken a beating over the last few days in line with rising crude prices. Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have turned net sellers and have pulled out a net of Rs 51,703 crore from Indian equities between January and February, leading to decline and volatility in eq-

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

erating officer of Unilever, will be

the new non-executive chairman

of HUL, with effect from March 31.

The Nomination & Remuneration

Committee (NRC) of the HUL

board recommended his appoint-

ment to the board, which accepted the recommendation.

Sanjiv Mehta, who was earlier

uity markets Fund managers say markets are likely to remain the geopolitical concern.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 24 STOCK MARKETS witnessed the

biggest crash in nearly two years as the Russian invasion of Ukraine sent key indices plummeting by 4.7 per cent.

With crude oil prices crossing the \$100 mark per barrel, the Sensex dived by 2,702 points at 54,529.91 and the NSE Nifty index crashed 815 points at 16,247.95. Investors who cut their positions worried over the possibility of a prolonged crisis in Ukraine and its impact on the Indian economy, lost Rs 13.4 lakh crore in a day as market capitalisation declined to Rs 242.24 lakh crore.

While foreign investors pulled out over Rs 6,400 crore, domestic institutions pumped in Rs 7,600 crore on Thursday. All sectoral indices suffered huge losses with the realty index crashing 7.27 per cent, bank 5.53 per cent, auto 6.05 per cent, IT 4.58 per cent and energy 5.02 per cent. Small-cap index plummeted 5.77 per cent and mid-cap index by 5.53 per cent due to heavy losses. The volatility index, VIX, rose 30 per cent, the most since September 2016.

According to Nilesh Shah, group president & MD, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company, it's difficult to predict the bottom of the market in a scenario like war. "Events will shape the movement. The best thing for

MOEX stock index slumped 43.3 per cent intra-day before recoverbelow 2,300.

to 84.27 against the dollar as of 0932 GMT , having earlier hit a record low of 89.60 in highly volatile trading.

Oil prices jumped on Thursday, with Brent rising above \$105 a barrel for the first time since 2014. Brent crude rose \$5.5, or 5.7 per cent, to \$102.4 a barrel by 1:21 pm ET, after touching a high of \$105.79.

Re falls 99p, gold surges

Ukraine. Sustained foreign fund outflows, heavy selling in domestic equities and elevated crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment, analysts said.

Gold, a safe haven asset, jumped to 13-month high. Gold rate surged Rs 1.656 to Rs 51.627 per 10 gram while silver jumped Rs 2,350 to Rs 66,267 per kg. In international spot market, gold price breached its \$1,925 hurdle and hit \$1,950 per ounce levels, around a 13-month high. ENS

Airspace shut: AI evacuation flight to Kyiv turns back

Next plane unlikely as tension escalates

Evacuation flights

PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

CITING "POTENTIAL hazard to civil aviation", Ukraine on Thursday issued a NOTAM (Notice to Air Missions) around 7.30 am IST, restricting all civilian flights to the region. As a result, an Air India evacuation flight, which departed for Kyiv a little after the NOTAM was issued, turned back while it was in Iranian airspace and landed in New Delhi around noon, India time.

Reason for NOTAM

The NOTAM – a notice to pilots, ATC personnel and airline operations team about the condition of a particular airspace - was issued due to rising tensions given the build up of Russian forces near the Ukrainian border. While the given the escalating tensions. tensions began a few weeks ago, Ukraine kept its airspace open for civilian flights allowing non-essential foreigners, including Indian students and families of embassy staff, to fly out.

northern border with Ukraine. Air India's plan While the airline hasn't officially announced the cancellation, the restriction may lead to its third flight on Saturday not operating. Even though the Ukrainian NOTAM has been made effective only till 5.30 am Friday IST, it may be extended

Alternate route via Qatar

The Centre said Indian passengers from Ukraine can return via Oatar, under the India-Oatar bilateral air bubble arrangement.

Air India was operating the

second of its three planned evac-

uation flights to Kyiv to bring back

stranded Indian citizens. As per

flight tracking portal Flightra-

dar24, as of 9.50 am IST, Thursday,

Air India's was one of only three

flights enroute Kyiv Boryspil

Airport, and one of these flights –

Ukraine International Airlines -

from Baku diverted to an airport

in Moldova, which shares its

MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES Das: Inflation risks from rise in global commodity prices

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI FEBRUARY 24

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of the risks to domestic inflation

arising from rise in international

commodity prices due to exoge-

nous factors including geo-politi-

cal developments," Das said in the

MPC meeting held on February

10. The panel kept the key policy

prices and supply side shortages

could weigh on corporate prof-

itability amid weak pricing power

and unfavourable base effects

Das said high commodity

rates unchanged in the review.

"We need to remain watchful

(MPC) released on Thursday.

THE RENEWED surge in international crude oil prices will require risk to domestic inflation, said the Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das as per the min-



be a buy on dip market albeit with lot of volatility in the near term,' Shah said.

have good earnings visibility," said

VKVijayakumar, chief investment

strategist, Geojit Financial.

GAS PRICES in Europe are

and consumers, especially

low-income households

already crushing households

RISING PRICES OF ENERGY.

Analysts said investors should stay invested if they have longterm investment plan and mutual fund investors should continue SIP without breaking investment. On the other hand, the correction will give an opportunity to in-

vestors to pick up good quality stocks at attractive levels. "Investors should wait and watch the unfolding situation before taking any major commitments. Buying should be confined to stocks/segments which are fairly valued or

ing to close 25 per cent down, at The rouble eased 3.8 per cent

On Wall Street, as of 1:33 pm

<2%

Global markets crash an investor is to follow asset allo-The rouble-denominated cation principles. This is likely to

Russia-Ukraine conflict casts cloud over global economy

The vulnerable world economy is set to face accelerated inflation, rattled markets and troubling signals for everyone, amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict

RUSSIA IS 3RD-BIGGEST PETROLEUM PRODUCER and a big exporter of natural gas

UKRAINE IS 5TH-LARGEST WHEAT EXPORTER and its farms feed millions globally

FOOD to intensify inflationary pressures, which central banks FUROPF RECEIVES ~40%



An armoured vehicle with the letter Z on it drives past a monument displaying a Soviet-era tank in Armyansk, Crimea on Thursday. Reuters

ET, the Dow Jones was down 659.06 points, or 1.99 per cent, at 32,472.70 while the Nasdaq Composite was marginally up 13.69 points, or 0.1 per cent, at

13,051.18.

Mumbai: The rupee plunged by 99 paise to close at 75.60 against the US dollar after Russia launched military operations against

How do high oil prices

NATURAL GAS from Russia

Source: Reuters

SHAKTIKANTA DAS Monetary Policy Committee

Governor, Reserve Bank of India File

during 2022-23. "The global financial market volatility associated with monetary policy normalisation process in the advanced economies could further complicate the situation," Das said.

"Global risks include high oil prices, rising inflation and interest rates in major countries... MPC member Ashima Goyal said. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY - e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 84, 92,93,95/2021-22/KWA/PHC/D3/TVM(RT1). 1)JJM -2021-24 "Anadu and Nanniyode panchayaths." Phase III — Clearwater pumping Main /Gravity main & clear water Pumpsets package I & II (2) Construction of OHSR at Alumkuzhi, providing Distribution Network FHTC Package IV & VII (3) providing Distribution Network, FHTC Package IX(4) JJM 2021-2024 - phase- 3 -Laying of clear water pumping main from Aruvikkara WTP to Vellarippara OHSR and Transmission main to OHSR, Aruvikkara to Vellarikkonam, Kummi WTP to Myladumpara and Supply Erection and Commissioning of Pump sets and allied work & Interconnection works at Vazhayila Distribution Networks, Construction of OHSR and Sumps etc. EMD : Rs. 2 Lakh, 2 lakh, 2 lakh, 5 lakh Tender fee : Rs. 10000, 10000, 10000, 15000. Last Date for submitting Tender : 17-03-202 03:00:pm. Phone : 04712322303. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.enders.kerala.gov.in KWA-JB-GL-6-1098-2021-22 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Thiruvananthapurar

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3D manufacturing policy: Target of 500 items by '25 targets such as 50 India specific technologies for material, machine

and software, 100 new startups for NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24 additive manufacturing, 500 new THE MINISTRY of Electronics and products. In total, MeitY hopes that Information Technology (MeitY) these new startups and opportuaims to increase India's share in nities will give jobs to at least 1 lakh global additive manufacturing to new skilled workers over the next 5 per cent within the next three three years.

years, with hopes that it could "We have taken some very clearly defined goals in this stratlikely add \$1 billion to the gross egy...," IT Minister Ashwini domestic product by that time. As per the National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing, by 2025, India will aim to achieve certain

3D printing uses computer-aided designing to make prototypes or working models of objects by laying down successive layers of materials

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materials such as plastic, resin, thermoplastic, metal, fiber or ceramic. With the help of software, the model to be printed is first developed by the computer, which then gives instructions to the 3D printer. In its national strategy, MeitY

has suggested that to get ahead in the additive manufacturing or 3D printing space, India must adopt it in all sectors, including in defence and public sectors. An apex body which has subject matter experts

laying down successive layers of and leaders from local and global industries could be established to lead the mission The Indian Express had in

> December 2020 first reported that the IT ministry was readying a national policy on promoting 3D printing on an industrial and China

scale and helping domestic companies "overcome technical and economic barriers" so that they can build supportive and ancillary facilities for world leaders in the technology, such as the US

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BRIEFLY —

T+1 settlement New Delhi: Stock exchanges BSE and NSE will roll out shorter settlement cycle, or T+1 regime, from Friday, to help lower margin requirement for clients and boost retail investment in equities

Moody's, GDP

New Delhi: Moody's Investors Service raised India's growth forecast for calendar vear 2022 to 9.5% and to 8.4% for the fiscal starting April 1.

Twitter official

New Delhi: Samiran Gupta will lead Twitter's public policy and philanthropy efforts in India and South Asia.

Cairn dispute

New Delhi: The Indian government has paid Cairn Energy Plc₹7,900 crore to refund taxes it had collected to enforce a retrospective tax demand, ending a sevenyear-old dispute. PTI

Ola Electric plant

New Delhi: Softbank Groupbacked Ola Electric plans to build a battery cell manufacturing plant in India with a capacity of up to 50 gigawatt hours (GWh), a source said, as part of its broader electrification push. **REUTERS**

XLRI centre

New Delhi: Xavier School of Management (XLRI) inaugurated its Centre for Public Policy and Public Affairs (XLCP) on February 25, in an online event. **ENS**

Research Conference, he also said the flourishing landscape of ESG (environment, social, governance) investments is another major





chairman and MD, will continue "I look forward to working closely with Sanjiv and the board to further strengthen the company," Paranjpe said. ENS

as MD and CEO. On February 15, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) made the splitting of the post of chairman and man-

Sebi chief: ESG landscape key challenge to market

New Delhi: Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi said Thursday the trend of new age technology companies, that are generally loss making, accessing public market is a key challenge to capital markets.

As per the National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing, by 2025, India will aim to achieve certain	Vaishnaw said while releasing the strategy document. 3D printing or additive man-	utacturing uses computer-aid designing to make prototype working models of objects
NITIN PARANJPE IS NON- HUL splits	-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	KERA Transport
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Paranjpe will take on a new role as chief transformation officer & chief people officer, leading the business transformation, and heading the HR function for Unilever effective April 2022. He is also a member of the supervisory board of Heineken NV.

"We welcome Nitin back to HUL as the non-executive chairman. He brings in huge knowledge and experience which will enrich the deliberations and add value to the Board." Mehta said.

HUL splits (Mumbai: Hindustan Unilever (HUL) on Thursday announced separation of the post of chairman of the board and the MD-CEO. Nitin Paranjpe, currently chief op-

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India's tightrope walk between the West and Russia

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

AMID THE Russian attack on Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed for an "immediate cessation of violence" in his phone call to Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday and called for concerted efforts from all sides to return to the path of diplomatic negotiations and dialogue.

He expressed his "long-standing conviction that the differences between Russia and the NATO group can only be resolved through honest and sincere dialogue", the PMO said.

This was a fine balancing act as it called for "immediate cessation of violence" - something the Western bloc would appreciate.

India is in a diplomatic dilemma with key strategic partners on both sides. Modi held a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security on Thursday to take stock of the situation.

Earlier in the day, India expressed "regret" - an upgrade from expressing "concern", but stopped short of condemnation of Russia's attack on Ukraine. External Affairs minister S Jaishankar got calls from the European Union's High Representative on Foreign Affairs and

Security Policy Josep Borrell and British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss. The ambassadors of the G7 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, and US) and Ukraine met in Delhi to express solidarity on what they called "Russia's unjustifiable military aggression".

With pressure piling from the western bloc, led by the US, this is a test for New Delhi to make a strategic choice - principles and values on one side, and pragmatism and interests on the other side.

Statement at UNSC

India's statement at the UN Security Council, made in an emergency meeting, said, "The Security Council had met two days ago and discussed the situation. We had called for urgent de-escalation of tensions and emphasized on sustained and focused diplomacy to address all issues concerning the situation."

At the meeting, India's Permanent Representative at the UN T S Tirumurti said, "However, we note with regret, that the calls of the international community to give time to the recent initiatives undertaken by parties to diffuse tensions were not heeded to. The situation is in danger of spiralling into a major crisis. We express our deep concern

over the developments, which if not handled carefully, may well undermine the peace and security of the region." He called for "immediate de-escalation and refraining from any further action that could contribute to a worsening of the situation".

The rest of his statement was about advocating diplomacy. The West views this as condoning Russia's actions and as double standards given that India raises the issue of "territorial integrity and sovereignty" when it comes to China.

Earlier this week, India had not condemned Russia's statement of recognition of the separatist regions of Donetsk and Luhansk.

Partners on both sides

While there is concern about Russia's "muscle-flexing", New Delhi does not want to jeopardise the close military ties with Moscow. Although India has diversified its new purchases from other countries, almost 60-70% of its military supplies are from Russia.

India has a historical relationship with Russia, spanning seven decades. While the relationship has stagnated in some areas and atrophied in others, its strongest pillar is of the defence basket.



Visitors outside Ukraine's Embassy in New Delhi on Thursday. An estimated **16.000 Indians are still in Ukraine.** *PTI*

In fact, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has held informal summits with only leaders of two countries - Putin and China's Xi.

India can't afford to alienate Russia particularly when Indian and Chinese troops remain in a border stand-off. Russia has emerged as a key diplomatic player amid the tension. India's External Affairs and Defence ministers have met their Chinese counterparts in Russia in the last year and half. Russia is also key to India's engagements in Afghanistan.

India's ties with the West, led by the US, are crucial as well. Many American platforms have been used for reconnaissance and surveillance along the India-China border. Winter clothing for 50,000 troops has been sourced from these western strategic partners.

Russia-China axis

India is worried about the Russia-China axis too. Its purchase of the S-400 air defence system from Russia is aimed at preventing attacks from China and Pakistan.

India is also conscious that the hostility between the West and Russia is likely to push Moscow further in the direction of Beijing. The West's approach towards Russia after

the annexation of Crimea in 2014 brought

Moscow closer to Beijing, and India has always felt it was the West that led to this. The Sino-Russian quasi-alliance has been possible due to anti-Chinese rhetoric from Washington, collapse of oil prices, and Russia's growing dependence on Chinese consumption.

Russia has been calibrated in its statements on issues China is sensitive to, such as Huawei's 5G rollout, Hong Kong and Covid-19. Beijing and Moscow, however, do not always see eve to eye with each other. China does not recognise Crimea as part of Russia, and Moscow, formally speaking, takes a neutral stance on Beijing's claims in the South China Sea.

Indians in Ukraine

Another concern for New Delhi is the Indian community in Ukraine, mostly medical students. The Indian Embassy in Kyiv has stated collating information on the students, as part of preparations for any hostilities. As per government estimates, about 16,000 Indian nationals are still in Ukraine – only about 4,000 students have been able to leave in the last few weeks. The government is trying to help many of them leave through land borders in neighbouring countries - Poland, Romania, Hungary and Slovak Republic.



TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE





ON FEBRUARY 22 New cases Active cases Deaths positivity

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY Economy in time of war

Inflation is expected to increase, and markets will likely remain volatile in the near term. But India's medium- to long-term economic prospects are not altered, and investors should not sell in panic, say experts



NEWS OF Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Thursday morning triggered panic among investors everywhere. The Sensex at the BSE fell 2,702 points or 4.7% to close at a sixmonth low of 54,529.

While markets will likely remain volatile in the near term in line with geopolitical developments, experts feel that since India is not party to this external event and is not impacted directly, its medium- to long-term economic prospects are not altered - and investors should not sell in panic. However, there are some concerns.

Inflation risks

Brent crude shot past the \$100 per barrel mark for the first time in eight years on concerns over supply. Russia is the world's second largest oil producer. Rising oil prices could speed up already rising inflation. India imports more than 80% of its oil requirement, but the share of oil imports in its total imports is around 25%. Rising oil prices will also impact the current account deficit, which is the difference between the values of goods and services imported and exported. While increases in domestic fuel prices have been put on hold as five states vote in Assembly elections, the recent surge in global crude could intensify the pressure on the stateowned oil retailers. Calibrating price hikes is now more complex, given the cascading inflation impact that could follow the increase. Also, sanctions on Russia by the West could impact its trade with the world - and result in a rise in the prices of other commodities and products, including wheat, edible oil, and metals. India imports most of its requirement of sunflower oil from Ukraine, and the two countries now at war are also two of the world's biggest producers of wheat.







concerns will not impact long-term fundamentals and prospects of businesses, and investors should take the fall in markets as an opportunity to invest in mutual funds and high-quality blue chip companies.

Equity investors

While markets may remain volatile, retail investors should look at the DII investment pattern, investment advisors say. If DIIs are investing amid the sharp fall in markets, retail investors too should not panic - and should increase their investments if they are underweight in equities.

On Thursday, while the Sensex fell 4.7%, mid and small cap indices at the BSE fell 5.5% and 5.8% respectively. In times of volatility, investors should avoid venturing into small cap stocks, and should invest through flexi cap and multi cap funds, as they invest across market capitalisations and would generate superior returns when the market recovers.

Investors must also remember that while early in the pandemic, the Sensex fell 14,300 points or 35% in the one-month period between February 25 and March 23, 2020, it rose to new highs over the following one year.

With the fundamentals strong and concerns restricted mostly to external factors, experts say the markets will likely bounce back once the situation eases. However, investors should not take unnecessary risks.

Kerala	5,023	48,152	188	10.84%
Maharashtra	1,151	11,604	23	1.51%
Mizoram	964	8,736	2	0.05%
Rajasthan	769	6,767	3	3.03%
Madhya Pradesh	690	5,629	2	1.34%

CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 10 DAYS





Economic recovery

The rise in crude prices poses inflationary,

fiscal, and external sector risks. Oil-related products have a share of over 9% in the WPI basket — and according to Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda, a 10% increase in crude would lead to an increase of around 0.9% in WPI inflation. A larger oil import bill will impact India's external position; it is also likely to increase subsidies on LPG and kerosene, pushing up the overall subsidy bill.

Some experts, however, argue that India's economic fundamentals remain strong, and the war will not have a significant impact on the economy. There is a view that with the third wave of Covid close to its end and most restrictions having been withdrawn, there will be an uptick in consumption and domestic growth, quickening the pace of recovery.

FPI sentiment, rupee

Foreign portfolio investors have been selling their holdings in Indian equities over the last four months after the US Federal Reserve announced an increase in the pace of withdrawal of stimulus followed by a hike in interest rates beginning March 2022. Investors started pulling out funds from emerging economies to park them in US treasuries and benefit from the expected rise in bond yields.

Geopolitical concerns have intensified the outflow of funds over the last two months. Out of the total FPI pullout of Rs 82,745 crore beginning November 2021, Rs 57,774 crore was withdrawn between January and February 2022. This outflow is likely to continue over the coming days. On Thursday, FPIs pulled out a net of Rs 6,448 crore from Indian equities, leading to the fall in the markets.

DII behaviour

As FPIs pulled out on Thursday, domestic institutions emerged as net investors. According to provisional data released by the stock exchanges, DIIs invested a net of Rs 7,667 crore on Thursday, which is more than what the FPIs pulled out. Over the last two months, DIIs have invested a net of Rs 55,551 crore in equities.

Experts say that the current geopolitical

Gold outlook

In times of uncertainty and inflation, gold emerges as the asset class of choice for investors. It is important to note that at a time when equities have been falling, gold has risen sharply. The price of 10 g of gold in Delhi has risen 8.7% from Rs 47,507 on January 31 to 51,627 on Thursday. Prices jumped 3.3 per cent on Thursday.

A report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services said gold prices are likely to rise further from current levels, as investors will move towards the safe haven following inflation-related concerns on higher crude prices and geopolitical tensions. "If the current situation further escalates, investors will cling on to safe haven asset or sit on cash, i.e. dollar. Along with geopolitical tensions, rising inflationary concerns has also been supporting precious metal prices on lower levels, hence supporting our view of buying on dips," the report said.

INDIA'S PROSPECTS DON'T CHANGE, **OPPORTUNITY FOR SMART INVESTORS**



there is a knee-jerk reaction in the market - we have seen that in the past during the Gulf war, Iraq war, etc. Last SHAH week, everyone

was comforted by the news that the Russians were retreating, and so the markets were not prepared. Hence, when this morning's situation unfolded, there was panic.

The near-term concern is the spike in oil prices and inflation, although I am not too worried. I see the outflow of foreign portfolio investors as a medium-term concern. They have been selling heavily over the last couple of months, and while that did put pressure on the rupee and the stock mar-

WHENEVER THERE kets, it was absorbed well by the markets. I do not think the current geopolitical is a war situation. event changes India's prospects in the long term. Nothing changes fundamentally. India is not caught in the crossfire, and it has not taken sides.

Exports are strong, IT services exports are more than oil imports, and even the economic cycle is turning. The quadruple balance sheet - government, RBI, banks and corporates - is strong now, and there is a push for infrastructure spending.

I would say that the markets may remain volatile in the near term on account of geopolitical concerns – but my sense is that over the coming weeks, smart investors will use the decline in the markets as an opportunity to invest in good companies.

Rashesh Shah is chairman and CEO of the Edelweiss Group

KEY IMPACT ON ENERGY PRICES; MUST FOLLOW ASSET ALLOCATION BASICS

higher energy prices.

India imports 4 mil-

lion barrels of oil per

day, and if oil prices

go up by \$10 per bar-

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– Experts Explain —

NILESH SHAH

day. Inflation remains a concern and it will also impact our current account deficit – and that will lead to further depreciation of the rupee. It will also result in a higher fiscal deficit due to the inability to pass on the increase in the oil subsidy burden due to the rise in oil prices.

Indian markets, which delivered higher returns in comparison to all other markets, have been witnessing profit booking by foreign portfolio investors, and they have pulled nearly Rs 1 lakh crore

THE KEY impact of over the last five months. this war for India is

Following the correction, if the Indian markets were earlier trading at a premium over their historical valuations, they are now trading near their historical valuations. But no one knows where the bottom is - it will all depend on how the war unfolds, and when it ends. Hence, investors need to follow the basics of asset allocation. If the correction comes, they can look to slowly increase their allocation to equities, and be long-term investors.

One aspect that investors can take comfort in is the fact that over the last few years the capacity of the economy to sustain at higher levels of crude oil prices has gone up. Also, corporate profitability is good, and companies are deleveraged; that should help the markets going forward.

(Nilesh Shah is MD, Kotak Mahindra AMC)





VOICES FROM

'At least there are catacombs

Slovvansk: After a few hours of quiet, with only the crowing of roosters to

be heard, residents cau-

tiously began leaving

their homes. Irina

Shevtsova, 32, said she

was gathering her two

children and fleeing to a

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she was staying put, believ-

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"Compared with those.

our tiny little town won't

give them much." NYT

'It's scary,

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Lilya Solyak, who

nearby monastery.

UKRAINE

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US soldiers at an airbase near Arlamow, Poland. Reuters

POLAND **US**troops prepare for refugees' arrival

US ARMY troops are preparing to move closer to Poland's border with Ukraine to help process people fleeing the country after Russia launched an all-out assault, an Army spokesman said on Thursday. Many of the 5,500 troops who arrived in Poland this month have been working with Polish forces to set up three processing centres near the border to help deal with tens of thousands of people, including Americans, who are expected to flee neighbouring Ukraine. Until Thursday, officials had seen barely a trickle of people come through the sites. But the flow is expected to grow as the conflict intensifies and expands. NYT

LITHUANIA

Emergency declared after Russian move LITHUANIA'S PRESIDENT

declared a state of emergency on Thursday, telling the NATO country's army to deploy along its borders in response to "possible disturbances and provocations due to large military forces massed in Russia and Belarus". The state of emergency, declared hours after Russian forces invaded Ukraine, will be valid for two weeks. Parliament will meet later on Thursday to vote whether to confirm or cancel President Gitanas Nauseda decision.

UKRAINIAN FORCES IN 'ALL-OUT DEFENCE MODE' Dozens of soldiers killed as Russian troops advance, Ukraine fights back

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UKRAINIAN FORCES were in "allout defence mode" on Thursday to repel a multipronged Russian assault by land, sea and air. The Ukrainian military claimed to have shot down several Russian military aircraft, and civilians lined up at recruitment offices to take up arms against President Vladimir Putin's forces.

More than 40 Ukrainian soldiers were killed and dozens were wounded in fighting on Thursday morning, said Oleksiy Arestovich, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine.

The country's foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, said that Ukraine was facing "a full-scale attack from multiple directions" but that it "continues to defend itself" from the Russian advance. Initial reports of the fighting

suggested that Russian forces had crossed into Ukraine at multiple points, with helicopterborne troops flying in under the cover of machine-gun fire, naval units coming ashore in the southern port city of Odessa and military vehicles crossing from Crimea, the peninsula that Russia

seized in 2014. Ukrainian forces said they had shot down several Russian fighters and a helicopter in an increasingly intense battle to maintain control over key cities, a senior Ukrainian military official said. Ukrainian troops had also repelled Russian advances on two major cities: Chernihiv in the north, near the Belarus border, and Kharkiv in the northeast,

close to Russia, the official said. In videos posted to social media. Russian military vehicles were seen on the outskirts of Kharkiv, the second largest city, where troops had set up checkpoints on a main road.



Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses the nation on Thursday. AP

A WAR BEGINS

4:52 AM: Ukraine hit by cyberattacks, destructive malware

8:30 AM: Putin says Russia will conduct a military operation in eastern Ukraine

9:47 AM: Explosions heard in Ukrainian cities of Odesa, Kharkiv

10:29 AM: Russian military says it has targeted Ukrainian air bases and other military assets

3:21 PM: Ukraine's president says country has cut diplomatic ties with Russia

3:32 PM: Adviser to Ukraine's president says about 40 people killed so far

The Ukrainian army is badly outgunned by Russian forces, but in one indication that it was mounting a resistance, two Russian armored personnel carriers were seen damaged in the eastern Ukrainian town of Shchastya early Thursday.



10:34 AM: Ukraine president declares martial law



Traffic jams amid a scramble to leave Kyiv on Thursday. AP

Residents scramble to flee Kyiv

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A MASS migration appeared to be underway in Kyiv on Thursday as people fled the Ukrainian capital for parts of the country they thought might be safer after a Russian military assault began.

Lines formed at ATM machines, and frantic shoppers emptied grocery store shelves in a number of areas. Some hauled shopping bags, suitcases, cat car-

bus headed for the city of Lviv.

A river of red taillights stretched for miles along the road that leads west to Lviv, and eventually, Poland. Kyiv has imposed a 10 pm curfew.

Roman Timofeyev, who was standing with four friends in Kyiv's main bus station and trying to get on a bus, said he was trying to reach Lviv and then Poland. At first, he said, he didn't think he would leave, but then "it was too unexpected to hear the explosions near the houses, so we are afraid."

His friend, Nastya Oleinik, said, "We didn't sleep all night." He and his friends planned to go to Turkey for a few weeks to wait out whatever might happen.

night with no idea that, by the time she woke, her country would be transformed. But now she thinks she knows what will happen. "The women will go to Poland, and the men will fight," she said. For now, she said, she was going to a small village outside Lviv. But first, she

Lviv: Christina Kornienko

went to bed Wednesday

wanted to get her valuables from a security box at a bank near the city council, which was festooned with the blue and gold of Ukraine's flag.

"They sent us a message and said come collect all vour valuable today, tomorrow we will be closed," she said. So she joined those people waiting in lines at grocery stores, pharmacies and other shops that sold essential products. "It is scary, right?" she said. NYT

major Russian target

NATO set to strengthen eastern flank Why Kharkiv is a

ROBIN EMMOTT



Peace on our continent has been shattered...

riers and dogs and children in tow, as they poured into Kyiv's main bus station, overflowed onto its sidewalks and surrounded open bus doors to push against drivers trying to control the flow of the crowds.

"Let's do this without chaos. Calm down!" urged one driver standing in front of a large white

right?

TURKEY

Ukraine seeks closureof Dardanelles, **Bosporus straits**

REUTERS

UKRAINE'S AMBASSADOR to Ankara called for Turkey to close its airspace and to forbid passage through the Bosporus and Dardanelles straits to warships. The straits are the only way for ships to transit from the Black Sea. where Russia maintains a naval fleet, to the Mediterranean. In a live televised news conference from the Ukrainian embassy in Ankara, Ambassador Vasyl Bodnar said Ukraine had made a request to the Turkish government. He also called for Turkish support for sanctions on Russia. NYT

NATO ON Thursday ordered its military commanders to intensify preparations to defend allied territory after Russia invaded Ukraine, putting hundreds of warplanes and ships on alert and agreeing to increase troop numbers on its eastern flank.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said he had convened a virtual emergency summit of the alliance's 30 nations for Friday, which is set to include US President Joe Biden, and they would be joined by the leaders of Sweden, Finland and European Union institutions.

Russian forces invaded Ukraine by land, air and sea on Thursday, confirming the worst fears of the West with the biggest attack by one state against another in Europe since World War Two.

"Peace on our continent has been shattered," Stoltenberg told a news conference. "Russia is using force to try to rewrite history, and deny Ukraine its free and independent path."

At the crash site of the Ukrainian Armed Forces' Antonov aircraft, which, according to authorities, was shot down in the Kyiv region. Rueters

The activation of NATO's innocent lives at risk with air and 'graduated response plans" is a missile attacks." rare step that Stoltenberg said Ukraine is not a member of underscored the gravity of a "fullthe alliance and Stoltenberg said

fledged invasion" of Ukraine, givthere were no NATO troops in the country. "What we do is deing allied commanders greater fensive," he said. "This is a deliberate, cold-

But NATO is now set to step up its plans to deploy capabilities and forces, including the high combat-readiness NATO Response Force, to eastern Russia is using force to try to rewrite history, and deny Ukraine its free and independent path."

JENS STOLTENBERG NATO SECRETARY-GENERAL

European countries.

NATO is also planning to create combat units in Romania and Bulgaria, and possibly Hungary and Slovakia - similar to those already set up in the Baltic states and Poland. Russia's invasion of Ukraine

appeared to galvanise support for such a step in Slovakia, with the Slovak government saying any new battlegroup plans would include Slovakia.

"The unit will be made from countries that are geographically close to us. It will be about several hundred soldiers which will come with equipment that we don't have and which will significantly increase our ability to defend our country," Slovak Defence Minister Iaroslav Nad said. REUTERS

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KHARKIV, UKRAINE'S secondlargest city and a major target of Russia's invading forces, has a special place in the Kremlin's version of history, which portravs it as the place that demonstrates the folly of Ukraine trying to live apart from Russia.

Russian troops poured across the border just 20 miles from the city early Thursday with residents reporting loud explosions, apparently caused by artillery shells or missiles landing on the outskirts of town.

Closer to Russia than any other large Ukrainian city. Kharkiv has long loomed large in President Vladimir Putin's view that Ukraine is no more than an appendage of Russia unjustly snatched away by the machinations of foreigners and misguided Ukrainian nationalists.

When protesters in Kyiv toppled Ukraine's pro-Russian president, Viktor Yanukovych, in 2014, Kharkiv became the focus

RUSSIA 'It's panic' Slovyansk: There were runs on banks, runs on

Kharkiv UKRAINE

of a Russian-orchestrated effort to rally opposition to the new government in Kviv and restore Yanukovych to power. The ousted president fled to Kharkiv, where the mayor at the time, Hennadiy Kernes, hosted a congress of pro-Russia politicians and officials from largely Russian-speaking regions in the east and southeast of Ukraine.

That effort quickly fizzled but generated many of the propaganda tropes now being deployed by the Kremlin: claims that Ukraine has been taken over by neo-Nazis; that Ukraine's Russian speakers are in mortal danger: that Ukraine exists as a country only as result of foreign meddling.

gas stations, and some people were just running Thursday, as panic set in here in eastern Ukraine, just a few dozen miles from where Russian troops were reportedly engaged in a fierce firefight with the Ukrainian military.

"It's panic, don't you see?" said Yevheni Balai, pointing to a line of anxious Ukrainians standing outside a closed bank, desperate to take out cash.

'They've gotten exactly what they wanted, the ones on the other side, panic and destabilization," Mr. Balai said, refusing to mention the word Russia or the name of President Vladimir V. Putin, whom he referred to as "that person." NYT

against cities, residents in Kyiv,

the capital, were waiting in line

for up to an hour to buy fuel for their cars. The city's main airport

was bombed and its major roads

were jammed with traffic as

'THINGS ARE GOING TO BE VERY, VERY UNCERTAIN' Many Russians feel deep unease over war

ANTON TROIANOVSKI MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 24

WAITING FOR her friends on Moscow's primly landscaped Boulevard Ring earlier this week. Svetlana Kozakova admitted that she'd had a sleepless night. She kept checking the news on her phone after President Vladimir Putin's aggrieved speech to the nation on Monday that all but threatened Ukraine with war.

"Things are going to be very, very uncertain," she said, "and, most likely, very sad.'

Pollsters said that most Russians probably supported Putin's formal recognition of the Russian-backed territories in



At an anti-war protest in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Reuters

eastern Ukraine this week, especially because they had no choice in the matter and because no significant political force inside the country has advocated against it.

War is a different matter altogether, though; in recent days,

Russia has not seen any of the jubilation that accompanied the annexation of Crimea in 2014.

scope for decision-making.

blooded and long-planned inva-

sion," Stoltenberg said. "Russia's

unjustified, unprovoked attack

on Ukraine is putting countless

Going to war is one of Russians' greatest fears, according to the Levada Centre, an independent pollster.

For many Russians, a war and the possibility of another downward spiral in relations with the West could mean losing what freedom and opportunity they feel remains in Russia.

And yet there is desperately little that Russians can do to change their country's trajectory. That became even clearer after Monday's Security Council meeting at which Putin at times browbeat and humiliated his most senior officials into telling him he should recognise Ukrainian separatist territories. The central message of this extraordinary spectacle of fealty, which was aired on TV, appeared to be that it was Putin alone who had the power to chart Russia's NYT course

MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ SLOVYANSK, FEBRUARY 24

THE EXPLOSIONS began before dawn. Loud booms of artillery in the distance, shaking a region that knows conflict and death all too well. Then came an eerie silence, pierced by the crowing of roosters, as people blinkingly stepped out of their homes into the morning light.

Then came the outrage, and the panic.

In this small town in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region, not too far from where heavy fighting was underway on Thursday morning, people were making runs on the banks, runs on the gas stations, and some people were just running, trying to get west. For years, war between the Ukrainian military and Russia-



In Donetsk, blasts before dawn, then panic

At a shelter during Russian shelling in Mariupol, Ukraine. AP

backed separatists has been a rhythm of daily life. persistent conflict to which the rest of the world scarcely paid at-Russia was invading. tention. To a degree, rushing to get money and food after explosions has become part of the

Ukraine's Defence Minister Oleksiy Reznikov called on anyone looking to take up arms against Russian forces to immediately join the country's territorial defence units. All anyone needed to sign up was a Ukrainian passport, he said.

people tried to flee.

At a base in Slovyansk for Ukraine's National Guard, troops scrambled in all directions. Wives had come to say goodbye to soldiers, even as the soldiers admitted they did not know where they were being ordered to go.

"It's not good, I'll tell you," said As Ukrainian officials surveyed the country, with Russian one of the guardsman, who only attacks having been launched gave his first name, Yevheni. NYT



But this was different. Now



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WORLD REACTS

"Today in concert with our allies we will agree to a massive package of economic sanctions designed in time to hobble the Russian economy. Our mission is clear: diplomatically, politically, economically - and eventually, militarily – this hideous and barbaric venture of Vladimir Putin must end in failure"

BORIS JOHNSON, UK PM

"We will respond without weakness to this act of war, with calm, determination and unity. The events are a turning point in the history of Europe and our country will have deep and lasting consequences for our lives. In the military, economic and energy domains, we will be without weakness"

EMMANUEL MACRON, FRANCE PRESIDENT

"President Putin has chosen a premeditated war that will bring a catastrophic loss of life and human suffering. **Russia alone is** responsible for the death and destruction this attack will bring, and the US and its allies and partners will respond in a united and decisive way. The world will hold Russia accountable' THE WHITE HOUSE

"The war with Ukraine has been unleashed to cover up the robbery of **Russian citizens and** divert their attention away from the country's internal problems, from the degradation of its economy"

ALEKSEI A. NAVALNY, RUSSIAN OPPOSITION POLITICIAN



G7 leaders take part in a video call on Thursday. AP

military of US semiconductors bank around the globe, or and other high-tech products. Russia's energy sector.

China offers subtle nod

Biden announced the sanctions as Ukraine's government reported mounting casualties as Russian forces attack from the east. north and south. In Britain, Prime Minister

Russian banks and plans to bar Russian companies and the Kremlin from raising money on British markets.

Britain will also ban the export to Russia of a wide range of

Boris Johnson announced a

freeze on the assets of all large

Putin 'chose' war: US, Europe move

to slap new sanctions on Russia

high-tech products, including semiconductors, and prohibit the nation's flagship airline, Aeroflot, from landing at British airports.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen called the invasion a "barbaric" attack on an independent nation that threatened "the stability in Europe and the whole of the international peace order." The European Union scheduled an emergency summit in Brussels to consider sanctions.

propose "massive and targeted sanctions" that would block the country's access to key technolofreeze Russian assets in Europe. "We want to cut off Russia's in-

perately needed today to build the future," von der Leyen said. In the days before the attack,

Germany suspended approval of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia, and the EU imposed sanctions against hundreds of Russian lawmakers and other officials and institutions from the defense and banking worlds. Canada imposed sanctions

that will target 58 people and en-

tities, including members of Russia's elite and their families, the paramilitary Wagner Group and major Russian banks. The punitive measures, announced

after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attended a virtual meeting of G-7 industrialized nations, will also affect members of the Russian Security Council, including key cabinet ministers.

Separately, the UN is expected to vote Friday on a resolution condemning Russia and demanding the immediate withdrawal of all its forces. But Moscow is certain to veto the measure.

Western powers were in lockstep on the crisis. Even Hungary, an often recalcitrant member of the EU, promptly condemned the attack, raising hopes that the 27 states would quickly achieve the required unanimity for the

Oil prices climbed by more than \$5 per barrel. Brent crude briefly jumped above \$100 per barrel in London for the first time since 2014 over fears of a disruption of supplies from Russia, the No. 3 producer.

It's a de-escalatory move, not aimed at occupation, says Russia envoy

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

RUSSIA'S MILITARY operation in Ukraine is a "de-escalatory move" as their army is stepping into targeting the civilians." Donetsk and Luhansk only to save the people of these regions and

lation. The escalation took place

in the last eight years. What the

Russian military has done is actu-

second stint in New Delhi,

The ordinary civilians in Ukraine

On the sanctions by the

On the safety of Indian stu-

Babushkin, who is serving his

The airports in Ukraine borderthat they have no intention of ocing Russia have been shut, he said. 'The Russian action fully corcupying the neighbouring nation, Russian envoy to India Roman responds with the international Babushkin said on Thursday.

law, including the principle of self-determination. Free expression and the will of the people are the highest forms of democracy. Same is the case with Crimean people."

Russian

envoy

Roman

Babushkin

"As far as the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity are concerned, let us not forget the unanimously adopted UN declaration on the principles of international law of 1970, which says that these principles should be strictly followed in respect of all states whose governments represent all peoples who live on their territories. Since 2014, it was clearly not the case with the authorities in Kiev," he said.

have nothing to worry about. We Their response to those in the West who groundlessly blamed Russia for violations of international law is that they did not have moral right to do so, he added.

'They are obviously the ones who seriously undermine the international order by using unilateral sanctions, interfering in domestic affairs, practising regime-change policies and supporting revolutions," the envoy alleged.

As Ukraine war heats up, cooking oil prices to rise That entire trade now stands dis-

HARISH DAMODARAN NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

based Solvent Extractors' THE RUSSIAN invasion of Ukraine Association of India, Ukraine's is going to have an impact not military has already suspended operations at its ports. only on global crude prices and

Global sunflower oil price

against \$1,500, \$1,455 and \$1,400

a week, month and year ago. "We

don't know where prices will go

Other oils, too, have moved up

in sympathy. Crude palm oil

But it isn't only sunflower.

from here," added Mehta.

rupted," said B.V. Mehta, execu-

tive director of the Mumbai-



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan in Moscow. AP

Imran meets Putin in Moscow

Moscow: President Vladimir Putin met Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan in the Kremlin on Thursday in his first face-to-face talks since the start of a special Russian military operation in eastern Ukraine and the two leaders discussed the main aspects of bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on current regional topics, including "devel-

opments in South Asia". Khan began his enga

warnings from the West.

During the meeting in the Kremlin, the leaders of the two countries "discussed the main aspects of bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on current regional topics, including developments in South

Asia," said a brief statement is-

hours after the Russian President ordered a special military operation in eastern Ukraine, ignoring last-minute appeals and

what Indians will pay for petrol.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying. Reuters

briefing to condemn Russia's ac-

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consequences of his action.

sanction oligarchs

ner circle, while also imposing

export controls that would aim

to starve Russia's industries and

Biden, for now, held off im-

posing some of the most severe

sanctions, including cutting

Russia out of the SWIFT payment

system, which allows for the

transfers of money from bank to

FEBRUARY 24

CHINA'S GOVERNMENT on Thursday offered a subtle nod in support of the Kremlin's interests in Ukraine, after earlier seeking to maintain a delicate bal-

forward with its attack. In a phone call on Thursday, Russia's foreign minister, Sergey V. Lavrov, told his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, that his country had been forced to take "necessary measures to protect its interests" after the US and NATO "broke their promises," according to a brief summary of the call

released by Chinese state media. Wang maintained his earlier position, reiterating China's respect for territorial integrity of all countries. But he also ac-



Ukraine and said he understood Russia's "legitimate" security

concerns. A spokeswoman for China's Foreign Ministry on Thursday also declined at a regular news tions, saying that the background of the issue was "very complicated." The spokes-



stepped a question about whether the attack was a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty. More than six hours after the attack began, the top article

on the website of the official People's Daily newspaper was about Inner Mongolia's new commercial policy. And the website of the official Xinhua news agency led with an article about an upcoming meeting of

China's rubber-stamp Parliament. China's reticent stance reflects the dilemma facing Beijing. On one hand, it has long enjoyed friendly relations with Ukraine and has held up the principle of noninterference in other countries' affairs. There are also concerns about further alienating

Von der Leyen said she would gies and financial markets and

dustry from the technologies des-

In an exclusive interview to Von der Leyen insisted all The Indian Express, hours after the Russian action invited condemnation from across the world. Babushkin, who is the charge d'affaires at the Russian embassy in New Delhi, said, "It's not an esca-

sanctions package.

ally a de-escalatory move." added, "These are targeted military operations. Neither cities nor civilians are being targeted.

Our hearts go out to the citizens of Ukraine, who got into this situation without any wrongdoing on their part"

NAFTALI BENNETT, ISRAEL PRIME MINISTER

"This is a grave breach of international law, and a serious threat to Euro-Atlantic security. NATO will do all it takes to protect and defend all allies."

JENS STOLTENBERG, NATO'S SECRETARY GENERAL

"If indeed an operation is being prepared. I have only one thing to say from the bottom of my heart: President Putin, stop your troops from attacking Ukraine. Give peace a chance. Too many people have already died'

ANTONIO GUTERRES, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

knowledged the "complex and woman, Hua Chunying, did not special historical context" of describe the attack as an "inva-

ready tense relationship with the United States.

the EU and aggravating an al-

in Moscow by laying a wreath at sued by the Russian President's 'Tomb of the Unknown Soldier' office - Kremlin

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'For us, Ukraine is same as Pakistan for India...'

ALEXEY KUPRIYANOV, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, spoke to NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN

What is the situation in Ukraine right now?

Nazification and demilitarisation

of Ukraine. But we do not know

yet how far this will go. It means

a change of leadership of Ukraine

that will be more friendly to

Russia. And the formal reason

was Ukraine's failure to fulfill its

obligations under the Minsk

Agreement over the past 7 years.

What does demilitarisation

In Russian political discourse,

and de-Nazification mean?

closed the last channel of peace in This morning President Ukraine, the pro-peace channel, so that's why Putin called this a Nazi Vladimir Putin announced the start of the operation against or a Nazi-supported regime. Ukrainian forces for the de-

The Ukrainian economy is highly militarised. Some Ukrainian politicians and military officials have been talking about the restoration of Ukraine as a military state. That is what Putin meant when he said demilitarisation and de-Nazification of Ukraine. Now Ukraine has an about 550,000army. And by de-Nazification he meant there will be a change of power - new elections in Ukraine.

And just a month and a half ago, he

the thesis about the happenings in What do Russians think about Ukraine in 2014 is that it was actu-



Putin's action?

It's not a full-scale invasion as vet. This is something like the Syrian campaign. And till now we see only air strikes, targeted air strikes - something like surgical strikes in the Indian sense.

Kupriyanov

When you carry out air strikes, you don't need any great public support – the US didn't need it in their campaign against Iraq. Modi did not need public support, did not take Parliament's support for surgical strikes. So until the [time the] scale is limited, the problem of public support is not an issue. Where do you see it all heading?

If it is full-scale sanctions, problems with SWIFT, problems

over our banks, it will be one thing. If these are softer sanctions, meant to find a resolution to the problem, it's different. The Russian economy is quite strong, we have low national debt, we have our own system, we don't have any great loans from the western market. What will happen further, I can't say now.

How do vou see China's response to what has happened? China is in a really uneasy position. It has problems with the

US and some other NATO countries. For China, support of the Russian position is inevitable. China is one of those that has benefited from the European crisis because after this, US and European countries will have to focus on the European situation and the US will not be able to change its focus to the Pacific. What is the Russian expecta-

tion of India? India has quite a rich and uneasy history about the restoraownership over some territories we remember Goa, Hyderabad, the Sikkim referendum, and so on. In all these cases Russia supported India. And so we understand the Indian position now – India is our old good friend, and at the same time we understand that India has no choice but to be close to the US. So we think as a whole India will continue its neutral line.

Does Putin want to re-integrate Ukraine into Russia?

I don't think so, because for us, in fact, it needs a political solution. The Ukrainian issue has to be decided by compromise, not by incorporation. I am sorry for this analogy, but for us. Ukraine is the same as Pakistan for India. And so we are going to have our peaceful Pakistan, and pro-Indian Pakistan on our border.

FULL INTERVIEW ON 50,000 tonne vessels from Black www.indianexpress.com Sea ports in Ukraine and Russia.

have been rising even before the diesel and LPG cylinders once declaration of war by Russia. On elections in Uttar Pradesh con-Wednesday, the landed price of clude on March 7, it will also affect prices of cooking oil -which imported crude sunflower oil in is likely to be more immediate. Mumbai (cost plus insurance and freight) was \$1,630 per tonne, India consumes around 2.5

million tonnes (MT) of sunflower oil annually. That makes it the fourth most consumed edible oil after palm (8-8.5 MT), soyabean (4.5 MT) and mustard/rapeseed (3 MT). But India hardly produces 50,000 tonnes of sunflower oil and imports the rest – much of it

from Ukraine and Russia. According to Commerce Ministry data, the country's sunflower oil imports totalled 2.5 MT in 2019-20 (April-March) and 2.2 MT in 2020-21, valued at \$1.89 billion and \$1.96 billion, respectively. Out of the total imports, Ukraine accounted for 1.93 MT (worth \$1.47 billion) in 2019-20 and 1.74 MT(\$1.6 billion) in 2020-21, with Russia's corresponding share at 0.38 MT (\$287 million) and 0.28 MT(\$235.89 million). Some quan-

tities were also imported from

Argentina: 0.17 MT in 2019-20 and

tonnes every month in 20,000-

"We import about 200,000

0.14 MT in 2020-21.

and degummed soyabean oil imported into Mumbai were quoted at \$1,810 and \$1,777 per tonne, respectively, against their corresponding week-ago, month-ago and year-ago levels of \$1,545 and \$1,626, \$1,460 and \$1,472, and \$1,089 and \$1,126 per tonne.

Moreover, the upward price pressure could come from another source as well. As Brent crude prices have crossed \$100/barrel, it becomes that much more attractive to divert palm and sovabean oil for biodiesel production.

The positive side to all this, however, is that Indian farmers will realise good prices for their mustard crop due for harvesting from mid-March.

Police clash with protesters against US grant in Nepal

GOPAL SHARMA KATHMANDU, FEBRUARY 24

NEPAL'S PARLIAMENT postponed on Thursday debate on \$500 million in U.S. aid that critics say undermines sovereignty as protesters opposed to the proposed funds clashed with police outside the assembly, officials and witnesses said.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. government aid agency, agreed in 2017 to provide the aid in a grant to fund an electricity transmission line and road improvement project.

The aid does not need to be re-

paid and Washington says it comes without conditions.

But opponents, many wary of U.S. influence in the region, say the aid would undermine Nepal's laws and sovereignty, as it would not have sufficient oversight over the projects. Major political parties, including those in the ruling coalition, are divided over whether to accept U.S. grant, which has yet to

be ratified by parliament. "Thursday's session of parlia-

ment has been postponed for Friday afternoon at the government's request," parliament official Rojnath Pandey said. **REUTERS**

BLOCKADES IN CANADA END Trudeau revokes emergency powers

ROB GILLIES TORONTO, FEBRUARY 24

CANADIAN PRIME Minister Justin Trudeau announced Wednesday he is removing emergency powers police can use after authorities ended the blockades at the borders and the occupation in Ottawa by truckers and others opposed to Covid-19 restrictions.

Trudeau said the "threat continues" but the acute emergency that included entrenched occupations has ended. His government invoked the powers last week and lawmakers affirmed the powers late Monday.



A police officer mans a checkpoint near Parliament Hill. AP

"The situation is no longer an of the emergencies act," Trudeau said. "We are confident that existemergency, therefore the federal government will be ending the use ing laws and by laws are sufficient."

The emergencies act allows authorities to declare certain areas as no-go zones. It also allows police to freeze truckers' personal and corporate bank accounts and compel tow truck companies to haul away vehicles.

The trucker protest grew until it closed a handful of Canada-U.S. border posts and shut down key parts of the capital for more than three weeks. But all border blockades have now ended and the streets around the Canadian Parliament are quiet.

"We were very clear that the use of the emergencies act would be limited in time,' Trudeau said.

Pak tycoon's son gets death for killing diplomat's daughter

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, FEBRUARY 24

A PAKISTANI court on Thursday

sentenced to death the scion of a prominent industrialist family, the main accused in the highprofile murder case of Noor Mukadam, the daughter of a former Pakistani diplomat, who was killed last year after she refused to marry him.

The Sessions Court in Islamabad convicted Zahir Jaffer on the charges of premediated murder of Mukadam.

Mukadam, 27, was Jaffer's

she apparently refused to marry him. Noor's beheaded body was On the complaint of the vic-

premeditated murder, the website of Aaj TV, a Pakistani news channel reported. On Thursday, court announced the verdict he had reserved on Tuesday on the completion of the case, convicting Zahir under Section 302 of the Pakistani Penal Code. PTI



New Delhi



found at the residence of Jaffer on July 20, 2021. tim's father former ambassador Shaukat Mukadam, police registered an FIR against Jaffer and arrested him under the charges of

friend who was enraged when

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Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets 8 Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interes (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice(s) on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/date of receipt of the said notice(s).

The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice(s) is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned each against account.

The Borrower's /Guarantor/Mortagagor's attention is invited to provision of sub-setion (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of **Puniab National Bank** for the amount and interest there (Amount in Rs.)

Т	WIII	be subject to the charge of Pu	njab National i	Sank for the amount and interest thereon.			(Amount in Rs.)	
	Sr. No.	Name of the Account/Borrower /Branch	Owner of the property	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of Demand Notice	
	1.	M/s Abhiram Sharma & Sons Service Station, Prop Sri Ramashankar Sharma s/o Sri Abhiram Sharma, Guarantor: Sri Umesh Chandra Pathak s/o Sri Ramdev Pathak BRANCH: SUKHIYAWAN (174000) A/c No. 1740008700000113	Ramdev Pathak, R/o Moh.: Sidharth Colony, PS:	Description of Immovable Property:- All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land and building in the name of Sri Umesh Chandra Pathak s/o Sri Ramdev Pathak, R/o Moh.: Sidharth Colony, PS: Mufasil Gaya, located at Mauza Thana Mufasil Gaya, Thana No. 316, Khata No. 14, Plot No. 142(old) 2168(new), Ward No. 32/40 (52), Total Area 2001 sq.ft. vide Sale Deed No. 4683 dated 06.05.2009, Boundary :- North: Proposed 10 feet wide road, South: Ranger Sahib, East: Sangeeta Singh w/o Sanjeet Kumar, West: 12 ft. road.		18.02.2022	₹ 20,93,780.70 (Rupees Twenty Lac Ninety Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty & seventy paisa only) as on 31.03.2021 and interest thereon + other charges	
	Date : 24.02.2022 (Authorised Officer) Place : Patna Punjab National Bank							



NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 (the Act)

An application for grant of Category-'III' licence for inter-State Irading in electricity in whole of India has been made before the Commission by AEI New Energy Trading Private Limited, Block E-14 Floor, Units No. 1401 to 1421, International Trade Tower, Nehru Place, New Delhi 110 019.

- 2. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for grant of inter-State trading licence by AEI New Energy Trading Private Limited. before the Commission can be accessed at the website www.aeitrading.in or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
- 3. On consideration of the material available on record, the Commission is satisfied that prima facie the applicant qualifies for grant of licence for inter-State trading in electricity and by order dated 23.2.2022, the Commission has proposed to grant a Category-'III' licence to the applicant for inter-State trading in electricity in whole of India.
- . Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act to invite suggestions or objections, if any, to the proposal to grant licence for inter-State trading in electricity as aforesaid by the Commission to be received by the undersigned latest by 15.3.2022 at the above noted address. The objections or suggestions received after the specified date shall not be considered.
- 5. The Commission will fix the date for final disposal in due course and the person who files the suggestions or objections may in his discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission (Sanoj Kumar Jha) Secretary

www.sgpgi.ac.in Advt. No. I/56/ACAD/2021-22 Director (ENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN EGIONAL OFFICE SALAWALA, HATHIBARKALA, DEH Azadi _{Ka}

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Regional Office) Dehradun Admission Notice: 2022-2023

Online Registration for Admission to Class I in KendriyaVidyalayas for the Academic Year 2022-2023 will commence at 10:00 am on 28.02.2022 and will close at 7:00 pm on 21.03.2022. The Admission details are available in website https://kvsonlineadmission.kvs.gov.in and Android Mobile App. Minimum age for admission in Class-I will be 06 years as per NEP 2020

The official Android Mobile App for KVS Online Admission for Classfor the academic year 2022-2023 and instructions for downloading an installing the App will be available at https://kysonlineadmission kvs.gov.in/apps/ The app will be available at the above URL and also a the Google Play Store. Parents are requested to go through the instructions for using the portal and mobile app carefully before using

Registration for Class-II and above will be done from 08.04.2022 Friday) to 16.04.2022 (Saturday) upto 4:00 pm if vacancies exist (in offlir mode)

For Class XI, Registration forms may be downloaded from Vidyalaya Website as per the schedule for admission 2022-2023 available or KVS(HQ) Website (https://kvsangathan.nic.in)

Reckoning of age for all Classes shall be as on 31.03.2022 Reservation of seats will be as per KVS Admission Guideline available or he Website (https://kvsangathan.nic.in).

Under present situation of COVID -19, the directions issued by Competent Authority (Central/State/Local) are to be followed. Accordingly the parents are requested not to visit KendriyaVidyalayas physically tr avoid gathering. All information regarding Admission, Registration form ill be available on Vidyalaya/KVS (HQ) website under commo document for download.

For Class-II and above, kindly fill the Registration form, Scan it and end it to concerned KV through email only. Contact Principal/Admission In-charge only when called in the give

time slot. **Deputy Commissioner**



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME STATION HQ (ECHS CELL) AF STATION SARSAWA **EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**



I- ECHS invites applications to engage following staff on contractual basis in ECHS Polyclinic AF Station Sarsawa Saharanpur (UP) PIN-247232 for a period of one year for ESMs candidates and eleven months for civilians.

Appointment	Minimum Qualification	No. of Vacancy	Fixed Remuneration
Clerk	Graduate/class I clrerical Trade(Armed Force)	01	16,800/-

2. For Terms & Conditions, Application Form & Remuneration: Kindly see our website www.echs.gov.in for additional details, contact Stn HQ (ECHS Cell) AF Stn Sarsawa at Tele No. 01331-244067, Mobile no. 7409562737 and E-mail Id : oicechspolysarsawa@gmail.com . Also approach ECHS Polyclinic AF Stn Sarsawa. Preference will be given to ESM candidates.

3. Last date of receipt of Application as per format given at our website: Application as per requisite format alongwith self attested photocopies of testimonials in support of Educational Qualifications and Work Experiences to be submitted to OIC, Stn HQ (ECHS Cell) AF Stn Sarsawa by 1200 Hrs on 11 March 22. Any application received after 11 March 22 will not be accepted.

4. Interview Date, Timing & Venue: Interview will be held on 16 March22. Candidates must reach Stn HQ (ECHS Cell) at 0900 Hrs for interview to be held between 1000 Hrs to 1200 Hrs. Candidates must bring all the original certificates/mark sheets/degree/ Matric, 10+2 & Graduation/ Post Graduation / Diploma / Course, Work Experience, discharge book, PPO, service records and 02 PP Size colour photos at the time of interview. No TA/DA is admissible. Only candidates meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply.



State Bank of India

STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (SAMB), PATNA

5th Floor, Zonal Office Building, J.C. Road, Anta Ghat, Patna-800001

APPENDIX - IV - A [See Proviso to Rule 6(2)/8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable/Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2)/8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable/immovabl property hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the PHYSICAL POSSESSION of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 28.03.2022 (Monday). Other detials of the e-auction are as under:

SI. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13(2) under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
1.	Padmawati	on 30.09.2016 together with further interest from	Pvt. Ltd. situated at Rarhua, PO-Siris, PS-Barun, Distt Aurangabad (Bihar).	Sri Brij Mohan Julka, Mrs. Rajni Gupta, Sri Govind Gupta, Sri	30.11.2017	₹3,79,80,000/- ₹37,98,000/- ₹50,000/-
2.	M/s Raven Tracom Private Limited	31.08.2018 together with further/future interest from 01.09.2018 incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. less deposit/	Residential land and building vide Sale Deed No.4226 dated 20.04.1995, Khata No 218(New), Khesra No4854 (Old)/740(New), Thana No 411, Area-2½ decimal, Mauza- Kanhauli, P.S. Mithanpura,	Late Siya Ram Sharan Singh Saroj (Guarantor Since deceased).	13.09.2018	₹85,47,000/- ₹8,54,700/- ₹50,000/-

Muzaffarpur, Bihar and Sale Deed No.-4227 dated 20.04.1995, Khata No.-218(New), Khesra No.-4854(Old)/740(New), Thana No.-411, Area-31⁄2 Decimal, Mauza-Kanhauli, P.S. Mithanpura, Muzaffarpur, Bihar. Both Deed in the name of Late Siya Ram Sharan Singh Saroj (Guarantoi Since deceased)

E-auction Terms and Conditions

1. Date & Time of e-auction: 28.03.2022 (Monday); Time: From 12:30 pm to 02:30 P.M. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction". The intending Bidders/Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

3. The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet mus be completed well in advance, before the auction.

. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through RTGS/NEFT/Transfer after generation of Challar from (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. RTGS/NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques, etc will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. 5. MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help): 18001025026 or 011-41106131. SBI contact no. (for property related enquiry): 8986846609

6. The General Terms and Conditions of e-auction sale is available on the website: https://ibapi.in.

7. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitmen or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold will all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unkwon to the bank The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditior shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002.

This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 6(2)/8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service. The other terms and conditions of the e-Auction are published in the following website: https://ibapi.in.

Date : 22.02.2022	Authorised Officer
Place : Patna	State Bank of India, SAM Branch, Patna

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North Western Railway

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Office of the Executive Engineer **Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA** e-Procurement Notice Pre-Qualification Tender Notice (SBD)

Tender Reference No. DWSD/CLTR/SVS/CTR/37/2021-22 (2nd Call)

SI. No.	Particular			Deta	ils		
1	Name of Work	Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of 1540 Nos. FHT Kanhachatti Block of Chatra District comprising of suitable R.C.C/Frame Structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) & 05 Years Opera and Maintenance all complete job "On Turnkey Basis" under D.W. & S. Divis Chatra for the Year 2021-22 under (JJM)			rs Operation		
•	Group No.	No. of Panchayat	No. of FHTC	Estimated Cost (In Lac)	E.M Required (In Lac)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Time of Completion
	KNC/SVS/CLTR/05(A)	1	1540	453.45	4.53	10,000/-	09 Months
2	Date of Tender Uploading in Website		26.02.2022 at 5:00 PM				
3	Last date receipt of Bid		07.03.2022 upto 5:00 PM				
4	Last Date Submission Cost of BOQ and EMD (Hard Copy)		1. Executiv 2. Superint	upto 3:00 PM I e Engineer, D.V ending Engine Chief Enginee	N.&S. Division er, D.W&S. Cir	i, Chatra and cle, Hazarib	agh.
5	Date of Opening Tender		09.03.2022	at 12:30 PM			
6	Name & Address of Opening Of	ficer	Executive E CHATRA (J	Engineer, Drink harkhand)	ing Water & S	anitation Di	vision,
7	Name & Address of Tender Invit	ting Authority	Executive E CHATRA (J	Engineer, Drink harkhand)	ing Water & S	anitation Di	vision,
8	Contact No. of Procurement Off	fice	+91-880999	9672, +91-9931	972161 or 06	541-253273	
9	Helpline No. of e-Procurement (Cell	0651-24803	45			

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Executive Engineer PR 264702 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22)D D.W.&S. Division, CHATRA

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Office of The Executive Engineer.

Public Works Pune Electrical Division, Pune 1st Floor, New Central Building Annexe, Pune-411001 e-Mail ID: elpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in Tel. No. 020-26126258

e-Tender Notice No. 66 / 2021-2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Pune Electrical Division, Central Building annexe, 1st Floor, Pune (Phone No. 020-26126258) invites bids from Electrical contractors in whose class mentioned in B-2 (Item Rate) Tender format. Bids document can be downloaded from website www.mahatenders.gov.in Executive Engineer reserves all rights to accept or reject bids. Conditional Bids will not be accepted

NAME OF WORK : Est. No. 115305 of 2021-2022 Providing Fire Fighting System, Fire Detection System in Existing and Proposed New Building of Bhujal Bhavan at "GSDA, Shivajinagar, Pune.

APT AMOUNT : Rs. 10512808.00

1) Period of Sale Documents & Submission : Dt. 25/02/2022 @ 11.00 to Dt. 24/03/2022 @ 17.30

2) Pre-Bid Meeting : Dated 16/03/2022 @ 12.30.

By Video Conferencing held by Office of Superintending Engineer (Elecct), Pune Regional Circle, P.W.D. Date Bunglow, Government Milk Scheme Premises, Kirkee, Pune-411003. (Queries to be mail on elpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in Prior to before 09/03/2022 @ 17.00)

3) Date of Opening Bid : Dated 28/03/2022 @ 11.00 At Office of Superintending Engineer (Elecct), Pune Regional Circle, P.W.D. Date Bunglow, Government Milk Scheme Premises, Kirkee, Pune-411003.

The detailed Tender Notice can be is available on www.mahatenders.gov.in (Any changes in the NIT will be published on above website).

> Sd/-- Sambhaji Laxman Ghorpade, Executive Engineer

only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the vebsite regularly for updated information from time to time. Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website www.uprvunl.org. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Superintending Engineer (H.Q.)

पत्राक व7 / अधी०अभि०(मु०) / विज्ञापन / कैम्प–1(०६) / २२ दिनाक 22.02.2022 "Save Electricity Enhance National Productivity

Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi Before Debts Recovery Tri	ibunal-II, Delhi
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara	Building,
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SH. NIRAJ KUMAR & ORS. SH. Vanisha Gava	
To, Respondent Defendants To,	Respondent
1. Sh. Niraj Kumar S/o Sh. Manoj Kumar, Defendants	
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2nd Floor, Madhuban Preet Vihar, Delhi-92 Delhi-92, Also at: 331, Gro	
2. M/s Krishna Traders, E-5/738, Ground Vihar, Phase-I, Shiv Shanka	
Floor, Gali No. 5, Ganesh Nagar-II, Delhi-92 Nagar, Delhi-59, Also at: B	
Also at: 331, Ground Floor, Om Vihar, Madhuban Preet Vihar, Delhi	
Phase-I, Shiv Shankar Road, Uttam Nagar, 2. M/s Tanisha Traders P	
Delhi-59 Vanisha Gava D-15/674	
3. Smt. Vanisha Gava W/o Sh. Niraj No. 4, Ganesh Nagar-2,	
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Preet Vihar, Delhi-92 4 Smt Boong Davi (Guaranter) W/o Sh Floor, Om Vihar, Phase-I,	
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Due date & time for Specification No. and Description of works / Materials Tender Notice COAL (Ship) - 99 / dt.21.02.2022, Time Chartering of Two Self Trimming Panamax Gearless Vessels for 9months +3 months Choption +/- 1 month Choption, for transportation of coal. ITEM 1: One vessel with laydays from 20th to 30th April 2022 ITEM 2: Second vessel with laydays from 12th to 27th May 2022 For and on behalf of President of India 28.03.2022 Principal Chief Engineer, Head Quarters Up to 14.30 Hours Office, North Western Railway near Jawahar Circle, Jagatpura, Jaipur-302017 The tender Specification can be down loaded from the websites, www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app at free of cost. Tender will be opened through the NIC portal. (Rajasthan), invites e-tender on CHIEF ENGINEER/MECHANICAL/COAL www.ireps.gov.in website for following சாதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்." Tender No.: STMNWR2122-19 Description of stores: Supply of RAIL DRILLING MACHINE as per RDSO **IRCON INTERNATIONAL LTD.** specification No.TM/SM/3 Tender Value org, CIN - L452 Rs 11 46 776 80 Earnest Money: Rs NII e-Procurement Notice -Tender No. : IRCON/3017/SGHP/eTender/Works/VUPs/Stage-2/ET- 01 Date & Time of Tender Closing: Dated : 25 02 2022 22.03.2022 (15:30 hrs) Note : The details of tender & conditions may be seen on Railway

e-tender is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for "Execution of Vehicle Under Passes at Km 320.100 & Km 331.500 of 4-Laning of Shivpuri-Guna Section of NH-3 from Km 236.000 to Km 332.100 in the state of Madhya Pradesh (Stage-II)" Estimated Cost of Work Rs. 50.14 Crore (Including GST)

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Rs. 31.10 Lakh EMD Last Date and Time of e-Bid Submission 21.03.2022 (15.00 hrs.) For further details, visit website <u>https://etenders.gov.ln/eprocure/app</u>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website. **Chief General Manager/HW** C-4, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017, email- masood.ahmad@ircon.org

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MANESAR	CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT OF PARK IN NAWADA FATEHPUR VILLAGE IN MC MANESAR + 1 NOS. WORKS	23.02.2022 07.03.2022	98.40 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	8851125640
2.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MANESAR	PROVIDING AND FIXING OF OPEN GYM AND R.C.C BENCH OF VARIOUS VILLAGES IN MC MANESAR	23.02.2022 07.03.2022	23.07 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	8851125640

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1.	UHBVN	3 PHASE 11KV/433-250V, 16 KVA OIL IMMERSED, NATU- RALLY COOLED ALUMINIUM WOUND OUTDOOR TYPE ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEVEL-3 (NOW LEVEL-2) DISTRIB- UTION TRANSFORMERS AS PER NIGAM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION NO. CSC-II/R-VI/DVI/H/PB0/220-21	18.02.2022 21.03.2022	EMD 2 LACS	uhbvn.org.in	9467688888 cemm@uhbv org.in
2.	UHBVN	3 PHASE 11KV/433-250V, 20 KVA OIL IMMERSED, NATURALLY COOLED ALUMINIUM WOUND OUTDOOR TYPE DISTRIBU- TION TRANSFORMERS AS PER NIGAM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION NO. CSC-173/R-1/DH/UH/P&D/ 2020-21	23.02.2022 28.03.2022	EMD 2 LACS	uhbvn.org.in	946768888 cemm@uhbv org.in

	DEVELOPMENT C <u>e-Procuren</u> der Reference No JUIDCO	N INFRASTRUCTURE OMPANY LIMITED <u>nent Notice</u> 2970/2022/455 Date:- 24/02/2022	PAINTING WORK IN LHB COACHES AT DIBRUGARH WORKSHOP E-Tender Notice No.: DBWSINIET 09/2021-22 Dated: 22-02-2022 E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned
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4	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	25/02/2022 at 5:00 PM	www.ireps.gov.in. Chief Workshop Manager, Dibrugart
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8	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	e-Procurement Cell JUIDCO Ltd., 3rd floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi.	Divisional Railway Manager/Engg Chakradhapur acting For & On behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender
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For Easyaccess Financial

Services Limited

Sudarsan Kasturi

It may also be noted that a hearing has

been fixed for 25th day of May 2022

on which the Tribunal shall hear the

application. In case any creditor intends

to attend the hearing he should make a equest along with his objections, if any.

Place: Chennai Chief Financial Officer

as correct.

Date: 24.02.2022

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Modifacation/amendemnets/corrigenda, if any, shall also he made available on the aforementioned websites. The issuer advised to ed tendering reserves all rights to reject any or all proposal(s) without the right to assigning reason therefor.

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New Delhi

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RUSSIA INVADES UKRAINE

UEFA to move Champions League final out of Russia

The invasion of Ukraine has forced a rethink in many sports that were scheduled to take place in Russia in the coming months; evoking strong condemnation as well

UEFA in solidarity with Ukraine

RUSSIA WILL be stripped of hosting the Champions League final in St Petersburg after launching a wide-ranging attack on Ukraine according to UEFA. An extraordinary meeting of the UEFA executive committee will be held on Friday to discuss the geopolitical crisis and when officials are set to confirm taking the May 28 showpiece game out of Russia. UEFA did publicly rebuke Russia and said it was dealing with the situation with the utmost seriousness and urgency. "UEFA shares the international community's significant concern for the security situation developing in Europe and strongly condemns the ongoing Russian military invasion in Ukraine," the governing body said in a statement."We remain resolute in our solidarity with the football community in Ukraine and stand ready to extend our hand to the Ukrainian people."?Wembley and Spurs stadium and London Stadium of West Ham are options.

Energy giant sponsor dumped

As Russia's threats toward Ukraine had grown through the week, British government and fan groups had already called for the final not to be play in St Petersburg where the stadium is sponsored by Russian stateowned energy giant Gazprom. The company is also the main sponsor of Schalke but the German second-division club said on Thursday that the Gazprom logo was being removed from its jerseys. A senior Gazprom executive also quit the supervisory board of the Gelsenkirchenbased club after being a target of US sanctions. Matthias Warnig is CEO of the newly built but never operated Russia to Germany Nord Stream 2 pipeline which is a multi-billion dollar project of Gazprom and European companies.Critics said Schalke was used to popularize Gazprom in Germany as it pushed to construct the gas pipelines under the Baltic Sea which bypassed Ukraine. Gazprom has been a sponsor since 2006 and provided the cash that fueled a run to the Champions League semifinals in 2011. German newspaper Bild this week began covering the Gazprom logos on Schalke jerseys with Freedom for Ukraine to protest against Russia's deepening military intervention in Ukraine.UEFAs sponsorship by Gazprom is also under scrutiny.

IOC condemns breach of truce



Schalke removed the logo from jerseys

The International Olympic Committee said it strongly condemns the breach of the Olympic Truce by the Russian government which was intended to secure safe passage for athletes during the Games and in the long term promote the idea of working toward world peace. It runs until the end of the Paralympics which begin March 4. "This is a truly horrible situation and we are greatly concerned about our National Paralympic Committee and Para athletes from Ukraine," IPC President Andrew Parsons said. "Our top priority right now is the safety and wellbeing of the Ukrainian delegation with whom we are in regular dialogue." Russia has violated the Olympic Truce three times in 14 years fighting a war with Georgia over the disputed territory of South Ossetia during the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, and launching a military takeover that annexed the Crimean peninsula of Ukraine after the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics closed.

Hosting rights in doubt

Focus is turning to Russia hosting major sports events in the coming months. In basketball, Barcelona said its team would not fly to Russia for two games against Russian teams _ Zenit St Petersburg and CSKA Moscow _ on Friday and Sunday in the Euroleague. In rugby European organizers postponed Georgias match with Russia on Sunday in Tbilisi in the Rugby Europe Championship. The women's game between Spain and Russia on Saturday in Madrid was still on. The Ukrainian Premier League suspended football operations on Thursday. In a brief statement the league said the suspension was due to President Volodymyr Zelenskyys decision to impose martial law. It did not give any planned date to resume.

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India's top para-athlete worries for his second home, Kharkiv

Tokyo Paralympics bronze medallist Sharad Kumar fears for his longtime Ukrainian coach Nikitin and friends from University, at training base

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ON EARLY Thursday when explosions were reported in Ukraine's financial hub Kharkiv as Russia launched an invasion, high jump bronze medallist from the Tokyo Paralympics Sharad Kumar feared for his

One of the country's top-most Paralympians Sharad calls Kharkiv his second home. He trained with Nikitin for five years in Ukraine's second-largest city, studied business management at its top institute, learnt Russian, made friends and even experienced the tension of pro-Russian unrest in the region.

Nikitin and my training stint in Kharkiv. I used to train with Nikitin in Bangalore (in 2012) when he coached here. Once he left back home, I followed him to Ukraine (in 2017) because it is the 'high jump capital of the world'. Bohdan Bondarenko, the Rio Olympics bronze medalist, trained at the same school in Kharkiv, where I was coached," Sharad says after getting off a call

looking for safety in an underground bunker because he could hear the bombs. "I feel helpless. I am hoping the coach and his fam-

classmates in Kharkiv, many of them international students, are still stuck in their apartments.

ing off next to the apartment in Rybalka where I used to stay," Sharad said.

Kharkiv. All are crying on the phone saying 'we don't know what to do'. They are all stuck right now. They are from different parts of the world like Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan," Sharad said.

Sharad also struck friendships outside the Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute, where he had enrolled for an MBA course.

One of those who Sharad is trying to help get in touch with embassy officials in Ukraine is Aziz Mansoor Ali Amdawala, a quality control manager at a private firm.

When Amdawala moved to Kharkiv from



Tokyo Paralympics bronze medal winner in the high jump Sharad Kumar with coach Nikitin in Kharkiv, Ukraine, before the 2020 Para Games. Express

Vasai in Mumbai a couple of months ago, he didn't imagine his world would go upside down so fast.

"The building I am staying in is vibrating because of the shocks of explosions kilometres away. I woke up this morning to a loud blast and was afraid that our building could be hit. There has been tension in the region but none of us staying in Kharkiv expected it to turn into a war overnight," Amdawala said.

The first thing he did on Thursday morning was to buy some essentials from a store that was open. "As of now power and water supply are unaffected. There is food and water. Only if the sound of explosions could stop. Some Indian students I know called me to say that we should move out of Kharkiv. I told them to stay put because we don't know how it is outside Kharkiv. I don't know when I can get on a flight back home," he said.

Knowing that a top Paralympian in India is trying to help him move to a safer place is the only reason Amdawala is sane.

Sharad's masters in political science, with specialisation in international relations from INU in New Delhi, and his stay in Kharkiv helps him understand what is happening on the ground in the Russian-Ukraine crisis. He found time to attend Russian language classes at the Kharkiv Polytechnic institute

when completing his business management course. Sharad can understand Russian and can string together words to make basic conversation.

"During my time in Kharkiv, I felt a number of people were for shared Russian culture and wanted close relations with Russia. Ukraine is like a buffer zone between the East and the West in the modern era. Kharkiv is like a traditional capital. Every winter there was tension in Kharkiv with protests between those who were pro-Russia and others who were not and stand-off near the border," Sharad said.

The 29-year-old from Patna has manv takeaways from Kharkiv. "I used to train at the Htz School. If you want world-class facilities you have to go to the United States. But in Kharkiv it is the old Soviet Union approach of there being a method to the training," Sharad said.

He used to train at an indoor facility at the school from 10 am to about 1:30 pm, then go to the Polytechnic Institute to study. "It was so cold. Most of the time you had energy only to train, rest and recover. But I managed to study too and make friends. I won medals for the country because I was able to train in Ukraine. Hope normalcy returns soon and my coach and friends are safe.

Fl's Vettel won't race in Russia after their attack on Ukraine

ASSOCIATED PRESS BARCELONA, FEBRUARY 24



FOUR-TIME Formula One champion Sebastian Vettel says he will not race in the Russian Grand Prix in September af-

Russia ter launched a wideranging attack on Ukraine earlier Thursday. hitting cities and bases with airstrikes or shelling.

After President Vladimir Putin defiantly announced he was launching a military operation Ukraines government said Russian tanks and troops rolled across the border. "I woke up to this mornings to news shocked. I think it's horrible to see what is happening. Obviously if you look at the calendar we have a race scheduled in Russia on Sept 25," Vettel said Thursday at preseason testing in Barcelona. "My own opinion is I should not go. I will not go," he said. "I think it's wrong to race in the country. I'm sorry for the innocent people that are losing their lives, that are getting killed for stupid reasons and a very strange and mad leadership.'

The 34-year-old German is head of the Grand Prix Drivers Association, but says they have not yet discussed the matter. "I'm sure it's something we'll talk about," the Aston Martin driver said. "But personally I'm shocked and sad to see what's going on so we will see going forward but I think my decision is already made." World champion Max Verstappen agreed with Vettel but stopped short of saying he'd pull out.

"I think when a country is at war it's not correct to race there, that's for sure,' Verstappen said. "But its not only what I think it's the whole paddock that is going to decide what we are going to do next."

Two-time F1 champion Fernando Alonso said, "We can make our own decisions for sure but eventually I think Formula One will do the best thing.""My wish is that somehow everything will stop very soon. We will have a meeting between us tonight, on how to cope and how to manage with it," Ferrari team principal Mattia Binotto said.

"Williams CEO Jost Capito urged F1 to choose wisely. "It's a very sad situation and our thoughts are with the people who are involved." he said.

"We think about the performance of our cars where other people are scared to lose their lives. We have to have this in mind and were all aligned on this.'



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ong-time coach Nikitin.

"I owe all my major medals to coach with Nikitin.

The veteran coach told Sharad about

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JUMBLED WORDS

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

Without work, all life goes rotten. But when work is ____ life stifles and dies - Albert Camus (8)



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moment, is a commodity in short supply

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Hopefully you to establish considerably more control over career and cash matters. You may even be prepared to concede that a recent struggle was not such a bad thing at all. You have to face the truth, but not at the cost of your own happiness.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

going well, you must make sure that you aren't getting out of your depth. If you are already stretched to the limit, do not put yourself out or try to defend those who have only themselves to blame for their current sticky predicaments.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Both your emotional needs and longterm financial arrangements are coming under scrutiny. Differences over spending priorities may be a cause of friction with partners or colleagues. On the other hand, if you stick to romantic encounters you could have a splendid time.

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have done you a good turn in the past.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

It seems to be some time since you were truly encouraged to prove just how independent and strong-willed you can be. However, now you must realise that being assertive is not the same as being self-interested. Above all, this is a moment for a complete and totally fresh start in every area of your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Current planetary activity denotes that certain childish and unenlightened individuals have been unable or unwilling to appreciate your true gifts. Ignore such

insults and carry on with what you know to be right. Your grasp of the underlying truth is one of your gifts at the moment.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Consider settling your differences and accept an offer which allows you greater freedom to practise nature to take on a role which denies you the chance to be an individual. However, it is now in vour interests to work for a

much better world.

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RODNEY MARSH CRITICAL

Australia wicket-keeping legend Rodney Marsh is in a critical condition at a Queensland hospital after suffering a heart attack on Thursday. The 74-year-old Marsh suffered the heart attack on the way to a charity event at Bundaberg in Queensland. He was rushed PTI to the hospital by the organisers.

BRIEFLY -

Harmanpreet, Mandhana lead India to consolation win

Oueenstown: Harmanpreet Kaur struck a much-needed half-century to get back among the runs as the Indian women's cricket team finally managed to beat New Zealand in the series-ending fifth ODI for a consolatory six-wicket win here on Thursday. The Indian bowlers, who under-performed prior to the game, finally got their act together to limit New Zealand to 251 for nine in 50 overs. India chased the down the target in 46 overs courtesy Harmanpreet's 63 off 66 balls and Smriti Mandhana's 71 off 84 balls. Skipper Mithali Raj remained unbeaten on 57 off 66 balls. BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 251/9 in 50 overs (Kerr 66; Rana 2/40, Deepti 2/42, Gayakwad 2/61) lost to India 252/4 in 46 overs (Mandhana 71, Harmanpreet 63, Raj 54*; Jensen 1/29) by six wickets

Strandja Memorial: Nikhat, Nitu in semis

New Delhi: Former junior world champion Nikhat Zareen (52kg) and Nitu (48kg) entered the semifinals of the 73rd Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament but two other Indians bowed out after preliminary stage losses. While Nikhat defeated England's Charley Davision 5-0, Nitu pulled off an equally impressive vic-tory by a similar margin against Italy's Roberta Bonatti. The 25-yearold Nikhat won a gold medal in the 2019 edition of the event. Earlier, Sumit Kundu (75kg) and Anamika (50kg) lost their respective preliminary stage bouts.

Asian Cup qualies: Ind get favourable draw

New Delhi: The Indian team was on Thursday drawn alongside Hong Kong, Afghanistan and Cambodia in Group D of the 2023 AFC Asian Cup final round qualifiers to be played in Kolkata in June this year. The participating 24 teams have been divided into six groups. The six group winners and the five best second-placed teams will earn a ticket to the AFC Asian Cup in China in 2023.

FIXTURES: June 8: India vs Cambodia; June 11: Afghanistan vs India; June 14: India vs Hong Kong

Odisha hold ATK Mohun Bagan

Vasco da Gama: Ten-man ATK Mohun Bagan failed to close the gap at the top after being held to a 1-1 draw by

Kishan, Iyer seize the day

Batsmen slam fiery fifties in the absence of regulars as India beat Sri Lanka by 62 runs in first T20I

ABHISHEK PUROHIT MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 24

WITH REGULARS such as KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant and Suryakumar Yadav absent, two batters grabbed their chance in the first T20I against Sri Lanka in Lucknow: Ishan Kishan and Shreyas Iyer. Kishan, who had a strike-rate of 110 heading into Thursday's match, finally cracked the opening puzzle this season with 89 off 56 deliveries, his highest T20I score. Iyer, who had been benched for two of the three West Indies T20Is, slammed an unbeaten 57 off 28, his fastest international fifty in the format.

An opening stand of 111 inside 12 overs between Kishan and captain Rohit Sharma (44 off 32) was capitalised upon by India taking 44 off the last three overs courtesy Shreyas Iyer. A total of 199 for 2 was always going to be tough against Jasprit Bumrah & Co; Sri Lanka lost Pathum Nissanka off the first ball of the chase to Bhuvneshwar Kumar and their pursuit never took off. The ball continued to grip in the second innings, negating the visitors' expected advantage of winning the toss, and resulted in a massive 62-run win for the hosts.

Sri Lanka managed 29 for 2 in their Powerplay, whereas Kishan had propelled India to 58 for 0 after the first six overs, of which his contribution was 39 off 22.

Over the past couple of seasons, Kishan has had to develop his off-side game; his goto hitting areas were midwicket and square leg - they still are - but he's worked on his range on the other side of the ground as bowlers would go wider to deny him the slog. "I was not good at playing shots through

covers but I have worked a lot in this off-season. If I get the ball over there, definitely I'll go for it because it's something that you know every team plans for you. They know what is the weak spot and where they have to bowl to us. So we need to practice that in the offseason," Kishan had said during IPL 2020.

In Lucknow, Kishan's first three boundaries, successive ones off Chamika Karunaratne in the third over, were through the off side, both in front and behind square. He doesn't really lean forward but reaches out instead to squeeze the ball into the gaps, like he did to run it past short third man a few times. Another standout was how he used the wrists, even while lifting the ball over



Ishan Kishan scored a 56-ball 89 (10x4, 3x6) and posted a 111-run opening-wicket partership with captain Rohit Sharma, who scored 44. PTI

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Kishan had hit 56 off 32 as opener on his T20I debut against England in Ahmedabad last year. But he failed to fire at the top against New Zealand in the T20 World Cup, and kept getting stuck against West Indies at Eden Gardens - 35 off 42, 2 off 10 and 34 off 31.

For someone who becomes a runaway train when he gets going, Kishan - dropped on 43 - does have the tendency to suddenly stop in his tracks. It happened on Thursday,

where he went without a boundary for 10 balls after entering the 70s. It wasn't easy to hit, of course, when the bowlers took the pace off, but with Kishan, what can happen is he'll start swinging harder and harder instead of getting off strike.

You can see why they want him to kickstart the innings. He's opened all along for Jharkhand in T20s, so he has the experience, and strikes at 170.55 in seven opportunities at Mumbai Indians. He's spoken about trying to learn from Kieron Pollard and Hardik Another standout was how he used the wrists, even while lifting the ball over midwicket where usually he gives it the big slog-swing of the arms

Pandya how to keep the fielding side confused about your next move. The 16th over, from Lahiru Kumara, was a sampler of what Kishan has learnt, and what he can do.

He first swung a six over wide long-on, after which Sri Lanka moved three fielders in the deep to the off side - deep point, deep extra cover and long-off. It was obvious where Kumara was going to bowl. He went full and wide, but Kishan reached out to guide him past short third man for four. The next ball was wide too, but a slower full toss; Kishan went leg side now, hammering it to vacant deep midwicket for four more, and forcing the field to be changed again.

Shreyas surges

India were 155 for 2 in 17 overs when Kishan fell and Shreyas took over. Now Shreyas doesn't have the range of a Suryakumar or a Pant, but when he targets his areas with clarity, he can be mighty effective.

His plan was simple; he'd move across, stand outside off stump and slog over longon or whip it square. When the Sri Lankans bowled wider, he'd stretch to slice them over backward point. Both ploys came off pretty well, with two-thirds of Shreyas' runs coming on the leg side.

Shreyas had walked in at No 3 in the 12th over, and by the time Kishan fell, he was on 17 off 14. Even the set-up to the death overs turned out in his favour; he'd had the space to size up the conditions by the time Kishan exited, and he had to make his move.

Shreyas was hoping he would be used as the eighth bowling option later, but India were happy to show off seven. However, such knocks - at the crucial No 3 position too will increase the selection headaches for the management when it comes to narrowing down on the final T20 World Cup squad.

BRIEF SCORES: India 199 for 2 in 20 overs (Kishan 89, Iyer 57*; Shanaka 1/19) beat Sri Lanka 137 for 6 in 20 overs (Asalanka 53*; Bhuvneshwar 2/9, V Iyer 2/36) by 62 runs

IPL 2022 begins on March 26; Mumbai, Pune to host

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 24

THE INDIAN Premier League (IPL) will begin on March 26 and will be played in Mumbai and Pune

According to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), 55 matches will be played at the Wankhede Stadium, Brabourne Stadium and DY Patil Stadium in Mumbai while Pune's Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium will be the venue for the remaining 15 games.

The decision to organise the tournament in one state was taken during BCCI's IPL governing council virtual meet on Thursday evening. The members earlier contemplated organising IPL matches at respective home venues, but taking cue from last year when BCCI felt that travelling enabled breach of secure bio-bubble, the board doesn't want to take any further risks.

"We didn't want to have a situation like last season where we had to call off IPL mid-way after there was a bubble breach in IPL teams. It's better to have the tournament being played in one state where teams can travel by bus," a BCCI official told The Indian Express

The Indian board has finalised MCA-BKC ground, DY Patil and Brabourne as venues for practice for ten IPL teams and is looking to add a few more to the list. It is expected that Thane's Daddoji Kondev Stadium and MCA-Kandivali ground will be used for IPL team ractice sessions.

The IPL will be a ten-team affair this season after the Indian board added two new teams: Ahmedabad's Gujarat's Titans and Lucknow Super Giants.

Exhibition game for women

The BCCI is also planning to have a women's T20 exhibition game in Pune. However, there was a discussion on having a full-fledged women's IPL going ahead next year.

Suspect action committee

Former India pacer Javagal Srinath, leftarm spinner Pragyan Ojha, and an Indian umpire will be part of the suspect action committee which will look after cases related to suspect action found during IPL.

Ranji: 'Keeper-batsman Anmol puts a price on his wicket for Punjab

PRATYUSH RAJ NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

OVER THE past 18 months Anmol Malhotra waited anxiously for red-ball cricket to resume.



it to the India 'A' squad or the Board President XI squad," Malhotra told The Indian Express.

On a Thursday, on a greenish Kotla track against Haryana, the right-handed batter slammed his second First-Class century and was involved in a valuable 163-run stand with Mandeep Singh. Malhotra scored a 128-ball 100, while former Punjab captain Mandeep

Singh remained unbeaten on 130. When Malhotra walked to ba

Other storylines

RAHANE 0, PUJARA 8

and pacer Ishant Sharma had disappointing outings in their respective matches. Ishant, playing for Delhi

fighting 32 against Baroda as Chandigarh got bundled out for a paltry 168. In reply, Baroda were 80 for 1 at the stumps. Vicky Ostwal: The left-arm spinner, making his first-Maharashtra, went wicketless against Vidarbha. Batting first, Vidarbha were 270 for 3.

Raj Bawa: The all-rounder scored a

four-wicket win over Andhra.

Malhotra has been known as the crisis man for Punjab since his junior cricket days. He was part of teams that won two Colonel CK Nayudu . Trophies and an under-23 one-day cup.

He owes his temperament to the grind of junior cricket. Malhotra was a middle-order batsman and a budding leg spinner in childhood when his coaches, Kiran Kumar and Dilip lay asked him to don the wicke gloves. "I was 10 and captain of our academy. We had no wicketkeeper available in one match, and I was asked to keep. From then on, leg-spin took a back seat," he shared. Malhotra grew up in a middle-class working family in Patiala, where his father, Rajkumar Malhotra, was a manager in Punjab National Bank, while his mother, Rajneesh Malhotra, worked for the Indian Railways. "Even though no one in the family was into any sport, I received great support from my parents for cricket. During Covid-19, when there was no cricket, my parents supported me thoroughly. want to give them a good life and hopefully one day a house of their own," he signed off.

Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara,

here on Thursday. It was an unhappy throwback on Thursday of sorts for the Mariners who were held to a 0-0 stalemate by Odisha in the first leg as well. Redeem Tlang (5th) opened the scoring for Odisha, who are already out of contention for a semifinal spot, but Joni Kauko (8th P) made it 1-1 from the spot at the Tilak Maidan Stadium. The result means ATKMB remained in third place with 31 points from 17 games, level with secondplaced Jamshedpur FC, who will take on NorthEast United FC on Friday. Odisha remained in seventh spot with 23 points from 18 games.

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batter experiencing sleepless nights. He worried about when his next First-Class game would be. The

initial uncertainty about the on-going season made matters worse for him. He was itching to get back after an impressive debut season for Punjabin 2019-20. He scored 468 runs, including three half-centuries and one century. He also had 27 dismissals.

Malhotra is not a regular in the white-ball cricket for Punjab and he is also someone who doesn't have a lucrative IPL contract like his fellow teammates. "For a player like me, who is not a regular in the white-ball cricket, doesn't have an IPL contract, it has been a tough couple of years. I had a very good debut season, and the way things were going, I might have made

were 165 for 4 and another wicket at that stage could have put Haryana on top. But Malhotra did what he does the best, drop anchor and rebuild the innings in the company of Mandeep. He broke the shackles with a couple of sixes off Nishant Sindhu's bowling and started a counter-attack. "It is a green top, and the ball was moving around the entire day. And at that stage, if we had lost a wicket, the match would have turned in Harvana's favour. Mandy pail (Mandeep) was solid at one end, and I decided to play shots from the other. It worked in our favour," said Malhotra.

Malhotra has played only 10 first-class matches but has formed a strong bond with his senior batter Mandeep. It was the third time the duo had shared a century partnership. "I love batting with Mandy paji. There is a

d only four o Jharkhand. Rahane was out for a three-ball duck against Goa and Pujara scored only 8 in Saurashtra's first innings against Odisha.

INDIA U-19 STARS

Yash Dhull: Following back-to-back centuries against Tamil Nadu, India Under-19 captain Dhull managed only five runs in the first innings against Iharkhand.

lot of assurance when he is at the other end. What worked in our partnership was our running between the wickets. We rotated the strike regularly and played perfect foil to each other," said Malhotra.

Nishant Sindhu: The Haryana allrounder was taken to the cleaners by Punjab, leaking 94 runs in his 19 overs. Shaik Rasheed: India Under-19 vicecaptain and Andhra's No.3 Rasheed scored 23 runs on his first-class debut against Services. Andhra were 277 for 3 at the end of the day's play.

In his maiden season, at Valsad, where Punjab lost to Gujarat by 110 runs, Malhotra scored his maiden century and gave his team a fighting chance. His brave unbeaten 51 on a dustbowl at Patiala helped Punjab register a

BRIEF SCORES: Punjab 368 for 5 in 88 overs (Mandeep Singh 130 not out, Anmol Malhotra 100; Ajit Chahal 2/55)

PERSONAL BEST Shot putter Krishna breaches 15m mark, takes silver at US Conference c'ship

SHIVANINAIK MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 24

IT IS the repeated, booming bombardment of monster shot put throws all around her - not just her Conference Championships silverwinning 15m indoor mark – that has India's Krishna Jayasankar elated about how her freshman season is going at the University of Texas in El Paso. Every time a famed name from NCAA ranks unfurls a big one at the wrap of American university's indoor track & field season, Krishna feels more revved up to improve her own performance.

"I got to see Jorinde van Klinken of Arizona State University, coached by Vikas Gowda's former coach. throw 18-19m. And then Turner Washington, a big star, was throwing 21 m. They both have their signature moves and have much superior strength and explosive power. I felt so bad throwing just 14m, that it pushed me to raise my targets immediately," she says of being amongst the world's elite and riffing off their performance. Krishna started the season at 14.10m, but over a series of meets, has hit the 15-mark, while heading into the outdoor season where her main event Discus will come up. "Shotput in US Collegiate is like Diamond League level. Very competitive. You have to throw 18m to be amongst the top," says the 18-vear-old.

Scouted out by the El Paso University for a scholarship seat last fall, Krishna hiked up to the US from her base in Jamaica, where she was training the previous year. Daughter of tall basketball internationals from Chennai, Prasanna Jayasankar and Jayasankar Menon, Krishna hadn't felt the pangs of independent living so much, as when she initially shifted to Kingston.

"Jamaica will always be special because that's where I threw 48.27 and was picked by Texas. I'll miss the old ladies who I chatted with on public transport buses and I'll miss the Jamaican beef patty. But I was training around and watching big names like Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and my training mentor buddy was Chad Wright, who finished 9th at Tokyo. And he drilled in virtues of staying patient for the performance to show up, and following coach's words to me," she recalls.

At El Paso, it was acceptance of the struggle. "The body is so tired at the end of training and academics every day, there's no time for self.



Krishna Jayashankar, 18, competes in the US collegiate level.

But every day, there's also the realisation that khudke bartan dhone hai, khana pakaana hai (you have to do dishes, cook) and always a pile of laundry to be done," laughs the first Indian female to land a Throws scholarship in the US.

Training at Texas has been about doubling the intensity to build a base of strength and explosive power. Her coach Mika Laaksonen, a former UTEP graduate and hammer throw student-athlete himself, has put Krishna on the path that American-European coaches follow: heavy emphasis on lifting. The endless plyometrics, and bar repetitions on the push press, incline squats over 4 sessions, leaves her giddy, fatigued and very sore. "Then you have ancillary exercises on hyperextension and then you run to classes and come back and cook," she narrates breathlessly.

Technique-wise, Laaksonen went all Physics-textbook on Krishna, she chuckles. "In the beginning, I was boggled when he spoke of orbit and linearity and it felt like a physics class. But I have full loyalty towards his teachings, so even if he suggests a tweak an evening before a meet - as he did at New Mexico when I got my personal best, I believed in him and followed his words," she says. "You need speed on throws no matter what. But what he's helped me with are weight transitions," she adds.

"When I look around and compare my discus throws, it's crap right now and technique looked awful. But the coach has assured me don't worry, things will fall in place as the outdoor season takes off," she says of hectic activity a month from now. Krishna is targetting 53-55 m range, though she reckons her target could be as close as qualifying for the 2024 Games. "After 50 m, every centimetre counts. I'm just grateful and acknowledge my privilege that I'm getting to train with the best," she says.

"An 11-vear-old in 6th Grade had dreamt of this student-athlete life in a US college. I want to make the most of it."

Culturally, Krishna has picked pace in her speed of English. "My favourite words are 'Pardon me, Say that again' because they talk so fast here," she says, on rapid-fire mode herself. But moving to the US was different from what she had anticipated. "I had been to Miami and New York before. But El Paso is altogether different. This wasn't the America I had thought of," she guffaws. But she enjoys the familiarity of her regular Chipotle, and a sight that sends her into a double-take every now and then. "Whenever I go to the gas station, I can literally see Mexico across the road! It amazes me each time."

Perhaps the biggest shift in academics as she keeps her GPA targets ("you can't compete if grades fall"), was in the very basic requirement of typing out assignments. "In Indian CBSE, we write pen on paper. Here everything is on the computer. And I wasn't good at typing and formatting at all," she laughs.

The indoor meet also saw her debut with a rubber shotput used instead of an iron ball. 'The volume and area on the rubber one are higher, so you need bigger palms. I have very small hands so it was quite an adjustment initially." she recalls.

Her fellow University athletes come from Jamaica, Bulgaria, Finland, Puerto Rico, Kenya and Mexico, but Krishna has struck one of her best friendships with a teammate who fashions her braids. "I'd been wanting to try it ever since I was in Jamaica but never got the chance. They are very fancy and light, and I'll do them again for Conference outdoors. My teammate took around two hours, because my hair is pretty long and plus she had to add extensions," she says of her electric blue trails to the pretty braid pattern.

Krishna Jayasankar has made it to UTEP's 4th best throws with her silver. "But Samantha Hall is something of a legend here in discus. She wished me good luck, and I told her, Girl, I'm going to break your 58.50 metre record soon," she chuckles. Just like that, training amongst the elite, Krishna has her next target set up.

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