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# Moscow at gates of Kyiv

## Ukrainians gather to defend city as Russians close in

**YURAS KARMANAU, JIM HEINTZ, VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV & DASHA LITVINOVA**  
KYIV, FEBRUARY 25

RUSSIAN TROOPS bore down on Ukraine's capital Friday, with gunfire and explosions resonating ever closer to the government quarter, in an invasion of a democratic country that has fuelled fears of wider war in Europe and triggered worldwide efforts to make Russia stop.

With reports of hundreds of casualties from the warfare, including shelling that sliced through a Kyiv apartment building and pummelled bridges and schools, there also were growing signs that Vladimir Putin's Russia may be seeking to overthrow Ukraine's government. It would be his boldest effort yet to redraw the world map and revive Moscow's Cold War-era influence.

US President Joe Biden and his NATO counterparts agreed at an urgent meeting to send parts of the organisation's response force to help protect its member nations in the east. NATO didn't say how many troops would be deployed.

In the fog of war, it was unclear how much of Ukraine remains under Ukrainian control and how much or little Russian forces have seized. The Kremlin accepted Kyiv's offer to hold talks, but it appeared to be an effort to squeeze concessions out of Ukraine's embattled president instead of a gesture toward a diplomatic solution.

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Natali Sevriukova outside her house that was destroyed in a rocket attack in Kyiv, Friday. AP

## Evacuation flights set to be sent to Romania and Hungary today

**SHUBHAJIT ROY & PRANAV MUKUL**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

A DAY after the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) sent teams to Ukraine's western borders, the Centre on Friday focussed its efforts on evacuating Indian nationals via flights from Romania and Hungary.

With Ukraine closing its airspace, the government is making arrangements to send Air India flights on Saturday, from Delhi and Mumbai, to Bucharest

in Romania and Budapest in Hungary. Sources said operation of these flights with approvals from authorities in Romania and Hungary.

India is seeking to evacuate its nationals through Ukraine's land borders with Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic and Romania, from where they will be flown home. "The first batch of evacuees from Ukraine reach Romania via Suceava border crossing. Our team at Suceava will now facilitate travel to Bucharest for their onward

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## PM: Make our own weapons... unique, also for surprise element

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

AS HIS government calibrated its moves and utterances following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi underlined the need for self-reliance in the defence sector, saying only if the country develops its own weapons can it have "uniqueness" and an element of "surprise" against an adversary. Encouraging industry leaders to boost defence manufacturing within the country, the

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## RESOLUTION CONDEMNS PUTIN

## West pressure, UN vote make Delhi tightrope tighter

In January, India abstained from vote on whether to discuss Ukraine

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

AS THE United Nations Security Council is expected to take up a draft resolution condemning Russian invasion in the early hours of Saturday, India is caught in a diplomatic bind between the Western powers, led by the US, and its strategic imperatives vis a vis Russia.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar late Thursday night had telephonic conversations with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, insisting that dialogue and diplomacy are the best way forward to defuse the Ukraine crisis. As Russian troops reached the gates of Kyiv, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba called Jaishankar and shared his "assessment" of the situation.

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## Delhi lifts all Covid curbs, schools to be fully offline April 1

**GAYATHRI MANI**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

THE DELHI Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has decided to lift all Covid-related restrictions from Monday, and also allow schools to discontinue online/hybrid classes in favour of physical classes from April 1.

The decision comes after two months of curbs that took a toll on economic activities in the capital. The restrictions were imposed on December 26 last year, in the wake of rising cases driven by the Omicron variant.

Announcing the decision, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted: "DDMA withdraws all restrictions as situation improves and people facing hardships due to loss of jobs. Schools to function fully offline from 1 April. Fines for not wearing masks reduced to Rs 500. All should continue follow-

ing Covid appropriate behaviour. Government will keep strict watch."

Currently, the fine for not wearing a mask is Rs 2,000.

The announcement means that night curfew will be lifted, markets can stay open till 10 pm, and restaurants, bars, cafes, and cinema halls can function at 100 per cent seating capacity. Currently, all markets and shops operate from 10 am to 8 pm. Sources said while restaurants, bars and cafes can remain open till 11 pm, this may be extended to midnight.

Schools will be resuming fully offline classes after a gap of almost two years.

The decision was taken as Delhi's Covid positivity rate continues to hover around 1 per cent or less. The city reported 460 new cases, two deaths and a positivity rate of 0.81 per cent in the last 24 hours. Sources said the

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## Anand Subramanian held in 2018 NSE case, CBI gets his custody until March 6

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

MARKING A high-profile arrest in the National Stock Exchange manipulation case of 2018, a team of CBI officials took into custody Anand Subramanian, NSE's former group operating officer, in Chennai late on Thursday.

Subramanian was brought to Delhi on Friday and produced before a special court, which rema-

inded him in CBI custody till March 6. The arrest came days after the agency questioned him, and former NSE CEOs Chitra Ramkrishna and Ravi Narain, in the case.

Subramanian is also at the centre of a SEBI order of February 11 that levied a fine of Rs 3 crore on Ramkrishna for allegedly violating rules in his appointment.

According to SEBI, several key decisions taken by Ramkrishna during her tenure as NSE's MD

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## Captain's border concerns matched ours: Nadda

**BJP president J P Nadda on Friday.** Renuka Puri  
**FULL INTERVIEW TOMORROW****LIZ MATHEW**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

ON THE BJP joining hands with former Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh — who left the Congress after being removed as the chief minister — for the February 20 election, BJP president J P Nadda said it was because he had raised the border issues with the Centre many a time.

"He (Captain Amarinder Singh) has been an administrator and his concerns on the border issues matched ours," Nadda said in an interview with *The Indian Express*.

While Nadda ruled out any "compromise" with the Akali Dal, he said that a final decision would be taken by the BJP parliamentary board after the results.

"As far as Akalis are concerned, we had been in a coalition with them and had too

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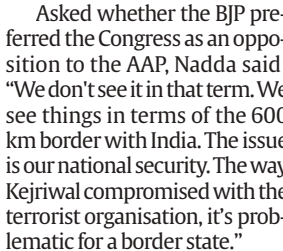
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KHATTAR SAYS NCRPB HAS GIVEN 'IN-PRINCIPLE' NOD

# Haryana seeks one-third reduction in area under NCR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25

STATING THAT “more than benefits, the state was rather facing losses due to the excessive area under the National Capital Region (NCR)”, the Haryana government Thursday sought at least one-third reduction in its current share in the NCR.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that a proposal was sent to the NCR Planning Board (NCRPB) and the latter has “in principle” accepted the government’s request. “Once the NCRPB formally accepts the proposed reduction in our share in NCR, it will leave a radius of 100 km from Delhi to be covered under NCR,” he said. Khattar added that the number of districts under the NCR may not reduce, except for maybe just one or two: “For instance, earlier entire Karnal was covered in NCR, but after the reduction, only Gharaunda tehsil will be under NCR. Similarly, major parts of other districts that are currently under NCR will be out of its bounds.”

Khattar said he will take up the matter with Union Minister of State, housing and urban affairs, Hardeep Puri in the NCRPB’s meeting scheduled on Tuesday.



At present, NCR includes 14 of the 22 districts in Haryana, including Gurgaon. Archive

At present, NCR includes 14 of the 22 districts in Haryana, spread over 25,327 sqkm. The National Capital Territory of Delhi accounts for 2.69% in NCR, while Haryana has the largest share of 45.98%, followed by 26.92% (eight districts) of Uttar Pradesh, and 24.41% (two districts) of Rajasthan.

Explaining the rationale behind Haryana’s decision to seek reduction of its share in NCR, Khattar said, “The area under NCR was expanded to reduce the urbanisation burden on New Delhi. It was decided to develop the adjoining areas with parallel facilities, infrastructure

and other amenities and the area kept on increasing. However, with that expansion, certain ill-effects were also being noticed. For instance, when NGT imposes restrictions — be it to curb pollution, or other infrastructural curbs — the entire portion (roughly 57% of Haryana) also gets affected with those restrictions. With reduction in the area, a large proportion of the state will be free from such restrictions.”

Officials said that Haryana first proposed this reduction in July last year. The government had also submitted a proposal for revised delineation of NCR for

the planning board’s approval. The government’s draft proposal states that against the current area of 25,327 sqkm, it should have 8,281.6 sqkm.

Currently, 14 districts of Haryana — Karnal, Jind, Mahendragarh, Bhiwani, Palwal, Charkhi Dadri, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Jhajjar, Rewari, Sonapat, Panipat, Rohtak and Nuh — are under NCR.

Officials added that inclusion of far-flung districts such as Bhiwani, Mahendragarh, Jind, Karnal and Charkhi Dadri were not serving any purpose in terms of reducing the urbanisation burden on Delhi. Rather, these districts were bearing the pressure of restrictions that were being imposed in the entire NCR.

Officials added that Khattar had taken up the issue with Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav last September and had requested him to allow implementation of restrictions in only certain districts.

“The CM had suggested that such pollution-control norms should be implemented within 10-km radius of National Capital Territory of New Delhi or within 10-km radius of cities with population of over 10 lakh,” a senior officer said.

## 2 brothers shot dead by gunmen in Pataudi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GURGAON, FEBRUARY 25

TWO BROTHERS were shot dead by unidentified assailants in Khor village at Pataudi Friday morning, police said, adding that the preliminary probe has found at least 15 gunshots were fired.

The victims, identified as Paramjit Thakran and Surjit



CCTV footage of the incident has been recovered by police

Thakran, were reportedly involved in liquor and wine contracting businesses. Paramjit is also a former Zila Parshad at Pataudi, said police.

Police said the incident was reported around 9 am Friday. The duo suffered multiple wounds and were rushed to a private hospital in Gurgaon where they were declared dead on arrival.

Police are probing if a busi-

ness rivalry or enmity is behind the murders. CCTV footage of the incident has been recovered by police.

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Pataudi, Veer Singh said, “We have initiated a probe. The circumstances are being investigated.”

Police said an FIR will be registered after recording the statements of the family of the deceased.

## Narnaul jail dy superintendent commits suicide

Gurgaon: A deputy superintendent of Narnaul jail, who was accused in an extortion and corruption case, allegedly committed suicide at his relative’s house in Gurgaon Thursday evening. The official, Kuldeep Hooda, a native of Rohtak, had been absconding.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court Thursday had dismissed anticipatory bail pleas of Hooda

and jail superintendent Anil Kumar, who are both accused in the Narnaul jail bribery case.

A police officer said Hooda consumed poison. “He was rushed to SGT Hospital in Budhera, where he died during treatment,” the officer added. Police have initiated inquest proceedings.

Anil Kumar, who is posted as

Rewari jail superintendent, had additional charge of Narnaul Jail when the Gurgaon vigilance unit

raided the prison on December 9 last year and caught jail warden allegedly accepting a bribe. ENS

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## MOTHER SAYS BULLIED OVER SEXUALITY

## Teenage student of DPS Faridabad commits suicide, blames school in note

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA  
FARIDABAD, FEBRUARY 25

A TEENAGED student of Delhi Public School, Greater Faridabad, committed suicide by jumping off his residential building in Faridabad on Thursday night, with a police complaint by his mother alleging that he was harassed over his sexuality and the school ignored her complaint.

Police said they also found a purported suicide note at the student's residence in which he blamed his 'school' and 'higher authorities' there.

Sube Singh, Faridabad Police spokesperson, said, "The boy studied at DPS and lived with his mother, a teacher. Last year, two children made lewd remarks against him. His mother complained about this to the principal but the authorities did not do anything. We have been told that after this, the student went into depression and was seeking

treatment. Because of the lockdown, the school was shut and the boy was at home. When the school reopened, the boy started going again because of exams. He felt he was being tortured (mentally). He also requested a school teacher to help him with a subject, but the teacher did not show any sympathy and accused the student and his mother of troubling her unnecessarily."

According to the police, the incident took place around 9.15 pm. Police said on Thursday, around 6 pm, the boy's mother had gone to visit her father. At 9.30 pm, she received a call from a neighbour informing her that her son had jumped off the building. She rushed to the hospital, where he was declared dead.

"The boy left a suicide note saying that his mother is a brave woman and that he took the extreme step because he was being harassed by school authorities. The DCP, ACP and Crime Branch teams went to the spot and col-

lected evidence. An enquiry has been initiated and legal action will be taken," said PRO Singh.

The purported suicide note, addressed to his mother, states: "This school has killed me. Specially higher authorities... tell *ninna* and *bade papa* about my sexuality and whatever happened with me. And please try to handle them... You are wonderful, strong, beautiful and amazing. Don't care what relatives say..."

In the police complaint, the boy's mother said that a year ago, her son had confided in her that some boys in school had harassed him over his sexuality.

"I had filed several complaints to the school authorities but no action was taken by them. My son was depressed and his treatment was going on. On Wednesday, he had a science exam and since he suffered from dyslexia, he was unable to solve numerical problems in the paper. He sought help from the headmistress but she rebuked him

and accused him of taking advantage of his condition. Due to this, he was quite stressed," she alleged in the police complaint.

SHO Arjun Dev said, "On the complaint of the victim's mother, an FIR has been registered under IPC section 306 (abetment of suicide) against the academic head of the school, who was named in the police complaint."

The school principal told mediapersons, "I feel sad that our student left the school and this world under tragic circumstances... I want to say that Delhi Public School is a supportive and sensitive school. Kids are nurtured here and there's no harassment here. He was a talented and artistic student and was going to appear for his exams..."

We were encouraging him, supporting him and providing him with all the necessary help. Some time back, there was some subject change, scribe assistance and extra academic classes... all this matter was going on. I know

there were some personal issues... in terms of treatment etc... We are here to support students. Police are investigating the matter on the complaint of the family. We want an impartial enquiry so that the truth comes out and the school is vindicated."

Speaking to *The Indian Express* on Friday, the victim's mother also alleged that in March 2021, her son was sexually harassed in the school washroom by a group of schoolboys. She alleged that she "complained to the authorities verbally and later in September 2021, I wrote an email."

"The school authorities, in their reply, said that some of the students named by me in the complaint had left the school and were no longer on its rolls. They said that the rest of the students had denied any involvement and that the incident stated by me carried no specific particulars or evidence," she alleged.

She said that she did not file a police complaint at the time since "I am a single mother" and was scared.

Asked why she did not mention this in her complaint filed following her son's suicide, she said: "I was in shock and trauma when police were recording my statement. My son has died due to the callous attitude of the school. He should have been listened to, heard... No child should have to go through this."

*The Indian Express* reached out to the school principal over email and message to seek a response on the mother's allegations. No response was received until Friday evening.

Police said the complaint submitted on Friday does not mention allegations of him being sexually assaulted on school premises. "If the family mentions it in the course of the investigation, we will probe accordingly. So far, they have not mentioned it," said PRO Singh.

## Schools hail move to go fully offline, say it should come into force sooner

SUKRITA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

SCHOOLS IN Delhi have welcomed the decision to move classes completely offline but also say that it should happen earlier than April 1.

On Friday, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority decided that schools may do away with the hybrid mode of teaching-learning and move completely offline from April 1, which will coincide with the start of the next academic session. More than two years after the start of the pandemic, this will be the first time that Delhi will be looking at taking this crucial step towards 'normalcy'.

With the reopening of schools in February, schools were still required to obtain parental consent from students attending offline classes and parents had the option of not sending their children. While most schools are welcoming the decision to move completely offline, they are also questioning why it has been scheduled for more than a month later.

Action Committee for Unaided Recognised Private Schools, an umbrella body of over 2,000 schools, have said that they will be writing to the Lt-Governor to bring this forward to March 1 instead. "This will not only allow schools to resume smoothly but will also allow students and parents to regain the confidence before the new session begins," read a statement from the body.

Sudha Acharya, principal of ITL Public School and Chairperson of the National Progressive Schools Conference, said that one of the primary concerns behind this demand is assessment. "Why should we be waiting till April? It should have been from Monday itself. What we wanted was to conduct as-

essment offline and assessment is an important part of schooling. Our exams started today and till class VIII, our tests are just diagnostic, to see understand where the children stand. I had written to parents explaining this, that it's not promotional, urging them to send the children but still only around 50% came for the exam today. We had wanted to avoid these hybrid exams," she said.

Schools also say that they wanted to use this time before the next session to get students used to being back to school so that the next year can begin smoothly and without delay.

"We want classes IX and XI to write their exams offline. We also wanted students to begin the next session accustomed to the classroom. When they're back, it takes time for them to adjust, we have to ease them in," said principal of Mount Abu Public School Jyoti Arora.

However, DAV Public School Pushpanjali Enclave principal Rashmi Biswal anticipates that some parents might be resistant to sending their children to school even in April. "We're still experiencing resistance. I had wanted to conduct offline examinations for classes VII and VIII but there was quite a bit of resentment from parents, so we moved it online. I don't know how comfortable they'll be till the children are vaccinated," she said.

Once schools open completely offline, they will be looking to resume normal services like bus services. However, this could be a challenge for schools which used to use DTC buses — around 20% of schools — since the state run-public transporter has expressed its inability to provide them buses due to its dwindling fleet. These schools will have to look at tie-ups with private contractors as is done by most other private schools.

## Eminent artistes to lose govt-allotted houses as HC refuses to interfere

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

THE DELHI High Court Friday refused to interfere with the Centre's decision to evict various prominent artistes from their government accommodations in the national capital, saying that no right stood conferred on them to occupy the public premises indefinitely.

The court granted them two months to "exit the premises with dignity" and restrained the authorities from taking any coercive action against them in the meantime, while dismissing the petitions of the petitioners.

"The Court bears in mind the undisputed fact that all the petitioners have remained in possession of the public premises for decades together. Neither the 1985 nor the 2008 policies guaranteed or held out any promise of the extension of the licence period beyond the maximum period prescribed. They contemplated a relaxation of the maximum tenure only in exceptional cases and where hardship was established," said

Justice Yashwant Varma in the verdict.

The allotments of Bharati Shivaji, V Jayarama Rao, Mayadhar Raut, FW Dagar, Rani Shinghal, Geetanjali Lal, KR Subanna, Devraj Dakoji, Kamalini, Bhajan Sopori, Jatin Das and Rita Ganguly stood cancelled with effect from January 1, 2021. Besides them, Kamal Sabri was in occupation of the premises allotted to late Ustad Sabri Khan. They had approached the court earlier through three different writ petitions.

The court had restrained authorities from evicting them during the pendency of the case.

In recognition of their standing of eminence and the invaluable contribution made by them for the propagation and preservation of classical art forms, the artistes were allotted the premises in question under a discretionary quota in 1987, 1989, 1990, 1996, 2001 and 2004. According to the decision of Cabinet Committee on Accommodation, they had to meet certain criteria for the allotment.

## BRIEFLY

## 2 students die after DTC bus collides with bike

New Delhi: Two school students died and their friends were injured after the motorbike they were riding collided with a DTC bus in Jaffarpur Kalan Thursday afternoon. DCP (Dwarka) Shankar Choudhary said that four boys, two in uniform, coming from Surhera side collided with the bus coming on another carriageway from Rawta Mor. The driver has been arrested.

## Delhi's DDC partners with J-PAL

New Delhi: The Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission Friday signed an MoU with Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia to strengthen evidence-based policymaking to promote Delhi's social and economic development. It was signed in the presence of Deputy CM Manish Sisodia and DDC vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah.

## Applications for EWS seats invited

New Delhi: With the new academic year set to begin in a little over a month, Delhi's education department invited fresh applications for EWS admissions for the current academic year to private schools, following the High Court's directives. While 22% of seats are reserved for EWS admissions, 3% are for CWSN. **ENS**



## WHEN IT RAINS

Traffic piles up at Akshardham as the capital witnessed rain and thunderstorms on Friday. The maximum temperature settled at 27.9 degrees Celsius, two notches above the season's average. *Praveen Khanna*

## 'It is callous, criminal': HC on damage to trees while digging on roads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

TAKING NOTE of the damage being done to trees by government agencies while carrying out work on public roads, the Delhi High Court Friday issued notices in a contempt case to the CEO of BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, Engineer-in-Chief of the PWD, other officials of the forest department, and the SHO of CR Park police station.

"No messing around trees anymore! How can you take the city back 20 years? Left to me, I would have given directions for filing FIRs against these officers apart from contempt proceedings. It is absolutely callous. It is criminal. The damage is immense," said Justice Najmi Waziri,

while hearing a case alleging that roots of trees have been dug up and excavated at Bipin Chandra Pal Marg last month.

Observing that digging and cutting of roots are in clear violation of the orders passed by the court and the NGT, Justice Waziri said, "This court has in various orders directed government departments and agencies in Delhi to strictly adhere to the directions of the NGT. Somehow, the disposition of some authorities and agencies appears to be callous and not caring towards complying much with said directions."

Senior Advocate Sudhir Nandrajog, representing BSES, submitted that a stretch of mere 70m was dug up for laying underground electricity cables, and the company has ensured that the trees will not be victimised.

## All PWD roads to be free of potholes within a month, says Sisodia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

ABOUT 1,300 km of roads in the city, maintained by the Public Works Department (PWD), will be free of potholes within the next month, said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Friday.

Sisodia, who took over as PWD minister on Thursday, said that the government will soon launch a PWD mobile app where commuters can file complaints about potholes and poor infrastructure of roads.

Holding a review meeting with PWD officials on ongoing infrastructure work and road development, Sisodia directed officials to inspect all roads and carry out repairs, if needed, in a

month in an efficient manner and without any delays. If any defects are found, action would be initiated against the engineers concerned, he said in a statement.

He said the Arvind Kejriwal government will develop world-class road infrastructure in Delhi. "The residents of Delhi would now get pothole-free roads within a month. If there is a defect in the construction of any road, the engineer concerned will be held responsible for it," he said.

In October last year, CM Arvind Kejriwal had directed officials to fill all potholes and repair broken roads in a month.

According to the PWD, it received 478 complaints of potholes and 391 on poor upkeep in February alone.

## Capital sees hailstorm, expect light rain today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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PARTS OF the national capital witnessed a hailstorm accompanied by lightning and thunder on Friday night. The rainfall is on account of a western disturbance affecting northwest India.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in an update at midnight that moderate to heavy intensity rain and gusty winds of 30 to 40 kmph is likely over Delhi and NCR over the next two hours. The update also predicted hail precipitation over South, Central, East, South East, North East and New Delhi, and Noida over the next hour.

At 11 pm, the weather department had predicted hail precipitation over West Delhi during the following hour.

Between 8.30 pm and 11.30 pm on Friday, the Safdarjung weather observatory, which provides representative data for the city, recorded 1 mm of rainfall. The station recorded 1.6 mm between 5.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

Cloudy skies and light rainfall are on the forecast for Saturday as well.

The maximum temperature recorded on Friday was 27.9 degrees Celsius, two degrees above the normal. The minimum temperature settled at 12.5 degrees Celsius. The maximum temperature on Saturday is likely to be 25 degrees Celsius, and the minimum temperature could be around 14 degrees Celsius, according to the IMD.

Meanwhile, on Friday, the air quality index in Delhi was 286, in the 'poor' category. On account of better wind speed and light rainfall, the air quality is likely to improve to the 'moderate' category on Saturday, according to the SAFAR forecasting system.



During the musical event on the life of B R Ambedkar at the JLN Stadium, Friday. *Delhi govt*

portrait of a man whose criticism for the chasm separating the social classes led him to fight for a number of causes, including water satyagraha and women empowerment.

From a young child growing up in Madhya Pradesh's Mhow (now Ambedkar Nagar) who learned his lessons sitting outside class and drank water that the school peon poured for him to finding himself through education, first in Mumbai and then at Columbia University, and eventually becoming the father of the Indian Constitution, the play takes one through different

stages of Ambedkar's life while trying to combine realism with theatricality.

"*Satta ko sawal sunne ki aadat nahi hoti, wo toh apne hi mann ki baat karti hai*" (authority is not used to listening to questions, she talks of her own contemplations)," said the narrator of the play Teekam Joshi to thunderous applause.

The play, helmed by Roshan Abbas as its creative director, concluded with Ambedkar reciting the preamble to the Constitution. And through it all, Indian Ocean's music merged with Vineet Panchhi and Kausar Munir's lyrics kept the people hooked.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who was present at the event with several AAP leaders, said, "Babasaheb Ambedkar's life is inspirational... We thought that theatre is the best way to make his story reach ordinary people. The more you study his life, the more one finds it hard to believe that a person like him was born. Einstein once said of Gandhi that 'the future generations will refuse to believe that such a man walked on earth in flesh and blood'. I think his quote fits really well on Babasaheb."

With two shows each day, it will be staged till March 12.

## 2 SHOWS EACH DAY TILL MARCH 12

## Musical on Ambedkar opens in city, talks of the right to question, equality

SUANSHU KHURANA  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

IN ONE of the scenes in director Mahua Chauhan's 120-minute musical, Babasaheb: The Grand Musical, the stage of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium's weightlifting auditorium is turned into Pune's Yerwada Jail to showcase the enactment of a conversation between Mahatma Gandhi and Dr BR Ambedkar.

In a clash of ideologies, both are seen to reinforce their own interpretation of the concept of the complicated Indian caste system.

While Ambedkar sees caste as a political inquest and wanted separate, individual electorates for India's depressed classes, Gandhi looks at caste as a social issue and is not in favour of segregation. Soon after the British government announced separate electorates on August 15, 1932, Gandhi commenced his fast unto death in the Pune jail where he was being held under sedition charges.

"*Aap logon ko daya sikhaana chahte hain. Main unhe sashakt banaana chahta hoon*" (You want to teach compassion to people, I want to empower them)," says Ambedkar to Gandhi and signs

the Poona Pact, which ends Gandhi's fast. A huge round of applause followed as actor Rohit Roy attempted to bring Ambedkar to life. Planned by the Delhi government to be presented last year, the production that took six months to create was postponed due to the pandemic.

As a 40-feet revolving platform created by set designer Omung Kumar played the backdrop for the musical, the grand theatrical production with over 10 songs (created by Delhi-based folk-rock band Indian Ocean) and 160 dancers and supporting actors attempted to revive the



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VED PRAKASH,  
BJP candidate, Ayodhya

## TOTAL ASSETS:

**₹5.52 crore**

## MOVABLE ASSETS:

**Self: ₹79.77 lakh**  
(includes a revolver; no vehicle)**Wife: ₹55.23 lakh**

## IMMOVABLE ASSETS

**Self: ₹4.05 crore****Wife: ₹13 lakh****LOANS FROM BANKS AND  
OTHER FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS****Self: ₹12.86 lakh**

## CRIMINAL CASE

**Nil**

## SOURCES OF EARNING

**Self:** Salary as director in  
Narveda Motors Pvt Ltd,  
and rent**Wife:** Salary as director  
in Narveda Motors  
Pvt Ltd

## Education:

**BSc (1967)**SANJAYSINH,  
BJP candidate, Amethi

## TOTAL ASSETS:

**₹50.47 crore**

## MOVABLE ASSETS:

**Self: ₹12.8 crore**  
(includes a pistol and a carbine)**Wife: 3.96 crore**

(includes a pistol and a gun)

## IMMOVABLE ASSETS

**Self: ₹21.05 crore****Wife: ₹12.66 crore****LOANS FROM BANKS AND  
OTHER FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS****Nil**

## CRIMINAL CASE

**Nil**

## SOURCES OF EARNING

**Self & wife:** Pension,  
investment, rent and  
agriculture**Education: PhD (1984)**

EXPLAINED

**MAULSHREE SETH**  
KUSHINAGAR, GORAKHPUR,  
LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 25

AMIDST THE cacophony and shifting winds of the UP election, the one constant has been the support for the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY), launched during the Covid pandemic.

On February 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi invoked the ration scheme in his speech in Haridwar, saying people were saying they have had "Modi ka namak" and couldn't betray him.

While the popularity of the ration scheme runs across the state, the endorsement of it is even stronger in eastern UP, more backward than the western and including migrant hubs hit the hardest by fall in incomes post-Covid. At many places, people who say they will vote for the BJP say they

do not care for the person the party has fielded.

The Opposition's argument that this new ration scheme will end come March, as per the government, is not cutting much ice with the beneficiaries.

In Belwa Karkhana Bazar of Kushinagar district bordering Bihar, Girdhari Madesiya, 52, who owns a small confectionary shop, says he ran up big losses during the pandemic lockdown. The only other source of earning for the family of five is a 3-bigha plot where the Bania family grows sugar. But the yield too has been low.

Explaining why he will vote for the BJP, Madesiya says: "Thoda takleef toh hua raha, lekin Modiji, Yogi ji kaam bahut achcha karke hain (Yes, we suffered, but Modi and Yogi have done good work)."

Elaborating, he says: "We are getting 50 kg of free ration, Rs 2,000 under the PM Kisan Samman Yojana. Aur kya chahiye



Express

Ration kits with photos of PM Modi and CM Adityanath.

(what else do we need)?"

Suganti Devi, 60, shouts from across the road: "It's Modi who has done all this." Her husband is a daily wageer, but the free ration means she doesn't have to worry about what her children and grandchildren will eat, she says.

On the local BJP candidate, Suganti says: "I don't know all that. I only know Modi, Yogi."

Asked how the new ration scheme was different, Giridhar's wife says: "Earlier, we would get ration only once a month and we paid Rs 75. Oil, salt and chana were not a part of it but they are now."

## ■ The scheme

About 16 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrain is being provided per month free of cost to 3.61 crore ra-

tion cards under two schemes – the PMGKAY and the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. Apart from Central funds for the same, the UP government is spending Rs 950 crore per month.

There are two kinds of cardholders who fall under the schemes – Antyodaya and Priority House Hold (PHH) cardholders. While subsidised ration under the NFSA is an ongoing process, the PMGKAY was launched during the Covid lockdown, in April 2020. The first two phases of it lasted from April to November 2020. Then it was revived from May to November 2021, while the current extension started in December 2021 and is to continue till March 2022.

## ■ The benefits

Under the NFSA, Antyodaya (the poorest of the poor) and PHH ration cardholders (covering families with annual income below Rs 2 lakh in rural and Rs 3 lakh in urban areas) are provided 35 kg of grains – 20 kg of wheat and 15 kg

of rice – per month per card.

Usually, the ration is given at a subsidised rate of Rs 3 per kg of wheat and Rs 2 per kg for rice. The UP government gives it for free.

## ■ The reach

There are 3.61 crore ration cards in UP. While about 7.5 lakh metric tonnes of grain is provided to these cardholders under the PMGKAY per month, over 8 lakh metric tonnes is distributed under NFSA. Sources in the state Food and Civil Supplies Department put the number of beneficiaries at an estimated 14.96 crore (or over 60% of the population).

## ■ Modi-Yogi association

The reason the scheme has come to be associated with the PM and CM is largely because, until the notification of elections, when the model code kicked in, the packets of "free refined oil, free salt and free chana" carried the pictures of Modi and Adityanath.

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## PROMISES TO OPEN UP RECRUITMENT

## Akhilesh wraps up 5th phase with first Ayodhya visit since temple

**SHYAMLAL YADAV**  
AYODHYA, FEBRUARY 25

SAMAJWADI PARTY (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav Friday campaigned in Ayodhya for his party candidates, appealing to people to save the country's "Ganga-Jamuni sanskriti" by ensuring the defeat of the ruling BJP in the UP Assembly elections.

This was Akhilesh's first visit to Ayodhya since the construction of the Ram Temple started in the town in 2020. He was scheduled to visit Ayodhya early last month, but it was called off.

The SP chief chose Ayodhya to end his campaign for the fifth phase of polls scheduled for February 27. He started his roadshow from Ram Ki Paidi with a brief speech. He was slated to address a gathering of his supporters at Gandhi Park but because of huge crowd the campaign time ended and he left after offering puja at the Hanuman Garhi temple, a key place of worship for the devotees of Ram in Ayodhya.

Akhilesh started his speech by paying his respects to "Vishnu Avatars, Lord Ram, Lord Krishna and Lord Parashuram". He announced that after the SP-led alliance comes to power in the state, land will be acquired for various projects for Ayodhya's development. The circle rates of such land will be increased and six times of that rate would be given to those whose land will be acquired, he said.



Akhilesh Yadav at Ayodhya's Hanumangarhi Temple on Friday. Express

Making an appeal to the people to support the SP-led alliance in the elections, Akhilesh said, "Yahan kan-kan me Ram hain (Ram is everywhere here). Ye desh ki sanskriti hai (This is culture of our country). Mili-juli sanskriti hai (This culture is pluralistic). Ganga-Jamuni sanskriti hai (This is Ganga-Jamuni culture). Is sanskriti ko bachane ke liye BJP ka safaya karen (to save this culture we have to defeat the BJP)."

He said the recruitment of police personnel have been held up due to Covid and that a relax-

ation in upper age limit will be granted to the affected aspirants. He also said that the recruitment in teaching jobs of candidates with B.Ed degrees, who have cleared the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), will be done once he comes to power.

The SP chief pledged that there will be no house tax and water tax in Ayodhya and that electricity consumption up to 300 units will be free for every household.

Taking blessings from seers and babas present in the gathering, Akhilesh asserted that

Ayodhya will be developed into a world class religious city. He promised to create an atmosphere in which spirituality will be spread without causing any loss to local businessmen.

Referring to "unscrupulous" land deals of Ayodhya, Akhilesh said some people were making crores in shortest possible time. "Such growth of income is not seen anywhere in the world."

The SP president did not visit the makeshift Ram Lalla temple.

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## Decorated cop in poll fight has 'saving Manipur' on her agenda

**JIMMY LEIVON**  
IMPHAL, FEBRUARY 25

THOUGH SHE claims to have never had the ambition to join politics, decorated former police officer Thounaojam Brinda finds herself in a contest against the BJP's incumbent MLA and current Manipur law minister Th Satyabrata in the Yaikul Assembly seat in Imphal East.

Brinda says "saving Manipur" is her top agenda. She left the police in October, and joined the Janata Dal (United) last month to contest the polls. Before she left the force, Brinda was an additional superintendent of police in the Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB) department. In 2017, she became the first police officer from the department to receive the Manipur Chief Minister's Police Medal.

During her stint in the NAB, Brinda managed to bring down several drug lords. But, things changed in 2020, when she made headlines in the local media for returning the award after a narcotics court acquitted former Autonomous District Council (ADC) chairperson Lukhosei Zou in a multi-crore drugs case. Subsequently, Brinda submitted a sworn oath in the court, accusing senior politicians of pressuring her to release Zou.

The former officer tells *The Indian Express* that since the start of her career she has faced many obstacles. One of the biggest hindrances is politicians always "out to destroy the state", she alleges.

"During the time of the Congress, there were so many encounters. I thought the pres-



Thounaojam Brinda says she joined politics to end the influence of drug cartels in politics. Express

ent [BJP-led] government would bring some change but I was totally wrong. I found out this government is in nexus with a narcotics cartel," Brinda alleges, claiming that these factors led her to join politics.

The 43-year-old says her father was a socialist. She is also married to a son of RK Meghen, or Sana Yaima, who is a former chairperson of the proscribed United National Liberation Front.

"My father was a socialist. I was trained to love my state. Then I married into a political family. My father-in-law is the former chairman of a top insurgent group. But, my dream to serve the people of Manipur was very limited as a police officer," Brinda tells *Express*.

Asked why she chose to join the JD(U), Brinda says regional parties would have been her first choice had they been stronger. "I had to join a politi-

cal party that can back me up and from which I can be a part of the ruling party also. If I am to be in the Opposition, I will be a lone warrior like before. Moreover, Manipur cannot wait for another 10 years. I have to be decisive to bring change to some extent."

Citing Tripura as an example, Brinda warns that, given the drugs influx and corruption, the state's indigenous population will not last long. At present only 19 lakh people of Manipur's 28 lakh population are from indigenous communities, she adds.

Brinda says she wants to achieve her political vision by empowering the youth and women, and ensuring equality for all, including the LGBT community. "I connect with voters heart-to-heart. I try to find out their grievances, listen to them and tell them what I can do for them," she adds.

## BAD BLOOD

## Raja Bhaiya vs SP: In 'foregone' Kunda, a fresh foray

**MANISH SAHU**  
LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 25ELECTIONS HAVE come and gone, governments have changed, friends have turned rivals, and the Yogi Adityanath has been tom-tomming how it has tamed *bahubalis*. But if there is one seat that has remained untouched by these power upheavals, for six Assembly elections now, it is Kunda. And, even if the talk of his crocodile pond is now an urban legend, if there is one king of Kunda, it is Raghuraj Pratap Singh a.k.a Raja Bhaiya.

This time though, there is a twist in the plot. After almost 15 years (or the last three Assembly polls), the Samajwadi Party (SP) has fielded a candidate against the 52-year-old six-term MLA – and it is a former close aide of Singh's, Gulshan Yadav, 38.

Kunda, which falls in

Pratapgarh district, votes on February 27.

On Thursday, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav turned up in person in Pratapgarh to campaign for Gulshan, and said this time people will vote for "change". Just before the Assembly elections were announced, at a function in the district, he had responded to questions about Singh with the snub "Raja Bhaiya, who?"

However, it is not easy to shut out the 52-year-old, as several parties have realised over the years. In November, as talk swirled about his ties with the SP, Singh had managed to secure an audience with the increasingly reclusive Mulayam Singh Yadav on the latter's birthday, and tweeted a picture of the same.

Singh still claims immense respect for the SP patron. The story goes that things soured between him and the SP after Akhilesh tied up with the BSP for the 2019 par-



Raghuraj Pratap Singh campaigns in Babaganj on Thursday. (Right) Akhilesh Yadav in Pratapgarh the same day. Twitter &amp; PTI

liamentary elections despite his objections. The Mayawati government, in 2003 and then in 2007-2012, had cracked down on Singh, booking him in numerous criminal cases, including under the stringent POTA. He was jailed, and

has talked about how he took a pledge not to see his children born during the period till he came out of prison.

Meanwhile, he kept winning Kunda. All his six wins have been as an Independent, garnering at

least 60% of the votes. In 2002, that went as high as 82.13%. Thakurs, the community to which Singh belongs, number only 18,000 among 3.51 lakh voters in Kunda. The most dominant are the Yadavs (80,000), followed by

Patels (65,000) and SCs (65,000). As per police, he has around 40 criminal cases against him (in his affidavit, he declared only one was pending).

As MLA, Singh alternatively supported the BJP and SP governments, and despite being an Independent, found a ministerial berth under as many as five CMs (Kalyan Singh, Rajnath Singh and Ram Prakash Gupta of the BJP, and Mulayam and Akhilesh). In the 2018 Raja Sabha elections, while with the SP, he was alleged to have cross-voted for the BJP, even tweeting while voting was on that his support for the SP did not mean he would back the BSP nominee. Soon after the vote, Singh had gone to meet Adityanath and said they discussed issues pertaining to Kunda.

This time Singh is contesting on the ticket of the Jansatta Dal Loktantrik Party, which he floated in November 2018.

His aide-turned-rival Gulshan is also a history-sheeter, with 21 cases against him, including one filed recently over comments against Singh. Gulshan's younger brother Chabinath, who is also in the SP, got out on bail recently, while his wife Seema is the Kunda Nagar Panchayat chairperson.

The Pratapgarh police have deployed six policemen for Gulshan's security after he claimed a threat to his life. Alleging Singh's hand, he says: "I have been regularly getting threats over the phone." He denies he was ever associated with Singh.

The BJP's Kunda candidate, Sindhuja Mishra Senani, says everyone knows about Singh and Gulshan's "criminal" activities. A High Court lawyer, Senani had in 2012 contested from a seat in Pratapgarh for the BSP, and lost.

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## FOR THE SOLDIERS

DURING A webinar on boosting the country's defence manufacturing capability on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi referred to the days when he was a just a party worker for the BJP. He told participating industry leaders and officials that as a party worker he was posted in Punjab for a while when he got a chance to chat with some Indian soldiers at Wagah border. He said one of them told him that the Indian gate is smaller than "our enemy's", and that it should be bigger, and the flag higher. This, the Prime Minister said, touched his heart, as it showed him how much the Indian soldiers take pride in items made in the country, and encouraged the industry to manufacture weapons for them.

## REACHING OUT

MONTHS AFTER the government repealed the controversial farm laws, Union Ministry of Agriculture is going to reach out to farmers in a big way. The ministry has planned a campaign – Meri Policy Mere Hath – to distribute policy documents of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to farmers across the country. The campaign will be launched by Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar from Indore in Madhya Pradesh, his home state, on Saturday. It is learnt that more than 25,000 farmers have been invited for the event. The event is significant as the the state is scheduled to go to polls next year.

## CANTEEN IS BACK

AFTER THREE years of waiting, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, headquartered at Indira Paryavaran Bhavan in Jorbagh, has finally got a canteen. Ministry officials say despite trying hard, they had been unable to start the canteen due to tendering issues. The previous lease for the canteen had lapsed but due to the pandemic, and because they received no bids, the ministry was unable to reopen it for its staff and visitors. The running of the canteen has finally been awarded, and the occasion is being seen as so momentous, that Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav will himself inaugurate it..

# Hemananda Biswal, Odisha ex-CM and Cong veteran, dies

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BHUBANESWAR, FEB 25

FORMER ODISHA Chief Minister Hemananda Biswal died at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar while undergoing treatment for pneumonia on Friday, his daughter Sunita Biswal said. He was 82.

He is survived by five daughters – Sabita, Sanjukya, Manjuliata, Sunita and Anita. Born in 1939, Biswal was elected as the Chief Minister twice – from December 7, 1989, to March 5, 1990, and again from December 6, 1999, to March 5, 2000. He was the first tribal Chief Minister of the state.

Biswal was elected to the Assembly six times on a Congress ticket. In 2009, he was also elected as an MP from Sundargarh.

A teacher by profession, he was elected as an MLA for the first time in 1974. He started his political career with panchayat politics, having contested and won rural elections before contesting in Assembly elections. He was the chairman of the Kimira panchayat samiti in Jharsuguda district be-



Hemananda Biswal

tween 1967 and 1971. Expressing grief over Biswal's death, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said: "He will always be remembered for his work towards the progress of the state and for the betterment of the people. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family."

State Congress president Niranjan Patnaik said the party had lost a strong fighter and a protector of tribal interests.

BJP national vice-president Baijayant Panda said: "Very sad at the passing of Hemananda Biswal ji.. We knew each other well & had interacted often, he was always very affable & dignified. Deepest condolences to his family."

Union minister and senior BJP leader Dharmendra Pradhan said: "Saddened to know about Biswal's demise. Odisha lost an efficient and experienced politician."

## EC: Over Rs 1,000 cr seized in cash, liquor, drugs in 5 states

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THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Friday said it has seized more than Rs 1,000 crore worth of cash, drugs, liquor and other items meant to be distributed as freebies in the ongoing assembly elections in five states so far.

The total seizures in the five states were over Rs 1,018 crore, a nearly four-fold increase over the total seizures of Rs 299.84 crore made during the 2017 assembly elections in these states.

Besides, the enforcement agencies seized drugs worth Rs 109 crore in Punjab and more than 8 lakh litre liquor in Uttar Pradesh in the run-up to the elections, the

EC said in a statement. Punjab topped the chart with total seizures amounting to Rs 510.91 crore, followed by Uttar Pradesh (Rs 307.92 crore), Manipur (Rs 167.83 crore), Uttarakhand (Rs 18.81 crore) and Goa (Rs 12.73 crore).

The total cash seizures amounted to Rs 140.29 crore, while more than 82 lakh litre liquor valued at Rs 99.84 crore was also confiscated.

"The process of strengthening expenditure monitoring took off further from the Assembly elections in 5 states/UT in 2021 wherein a multipronged strategy led to more than 4-time rise in seizures when compared to the 2016 polls there," the poll panel said.

# States muzzled by Centre, shows degradation of politics: Uddhav

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MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said on Friday that the Centre's attempts at muzzling the states and defaming them by using its power reflects the degradation of politics which is detrimental to the country and democracy. He added that Shiv Sena is ready to join hands with other parties in the country in national interest.

Thackeray was in conversation with Loksatta editor Girish Kuber on the occasion of the 74th anniversary of Loksatta, a Marathi daily of The Indian Express group. The CM also launched a book, Loksatta Varshvedh, on the occasion. "Looking at the last few decades, it seems that the country has progressed more under coalition governments. After gaining power, they (BJP) are squandering the opportunity rather than making the most of it. All the states should oppose being muzzled by the Centre. Rather than being deemed as a front opposing BJP, we are ready to replicate on the national level what we have done in Maharashtra. We will certainly do it if everyone comes together," he said.

## Majithia's bail plea rejected in drugs case

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MOHALI, FEBRUARY 25

A MOHALI court on Friday rejected Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia's regular bail plea, a day after he was remanded in judicial custody following his surrender before a court in connection with a drug case.

The court observed that being a powerful politician, there is possibility that Majithia may influence the investigation if released on bail. Bikram Singh Majithia

"There are serious allegations against the applicant of having been involved in drug trafficking which are at initial stage of investigation," the court said. "... there is bar under Section 37 of NDPS Act on release of persons involved in offence under Section 27-A of NDPS Act and the twin conditions of Section 37 of NDPS Act can not be said to have been met with." "Majithia is thus not entitled to be released on regular bail and his application, being without any merits, is hereby dismissed," the court ordered.

## Take away voting rights from Muslims: BJP MLA

SANTOSH SINGH  
PATNA, FEBRUARY 25

A BJP MLA from Bisfi, in Bihar's Madhubani district, on Friday reiterated the need to take away voting rights of Muslims, prompting the party's state unit to issue him a showcase notice to explain his remarks.

BJP's alliance partner JD(U), meanwhile, reacted sharply, with its spokesperson Neeraj Kumar calling Thakur's comments "preposterous and inflammatory".

## UP Assembly polls: Dimple, Jaya slam BJP in Sirathu rally

LALMANI VERMA  
LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 25

IN AN apparent dig at sitting Sirathu MLA and Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, former MP Dimple Yadav on Friday said that it was time that the constituency gave a chance to a daughter-in-law to serve its voters as it had been "betrayed by its son", while campaigning for the SP-Apna Dal (Kamerawadi) candidate Pallavi Patel.

SP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Jaya Bachchan and Dimple addressed a meeting of SP workers in Sirathu and Manjhanpur seats in Kaushambi district. Both the seats



Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray and Loksatta editor Girish Kuber at the Express Tower in Mumbai on Friday. Pradip Das

Thackeray also raised questions on the actions of central investigating agencies in the state. "Apart from West Bengal and Maharashtra, are there no states left for central investigative agencies? A big scam was exposed in Gujarat... They create a hue and cry over the seizure of drugs in Maharashtra. A picture is being painted as if there is cannabis cultivation all over Maharashtra. Raids are being conducted to showcase Maharashtra as the worst region of the country. It is a conspiracy to defame the state," the CM said.

He also indirectly ruled out the

possibility of a reunion with the BJP. "Are they going to improve their behaviour? In the early days, our alliance was based on ideology. But now, we don't know where that ideology has gone. We have followed in their footsteps in forging alliances," said Thackeray.

He added that the situation was such in Maharashtra that no party could come to power on its own. "That is why we are running a coalition government based on a common minimum program... the objective of strengthening Shiv Sena in the villages has not been abandoned," he added.

"Many did not believe that I

## SC asks Centre to clarify on legality of cryptocurrency

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

THE SUPREME Court on Friday asked the Centre whether dealing with cryptocurrencies like bitcoin is legal in India.

A bench presided over by Justice D Y Chandrachud posed the query while hearing a plea by one of the accused in the GainBitcoin scam, Ajay Bhardwaj, seeking quashing of the charges against him.

"We would like you, as the Union of India, to place on record the regime as to bitcoin and cryptocurrency? Is it still an offence?" Justice Surya Kant who was also part of the Bench told Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati who appeared for the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The oral query came after Bhati told the bench that the case involved dealings of 87,000 bitcoins and the accused is not cooperating with investigation despite the agency issuing several summons to him.

The SC had in August 2019 given anticipatory bail to Bhardwaj and protected him from coercive action and asked him to deposit Rs 1 crore as security. Responding to the query from

the Bench on the status of cryptocurrencies, Bhati said "we will do that". The law officer added that "there are Direct Marketing guidelines, which they have challenged. This scam involves 80,000 bitcoins which have a value of Rs 20,000 crore. FIRs are registered all across the country. The victims are running into thousands and thousands of people whose money has been taken. They are trying to create this ruse of guidelines and regime". She urged the court to vacate the stay on his arrest.

The court, however, directed that "conditions on the petitioner cooperating fully in the investigation, the ad-interim order restraining arrest shall continue till the next date of listing". It also asked Bhardwaj "to appear before the Investigating Officer in the Directorate of Enforcement within two days and cooperate with the investigation by being present as and when called upon to do so".

Fixing the matter for hearing on March 28, the court directed the Investigating Officer to "file a fresh status report on or before 25 March 2022 indicating the progress in the investigation and whether there has been cooperation on the part of the petitioner-accused".

## Party's Bihar unit issues him a showcase notice, asks him to explain

The legislator, Haribhushan Thakur, had made similar comments on Thursday.

On Friday, he told the media: "As Muslims were given a separate country at the time of Partition in 1947, they should leave for Pakistan. And if they live in India, they should live like second-class citizens. We urge the

government to take away Muslims' voting rights."

Thakur alleged that Muslims have an agenda – that of making India "an Islamist state". Thakur, known for making controversial remarks, also said that Muslims MLAs should also face action from the Bihar Assembly Speaker if they refuse to sing 'Vande Mataram'. "What is the national song (for), after all? It is to worship the Earth, flowers and water. Will they (Muslims) stop drinking water (if they refuse to sing Vande Mataram)," he asked.



Samajwadi Party MP Jaya Bachchan with former MP Dimple Yadav during a workers' conference in Kaushambi, Friday. PTT

bility." "Yeh khali Pallavi ji ka hi chunav nahi hai, Yeh mera bhi chunav hai. Aap kya hamare samman rakhege



would come back. But this is the third year in a row," he remarked, referring to his spine surgery in November. He said he will attend the budget session of the legislature before going to Mantralaya, the state secretariat. Lamenting the delay in granting of the classical language status to Marathi, Thackeray said the proposal has been submitted to the Centre. "In the run-up to the municipal elections, the announcement of granting classical language status to Marathi should be made. Marathi is the language of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Do you have the capacity to give the status of classical language to Chhatrapati's mother tongue?" the CM asked.

## Malik in hospital after complaint of chest pain

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NATIONALIST CONGRESS Party (NCP) leader and Maharashtra cabinet minister Nawab Malik, who is in custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) after his arrest earlier this week, was admitted to a hospital in Mumbai on Friday after he complained of discomfort and health issues.

Malik's office, in a tweet, said he has been admitted to JJ Hospital for medical

reasons. Sources said Malik was admitted to the hospital after blood drops were spotted in his urine. The doctors are yet to make a diagnosis. "Malik was taken to the hospital as per procedure immediately after he complained of discomfort," said an official, adding that Malik has so far "not cooperated" with the ED probe. Malik was arrested on February 23 in connection with a PMLA case filed against underworld don Dawood Ibrahim and his aides. The ED is probing a Rs 85 lakh land transaction between Malik and Dawood's sister Haseena Parkar.

# First serving judge to be Union Law Secy is first Law Secy to be HC judge

APURVA VISHWANATH  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

IN OCTOBER 2019, Anoop Kumar Mendiratta was picked from a pool of 60 candidates to become the first serving judge to be appointed Union Law Secretary. On Friday, he became the first Union Law Secretary to be appointed as a High Court judge.

The former district and sessions judge at the Karkardooma courts in the capital will now take his seat in the Delhi High Court, with a tenure of over three years.

"Our Law Secretary Shri Anoop Kumar Mendiratta has been appointed as Judge of Delhi High Court. He has been a judicial officer of high integrity and sound knowledge in law. I thank him for his valuable services. I wish him success in his new role as a Judge to deliver Justice," Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju posted on Twitter.

In July last year, the Delhi High Court had made eight recommendations for judges. On February 3 this year, the Supreme Court collegium recommended six from that list for appointment.

On Friday, a notification by the Ministry of Law and Justice stated: "In exercise of the power conferred in Clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint (1) Smt Neena Bansal Krishna, (2) Dinesh Kumar Sharma, (3) Anoop Kumar Mendiratta, (4) Sudhir Kumar Jain, to be judge of the Delhi High Court, in that order of seniority, with affect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices."

With these appointments, the Delhi High Court's working strength will increase to 34 -- barely more than half of its sanctioned strength of 62 judges.

Mendiratta, incidentally, was the former Delhi Principal Secretary (Law) who locked horns with the AAP government over sanction to prosecute a group of JNU students, including former students' union leaders Kanhaiya Kumar and Umar Khalid, in an alleged sedition case.

In January 2019, with the case stalled in court without sanction, the file was sent by Delhi's Home



Anoop Kumar Mendiratta with Law Minister Kiren Rijiju. Twitter/ @KirenRijiju

department to the Law department for an opinion. Mendiratta, as Principal Secretary, sent back the file and said the Lieutenant Governor was the competent authority in the matter.

This irked the Delhi government, with Law Minister Kailash Gahlot issuing Mendiratta a show cause notice asking why the file was sent back without being brought to his notice.

Mendiratta, responding to the charge of insubordination, argued that only the Lieutenant Governor was the competent authority to undertake an independent assessment of the alleged sedition case to grant prosecution sanction. He was repatriated to the Delhi Judicial Service, his parent cadre. Subsequently, his appointment as Union Law Secretary broke the practice of an additional secretary from the Indian Legal Services (ILS) pool being elevated to the post. As Union Law Secretary, Mendiratta was instrumental in hosting a meeting of Ministers of Justice of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). While this is the first time that a Union Law Secretary has been appointed as a high court judge, the elevation of district judges serving on deputation with governments or the judiciary is not uncommon.

In 2018, the then Supreme Court secretary general Ravindra Maithani was appointed as a judge of Uttarakhand High Court. In 2019, A Santosh Reddy, a former district and sessions judge in Telangana who was serving as the state's Law Secretary, was appointed a judge of Telangana HC.

## CAMPAIGN RIDE



Union minister Smriti Irani and BJP MP Manoj Tiwari take part in a bike rally in favour of party candidate Chandra Prakash Matiyari, ahead of Assembly polls in Gauriganj, Uttar Pradesh on Friday. PTT

promises made by the SP in its poll manifesto, she stressed that if elected, the party would pay special focus on women's security. "CCTVs will be installed in every village and a special unit in the police force will be created for women's security," she added.

Calling herself the "elder daughter-in-law of UP", and Dimple the younger one, Jaya Bachchan invoked her husband and actor Amitabh Bachchan's connection with the Prayagraj.

"Today, I have come again for Pallavi and urge you to listen to your elder daughter-in-law and also uphold the honour of your brother 'Ganga kinare ka chhota'," she added. The MP was referring

to a popular song from Bachchan's 1978 movie 'Don'. Amitabh Bachchan had contested from the 1984 Lok Sabha elections as a Congress candidate from Allahabad parliamentary seat.

On BJP's allegations of 'parivar-waad' (dynasty politics) in SP, Bachchan said, "They forget that their chief minister has abandoned his family, what does he know about family and the significance of bahu-beti. They lie about the issue of women security."

Addressing an election rally in Manjhanpur and appealing for votes for party candidate Indrajeet Saroj, Dimple targeted BJP government over the incidents of Hathras and Unnao.



# EXPRESS NETWORK

## INDIA STARTS EVACUATION FROM UKRAINE

‘Really caught off-guard... our supply won’t last for another day’

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, FEBRUARY 25

WITH HEAVY snowfall since Friday morning adding to the heavy shelling by Russians, the situation in Kharkiv is growing grimmer, say hundreds of Indian students who have sought asylum in underground metro stations and coaches, as well as bunkers in hostels.

“We have no option but to stay in bunkers due to the shelling. We can hear the blasts; our buildings shiver and columns of thick smoke can be seen,” Aiswarya Dileepkumar, a student from India, said. “We are now suddenly faced with a dip in temperature and heavy snowfall,” she said. “Since Thursday morning, the temperature has gone down to minus 3. We are worried about staying in bunkers in such weather.”

Aiswarya said they have got messages about the evacuation mission, but no one wants to take the risk. “Our consultant has told us that if shelling ceases, they are ready to take all students to the border with Poland. But due to heavy shelling, the agency is not ready to take that risk.”

Another student, Suhara, said it is difficult to spend long hours in a bunker. “It feels suffocating; we have to rush back to our rooms when heavy shelling subsides. We were really caught off-guard yesterday (when the Russian invasion began) and our supply will not last for another day. The shelling and snowfall have made the situation worse,” Suhara said.

The situation is worse for hundreds who have sought cover from shelling in underground trains and metro stations of Kharkiv. Since Thursday, said Hyshtana, another student, many like her have taken shelter in underground metro. “Our hostels do not have bunker facilities, so many people are in coaches and underground stations,” she said. “Local residents have also sought refuge in metros.”

She said stations and coaches are crammed with people. “There is only space to curl up in these premises. Students are stranded at various stations—in some, they cannot even make calls, as cell-phones have gone into airplane mode. Our rooms are at walkable distance, but when heavy shelling is on, how do we go?”

## Ukrainians in Goa gather in solidarity with compatriots

MAYURA JANWALKAR

PANAJI, FEBRUARY 25

A GROUP of Ukraine nationals residing in Goa gathered in Panaji on Friday for a peaceful protest in solidarity with their countrymen back home facing attack by Russia. A group of about 20 people held placards that read ‘Stand with Ukraine’ and ‘No war in Ukraine’. The group included both residents of Goa and Ukrainian tourists.



Indian students wait to cross over into Romania from Ukraine through the Porubne-Siret border. *Twitter/@IndiainUkraine*

## ‘We have no idea... how and when we will be evacuated’

Indians take shelter in metro stations, basements to escape Russian shelling

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

WITH SIRENS going off through Thursday, Yashdeep Bidhan took refuge in a metro station near his residence. The third-year medical student from Kharkiv National Medical University was among thousands of people, including children, who slept fitfully at the metro station through the night.

When things seemed calm at 8 am, Bidhan ventured out. “I came back home. I wanted to charge my phone.” Within a couple of hours, he heard a loud boom and his windows started shaking. He rushed back to the metro station immediately.

“We could hear echoes of the blasts inside. One of my friends, who was at another metro station, saw a shell right outside when he was heading home in the morning. The university should have allowed us to leave earlier,” he said.

Third and sixth year students of medical universities in Ukraine were scheduled to have an offline examination. If they missed it, they would have to repeat a year.

By the time the Indian embassy said all students must leave the country on February 20, all flights were booked. Bidhan paid Rs 60,000 for a seat on the Air India evacuation flight scheduled for



Camping at a metro station in Kharkiv city. *Express*

February 26, which now stands cancelled with Ukrainian airspace being closed. The ticket prices for Ukraine-India flights cost around Rs 18,000-20,000 normally.

“Now, I do not know what I should do. Some people from the embassy say we should go to Lviv towards the western side of the country which is safer. But trains are not running, the tracks have been destroyed. It is snowing heavily so it is unsafe to drive and who wants to risk driving when there are blasts across the country? There is a shortage of petrol as well,” said Bidhan.

His friend from the same university, who was to take a flight to India on Thursday, got stuck in the capital Kyiv after the airport was shut. Anurag Punia, also a third-year medical student, is currently

housed in a school arranged for by the Indian embassy. Although he is thankful to have a place to stay, problems have started cropping up at the centre.

There are nearly 300 students housed in the indoor playground of the school, with the numbers increasing. “Yesterday, we went to the supermarket and got some chips, cola, and fruits. Today, everything is shut and we have been asked not to leave the school compound. Yesterday night, we were given a small plate of rice shared between five people. Today we haven’t had anything since morning,” said Punia at 12 pm Ukraine time.

He said after the Indian embassy first raised an alarm on February 15, he tried to get the university to either postpone his

exams or take it offline. “They said, ‘look out of the window, there is nothing wrong’. I want to tell them to look out of the window now.”

At noon, he said, his friends staying 5 km away in another university hostel could hear the missiles. By afternoon, he said, “I can hear them now.” The school they are at does not have a bunker.

A shaken IT professional, Akhilesh Nigam, stood just 700 metres from Ukraine’s southern border with Moldova in an attempt to cross over with his wife, 9-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son.

Most people have been trying to reach the western border of the country with Poland, but Nigam knew his car did not have enough fuel for the journey. Neither did he want to undertake a long journey with his family. So, he decided to apply for a tourist visa to Moldova Thursday night and reached the border with his family before hearing from the country. “I pleaded with them on mail to fast-track my visa... And, it must have worked because today I got a mail saying the visa is being processed,” said Nigam.

His house was close to a military facility in Odessa. “I haven’t slept in two days. This is something that happens on television. How is this happening to us,” he said.



At the protest in Panaji. *Express*

## Swadeshi Jagran Manch: Check Air India CEO pick’s Erdogan links

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RASHTRIYA SWAYAMSEVAK Sangh-affiliate Swadeshi Jagran Manch has expressed its reservations about the Tata Group appointing former Turkish Airlines chairman Ilker Ayci as Air India’s Managing Director and CEO.

“The aviation industry cannot be equated with chips manufacturing. This is a matter of national security. We must be very careful. His links with Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the current President of Turkey, is a matter of concern and must be thoroughly checked before going ahead,” SJM convenor Ashwini Mahajan told *The Indian Express*.

Mahajan said the “controversial” appointment was already being talked about everywhere. “The good thing is the government is already seized of the matter and is doing a thorough scrutiny. I am not saying the Tatas have done this deliberately. It is one of those things that get overlooked,” he said even as he un-

derlined the friendship between Erdogan’s Turkey and Pakistan.

He, however, clarified that the SJM had not made representation in this regard to the government.

The Tata Group appointed Ilker Ayci as Air India’s MD and CEO earlier this month to be effective on or before April 1. Appointment of foreign CEOs requires clearance from the government.

Ilker Ayci was chairman of Turkish Airlines since 2015, and his resignation from the post was announced by the airline on January 27 this year — the same day Tatas were handed over Air India by the Centre. During his professional career, Ayci has been an adviser to the then Mayor of Istanbul, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, where he took part in a number of development projects in Turkey’s largest city. Erdogan is currently the President of Turkey.

Under Erdogan, Turkey has been seen to turn more Islamic and grown closer to Pakistan. Erdogan has in the past couple of years repeatedly raised the issue of Kashmir in his address to the UN General Assembly. He had

also raised the Kashmir issue during his visits to Pakistan.

During his visit to Pakistan in February 2020, Erdogan while addressing a joint session of Pakistan Parliament expressed concern over the situation in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and compared the “struggle” of the Kashmiri people with his country’s fight against foreign domination during the World War-I.

Following this, the government had summoned Turkey’s then Ambassador Sakir Ozkan Torunlar and issued a strong demarche. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had then said Erdogan’s remarks reflected “neither an understanding of history nor of the conduct of diplomacy” and would have “strong implications” on India’s ties with Turkey.

Last September, Erdogan in his address to the General Debate, said, “We maintain our stance in favour of solving the ongoing problem in Kashmir for 74 years, through dialogue between the parties and within the framework of relevant United Nations resolutions.”

## Won’t participate in proposed common entrance: AMU to govt

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ALIGARH MUSLIM University (AMU) has conveyed to the Centre that it will not participate in the proposed common entrance test for central universities.

AMU public relation in-charge Professor M Shafey Kidwai said the university’s academic council decided to continue with the existing admissions policy for the time being.

“The case pertaining to AMU’s minority status is in the Supreme Court. In 2006, the apex court had stayed the Allahabad High Court’s 2005 order that struck down the minority status. So, when the Centre’s proposal to carry out a common entrance test across central universities was placed before the academic council of AMU, a decision was taken to not fiddle with the existing arrangements as the case remains pending in

the SC,” Kidwai said.

While religion-based quotas are not part of AMU’s admissions policy, it earmarks 50 per cent of seats in all its courses for students from AMU-run schools.

The Centre has not yet announced the modalities of the proposed common entrance test. A senior Ministry of Education official said that during discussions with stakeholders, it emerged that most universities favoured making board exam scores a simple eligibility criteria.

“Rather than giving board exam scores a certain weightage of 50 per cent or 70 per cent, it might just be an eligibility criteria. It can mean two things. One, to be eligible for admissions through the entrance, a student will need to score minimum aggregate marks which will be announced. Or they should figure in a certain percentile of class 12 pass out students in a particular board,” an official privy to the ongoing discussions on the test said.

## Congress officially quiet, leaders debate over calling out Russia

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

A DAY after Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with Russia’s President Vladimir Putin and appealed for an “immediate cessation of violence”, two strands of thought are emerging in the Congress on what New Delhi’s position should be on the war.

While a section of the party believes the government will have to do a fine balancing act, given India’s historical ties with Russia going back to the Nehruvian era, some leaders argue Moscow’s action should be condemned in no uncertain terms.

Some Congress leaders are of the view that India is caught in a bind and will have to do a delicate tightrope walk, keeping principles on one side and pragmatism and its interests on the other.

Anand Sharma, former Minister of State for External Affairs and head of the party’s foreign affairs department, largely echoed the stance taken by the government.

His party colleague Manish Tewari, however, argued that the government should take a clear position and tell Russia that it is in the wrong. “When friends are in the wrong, it is the responsibility of friends to point that out,” he said.

Former diplomat and Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor has argued that India should condemn Russia’s action, as it violates international law and the UN charter.

“We can only express our grave concern and appeal for im-

**EXPLAINED**  
**Raising heat on stranded Indians**

THE PARTY has not comment officially on the invasion. Instead, it has focused on the plight of Indians stuck in Ukraine, most of them students. This gives the Congress an opportunity to frame the domestic debate on a humanitarian issue that is closer home, and attack the government over its “failure” to intervene in time to ensure evacuation of around 20,000 Indians stranded in various parts of Ukraine.

mediate cessation of hostilities. The international community should do everything possible by activating diplomatic channels for restoration of peace to save civilian lives and aggravated human sufferings,” Sharma told *The Indian Express*. “Both Russia and Ukraine should go back to the negotiating table...”

Refusing to be drawn into the stand taken by the government, Sharma said, “What more can we do. There were agreements between Russia and NATO after the collapse of the Soviet Union. There is the Russia-NATO pact, the Minsk agreement...there are four agreements. There is violation by them also...by NATO and the US.”

Tewari said Russia indeed is a “time-honoured friend” but argued that “there comes a time

## Students in Ukraine: Kin, friends protest outside Russian embassy

ARANYA SHANKAR

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

FAMILY AND friends of Indian students stranded in Ukraine gathered outside the Russian Embassy, near Shantipath on Friday demanding their immediate return.

In the evening, Assistant Commissioner of Police Suma Madda allowed a delegation of three people to submit a memorandum at the Ministry of External Affairs.

Most people present at the protest said their loved ones were in Kharkiv in Eastern Ukraine, close to Russia, whereas the borders were being opened in the western part of the country, which is hundreds of kilometres away from where they are stuck.

Sunil Pandey, 50, said his son Aayush Pandey, who studies in Kharkiv National Medical University (KNMU), was sleeping in bunkers in hostels. “They are living under extreme duress, with-out heating in temperatures of -3 degrees Celsius. We have been calling the Indian Embassy there but nobody is taking our calls... We demand that our children should be brought back immediately, at the government’s cost,” he said.



Friends and families of students stranded in Ukraine protest outside Russian embassy in New Delhi on Friday. *Praveen Khanna*

Khushboo Kalani, 24, a student of KNMU, had come to Delhi in January to attend her sister’s wedding. She was supposed to return to Ukraine on February 23 when flights started getting cancelled. “There is only one demand we have from the government: please get our friends back. You are opening borders in the western regions. But how will students get there? Kharkiv is in the east...,” she said.

Veronica Arora (26), Neeraj Antil (24), and Tarannum Bano (26), alumnae of KNMU, said their friends were stuck inside metro stations. “They are scared that they will be bombed... Kharkiv is really close to Russia. We want our friends and family to be safe. This is a question of their life and death,” said Bano.

### PIL SEEKS RETURN OF STRANDED INDIANS

*New Delhi:* A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court by a lawyer seeking a direction to the Centre to take immediate and effective steps for safe return of stranded students and their families from Ukraine. The PIL, filed by lawyer Vishal Tiwari with the court’s registry, also sought a direction to ensure essential and emergency supplies like medical facilities, housing and lodging facilities for stranded Indians in Ukraine. **PTI**

## Filmmakers appeal to MAMI festival for physical screening

TANUSHREE GHOSH  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

MORE THAN 15 independent filmmakers, from among the 30-plus selected for this year’s cancelled Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival, wrote an open letter on Friday, unhappy with MAMI’s online screenings for 48 hours for a film, in February-March, instead of a physical festival.

In their letter, they made “a public appeal for MAMI to plan a set of physical screenings, and to the people of Mumbai to express their support”.

The physical edition was cancelled in 2020 owing to the pandemic and, in 2021, it was postponed. “The 22nd edition would normally have taken place in November 2021, but was postponed till March 11-15, 2022,” the letter said.

On February 4, festival organiser Mumbai Academy of Moving Images (MAMI) told the filmmakers that “despite our best efforts, it has become untenable for us to hold the fes-

**The physical edition of the film festival was cancelled in 2020 owing to the pandemic and, in 2021, it was postponed**

tival in March. The continuing pandemic, logistical and financial challenges have contributed to this... we are (trying) to figure out how we can bring back the festival”.

The filmmakers have written twice earlier to MAMI, to which the latter has replied.

“Just a week prior to this communication, we were asked to send our film (viewing) links, then what happened in a week? The abruptness is odd,” said National Award-winning filmmaker Gurvinder Singh, whose new film *Adh Chanani Raat* was to premiere in the India Gold section. He and Irfana Majumdar (*Shankar’s Fairies*) opted out of the online screenings.

“It doesn’t qualify as a festival,” said Majumdar, as Singh cited “huge issue with piracy”.

Sanal Kumar Sasidharan, who withdrew his Tovino Thomas-starrer *Vazhakku*, said, “If MAMI is going the ‘silent death’ way, it’s really sad.”

Achal Mishra (*Dhruin*) agreed to screen but signed the letter. “It’s not just about my film, but independent films in general. A lot of us were disappointed. We went ahead because our film is 50-minute long, which limits our festival/release possibilities, and MAMI, physical or online, seemed like the only option to show it to the audiences,” he said.

The other signatories of the letter included Aditya Vikram Sengupta, Payal Kapadia, Ranabir Das and Haobam Paban Kumar.

MAMI is yet to respond to the open letter.

When the 2014 edition was hit by fund crunch as sponsor Reliance Entertainment pulled out, the state government, film industry, industrialists and cinephiles came together to raise Rs 5 crore for it.



# 8 EXPRESS NETWORK

**Punjab: Private school principal held for raping several students over 7-8 years**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
JALANDHAR, FEBRUARY 25

THE PUNJAB Police Friday arrested the principal of a private school in Ropar for allegedly raping and molesting several students over past several years. The accused had been running the school for past over two decades and had been on the run after his obscene pictures went viral on social media platforms, police said.

A case under Section 376 (2) (d) of IPC and section 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act has been registered against the 54-year-old accused.

The police complaint was lodged by one Ashwani Kumar. The complainant told police that the accused was running a school for the past 20 years but was forced to shut it down after local objected to his activities. He then shifted the school.

"He abused several minor girl students in the past seven-eight years. Over 180 objectionable photos and a video, all of which are around 7-8 years old, went viral on social media a few days back," said the complainant.

The photos reached the social media platforms after he gave his computer for repairing.

The complainant said that the village people were aware about his activities but didn't come forward to lodge a formal complaint "to protect the girls".

The accused, the complainant said, had threatened the girls with dire consequences.

DSP Nangal Satish Kumar told *The Indian Express* that the accused has been arrested and a court has remained him in two days' police custody.

Police said that only one person has come forward with the complaint along with photos and no one from the victims' side has filed any complaint.

**1988 ROAD RAGE DEATH CASE**

## Respond to plea within 2 weeks, SC tells Sidhu

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

SUPREME COURT on Friday asked Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu to respond within two weeks to a petition, which contends that the already established facts in the 1988 road rage death case—in which he was held guilty of only voluntarily causing hurt to a senior citizen—reveal a more serious offence that necessitates a harsher sentence.

A bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and S K Kaul said the court will decide on how to proceed after Sidhu files his response.

The bench was hearing the petition filed by relatives of Gurnam Singh, who died in the road rage incident. The petition sought review of the top court's May 15, 2018 order by which it set aside the Punjab and Haryana High Court order convicting Sidhu of culpable homicide and sentencing him to three-year jail term. It held him guilty of the offence under Section 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) of the IPC and let him off only with a fine of Rs 1,000.

The Supreme Court had earlier issued notice in the matter, but "restricted to quantum of sentence".

Appearing for the victim's family on Friday, Senior Advocate Siddharth Luthra told the bench that there was "error apparent on the face of the record" in the judgment holding Sidhu guilty of only causing hurt. Citing an earlier judgment of the top court, Luthra contended that the ruling "is clear determination... that a person who causes death cannot, ought not to be punished in the category of hurt". He argued that



**Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu**

"if hurt has caused death of the victim, the offence is culpable homicide".

He said the court should not restrict the scope of its examination to only the quantum of sentence but must examine it as a whole.

The bench said it cannot be expected to re-appreciate the evidence, saying that would "mean reopening the entire case" and that would be "problematic". It said Sidhu can still be asked to reply whether the already established facts lead to a different conclusion as far as the offence is concerned.

Senior Advocate P Chidambaram, appearing for Sidhu, opposed the request and said the notice was limited to the question of sentence. He said the court had already concluded it was not a case where Sidhu caused the death.

"Two learned judges of this court have come to conclusion after analysing the evidence that it is not a case where he has caused death of the deceased. To review the judgment after four years in respect of the incident that took place in 1988, especially if the notice has been restricted, it cannot be enlarged on that aspect... it would not bring justice if the entire matter is heard again," he said.

The bench, however, said, "we don't want to open the Pandora's box but you will have to address us on" the application.

**BENGAL STUDENT LEADER'S DEATH**

## Could not recognise accused duo at identification parade: Anis's father

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 25

SALEM KHAN, the father of student leader Anis Khan who was allegedly pushed off the third floor of his Howrah residence on the night of February 18, claimed that he couldn't recognise any of the two arrested persons in the case during a Test Identification (TI) parade on Friday.

Homeguard Kashinath Bera and civic volunteer Pritam Bhattacharya were arrested on Wednesday on suspicion of being involved in Anis's death. However, on the way to being produced at a court on Thursday, both claimed that they visited the student leader's house on the night of the incident on the "OC's instructions" and did not know how he died.

According to police sources, the homeguard and the civic vol-



**An SFI member detained during a protest against the murder of student leader Anis Khan in Kolkata, Friday. Partha Paul**

unteer had claimed during interrogation that Anis jumped off his house on seeing them, in a bid to escape. However, the SIT is yet to reveal why they went to his house at midnight.

Speaking to reporters after the TI parade, Salem Khan said,

"The man who held me at gunpoint and stopped me at the gate (of his residence) on the night of the incident, wasn't there. He hasn't been arrested. I couldn't recognise the ones who were there."

The procedure at the

Uluberia jail lasted about two-and-a-half hours. As per a Calcutta High Court order, Anis's mobile phone was handed over to the investigators by his family members in the presence of a magistrate. His father was initially reluctant to hand over his son's phone, which has two SIM cards, to the SIT.

Officers from the Special Investigation Team (SIT), which was set up by the state government to probe the death of the student leader, arrived at Anis's Amta residence around 1.30pm on Friday to take him for the TI parade.

According to sources, though Anis's father initially informed the SIT members that he was unwell, he later agreed to go to the Uluberia court with his lawyers.

He kept the officers waiting for hours before finally tagging along with his lawyers, sources said.

## Chhattisgarh Home Minister quits as Cong OBC wing chief

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
RAIPUR, FEBRUARY 25

CHHATTISGARH HOME Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu on Friday resigned as the Chairman of the Congress' OBC department.

He claimed that as he was holding two important posts, he could not devote time to "discharge the duties" as the national president of the party's Other Backward Classes Department.

In his resignation addressed to party president Sonia Gandhi, which he later tweeted, Sahu said: "I constantly tried my best to discharge my duties for committed massive support of OBCs in favour of the Congress as well as to

strengthen the department at the grassroots level. I have constituted committees in all states at all levels to spread the party ideology."

Sahu, who was one of the three candidates for the CM's position in 2018, had been given the Home Department after the government was formed. From the same district as CM Bhupesh Baghel, Sahu is always seen to be close to the CM. His resignation has opened the floodgate of internal politics within the ruling Congress in the state.

However, Sahu claimed that he was giving up the post as it was making his schedule busy. "Even for organisational tours, I was not getting time. So, in the interest of the party, I resigned," he added.

## 2 Lashkar militants, civilian killed in J&K encounter

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25

TWO LASHKAR-e-Toiba militants and a civilian were killed in an encounter with security forces in south Kashmir's Shopian on Friday, police said. The operation broke out in the Amshipora area on Friday morning.

"After a cluster of houses were taken into cordon following the drill, civilians were evacuated to safety. Thereafter, house to house searches were started in the wee hours to locate the hiding terrorists. During the searches, terrorists came out and resorted to indiscriminate firing," J&K Police said in a statement.

A civilian, who was also injured in the firing, later, succumbed to his injuries. He was identified as Shakeel Ahmed Khan. "The injured civilian while being evacuated for medical help succumbed to the injuries. Terrorist's fire was retaliated effectively in which both terrorists neutralised," J&K Police said.

Police said the two militants were later identified as, Muzamil Ahmad Mir and Mohammad Ayoub Wagay, both residents of Shopian.

On February 19, a militant and two soldiers were killed in a gunfight in Shopian. The encounter was the first incident of Army men dying in gunfight with militants in the Valley this year.

## FIRST EDITION OF IE THINC SERIES ON GENDER: GENDER-RESPONSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY & BOUNCING BACK BETTER



**RENANA JHABVALA**  
CHAIR, SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SEWA) BHARAT

**Women need to organise more, recognise their own worth as workers. They talk about themselves as housewives and mothers but the first identity is never that of a worker or a producer. They need to be organised by categories. Social enterprises or SDGs are other ways in which they can come together. They should not only recognise themselves as workers but also project themselves as such.**



**AVANI KAPUR**  
FELLOW, CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

**It is ridiculous that we celebrate ASHA workers as last mile deliverers but they don't have a salary. They are given incentives based on the work that they do. We need to work on digital and financial literacy and ensure that minimum wages are paid. In fact, we must make jobs lucrative to women. We must also make it lucrative for the industry to hire women as well besides removing disabling barriers.**



**MANISH SABHARWAL**  
VICE CHAIRMAN, TEAM LEASE

**Instead of thinking about glass ceilings, we should think about sticky doors. Sixty-three million enterprises only translated to 23,500 companies worth more than 10 crores. Unless we change that ratio, it's going to be a problem. The structural reform of formalisation, urbanisation, industrialisation, financialisation and human capital is what we need to do.**

# 'Upskill women, encourage businesses, pay them well'

With women being hit the hardest by the pandemic, panellists at the inaugural edition of *The Indian Express* Thinc Series on Gender discussed ways to get them back into the workforce and remove the gap year bias. The session was moderated by Aanchal Magazine, Special Correspondent, *The Indian Express*



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The two ways by which we can mainstream women in the workforce are digitisation and reskilling. The government is directing its skill programmes and the New Education Policy to ensure more and more women participate in hitherto untapped areas. We are offering skills to men and women equally and it is for them to use those skills to create opportunities for them-

selves either in employment or micro-entrepreneurship.

The Ministry of Skill Development has a digital platform called the DESH stack. A part of this will include the ability of micro-entrepreneurs to come online, work on these opportunities, skill themselves and seek out finances. So, it is an ecosystem of credit skills and opportunities that will be put together on a digital platform.

Today, in the skill ecosystem, we have over 4,500 courses and trades that are being taught. I have given my ministry a target of 10,000-15,000 (courses). As long as the ecosystem provides more and more innovative trades and skills of the future, we create visibility and aspirations around those skills, we create opportunities around them. It is for the young Indian to decide what he or she is excited by. Smartphones have prodded women in remote locations, particularly in the Northeast, to drive new food businesses while skilling has helped women break the male stronghold in traditional sectors like

plumbing, where they are now becoming sales executives and product managers.

Women are benefitting from Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS). I visited many JSS centres during the pandemic. In Kerala and parts of the Northeast, I found that women had reinvented themselves. When the classroom programmes had shut because of COVID, they took to YouTube. Some of them took up new businesses around the neighbourhood. I was impressed by one of the women in Kerala, who said, 'I had learnt to make two kinds of cakes at JSS before COVID struck. Now I know about 11 different types, having picked them up from YouTube and distance-learning tools... I make 40 cakes a day and sell them in my community.' I asked another group of women near Kochi how they marketed their products. They were savvy and said they were using Instagram, Facebook and all of those digital tools that took primacy during Covid.

So I think the spirit of enterprise among women of India is equal to, if not more, than that of men.



**SONA MITRA**  
PRINCIPAL ECONOMIST, IWAGE

**It's encouraging that the Govt is looking at skilling women. It understands the need for diversifying occupational patterns of women and looking into aspirations outside their traditional roles and livelihoods.**



**On 'invisible' workers**

**RENANA JHABVALA:** There is an "invisibility" of women in official numbers and this results in poor governmental support. In Bihar, the National Service Scheme (NSS) data showed that only 11 per cent of women were in the labour force. But we found that every field had a woman worker. We followed the exact same questionnaire as the NSS and found 56 per cent of women worked as agricultural labour.

Women, who work on their family farms, are not counted as farmers. About 80 per cent of women are in agriculture in some way or the other. Of these 42 per cent are cultivators. Again, that is underestimated because many women, who work in their family farms, don't get counted. Unfortunately, only 16 per cent of households have women who own land. Therefore, it is the men who are recognised as farmers, although they may have migrated to cities for work, entrusting their farms to women in the family. There is a feminisation of agriculture. But as women are not recognised as farmers, they don't get finance, subsidised seeds and fertilisers or any extension services. I think this needs looking into

and can change productivity.

**On supporting micro-entrepreneurs**

**RENANA JHABVALA:** Women micro entrepreneurs need incentivisation. They are street vendors, weavers, food producers, teachers, essentially those engaged in non-agricultural trades. The annual turnover of more than 85 per cent of such businesses is less than Rs 5 lakh. Another interesting aspect is that where enterprises are women-owned, 77 per cent of employees are women. According to the NSS, 20 per cent of all micro enterprises are women-owned. The government must consider a safety net by way of cash transfers, look at practical ways of funding micro-entrepreneurship, encourage women-owned businesses because they naturally give opportunities to other women, extend digital and financial literacy and urge the private sector to include women enterprises in their supply chains.

**MANISH SABHARWAL:** We need to emphasise the importance of "financialising" in India. Our credit to GDP ratio of 50 per cent hurts everyone but it hurts women disproportionately. There must be a more democratic and even spread of existing fund allocations. The Central Government budget is Rs 39 lakh crore, 29 state governments have a budget of Rs 89 lakh crore, 2.5 lakh municipal-

ities and panchayats have a budget of only Rs 3.7 lakh crore. The biggest thing we can do is decentralise money and power.

**On providing jobs**

**RENANA JHABVALA:** We need to highlight unemployment among young women. In the last 30 years, higher education among girls has increased from 32 per cent to nearly 50 per cent while primary education is about 90 per cent. On the other hand, formal labour-force participation of women has really decreased. Many of these young girls do want jobs. According to the NSS data on Bihar, 55 per cent of educated girls — those who have completed secondary education and above — say that they are unemployed. This is a cohort that needs special attention. We need bridging courses to help them transition to need-based skills. Employers need to hire them. I think it also needs some motivation to families because they don't send young girls for work or at least don't send them far.

**MANISH SABHARWAL:** The work-from-home option is opening up more opportunities. However, the problem is not about job creation as it is about decent wages. This is 'employed poverty.' How do you fix that? By raising the productivity of our states, firms and individuals.

**SC rejects plea of Bengal BJP leaders seeking central forces for civic polls**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

SUPREME COURT on Friday dismissed a plea by West Bengal BJP seeking deployment of central paramilitary forces for the February 27 elections to 106 municipalities in the state.

A bench presided by Justice D Y Chandrachud dismissed the plea by BJP leaders Mousumi Roy and Pratap Banerjee challenging the February 23 Calcutta High Court order, which had left the decision whether or not to deploy central forces to the State Election Commission (SEC), but did not elaborate the reasons.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta expressed the Centre's readiness to grant the request for forces if the court directs. He referred to the November 25, 2021, order of a bench also headed by Justice Chandrachud to deploy additional central forces to ensure peace during local polls in Tripura.

"Your Lordships have decided not to entertain this. But in the Tripura elections matter, the court had asked if the government can do something. I may submit that we have no problems in deploying the forces," said Mehta.

But the bench also comprising Justice Surya Kant was not inclined to entertain the BJP plea and went on to dismiss it.

Appearing for the appellants, Senior Advocate P S Patwallia said earlier too, the High Court had left it to the SEC to decide whether or not to deploy central forces for the initial phase of polling on February 12. The SEC decided against it and there was widespread violence and vote rigging, he contended. Accusing the SEC of favouring the ruling party, he said the poll body relied on the official newspaper of the ruling Trinamool Congress to deny allegations of poll-related violence.



New Delhi





FRESH PIL SEEKING MEDIA CURBS DISPOSED OF

Hijab row: Karnataka HC reserves order

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BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 25

THE KARNATAKA high court on Friday reserved its judgment in the matter involving the restrictions imposed on wearing the hijab in classrooms after two weeks of daily hearings of a batch of petitions filed by Muslim girls from government pre-university colleges in the Udupi district.

Before the hijab-linked petitions were reserved for judgment, S Balan, a social activist and lawyer, filed a public interest litigation (PIL) stating that Muslim girls were being harassed by the media and the education authorities by forcing them to remove headscarves outside school and college campuses.

He sought a court directive to restrict the media from intruding into the privacy of students by chasing them and filming them and the school and college authorities from forcing them to remove the hijab and burkha at the entrance of educational institutions.

"The students have been humiliated," the lawyer argued, calling the action of the electronic media "child abuse".

The HC full bench comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Justice Krishna

Dixit and Justice JM Khazi did not issue any orders but disposed of the PIL, saying "whoever is aggrieved can make complaints to appropriate authorities".

The two-week-long hearings saw the Muslim girls' lawyers argue that the right to wear the hijab in classrooms was part of the freedom of religion and expression, assailing the Karnataka education department's February 5 order suggesting that the headscarf can be prohibited in institutions. The February 5 order was termed as inadmissible in administrative practice. It was also argued on behalf of the petitioners that the college committees do not have the power to prescribe uniforms in pre-university colleges since they are not statutory bodies.

Karnataka advocate general Prabhuling Navadgi said that the government order was innocuous and did not direct the prohibition of religious attire but left it to the discretion of institutions. The AG, however, admitted certain portions of the order may have been unnecessary. He also argued that wearing of the hijab does not constitute an essential religious practice and that it does not fall in the category of freedom of religion but in the category of freedom of expression which can be curbed for discipline.

BAJRANG DAL ACTIVIST'S MURDER

10 accused sent to police custody till March 7

KIRAN PARASHAR  
BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 25

ALL THE 10 people arrested in connection with Bajarang Dal worker Harsha's murder have been sent to police custody till March 7 by a local court in Karnataka on Friday.

Police had on Thursday arrested 24-year-old Abdul Roshan, a resident of Bhadravati, and 55-year-old Jafar Sadique, a resident of Wadi-e-Huda in Shivamogga city. Before this, Feroz Pasha, Abdul Khadar, Mohammed Kashif, Syed Nadeem, Afsifullah Khan, Rihan, Nihan and Abdul Afnan had also been arrested in connection with the case.

Meanwhile, even as BJP leaders visit Harsha's residence, activists from pro-Hindutva groups have demanded that his mother or sister be given a ticket from Shivamogga district in the next Karnataka Assembly election.

Harsha, 26, died after being

attacked by a group of armed assailants in Shivamogga last Sunday.

Multiple videos have surfaced online purportedly showing pro-Hindutva activists asking why only lower-rung workers were being injured or killed in political and communal violence while, according to them, the children of BJP leaders never take part in such fights.

BJP's Shivamogga district unit president TD Megharaj told The Indian Express that it was too early to comment on giving a ticket to someone from Harsha's family. "We and the family are yet to come out of the grief of losing a staunch worker. The party will definitely consider the contribution of Harsha to the party but a decision will be made by the high command," he said.

There are eight Assembly seats in Shivamogga district, out of which seven are currently held by the BJP and one by Congress.

India-Japan joint military drill begins tomorrow

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

INDIAN AND Japanese armies will start their annual Dharma Guardian exercise in Karnataka over the weekend. The exercise will begin on February 27 and go on till March 10 at the Foreign Training Node in Belgaum, Karnataka.

The exercise with Japan "is crucial and significant in terms of security challenges faced by both nations in the backdrop of current global situation" and the "scope of this exercise covers platoon level joint training on operations in jungle and semi-urban/urban terrain", the Army

said in a statement on Friday.

The 15th battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry regiment will participate for India, and for Japan, the 30th Infantry Regiment of Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces (JGSDF) will participate, the Army said.

They will "share experiences gained during operations in order to enhance inter-operability in planning and execution of various operations in jungle & semi urban/ urban terrain."

While the Army statement did not mention China, but both India and Japan have strained relations with China, which claims parts of Indian and Japanese territories.

Held for anti-judge slur, actor gets bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 25

KANNADA FILM actor and activist Chetan Kumar A, who was arrested for allegedly making comments against a Karnataka High Court judge who is part of a bench hearing the hijab issue. The arrest, which came six days after he posted the comments on Twitter, had raised eyebrows.

Last Saturday, the actor had participated in a march demanding the suspension of then principal district and sessions judge Mallikarjuna Gowda, who allegedly objected to placing a portrait of B R Ambedkar next to Mahatma Gandhi's on Republic Day in Raichur. Gowda was later transferred as the presiding officer of the Karnataka State Transport Appellate Tribunal, Bengaluru.

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735205000284	Alok Singh	Branch Name: Patna - Mahendra
33405000289	Kanti Devi	Branch Name: Patna - Meethapur
33405001156	Deepak Kumar	Branch Name: Patna - Patliputra
238105000680	Monika Priya	Branch Name: Patna - Patna City
238305000936	Suresh Kumar	Branch Name: Patna - Sahibganj
238305000939	Kashish Perween	Branch Name: Patna-Anisabad
133305002452	Anmit Kumar	Branch Name: Patna-Boringroad
040405009354	Anurag Singhania	Branch Name: Patna-Gaighat
030705000872	Kiran Devi	Branch Name: Patna-Kankerbagh
247605000638	Chandan Kumar	Branch Name: Patna-Rosera
256905000566	Gautam Kumar Jha	Branch Name: Patna-Saharsa
256905001648	Sangita Devi	Branch Name: Patna-Sasaram
181105001446	Amit Kumar Jha	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
256305000688	Vikash Kumar	Branch Name: Patna-Sitamarhi
133505001386	Priyesh Kumar Singh	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133505001751	Krishna Sah	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133505003186	Brendra Kumar Singh	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133505003201	Arvind Kumar	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133705003516	Rammy Kumar	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133705003520	Alok Kumar	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133705003525	Alok Kumar	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133705003527	Mayank Raj	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133705003541	Babita Sinha	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar
133805002740	Ramashankar Sharma	Branch Name: Patna-Sheohar

Date : 26.02.2022  
Place : Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Katihar, Madhepura, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Paschim Champaran, Patna, Puri Champaran, Purnia, Rohtas, Saharsa, Samastipur, Sheohar, Siwan, Vaishali, Jamui, Lakshisara, Munger, Saran, Sitamarhi, Nawada, Supaul

S/d  
Authorised Officer  
For ICICI Bank Limited

Govt. of Haryana

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**URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONCLAVE**

Future Road Map for Urban Development and Challenges in Implementation of RERA

25th-26th February, 2022  
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
at  
The Leela Ambience, Gurugram

HARERA PANCHKULA

HARERA GURUGRAM

**Policies Launch & Valedictory Session**

on 26th February, 2022 at 5:30 PM  
by  
**Sh. Manohar Lal**  
Chief Minister, Haryana

Department of Town & Country Planning, Haryana

Information, Public Relations & Languages Department, Haryana

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Entry by invitation only

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENCH AT CHENNAI  
CP (CAA)/14/(CHE)/22  
IN  
CA/23&40/CAA/2021

In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

And

In the matter of Scheme of Arrangement (Demerger) amongst Mothi Spinner Private Limited

And Chendhoor Murughan Yarn Tex India Private Limited

And their respective Shareholders and Creditors.

Mothi Spinner Private Limited,  
(CIN: U17111TZ2000PTC009143)  
Having its Registered Office at  
No.100, Komarapalayam Road,  
Pallipalayam, Erode- 638006.

...Petitioner/Demergered Company

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that by an order dated 16th February 2022, the Chennai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal has fixed the date of hearing of the Joint Company Petition filed by the Petitioner Company (**Mothi Spinner Private Limited**) under Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for the sanction of the Scheme of Arrangement (Demerger) amongst Mothi Spinner Private Limited and Chendhoor Murughan Yarn Tex India Private Limited and their respective Shareholders and their respective shareholders and creditors, on the 06th April, 2022. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocates, notice of his intention, signed by him or his Advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocates not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2022

**HARISHANKAR MANI  
PAWAN JHABAKH**  
Counsel for the Petitioner  
New No. 115, First Floor, Luz Church Road,  
Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.



**Infrastructure Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd.**  
Under the control of Infrastructure & Investment Dept.

Infrastructure Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd. (INCAP) invites: Proposals from reputed firms for the Selection of

(1) Legal firm for providing Legal Assistance to Government Departments of AP in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(2) Independent Engineer for development and construction of Greenfield airport at Bhogapuram, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh. Interested firms may download the Request for Proposal (RFP) documents from the website of INCAP @ [www.incap.co.in](http://www.incap.co.in). The last date for submission of the proposals for item (1) is on or before 15:00 hours IST on 14.03.2022 and for item (2) is on or before 15:00 hours IST on 21.03.2022.

R.O.No.708PP/CL/ADVT/11/1/2021-22 Sd/- Vice Chairman and Managing Director

For any clarifications please send e-mail to : [incapap@incap.co.in](mailto:incapap@incap.co.in)

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
TENDER NOTICE

SRDEN/HQ/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against following tenders Nos. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and Earnest Money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No./Date	175-DRM-MB-21-22 Date:- 18.01.2022	177-DRM-MB-21-22 Date:- 18.01.2022
Name of work	River Bed Mapping/3D scanning of River bed of bridge no. 101 (CH-ALJN), 52 (MB-GZB) and 1248 (MB-SRE) section over MB Division.	Providing Portable train detection and alarm system (POTA) for 3 sets ALJN, 52 (MB-GZB) and 1248 (MB-SRE) section over MB Division. (Revenue)
Tender Closing Date/Time	03.03.2022 (16:00)	03.03.2022 (16:00)
Advertised Value	₹35,26,487.97	₹10,74,655.74
Earnest Money	₹70,500.00	₹21,500.00
Tender Doc. Cost	0.00	0.00
Bidding Start Date	17.02.2022	17.02.2022
Period of Completion	6 months	6 months

No. 75-W/23/WA/Publication Dated:- 02.2022 422/22

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

**INVITATION OF APPLICATION FOR ALLOTMENT OF REGIMENTAL SHOPS : CAMERO SUBROTO PARK**

1. Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Central Accounts Office, Subroto Park, New Delhi-10 invites applications from War Widows/ Widows of Defence personnel killed while on duty, Disabled soldiers/ EX Servicemen and spouses/ Widows of Ex servicemen etc and other general public for allotment of SI Regimental shop at Subroto Park Complex, New Delhi. Details of shops are appended below:

(a) Atta Chakki Shop at Peter Complex  
(b) Barber Shop at Ganga Complex  
(c) Unit Cafeteria, AFCAO Building  
(d) Tea Shop at Sudvitha Complex  
(e) Vegetable Shop at Ganga Complex

2. The applicable terms and conditions are mentioned in application form.

3. The application form is available from 28 Feb 22 at Service Institute, AFCAO, Subroto Park, New Delhi-10 between 0800 hrs to 1400 hrs on every day except Saturday, Sunday and holidays (Tele No. 9205709144). The application form for tendering may be collected on payment of Rs. 500/- per application. The last date of deposit / receipt of completed application is 14 Mar 22 by 1400 hrs along with EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only). The EMD should be in the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of OIC SI Fund, Payable at New Delhi. Shop will be allotted on auction basis.

**KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**NOTICE INVITING OPEN E-TENDER**

Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. Invites open tenders for the following contracts through IREPS tendering system from interested parties:

1) **Name of Work :** Bulk Advertisement rights on vacant sites through Hoarding Boards/Media on ROB / RUB of National Highway/ State Highway / Cluster Locations/ in Goa & Karnataka State over Konkan Railway. **Tender No:** CO-16031/11/2016-Comm (Total Six Clusters/Tenders).

2) **Name of Work :** Commercial Publicity through Video Wall at 08 (Eight) stations of Konkan Railway i.e Karmali, Thivim, Udipi (Two locations), Madgaon, Kudal, Chiplun, Kankavali and Byndor (Total 09 locations). **Tender No:** CO-16034(19)/2/2021-Comm (Total Nine Tenders).

3) **Name of Work :** Setting up and Operations of Gaming Zone at Madgaon Railway Station on PF No.1. **Tender No:** CO-16031(11)/2/2020-Comm (One Tender).

**Pre-Bid Meeting:** 08.03.2022 at 11.30 hrs in CCM's Office, Belapur, Navi Mumbai (For Sr. 1 & 2 Only). **Sale of Tender Forms:** From 26/02/2022 to 29/03/2022. **Last Date and Time of Submission of Tenders:** 29.03.2022 upto 17.00 hrs. **Opening of Tenders:** 29.03.2022 at 17.30 hrs. For more details, please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

**HARYANA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, PANCHKULA**  
Mini Secretariat, New Office Block, 2nd Floor, Sector-1, Panchkula

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Complaint No. 947/ 2021

**Rekha Singh (Complainants)**

**Versus**

**Piyush Buildwell India Ltd. (Respondent)**

Notice to Piyush Buildwell India Ltd. at registered office at A-16/B-1, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, Mahura Road, New Delhi.

Whereas the above-mentioned complainant has instituted the above titled complaint against you. Notice & copy of complaint had been sent to you which could not be either successfully delivered or was refused. You are hereby given a notice to appear before the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Panchkula, in person or by a duly authorized person on **09.03.2022** at **11:00 A.M** to answer the same, failing which the complaints will be disposed of ex-parte; for details, log on to <https://haryanareg.gov.in>

Administrative Officer (Petitions)  
For: HIRERA Panchkula

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ**  
E-Tendering Tender Notice

**E-Tendering Notice No. 2022-Feb-02 Dated 23.02.2022**

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N.C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:

S N	Tender No.	Description of work	Approx. Cost (₹)
1.	2022-Feb-02-01	Kiraoli & Mirhakar - Supply of potable water for station and colony (Period two years).	8,40,417.12
2.	2022-Feb-02-02	Heavy repairs to staff qtrs & service buildings at FAB, HAB, SSDT, UDMR & DHO etc. under ADEN/DHO	1,04,96,194.40
3.	2022-Feb-02-03	A. Replacement of check rails at various LC's in AGC-DHO section under jurisdiction of ADEN/DHO, B. Shoulder ballast cleaning of AGC-DHO section under jurisdiction of ADEN/DHO.	58,05,872.32
4.	2022-Feb-02-04	Heavy Repairing of Bridges in IOH-BKI and AGC-DHO section.	73,45,439.92
5.	2022-Feb-02-05	Chlorination of water at various pumps under ADEN/Line/Agra and ADEN/DHO	76,51,494.34

**Note:** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website "[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)". Tenders can only be submitted through web portal "[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)" up to 15.00 hrs. on 16.03.2022. 216/22(R)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRO NCR

**SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
Follow us on @SCRailwaysIndia  
Details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railway can be seen on our website : [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)

**Tender Notice**  
**No.134/2022 Dt.25.02.2022**  
**Supply of Stores Items.**

**E-Procurement Tender Notice**

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenderers Are Requested To Visit The Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, Emd, Sd May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, Emd Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)."

Tender No.	Brief Description
45.22.1005	110V/200AH Lead acid Battery set
81.21.1416	Compressed oxygen gas
10.22.2986A	Filter media paper kit
80.22.1228	Inhibited Mineral Insulating Transformer oil
56.21.1003	48V 200AH VRLA Battery
30.22.3414	Auxiliary Reservoir -200 Ltrs. Capacity
82.21.0033C	[PH.No.62132] Tablet/ Capsule of B Complex
38.22.2120	APH for Constant Contact Polymer side bearer assembly
30.22.2431	Lower Spring Beam Arrangement
38.22.1007	7/8 Inches DIA Lock Bolt
33.22.1155	Flexible Joint FOR TRACTION LEVER (ASSEMBLY)

**Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening:**  
SI.No. 01 & 2 on dt.15.03.2022. SI.No. 03 & 04 on dt. 16.03.2022. SI.No. 05 on dt. 17.03.2022. SI.No. 06 on dt. 21.03.2022. SI.No. 07 on dt. 22.03.2022. SI.No. 08 on dt. 23.03.2022. SI.No. 09 & 10 on dt. 28.03.2022. SI.No.11 on dt. 04.04.2022.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Below Rs. 25 Lakhs. For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

**Principal Chief Materials Manager/ Secunderabad.**

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through <https://ireps.gov.in>)**

CAO (Construction), S.C.Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following work:

**S.No.:- 1, NIT No:- 18-CAO-C-SC-2022 Date:24.02.2022, Name of work:- SCR Construction Organization: Nanded Division-Development of Coach Maintenance facilities- Dismantling of existing quarters, sheds, offices, Construction of Pit line, IOH Shed, Type-II & III quarters, ADEN Office, SSE/PWAY & Works office, approach road to quarters/offices, SCRMU & Sangh Offices, Community Hall, Service building for Mechanical and Electrical offices, SSE/Works/ PWay & Works Store and other related structures at JALNA Station., Details:- Estimated Cost: Rs.27,65,50,724.72 EMD: Rs.15,32,800.00 Completion Period: 15 Months. Date of Opening: 17-03-2022 at 15.00 hrs.**

**S.No.:- 2, NIT No:- 19-CAO-C-SC-2022 Date:24.02.2022, Name of work:- SCR Construction Organization: Nanded Division-Development of Coach Maintenance facilities at JALNA Station - Execution of Earthwork, Transportation of Rails and sleepers, Laying and linking of BG Track, assembling of Points & Crossings, insertion of glued joints, supply and dumping of Ballast, Construction/Extension of Minor Bridges and other Misc. works etc. at Jalna Yard., Details:- Estimated Cost: Rs. 12,11,99,423.22 EMD: Rs.7,56,000.00 Completion Period: 12 Months. Date of Opening: 17-03-2022 at 15.00 hrs.**

**S.No.:- 3, NIT No:- 20-CAO-C-SC-2022 Date:24.02.2022, Name of work:- SCR Construction Organization: Nanded Division -Akola-Khandwa Section - Conversion of track from MG to BG between Khandwa -Amalakhurd stations - Execution of Earth work in embankment/cutting, blanketing to GE IRS-0004 specifications of RDSO, minor bridges & RUBs, approach roads, height gauges, drains, retaining walls, protective works and other miscellaneous works from km 611.80 to 621.40 The stretch from km 611.80 to 619.80 is in reserved forest) in between Gurhi and Amalakhurd stations including misc. works viz., RUB height gauges, pitching, side drains etc. between Jirwan and Amalakhurd stations in Reach-2A. Details:- Estimated Cost: Rs.70,19,46,733.32 EMD: Rs.36,59,700.00 Completion Period: 18 Months. Date of Opening: 17-03-2022 at 15.00 hrs.**

**S.No.:-4, NIT No:- Corrigendum No.1 dated 24.02.2022 to Tender Notice 18-CAO-C-SC- 2022 Date:24.02.2022, Name of work:- Intended tenderers may please note the Corrigendum issued for inclusion of Bid capacity Proforma. All other terms and conditions of the said tender notice remain unchanged and unaltered.**

**I) For bid document and other details, please login to website <https://ireps.gov.in>. ii) The above tenders are exempted from Earnest Money Deposit. Hence, bid documents to be submitted as per the format given in the documents of the schedule. It is mandatory document. iii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period i.e. the fifteen days period prior to closing of tender. iv) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.**

**Chief Administrative Officer/ Const./Secunderabad.**

**For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <http://www.ireps.gov.in> or [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)**

**Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PuVVNL) (A subsidiary of UP Power Corporation limited)**  
**Purvanchal Vidyut Bhavan, Vidyut Nagar, P.O.- B.L.W., Varanasi- 221004 Website: <http://www.etender.up.nic.in>**  
**Ref: No. 576/PuVVNL(V)/MM-I**  
**Date: 25.02.2022 Tender Date Extension** The date of submission & opening of e-tender no., EAV-31/2021-22 is hereby extended up to 14.03.2022 (15:00 PM) & 15.03.2022 (15:00 PM) respectively. Further details can be seen at website [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in). Other terms and conditions shall remain same. Sd/- (Rajesh Kumar) Superintending Engineer (MM-I)

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पत्रांक: 576/पु.वि.वि.नि.लि. (वा.)/सा.प्र.-I/  
अव/विज्ञापन दिनांक: 25.02.2022

**SHEODENI SAO COLLEGE, KALER SOHSA, ARWAL - 824127 (BIHAR)**  
(E-Mail ID-[sdscollegekaler@gmail.com](mailto:sdscollegekaler@gmail.com))  
NAAC Accredited, Model College (A Constituent Unit of Magadh University, BodhGaya)

**NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER** Date 26/02/2022

Tender No. 01/22 Sealed tenders are invited from registered contractors of Magadh University in the prescribed format of the college for "Construction of different buildings. For details of works along with terms & conditions, the documents (BOQ) can be purchased from the office of the undersigned from 10 A.M. to 03 P.M. only on working days on or before 08.03.2022. The last date of receipt of Tender is 12.03.2022 up to 02 P.M and the tenders will be opened on same date at 02:30 P.M. If the tender is not opened on the above date due to unforeseen circumstances, then it will be opened on the next coming Sunday. The cost of BOQ is in shape of bank draft in favour of Principal, SDS College, Kaler. The detail of work has been given below:

Sl No.	Particular	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money/DD	Cost of BOQ/DD/ Cash	Period of the construction
1.	Construction of class Rooms 1 <sup>st</sup> floor in North West Corner.	37,06,900.00	74,200.00	5,000.00	6 Month
2.	Construction of class Rooms Lab Building 1 <sup>st</sup> floor.	56,96,850.00	1,14,000.00	10,000.00	6 Month

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

**Principal SDS College, Kaler, Arwal**

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM**

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	OLD REFER- ENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	UHBVN	41/2021-22	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CONTROL ROOM BUILDING AT 33 KV S/STN KOB KURUKSHETRA WORK COMPLETION PERIOD READ AS 6 MONTHS INSTEAD OF 9 MONTHS. CLOSING DATE 28.02.2022 OPENING DATE 02.03.2022	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9356063248 xencivilhnb-panchkula@gmail.com 01274298963

7847/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM**

SR. No.	NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA REWARI	NO 2916- ADATED 14.02.2022	DATE OF OPENING OF TENDERS LISTED AT SR NO 1 TO 3 ARE HEREBY POSTPONED TO 02.03.2022 AT 15:00 HRS DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASON. 2 TENDER AT SR NO 1 TO 3 MAKE OF PUMP READ AS KIRKORAH W/LO FLOWMORRE W/PL XYLEM ONLY 3 THE CONTRACTOR RATING FOR 225 HP P/ATS STARTER BE READ AS 700/400/285A INSTEAD OF 630/400/225A AGAINST TENDER AT SR NO 7 /BOO SR NO 4 /A AGAINST TENDER SR NO 7/BOO SR NO 5 SPECIFICATION OF TRANSFORMERS BE READ AS OFF LOAD TAP CHANGER INSTEAD OF ON LOAD TAP CHANGER REST THERE IS NO CHANGE IN SPECIFICATION OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01274298963 xanmech@yahoo.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in) 7852/HRY

**DELHI JAL BOARD; GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI**  
**OFFICE OF THE CE (SDW)-NW THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW)-IV**  
**SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT KONDLI, KONDLI, DELHI - 110096**  
**Ph: 011-22613156, Mob.: 9650290862, E-mail: [eesdw4.djb@nic.in](mailto:eesdw4.djb@nic.in)**

**Subject:- PRESS Tender Notice- N.I.T. No. 23 (2021-22)/EE(SDW)-IV**

S. No.	Description of work	Date of Uploading on E-Procurement solution/ Tender ID	Estimated Cost/ Earnest Money	Tender Fee	Date of Opening of Tender
1	Fabrication supply fixing testing and commissioning of bar screen in the sewage incoming Chambers at kalyanpuri S P S	25.02.2022/ 2022_DJB_217597_1	69500/-	Rs. 500/-	07.03.2022 at 03.15 PM

For further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)  
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1176(2021-22)

Sd/- (R.K. Kaushik)  
Executive Engineer (SDW)-IV

**STOP CORONA "Wash Your Hand, Wear Mask & Maintain Social Distance"**

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**OFFICE OF THE JOINT RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, ASSAM HOUSE, KOLKATA, 8-RUSSELL STREET, KOLKATA-700071**  
**Phone: 033-22298330 / 31 Fax: 033-22297259 Email ID: [tadmassam@gmail.com](mailto:tadmassam@gmail.com)**  
**No. TAE/8/2021/40**

**RE-TENDER NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVIDING CATERING SERVICE (CANTEEN MANAGEMENT) AT ASSAM BHAWAN, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA**

The Office of the Joint Resident Commissioner, Government of Assam, Assam House, Kolkata, a Directorate under the Department of General Administration Department, Government of Assam invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) from bidders for providing Catering Service (Canteen Management) in the Assam Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

(1) Technical and Financial Proposals are invited in sealed envelopes from experienced Catering Service Providers for provision of Catering Services in Assam Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

(2) **The last date of submission of bid is 10th March, 2022 up to 11 AM. The Technical Bids will be opened on 10th March, 2022 at 1.30 P.M. & Financial Bid at 2.30 P.M.**

Tender Document can be obtained from the Office of the Joint Resident Commissioner, Assam House, 8 Russell Street, Kolkata-700071 during office hours. Interested agencies may also download the tender document from General Administration Deptt., Govt. of Assam website <https://gad.assam.gov.in>

1) The proposals for Technical and Financial Bid documents should be addressed to:

Joint Resident Commissioner  
Govt. of Assam, Assam House,  
8-Russel Street, Kolkata-70071.

Applicants meeting the qualification criteria will be invited for presentation / proposal before the Selection Committee. Bidders who have submitted their EMD in the original Tender Notice held vide Tender Notice No. TAE/8/2021/4 Dated: 8th Oct'2021 need not submit their EMD again.

Sd/-  
Janasanyog/C/12660/21

Joint Resident Commissioner  
Government of Assam, Assam House, Kolkata.

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / END (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
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orders for 4,000 promotions, subject to court's approval. But then some people went to court against it and got a stay. When the government got the court stay vacated, some petitioners got contempt notice issued. So, the whole issue has got mired due to litigations amongst the cadre officers," a source close to the minister said.

CSS staff, however, said this was just an excuse. "After repeated demands, adhoc promotions were made which are temporary. Nobody can go on deputation at that level. Court has never stalled the promotions. Yet, for the past one year, not a single promotion has been done. People are retiring without promotions," a CSS official said.

On February 8, a 12-member delegation representing CSS officials had met MoS Singh and flagged the pending issues. According to DoPT, Singh had assured the delegation that the department would "take all measures to sort out all the pending issues, including the cases pending in the courts".

## BMC: Normal operations in Mumbai schools from March 2

**PALLAVI SMART**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 25

ALL SCHOOLS in Mumbai will resume normal operations, going back to pre-Covid timings and 100 per cent offline learning at full capacity, from March 2. While online classes will stop completely, recesses, extra-curricular activities and even school buses will be allowed, according to a notification issued by the Brihanmumbai

Municipal Corporation's (BMC) education department late on Friday evening. The new guidelines will be applicable to all schools, irrespective of the board they are affiliated to and all classes – pre-primary to Class XII, according to the new guidelines. Even schools catering to children with special needs will be required to follow the new guidelines.

The decision was taken considering the current Covid situation in the city where infection cases are dropping rapidly.

Following a meeting in the regard on Friday, Aaditya Thackeray, Tourism and Environment Minister of Maharashtra and Guardian Minister of Mumbai Suburban, tweeted: "This afternoon, I held a meeting for schools in Mumbai to resume from March, with pre-Covid timings, attendance, curricular & extra-curricular activities, school buses, apart from certain essential covid appropriate norms, as cases steadily decline in Mumbai."

Soon after, the BMC education department issued the guidelines.

"As schools are returning to conventional functioning; all students will have to join offline. Only children suffering from comorbidities or chronic diseases certified by medical professionals will have the facility of parents' consent for offline attendance," the guidelines said.

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PHED NCR**  
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**NOTICE INVITING BID (NIT No. 86/2021-22)**  
**(Corrigendum No-01)**

Bids for Work of construction of Sources rising main pipelines, ESRs, internal village distribution pipeline and FHTC including one year Defect Liability period of Village Baghor under JUM in the jurisdiction of PHED Division Bhiwadi (NCR) were invited earlier. Correction in Tender Document has been made. Last bid submission date is same as earlier i.e. up to 05:00 PM on Date 03.03.2022.

Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://epproc.rajasthan.gov.in>), <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state and <https://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in> departmental website.

UBN:- PHE2122W/SOAB13078 Sd/-  
L.P. Bairow  
Superintending Engineer

DIPR/C/2274/2022

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HARYANA RECRUITMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS CORRIGENDUM**

In continuation to advertisement dated 08.01.2022 and corrigendum dated 03.02.2022 issued by Health Department, Haryana, further, it has been decided to allow all the candidates to appear in the written examination, who are undergoing internship, with the condition that they shall submit the permanent registration certificate latest by 31.05.2022. The closing date for online application has been extended to 10.03.2022, 11.59 P.M.

- The date of written examination shall be intimated later on.
- Please visit the website for all updates and important announcements.

Sd/-  
Dr. Veena Singh  
Director General Health Services,  
Haryana-cum-Member High Powered Selection Committee, Sector-6, Panchkula

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Tender No./Date	175-DRM-MB-21-22 Date:- 18.01.2022
Name of work	Zone-2-CH from CH-MB, CH-HGJ, RJK-SHTS section (excluding ZRTI, CH and MB) for staff quarters and service building under ADEN/CH. (Revenue)
Tender Closing Date/Time	03.03.2022 (16:00)
Advertised Value	₹86,11,295.63
Earnest Money	₹1,72,200.00
Tender Doc. Cost	0.00
Bidding Start Date	17.02.2022
Period of Completion	6 months

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Kind Attention: All Producers, Recyclers, Manufacturers, Importers, Distributors, Stockists, Sellers, users and other stakeholders of Single Use Plastic (SUP), Plastic Carry Bags/ Sheets or Like.**

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India has notified the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended till date. Further, amendment notified on 27.03.2018 and 12.08.2021 in Rule 4 of the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 directs following:-

**4(1) c. Carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic shall not be less than Seventy Five (75) microns in thickness w.e.f. 30th September, 2021 and One Hundred Twenty (120) microns in thickness w.e.f. 31st December, 2022.**

**4(1) f. Sachets using plastic material shall not be used for storing, packing or selling guthka, tobacco and pan masala;**

**4(1) j. Non-woven plastic carry bags shall not be less than 60 Gram per Square Meter (GSM) w.e.f. 30th September, 2021.**

**4(2). The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022:-**

- (a) Ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration;**
- (b) Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers.**


**4(3). The provisions of sub- rule shall not apply to commodities made of compostable plastic.**

**Further, as per Rule 9 (3) of Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2018 as amended till date, Manufacture and use of multi-layered plastic which is non-recyclable or non-energy recoverable or with no alternate use of plastic if any should be phased out in two years time.**

**For compliance of aforementioned provisions, all stakeholders of SUP items/Citizens of NCT of Delhi are hereby directed to:**

- Stop production, stocking, distribution, sale and usage of identified SUP items as per the timelines specified in the said notification and ensure zero inventory of the aforementioned SUP items by 30.06.2022.
- All the manufacturers of plastic raw materials should not supply plastic raw materials to producers in (formal/informal sector) engaged in production of banned SUP items and also ensure that suppliers/ stockists/ dealers and other entities comply with same down the line.
- To discourage manufacturing/ selling/ trading/ use of Decorative Items such as Polystyrene/Thermocol, etc.
- To discourage Single use Plastics in Food manufacturing/ packaging (Ice-cream sticks, candy sticks, straw lids, trays, cutleries etc.).
- To discourage Plastic/ PVC Banners or Boards which are not permitted in PWM Rules.
- To discourage use of Plastic/ PVC for Packaging/wrapping of such commodities as cigarettes/sweet boxes/ invitation cards.
- To prohibit litter and open burning of plastic waste at historical, religious, public places and dumping of plastic waste at drains, rivers and banks.
- Be vigilant to ensure no entry of plastic waste in NCT of Delhi from the neighboring states.

**Member Secretary**



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[See Proviso to rule 8 (6)]

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**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 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 immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank Of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold (e-auctioned) on "**As is Where is**", "**As is What is**" and "**Whatever there is**" basis on 13/04/2022 (date of the sale), for recovery of **Rs. 48,20,702.00 (Rupees Forty Eight Lac Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Two only)** as on 05/07/2021 plus accrued interest at contractual rate of interest, Charges, other miscellaneous expenses etc due to the secured creditor from the **Borrower: M/s Bhagwati Services**, Prop: Subhash Chandra Ram and its **Guarantor- Mrs. Rameshwari Devi** w/o Mr. Subhash Chandra Ram.

**Short description of the immovable property:-**

Sl. No.	Description of Property	Proposed Reserve Price
		EMD Amount Bid Increment Amount
1.	All that piece and parcel of land measuring an area of 02 Katha 05 Dhur under Thana No. 158, Khata No. 498, Khesra No. 300 & 301 and situated at Mauza: Bhojpur Jadid, Circle Office at Dumraon, Sub-Registry office at Buxar, District Registry Office and District at Buxar, Bihar. This plot of land has been Registered in favor of Mr. Subhash Chandra Ram s/o Late Bilar Ram vide Sale Deed No. 4184 dated 25/04/2016, The Boundaries of this plot of land are:- North: Jagdish Yadav, South: Chhavar, East: Nij, West: Madan Ojha & Others. (Property ID for e-auction: SBIN8940039988)	₹ 25,00,000.00
		₹ 2,50,000.00
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**e-Auction Terms And Condition**

- Date of e-auction: 13.04.2022; Time: 120 Minutes, form 12:00 Noon to 02:00 PM with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.**
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- MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help): 033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. S81 contact no (for property related enquiry): **8811060438 & 9402506404**
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**Place: Purana Bhojpur**

**Authorized Officer**  
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# STAY THE COURSE

India's stand on Ukraine is shaped by its national interest. It should continue to do so — with us or against us doesn't work

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi's phone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin underlined that Delhi will for now stick to a path of strategic ambivalence on the Ukraine crisis. This is a pragmatic choice, one that reflects the complexities of a realist world and Delhi's own positions on territorial integrity and sovereignty, its own concerns about its unresolved borders, its difficult relationship with its two northern neighbours.

Russia remains India's biggest and time-tested supplier of military hardware. At the height of the crisis with China in Ladakh, it was to Moscow that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh travelled to ensure that there would be no cut-back in military supplies. And since then, Russia has boosted India's defence capability against China with the S-400 air defence system. Moscow is also a reliable ally in the UN Security Council. India-Russia ties have ensured that Delhi has not been entirely left out of the conversation on Afghanistan, and in Central Asia, while also providing some leverage with the US. At the same time, the US, the European Union, and UK are all vital partners, and India's relations with each of them, and the Western world in general, go far beyond the sum of their parts. Moreover, in the UNSC, India has counted on France's unstinted backing on many issues. It has relied on western support as it deals with an aggressive China on the Line of Actual Control. Prime Minister Modi's appeal to President Putin on Wednesday night for a "cessation of violence" and for all sides to return to the dialogue table was certainly a notch up from India's earlier explicitly neutral stance, and carried a hint of the compulsions to get off the fence, though still largely maintaining a balance.

As the situation develops, it cannot be ruled out that Delhi's position may change or get calibrated further, especially if confronted by large-scale civilian casualties. A vote is scheduled soon on a UNSC resolution on Russia's "special military operations" in Ukraine, and India's line will be tested. Delhi must talk continually to all sides, and engage with all of its partners, keeping in mind that there is no justification for the violation of any country's territorial sovereignty, and that distance from the theatre of conflict no longer insulates any country from its effects — India's economy has already felt the shock of this "regional" conflict in a corner of Europe, and other consequences are apparent, as in the ongoing evacuation of thousands of students. For the same reasons, India must also make it clear to coercing countries that their "with us or against us" formulations are hardly constructive. There are no innocents in this conflict. The best course is for all parties to step back and focus on preventing an all-out war, rather than divide the world and return it to the days of the Cold War.

# THE NATIVE VOICE

Regional voices see a revival in Manipur, Goa as national parties are perceived to be ignoring local aspirations

ELECTIONS IN GOA and Manipur have seen the arrival or revival of regional outfits that hope to tap into the disillusionment among the electorate with the national parties. This is a welcome trend for it promotes competition and suggests a deepening of electoral democracy.

The Congress and BJP have dominated politics in Goa and Manipur for a long time. In the last few years, the BJP has taken over the pole position from the Congress and formed coalition governments with smaller parties. In office, however, the BJP has sought to contain the smaller parties and thwart their ambitions for a greater role in state politics, something that the Congress too had done when it headed governments. This tendency of the national party, the big brother in state politics, to stifle the smaller, regional players, has forced the latter to make their voice distinct and heard. Outfits like Goa Forward Party and Goa Suraksha Manch were formed as a platform to articulate regional aspirations and did attract voters though they could not find sufficient traction to end the dominance of the national parties. Even the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP), the original regional face of Goa that headed the government in the state in the 1960s, has seen a minor revival. In Manipur, the National People's Party (NPP) is attempting to emerge as an independent regional voice by contesting 39 of the 60 assembly seats. The NPP, which heads a coalition government in neighbouring Meghalaya, wants to be seen as a secular, Northeast voice, and is fighting polls independent of its senior ally, the BJP. In fact, former Lok Sabha Speaker P A Sangma had revived the outfit in 2013 with the agenda, One Northeast, One Voice. In 2017, the NPP won four of the nine seats it contested in Manipur. A new, interesting entrant in the fray in the Kuki tribe dominated hill districts of Manipur is the Kuki People's Alliance (KPA). The emergence of KPA suggests that this tribal minority, which has been home to a violent insurgency, is exploring a new agenda to assert their rights and aspirations within the framework of democratic politics. This is a trajectory that many insurgency affected areas — in Mizoram and Tripura, for instance — have followed in the past. Parties like the NPP and KPA have also indicated that as regional voices they are better placed to highlight local concerns — for instance, the popular demand for the repeal of Armed Forces Special Powers Act — than the national parties, which prefer to subsume them under the rubric of national security etc.

The claim to represent regional aspirations rather than fidelity to any political ideology also allows these parties to freely negotiate with the national parties post results. However, the willingness to compromise for office may also diminish their potential to emerge as pole parties in the manner the Dravidian parties or the Shiv Sena could in their prime.

# WEB OF OUTRAGE

Needless controversy over naming of a spider species begs the question: What's so bad about arachnids, anyway?

LUCKILY FOR THOSE who recently objected to the naming of a spider species after a community icon, arachnophiles are a peaceful lot. They won't, for instance, beat their chests over the decision to rechristen the *Palpimanus narsihmehtai* after certain sections of the public objected to the name of the poet-saint Narsinh Mehta being associated with a mere arachnid. They might quite justifiably have asked: What is so bad about spiders? Instead, most, including the researchers at Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University in Junagadh who discovered and named the species, seem to have shrugged off the incident and continued with their good work of peering under leaves and rocks in search of more eight-legged specimens.

It is regrettable that creatures as useful — indeed, critical — as spiders should be embroiled in a needless controversy. Do those who are objecting to the naming of the species not know that spiders are responsible for keeping under control populations of insects, such as fleas, flies and cockroaches, which can cause actual harm to human beings? Or that they are a keystone species whose disappearance would cause the collapse of entire ecosystems? The problem is that when offended feelings are invoked, facts find few takers.

It is common practice around the world for researchers and scientists to name discoveries after someone they idolise or love — that is why we have examples such as *Shireplitis tolkienii* (a wasp genus), *Scaptia beyonceae* (a rare horsefly) and *Agra katewinsletae* (a beetle). Indeed, many who are angry about the *Palpimanus narsihmehtai* have admitted that those responsible for the naming were probably motivated by their admiration for the seminal Gujarati poet. Alas, in the outrage economy, if facts have few takers, good intentions have even fewer.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

RUSSIA'S INVASION OF Ukraine poses unprecedented risks for the global system. It brings back the spectre of a major war to Europe. If the Ukrainians manage to resist, the war will be long drawn; if they don't, the precedent of an important country of the size of Ukraine being reabsorbed will haunt Europe. Russian actions create more uncertainty in Great Power politics. The trustworthiness of vital agreements will be up for grabs. China may be tempted to exploit the opportunities provided by a Western entanglement with Russia. When wars start, the risk of one or another country's hand being forced by events rises substantially. This crisis will certainly lead to significant economic realignment. Every country in the world will now start reassessing the gains and risks of economic interdependence. But if the crisis continues, everything from energy to fertilisers might be potentially affected.

No one quite knows how the situation will unfold. One should be cautious about psychologising. But Putin's chilling speeches, staged public choreography indicate a leader convinced by delusions of grandeur, unwilling to let any consideration of means restrain him, and willing to see in diplomacy a sign of his opponent's weakness. If anyone thinks deeply authoritarian leaders can never succumb to this syndrome, they have not read recent history. If you take Putin at his word, his fantasy of cementing Russian nationalism by creating the glories of a pre-Bolshevik Russia, then the whole international system and the hard-won and fragile stability of the nation-state system is up for grabs.

Ukraine is already paying a heavy price. The most optimistic scenario of all bad scenarios now might be that Putin makes his point by destroying Ukraine's military capability, securing the two separatist enclaves, unsettling Ukrainian politics, and signalling to the neighbours that he is quite willing to do to them what pleases him, and leaves. Putin declares this to be a victory of sorts for him, he avoids the cost of occupying Ukraine, but does enough to control it, and in his own way, humiliates NATO.

But the chances of Putin leaving quickly are unlikely. Once the war has started, the dynamics are not necessarily under Putin's

Ukraine crisis threatens fragile stability of nation-state system, possibility of meaningful global cooperation

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control. The Ukrainians may put up better resistance than he anticipated; the pro-Russia groups he supported precipitate action to keep him in; his suspicion of covert operations by the West makes him wary of simply being satisfied by teaching Ukraine a destructive lesson. If, as is being speculated, the main reason for Putin's action is not rooted in strategic logic but to shore up his credentials as a nationalist leader, he will have to continue to play up the spectre of Western threat. The intangible thing in this is Russian public opinion, whether it has any chance of turning against Putin. But authoritarian leaders see any public opinion turning against them as itself a sign of a foreign conspiracy, an invitation to double down on repression. So Russia could end up paying a bigger price for this. The ramifications of this crisis on American domestic politics are not clear either.

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In this instance, it is not even clear that the West's missteps on NATO have significant explanatory power: That issue has been around for more than a decade, and would have been kicked around for another. Putin wants not only to undo the legality of the post Cold War order, he even criticised the Bolshevik concession to Ukrainian identity within the Soviet Union. In part what makes this dangerous at this moment is that there are many more leaders who are tempted by the plausibility of this vision, who want to dismantle the constraints of the nation-state and recreate themselves as civilisational states. China may formally talk about sov-

eign states, but the imaginary is shaped by repositioning at the apex of a civilisation; Turkey, which was sympathetic to Putin till Putin's fantasy came back to haunt them; Trump, Bannon and the right-wing in the US seems to be implicated in it as well. Even the Indian Right loves this fantasy. What is shocking about this episode is how Ukraine seems not to really matter to anyone. The dominant framing is Russia versus NATO and/or Europe, as if Ukrainians or half a dozen other smaller states are irrelevant to the whole global moral calculus.

The brutal truth is that despite outrage in the West, the appetite for doing what it takes to put pressure on Putin is not yet in evidence. The first round of sanctions that the US and the EU have announced seem astonishingly tepid; it does not even attack Russian offshore finance fully. Exempting Russian energy and food from any sanctions seems designed to inflict minimal pressure on Russia and almost no cost on the West. But will this only embolden Putin? Or can one do an optimistic reading that they still signal the willingness to give Putin a way out. But if Putin's occupation of Ukraine continues for long, then sanctions will have to be ramped up or the West loses face totally.

China has reiterated the principle of respecting sovereignty. But in the end, it will be tempted to use this occasion to diminish American power. The spin that India is playing realpolitik and securing its interest may be accurate. But it is also a reflection of India's weakness. Instead of being the "swing state", it has been reduced to a constantly swinging state — too dependent on Russia, so scared of China that it needs to court Russia, standing for a rules-based open world order but not being able to say in simple words that the Russian invasion is the clearest, most egregious and risk inducing violation of international norms at hand. So the net result of this crisis may be to deepen the world's cynicism to the point where no meaningful international cooperation is possible on any subject that matters. All great powers are, in the end, too self-absorbed. Putin is counting on that truism.

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SHAH ALAM KHAN

MY MOTHER SAYS that those who die in their sleep are divine. Dr Paul Edward Farmer died in his sleep on Monday. He was only 62 years old. He had dedicated his life to improving the health of the poorest. A physician by profession, he was also a trained anthropologist, a prolific writer and was the Kolokotronis University Professor and chair of the department of Global Health and Social Medicine at the Harvard Medical School. He was the co-founder of the non-profit organisation, Partners in Health (PIH). I never met Farmer but followed his work, writings, interviews and other material which emerged from his years of working in Haiti, Rwanda and the impoverished regions of West Africa. His death is devastating news for the tiny tribe of global physicians and healthcare workers who have defied capitalist greed and dedicated their lives to the poor and underprivileged. Farmer was the lighthouse for this endangered tribe.

As a trained anthropologist, Farmer had a knack for asking simple yet important questions which unpeeled the layers of social stratification. Many of his books revealed how poverty works in the modern world. It puzzled him how common people in countries like Nicaragua, El Salvador and Haiti were able to put their lives on the line for dignity and social justice. His last book *Fever, Feuds and Diamonds: Ebola and the Ravages of History* (2020), deals with the Ebola epi-

# A HEALER AND GUIDING LIGHT

Paul Farmer worked to build a world where everyone has a doctor

With the Covid-19 epidemic ripping apart the healthcare systems of the world and opening up gaping holes in our interpretation of public healthcare, Farmer's work becomes a guiding light, particularly for resource-challenged environments like India. He believed that the social construction of epidemics and the lived experience of sickness are very different and that poverty is not some accident of nature but the result of historically determined and economically driven forces.

demic in West Africa and traces the origins of this region's neglected healthcare to centuries of colonial rule. This ability to logically trace the epidemic to an end point in the colonial history of the region shows a teacher in command of his skill and with the ability to reveal the "visibly invisible" to his students.

Having said this, it is extremely difficult to follow the massive yet meaningful canvas of Paul Farmer, the author. His books address not only the sociopolitics of healthcare but also spirituality, liberation theology, hope, political economics and even culture and society. His book *Infections and Inequalities* examined not only the link between poverty and disease but also revealed how developed countries like the United States treat poor, "invisible countries" like Haiti. His papers on tuberculosis and HIV form an important medical resource for physicians. *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, his biography by Tracy Kidder, is an inspiring book which all budding doctors should read. In *Pathologies of Power*, Farmer addressed the disparities in access to existing medical technologies.

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India. He believed that the social construction of epidemics and the lived experience of sickness are very different and that poverty is not some accident of nature but the result of historically determined and economically driven forces. In India many of us work in set-ups which have been called "clinical deserts" by Farmer. These are hospitals without the tools of the trade. Farmer asked if such clinical deserts can be irrigated and concluded that they can. He believed that if a MASH hospital can be built adjacent to a battlefield, then one can certainly be built after the battle is over — for example, in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Peru or Guatemala after the civil war. He believed in pragmatic solidarities with partners in health.

Kidder writes in *Mountains Beyond Mountains* that on a trip to Cuba, Farmer revealed that he didn't believe in Marxism but was fond of the then-Cuban President Fidel Castro, mainly for protecting the sick and the vulnerable. He writes that when they finally got to their hotel in Havana, Farmer said, "I can sleep here. Everyone here has a doctor."

As Farmer goes to his eternal sleep, it is the responsibility of each one of us to ensure that his legacy is nurtured. Let us promise him that everyone on this planet will have a doctor.

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## FEBRUARY 26, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### RAO TALKS TOUGH

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER P V Narasimha Rao told the Rajya Sabha that Agha Hilaly's objectionable statements in the Human Rights Commission had vitiated the atmosphere for further talks on the specifics of the no-war pact and a treaty of peace and friendship. Making a statement in response to a call in attention motion by H C Rawat, Rao said by his contentious reference to Jammu and Kashmir, the Pakistani delegate had done a disservice to the proposed talks between foreign secretaries. He said it will take much time to undo the damage created by the Pakistani diplomat's speech. In this vitiated atmosphere nothing will be served by the foreign

secretary's visit to Pakistan. Pakistan ambassador Abdus Sattar was in the visitor's gallery when Rao was delivering his speech.

### AMBUSH IN NAGALAND

INSURGENTS OF the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland led by T N Muivah and Issac Chishi are said to be responsible for the ambush on the Imphal Ukhrul road which resulted in the death of 21 security force personnel. But it is still suspected that the ambush was a joint operation between the NSCN and the PLA with the latter playing a secondary role. The weapons used were of Chinese origin. Combing operations are in

progress all over the district inhabited by the Tangkhul Nagas. No arrests have been made.

### TREMOR MYSTERY

EXPERTS DO NOT rule out the possibility of experimental underground tremors behind the series of mysterious loud bangs heard in Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh and adjoining districts in Rajasthan and Gujarat on February 22 and 24. Although authorities have assured people that there's no reason for panic, they seem to be disturbed. Experts have ruled out the possibility of earthquakes because Mandsaur is not an earthquake-prone area.



# A letter from Ukraine

My country is being invaded, suffering in a war not of its making. Russia must see reason not just for Ukraine's sake, but for the global order



OLHA VOROZHBYT

I AM WRITING these lines as my country, Ukraine, resisted the first day of full-scale war started by its Slavic neighbour – Russia. I am writing this and still cannot believe in it. Moscow started attacking Ukraine not only from multiple directions around our border, but also from the territory of Belarus, which makes the other Slavic country accomplice in this humanitarian catastrophe. “137 Ukrainians died, 316 injured”, said Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during his late-night address to the nation. Russian missiles hit our capital, Kyiv, the second-largest city Kharkiv, and the southern city of Kherson. Russian tanks were trying to cross the border with Ukraine from multiple directions. The Russian operation was successful in some directions, but Ukrainian defenders also repelled a lot of these activities. The Russian army suffered much and lost several military vehicles.

When I close my eyes, trying to rest after 24 hours without sleep, I see images of the father who mourns his son near the apartment block in Chuhuiv, which Russia attacked the morning before. Among those who died, there were children. It is still difficult to believe that this is what happened to me and my country in the 21st century, in the middle of Europe. Russia started a war against Ukraine on February 24. But the process began eight years ago when Russia annexed Crimea and started operations on the Donbas. I do hope that it is now crystal clear that these were not “pro-Russian separatists”, but Russian forces that killed Ukrainian soldiers and volunteers at the Donbas.

Over the last century, it becomes vividly clear that Russia has constantly tried to place Ukraine under its influence. Like in other Central European nations, Ukrainians struggled to create their own state after World War I. We were successful, declaring independence in January 1918 and then uniting with the Western Ukrainian Republic a year later. Yet, unlike other Central European nations, we did not have much opportunity to celebrate living in our own state. The Bolsheviks and the Red Army took control of Ukraine in 1920 (except the region on the West that became part of Poland). This is how the “Soviet” period for Ukraine started. Among historians, there is a consensus that the existence of Ukraine as a separate nation was not put into question by Soviet authorities. This is what Russian President Vladimir Putin now denies with his neo-imperialist rhetoric, claiming that Ukrainians and Russians are “one people” or that it is Vladimir Lenin who “created” Ukraine. That is why, pro forma, the USSR was a federal state. But, it was also a totalitarian regime and Ukraine paid a devastating cost as a part of it.

During 1932–33, Ukrainians suffered the great famine which we call *Holodomor* (*holod* – means hunger and *mor* from *moryty* – to die). Between 3–4 million Ukrainians died because of it, roughly 13 per cent of the population at that time. Today, more than 13 countries (among them the US and Canada) acknowledge *Holodomor* as a genocide of the Ukrainian population. Soviet collectivisation policies forced Ukrainian peasants to send their har-

vest to the Soviet authorities. They were banned from moving out of their villages in search of food. The notorious Law of Five Spikelets that prohibited peasants from gathering food meant death by starvation for a lot of them. Those who attempted to “rebel” and were looking for food were either imprisoned or shot. My husband’s family preserves the terrible story about his great grandmother, who collected potato peels that a rich family threw away and fed her children with them. Many Ukrainian intellectuals, musicians and academics were sent to prison – concentration camps, where their lives tragically ended. The Second World War brought devastating loss as Ukraine was in the middle of what Timothy Snyder calls “Bloodlands” – the territory stretching from what is today Poland to Western Russia – which suffered at the hands of both Soviets and Nazis.

So, when at the end of the 1980s, glasnost and perestroika brought about change, Ukrainians were inspired. Interestingly, the first push was from the Donbas. In 1989–90, Donbas coal miners started a big strike. The reasons were mainly economic – they were not paid salaries for a long time, working conditions were poor and they looked at the possibility of decisions being taken in Kyiv, and not Moscow. Those protests are often seen as a precursor to the collapse of the USSR and the independence of Ukraine. On December 1, 1991, 90.92 per cent of the voters (including those who lived in Crimea) answered “yes” to the question: “Do you agree with an Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine?”. Just a week later, the USSR was dissolved.

Thirty years of independence have not been smooth. But Ukraine proved its peaceful approach. At the time of the dissolution of the USSR, Ukraine held the third-largest arsenal of nuclear weapons. In 1996, Kyiv gave up all its nuclear weapons. There are just two examples of peaceful nuclear disarmament and one is Ukraine. In return for this, in 1994, the Budapest Memorandum was signed and Russia, together with the UK and US, guaranteed Ukraine’s territorial sovereignty. In 1997, Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma and his Russian counterpart Boris Yeltsin signed a friendship agreement between our nations. These are just two among the row of bilateral agreements where Moscow showed respect to Ukraine, its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The talk about the “Ukraine crisis” in the

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## Casting the welfare net

UP’s experience shows caste politics does not undermine human development



INDRAJIT ROY

THE ONGOING ELECTIONS in Uttar Pradesh have resurrected claims that caste politics undermines development. The BJP and its supporters in the commentariat argue that caste politics, as allegedly practised by opposition parties such as the BSP and the SP, led to the state’s social and economic backwardness. But NFHS data on human development since 2004 suggests quite the opposite: UP fared as well as, if not better than, its neighbours among the BIMARU states.

Political instability has marred UP since India’s independence in 1947. Although the Congress won decisive majorities in legislative assembly elections held in 1952, 1957 and 1962, no chief minister completed a full-term in the state. After 1967, political instability became even more acute, as power rotated between the many parties that competed for dominance in the state without, however, managing to complete a full term. It was only as late as 2012 that Mayawati became the first chief minister to complete a full term in office.

With an eye on improving life for Dalits, BSP took development very seriously. Its inclusive vision was outlined by the party’s campaign slogan “sarvajna hitay, sarvajana sukhay”, which in English translates into “may everyone benefit, may everyone be prosperous”. Mayawati introduced and implemented a housing scheme for the urban poor. Of the 1,00,000 housing units promised, over 90,000 were constructed by the time her tenure as Chief Minister expired in 2012. She

also inaugurated an integrated rural development programme to supply water, electricity and roads in villages with Dalit majorities. Almost 25,000 villages across the state saw improvements within their jurisdictions, and even her worst critics admitted there had been some development compared to previous regimes. Even though the BSP government was unable to introduce structural reforms that would transfer more productive assets to Dalits, its development programmes did reach populations that had hitherto been largely marginalised.

Learning from the experience of neighbouring Bihar, the state government distributed one million bicycles to girls across the state in a bid to improve their access to schooling and general mobility. However, allegations of corruption overshadowed the developmental interventions introduced under her tenure and Mayawati was voted out of power in 2012.

The new government, formed by the SP, borrowed a page from the BSP’s success at forging social coalitions. It cemented its own Yadav-Muslim coalition that lay at the foundation of the party’s ideology with support from the “upper castes”. Muslim representation in the UP Vidhan Sabha was at the highest since Independence and more closely reflected the community’s population than ever before. Although Akhilesh Yadav scrapped many schemes introduced by Mayawati, he also introduced several new social welfare programmes, including housing subsidies, pen-

sions and unemployment allowances. Furthermore, he distributed 1.5 million laptops to students who completed their secondary and senior secondary education across the state. Perhaps, the highlight of Yadav’s chief ministership was the successful eradication of polio in the state. By 2013, and undoubtedly building on the success of Mayawati’s regime, the state had not reported a single case of polio, a major milestone in global health improvement. The involvement of Muslims in the SP’s social coalition helped to overcome worries from community members that the polio vaccine was aimed against them.

The human development outcomes of social coalitions that governed UP between 2007 and 2017 are clearly discernible. Several of these outcomes pertain directly to the effectiveness of the state in delivering services. It is instructive to compare the National Family Health Surveys 3 and 4. NFHS-3 pertains to data collected in 2005–6, just a year before the BSP came to power in UP. NFHS-4 data pertains to the period 2015–6, or a year prior to the SP losing power in UP. Both sets of data offer a useful insight into the changes in human development in the state through the governments of the BSP and SP.

For example, the proportion of children under five years whose births were registered increased from a mere 7 per cent in 2005–6 to over 60 per cent. Among its neighbours, only Bihar has a similar track record. The proportion of births in a public facility similarly increased

international media is a recent development and is deeply misleading: Russia created this crisis, not Ukraine. I hope that the world will finally call this “crisis” by its true name – a war. A war in which Russia attacked its neighbour, in a cowardly manner at 4 am – as the Nazis did during World War II.

Since 2014, Ukraine has changed a lot. Even while living with war, it became more European, had more opportunities, a visa-free regime and deep and comprehensive free trade agreement with the EU that gave more options to our entrepreneurs. Most importantly, Ukraine has been a democratic state. For the Kremlin, having a democratic neighbour while it targets opponents is not a preferable option. That is why Ukrainians are so eager to enter the EU and NATO. According to the last poll, 67 per cent of Ukrainians want to join the EU and 59.2 per cent, NATO. These numbers are a result of Russian aggression. In 2013, less than 20 per cent of Ukrainians wanted to enter NATO.

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India has been very cautious with its statements about the war. Yet, India has a painful history that may help it understand Russia’s claims against Ukraine. Kremlin wants its empire back and sees Ukraine as the jewel in this regard. Ukrainians never agreed with this and severely fought against it. Now, could you imagine a Britain that claims India is in its empire? It is just impossible. But that is what Russia is doing now. It strikes missiles on our cities and our capital Kyiv with an intensity unseen since World War II just to achieve this impossible end. Please, help us bring it back to reality. It is not just Ukraine that needs this. The global order is shaking after the explosions in Ukraine.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“This is a war of choice for all the wrong reasons, and Mr. Putin and his coterie are solely and fully responsible for every drop of Ukrainian — and Russian — blood, for every livelihood destroyed and for all the economic pain engendered by this conflict.” —NEW YORK TIMES

## The hijab hurdle

It is important for the education system to do all it can to encourage Muslim women’s participation. Controversy in Karnataka is ill-timed and counterproductive



SONALDE DESAI

AFTER TWO YEARS of living behind a mask and trying to decode muffled voices and hidden expressions, one begins to develop empathy for millions of women hidden behind face coverings. Whether they are called ghunghat, pallu, burqa, or hijab, face coverings with varying levels of restrictions are a fact of life for 58 per cent of Hindu and 88 per cent of Muslim women in India. Imposing them on young girls in educational institutions seems particularly worrisome. Hence, one can understand the impulse that drives educational authorities in Karnataka to ban the hijab, although the head covering imposed by hijab is much less restrictive than full burqa or ghunghat. However, external interventions tend to have the opposite effect when it comes to cultural transformations.

The Indian opposition to the colonial Age of Consent Bill, setting the minimum age at marriage to 12 for girls, best illustrates this challenge. Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, who was highly progressive in his personal life, summed up his crusade against this law in an 1891 editorial: “We have often pointed out that we are not against the particular reform advocated. Individually, we would be prepared to go even further than what the Government proposes to do. Still, we are certainly not prepared to force our views upon the large mass of orthodox people... We have every confidence that in time most of the reforms now preached would be gradually accepted.”

Demands for veiling in the guise of modesty are unlikely to disappear until women themselves seek change. Arguably, the most impressive demonstration comes from Haryana. In a state known for its solid adherence to ghunghat, a quiet revolution began a few years ago when Manju Yadav, a school teacher, started a campaign to get women leaders together to cast off their ghunghats. This campaign faced initial hurdles but gained momentum when one of the largest khaps, the Malik Gathwala Khap, asked women to give up ghunghat.

However, mobilising to protest veiling is not easy in the Muslim community. Sania Mirza has faced considerable criticism from fellow Muslims for refusing to play tennis while being covered head to toe. Shabana Azmi was told to stick to singing and dancing by clerics for seeking a debate on whether face covering was ordained by Quran.

Ironically, gender seems to be a crucial battleground for the culture wars, making for strange bedfellows and creating situations that make the oppressed complicit in their own subjugation. Demanding freedom from oppressive gender norms requires release from external pressures that force women to choose between their gendered interests and banding together to protect

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### UKRAINE, ALONE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘De-escalate’ (IE, February 25). Those aware of Vladimir Putin’s history will not be surprised by what is happening in Ukraine. He consolidated his power through war in 1999–2000 and has been repeating this trick periodically to resurrect his waning popularity. Ukraine lost Crimea to Russia in 2014 and now it looks like two more regions, Donetsk and Luhansk, may follow suit thanks to Russia’s invasion. If the US is really serious about stopping this war and the deaths of innocent Ukrainians, it will have to give a written commitment to Russia that Ukraine will never be part of NATO. As far as India is concerned, it will suffer major setbacks vis a vis oil and gas prices and subsequently the current account deficit will widen and inflation is bound to increase. Hence, the sooner better sense prevails in Moscow, the better it is going to be for the world.

Bal Govind, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘De-escalate’ (IE, February 25). Ukraine has painfully realised that the countries that were singing songs of unity and integrity were just paying lip service. US President Joe Biden had been claiming for a long time that Russia would eventually invade Ukraine. The billion-dollar question is: Why did US and its European allies not send troops to deter an invasion? Ukraine knows it can’t fight Russia on its own and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy heavily relied upon NATO, the EU and the US. Every nation must be ready to face any eventuality for in its time of need, no foreign friends may come to its support.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

### BRAIN DRAIN

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘The great exodus’ (IE, February 25). Brain drain from India to developed countries has been a concern for some time, but the issue has become pronounced with an increase in educational opportunities not being matched by greater job availability. While our failure to adapt educational institutions to changing times is the prime cause of fewer jobs, our failure at conventional employment is also a factor. One has only to look at the pathetic condition of our panchayats, municipalities, courts, etc to realise that understaffing is a major cause of poor service. Streamlining jobs to suit the current needs of the citizens and country, therefore, needs to go hand in hand with ensuring the adequacy of staffing in the public sector.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

### GO GREEN

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Insufficiently green’ (IE, February 25). With the rising oil prices, this may be a good time to focus on electric vehicles. A steady shift to EVs has a number of benefits such as reduced demand for oil imports and the reduction in rate of depletion of natural resources. Since the budget allocation for the scheme to subsidise the purchase of electric vehicles under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid & Electric Vehicles (FAME) for fiscal 2023 has almost tripled, India can now allocate resources in boosting the in-house manufacturing of EVs.

Aerika Singh, Chandigarh



# 14 RUSSIA INVADES UKRAINE



## Putin, Xi agree sanctions ‘illegitimate’

Russia ready to send a delegation for talks with Ukraine officials: Kremlin

AGENCIES  
MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 25

THE KREMLIN says Russian President Vladimir Putin has told Chinese President Xi Jinping he's ready to send a delegation for talks with Ukrainian officials. The Kremlin said in its readout of Friday's call that Xi underlined that he "views the Russian leadership's action in the crisis situation with respect."

In a reference to new Western sanctions against Russia over its invasion in Ukraine, the Kremlin noted that Putin and Xi agreed "it's inadmissible to use illegitimate sanctions for achieving selfish goals of certain countries." Chinese state TV reported that Xi emphasised that China "supports Russia and Ukraine resolving the problem through negotiations." Putin told Xi that Russia was willing to enter "high-level negotiations" with Ukraine, the readout said, without offering details.

Referring to eastern Ukraine, where Russian forces have intervened to help Moscow-backed separatists seize more territory since Thursday, Xi said the situation had "undergone rapid changes." He reiterated China's previous stance that it was important to respect the "legitimate security concerns" as well

as the "sovereignty and territorial integrity" of all countries.

Earlier on Friday, Russia rejected talks with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine and made it clear that it was seeking to topple the democratically elected government, which Foreign Minister Sergey V. Lavrov said was steered by "neo-Nazis" and the West.

"We do not see the possibility of recognising as democratic a government that persecutes and uses methods of genocide against its own people," Lavrov said during a news conference in Moscow. It also vowed that the conflict would soon be over.

"Russia cannot allow Ukraine to become a dagger raised above us in the hands of Washington," the head of Russia's foreign intelligence agency, Sergei Naryshkin, said in a brief address aired on Russian state television.

Ukraine on Friday said it wants peace and is ready for talks with Russia, including on neutral status regarding NATO, Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak told Reuters. "If talks are possible, they should be held. If in Moscow they say they want to hold talks, including on neutral status, we are not afraid of this," he said via a text. "We can talk about that as well." "Our readiness for dialogue is part of our persistent pursuit of peace."



Ukrainian service members walk near fragments of a downed aircraft in Kyiv on Friday. AP

## At home, Moscow cracks down on anti-war protesters, detain 1,600

REUTERS  
MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 25

POLICE ON Thursday detained more than 1,600 Russians who protested against Russia's multi-pronged military operation in Ukraine, while authorities threatened to block media reports that contain what Moscow described as "false information".

In acts of cautious, but unusual dissent, Russian pop stars, journalists, a television comedian and a footballer opposed the war online after President Vladimir Putin launched an invasion of Ukraine in the early hours of Thursday.

By 19.39 GMT, police had detained 1,667 people at rallies in 53 cities, the OVD-Info rights monitor said, easily the biggest tally since last year's crushing of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny's network ushered in an ice age in activism.

Protesters defied a warning is-



People attend an anti-war protest in Saint Petersburg, Reuters

sued on Thursday by the Investigative Committee that explicitly threatened criminal action and even jail time for people calling for or taking part in protests.

"I was detained on my way out of the house," Marina Litvinovich, a Moscow-based activist, wrote on Telegram.

"We will be cleaning up this mess for years to come. Not even

us. But our children and grandchildren," she said as she announced the protest. "All we see is the agony of a dying man. Alas, Russia is in agony."

Hundreds of people rallied in cities including Moscow, St Petersburg and Yekaterinburg, chanting slogans like "no to war!" and holding up makeshift signs. One person waved a Ukrainian flag.

## How Ukraine became a flashpoint

RUSSIA'S ATTACK against Ukraine — one of the most significant military actions in Europe since World War II — raises the prospect of a rekindled Cold War between Russia and the West, with potentially devastating consequences for the security structure that has governed Europe since the Soviet Union's collapse three decades ago.

Essentially, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia is seeking to redraw the post-Cold War boundaries of Europe, establishing a broad, Russian-dominated security zone and drawing Ukraine back into Moscow's orbit.

Russia has demanded NATO halt further eastward expansion and agree not to admit Ukraine as a member. The US has rejected those demands, viewing the Russian paradigm of spheres of influence as an anachronistic and dangerous vestige of the past.

The incursion could further destabilise a volatile post-Soviet region that has been buffeted by unrest, including a revolt in Kazakhstan this year and an uprising in Belarus in 2020 that the country's security forces brutally suppressed. In both cases, leaders under pressure turned to Russia, further cementing Moscow's hold over their states.

For the US, the Ukraine crisis is a test of its resolve as it seeks to restore confidence in America's global leadership after its messy withdrawal from Afghanistan and the "America First" policies of Donald Trump.

For NATO, which has sometimes struggled for relevancy in the post-Cold War era with member states working mostly in concert to impose sanctions against Moscow, even though not all agree on how severe the measures should be.

## In Brief



People take shelter at a building basement in Kyiv on Friday as sirens announce new attacks. AP

## Last stand by Ukrainian troops on island, Zelenskyy hails 'heroes'

A small contingent of Ukrainian border guards defending Snake Island, a remote outpost in the Black Sea, were among the 137 civilians and military personnel killed in Thursday's attacks, according to Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. "All border guards died heroically but did not give up," Zelenskyy said in a short video message posted just after midnight on Friday. He added that the guards would be posthumously awarded the title of "Hero of Ukraine." NYT



People fleeing the conflict from Ukraine arrive in Przemysl, in neighbouring Poland, on Friday. AP

## Higher Chernobyl radiation after nuclear plant capture

Ukraine said on Friday it had recorded increased radiation levels from the defunct Chernobyl nuclear power plant, a day after the site was captured by Russian forces, due to military activity causing radioactive dust to rise into the air. Experts at Ukraine's state nuclear agency said the change was due to the movement of heavy military equipment in the area lifting radioactive dust into the air. Reuters

## EU to freeze assets of Putin, Lavrov; no call on SWIFT yet

Brussels: With a military intervention in Ukraine off the table, countries around the world looked to heap more financial punishment on Moscow, including the European Union's approval of an asset freeze on Russian President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

The EU's unanimous decision, part of a broader sanctions package, indicated that Western powers are moving toward unprecedented meas-

ures to try to force Putin to stop the brutal invasion of Russia's neighbor and from unleashing a major war in Europe. EU ministers have said that even further sanctions were still possible, including booting Russia out of SWIFT, the dominant system for global financial transactions.

"The debate about SWIFT is not off the table, it will continue," Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn said. AP

## Cry in Kyiv: I don't want to die

ANDREW DRAKE  
KYIV, FEBRUARY 25

YURIY ZHYHANOV woke before dawn to his mother's screaming and found himself covered in dust. On the second day of Russia's invasion, shelling on the outskirts of Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, struck their residential building.

Many civilians, horrified to find their lives at risk, started to flee during the attack's first hours. Amid the smoke and the screeching of car alarms on Friday, Zhyhanov and his family packed and joined them.

"What are you doing? What is this?" he said, addressing Russia and gesturing to the damaged building behind him. "If you want to attack military personnel, attack military per-



In a damaged residential building in Kyiv on Friday, Reuters

sonnel. This is all I can say."

His weariness and shock reflected that of his country as people climbed out of bomb shelters, basements and subways to face another day of upheaval.

Those who didn't wake to explosions were roused by air raid

sirens. Then came the news that Russian forces had advanced to the capital's outskirts. Russia has said it is not targeting cities, but the fighting seemed far too close.

The body of a dead soldier lay near a Kyiv underpass. Elsewhere, fragments of a

downed aircraft smoked in a residential area. Black plastic was draped over body parts found amid the brick homes.

Outside a monastery, a woman lifted her hands toward a mural of saints and appeared to pray. In the port city of Mariupol, a young girl named Vlada wished for the assault to stop. "I don't want to die," she said. "I want all of this to end as soon as possible."

Uncertainty compounded the fear. On a street in the Obolon district, Associated Press journalists saw a military truck disabled, its tires deflated. The truck had no apparent insignia, and it was not clear if it was a vehicle that Ukraine's general staff claimed had been stolen by Russian forces aiming to disguise themselves as local ones. AP

## ‘We are terrified’, say African students

ABDI LATIF DAHIR  
NAIROBI, FEBRUARY 25

AFRICAN CITIZENS remained stranded across Ukraine on Friday, even as their governments called for an immediate ceasefire, urging Russia to respect the territorial integrity of Ukraine and to withdraw its troops.

The rapidly escalating conflict is trapping thousands of African nationals in multiple cities, many of them medicine and science students at Ukrainian universities. As Russia began shelling Ukrainian towns and cities including Moscow, St Petersburg and Yekaterinburg, many of the students took to social media to share their fears and frustrations and plead for help from their governments.

"We are really terrified," Mohamed Abdi Gutale, a Somali



A Ukrainian firefighter walks between fragments of a downed aircraft in Kyiv. AP

citizen who is a first-year medicine student at Kyiv Medical University, said in a telephone interview on Friday morning.

Just hours before, Gutale said, he and 168 other Somali nationals were able to secure buses to transport them from

Kyiv, the capital, to Lviv in western Ukraine. He said they didn't know what their next plans were, "but we will decide what to do once we get there."

Russia has staunch allies across Africa, with Russian mercenaries battling insurgents in

Mali, its companies mining for diamonds in the Central African Republic and its weapons finding ready customers in Egypt and Burkina Faso. But no African nation has come out to support the invasion of Ukraine, and some have expressed their dismay at the Russian attack.

On Thursday, the chairman of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, and President Macky Sall of Senegal called on Russia "and any other regional or international actor to imperatively respect international law, the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of Ukraine."

South Africa, which is part of the group of five emerging economic powers known as BRICS — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — also urged Moscow to withdraw its forces from Ukraine. NYT





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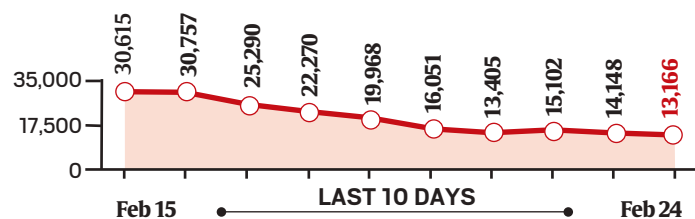
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## TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

### DASHBOARD, AS ON FEB 24

<b>725</b> DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN	<b>New cases</b> <b>13,166</b>	<b>Active cases</b> <b>1,34,235</b>	<b>Deaths</b> <b>302</b>
Weekly CFR: <b>0.40%</b>   Overall CFR: <b>1.21%</b>   Total deaths: <b>5,13,226</b>			

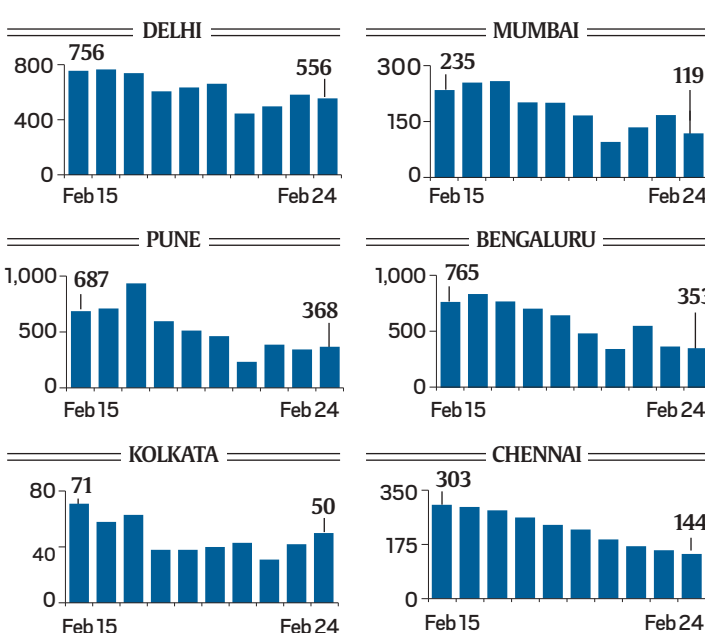
### NEW CASES, DAILY



### SURGE IN THE STATES

State	ON FEBRUARY 24			Weekly positivity
	New cases	Active cases	Deaths	
Kerala	4,064	42,473	10.01%	212
Maharashtra	1,182	10,250	1.34%	20
Mizoram	1,057	8,409	0.05%	2
Rajasthan	944	6,596	2.85%	2
Madhya Pradesh	668	5,170	1.20%	3

### CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 10 DAYS

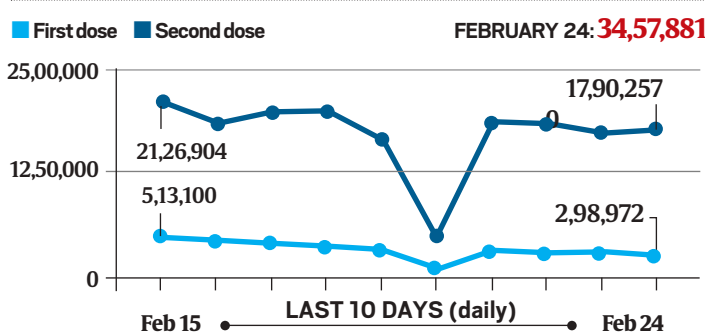


### TOTAL TESTS

<b>TESTS ON FEB 24</b> <b>10,30,016</b>	<b>WEEKLY POSITIVITY</b> <b>1.47%</b>	<b>OVERALL POSITIVITY</b> <b>5.61%</b>
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### INDIA TOTAL DOSES

**176,86,89,266**  
(Adults 1st dose: **90,86,77,814**; 2nd: **76,00,63,837**; 15-18 age group 1st dose: **5,44,55,055**; 2nd: **2,57,73,304**; Precautionary: **1,97,19,256**)



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# VIP security: who, how

Haryana has provided Z-plus category security to Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, rape convict out on furlough. What are the various levels of government security, and who decides who is eligible for protection?

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

HARYANA HAS provided Z-plus category security to Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, chief of Dera Sacha Sauda, who is serving a 20-year sentence for raping two women, and who was released on a 21-day furlough ahead of the February 20 elections in Punjab.

Recently, the Centre provided central security cover to 25 BJP politicians from UP and Punjab until the end of the ongoing elections, including Akhilesh Yadav's opponent, and several Congress turncoats.

Amid reports of political violence in West Bengal after last year's Assembly elections, the Centre had provided central security cover to all 77 BJP MLAs.

### Who gets protection from the government?

Protection is generally given to someone who holds a position of consequence in government or civil society — hence the informal description "VIP security". Besides the Centre, state police forces provide security to a large number of those whose lives are deemed to be in danger, based on assessments made by the state government.

### Who decides the level of security?

The level of security is decided by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) or by state governments, as the case may be. The assessment is based on inputs received from intelligence agencies — the Intelligence Bureau and Research & Analysis Wing at the level of the Centre, and the state intelligence departments.

The agencies give a broad subjective assessment of the threat to life or injury to a person from terrorists or any other group based on information generated from their sources. This information can include intercepts of phone conversations, human intelligence, or a credible analysis of an open threat.

By reason of the positions they hold in the government, certain individuals are automatically entitled to security cover — for example the Prime Minister and his immediate family, the Home Minister, and the National Security Advisor.

### Is it odd that only BJP politicians were



**NSG commandos forming a ring around actor Kangana Raut at Chandigarh airport in 2020. She was provided VIP security in September that year.** *Express Archive*

### given protection during the elections?

Theoretically, the call is taken based only on the assessment of threat perception — yet, the granting of VIP protection by successive governments has often been a political decision. In many parts of the country, VIP protection is a status symbol, and the security entourage is seen as adding to the aura of a politician. In the case of Punjab, many of the 22 BJP politicians who were given central protection ahead of the elections, had written to the Centre claiming there was a threat to their lives.

However, many politicians prefer not to move with a heavy security entourage because they inconvenience common people and make them appear distant and disconnected. Many of the BJP MLAs in West Bengal were said to have been uncomfortable after the Centre accorded them central security cover last year.

### What about Ram Rahim? How is a rape convict eligible?

Legally, there is no bar on the government providing protection to a convict if it is felt that his life may be in danger. In fact, it is the duty of the state to protect the lives of prisoners and convicts.

Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij has said he had no knowledge of any threat against Ram Rahim. The Dera chief was given security on the basis of a communication from a sen-

ior Haryana police officer who mentioned that he was facing a high-level threat from Sikh extremists. Chief Minister M L Khattar then accorded Ram Rahim security.

### But isn't the assessment supposed be based on credible intelligence?

While the police reports to the state government, none of the intelligence agencies are accountable to any statutory body — only to the internal oversight of the MHA and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

The intelligence inputs generated by the agencies, especially with regard to VIP security, are not put in the public domain, and are not open to scrutiny by any other agency. As a result, VIP security is often open to manipulation by the executive.

Some decisions taken with regard to even non-politicians have raised eyebrows. For example, Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut was accorded Y-plus CRPF security by the MHA in September 2020 in the wake of her spat with Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, but Deepika Padukone, who faced threats after standing up in support of JNU students, was not given cover.

### What are the various levels of protection?

There are broadly six types of cover: X, Y, Y-plus, Z, Z-plus, and SPG (Special Protection Group). While the SPG is meant only for the

PM and his immediate family, the other kinds of protection can be given to anyone whom the Centre or a state assesses to be threatened.

X security usually entails one gunman protecting the individual; Y has one gunman for mobile security and one (plus four on rotation) for static security; Y-plus has two policemen (plus four on rotation) for mobile security, and one (plus four on rotation) for residence security; Z has six gunmen for mobile security, and two (plus eight) for residence security; and Z-plus has 10 personnel for mobile security and two (plus eight) for residence security.

There can be various levels of cover within these categories. Also, the security cover can be customised in accordance with the nature of the perceived threat.

For example, if the Chief Minister of an LWE-affected state is assessed to have a threat from Maoists only in his state, the Centre may choose to give him residence and mobile security only in his state. He may be given appropriate security by the state police when he travels out.

Similarly, some may have a threat only when they travel, so they are given an escort force.

Also, different forces may be engaged for residence and mobile security. Many protectees get residence security by the state police but mobile security by a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF).

### Which forces are engaged, and who pays for the security?

VIPs other than the PM are protected by the National Security Guard (NSG), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

The Centre has intended over the years to reduce the burden of VIP security on the NSG, whose core function is counter-terrorism operations.

The government bears the cost of the security. However, those with Z and Z-plus security, with many personnel, may be required to provide accommodation to these personnel. In certain cases, the government may choose to bill a private individual — industrialist Mukesh Ambani was provided Z-category cover in 2013 after the IB made an assessment of a threat to his life, but the government asked the CRPF to charge Ambani Rs 15 lakh per month.

# Ukraine: A short history of its creation

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

THREE DAYS before he invaded Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin described it as a country with no history, identity, or "stable traditions of real statehood". Modern Ukraine, Putin said, was "entirely and fully created by Russia, more specifically the Bolshevik, communist Russia..."

Ukraine is bound by Russia to its north-east, east, and southeast, and the Black Sea to the south.

In the southwest, west, and north, it shares borders with Moldova, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, and Belarus. It is the largest country in Europe after Russia itself, and also the poorest country in terms of GDP per capita.

As of July 2021, Ukraine's population was estimated at 43.7 million, of whom about 30% were Russian speakers. The bulk of them live in the east, where Moscow, after encouraging and sustaining an armed insurgency for eight years, this week recognised two independent republics, signalling the inevitable war that has followed.



### Early history

A millennium ago, today's Ukraine was at the heart of the Kyivan Rus' (Rus' land), a federation of the East Slavic, Baltic, and Finnic peoples of eastern and northern Europe, with its capital in Kyiv. Modern Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus all trace their cultural ancestry to the Kyivan Rus'.

In 988 AD, Grand Prince Vladimir (Volodymyr) the Great made Christianity the state religion. The Kyivan Rus' reached its greatest size and power in the 10th and 11th centuries, peaking under Yaroslav the Wise, who ruled from 1019-54.

In the mid-13th century, the state fell apart under the onslaught of the Mongol

Golden Horde, who sacked Kyiv in 1240. After the Mongol khanate disintegrated in the early 15th century, large parts of the former Kyivan Rus' were incorporated into the multi-ethnic Grand Duchy of Lithuania and, following the Union of Lublin in 1569, into the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, one of Europe's biggest countries at the time.

### Incorporation into Russia

In 1648, Ukrainian Cossacks rose in revolt against the Poles, took control of Kyiv, and founded the Cossack hetmanate (political entity ruled by the hetman, or high military officer) in the area that is central Ukraine today. After about a century, Empress Catherine (1762-96) of Russia abolished the hetmanate, and absorbed the ethnic Ukrainian territory into the Russian Empire.

The Tsarist policy of Russification led to the suppression of ethnic identities and languages, including that of the Ukrainians. Within the Russian Empire though, many Ukrainians rose to positions of importance, and significant numbers settled in other parts of Russia. Millions of Ukrainians fought in World War I on the side of the Russian Empire.

### Ukraine as part of USSR

The war ended the Tsarist empire. As a mainly communist-led Ukrainian national movement emerged, small Ukrainian states sprang up. Months after the Bolsheviks took power in the October Revolution of 1917, an Ukrainian People's Republic was proclaimed, but a civil war continued between various claimants to power, including Ukrainian factions, anarchists, Tsarists, and Poland. In 1922, Ukraine became part of the USSR.

### Independent nation

Demands for independence had been growing in Ukraine from the late 1980s. In 1990, over 300,000 Ukrainians created a human chain, and students led the so-called revolution on granite in support of freedom and against the Soviet Union. On August 24, 1991, the parliament of Ukraine passed an act of independence, and Leonid Kravchuk was elected Ukraine's first President. In December 1991, Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine formally dissolved the USSR and formed the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

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# Ahom warrior Lachit Borphukan and the battles of Alaboi and Saraighat

**DEBRAJ DEB**  
AGARTALA, FEBRUARY 25

IN ASSAM on a three-day visit, President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday inaugurated the year-long celebration of the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan, commander of the Ahom forces and an icon of Assamese nationalism. He also laid the foundation stone for the Alaboi war memorial, a tribute to soldiers who had fought and suffered a setback against the Mughals at Alaboi, two years before Lachit's decisive victory at the battle of Saraighat in 1671.

Earlier this week, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had announced a number of projects in connection with the anniversary. Along with the Alaboi war memorial at Dadara, a Lachit Samadhi would be built this year over 22 bighas of land.

### Lachit's era

Ahom kings ruled large parts of what is now Assam, and parts of what are neigh-

bouring states today, for nearly 600 years between the 13th and 19th centuries.

Between 1615 and 1682, the Mughal Empire made a series of attempts, under Jahangir and then Aurangzeb, to annex the Ahom kingdom. In January 1662, Mughal Governor of Bengal Mir Jumla's forces engaged with the Ahom army and went on to occupy part of the territory under Ahom rule.

Between 1667 and 1682, the Ahoms under a series of rulers, starting with Chakradhwaj Singha, (reigned 1663-70) launched a counter-offensive to reclaim lost territories. This included the battles Lachit is remembered for.

### Alaboi and Saraighat

In 1669, Aurangzeb dispatched the Rajput Raja Ram Singh I to recapture territories won back by the Ahoms.

The battle of Alaboi was fought on August 5, 1669 in the Alaboi Hills near Dadara in North Guwahati.

While the Mughals preferred an open battle, Borphukan relied on his knowledge



**Statue of Lachit Borphukan on the Brahmaputra in Guwahati.**  
*Tora Agarwala*

of the territory and engaged in guerrilla warfare, carrying out assaults on the Mughals. After initial setbacks, Ram Singh sent his entire battery of Rajput soldiers and Mughal veterans and turned the tide of the battle. Ten thousand Ahoms died in the battle, according to a paper posted on the web-site of Assam's archaeology department.

Unlike in Alaboi, where he was forced to fight on land instead of a naval battle, Lachit

in Saraighat enticed the Mughals into a naval battle. According to the historian H K Barpujari (*The Comprehensive History of Assam*), Ahom forces combined a frontal attack and a surprise attack from behind. They lured the Mughal fleet into moving ahead by feigning an attack with a few ships from the front. The Mughals vacated the waters behind them, from where the main Ahom fleet attacked and achieved a decisive victory.

Historians describe how Ram Singh wrote to Aurangzeb that every Assamese soldier had expertise in rowing boats, shooting arrows, digging trenches and wielding guns and cannons. "I have not seen such specimens of versatility in any other part of India. Glory to the King. Glory to the Commander. One single individual leads all the forces. Even I, Ram Singh, being personally on the spot, have not been able to find any loophole," historians quote his letter as saying.

### Lachit, then and now

Arup Kumar Dutta, author of *The Ahoms*, told *The Indian Express* last year that Lachit Borphukan represented a time when the "Assamese race was united and able to fight an alien, formidable force such as the Mughals". Years later, the British reduced a brave race to an abject state, he said. "Even in free India, we had to fight for everything."

Dr Jahnabi Gogoi, a Dibrugarh University professor who specialises in medieval history, told *The Indian Express* last year: "He [Lachit] was an able commander and his


courage is all the more lauded because he was terribly ill during the war."

Dr Gogoi said Lachit Divas has been celebrated on November 24, his birth anniversary, in Assam since the 1930s. He was "invoked under Congress too", Dr Gogoi said. In 2017, former Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced that Lachit Divas would be celebrated across the country.


The BJP, which frequently invokes Lachit's name to appeal to Assamese sentiments, has of late been describing him as a "Hindu" warrior. A professor from Assam told *The Indian Express* that this misses the fact that many Muslims fought in the Ahom forces, including navy general Bagh Hazarika (Islam Siddique) in a decisive role. Moreover, the attack on the Ahoms was led by a Rajput ally of Aurangzeb.

Today, Lachit Borphukan's victory is honoured with a gold medal given every year to the best cadet graduating from the National Defence Academy (NDA). A bust of Lachit stands at the NDA's entrance.





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1.	Replacement of old/damaged water line in Arjun Mohalla, Majpur and providing and laying water line at Jaffrabad Nala road in ward 40E in AC-65 Seelampur	30,22,397/-	500/-	60500/-	24.02.2022	08.03.2022


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Item No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs	Date of release of E-procurement solution	Last date /time of receipt of tender through e-procurement
01	Replacement of old & damaged sewer line by new 300 mm dia HDPE pipe sewer line in CP block Ward 64 Pitampura, AC-14 under ACE(M)s. (Re-invite)	66,81,345/-	Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_217503_1 on 25.02.2022 at 11:44 A.M	08.03.2022 Up to 3:00 PM

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Sl. No.	Clause No./Reference No.	As per SBD	As per Corrigendum-01	
1.	NIT & Timeline	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	25.02.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.	1 Last Date & Time for submission of online bids
		Last Date & Time of submission of EMD and Tender fee (Hard Copies)	28.02.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.	2 Last Date & Time of submission of EMD and Tender fee in form of Bank Guarantee/FDR and Tender Fee in form of Demand Draft of any Nationalized /Scheduled Bank(Hard Copies)
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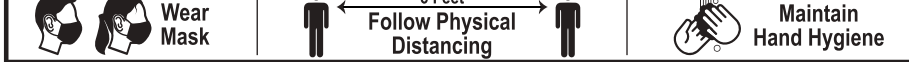
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Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
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i	03625-26	7,23,697/-	76,900/-
ii	03615-16	7,23,697/-	76,900/-
iii	03627-28	3,61,848/-	38,500/-
iv	13244-43	22,88,056/-	2,32,300/-

2. Date & Time for uploading of tender: Upto 16.03.2022 till 15.00 hrs. 3. Website particular where complete details available : [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Divisional Railway Manager (C/ ECR/Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya

PR/01745/DDU/Comm/T/21-22/48




**BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004**

**E-TENDERS**  
Date: 23.02.2022

E-Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence:- S. No. - Tender no. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. S. N. 1, 05211101A, (16.03.2022), Steel Plate 16x2000x4100 mm, Part No. 90423156, 10 MT. S. N. 2, 052211045, (16.03.2022), Aluminium Sheet 2445x1220x1.5 mm, Part No. 91010559, 1181.2 SQM, S. N. 3, 052211043, (16.03.2022), Cut of Wheel Size-355 mm, Part No. 70100032, 283 Nos. S. N. 4, 05211102A, (16.03.2022), Steel Plate 25x2500x3500 mm, Part No. 90411062, 12 MT. S. N. 5, 05211103A, (16.03.2022), Steel Plate 45x2000x3000 mm, Part No. 90426381, 18 MT. S. N. 6, 05211107A, (16.03.2022), Steel Plate 45x2000x2500 mm, Part No. 90412540, 23 MT. S. N. 7, 052211002A, (16.03.2022), Mild Steel Plates 50x1250x5000, Part No. 90428447, 15 MT. S. N. 8, 05191098C, (22.03.2022), Piston Ring Compressor Guide, Part No. 15610408, 10 Nos. S. N. 9, 05205388A, (23.03.2022), EOT Crane No. 3568,01 Set, S. N. 10, 10221034, (16.03.2022), Idler Shutoff Arm, Part No. 16030473, 52 Nos. S. N. 11, 10221034, (16.03.2022), Gear Governor Drive Arm, Part No. 16050423, 62 Nos. S. N. 12, 10221103, (21.03.2022), Lubo Oil Pump Assembly, Part No. 16060027, 68 Nos. S. N. 13, 10221033, (24.03.2022), Elbow, Part No. 16130168, 46 Nos. S. N. 14, 10221026, (31.03.2022), Ring Cylinder Head, Part No. 16044156, 2212 Nos. S. N. 15, 05211121C, (14.03.2022), Circuit Breaker Battery to PL No. 29710212, 520 Nos. S. N. 16, 05221042, (21.03.2022), Auxiliary Generator to PL No. 16040020, 24 Nos. S. N. 17, 04221072, (15.03.2022), Fire Extinguishing system, PL No. 29170977, 440 Sels. S. N. 18, 01221052, (23.03.2022), Gear Turbo Drive, PL No. 29170985, Quantity: 305 Nos. S. N. 19, 01221055, (25.03.2022), Roller Bearing Axle, PL No. 16193032, Quantity: 550 Nos. S. N. 20, 01221036, (24.03.2022), Support Housing, PL No. 16122203, Quantity: 134 Nos. Note: The details of above tenders are available in [www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in) and [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Corrigendum No: 1, Bid No: E-62, Tender No: 03211030B, Details of Corrigendum: Tender quantity has been revised to 472 Sels. Corrigendum No: 2, Bid No: E-59, Tender No: 02211345B Sln Steel Hardware Items K4 for T45 CAB Part No. 29408532, Revision: 1, Details of Corrigendum: Existing Due Date & Quantity: 23.02.2022, 145 set, Revised Due Date & Quantity: 19.03.2022, 337 set. Note: All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders. PCMM

<https://blw.indianrailways.gov.in>



**DIRECTORATE OF AVIATION,  
GOVT. OF CHHATTISGARH MAHANADI BHAWAN**

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**Ref. No:29/-692 /AVI/DIR/2022**  
**Nava Raipur, Date 23.02.2022**

### Notice For Claim/Objection for the Service of Senior Pilot (A.) On Agreement basis

Directorate of Aviation, Govt. of Chhattisgarh has invited applications from Indian Citizens, for the service of Senior Pilot (A.) on Agreement basis, 15-15 days Service in a Month for B-200 Plane VIP/VIP's flying by Advertisement No. 06 /692/AVI/DIR/ 2022, Date :04.01.2022 . Last date of submission of application was 22.01.2022.

After the scrutiny of received applications a consolidated list of eligible/Ineligible candidates has been made. List and other details are available on Govt. Website [www.cgstate.gov.in](http://www.cgstate.gov.in) for the claim/objection by applicants. Last date for the submission of claim/objections is 10.03.2022.

Sd/-  
Directorate of Aviation  
Govt. of Chhattisgarh

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### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RCD, ROAD DIVISION, JAMSHEDPUR, JHARKHAND

#### Short-term e-Procurement Notice For National Competitive Bidding


Short-Term e-Tender Reference No. RCD/JAMSHEDPUR/259  
Date- 19.02.2022

1.	Name of the work	Widening and Strengthening/ Reconstruction of Pichhli (on Potka-Kudada Road) to Damudhi Chouk (on Jadugora-Hata Road) via Sankardah, Chakri - Banna (on Sundamagar-Narwa Road) for the year 2021-22. Total Length- 20.355 KM
2.	Estimated Cost of Work (in INR)	Rs 35,87,03,791.48 (Rupees Thirty five crore Eighty seven lakh Three thousand Seven hundred Ninety one and paise forty eight only)
3.	Initial Bid Security (Rs In Lacs)	Rs 35,88,000.00 (Rupees Thirty five Lakh Eighty eight Thousand).
4.	Initial Bid Security in the shape of	Bank Guarantee valid for minimum 45 days beyond the Bid validity period of 120 days in the shape of 5 Yr NSC/ 3 or 5 Yr FD issued by any Indian Post offices/ 3 or 5 Yr FD issued by any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank situated within Jharkhand.
5.	Time of Completion	Twenty Months.
6.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	07.03.2022 at 10.30 A.M.
7.	Start date of bidding	07.03.2022 from 10.30 AM
8.	Last date & Time for online bidding	21.03.2022up to 02.00 P.M.
9.	Pre-bid meeting date, time and place	11.03.2022 at 12.30 PM in the office chamber of The Chief Engineer (Comm), RCD, Jharkhand, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Engineer's Hostel No. 2, Near Dhurwa Golchakkar, Ranchi
10.	Type of Bid	Two envelope mode (Technical and Financial Bid)
11.	Last date & time for receipt of Bid Security and other documents in hard	22.03.2022 upto 12.00 noon either by Speed post or by hand.
12.	Place of depositing the receipt of Bid Security, Cost of Bid and other documents in hard form	a) Office of the Chairman, e-Procurement Cell, Room No. 330A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya , Dhurwa , Ranchi. (b) e-Procurement cell, Office of The Chief Engineer (Comm), RCD, Jharkhand, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Engineer's Hostel No. 2, Near Dhurwa Golchakkar, Ranchi (c) Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Jamshedpur in Road No. 1, CH Area.
13.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	22.03.2022 at 3.30 PM by , e-Procurement Cell, Room No. 330A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya , Dhurwa , Ranchi
14..	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur, Road No.-1, CH Area.
15.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	7979945893
16.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010


Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> Informations written above are tentative/indicative. Details NIT and other details can be seen on tender portal which will be final and binding subject to corrigendum, if any required.

Executive Engineer  
RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur

PR 264795 Road (21-22)\_D



**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT**



**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Online tenders are invited from the Eligible Contractors/ agencies through National competitive Bidding in e-procurement portal <https://tender.approcurement.gov.in> by the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh for the following work.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work & NIT No	Approximate Value
1	Construction of Regional Data Centre for APSP, Vijayawada under NHP in Vijayawada (NIT No. 1059/2021-22 Dt. 16.02.2022)	Rs. 299.99 Lakhs

Bidders may download the "Tender Document" and other Terms and conditions as available in the website <https://tender.approcurement.gov.in> and the important dates for the tender are as follows.

- Bid Document Availability & Download : From Dt. 28.02.2022, 03.00 PM to Dt. 30.03.2022, 03.00 PM
- Online Bid Submission : From Dt. 28.02.2022, 03.00 PM to Dt. 30.03.2022, 04.00 PM
- Technical Bid Opening : Dt. 30.03.2022, 04.30 AM
- Contact Phone No. : 0866-2575276

Sd/- A. Murali Krishna Reddy,  
Superintending Engineer,  
Irrigation Circle, Vijayawada.

R.O.No.706P/CL/ADVT/11/2021-22

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead in Chhat Ghat Mata Chana Devi Se Aage DDO Park Vikas Nagar, Delhi on dated 14/02/2022 at 07:05 P.M. In this regard a DD No. 96-A, Dated 14.02.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown R/o: Unknown, Age: about 40 Years, Height: 5'7" Feet, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Green T-Shirt, Blue Colour Pant.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

S.H.O  
P.S. Ranhola, Delhi  
Ph.: 9311735117, 9717988303

DP/1566/OD/2022

### C - TENDERING PRESS NOTICE.

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No.V, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Near Paryavaran Complex, Saidulajab New Delhi 110030 invites on behalf of President of India, one time percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with Irrigation and Flood Control Department up to 3.00 PM on dates mentioned as below.

- NIT 165/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217346\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 Unauthorized colonies. N.O.W:- Construction of road and drain in streets of Nai Basti (Harjan Colony) Unauthorized Colony Okhla Regn No. 1582 in Okhla Constituency AC-54. E.C.Rs. 87,30,224/- Earnest Money Rs 1,74,604/- Period of Completion 240 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 166/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217347\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 Unauthorized colonies. N.O.W:- Construction of road and drain in L-Block Part-1 Sourabh Vihar Jailpur Extension in Badapur Constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 1578). E.C.Rs. 82,14,805/- Earnest Money Rs 1,64,296/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 167/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217349\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 Unauthorized colonies. N.O.W:- Construction of road and drain in D-2 Block Part-1 Hari Nagar extension in Badapur Constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 379). E.C.Rs. 84,68,619/- Earnest Money Rs 1,69,372/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 168/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217351\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 Unauthorized colonies. N.O.W:- Construction of road and drain in R-Block Sourabh Vihar Hari Nagar extension Part-1 in Badapur Constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 141). E.C.Rs. 86,14,390/- Earnest Money Rs 1,72,288/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 169/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217352\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 Unauthorized colonies. N.O.W:- Construction of road and drain in D-Block, Part-1, Had Nagar Part-2 in Badapur Constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 1213). E.C.Rs. 84,15,839/- Earnest Money Rs 1,68,317/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 170/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217356\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 Unauthorized colonies. N.O.W:- Construction of road and drain in L-Block, Jailpur Extension in Badapur Constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 95). E.C.Rs. 68,09,539/- Earnest Money Rs 1,36,191/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 171/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217358\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 Unauthorized colonies. N.O.W:- Construction of road and drain in Molarbund Extension E-3 Block in Badapur Constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 1162A). E.C.Rs. 85,83,826/- Earnest Money Rs 1,71,677/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 172/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217359\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 4217 Unauthorized colonies. N.O.W:- Construction of road and drain in F Block Hari Nagar Part-2 in Badapur Constituency AC-53 (Regn No. 225). E.C.Rs. 31,62,096/- Earnest Money Rs 1,63,247/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 173/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217354\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 2711 Non Plan. N.O.W:- Deployment of security guard at Jailpur Sub Civil Division-V (I&FC Department) in Badapur area. E.C.Rs. 10,66,678/- Earnest Money Rs 21,334/- Period of Completion 365 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).
- NIT 174/2021-22/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2021\_IFC\_217405\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- MLA Fund. N.O.W:- Improvement of streets of Chandan Holla in Chhattarpur Constituency AC-46. E.C.Rs. 6,72,484/- Earnest Money Rs 13,450/- Period of Completion 30 Days. (Date of opening 03.03.2022).

Note:-

- The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case the last date of opening of tender is extended the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
- Earnest Money in the shape of FDR/ Banker Cheque/Demand Draft of schedule bank issued in favour of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-V, I&FC



# 17 ECONOMY

**SENSEX:** 55,858.52 ▲ 1,328.61 (2.44%) **NIFTY:** 16,658.40 ▲ 410.45 (2.53%) **NIKKEI:** 26,476.50 ▲ 505.68 **HANG SENG:** 22,767.18 ▼ 134.38 **FTSE:** 7,368.10 ▲ 160.72 **DAX:** 14,264.98 ▲ 212.88

International market data till 1900 IST

## SENSEX, RUPEE RECOVER THURSDAY'S LOSSES PARTIALLY

# Russia sanctions weigh: FPIs exit, DIs bottom fish as market rebounds

**ENSECONOMICBUREAU**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 25

AFTER THE 4.7 per cent crash on Thursday, stock markets on Friday rallied by 2.4 per cent as the sharp turnaround on Wall Street and Asian markets brought some relief to investors. The Sensex bounced back 1,329 points to 55,858.52 and the Nifty50 rose 410 points to 16,658.40 on positive global cues and bottom fishing by domestic institutional investors (DIs).

Foreign investors, who pulled out Rs 6,448 crore on Thursday, off-loaded stocks worth Rs 4,470 crore on Friday, adding to the volatility in Indian equities. However, domestic institutions, including mutual funds and insurance firms, bought stocks worth Rs 4,318 crore, taking their total investments to Rs 11,985 crore in two days. The rupee gained 27



Closed restaurants and stores in central Kyiv, Ukraine. Reuters

paire to 75.33 against the dollar, tracking positive stock markets.

The recovery in domestic markets was widespread, with small-cap index rising 4.17 per cent and mid-cap 4.07 per cent. BSE metal index jumped 5.91 per cent, realty gained 5.47 per cent, power 4.64 per cent, banks 3.30 per cent and

IT 2.55 per cent. RIL gained 1.26 per cent, Tata Motors 7.42 per cent, TCS 3.45 per cent and HDFC Bank 2.54 per cent.

Global markets took a breather as fresh US sanctions did not target Russia's oil exports nor their access to the Swift global payment network, said an analyst.

### Nerves calm, oil drops below \$100

*London:* Oil prices fell back below \$100 a barrel as investor nervousness about supply disruptions eased.

Brent crude, at \$97 per barrel, was down 2 per cent as of 1:32 pm ET as investors welcomed Western sanctions on Russia that targeted its banks but did not block it from a global payments system and left its energy sector largely untouched.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 832 points, or 2.5 per cent at 34,056, while the Nasdaq was up 176 points, or 1.3 per cent, at 13,649, as of 1:42 pm ET. **REUTERS**

### ComMin sets up helpdesk

*New Delhi:* The Commerce Ministry on Friday said it has set up a help desk to support and resolve issues of traders on account of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Export-import communities can submit details of their issues on the DGFT website, on which support is required.

In view of the current international situation, the Department of Commerce and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) have undertaken to monitor the status and related difficulties being faced by stakeholders on Russia/Ukraine trade-related issues. **PTI**

## NOMURA, ICRA ON IMPACT OF RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

# Big hit on India: 'Higher oil, food prices; duty rollback may help'

**ENSECONOMICBUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

AMID THE ongoing invasion of Ukraine by Russia, a sustained rise in oil and food prices would adversely affect Asia's economies through higher inflation, weaker current account and fiscal balances, and a pressure on economic growth. India, Thailand and the Philippines are being seen as the biggest losers, while Indonesia would be a relative beneficiary, Nomura said in a report Friday.

Meanwhile, in a separate report, Icria said impact of excise duty cut on CPI inflation would be muted if such rates are rolled back to pre-pandemic levels, adding that a reduction in excise duty on motor spirit and high-speed diesel to pre-pandemic rates would entail a total revenue loss to the Centre of Rs 920 billion in FY2023.

For every 10 percentage points increase in oil prices, retail inflation of India is expected to rise by 0.4 percentage points and GDP growth is expected to be reduced by 0.2 percentage points, Nomura said. "The negative impact on Asia is predominantly because most



A petrol pump in New Delhi. Nomura said rising oil prices may hit economic growth. File

economies are net oil importers, and food and energy accounts for nearly half of the consumption expenditure in EM Asia... we see higher inflation as a bigger risk in Thailand (food and energy accounts for 52.7% of total CPI), India (45.9%) and the Philippines (43.4%)."

"Higher oil prices add to freight/transportation costs and higher gas/coal prices add to the utility bill. Relative to oil, the spillover from higher global food prices to local food prices should be more benign, because economies with high food weightings in their CPI baskets are net exporters (Thailand, India) and also due to better food supply and price controls in many economies," it added.

Most Asian consumers have not yet fully recovered from the pandemic and have lower savings, so higher inflation can squeeze real disposable incomes and weaken the incipient consumption recovery. "The impact could fall disproportionately on lower income households since food demand tends to be inelastic. We also see risk to corporate profit margins, as the entire input cost burden is unlikely to be passed on to consumers. For a 10% oil price rise, GDP growth could be 0.2pp weaker in India and 0.1pp lower in the Philippines and Thailand," Nomura's report said.

Icria said a rollback in excise duties on fuel to pre-Covid levels can prevent a major rise in pump prices, thereby softening the impact on the CPI inflation trajectory, albeit at a cost of Rs 0.9 trillion. "If the Centre reinstates the excise duty on MS and HSD to pre-pandemic rates of Rs 19.9/litre and Rs 15.8/litre, respectively, before April 1, followed by the budgeted rise of Rs 2/litre each on unleaded fuel in H2 FY2023, we estimate the cess collections in FY2023 at Rs 2.4 trillion, around 27.5% lower than the BE of Rs 3.35 trillion," it said.

## SBI report: Costly oil may hit govt with up to ₹1L cr in revenue loss

*Mumbai:* There're ominous signs on the price front and the government's fiscal side if crude oil prices remain at the current elevated level triggered by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, according to a research report from SBI.

If crude oil price rises to an average of \$100 (or \$90 per barrel) from the current average of \$74 per barrel, inflation is likely to increase by 52-65 bps (32-40 bps), according to the report. Further, the government could face a revenue loss of Rs 95,000 crore to Rs 1 lakh crore on account of the oil price rise, the SBI report said. "We are, however, hopeful of a significant course correction in oil prices going by trends," it said.

The average price of Indian basket of crude oil has risen to \$84.67 per barrel in January 2022 from \$63.4 in April 2021, a 33.5 per

cent increase.

According to SBI calculations, every \$10 per barrel increase in Brent crude price will lead to increase in inflation by 20-25 bps.

The inflation scenario changes if crude oil, food, services and housing prices remain at elevated levels. When taken this into account, there appears to be an upside risk of 87-100 bps to RBI's inflation of 4.5 per cent for FY23 if crude averages to \$90 and 107-127 bps up-side if it averages to \$100.

Other commodities which will see inflation include precious metals gold, palladium and platinum, the report said. Ukraine being important exporter of agriculture products, there will be impact on prices of wheat and corn if navigation lines in Black Sea are disturbed. **ENS**

Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## FDI equity inflows dip 16% in Apr-Dec 2021 to \$43.17 bn

Foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflows fell 16% to \$43.17 billion in April-December 2021, as per DPIIT data

**\$51.47 BILLION** of equity inflows seen in corresponding period of previous year, as per data from the Department for Promotion of Industry and

Internal Trade (DPIIT)

**TOTAL FDI INFLOWS** — which include equity inflows, re-invested earnings and other



capital — aggregated at \$60.34 billion in nine month period of current fiscal, FY22

Source: DPIIT/PTI

## BRIEFLY

### J&J settlement

*Bengaluru:* The three top US drug distributors and J&J will finalise a \$26-billion settlement to resolve claims on opioid crisis. **REUTERS**

### AI, Vistara pact

*New Delhi:* Air India and Vistara inked a pact to transfer passengers to each other in case of disrupted operations.

### GST e-invoicing

*New Delhi:* From April 1, mandatory GST e-invoicing threshold will be for turnover above ₹20 crore for B2B transactions for taxpayers. **ENS**

### Sebi FPIs

*New Delhi:* Sebi proposed allowing FPIs to participate in exchange-traded commodity derivatives market.

### ESIC payroll

*New Delhi:* 15.26 lakh members joined ESIC-run scheme in December 2021. **PTI**

## 'Protection today hurts a lot more than in the past'

*New Delhi:* Former Vice Chairman of NTPI Aayog Arvind Panagariya on Friday said import duties played a role in keeping Indian firms out of important regional supply chains as inputs crossed multiple borders with large firms specialising in a few activities. Panagariya, however, noted that he did not see any intention in the government to roll back trade protections.

"Protection today hurts you a lot more today than it did in the past because inputs have to cross many borders... So even if it's 5 per cent direct (tariff) at the border,

each time it crosses any country from one to the other, 5 per cent gets added," he said, noting that most major supply chains in Asia were in countries with free trade agreements (FTAs) with goods moving without barriers.

"Still don't see that we will roll back protection with the present government, it doesn't look to me like there is any constituency within the government to roll back the tariff protection," Panagariya said, noting that one opening that had happened was the Centre's push for FTAs. **ENS**

## IF PROCEEDS USED FOR INVESTMENT IN VI

# Airtel to buy Voda's 4.7% stake in Indus Towers

*New Delhi:* Bharti Airtel on Friday said it has entered into an arrangement with Vodafone Group to buy the latter's 4.7 per cent stake in Indus Towers on the condition that funds thus accruing should be pumped into Vodafone Idea (Vi) and simultaneously remitted

to Indus to clear Vi's dues.

Vodafone had sold 63.6 million primary shares in Indus, representing 2.4 per cent of Indus' outstanding share capital, at Rs 226.84 a share in a block deal. The UK-based group raised around Rs 1,443 crore through the sale. **FE**

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL S.M.S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & CONTROLLER OF THE ATTACHED HOSPITALS, JAIPUR**  
No.-F/MC/Store/2021-22/15802 Dated: 19.02.2022  
**Notice Inviting Bid**  
Bid for Supply and Installation of Various Items/Equipments for various Departments at SMS Medical College, Jaipur are invited from interested bidders upto 10.03.2022 at 04:00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in>, <https://sppp.raajasthan.gov.in>) of the state; and SMS Medical College, Jaipur department website. UBN. SMS2122WSOB00668

Sd/-  
**PRINCIPAL & CONTROLLER**

**Solapur Municipal Corporation**  
Swachh Bharat Mission  
Solid Waste Management Department  
**E-Tender Notice**  
Regarding Appointment of contractor for the Work of "Scientific Dumpsite Land Reclamation through Bio-mining, Resource Recovery and Development of Scientific Landfill for Disposal of Scientific Rejects in this landfill site" at Tuljapur Road, Solapur  
**Tender ID: 2022\_SMC\_772784\_1**  
This tender is available to view on <https://mahatenders.gov.in> from 24/02/2022 from 04.00 P.M.  
**Date- 24/02/2022**

**Baramati Municipal Council, Baramati, Maharashtra**  
**Electrical Department**  
**RFP Notice No. 02/2021-22**  
**Replacement of Street Light by high efficiency smart LED on ESCO basis**  
Baramati Municipal Council, Baramati invites proposals from reputed and experienced companies to participate in the competitive bidding process for replacement of street light by high efficiency smart LED. For the detailed Tender document interested bidders should visit [www.mahatenders.gov.in](http://www.mahatenders.gov.in)  
Tender submission would be online and the deadline to submit the proposals is 28/03/2022 (04.00 p.m.)  
**Date- 25/02/2022**

Sd/-  
**(Komal Saware)**  
Dy. City Engg.  
Baramati Municipal Council, Baramati

Sd/-  
**(Mahesh Rokade)**  
Chief Officer  
Baramati Municipal Council, Baramati

## 'PEACE THREATENED'

# FM flags 'challenges' to India's development



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*Pune:* Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said recovery, not just for India but for countries everywhere, would be severely hampered with the current disturbances. India's development is going to be challenged by the newer challenges emanating in the world, she said.

No one country can today plan for its recovery, particularly in an age where global value chains have already got countries closer to each other and these value chains are facing challenges and threats because of disturbances, the FM said. "Peace is being threatened and post the second world war, a war of this significance, this impact on the globe probably is not felt," she said.

Meanwhile, as per a PTI report, she also held a meeting with representatives from travel, tourism and hospitality sectors to discuss credit related issues. **FE, WITHPTI**

## NSE eases rules for Nifty inclusion, may enable entry of LIC

**ENSECONOMICBUREAU**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 25

THE INDEX Maintenance Sub-Committee - Equity (IMSC) of NSE Indices Ltd has decided to relax the eligibility criteria of Nifty equity indices and for replacement of stocks in various indices, as part of its periodic review. It has reduced the minimum listing history of constituents from three months to one calendar month.

The changes will be effective from March 31. Market sources say the relaxation will pave the way for the inclusion of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), which plans to list its shares in March, in the benchmark Nifty50 Index.

The government and LIC are going ahead with the listing of the latter's shares, despite high volatility in the markets amid increasing global concerns over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Investment banking sources said once the Sebi approves the issue, the IPO will open for subscription in the second week of March and trading will commence by the third week.

The government expects to mobilise Rs 63,000-66,000 crore from the proposed offer for sale (OFS) to meet its disinvestment target of Rs 78,000 crore for FY22. While LIC is yet to announce the

**EXPLAINED**

**Eye on Nifty 50 index**

FROM MARCH 31, minimum listing history of a constituent on NSE will be down to one month. This is likely to make LIC's listing on Nifty50 — NSE's benchmark index — smoother.

IPO price, market estimates are that the IPO is likely to be Rs 2,000-2,100 per share.

An Edelweiss Alternative Research report said, "Despite being a lower float name, there is a medium to high probability of the stock (LIC) getting fast entry in the MSCI Index. As in the case of bigger issuances, the index provider does not compulsorily require minimum length of trading requirement or foreign inclusion factor (FI) of 0.15."

The key aspect to be kept on radar will be the issue size and the final listing market capitalisation, as anything below Rs 10.7 lakh crore valuation at listing can make the inclusion difficult. "Also, interim market size segment cut off will be an important level to watch out for," the report said.

**Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal**  
Institute Works Department, Bhopal Bypass Road, Bhauri, Bhopal-462 066

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

The Superintending Engineer, Institute Works Department, IISER Bhopal on behalf of the Board of Governors invites **online** tenders for the following works from eligible firms/contractors in two envelopes system.

Sl.No.	NIT No. & Date	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Period
1.	IWD/SE/NIT/2021-22/31 dated 17.02.2022	SITC of 40 & 20 KVA UPS and rearrangement of power supply distribution at ground floor, 4D building in IISER Bhopal.	₹ 19,96,705	2½ months
2.	IWD/SE/NIT/2021-22/32 dated 17.02.2022	Full comprehensive annual maintenance and periodical/ preventive maintenance of KONE make lifts installed in various building at IISER Bhopal Campus for the year 2022-23.	₹ 22,20,498	12 months
3.	IWD/PEE(E)/NIT/2021-22/09 dated 17.02.2022	SITC of 2 nos. 500 LPH RO Plant with buy back of old 500 LPH plant at Hostel Eagle in IISER Bhopal.	₹ 3,55,480	01 month

The bids forms and other details for application can be obtained from the website [www.tenderwizard.com/IISERB](http://www.tenderwizard.com/IISERB). The press notice is also available in Institute website [www.iiserb.ac.in](http://www.iiserb.ac.in) and website [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)

**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH**

**E-tender Notice No. PI(EP)/21-22/04** Phone No. 0172-2756469

Tender applications are invited for purchase of various items against tender No. 18.2 from the Manufacturers or their sole authorized distributors/agents. The bidders can place their bids as per terms & conditions contained on <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

Sr. N	Equipment/Item Name	Quantity	EMD	Bid submission date	Bid opening Date	Deptt. Name
	Pre Bid cases					
1.	Infant Lung Function Testing	01 No.	1,40,000/-	16.03.2022	17.03.2022	Pediatrics
2.	Paediatric Cystoscopy Set With Ureterorenoscope	01 No.	1,10,000/-	16.03.2022	17.03.2022	Paed. Surgery

Tender document can also be downloaded from website [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in) and can be applied on website [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). The tenders will be opened on the dates given above at 03:00 PM in the presence of the authorized intending tenders. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed form, not accompanied with Bid Security shall be summarily rejected. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason therefor. "PRE-BID CONFERENCE" WITH INTENDING BIDDERS FOR ITEM Sr. No. 1&2 shall be held on 03-03-2022 from 03:00 P.M. ONWARDS in the (PIEP), OFFICE, PGIMER, CHANDIGARH. The intending bidder are free to join Pre bid Conference through video conference. For more details contact: 0172-2756469 at Procurement Branch (Import).

**NOTE 1:** The terms and Conditions of the original Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) available on PGIMER Website will remain same. However on switching over to e-tendering on e-Procurement, the bids will be received in electronic form on e-Procurement website and no bid will be received in Physical form.

**NOTE 2:** If any of the tender opening dates happens to be a holiday in PGIMER, Chandigarh, then the same shall be opened on next full working day.

**Additional Terms and Conditions.**

- The Institute has adopted amended Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) which is available on e-Procurement website (<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>) and Website: [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in). Therefore the bidders are requested to go through the Instructions Carefully before submitting bids.
- The performance bank guarantee will be deposited @ 3% of the Contract value in compliance to the G.O.I. Letter No. F 9/4/2020-PPD dated 30.12.2021.
- In case of Item Sr. No. 1 and 2 above Exemption under **Public Procurement (preference to Make in India) order 2017** has been granted by the Competent Authority, therefore Para 5 of Annexure 'A' of NIT will not be applicable in this case.

140/PGI **PROFESSOR IN-CHARGE (EP)**

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PHED, CIRCLE BARMER**  
Tel: 02982-220253, Email: [edphed@gmail.com](mailto:edphed@gmail.com), [secircle.barmer@rajasthan.gov.in](mailto:secircle.barmer@rajasthan.gov.in)  
No. SE/PHED/Bmr/NIT 110-116/2021-22/11628-11713 Date: 11.02.2122

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS NIB No. 2021-22/112-116**

Online bids are invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan for the following works from eligible enlisted contractors of PHED, Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria after depositing prescribed Bid security. The bid documents can be downloaded from the website <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>. Details of this Bid notification and pre-qualification criteria can also be seen in NIB exhibited on web site [www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in) and <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>. Bids are to be submitted online in electronic format on web site <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> and will be opened online in the office of the Superintending Engineer, PHED, Circle, Barmer.

NIB No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs in lacs)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Bid Free (Rs.)	Processing fee (Rs.)	Completion Period
21-22/112	WORK OF PIPED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME OF VILLAGE GUDAWARI G.P. BHAKHARSAR, TEHSIL PACHPADRA, DISTRICT BARMER. (UBN PHE 2122WSOB13851)	156.86	3,13,720/-	5000/-	1000/-	6 Month
21-22/113	WORK OF PIPED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME OF VILLAGE KELNOK GP MUKUNPURA, TEHSIL PACHPADRA, DISTRICT BARMER. (UBN PHE 2122WSOB13852)	123.08	2,46,160/-	5000/-	1000/-	6 Month
21-22/114	WORK OF PIPED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME OF VILLAGE LUMBANIYO KD GP SAJAYALI ROOP JI RAJA BERI, TEHSIL PACHPARA, DISTRICT BARMER (UBN PHE 2122WSOB13853)	143.92	2,87,840/-	5000/-	1000/-	6 Month
21-22/115	WORK OF PIPED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME OF VILLAGE SATHUNI CHARANANAN & MUKUNPURA GP MUKUNPURA, TEHSIL PACHPADRA, DISTRICT BARMER (UBN PHE 2122WSOB13854)	218.34	4,36,680/-	5000/-	1000/-	6 Month
21-22/116	WORK OF PIPED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME OF VILLAGE SUTHARO KD GP BORWA, TEHSIL BAITU, DISTRICT BARMER UNDER JJM (UBN PHE 2122WSOB13855)	122.76	2,45,520/-	5000/-	1000/-	6 Month

**Last date and time for downloading/ uploading of bid document:** 07.03.2022 up to 6:00 PM  
**Date & Time for online Opening of Technical bid:** 08.03.2022; 2:00 PM  
**Date & Time for physical submission of document:** 08.03.2022; up to 2:00 PM  
**Date & Time for online Opening of Financial bid:** Will be intimated later through online.

Sd/-  
**(Bharat Singh)**  
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER  
PHED CIRCLE BARMER

DIPR/C/2474/2022





**Jharkhand Tribal Development Society**  
(Unit of Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department, Government of Jharkhand)  
1st Floor, Kalyan Complex, Bisthar Road, Morabadi, Ranchi - 834001.  
Phone: 0651-3201615.  
E-mail: jtds@jtds@gmail.com Website: www.jtds-jharkhand.com

**CORRIGENDUM**

With reference to the advertisement No. JTDS/44/2021-22 in different newspaper on 10.02.2022 regarding engagement of Agency/Firm for implementation of different activities under SCA to TSS and CCD scheme followed by pre bid meeting held on 18.02.2021 some modification has been done in the RFP which can be seen and downloaded from the JTDS website-jtdsjharkhand.com. The last date for submission of RFP has been extended to 05.03.2022 (5.00 PM).

**Sd/- State Project Director**  
**Jharkhand Tribal Development Society**

**WESTERN RAILWAY**

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/05/2022 Date 24.02.2022**



Sr.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
76	Air Brake Hose Coupling	7300,00 Nos	14-Mar-22
77	Complete Brake Gear Arrangement	27,00 Set	14-Mar-22
78	Top Side Bearer Liner	3400,00 Nos	18-Mar-22
79	Thin walled e beam 1 Core X 10 SQ MM	48000,00 MTR	19-Mar-22
80	Relay for Static Converter	80,00 Nos	22-Mar-22
81	Centre Buffer Coupler	50,00 Nos	24-Mar-22
82	Lead Acid Battery 90 AH.	32,00 Set	25-Mar-22
83	Power Cable 2 X 25 SQ MM	205,00 KM	28-Mar-22
84	Electro Magnetic Contractor	240,00 Nos	28-Mar-22

**Corrigendum 1** ) Due date postponed from 24.02.2022 to 03.03.2022 and please read Qty as 184829 MTR instead of 184289 MTR at Sr. No. 43 of Tender Notice No. S/03/2022 dtd. 02.02.2022 (Copper Catenary Wire (19/2, 10MM) 65 sqmm)

**Corrigendum 2** ) Please read Qty as 30 Sets instead of 24 Sets at Sr. No. 57 of Tender Notice No. S/04/2022 dtd. 17.02.2022 (Sealed Maintenance Free VRLA Battery 2V/300AH).

Regarding detailed notice EMD, purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.iweps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in.

**D-0745 For Principal Chief Materials Manager**

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**आईआरईएल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड**  
**IREL (India) Limited**  
(formerly Indian Rare Earths Limited)  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking - Dept. of Atomic Energy)  
CIN:U1500MH1950GO1008187  
Rare Earths Division, Kochi, Kerala, email: purchase-red@irel.co.in  
An ISO 9001, 14001 & 45001 Company

**TENDER NOTICE**

IREL (India) Limited, Rare Earths Division invites tender for the following item/job description:

Item/job description	Availability of tenders in website
Replacing the old damaged roof sheets & accessories, Repairing MS Roof structural in Packing/Storage Shed.	26.02.2022 14.00 Hrs

Bidders may download the tender documents from websites <http://bit.ly/mstcirelil>, <http://bit.ly/cpppirelil> [www.irel.co.in/tender-information](http://www.irel.co.in/tender-information)

Any corrigendum / extension to above tenders shall be hosted in above websites only

**Date: 26/02/2022** **GM & Head, RED**



**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
(POWER WING)

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

N.I.T. No. 492/PHD/Pong-359 Dated: 23.02.2022

Name of Office: Chief Engineer/System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plant) Dte., BBMB (PW), Flat No. 75, S.LDC Complex, BBMB, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh Tel-Fax: 0172-2637035.

Name of Work: Online Tender for Hiring a consultant for the RMU & LE of all the six units of Pong Power House, BBMB, Talwara from existing 396 MW (6x66MW) to 450 MW (6x75 MW) proposed.

Tender Documents Download Start Date & Time 23.02.2022 from 1700 hrs.

Tender Document Download End Date & Time 10.04.2022 upto 1700 hrs

Start date & time of online bid submission 23.02.2022 from 1700 hrs.

Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting 22.03.2022 at 11.00 hrs. in the O/o C.E/SO, BBMB, Chandigarh

Last date & time of online bid submission (Part-I & II) 11.04.2022 upto 1000 hrs.

Date & time of online bid opening (Part-I) 11.04.2022 from 1200 hrs. onwards

The Bids are to be submitted online For qualifying conditions, cost of the specification, detailed NIT and Earnest Money deposit, please visit website <https://leproc.punjab.gov.in>, <https://www.bbmb.gov.in>

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**कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, कोरबा (छत्तीसगढ़)**

**ई-प्रोक्यूमेंट निविदा सूचना**

क्र./1246/2021 दिनांक 21.02.2022

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेकंदरों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु (Online) आनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.	कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)	निविदा डालने की अंतिम तिथि
1	Management Contract for Operation, maintenance and repairs of Existing korba water supply scheme consisting of three WTP of capacity 6.81,32 and 12 MLD from head works to distribution network for maintenance of all the components of the water supply scheme part-1 including cost of labour for maintaining supplying regular water supply for the one year (द्वितीय निविदा)	294.98	08.03.2022 (T.No. 93487)

उपरोक्त कार्यों की निविदा की जानकारी ई-प्रोक्यूमेंट वेब पोर्टल <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है, साथ ही निगम के वेब साइट [www.korbamunicipal.in](http://www.korbamunicipal.in) एवं [www.korba.urbanecg.gov.in](http://www.korba.urbanecg.gov.in) भी देखी जा सकती है।

॥ **स्वच्छ भारत निर्माण में योगदान दें।**

हस्ता/-  
असीक्षण अभियंता  
नगर पालिक निगम  
कोरबा (छत्तीसगढ़)

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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER TRANS. LINE MAINT. DIV-II, JKPTCL, GLADNI, JAMMU.**  
Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited  
(e-mail-xentlmd02@gmail.com) Ph. No. & fax No. 0191-2950860

**INVITATION OF SHORT TERM E-TENDER FOR**

**ENIT No.: TLMD-II/J/21 of 2021-22 Dated: 21.02.2022**

Executive Engineer, TLMD-II JKPTCL Gladni (hereinafter referred to as "the Employer") for and on behalf of Managing Director, Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites e-bids from experienced Contractors/Companies/Firms for "Illumination of entire Gladni complex".

Bidders are advised to study the bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-bid against this Standard Bidding Document (SBD) shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the standard bidding document with full understanding of its implications. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may download the e-bid document, submit their e-bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

Scope Of The Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost Of Tender Document
Illumination of entire Gladni complex	Rs 18.48 Lacs	Rs 37000.00 (Rupees Thirty Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) in the shape of non-refundable bank draft drawn in favour of Executive Engineer TLMD-II, JKPTCL, Jammu Payable at Jammu.

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be down loaded over <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 22-02-2022 (1800 Hrs. onwards)	
C	e-Bid submission start date (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	23-02-2022 from 1000 Hrs.	
D	Last date for submission of hard copy of e-bid	02-03-2022 up to 1400 Hrs.	
E	e-Bid submission end date & Time	02-03-2022 at 1400 Hrs.	
F	a) Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time	03-03-2022 at 1200 Hrs.	
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time	Shall be communicated to the Qualified Bidders separately.	
H	Estimated cost	Rs 18.48 Lacs	
I	Venue of opening of technical & Financial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer TLMD-II, JKPTCL, Gladni Jammu	
J	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 0.37Lacs	

Period of Completion: 15 days, after the issue of LOA

**Sd/-**  
**Executive Engineer, Trans. Line Maint. Div II, JKPTCL, Gladni, Jammu.**

No.: TLMD-II/JKPTCL/J/4932-35  
Dated: 21-02-2022  
DIP-5414

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR.**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JAL SHAKTI PHE, GROUND WATER DIVISION, SGR.**

**Gist of e-Tender.**

**e-NIT No:-PHE/GWDS/77 of 02/2022**

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited in 02 Cover System for Construction of tube wells at below mentioned site from registered water well drillers/contractors as per the details given in tender document.

S. No	Name of work	Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion	Technical Sanction	Class of Contract	Programme
1.	Construction of Gravel Packed Production Well at Sikh Basti Gulshanpora Tral	Rs. 40.00 Lacs	Rs.80,000 /-	Rs.1000/-	45 Days	PHE/GWD/ 126 of 02/2022	Registered for Construction of Gravel Packed Production Tube Wells	CAPEX

**Critical Dates/Information.**

1. Publishing Date	17-02-2022 (02:00 PM)
2. Period of Downloading of Bids	17-02-2022 (02:00 PM) to 04-03-2022 (02:00 PM)
3. Period of Submission of bids	17-02-2022 (02:00 PM) to 04-03-2022 (02:00 PM)
4. Date of opening of Tender.	05-03-2022 (02:00 PM)
5. Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer , (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water SrinagarKashmir-190011	
6. Document Cost : Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt deposited to <b>Account Head 0215</b> in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar (at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)	
7. Bid Validity Period: 180 Days	
8. The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on <a href="http://www.jktenders.gov.in">www.jktenders.gov.in</a>	
9. <b>The bidder shall upload Scan copy of CDR / FDR and T.R.</b>	

No. :PHE/GWDS/6360  
Dated: 16-02-2022

DIPK-18688

**Executive Engineer,**  
**Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division, Sgr.**


**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT SRINAGAR/JAMMU**  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS NO. CAW-02 OF 2022.**  
**JAMMU, Feb 24, 2022.**

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from reputed and registered aviation companies having airworthy transport helicopters duly certified and endorsed on its Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) from DGCA, Government of India for leasing on Wet Lease Basis for an initial term of 2 years from 01.04.2022 for multi-purpose use of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir with an option for renewal/extension on same terms & conditions for a period of one plus one (01+01) years after approval is granted by the competent authority.

Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	24/02/2022 05:30 PM
Period of Downloading of Documents	24/02/2022 06:30 PM
Date of pre-Bid Meeting	04/03/2022 12:00 PM
Start Date of submission of bids	05/03/2022 02:00 PM
Last date of Submission of bids	12/03/2022 05.00 PM
Date of Opening Tender	17/03/2022 02:00PM

- The tender document along with other Terms and Conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be downloaded from the Union Territory Website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- The tender shall be deposited in electronic format on the Union Territory website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The tenders uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on 17.03.2022 or any other subsequent date convenient to the Tender/Purchase Committee in the Office Chamber of Director Finance, Civil Aviation Department, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Room No. 3/50, Jammu.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Submission of hard copy is exempted.
- Documents required to be notarized for submission may be submitted on the letter head under the signature of the authorized signatory.
- Cost of the Tender document is Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) in the shape of Demand Draft (non refundable) /Online in favour of Accounts Officer, Civil Aviation Department, J&K, Jammu. Earnest money Deposit/Bid Security of amount of Rs. 10 lakhs to be deposited by bidder.
- Tender Fee can be paid digitally. Bank details:**  
**a. BANK: J&K Bank, Moving Secretariat, Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu.**  
**b. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0110010100000281.**  
**c. IFSC CODE: JAKA0MOVING.**  
**d. MICR code: 190051062; JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK**  
**MOVING SECRETARIAT**, address: Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir; Branch code is Moving, Contact Number: 0191- 2455235.
- Scanned copies of all necessary documents as per tender documents need to be uploaded as part of the technical bid. These documents, in original, may be asked for submission subsequently.
- The Earnest Money/ Bid Security shall be forfeited if:  
a) any tenderer withdraws his tender during the period of tender validity or makes any modification in terms and condition of tender; and  
b) The company fails to execute the agreement within 10 days of signing of contract document.
- Instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process: Bidders are advised to get Digital Signature Certificate as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from approved vendor.
- Bidders have to submit their bids in two bid format i.e. Technical and Financial Bid online in electronic format with Digital Signature. Financial Bid shall be submitted ONLINE only. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

DIPK-18703



**Office of**  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAISINGHPUR DIVISION**  
**H.P. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, JAISINGHPUR 176095**  
**FAX: 01894-228031, e.mail: ee-jaipwd-hp@gov.in**

**Tender Notice**

The **Executive Engineer, Division, HPPWD, Jaisinghpur 176095** on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on item rate, electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved Contractors/ Firms registered with HPPWD, Department.

Sr No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (RS)	EMD (In Rs.)	Time Limit	Cost of Bidding Documents
1	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR HAMIRPUR SUJANPUR THURAL MARANDA DRPP No. HP0407MDR08657206 (SH-PROVIDING AND LAYING TACK COAT AND BITUMINOUS CONCRETE BETWEEN) KM 290 TO 300 (YEAR 2022-23 MDR)	2571453.00	51500.00	One Month	1500/-
2	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR DHARAMSHALLA DADH PALAMPUR HOLTA CHADHIAR SANDHOL ROAD DRPP No.HP0411MDR078123 (SH-PROVIDING AND LAYING TACK COAT AND BITUMINOUS CONCRETE BETWEEN INCLUDING PROFILE CORRECTION INCLUDING PROFILE CORRECTION)KM 44/0 TO 45/0 48/0 TO 50/0 , 51/0 TO 52/0 AND 55/0 TO 56/0 (YEAR 2022-23 MDR)	8864287.00	177300.00	Three Month	2000/-
3	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR DHARAMSHALLA DADH PALAMPUR HOLTA CHADHIAR SANDHOL ROAD DRPP No.HP0411MDR078123 (SH-PROVIDING AND LAYING TACK COAT AND BITUMINOUS CONCRETE BETWEEN KM 84/0 TO 86/0 INCLUDING PROFILE CORRECTION AND SIDE DRAIN) (YEAR 2022-23 MDR)	3279100.00	65600.00	Two Month	1500/-
4	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR KHAIRA BUHLA - PARAGE DA GALU HP0402VR000319 KM 12/0 TO 14/0, GALLU BHODA SHIVNAGAR ROAD DRPP No.HP0414VR004019KM 10/0 TO 11/0 & 14/0 TO 14/500, BHERI UPERLI TO BHULLANDER KUHAN OACH ROAD DRPP No.HP0402VR007257 KM 7/0 TO 10/0 LAHRU TO SADDAR ROAD DRPP No.HP0402VR007357 KM 0/0 TO 1/0 AND BHERI DUGANI BHERI LAHAN ROAD DRPP No.HP0402VR001365(SH-PROVIDING AND LAYING TACK COAT AND BITUMINOUS CONCRETE INCLUDING PROFILE CORRECTION) (YEAR 2022-23 RURAL ROADS)	10739126.00	214800.00	Three Month	5000/-
5	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR HALER CHAMBI ROAD DRPP No. HP0407VR012957201 KM 0/0 TO 1/0, JHUNGA DEVI TO KALUHI ROAD DRPP No.HP0407VR0142572 KM 0/0 TO 1/0 & 13/0 TO 14/0, (SH-PROVIDING AND LAYING TACK COAT AND BITUMINOUS CONCRETE INCLUDING PROFILE CORRECTION) (YEAR 2022-23 RURAL ROADS)	3642990.00	72900.00	Two Month	1500/-
6	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR KAILASH PUR TO SAMLAHER DRPP No.HP0411VR005812301 KM 0/0 TO 1/0, CHATHAMI TO KANDRAL DRPP No HP0411VR003112301 KM 0/0 TO 1/0(SH-PROVIDING AND LAYING TACK COAT AND BITUMINOUS CONCRETE INCLUDING PROFILE CORRECTION) (YEAR 2022-23 RURAL ROADS)	2819827.00	56400.00	Two Month	1500/-
7	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR ROPRI TO LUMBER DRPP No HP0407VR0028123 KM 0/0 TO 3/0, LINK ROAD TO VILLAGE RANANAGAR DRPP No HP0407VR004957204 KM 2/600 TO 4/0 AND TAMBER TO MANJOTI DRPP NoHP0407VR003412201 KM 1/0 TO 1/510 (SH-PROVIDING AND LAYING TACK COAT AND BITUMINOUS CONCRETE INCLUDING PROFILE CORRECTION) (YEAR 2022-23 PMGSY ROADS)	6938441.00	138800.00	Three Month	2000/-

- Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:-** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in website which is free of cost. For submission of bids , the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD, May obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in> . Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized Case can use the same in this tender.
- Key Dates.**

1. Date of Online Publication.	07.03.2022 10.00AM
2. Document Download Start and End Date.	07.03.2022 10.30AM upto 20.03..2022. 05.00PM
3. Bid submission start and end date	07.03.2022 10.30AM upto 20.03..2022. 05.00PM
4. Physical Submission of EMD And Cost of Tender document	21.03.2022 upto 10.30 HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of technical Bid	21.03.2022 11.00 HRS
6. Date of Financial Bid Opening	1.03.2022 11.30 HRS
- TENDER DETAILS.**

The Tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover.

  - Cover1: Shall contain scanned copies of all "**Technical Documents/Eligibility information**".
  - Cover 2: Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid" where contractor will quote his offer for each item.
- Submission of Original Documents:-** The Bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other technical documents in the o/o Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Jaisinghpur as specified in Key dates Sr.No.4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
- BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bid shall be opened on 21.03.2022 at 11.00 HRS in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jaisinghpur Division HP PWD Jaisinghpur HP. By the authorized officer. In their interest the tenders are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 days after the deadline date for bid submission.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

**Executive Engineer**  
**Jaisinghpur Division,**  
**HPPWD, Jaisinghpur**

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**"CORRIGENDUM"**

The e-tender called vide this Office Letter No. PW-SKT-CB-E-Tender/2021-22 23720-23 dated 28.01.2022and published in Giri Raj on 07.02.2022 proposed to be released for IFB through e-procurement on 28.02.2022 is hereby key dates amended to the following extent.

**Key Dates:**

1.	Online Publication	Dated and HRS	Dated and HRS
2.	Documents Download start and end date	07.03.2022 at 11.00 AM upto 15.03.2022 at 11.00 AM Instead of	14.02.2022 at 11.00 AM upto 28.02.2022 11.00 AM
3.	Bid Submission start and end date	07.03.2022 at 11.00 AM upto 15.03.2022 at 11.00 AM Instead of	14.02.2022 at 11.00 AM upto 28.02.2022 11.00 AM
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and cost of Tender Document	15.03.2022 upto 11.00 AM Instead of	28.02.2022 upto 11.00 AM
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening	15.03.2022 upto 11.00 AM Instead of	28.02.2022 upto 11.00 AM

Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

**Executive Engineer,**  
**B&R Division HP.PWD, Sarkaghat.**

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**कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता,**  
**लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खंड, राजनांदावाव (छ.ग.)**

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छत्तीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल की ओर से एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेकंदरों से प्रपत्र-ए' में जल जीवन अंतर्गत जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत एकल ग्राम जल प्रदाय योजनांतर्गत जिला राजनांदावाव के विभिन्न विकासखंडों के विभिन्न ग्रामों में UPVC/HDPE पाइप लाईन जोड़ने विद्यमान, उच्चस्तरीय जलगाय निर्माण, उच्चस्तरीय जलगाय सुधार कार्य, स्वीच रम, उच्चस्तरीय जलगाय के चारों ओर बाइंडींग निर्माण, सर्वसम्बल पंप का प्रदाय एवं स्थापना कार्य विद्युत विभाग (CSPDCL) से इलेक्ट्रिक कनेक्शन, इलेक्ट्रोक्लेबिनेटर स्थापना, क्लेबिनेटर रम, घर्षो एवं शासकीय संस्थानों में कार्यरत नल कनेक्शन प्रदाय आदि एवं अन्य समस्त कार्य, दैर्घ्य 03 माह का टावल रम 06 माह तक संचालन संचरण का कार्य (समपूर्ण कार्य सामग्री सहित संलग्न रोडबुक अनुसार) की मुरखंद निविदाएं दिनांक 21.02.2022 से ऑन लाईन पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। उपरोक्त कार्य के निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापन, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्यूमेंट वेब पोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> से दिनांक 28.02.2022 से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है तथा निविदा डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम दिनांक 11.03.2022 (रात 5.30 बजे) तक है।

क्रमांक	निविदा क्रमांक	सिस्टम क्रमांक	विकासखंड	ग्राम/वोजना का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)
1	485	93456	डोंगरावा	जामसरसकला, परना	128.74
2	486	93457	डोंगरावा	पैरी, टका	134.15
3	487	93458	डोंगरावा	कोहका (मोहड़) बनपेड़ी, कविराज टोलावा	164.60
4	488	93459	मानपुर	खरदी, दोवा, पेंदुर	102.07
5	489	93461	मानपुर	चौरिया	114.23
6	490	93462	मानपुर	हनुई कलकला, कोरकोटी, कनेली	74.13
7	491	93463	मानपुर	अडनाल, मांडरी	84.60
8	492	93465	मानपुर	खैरकड़ा, सरलसरी, चौरिया	97.78
9	493	93466	मानपुर	मिचाना, एटगर्वा, वाको	111.06
10	494	93467	मानपुर	पांचाल, फडकी, खवास, फडकी, नवागाव	129.63
11	495	93468	छुरिया	थैलीटोला	55.11
12	496	93469	छुरिया	सडकचिरचारी	62.80
13	497	93470	राजनांदावा	अमलीडोह	41.05
14	498	93471	राजनांदावा	बरागली (क)	57.57
15	499	93472	राजनांदावा	चोईडोह	92.79
16	500	93473	राजनांदावा	बहेराभाटा	70.67

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**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD**  
No. 30, Siruvani Nagar, Bharathipark Road, Coimbatore - 641 043.

**Date:**

24<sup>th</sup> February , 2022

**Loan No. and Title :**

49107 -010: IND Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program – Tranche 3.

**Contract Nos. and Title :**

**Tender Notice No. 15/2021-22**

- Package-1 (Zone-V)** - Providing UGSS to Added Areas namely Vadavalli and Veerakeralam Area Wards 16 to 19 (Zone V) of Coimbatore Corporation in Coimbatore District for implementation of Collection System Pumping Main, Pumping Station, Lift Stations, Machine-holes, Ventilating Shafts, Pumpsets, House Service Connections, Road Restoration (Period of Completion- 36 months, Trial Run and commissioning - 6 months and Paid maintenance for 5 years)
- Package-2 (Zone-VII)** - Providing UGSS to Added Areas namely Kavundampalayam and Thudiyalur Area Wards 1(pt), 2 to 9 (Zone VII) of Coimbatore Corporation in Coimbatore District for implementation of Collection System, Pumping Main, Pumping Station, Lift Stations, Machine-holes, Ventilating Shafts, Pumpsets, House Service Connections, Road Restoration (Period of Completion- 36 months, Trial Run and commissioning - 6 months and Paid maintenance for 5 years)

**Deadline for Submission of Bids :**

**21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 at 15.00 Hours (IST)**

- The Government of India has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of **Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program–Tranche 3**. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
- The **Chief Engineer, TWAD (Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage) Board, Coimbatore** ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the following works:
  - Package-1 (Zone-V)** - Providing UGSS to Added Areas namely Vadavalli and Veerakeralam Area Wards 16 to 19 (Zone V) of Coimbatore Corporation in Coimbatore District for implementation of Collection System, Pumping Main, Pumping Station, Lift Stations, Machine-holes



## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**I** Praveen Rana, S/o Sh. Krishan Rana R/o Flat No 661, Plot No-35, Skylark Apartment, Dwarka Sec-6, New Delhi-110075, my name in passport is mistakenly written as Parveen Rana, I hereby declare that Praveen Rana and Parveen Rana is one and same person.

0040604364-1

**I** Altamash S/O, Gulzar Qureshi R/o 430 Gali Pahar Wali Chhatta Lal Mian Darya Ganj Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Altamish Qureshi for all purposes.

0040604392-1

**I** Akanksha S/O, Rakesh Bhutani R/o FF-41 C/455 Laxmi Nagar have changed my name to Akanksha Bhutani for all purposes.

0040604390-1

**I** Ajay Aggarwal S/O, Sardari Lal Aggarwal R/o 288-289, Third Floor, Pocket 15, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi 110085 have changed my name to Ajay Kumar Aggarwal for all purposes.

0040604391-1

**I** VINOD LAL, D/O SH.FAZAL MASIH, R/O 524 GALI NO.16, WEST GURU ANGAD-NAGAR, DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME VINOD MASIH TO VINOD LAL, FOR FUTURE ALL PURPOSES.

0040604414-1

**I** SHALINI LAL, D/O SH.VINOD LAL, R/O 524, GALI, NO.16 WEST GURU ANGAD-NAGAR, DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME SHALINI MASSEY TO SHALINI LAL, FOR FUTURE, ALL PURPOSES.

0040604414-3

**I** HARJEET KAUR W/O GURMAIL SINGH R/O FLATNO.306, WELLINGTON ESTATE, DHAKOLI ZIRAKPUR, MOHALI, PUNJAB-140603, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARJIT KAUR.

0040604439-3

**I**, hitherto known as Shankar Lal, S/o Panna Lal, residing at, E-271, Tegore- Garden Extn., New Delhi-110027, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shanker.

40604414-6

**I**, VULAVALA JYOSNA DEVI, W/O MR M V KISHORE KUMAR REDDY, R/O-SM/Q No. 374/D-1, CAMERO COMPLEX, SUBROTO PARK, NEW DELHI-110010, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MULA JYOSNA REDDY.

0040604439-10

**I**, VISHAKH LAL, S/O SH.VINOD LAL, R/O 524, GALI, NO.16 WEST-GURU ANGAD-NAGAR, DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME VISHAKH MASSEY TO VISHAKH LAL, FOR FUTURE, ALL PURPOSES.

0040604414-2

**I**, Simple Pankaj Kathuria W/O,Pankaj Kathuria,R/O-CE-3, 1st-floor,Hari Nagar Clock Tower, New Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Simple Kathuria, for all purposes.

0040604414-5

**I**, Satwinder Singh S/o Santokh Singh, R/o 679, Sector-17, Vasundhara Ghaziabad-201012, (U.P.) Have Changed My Name To Satvinder Singh, For Future.

0040604449-4

**I**, Sachin Bhardwaj, S/o Late Shri. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, R/o BL-66, Ground-Floor, Near-Om Sweets, Hari-Nagar, Mayapuri, New Delhi-110064, That in my educational-documents issued by CBSE and my law degree issued by Punjab University my name has been written as Sachin instead of Sachin Bhardwaj, which may be amended accordingly.

0040604439-9

**I**, SHUBA SHISH GANGULY, S/O MONINDRA GANGULY, R/O. Flat.No.605,D-Block, Sector-17, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, UP-201012, have changed my name, from SHUBA SHISH GANGULY to SHUBHASHISH GANGULY. Henceforth I would be known as SHUBHASHISH GANGULY, for all purposes.

0040604439-7

**I**, MEHAK PRACHI KACKER, W/O DEEPAK THAKUR, R/O-F-1640, GALAXY-NORTH AVENUE-1, GAUR-CITY-1, NOIDA EXTENSION, GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P.201301, changed my name to MEHAK D THAKUR, Permanently

0040604444-6

**I**, MAYA SUNDARESAN D/O-SH.ROMILA SUNDARESAN R/O-FLAT.NO.302,TOWER-3,N.R.I RESIDENCY,NEXT TO PRATEEK STYLOME, SECTOR-45, NOIDA, DISTT-GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, U.P.-201303, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO MAYA APARNA SUNDARESAN FOR ALL-FUTURE PURPOSE.

0040604420-10

**I**, Harbans Singh S/o Dildar Singh, R/o Village Dabkhera Ludwa, Nawarsi (336) Kurukshetra Haryana-136132, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Harbans in my minor son Mandeep Singh aged 16 years in his 10th Class Certificate cum Marksheet. The actual name of mine is Harbans Singh

0070774677-1

**I**, Gyanchand S/o Veer Singh R/o 1085/SF-5, Niti Khand-1, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Gyan Singh for all future purposes.

0040604340-1

**I**, Imran S/o Shahbuddin R/o CPB-27, New Seelampur Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Mohammad Imran.

0040604418-5

**I**, Babloo, S/o Nand Ram, R/o WZ-257, Gali No.4, Sri-Nagar Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Kaptan Verma.

0040604444-4

**I** PRAVEEN KUMAR JAIN S/O SUMER CHAND JAIN R/O 148, ARIHANT AGAR, WEST PUNJABI BAGH, MAIN ROHTAK ROAD DELHI-110026 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRAVEEN JAIN.

0040604339-1

**I**, SANJAY KUMAR, ADD-D-60 BALAJI APARTMENT, SECOND-FLOOR, SECTOR-1 DWARKA, MAHAVIR-VIHAR, WEST-DELHI-110045, changed my Minor daughter name, PRIYA TO PRIYA SHARMA.

0040604420-4

**I**, SAIRA BEGUM W/O MOHAMMAD FAISAL R/O, 244, JASWANTPURI SARWAT ROAD, MUZAFFARNAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH, 251001, HAVE CHANGED, MY NAME FROM SAIRA BANO TO SAIRA BEGUM FOR, ALL PURPOSES.

0040604420-2

**I**, Nitu @Nitu Rani @Neetu Rani @Neetu, D/o Sh. Sarvesh Singh, W/o Sh. Nagendra Kumar Rath, R/o F-129C, GTB-Enclave, Delhi-110093, have changed my name, from Nitu @Nitu Rani @Neetu Rani @Neetu to Neetu Rath, for all, future purposes.

0040604449-2

**I**, Neelam Kumari D/o 7014895XE HAV K.K. Singh R/o L-14, Mohan Garden, L-Block, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Narendar Kaur Batra for all purposes.

0040604420-3

**I**, Manjit Singh S/o Joginder Singh, R/o 225/1, Gali No.9, Padam Nagar Kishan Ganj Delhi-110007, changed my name to Manjeet Singh.

0040604420-8

**I**, MUNISH HANS, S/O AMAR LAL HANS, H.O.No.517/23, D.L.F. COLONY, ROHTAK-124001 (HARYANA), have changed my name to MANISH HANS, for all, future purposes.

0040604420-5

**I**, Krishanu S/o Navin Kumar R/o-Flat No.-8B, Tower N(24), Central Park Resort CP2, Sec-48, Gurgaon-122018, have changed my name to Krishanu Vats.

0040604439-5

**I**, LILAWATI SINGH, W/O VIJAY KUMAR SINGH R/O 341-A, Nyay-Khand-3, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014, have changed my name to LEELA SINGH, permanently.

0040604439-6

**I**, Kusum Singh, W/o Devennder Pal Singh R/o, Flat.No.203, Tower, No.5, Putting Greens, GH-2, Omake NRI-City, Kasana, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. changed my name, from Kusum Singh to Kusum Thakur, for all purposes.

0040604444-3

**I**, KANWALJIT SINGH SETHI S/O SARANJIT SINGH R/O J-3/67, FIRST-FLOOR, RAJOURI GARDEN, DELHI-110027, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KANWALJIT SINGH.

0040604439-2

**I**, HARISH S/O-SH. SHISH PAL SINGH R/O-HOUSE, NO.14, SECTOR-44, KANHAJI(73), GURUGRAM-122003, HARYANA, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARISH KUMAR FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE.

0040604420-11

**I**, KAMAL, H.NO.D-091, GULSHAN BELINA NEAR AJNARA LE GARDEN EC MURTI GREATER NOIDA WEST, U.P-201318, changed my Minor Son name, GAGAN TO GAGAN JHA.

0040604414-4

**I**, Deepika Thawani W/o Vicky Ahuja R/o G-28/7-8, first floor Sector-3 Rohini Delhi-85, have changed my name to Harshita Ahuja, Permanently

0040604420-6

**I**, DASHRATH SINGH, S/O KOK SINGH TOMAR, R/O. FLAT. NO.C-5, 806, ECO VILLAGE-1, SUPERTECH, GREATER NOIDA-WEST, GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P.-201306, changed my name to DASHRATH SINGH TOMAR.

0040604444-5

**I**, Anmol Singh Bhasin, S/o Pawanpreet Singh Bhasin, R/o House.No.47, West Avenue Road, West-Punjabi-Bagh, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Anmol Bhasin, for all purposes.

0040604449-3

**I**, Anju Kumari, W/o Sh. Vikas Gulia, R/o 1/37/3, MS-Block, Ranaji Enclave, Part-III, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110024, Declare That Anju and Anju Kumari Both Name are Same and One Person.

0040604449-1

**I**, LATUL KUMAR GAUR, S/O AMRIT LAL GAUR R/O FLAT NO.10 NATRAJ APARTMENT PLOT. NO.67 I.P. EXTENSION PATPARGANJ DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ATUL GAUR, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040604439-8

**I**, ANJALI D/o ISHAM SINGH, W/O SATYAM SINGH, R/O E-107, First-Floor Luxuria Estate Aditya World City Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002, changed my name to ANJALI.

0040604420-9

**I**, Nisha Taneja, W/o Surender Kumar R/o-266-267, 1st-Floor, PKT-7, Sec-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Nisha Rani Taneja

0040604418-2

**I**, Ritu Arora S/o-Pawan Arora, R/o H.no-164, Ambica-Vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my minor son's name Sparsh Nathani to Sparsh Arora.

0040604414-9

**I**, Bindiya Savara W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o-Flat-No.70, Pocket-11, Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi-110086, have changed my minor son's name, from Aarav to Aarav Singh.

0040604444-2

**I**, Vijay Kumar Gupta S/o A P Gupta R/o DA-543, S F S Flats Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088, have changed my minor daughter's name from Simran Gupta aged 14 years to Priyanshi Gupta forever

0070774676-1

**I**, Sujet Kumar Gupta S/o Hirdhya Sahu R/o UG-2, plot no-221, sector-6, Vaishali Ghaziabad. U.P have changed my name to Sujet Gupta for all future purposes.

40604335-1

**I**, Shashi Rani W/o Shri Mandan Pal Singh R/O 16 Nandi Farms, Park Lane, Church Road, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi, New Delhi 110070 have changed my name from Shashi Rani to Shashi Singh.

0040604342-1

**I**, SUMATI BISHNOI KAPUR D/o Anil Kumar Bishnoi R/O C-2/14, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057 have changed my name to SUMATI BISHNOI for all purposes.

0040604385-1

**I**, Rickson, S/o Wilson Sunny, R/O Building No. 47, 4th Floor, Hari Nagar Ashram, South Delhi, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name from Rickson to Rickson Wilson, S/o Wilson Sunny for all purpose in future.

0070774690-1

**I**, Reshma W/o Anupkumar Bhikhu Jethwa R/o-2478, Katra Rajji Behind G.B.Road Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Reshma Khan.

0040604418-4

**I**, Prabhir Singh S/O Sh. Braham Singh R/O A-76, Street No.6, Meet Nagar, Dayalpur, North East Delhi-110094, I have changed my name from Pradeep Singh to Prabhir Singh all future purposes

0040604334-1

**I**, Nitika Bansal, D/o Vinod Kumar Bansal and W/o Yatendra Goel, R/o 89, 2nd Floor, Flat No-203, Hari Nagar Ashram, Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Nitika Goel.

0070774657-1

**I**, Keshika D/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar R/O BG6-34C, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi - 110063 have changed my name Keshika to Keshika Rajput for all future purposes.

0040604349-1

**I**, Harjeet Singh Bajaj S/o S.Pratap Singh R/O-235, Om Vihar, Phase-1A, Gali, No.7, Near-Gurudwara, Uttam Nagar, New-Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Harjeet Singh, Harjeet Singh Bajaj and Harjeet Singh one, and the same person.

0040604386-1

**I**, Harish Dua, S/o Prithvi Raj Dua, R/o-C-42, west chander nagar, street no.3 Delhi, have changed my name to Harish Kumar Dua, for all purpose

0040604418-1

**I**, Harendra Kumar S/o Bideshwar Prasad Singh R/O A-605, Trident Embassy, Sec-1 Greater Noida west, UP-201306 have changed my name to Harendra Kumar Singh.

0070774681-1

**I**, Gopa Krishna Shrivastava S/o Pritam Krishna Srivastava R/o 1203, A2, Saviour Greenisle, Crossings Republik, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed my name to Gopal Krishna Shrivastava.

0040604375-1

**I**, Ganesh A.H. S/o A.R. Hari Shenoy aged 59 years residing at E-15, NANA KUPURA, CHANAKYAPURI, NEW DELHI-110021, have changed my name to A.H.H. Ganesh for all Purposes vide affidavit dated 12/02/2022 at NEW DELHI.

0040603638-1

**I**, Avdesh Kumar S/o Bhudev Singh R/o H.No.-29, Sec-68, Garhi Chaukhandi, Gautam Budh Nagar, Pin-201301, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name from AVDESH KUMARR to AVDESH KUMAR for all future purposes.

0070774684-1

**I**, Anshu Agrawal W/o Sandeep Agrawal R/o Flat No.519, Milano, Mahagun Mascot, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed my name to Anshu Agarwal.

0040604347-1

**I**, Akash Singh, S/o Ashok Kumar, R/o ZB-63, Wellington Estate, DIF Phase 5, Sector 53, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, have changed my minor daughter's name from Raimaa A Singh aged 02 years to Raima Singh forever.

0070774652-1

**I**, ASHOK KUMAR CHANDOK, S/O-MADAN LAL, R/O-H.No-401, Tower-3, Jaypee Green Ashok Vatika, Greater Noida, Rampur Jagir, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Up-201306, have changed my name to ASHOK CHANDOK for all purposes.

0040604414-7

**I**, Pappu Kumar Yadav S/o Shri.Chand Kishore Yadav, R/O-H.No.71, Gali-No.2, Sunder-Park, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Ayaan.

0040604444-1

**I**, Ritu Arora D/o Pawan Arora, R/o H.no-164, Ambica-Vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my minor daughter's name Himanya Nathani to Himanya Arora.

0040604414-10

**I**, SAHEBIR SINGH SETHI S/O KANWALJIT SINGH R/O J-3/67, FIRST-FLOOR, RAJOURI-GARDEN, DELHI-110027 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAHEBIR SINGH.

0040604439-1

**I**, Ritu Nathani D/o Pawan Arora R/o, H.no-164, Ambica Vihar, Delhi-110087 have changed my name to Ritu Arora.

0040604414-8

**I**, Pradeep Borar S/o Amichand borar, R/o E-866, 3rd Floor Saraswati Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Pradeep Kumar Borar.

0040604420-7

**I**, Asif Ali S/o-Babu Khan R/o, H.No-328/2, Loni, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201102, have changed my name to Asif, permanently.

0040604420-1

**I**, Mohd. Jahid, S/o Mohammad Asaraf, R/o B-5, 211/R-620, Ashok Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201102, have changed my name to Zahid Khan.

0070774655-1

**I**, Subhash Kumar S/o Ratan Singh R/O-228, PKT-3, Sec-23, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Subhash Chand

0040604418-3

**I**, Chaturi Prasad, S/o Jagdish Prasad, R/o Mahdipur, Aliabad, Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh-225401, have changed my name to Sanjay Kumar.

0070774654-1

## LOST & FOUND

**I**, Mir Amir, have lost my BFA Degree that was obtained from Jamia Millia Islamia (Roll No:09-BFAA 29). An FIR has been lodged against this claim. LR No:149481/22. If found, please return to 9999510970

0040604329-1

**I**, Vijay Thakur Singh, D/o Hira Singh Thakur, R/o 202, Golf Apartment, Sujan Singh Park, New Delhi, have lost my Original Allotment & Allocation Letter of L-212, Delta-2, Greater Noida, Allotment No.-D0136072.

0070774679-1

## COURT NOTICE

**IN THE COURT OF SH. SIDHARTH MATHUR, ADJ-1 + MACT, (NW) ROHINI, DELHI ROOM NO. 211**

(-Civil)-12

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT**

(Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)

CS NO. 288/21

M/S EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF INDIA

M/S NIOMI VERMA & ORS.

To

1. Shri Amir Chand (Defendant-2) R/o. 1/313, Karampura, New Delhi-110035

2. Shri Ghan Chand S/o. Shri Amir Chand (Defendant-3) R/o. 1/313, Karampura, New Delhi-110035

3. Shri Rajinder Singh S/o. Amir Chand, (Defendant-4) R/o. 1/313, Karampura, New Delhi-110035

Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 10th day of March, 2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 19th February, 2022.

(Seal) Sd/- Judge

Proclamation Requiring Attendance of Defendant (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)

In the Court of Sh. Munish Markan, ADJ-02, South-East District, Saket Courts, New Delhi Room No. 615

CS/DO-10322/2015

M/s Godoli & Godoli Exports Pvt.Ltd. Versus

M/s Uniglohy Health Care Pvt. Ltd.

To

M/s Uniglohy Health Care (P) Ltd. Gala No. 106 Abhiasha Industrial Estate, Near Vermacell, Petrol Pump, Bhoopadga, Valiv, Vasai, East.

T h e n a m e o f t h e d e f e n d a n t is: M/s Uniglohy Health Care Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Jahid Ahmed Babu Sayyed, Director, 701, Emerald Esley II, Royal Palm Mayur Nagar, Aarey Milk Colony, Goregaon (East), Mumbai-400063. Mobile No. 07738967131, Email-jahir.sayyed@jaziran.co

The Defendant above named

Whereas your intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 07th day of March, 2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 21st day of December, 2021

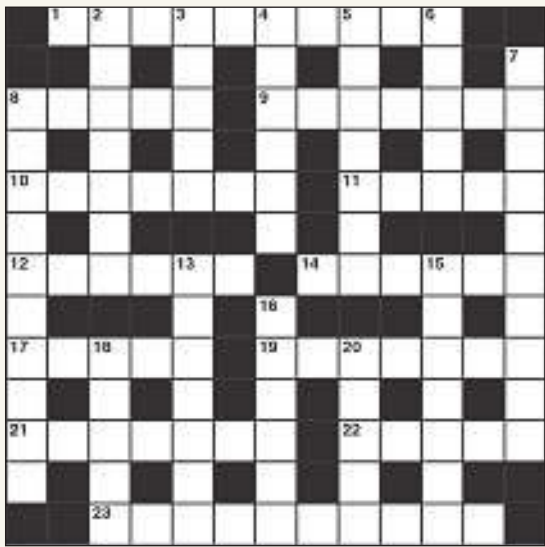
Additional District Judge-02, South-East, New Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

PUBLIC AT LARGE IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENTS SMT. VIJAY SETHI W/O NARINDER SETHI R/O PUNCHIKULA AND SMT. MADHU PAUL W/O DAVINDER PAUL R/O CHANDIGARH ARE CO-OWNERS OF PROPERTY BEARING NO. WZ-204, LAJWANTI GARDEN, NANGAL RAI, DELHI CANTT. NEW DELHI. ALONGWITH SMT. VINOD GHAI & SMT. KUSUM GHAI BOTH R/O CHANDIGARH AND DISPUTES PERTAINING TO THE TITLE OF SAID PROPERTY IS PENDING BEFORE THE HONBLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI BY VIRTUE OF BFA NO 640/2017 TITLED AS VINOD GHAI & POONAM GHAI VS VIJAY SETHI & ORS. ANY PERSON IN ANY MANNER DEALING WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROPERTY SHALL DO SO AT HIS OWN RISKS AND PERILS. WITHOUT IN ANY MANNER AFFECTING THE RIGHTS OF MY CLIENT IN THE SAME.



CROSSWORD 4674



ACROSS

- 1 A sign of economy afoot (10)
- 8 It's loud for a musical note (5)
- 9 Mother strangely sweet on famous film star (3,4)
- 10 Reproduce? (7)
- 11 It's a drama getting to work on time (5)
- 12 Swing round to attack or start running (4,2)
- 14 US port in a state of inactivity (6)
- 17 The French hold strike for beast of burden (5)
- 19 There are many sides to it (7)
- 21 Commuter's place in life? (7)
- 22 Low joint where members meet (5)
- 23 Mimi's was frozen on watch (6,4)

DOWN

- 2 Bird dog (7)
- 3 Handy fencing implements (5)
- 4 Restrain one's anger? (6)
- 5 Vessel that makes way for others in cold weather (3,4)
- 6 Silly things but capital savers (5)
- 7 Canadian flower is right in Newcastle strangely enough (2,8)
- 8 Excellent start at school? (5-5)
- 13 Too vain perhaps - because of this? (7)
- 15 Hide from a glutton's relations (7)
- 16 Long in a way for an instrument (6)
- 18 Arouse a section of the national army (5)
- 20 Lead a request for silence on the meadow (5)

Solutions Crossword 4673: Across: 1 Animal, 4 Towers, 9 Bewitch, 10 Label, 11 Sinai, 12 Papyrus, 13 Take your bow, 18 Burglar, 20 Blush, 22 Chard, 23 Accused, 24 Slewed, 25 Unites. Down: 1 Abbess, 2 Iowan, 3 Astride, 5 Orlop, 6 Embargo, 7 Splash, 8 Shop doorway, 14 Acreage, 15 Rubicon, 16 Abacus, 17 Shades, 19 Lodge, 21 Upset.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

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

The least... is of importance to all nature. The entire ocean is affected by a pebble. - Blaise Pascal (8)

BLPEE      AEQUMN  
TOUTS      EINRMV

SOLUTION: BLEEP STOUT, MANQUE, VERMIN. Answer: The least movement is of importance to all nature. The entire ocean is affected by a pebble. - Blaise Pascal

SUDOKU 4757      SOLUTION SUDOKU 4756

Difficulty Level 2s Instructions: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Complex planetary aspects now relate to monetary affairs. You are being warned to read all the small print before making a solemn and binding agreement and signing on the dotted line. Otherwise, you'll only be forced to change your mind in about six weeks' time.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Give priority to affairs of the heart and let someone special know just how you feel about them. Finally, a number of planets seem determined to support you and help you get your own way. And this means that circumstances will be pushing you along instead of standing in your path.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If partners or close companions want a more comfortable lifestyle and a secure emotional situation, they must back you to the hilt and avoid doing or saying anything that will damage your confidence. Carry on counting your assets and making material security your priority.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You know that you are going through a period of transformation, and that challenging planetary factors symbolise a new beginning. Now it is time to take stock of your progress so far in both personal and professional affairs. You can also draw together all the threads from the past.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

A financial or property matter will be settled to your satisfaction before long, enabling you to give your general well-being a higher priority. Devote at least some of your time to professional cares, but please don't wear yourself out.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Feel free to take the line of least resistance if that is what you need at the moment. Also, consider spending some time away from your usual base and environment, refreshing and reviving your spirits. You need a break, but just how soon you're going to get one is another matter.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You are used to playing a secondary role and waiting in the wings, although recent events must have demonstrated to all and sundry that in future you must be treated with more care and consideration. You might think that a family member owes you an apology, but don't expect too much.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You are by nature self-sacrificing and perhaps you now need a jolt to remind you that your first duty is to yourself. Friends and allies will support you in your desire to make more of your skills and talents. Partners will help you decide between two apparently irreconcilable options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

You must try to distinguish vague worries and imaginary fears from situations which genuinely pose a threat to your reputation. Then, you will see just how secure your position is in the long run. If you do get a good cash break, check it out, but only act with expert support.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You are inclined to push yourself to the limit, yet now that more planets are lining up in your support you may take life a little easier without fearing that you will lose your grip. What you can do next is more uncertain, but what we can say is that you'll know when the time is right.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Now that your affairs are in a state of flux both at home and at work, you must try to realise that any victory will have a hollow ring if you sacrifice your prestige and trust in the process. One final word, whatever has happened this week is nothing compared with the stunning changes in your life over the next three months.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Others are sadly mistaken if they persist in the belief that they have got you cornered or somehow forced you on to the defensive. However, deft footwork may be necessary if you are to maintain your position. But, then, that is precisely what you're good at.

NOTICE BOARD CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



MoU - POWERGRID

VK Singh, Dir. (Personnel), POWERGRID and M Pant, Secy, NFCH, signed a MoU with NFCH for providing financial assistance for education of 1632 violence affected students from Assam, Manipur and Chhattisgarh under CSR.



ADVISORY MANDATE - THDCIL

TUSCO Ltd, a JV Company of THDCIL and Uttar Pradesh New & Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) signed an advisory mandate on 21st February, 2022 with International Finance Corporation (IFC).



HINDI KAVI SAMMELAN - NHPC

NHPC organized a grand 'Hindi Kavi Sammelan' to promote and appreciate Rajbhasha throughout the company. The Kavi Sammelan was inaugurated by A.K. Singh, CMD, NHPC by lighting of traditional lamp.



VISIT - CRPF

MK Agrawal, IPS IGP Manipur & Nagaland Sector, CRPF alongwith PK Nayak, DIG(Ops) and RS Rautela, DIG(Range) met the ITBP Jawans Gaurav and G Shankar who were injured due to IED blast.



TIE-UP - INDIANOIL

IndianOil and Dabur India Limited have announced an exclusive partnership to provide direct access of Dabur's range of trusted products to around 14 crore Indane LPG consumer households across India.



CSR - REC

Under its CSR initiative, REC has committed financial support of Rs. 7.50 Cr to Mizoram State Sports Council (MSSC) for construction of Motorsports Race Track and Sports Complex at Lengpui, Mamit District of Mizoram.



PRESENTATION - UJJAIN MUNICIPAL CORP.

Roopa Mishr, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban & Housing Development, GoI, attended a presentation given by Municipal Commissioner Anshul Gupta about the preparations of Ujjain Municipal Corporation for cleanliness survey.



CSR - POWERGRID, NR-I

Powergrid had undertaken the CSR project of organizing a 6-month sewing training for women living below the poverty line in Gurugram. The project included distributing sewing machines to all the beneficiaries upon completion of the course.



HINDI KAVI SAMMELAN - BIS

On 'International Mother Language Day', Hindi Kavi Sammelan was organized at BIS headquarters, in the presence of PK Tiwari, DG, BIS and Mamta U. Lal, Addl DG, BIS. Eminent poets of the Hindi literary world were invited to this event.



AGREEMENT - NHPC

AK Singh, CMD, NHPC, alongwith RP Goyal, Dir. (Fin.), NHPC and other senior officers from NHPC, HDFC Bank & SBI Capital Market Ltd. during the Signing of Agreement for Securitization of Return on Equity for NHPC Chamera-I Power Station.



CSR - BRPL

BRPL, in association with Healthy Aging India, a NGO, administered Covid vaccine to 300 elderly from old age homes. Union Minister Parshottam Rupala was the chief guest at the event. The BRPL team was led by its CEO Rajesh Bansal.



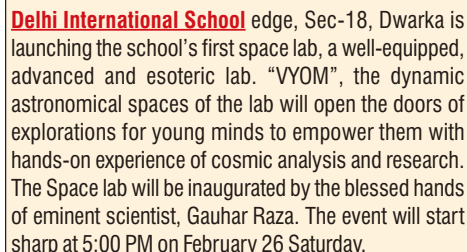
APPOINTMENT

Indian Oil Sujoy Choudhury has taken charge as Director (Planning & Business Development), Indian Oil Corporation Limited. With a vast cross-functional experience spanning every facet of the Indian energy business, Choudhury has rich experience working in Eastern, Western and Northern regions of the country & across various oil industry functions, including Engineering, Retail Sales, & Petrochemicals functions of the Corporation. Prior to this, he was heading IndianOil's Punjab State office wherein he was in-charge of all petroleum activities in the States of Punjab and HP and in the UTs of J & K, Ladakh and Chandigarh.

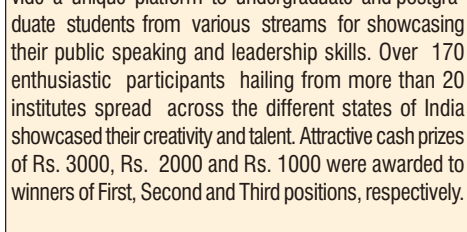


URJA MELA 2022 - TPDDL

Recently, TPDDL organized Urja Mela 2022 to promote energy conservation among students, wherein G Srinivasan, CEO, TPDDL, Prof. (Dr.) RK Suri, Pro VC of Delhi Skill & Entrepreneurship University, Govt. of Delhi interacted with the students.



Delhi International School edge, Sec-18, Dwarka is launching the school's first space lab, a well-equipped, advanced and esoteric lab. "VYOM", the dynamic astronomical spaces of the lab will open the doors of explorations for young minds to empower them with hands-on experience of cosmic analysis and research. The Space lab will be inaugurated by the blessed hands of eminent scientist, Gauhar Raza. The event will start sharp at 5:00 PM on February 26 Saturday.



IMS Ghaziabad Saksham, the HR Club of IMS Ghaziabad, recently organized "Blind Trait", an Online Inter Institute Extempore Competition. The event was conceived to provide a unique platform to undergraduate and postgraduate students from various streams for showcasing their public speaking and leadership skills. Over 170 enthusiastic participants hailing from more than 20 institutes spread across the different states of India showcased their creativity and talent. Attractive cash prizes of Rs. 3000, Rs. 2000 and Rs. 1000 were awarded to winners of First, Second and Third positions, respectively.



AMITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, SAKET Yashika Das, a student of Class 9, Amity Intl. School Saket, has entered the prestigious India Book of Records. She has been registered as the first Indian to make a typographic portrait of PM Modi on an A3 size sheet with 500 Indian brand names representing the 'Make in India' campaign by the Prime Minister.

VIEWS - DHANUKA

Recently, RG Agarwal, Group Chairman, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd, welcomed the Govt's decision of including "Kisan Drones" for Agrochemical Spraying in the Union Budget 2022-23. The use of drones will be promoted for crop assessment, digitization of land records, spraying of insecticides & nutrients. As a part of its mission of Transforming India through Agriculture, Dhanuka introduces new tech-driven solutions to improve the food, nutrition, health, wealth and environment security of our Nation.





# 21 SPORT



## ZAREEN BEATS TOKYO SILVER MEDALLIST

Nikhat Zareen defeated Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist Busenaz Cakiroglu at the Strandja Memorial in Sofia, Bulgaria. The Indian pugilist claimed a 4-1 split decision win over the Turkish boxer in the 51kg category semifinal. Busenaz had defeated Mary Kom in the 51kg semifinal bout at the 2019 World Women's Boxing Championships. **PTI**

## BCCI committee to probe journalist's threat to Saha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 25

THE BCCI has formed a three-member committee to probe into the allegation of Wriddhiman Saha receiving threats from a journalist, who purportedly sent him a string of WhatsApp messages, demanding an interview. The cricket board's vice-president Rajiv Shukla, treasurer Arun Dhumal and the BCCI Apex Council member Prabhj Singh Bhatia constitute the committee that will start the inquiry proceedings early next week.

This comes on a day when Saha dropped a hint that he might be open to revealing the name of the journalist, although for the "time being" he is maintaining secrecy. This paper had earlier reported that the BCCI would ask Saha to reveal the identity of the journalist.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has today constituted a three-member committee to look into the matter of Wriddhiman Saha receiving threats and intimidation from a senior journalist. The three member committee comprises BCCI Vice-President Mr Rajiv Shukla, BCCI Treasurer Mr Arun Singh Dhumal and BCCI Apex Council Member Mr Prabhj Singh Bhatia. The committee will start the proceedings as early as next week," said the cricket board release.

Saha, the wicketkeeper-batsman, who has been dropped from the Test team for the upcoming two matches against Sri Lanka, posted a tweet on February 19, capturing a screenshot of the messages like: "After all of my contributions to Indian cricket, this is what I face from a so called 'Respected' journalist! This is where the journalism has gone." Another message from the unnamed journalist had said: "You did not call. Never again will I interview you. I don't take insults kindly. And I will remember this."

Accordingly, the BCCI press release stated: "Saha, a centrally contracted cricketer was allegedly threatened by a senior journalist for not responding to his messages asking for an interview. Taking cognizance of the matter the BCCI got in touch with Saha and decided to constitute a three-member committee to investigate the matter." On Friday, during a conversation with *The Indian Express*, the 37-year-old said: "I maintain the stand of not revealing the identity of the journalist for the time being. I said this in my other tweets as well. I can't tell you what will happen in the future." The conversation took place before the BCCI issued the press release.

Saha had earlier told this paper that he wouldn't disclose the identity of the unnamed person. "If they ask me to reveal the name (of the journalist), I would tell them it was never my intention to harm somebody's career, to pull a person down. That's why I didn't reveal the name in my tweet. That's not the teaching of my parents. The main purpose of my tweet was to expose the fact that there's someone in the media who does such things, disrespecting a player's wish," he had said.

Later, posting a series of tweets on February 22, he reiterated it, while using the word "bullying". "I was hurt and offended. I thought not to tolerate such kind of behaviour and didn't want anyone to go through these kind of bullying. I decided I will go out and expose the chat in public eye, but not his/her name", said the tweets, which also added: "My nature isn't such that I will harm anyone to the extent of ending someone's career. So on grounds of humanity looking at his/her family, I am not exposing the name for the time being. But if any such repetition happens, I will not hold back."

Saha, who has played 40 Tests and nine ODIs, is a Grade B central contractee, with an annual retainer fee of Rs 3 crore.

Russia removed as UCL final hosts

## RUSSIA-UKRAINE CRISIS

Russian Grand Prix cancelled

Manchester United drop Russian sponsor

# On field of play, Russia in a corner

Sporting world unilaterally takes punitive measures against Russia's invasion of Ukraine

ROB HARRIS

LONDON, FEBRUARY 25

THE INVASION of Ukraine drew punitive measures across the sporting world on Friday when Russia was stripped of the Champions League final, with UEFA replacing St. Petersburg with Paris as host, and Formula One dropping this season's Russian Grand Prix in Sochi.

The International Olympic Committee also urged sports federations to move their events out of Russia or Belarus, which Moscow is using as a staging ground for its troops moving into Ukraine from the north.

A backlash against the embrace of Russian state-owned companies as sponsors in sports saw Manchester United drop Aeroflot's commercial deal, with the Premier League club citing "events in Ukraine" after the airline was banned in Britain as part of sanctions against President Vladimir Putin's regime.

Although UEFA still has Gazprom as a Champions League sponsor, the final will no longer be staged at the St. Petersburg stadium named after the Russian state-owned energy firm. The climax to the European men's football season will still be held on May 28 but now at the 80,000-seat Stade de France in the Saint-Denis suburb of the French capital after the decision by UEFA's executive committee.

It followed discussions led by UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin that involved the European Commission and French President Emmanuel Macron in recent days after concerns were raised about the status of Russia retaining such a prestigious event after its aggression toward another European country.

UEFA thanked Macron for his "personal support and commitment to have European club football's most prestigious game moved to France at a time of unparalleled crisis."

Alexander Dyukov, a Russian member of the UEFA executive committee, complained the decision was taken for "political reasons." Dyukov also opposed UEFA ordering Russian clubs and national teams to play at neutral venues until further notice — a ruling also imposed on Ukrainian sides.

The move comes as Russian bombs and troops pounded Ukraine during the invasion's first full day, and world leaders on Friday began to fine-tune a response meant to punish the Russian economy and its leaders, including Putin's inner circle.

The IOC had already condemned Russia for breaching the Olympic Truce, days after the end of the Beijing Winter Games and ahead of the Paralympics.

Russia's name, flag and anthem are already barred from the March 4-13 Paralympics in Beijing over previous doping disputes. Its team is due to compete as RPC, short for Russian Paralympic Committee. Now the IOC is asking events not subject to the WADA doping sanctions to no longer display the Russian or Belarussian national flags or play their anthems. Motorsport has continued in Russia after not being bound by the WADA ruling, banning Russia hosting international sports events through December.

The F1 race wasn't due until September in the Black Sea resort of Sochi but the motorsport series leadership decided it would be "impossible" to stage the Grand Prix after talks

## IOC demands stop to events in Russia

*Lausanne:* The International Olympic Committee urged sports bodies Friday to cancel or move all events they plan to hold in Russia and Belarus, and stop using the countries' flags and national anthems. Volleyball and shooting both have world championships scheduled to be held in Russia. There is also a World Cup qualifying playoff match against Poland scheduled for March 24 in Moscow. Russia breached the Olympic Truce by invading Ukraine on Thursday, only four days after the closing ceremony of the Winter Games in Beijing. Some of the Russian troops entered Ukraine from Belarus, Russia's ally. **REUTERS**

with teams and the FIA governing body. American team Haas also dropped the sponsorship of Russian company Uralkali during preseason testing in Barcelona. Nikita Mazepin of Haas is the only Russian driver on the F1 grid this season.

"We are watching the developments in Ukraine with sadness and shock and hope for a swift and peaceful resolution to the present situation," F1 said in a statement.

The French government will work with UEFA to help to rescue footballers and their families who "face dire human suffering, destruction and displacement," European football's governing body said in a statement.

There is the unresolved matter of Russia still being due to host Poland in World Cup qualifying playoff semifinals in Moscow. Poland wants the game taken out of Russia, but FIFA has yet to decide.

UEFA was more decisive on the Champions League final hosting, which was welcomed by the British government.

"Russia must not be allowed to exploit sporting and cultural events on the world stage to legitimize its unprovoked, premeditated and needless attack against a sovereign democratic state," said British Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries, who has the sports brief.

UEFA has two weeks before the next Champions League games to resolve the issue of Gazprom adverts around stadium pitches. Reinforcing the company's close links to UEFA, Dyukov is a CEO of a Gazprom subsidiary as well as sitting on European football's top decision-making body. Gazprom's logo has already been removed this week from the jerseys of German club Schalke but it remains a sponsor.

Away from soccer, the International Ski Federation announced that Russia will not host any more of its World Cup events this winter. The decision came after a farcical attempt to hold ski cross races on Friday in the Urals resort Sunny Valley.

Only a handful of Russians started and dozens of racers from all other countries did not take part. FIS cited "the safety of all participants and to maintain the integrity of the World Cup" for calling off five scheduled events in the next month. Replacement venues are being sought. **AP**



The St. Petersburg Stadium was scheduled to hold the Champions League final until UEFA took the event away from Russia and handed it to Paris and the Stade de France stadium. **AP**

## Klitschko brothers to take up arms and fight for Ukraine

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FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT boxing champion Vitali Klitschko said he would take up arms alongside his brother and fellow Hall of Famer Vladimir Klitschko to fight in what is a "bloody war" following Russia's invasion of their country Ukraine.

Russia launched its invasion by land, air and sea on Thursday following a declaration of war by President Vladimir Putin.

An estimated 100,000 people have fled as explosions and gunfire rocked major cities.

Dozens have been reported killed. Vitali Klitschko, who has been the mayor of Ukraine's capital Kyiv since 2014, said he was ready to fight.

"I don't have another choice, I have to do that. I'll be fighting," the 50-year-old, known as "Dr Ironfist" during his fighting days, told broadcaster ITV's Good Morning Britain.

Vitali Klitschko said Kyiv was under threat and the main priority was to work with police and military forces to support critical infrastructure including the delivery of electricity, gas and water for its citizens.

He added civilians were ready to defend Kyiv as soldiers.

"I believe in Ukraine, I believe in my country and I believe in my people," Vitali Klitschko said.

Former heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko enlisted in Ukraine's



The Klitschko brothers were at the top of professional boxing's heavyweight division. **Reuters**

reserve army earlier this month, saying that the love for his country compelled him to defend it.

"The Ukrainian people are strong. And it will remain true to itself in this terrible ordeal."

"A people longing for sovereignty and peace. A people who consider the Russian people their brothers," he wrote in a post on LinkedIn on Thursday.

"It knows that they basically do not want this war. The Ukrainian people have chosen democracy."

"But: Democracy is a fragile regime. Democracy cannot defend itself; it needs the will of the citizens, the commitment of everyone. Basically, there is no democracy without democrats."

## Russia isolated

Manchester United wasn't the only sporting giant to disassociate itself from Russian companies

### Schalke cuts off sponsor

GERMAN SOCCER club Schalke 04 have had a 15-year partnership with Gazprom but said they were removing the firm's logo from their jersey.

### Cup qualifiers take a hit

After Poland, Sweden and the Czech Republic refused to play World Cup qualifiers in Russia, UEFA said home games of Ukrainian and Russian club and national teams competing in UEFA competitions would be played at neutral venues.

### Haas takes a stand

American-owned F1 team Haas dropped the sponsorship of Russian company Uralkali on its car on the final day of preseason testing in Barcelona. Haas' driving lineup includes Nikita Mazepin, the only Russian driver on the Formula One grid this season. The race was cancelled on Friday.

### ATP event on hold

The men's tennis governing body said next week's ATP Challenger event in Moscow will not take place as scheduled due to concerns over player safety and uncertainty related to international travel.

# Why six-foot, six-inch Medvedev becoming No.1 signals rise of giants

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ON MONDAY, Daniil Medvedev will be crowned the world No.1, ending the Big Four's monopoly which has lasted since February 2004. The 6'6" Russian is also set to become the tallest world No.1 in ATP history, close on his heels is Alexander Zverev, another six-foot six-incher; both fulfilling Rafael Nadal's prophecy.

"Looking five, 10 years in front, you see every time the people are taller," Nadal had said in 2017. "Tennis will need changes. The net is still at the same altitude. People are not the same. People are much taller now than 50 years ago."

A 2016 study released at the European Science Open Forum confirmed that the world's population has grown taller by a few centimetres over the past century thanks to economic prosperity and better nutrition and healthcare. The growth among the tennis elite has been more noticeable.

In February 2002, there was nobody 6'5" or above in the ATP top 20. Ten years ago, there were three. This week, there are six, including three in the top 6. On the women's side, the current top 10 features five players 5'10" or above — including two six-footers.

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Conversely, those under six feet in ATP top 20 have gone down from five in 2002, to four in 2012, to 1 in 2022. The one outlier is Argentine Diego Schwartzman, the shortest player in the top 50 at 5'7".

### Why are so many tall players at the top?

Jonas Bjorkman — former world No.4 who has worked with Marin Cilic, Andy Murray and Milos Raonic — said the trend is down to sports science.

"Firstly, in general, people, kids are getting taller," the Swede told *The Indian Express*.

"More importantly, today, we have a lot more knowledge about fitness training, rehabilitation and training methods. Huge improvements have been made in the last decade itself. The players know how to maximise the training, there are a lot of specifics available. All that has helped the taller guys to be much more athletic than they were 20-30 years ago."

In a 2017 interview, world No.3 Alexander Zverev credited his agility to the experience of playing field hockey and football as a kid.

"You look at Cilic, at del Potro, at me — we all move really well, which is a big change from how it was 20 or 30 years ago," said the 6'6" German. "They are low-gravity sports. They taught me how to be low all the time, how to change direction quickly."

## RISEING GIANTS

6'6"



There are six players in the ATP Top 20 who are 6'5 and above. Three of them, including Daniil Medvedev (L) and Alexander Zverev (R) are in the Top 6.

### Has the surface played a role?

Galo Blanco, former coach of Raonic and Karen Khachanov and currently working with Dominic Thiem, agrees with renowned coach Nick Bollettieri, who earlier told this paper that "the players are more physical, and taller, because there are not many fast surfaces anymore. The courts everywhere are slower, the bounce is higher and that helps the tall player."

6'6"



"In my time, the courts were much faster. Now you can find hard courts slower than some clay courts, which means the points are longer and the bounce is higher, helping the tall player," said Blanco.

The 70-30 mix of ryegrass and creeping red fescue was the recipe to serve-and-volley's success at Wimbledon. The 1994 Wimbledon final between Goran Ivanisevic and Pete Sampras eventually came down to

who could bend the knee better when returning and volleying. The 6'1 Sampras' canon service and smooth crouch meant 6'4 Ivanisevic had to stretch, bend down and execute the low volley.

In 2001, Wimbledon took the 100 percent perennial ryegrass route, slowing the courts down. With the slower surfaces, contests resemble the baseline slugfests of clay.

Taller players can wait for the ball to climb up, before thwacking it from the baseline, helped by the large racquets and better strings. The higher bounce is complemented by the aforementioned agility of the tall players.

### Is there a 'good height' for tennis?

The Open Era's first true champion Rod Laver was 5'8, while Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg were all under six feet.

Martina Navratilova was 5'8, Chris Evert 5'6 and Billie Jean King was 5'4. After losing the 1994 Wimbledon semifinal to 6'4 Ivanisevic, Boris Becker, an inch shorter than the Croat, exclaimed: "I used to be one of the tallest in the locker room. Now I'm medium. Probably in 20 years, I'm the smallest."

The 6'3 height is not "the smallest" in 2022. Bjorkman believes a 6'3 player is of a good average height for the modern game.

"Average height, when I played, was 6'1. Then, Roger (Federer), Rafa came up to take it up to 188cm (around 6'2)," said Bjorkman.

"Now it has passed 190, around 193 (6'3) is the perfect average. You get the height for a good serve, you get extra speed and still have the flexibility. If the 2-metre players train on flexibility, and start moving extremely well, it could be the new perfect average."

### What are the advantages of taller players?

"A tall guy with good movement presents a lot of advantages," said Blanco. "It's even better if they are tall from a young age, as you can start working with them early. Eventually, using height you can have a bigger reach, and serve harder and better."

The players who recorded the most aces in 2021 were Alexander Bublik (6'5), Zverev (6'6), Reilly Opelka (6'11), John Isner (6'10) and Medvedev (6'6). The shortest players in the top 10 for aces, in fact, were Lloyd Harris and Felix Auger-Aliassime (both 6'4).

They have power and reach, and excel on serves. The converse, however, is also true. Historically, taller players have fared worse on returns.

While Schwartzman (5'7) was outside of the top 100 in aces last year, the world No.13's continued success is down to his returns.

When it comes to career return games won, Schwartzman's percentage is 32.21, only behind Nadal's 33.56. Last year, only Djokovic was better on returning first serves than Schwartzman. Number three on that list? Daniil Medvedev.



