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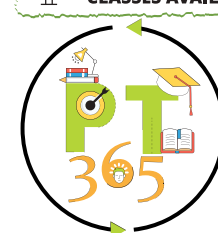
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Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for the following works : SI. No., Tender No. & Description of work are as follows: (1) Civil-2382-2022-Recall (Open), Through Fittings renewal in sharp curves of 4 degree & above (CIBP of only inner Rail of curves) and between Mahanayak Uttam Kumar and Kavi Subhash Station in UP & DN Line of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Tender Value : Rs. 1,03,07,066/- Earnest Money: Rs. 2,01,500/- (2) Civil-2386-2022 (Open), Through Rail changing on UP & DN line between Station Mahanayak Uttam Kumar-Kavi Subhash (Km 16.18 to Km 18.51) under SSE/P-Way/East Section of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Tender Value : Rs. 1,74,20,115/- Earnest Money: 2,37,100/- Completion Period : Twelve months for SI. No. 1 & 2 each. Date of Closing : 28.04.2022 at 12.00 hrs. for each. The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website: www.treps.gov.in Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Country : INDIA Name of Project: MUPP III Assignment Title: Grant of Lease / Licence for development of Railway land including construction / redevelopment of Railway Stations at Chikhale, Mohape and Chowk.

Reference No. MRVCW/108B/REOI dated 23.03.2022 Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in developing 3 stations e.g. Chikhale, Mohape and Chowk on Panvel - Karjat section through private investment for above mentioned assignment. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to execute the work. The work includes Grant of Lease/ Licence for development of Railway land including construction/ redevelopment of Railway Stations at Chikhale, Mohape and Chowk.

Detailed REOI is available on MRVC web site www.mrvvc.indianrailways.gov.in. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 10:00 hrs. to 17:00 hrs. on working days. The corrigendum if any, will be hosted on MRVC's website. Expression of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by email) by 15.00 hrs. of 12/04/2022.

Address for correspondence: Kanhaiya Jha, Chief Project Manager-I, Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd., 2nd Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020. Tel: (022)- 22052012, email : cpm1@mrvvc.gov.in, dycpm3@mrvvc.gov.in Website: www.mrvvc.indianrailways.gov.in

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of president of India, DRM (Commercial), E.C. Rly, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya division invites e-tenders for Multi Purpose stalls No. 2, PF. No. 3/4 at BBU station, Stall No. 1, PF. No. 2/3 at DOS station, Stall No. 1, PF. No. 1/2 at SSM station, Stall No. 2, PF. No. 3/4 at SSM station, Stall No. 3, PF. No. 6/7 at SSM station, Stall No. 3, PF. No. 2/3 at Gaya station, Stall No. 4, PF. No. 4/5 at Gaya station and Stall No. 1, PF. No. 1/2 at AUBR station for allotment of Multi Purpose Stalls. Details are as under-

SI.No. : 1, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 2, PF. No. 3/4 at Bhabua Road station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 1,78,704/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 94,900/-

SI.No. : 2, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 1, PF. No. 2/3 at Dehri On Sone station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 1,99,590/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 1,06,000/-

SI.No. : 3, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 2, PF. No. 4/5 at Dehri On Sone station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 2,21,024/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 1,17,400/-

SI.No. : 4, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 1, PF. No. 1/2 at Sasaram station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 3,21,902/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 1,76,300/-

SI.No. : 5, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 2, PF. No. 3/4 at Sasaram station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 2,19,773/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 1,16,700/-

SI.No. : 6, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 3, PF. No. 6/7 at Sasaram station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 2,19,773/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 1,16,700/-

SI.No. : 7, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 4, PF. No. 6/7 at Sasaram station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 2,19,773/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 1,16,700/-

SI.No. : 8, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 3, PF. No. 2/3 at Gaya station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 9,15,057/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 4,85,900/-

SI.No. : 9, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 4, PF. No. 4/5 at Gaya station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 9,15,057/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 4,85,900/-

SI.No. : 10, Name of work with its location and completion period : MPS No. 1, PF. No. 1/2 at Anugrah Narayan Road station for a period of 05 (Five) years, Reserve price for 1st year (excluding GST) (in Rs.) : 2,15,650/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 1,14,600/-

Date & Time for uploading of tender : 21.03.2022, Website particular where complete details available & date of opening of tender : www.treps.gov.in Tender Opening Date: 13.04.2022

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager
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2.	CANARA BANK, ROHTAK MAIN BRANCH, MODEL TOWN, DELHI ROAD, ROHTAK - 124001. (1) M/s Panchvati through its proprietor Sh. Rakesh Aggarwal S/o Sh. Nand Kishore Aggarwal Shop No. 1A, Sun Plaza Rewari Road, Narnaul - 123001. (2) Sh. Rakesh Aggarwal S/o Sh. Nand Kishore Aggarwal 457/19, Keshav Park, Shakti Nagar, Green Road, Rohtak - 124001	EMT of Commercial property, Shop No. 13, Part of Property No. 95-A, M.C. No. 434/28-P. Sheetal Complex, Subhash Nagar, Model Town, Rohtak, in the name of Smt. Sharda Aggarwal W/o Rakesh Aggarwal, measuring 21.29 Sq. Yds (Ground Floor Only), bounded as under: East: 18'-3" - Shop No. 12, Common Wall, West: 18'-3" - Shop No. 14, Common Wall, North: 10'-6" - Gali 12' wide, South: 10'-6" - Property of Kapoor Singh. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 09.06.2021 Rs. 57,27,708.02 plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 35.12 Lakhs Rs. 352 lakhs Rs. 1000	Sh. Basant Kumar Dasth Ph. No. 01262 219313, 9205197770, 9813784842, 9812895938 Mail ID: cb1171@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Rohtak Main Branch, at Model Town, Delhi Road, Rohtak Alc No 208272946 IFSC Code CNRB0001171	11.04.2022 08.04.2022	
3.	CANARA BANK, ROHTAK MAIN BRANCH, MODEL TOWN, DELHI ROAD, ROHTAK - 124001. 1. M/s Ramayani Hsar Shop No. 1742, Ground Floor Old Delhi Road, Vill Dundahera Gurgaon- 122001. Proprietor: Sh. Avinash Goyal S/o Sh. Ram Babu Goyal 334/17, Nehru Street Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. 2. M/s Shri Ram Sales SCF 51, Urban Estate Hisar-125001. Proprietor: Smt. Kavita Goyal W/o Sh. Rakesh Goyal 236/17, Vijay Nagar, Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. 3. M/s Ramayani Gurgaon 23/18, Suman Complex Civil Lines, Near Sec-15 Gurgaon- 122022. Proprietor: Sh. Avinash Goyal S/o Sh. Ram Babu Goyal 334/17, Nehru Street Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. 4. M/s Ramayani Creation Vill Badshapur, Sohna Road Gurgaon- 122101. Proprietor: Sh. Rakesh Goyal S/o Sh. Ramesh Chand 236/17, Vijay Nagar Jhajjar Road, Rohtak- 124001. 5. M/s RB Enterprises SCF 110, First Floor Brass Market, Rewari - 123401. Proprietor: Avinash Goyal HUF 334/17, Nehru Street, Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. 6. M/s Goyal Sons 218/17, Nehru Street Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. Proprietor: Smt. Kavita Goyal W/o Sh. Rakesh Goyal 236/17, Vijay Nagar, Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. 7. M/s Ram Associates Railway Road, Partap Talkies Rohtak -124001. Proprietor: Sh. Ram Babu Goyal S/o Sh. Chandni Ram 334/17, Nehru Street, Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. Guarantor: Mrs. Kavita Goyal W/o Sh. Rakesh Goyal 236/17, Vijay Nagar, Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. Sh. Avinash Goyal S/o Sh. Ram Babu Goyal 334/17, Nehru Street, Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001. Sh. Ram Babu Goyal S/o Sh. Chandni Ram 334/17, Nehru Street, Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001.	1. 1/2 Share of Shop No. 306/10 MC 1436/29, New Property ID 142C232U249A situated at Jhang colony, Model Town, Rohtak, measuring Area 63.33 Sq. Yds, registered in the name of Mr. Avinash Goyal vide Sale Deed no. 5856 dated 06.10.2006, further measuring and bounded as under: North: 50' - Plot No. 305 and Part of Plot no. 308P, South: 50' - Plot No. 308 & 309 of Others, East: 30' - Plot No. 305 of Others, West: 30' - Plot No. 306 of Others, 306/10 MC No. 1436/29, New Property ID 142C232U249A situated at Jhang Colony, Model Town, Rohtak, measuring Area 63.33 sq. Yds, registered in the name of Mrs. Kavita Goyal vide Sale Deed no. 5857 dated 06.10.2006, further Bounded as under: North: 50' - Plot No. 305 and Part of Plot no. 306P, South: 50' - Plot No. 308 & 309 of Others, East: 30' - Plot No. 308 & 309 of Others, West: 30' - Plot No. 306 of Others, 306/10 MC No. 1435/29, New Property ID 142C232U249 situated at Jhang Colony, Model Town, Rohtak, registered in the name of Smt. Kavita Goyal W/o Rakesh Goyal, having measuring area 63.33 sq. Yds (actual area is 75.33 sq yds) vide sale deed no. 4168 dated 09/08/2008. Due to Clerical, mistake east & west side of plot was written as 67'-0" whereas actual possession is 60'-0", hence correct measurement of plot is 60x11.3 = 75.33 sq yds. Bounded as under: North : 11'-3" - Road 40' wide, South: 11'-3" - Plot No. 306/10, East: 67'-0" (Actual 60'-0") - Eastern Part of Property, West : 67'-0" (Actual 60'-0") - Plot No. 305 of Others. 4. Eastern Part of Plot No. 306P MC Id No. 1435/29, New Property Id 142C232U249 situated at Jhang Colony, Model Town, Rohtak, registered in the name of Mr. Ram Babu Goyal S/o Sh. Chandni Ram measuring area 63.33 sq. Yds. (actual area 75.33 sq yds) registered vide Sale Deed no. 4167 dated 09/08/2006. Due to Clerical, mistake east & west side of plot was written as 67'-0" whereas actual possession is 60'-0", hence correct measurement of plot is 60x11.3 = 75.33 sq yds. Bounded as under: North : 11'-3" - Road 40' wide, South: 11'-3" - Plot No. 306/10, East: 67'-0" (Actual 60'-0") - Part of plot no 306P (33.33 Sq yds), West: 67'-0" (Actual 60'-0") - Western Part of Property. 5. Part of Plot no 306P, situated at Jhang colony, Model Town, Rohtak, Standing jointly in the name of Sh. Ram Babu Goyal and Smt. Kavita Goyal, measuring 33.33 sq yds registered vide sale deed no. 10398 dated 22.12.2009. Bounded as under: North : 5'-0" - Road 40' wide, South : 5'-0" - Plot No. 306/10, East: 60'-0" - Plot no. 305 of Others, West: 60'-0" - Eastern part of Plot No 306P (75.33 sq. Yds). (Symbolic Possession)	as on 09.06.2021 Rs. 9,53,03,056.00 plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 988.00 Lakhs Rs. 96.80 lakhs Rs. 50000	Sh. Basant Kumar Dasth Ph. No. 01262-779313, 9205197770, 9813784842, 9812895938 Mail ID: cb1171@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Rohtak Main Branch, at Model Town, Delhi Road, Rohtak Alc No 208272946 IFSC Code CNRB0001171	11.04.2022 08.04.2022	
4.	CANARA BANK, LOHARU BRANCH, AT LOHARU, DISTT. BHIWANI (HRY) - 122011. Borrower: Mr. Jagdish S/o Sh. Mool Chand, Address:- Vill - Loharu, Ward No. 5, Loharu, Distt. Bhiwani - 122001. Guarantor: Mr. Sourav Goyal S/o Sh. Mahesh Goyal, Ward No. 8, Anaj Mandi, Loharu, Distt. Bhiwani - 122001.	Hypothecation of Maruti Brezza VDI (O) (2017) bearing Chassis No. 291668 and Engine No. 5520502 with Registration No. HR-1BC-8076 registered in the Name of Sh. Jagdish S/o Sh. Mool Chand. (Hypothecation)	as on date 04.03.2022 Rs. 51,62,26.42 plus interest and charges as applicable /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 4.80 Lakh Rs. 0.48 Lakh Rs. 1000	Sh. Basant Kumar Dasth Ph. No. 9205197770, Mobile: 9812804731 Mail ID: cb1751@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Loharu Branch, Alc No 208272946, IFSC Code: CNRB0004751	11.04.2022 08.04.2022	
5.	CANARA BANK, SIRSA MEENA BAZAR BRANCH, SIRSA, HARYANA 1. M/s P.S. Enterprises represented by its proprietor Mr. Vipin Kumar S/o Sh. Sadanand Chugh, House No. 210A, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822 Ward No. 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055, 2. Mr. Vipin Kumar S/o Sh. Sadanand Chugh House No. 210A, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822 Ward No. 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055. Guarantor: 1. Mr. Sachin Chugh S/o Mr. Vipin Kumar House No. 210A, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822 Ward No. 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055, 2. Mr. Jain Chugh S/o Mr. Vipin Kumar House No. 210A, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822 Ward No. 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055.	EMT of residential house bearing property House No. 210-A, bounded as on east by Road, west by House No. 197-A-1, North by House No. 211-A-1, South by House no. 209-A-1, constructed on plot measuring 200.00 sq. yards property situated at old House unit No. 212/10, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822, House no 210-A-1, ward no 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055, East: Road, West: House No 197-A-1, North: House No 211-A-1, South: House no 209-A-1. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 02.06.2021 Rs. 7913712.00 plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 92.90 Lakh Rs. 8.28 Lakh Rs. 10000	Sh. Sandeep Kumar Ph. No. 8572802058, E-Mail ID: cb2058@canarabank.com	Canara Bank , SIRSA MEENA BAZAR Alc No 208272946 IFSC Code CNRB0002058	25.04.2022 21.04.2022	
6.	CANARA BANK GURGAON SSI SUNKIRAI BRANCH, ADDRESS: SUNKIRAI, MEHRAHA ROAD, SUNKIRAI, GURGAON HARYANA, 122001 M/s Subhash And Sons Commercial scheme no 12, 2nd floor, Shiva Market, Basai Road Gurgaon- 122001, Sh Vineet Verma (Partner) Plot no 809 P, sector 4, urban estate, Gurgaon-122001, Sh Sanjeev Dhingra (Guarantor) A-40/21, DLF Phase 1, Gurgaon-122001.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of commercial office space in the name of Mrs Usha Verma, situated 2nd floor, plot no 1, commercial scheme no 12, Shiva Market, Near Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Basai Road, Gurgaon and bounded: North: open, South: Open, EAST: open, West : Entrance and staircase. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 28.10.2021 Rs. 10972802/- plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 120.00 Lakh Rs. 12.00 Lakh Rs. 50000	Sh. Himanshu Kaushik Mobile: 7498918243, Mail ID: cb16243@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Gurgaon SSI Sunkirai Alc No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0018243	11.04.2022 08.04.2022	
7.	CANARA BANK GURGAON SEC-55 BRANCH, ADDRESS: SCO 103, SECTOR 55, NUDA MARKET, GURGAON HARYANA, 122001 Mr. Sunil Rajora Address:- H. No. -1794, Sec-4, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana Guarantor: Awadesh Nograhiya Address:- 1331/CH1, Laxman Vihar Phase-I, Near Bal Bharti School, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana	Property No: Shop no: 41 first Floor Shree Shyam Palace Sector - 4&5 Chowk Laxman Vihar Gurgaon owned by Sunil Rajora and bounded: North: Railway Road, South: Other Property, EAST: Road, West: Gali to Laxman Vihar. (Physical Possession)	as on 01.05.2018 Rs. 121522.02/- plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 17.50 Lakh Rs. 1.75 Lakh Rs. 10000	Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. No. 0124 2196777, Mobile: 7498918183, Mail ID: cb10183@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Gurgaon Sec-55 Branch, Alc No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0018183	11.04.2022 08.04.2022	
8.	CANARA BANK SHOP NO SGT 04, 05, 10 & 11 PALAM TRIANGLE BLOCK PALAM VIHAR GURGAON HARYANA 120017. 1. M/s S.P. Motors, Prop. Smt. Poonam Rana W/o Sanjay Rana H.N.A. 1068 J1, Dayanand Colony, Gurgaon - 122001, 2. Shri Sanjay Rana S/O Shri Uday Singh; H.N.A. 1068/J1, Dayanand Colony, Railway Road, Gurgaon - 122001 (Guarantor/ Mortgagee).	Flat No. N-49, 6th Floor, Hill View Garden, 08 Milestone Road Alwar Bypass Road Bhiwadi, Tehsil Tijara Distt. Alwar Rajasthan - 310109 (Physical Possession)	as on 18.07.2018 Rs. 38,53,583/- plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 22.90 Lakh Rs. 2.25 Lakh Rs. 1000	Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 0124-2460120, 68267-22998 Mail ID: cb2998@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Palam Vihar branch Alc No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0002998	11.04.2022 08.04.2022	
9.	CANARA BANK, ARM BRANCH, NOVELTY ROAD, KARNAL 1. M/s Victoria Creation (Borrower) Address :- Basement and First Floor, B-644, Green Fields Colony, Sector-43, Faridabad-121003, Haryana. 2. S h r i Mohit Kohli (Partner, Guarantor, Mortgagee) Address: Flat No-003, Aster Tower, Green Valley, Urban Estate Faridabad-121003, Haryana. 3. S h r i Manisha Kohli (Partner, Guarantor, Mortgagee) Address: Flat No-003, Aster Tower, Green Valley, Urban Estate Faridabad-121003, Haryana.	PROPERTY NO-1: Short Description of Machinery/movables: (i) 30 sewing Machines (ii) 1 Conference Table (iii) 5 Chairs (iv) 1 Fan (v) 1AC (vi) 3 Steel Stand (vii) 1 mirror (viii) 1 Printer (ix) Obsolete rolls of cloth and other misc. cutting & rejected finished/semi finished goods PROPERTY No-2: Short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any: All that piece & parcel of property comprising property/Flat no.003, measuring 1520 Sq ft, situated on the Ground Floor of Aster Tower in the residential colony known as Green Valley Urban Estate Sector-41-42 Faridabad registered with sub-registrar at Faridabad on 29/10/2007 bearing its document no. 14938 standing in the name of Mr. Mohit Kohli and Mrs. Manisha Kohli. The premises is bounded as under:- North : Stairs/Parking, South : Open/Lawn, East: Corridor, West: Open. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 31.05.2019 Rs. 21898822.92/- plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Property 1 Rs. 2.64 Lakh Rs. 0.27 Lakh Rs. 50000 Property 1 Rs. 7000 Lakh Rs. 7.00 Lakh Rs. 50000	Sh. Indrajit Singh Ph. 0104 - 2255382, 7689953025, 85728-18280, Mail ID: cb6790@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, ARM Branch, Novelty Road, Karnal, Alc No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0006790	25.04.2022 21.04.2022	
10.	CANARA BANK FARIDABAD SME -II BRANCH, ADDRESS: 17811, GURUDWARA RD, JAWAHAR COLONY, FARIDABAD, 121001 1. M/s D M Industries through its Prop. Mr. Dharambir Sharma Address:- Plot No 99, Saroopur Industrial Area, Sohna Road, Faridabad (Haryana), 2. Mr. Dharambir Sharma S/o Sh. Raghubir Sharma Address:- House No 1655, Near Hanuman Mandir, Sector 56 Ballabgarh, Faridabad Guarantors: 3. Mr. Bansi Singh Chaudhry Address:- House No 132, Sanjay Colony, Sector 23, Faridabad (Hry)- 121005.	All part & parcels of immovable property measuring 233 sq. yards i.e. Southern part of Plot no S - 81 measuring 15 Sq. yards, Plot no S- 83 measuring 45sq yards, Plot no S-84 measuring 30 sq. yards, Western and Eastern part of plot no 99 measuring 143 sq. yards forming part of Rect no 36 Killa no 3/2(5-9) situated at near Baba Akash Dharamkanta Ballabgarh Sohna Road Mauza Gaunchi Teh & Distt Faridabad. Bounded as under North: Rasta, South: Ballabgarh Sohna Road, East: Other property, West: Other property. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 31.03.2021 Rs. 2434458.54/- plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 82.45 Lakh Rs. 8.25 Lakh Rs. 50000	Sh. Vishwajit Parwal Ph. No. 0129-240861 Mobile: 9850458808, 7485918238 Mail ID: cb18236@canarabank.com	Canara Bank FARIDABAD SME -II Alc No 208272946, IFSC Code CNRB0018236	11.04.2022 08.04.2022	
11.	CANARA BANK FARIDABAD SME -III BRANCH, ADDRESS: 17811, GURUDWARA RD, JAWAHAR COLONY, FARIDABAD, 121001 1. M/s Guru Kirpa Engineering Works Through its Prop: Sh. Gopal Das Arora (Address:-Shop No 1008-106B, Sanjay Colony, Sector 23, Dist Faridabad - 121001, 2. Sh. Khem Chand Arora, R/o House No 1395/A, Jawahar Colony, Faridabad Haryana - 121001, 3. Sh. Tilak Raj Arora, R/o House No 1395/A, Jawahar Colony, Faridabad Haryana - 121001, 4. Sh. Bijender Kalra, R/o Sh. Narayan Das Kalra, R/o Plot No 7, Gali No 3, Behind Mile Stone Public School Saran, Faridabad.	All part & parcel of immovable property at House No 1395A measuring 110 sq yards comprising in Kharsa No 55/1(2-8-0) situated at Jawahar Colony NIT Mauza Saran Faridabad. (Physical Possession)	as on 31.05.2018 Rs. 40,75,207.35/- plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 39.50 Lakh Rs. 3.95 Lakh Rs. 10000	Sh. Vishwajit Parwal Ph. No. 0129-240861 Mobile: 9850458808, 7485918238 Mail ID: cb18236@canarabank.com	Canara Bank FARIDABAD SME -III Alc No 208272946, IFSC Code CNRB0018236	11.04.2022 08.04.2022	
12.	CANARA BANK BHOWDI BRANCH, SHOP NO 10, GURGAON SOHNA ROAD, DISTT GURGAON (HRY) - 122002 1. M/s Shri Sai Communication (Prop Mr. Harjeet Singh) Opposite Air Force School, Old Delhi Road, Gurgaon- 122001. 2. Mr. Harjeet Singh (Borrower) H No 561, Near Chopra Diagnostics Sector 31, Gurgaon- 122001. 3. Ms. Manjeet Kaur (Guarantor/ Mortgagee) H No 189/16, Nai Basti, Gurgaon- 122001	All that piece & parcel of property consisting of Flat no/ Plot no H no 189/16, Nai Basti, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122001 within registration sub district Gurgaon and district Gurgaon. The property is bounded as: North: Other's property, South: Other's property, East: Other's property, West: Street 5' wide. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 17.05.2021 Rs. 32,28,297.77/- plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 39.00 Lakh Rs. 3.90 Lakh Rs. 1000	Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 9710783770, Mail ID: cb6950@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Bhowdi Branch, Shop No 10, Gurgaon Sohna Road, Distt Gurgaon Alc No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0006950	25.04.2022 21.04.2022	
13.	CANARA BANK SECTOR 25, PANCHKULA (5091) BRANCH, PANCHKULA, HARYANA Mr. Deepak Singla S/o Pawan Kumar Flat No. 04-C, Tower No. 4, 3rd Floor Crystal Homes, Village Gazipur Mo Zirakpur, Distt SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab, (Symbolic Possession)	Flat No 4C, Tower No 4, Third Floor, Crystal Homes, village Gazipur, MC Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 06.04.2021 Rs. 30,09,097.04 plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 30.45 Lakh Rs. 3.05 Lakh Rs. 10000	Mr. Rohit Tandon Ph. No., 8149515093 Mail ID: cb0190@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Sector 25, Panchkula (5091) Branch, Alc No 208272946 IFSC Code CNRB0050190	25.04.2022 21.04.2022	
14.	CANARA BANK SECTOR 4, PANCHKULA (5091) BRANCH, PANCHKULA, HARYANA Mr Charan Singh S/o Sh Jasvaveer Singh Hno 132, Balaji Greens Village Samlehi Tehsil Dera Bassi SAS Nagar, Mohali -140507, Smt Kirti W/o Mr Charan Singh H. No. 132, Balaji Greens, Village Samlehi Tehsil Dera Bassi SAS Nagar, Mohali -140507.	Single Storey House No 132, balaji Green, village Samalheri, Mc Lalru, Tehsil Dera Bassi, district Sas Nagar. Plot No. 132 Under Khewat/Khatoni No. 8/22, Kharsa No. 359/1 (1-16-18), 360/1 (1-3-0), Khiltee 2, Measuring 2 Bighas 9 Biswas 18 Biswasnis Having 912/998 Share i.e. 2 Bighas 5 Biswas 12 Biswasni And Khewat/Khatoni No. 12/38, Kharsa No. 552/356/2 (1-12-01), 357/2 (1-6-01), 358 (3-12-0), Kiltsee 3, Measuring 6 Bighas 10 Biswas 2 Biswasnis, Total Measuring 8 Bighas 15 Biswas 14 Biswasnis Having 42/3514 Share i.e. 2 Biswas 2 Biswasnis (21'45" = 945 Sq Ft i.e. 105 Sq. Yards) Situated At Balaji Green, Samalheri, Tehsil Derabassi, District Sas Nagar, Mohali Vide Sale Deed No. 2018-19/14/2 Dated 04/04/2018. Property In The Name Of Mrs. Kirti And Mr. Charan Singh. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 06.04.2021 Rs. 1384504.57 plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 14.71 Lakh Rs. 1.46 Lakh Rs. 10000	Mr. Rohit Tandon Ph. No., 8284539191 Mail ID: cb05091@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Sector 4, Panchkula (5091) Branch, Alc No 208272946 IFSC Code CNRB0005091	25.04.2022 21.04.2022	
15.	CANARA BANK BAKANAL 16276/6 BRANCH, TEHSIL RADOUR, DISTT YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA M/S Shri Ganesh Trading Co Through its Prop Smt Kailash Rani W/o Sh Ghanshyam H. No 1319 Near Old Post office Radaur, Yamuna nagar -135113, Smt Kailash Rani W/o Sh Ghanshyam Near Khadi Ashram, Main Bazaar, Radaur, Yamuna nagar -135113, Shri Sunny Chopra S/o Sh Ghanshyam H. No. 1319 Near Old Post office Radaur, Yamuna Nagar -135113.	One residential house being western 1/2 share of house no 1319 ward no 7 near old post office radaur Yamuna nagar area 269.59 sq. yards Registered sale deed no 2916 dated 23.02.2010 in the name of Smt Kailash Rani W/o Ghanshyam. On the north Plot Street, on the south House Prem Chand, On the East plot House of Harish Kumar, On the West House of Ramesh Mehta. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 13.05.2021 Rs. 1607570.58 plus further interest & other charges /minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 32.90 Lakh Rs. 3.23 Lakh Rs. 10000	Mr. Anil Parihar Ph. No. 7489181276 Mail ID: cb16276@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Bakanal 16276/6 Branch, Tehsil Radour, Distt Yamuna Nagar Alc No 208272946 IFSC Code CNRB0018276	25.04.2022 21.04.2022	
16.	CANARA BANK BAKANAL 16276/6 BRANCH, TEHSIL RADOUR, DISTT YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA M/S Kashish General Store & Beauty Parlour Through its Prop Smt Kashish W/o Ashok Kumar H. No. 45, Opposite PNB Radaur Main Road, Radaur, Yamuna nagar -135113, Smt Kashish W/o Ashok Kumar H. No. 1642/15 Near Telephone Exchange Radaur Radaur, Yamuna nagar -135113, Shri Ashok Kumar S/o Balkar Singh H. No. 1642/15 Near Telephone Exchange Radaur Radaur, Yamuna nagar -135113.	One Shop measuring 62.78 sq. yards being 2/190 share forming part of khewat no. 38, Khatani no. 54, Kharsa no. 1206/1/2 (2-14), 1207/1 (1-4), 1212/2 (5-2), 1216/3/2 (0-10) situated within revenue estate Radaur at H B No. 45 tehsil Radaur Yamunanagar, Registered in Revenue Record at Tehsil Radaur vide rapal no. 658 dated 20.06.2017. Owned by Ashok Kumar. On the north Plot of Devender, on the south shop of Karnail Singh, On the East plot of Navdeep Kumar, On the West Main Road. (Symbolic Possession)	as on 15.04.2021 Rs. 1781438.90 plus further interest & other					



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<div>Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Office of the Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, Opposite to Sagar Hospitals, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru-560 078.</div>			
No.EE(PN)/TEND/13/2021-22		Date: 24-03-2022	
TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW1 & KW3) (Single and Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)			
The Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, BBMP Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP/CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Govt. Organisations for the constructions of the works detailed in the table below.			
Sl. No.	Name of the Work and Catogery	Approximate value of work (Rs.in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Development of Roads, drains and other Developmental Works in Ward No.182, Padmanabhanagara, (2nd Call), (Others) .	100.00	2,00,000/-
2.	Engaging tractor and labour for removal of debris and other works in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.167, Yediyur, (3rd Call), (Others) .	15.00	37,500/-
3.	Annual maintenance of Borewells and Water supply Pipe Lines in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.161, Hosakerehalli. (SC) .	20.00	25,000/-
4.	Maintenance of Footpaths, drains and Re-asphalting of damaged Roads in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.161, Hosakerehalli, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
5.	Annual maintenance of Borewells and Water supply Pipe Line in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.165, Ganesh Mandira, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
6.	Maintenance of Footpaths, drains and Re-asphalting of damaged Roads in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.165, Ganesh Mandira, (ST) .	20.00	25,000/-
7.	Annual maintenance of Borewells and Water supply Pipe Lines in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.166, Karisandra, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
8.	Maintenance of Footpaths, drains and Re-asphalting of damaged Roads in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.166, Karisandra, (SC) .	20.00	25,000/-
9.	Maintenance of Footpaths, drains and Re-asphalting of damaged Roads in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.167, Yediyur, (SC) .	20.00	25,000/-
10.	Annual maintenance of Borewells and Water supply Pipe Lines in Ward jurisdiction in Ward No.180, Banashankari Temple, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
11.	Maintenance of Footpaths, drains and Re-asphalting of damaged Roads in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.180, Banashankari Temple, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
12.	Annual maintenance of Borewells and Water supply Pipe Lines in Ward jurisdiction in Ward No.181, Kumaraswamy Layout, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
13.	Maintenance of Footpaths, drains and Re-asphalting of damaged Roads in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.181, Kumaraswamy Layout, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
14.	Annual maintenance of Borewells and Water supply Pipe Lines in Ward jurisdiction in Ward No.182, Padmanabhanagar, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
15.	Maintenance of Footpaths, drains and Re-asphalting of damaged Roads in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.182, Padmanabhanagar, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
16.	Annual maintenance of Borewells and Water supply Pipe Line in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.183, Chikkalasandra, (Others) .	20.00	50,000/-
17.	Maintenance of Footpaths, drains and Re-asphalting of damaged Roads in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No. 183, Chikkalasandra, (ST) .	20.00	25,000/-


Calendar of Events: (1) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m. on 18-04-2022**. (2) Financial bids will be opened (except Sl. No.01 work) on or after **19-04-2022 at 4:30 p.m.** (3) Pre bid meeting (only Sl. No.01 work) will be held on**12-04-2022 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Office of The Chief Engineer (South), BBMP, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 011. (4) Technical Bids (only Sl. No.01 work) will be opened on or after **19-04-2022 at 4:30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, BBMP.

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**AHMEDABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**
(ROAD PROJECT DEPARTMENT)
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 56/2021-22

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Tender Cost
1.	Construction of Fire Station, Staff Quarters & Multi Level Parking at Old Danapith Fire Station, Ahmedabad for Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. (Civil, PHE & Water Mist Fire System)	Rs. 46,05,28,908.86

ONLINE SUBMISSION UP TO: DATE: 18/04/2022 UP TO 18:00 HRS.

DETAILS & TENDERS AVAILABLE ON: www.nprocure.com

**भौतिक अनुसंधान प्रयोगशाला, अहमदाबाद**
(अंतरिक्ष विभाग, भारत सरकार)
Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad
(Department of Space, Government of India)


Admission to JRF Programme 2022
Online Applications are invited for admission to Junior Research Fellowship Programme 2022

Important Dates

- Starting of filling up of online application form : 25.03.2022
- Last date for filling up of online application form : 20.04.2022
- Interview Dates : 27-28-29 April 2022
- The upper age limit is 28 years as on 01.07.2022

For more details and online application form please visit <https://www.prl.res.in/prl-eng/phd>.

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**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-TEC, N.R. Square, Bengaluru- 560 002.

No.EE/RI-TEC/TEND/11/2021-22

Date:24.03.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (RFP)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)


The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-TEC Division invites tenders from eligible contractors for the work detailed in the table below:


Sl. No.	Package	Approximate Length in KM	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Annual Maintenance Contract for Pot Hole filling on Arterial & Sub-Arterial Roads in Bangalore City - Package A	182.38	5.10
2.	Annual Contract for Pot Hole filling on CBD Area Selected Ward Roads of West Zone in Bangalore City- Package B	114.25	2.80
3.	Annual Contract for Pot Hole filling on CBD Area Selected Ward Roads of East Zone in Bangalore City- Package C	70.80	1.84


1) Downloading of RFP documents from e-procurement portal from **24.03.2022 onwards**. 2) Pre-bid Meeting : **29.03.2022 at 3.30 p.m.** 3) Last date for submission of bid documents: **01.04.2022 upto 4.00 p.m.** 4) Opening of Technical Proposals: **04.04.2022 after 11.30 a.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or contact the office of the undersigned.


Sd/- Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-TEC

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**TAMILNADU SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, CHENNAI - 25**
(Established by Government of Tamilnadu)
Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai - 600 025

Tender Extension Notice - Advertisement No. 01/ B1/2022
The last date of submission of Tender for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Full Dome Digital Planetarium Projection System for Anna Science Centre - Planetarium, Tiruchirappalli is extended to 04.04.2022. Interested eligible Bidders may download the tender document from websites : <http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in> and <https://www.tnscet.gov.in>
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR I/c DIPR/1493/Tender/2022

**The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking**
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE
E-tender is invited for the supply of following item.
(1) 73350 - Engine Oil 20W50, SAE 15W40 GEO,
RE-INVITED E-TENDERS
(2) 72902, (3) 73013, (4) 73096.
Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.
PRO/AAM(M)/136/2022
GENERAL MANAGER

MPSEZ UTILITIES LIMITED
PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the matter of
Petition No. 2051/2022, filed before the Hon'ble Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission for seeking approval of the Power Purchase Quantum and deviations from the Model Bidding documents, as per the Ministry of Power guidelines dated 30.01.2019, for Procurement of Electricity on Medium Term basis from Power Stations set up on Finance, Own & Operate (FOO) basis by MPSEZ Utilities Limited (MUL), Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Nr. Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad - 382 421.

PETITIONER
1. Pursuant to Hon'ble GERC directive vide daily order dated 21.03.2022, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their views / comments / suggestions / objections to the above Petition may file the same with The Secretary, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) 6th Floor, GIFT ONE, Road 5-C, Zone 5, GIFT City, Gandhinagar - 382355 with the documents on which they want to rely upon in five sets, duly supported by an affidavit on or before 08.04.2022 and also indicate whether they want to be heard in person. One copy of such submission is required to be sent at the below mentioned address of registered office of MPSEZ Utilities Limited. It is also to be noted that the date of hearing in this matter is scheduled by the Hon'ble Commission on 12.04.2022 at 11:30 A.M.
2. For reference of those who are interested, copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the office of MPSEZ Utilities Limited, 2nd Floor, Adani House, APSEZ, Navinal Island, Near Dhruv, Mundra, Kutch -370421.
3. The electronic copy of the above mentioned Petition is available at the website www.adaniports.com.

For **MPSEZ Utilities Limited**
Sd/-
Director

Regd office: Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Nr Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad - 382421 (GUJARAT) India.
Tel. No. : +91 79 2555 5801, **Fax No. :** +91 79 2555 6490

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NOTICE BOARD

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CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS

CONFERENCE-ICSI
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India in association with ICSI Middle East (DIFC) NPIO, organised its 1st International Conference of ICSI Overseas Centre at Dusit Thani, Dubai, on 23rd March 2022 on the theme - Redefining Good Governance: Innovation Compliance, Sustainability, Inclusion. K.Kalimuthu, Consul (Economic, Trade & Commerce), Consulate General of India, Dubai, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Major General (Retd.) Sharafuddin Sharaf, Chairman, UAE - India Business Council (UIBC) & Vice Chairman, Sharaf Group, was the Guest of Honour. CS Devendra V Deshpande, President, The ICSI, gave an insight of how the Institute is proposing to hold discussions with Regulatory Authorities in Dubai to engage ICSI members at various positions and avail their services.

PROGRAMME-AMITY UNIVERSITY
Amity Institute of Environmental Sciences, Amity University UP organized a five-day Programme on "Groundwater Crisis, Water Security and Fostering Resilience towards Climate Change", in collaboration with NMCG. The Programme was also organized to celebrate World Water Day. The aim of the Programme was to share and discuss ideas and practices across a range of empirical, theoretical, practical, technical and applied approaches to deal with the water crisis, climate change and climate triggered disasters. GA Kumar, DG, NMCG, GOI, was the Chief Guest. On this occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Balvinder Shukla, VC, Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP), averred, "The aim of this Programme is to provide a platform where highly ambitious minds will get an opportunity to show the understanding of Human Environment Systems, Climate Change Research, Responses, and Thresholds in the Earth System. The programme also provides a platform to present the work done by the Scientists and Research Scholars from all over the country."


SPORTS DAY-BILLABONG HIGH INTL SCHOOL
To inculcate the sporting spirit in learners, Kangaroo Kids Noida organised a Virtual Sports Day. Started with warm up exercises and fun games, it encompassed everything from gross motor to fine motor skills, yoga to aerobics and emotions to imaginative skills. Parents also participated with great enthusiasm.


CEREMONY-MAIMS
Department of Law, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi organized the Inaugural Ceremony of the "MAIMS 2nd Justice J S Verma Memorial ADR & Client Counselling Competition, 2022" and NAVITAS MAIMS 2nd National Law Fest, 2022 in association with NALSA on 23 March 2022. The occasion was graced with the august presence of Justice U.U. Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA, Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain, Judge, High Court of Delhi, Dr. Nand Kishore Garg, Founder and Chief Advisor, MATES, and other dignitaries.

ACHIEVEMENT-DAV, SRESHTHA VIHAR
Sanchika Khandelwal of D.A.V. Public School, Sreshtha Vihar, Delhi of class XI participated in the International Poetry competition on the occasion of International Women's day organized by the team of World Wide Green Project. There were many entries from several countries. Sanchika bagged first position (First Place Award) in this competition for her self composed Poem on women. School Principal Suhasini K. Nath congratulated Sanchika for her remarkable achievement.

ACHIEVEMENT-AMITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Harshita Prasad, a student of Class IX, Amity International School, Noida, secured the first position at "Young Scientists India Competition 2021-22" (8th Edition), an innovation competition to promote science awareness among high school students, to increase their understanding of science and to attract them into scientific careers. The Competition was organised by Space Kidz India in collaboration with Niti Aayog. Excited at her achievement, Harshita, stated, "I'm extremely grateful to my teachers, Principal ma'am, and our Honorable Chairperson ma'am for providing me with this wonderful opportunity where I could showcase my talent and creativity." Dr. Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Schools, said, "We are extremely proud of our student's achievement and are certain that our students will always keep the flag of Amity Schools flying high."

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Parveen S/o Sh. Dalip Singh R/o H.No. 143A, Gali No. 8, Vikash Nagar, Behind Railway Station, Bahadurgarh, Haryana** has committed (or) are suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 93/10 U/s 279/338 IPC PS Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person **Parveen** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person **Parveen** have absconded (or) is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant), Proclamation are hereby made that the said accused person **Parveen of FIR No. 93/10 U/s 279/338 IPC PS Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **07.05.2022**.
By Order
Sh. Valbhav Mehta
Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North)
(Court Matter) Room No. 114, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that this lady with his son (depicted in the photos) namely: **Roopa Devi** with his son **W/o Anil Paswan R/o Anil Khatri Ka Makan, Balmiki Mohalla, Village Sahapur Garhi Narela, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **06.02.2022** at about 06:30 pm from her own house. In this regard **DD No. 87A dated 09.02.2022** has been registered
at **PS. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the lady but no clue has come to light so far.
Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 25 years, **Height:** 4'2" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Unknown Colour Saree and sleeper in her feet.
Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. Narela Indl. Area, Delhi**
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Ph. No.:** 011-27787592, 27787593
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob. No.** 7065036324
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/1654/ON/2022**

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
CONCOR invites E-Tender in Two Packet System of tendering for the following work:-
Tender No. CONEPIA/HSanand-Khodiyar/OHE Works/2022
Name of Work Design, drawing, modification, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 25KV OHE works (incl. high rise OHE) and other allied works for enabling double track container movement between Sanand-Khodiyar section of Western Railway near Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
Estimated Cost Rs.2058.28 Lakhs
Completion Period 18 Months
Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 11,79,200/-
Cost of Tender Document NIL
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable) Rs. 4720.00 (inclusive all taxes & duties) through e-payment
Date of sale of Tender (online) 25.03.2022 (11:00 hrs.) to 15.04.2022 (upto 17:00 hrs.)
Date & Time of submission of Tender 16.04.2022 upto 17:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Tender 16.04.2022 at 11:30 hrs.
For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc., please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.com, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizd.com/CCIL only. Further, Compendium / Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.com, www.tenderwizd.com/CCIL and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.
Executive Director(P&S)/Area-2
Phone No.: 011-41222500

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WORKSHOP-IMS GHAZIABAD
IMS Ghaziabad organized a Workshop on "Choosing the Right Specialization for Getting the Right Placement" for PGDM Batch 2021-23. The workshop was envisioned to make the budding managers aware about the various specialization courses offered by the institute and guide them to opt for the specializations based on their future goals. In her Inaugural address, Director, Dr. Urvashi Makkar highlighted that the workshop would be instrumental in sowing seeds in the minds of the students as to which specialization they must opt for in order to realize their future goals.

NDIM The MOU between GCTC and NDIM was signed on 15th March 2022 in a grand ceremony at NDIM. This partnership aims to facilitate emerging new possibilities, futuristic interventions in Management Education, and promotion of sustainable development goals and new-age skills. As per the MoU, both the parties will jointly conduct seminars/webinars on counter-terrorism, international relations, the Geo-Political situation, national security, various management disciplines, entrepreneurship & innovation, and any other subject of mutual interest. GCTC will give exposure to NDIM students, faculty, and stakeholders in different aspects of national and international security through Guest Lectures, Visits, and Internships at GCTC and its member organizations.

JK Business School (JKBS) recently organized an e-talk as a part of its leadership lecture series on succession planning. V K Khokha, Head HR of Dhanuka Agritech Ltd addressed the students on the importance of succession planning in the talent management process. Succession planning leads the organization towards the right and appropriate direction of long-term growth. The session opened with Khokha interacting with the students and briefing them about the concept of succession planning. Further, he dived deep into the key factors necessary for succession planning. The way people are treated in an organization is a crucial differentiating factor for the variation in succession planning from organization to organization. Khokha also enlightened the students about the 5 pillars of succession planning which include job analysis, the quantum of un-programmed decisions, the magic switch, performance management, and development. Khokha emphasized on the importance of HR policies as they are crucial for the creation of the right environment in an organization. Highlighting the importance of these e-talks, Prof (Dr.) Sanjiv Marwah, Director, JK Business School, said, "e talks from industry stalwarts act as role models and bring an authentic, vivid picture of the real-world scenarios to students, thereby enabling transdisciplinary learning. Students can get to see the insight and perspective of the industry experts' specific field. Moreover, these e-talks help Students build important connections between what they have learned and what the real world is all about."

कार्यालय मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी
जिला बलौदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.)
Email id-cmhobb2012@gmail.com फोन नं. 07727223622
क्र./स्टोर/2021-22/3234 बलौदाबाजार, दिनांक-22/03/2022

// निविदा सूचना //
मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी बलौदा बाजार के अधीन स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र में आवश्यकतानुसार आपूर्ति एवं क्रय हेतु औषधियां व रसायन, भण्डार कच्चा माल, चिकित्सकीय उपकरण, मशीन, उपकरण, गैर कार्यालयीन फर्निचर तथा अन्य सामग्रीयों का मोहखंद निविदा निर्माता कंपनी तथा उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं से खुली निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र शर्तों एवं अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन समय में किसी भी दिवस में प्राप्त की जा सकती है। निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रुपये 1000.00 (एक हजार रुपये) मात्र है। निविदा प्रपत्र विक्री की प्रारंभ तिथि 22/03/2022 समय अपराह्न 12.00 बजे से निविदा प्रपत्र विक्री की अंतिम तिथि 20/04/2022 समय अपराह्न 12.00 बजे तक निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 20/04/2022 समय दोपहर 3.00 बजे तक निविदा खोलने की तिथि 20/04/2022 समय शाम 4.00 बजे निविदा प्राप्त करने एवं जमा करने का स्थान कार्यालय मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी जिला बलौदा बाजार भाटापारा। निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय में अपरिहार्य कारणों से परिवर्तित किया जा सकता है। जिसकी सूचना कार्यालय से सूचना पटल में चप्पा कर दी जावेगी। उक्त निविदा सत्र 2022-23 के लिए आमंत्रित किया जा रहा है
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कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियन्ता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड बलरामपुर जिला बलरामपुर (छ.ग.)
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:- कार्य का नाम RETROFITTING/SVS OF PIPED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME under Jal Jeevan Mission as per NIT निविदा डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 06-04-2022

स. क्र.	सिस्टम क्रमांक	निविदा सूचना क्र./दिनांक	ग्राम का नाम	अनुमानित लागत
1	95552	121/16.03.2022	AANADPUR	27.74
2	95554	122/16.03.2022	BAGADI	60.65
3	95556	123/16.03.2022	BHENDRI	100.95
4	95557	124/16.03.2022	BHITARCHURA	33.70
5	95558	125/16.03.2022	CHANCHI	105.83
6	95559	126/16.03.2022	DATAM	39.76
7	95560	127/16.03.2022	INDRAPUR	103.88
8	95561	128/16.03.2022	JAMWANTPUR	155.07
9	95562	129/16.03.2022	KAMALPUR	144.16
10	95563	130/16.03.2022	KHUKHRI	93.32
11	95564	131/16.03.2022	LIBARA	23.59
12	95565	132/16.03.2022	MAHUDAD	34.88
13	95566	133/16.03.2022	NAWAKI	82.21
14	95567	134/16.03.2022	NEURGANJI	49.07
15	95568	135/16.03.2022	REWTPUR	38.41
16	95569	136/16.03.2022	SILAJU	371.07
17	95570	137/16.03.2022	SINGCHAURA	169.82


उपरोक्त कार्य की निविदा की सामग्री शर्तें, घोषण पत्र, विस्तृत निविदा विवरण दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।

हस्ता/-
कार्यपालन अभियन्ता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड बलरामपुर (छ.ग.)

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New Delhi



**CHINA OUTREACH TO INDIA AMID LADAKH STANDOFF**

Wang Yi reaches Delhi, set to meet Jaishankar, Doval today

Second Delhi statement on his presence at OIC: Impacts reputation



Wang Yi made a stopover in Kabul before Delhi

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

TWO YEARS into the military standoff along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, Beijing made an unusual outreach Thursday when Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councillor Wang Yi reached New Delhi in the evening.

There was no official announcement of the visit — not in Beijing, not in New Delhi. Sources said Wang is likely to meet External Affairs Minister

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A mother covers her son during shelling in the besieged Ukrainian port city of Mariupol on Wednesday. Reuters

Indian banks avoid Russia entities on West blacklist

GEORGE MATHEW & SUNNY VERMA
MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

THE GOVERNMENT and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are yet to issue formal guidance on banking transactions involving Russian lenders in the wake of Western sanctions triggered by the Ukraine war but trade and in-

dustry are increasingly complaining about blockages in funds transfers and credits during routine transactions between Indian and Russian banks.

With the US and European nations blocking major Russian financial institutions from SWIFT, those entities on the sanctions list are unable to receive confirmations for fund transactions executed through

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In UNSC, India abstains on resolution by Russia

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

SIGNALLING THAT Delhi is not aligned with the Russian position, India on Thursday abstained on a resolution pushed by Russia in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine — the resolution was perceived to be critical of Ukraine. The resolution failed to get adopted as it did not get the required nine votes to pass.

This is the first time that India has abstained on a Russia-sponsored resolution. In previous votes on the Ukraine war, India abstained from resolutions sponsored by the US-led West that were critical of Moscow's actions. The latest move reflects Delhi's attempt to portray its neutrality as it continues to

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Month into war, a message from 16th century tower: 'Will fight till the end'



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KRISHN KAUSHIK
LVIV, MARCH 24

IN LVIV, they call it Powder Tower.

It was built in the 16th century to store gunpowder and weapons, and later converted

into a museum of architecture. But exactly a month ago, on the day Russia invaded Ukraine, Powder Tower was reclaimed for war — not by the army or the government but by a group of fisty volunteers.

Since then, around 100 volunteers have made it to the building in the city's east every day to make camouflage nets for the forces, ripping into small strips donated clothes or fabric, and tying them together to form a mesh.

This resolve is what Oleksandra Bilokur symbolises. "Ukraine must fight till the end, Ukraine must fight for its freedom," says the 23-year-old, who is a coordinator for the volunteers.

"And Ukraine will win the war because we have a strong aim... We cannot give away any part of the country because it is our land. It is our home. We have to protect it. Our soldiers have given away their lives for it. Any concession is a betrayal," she says.

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SC refuses hijab hearing, says no link to exam, don't sensationalise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday refused to give any specific date for hearing petitions challenging the Karnataka High Court's decision to uphold the restriction on wearing hijabs in educational institutions.

Responding to the petitioners' request that the matter be heard urgently next week as the girls would not be able to appear for their exams otherwise, Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said, "this has nothing to do with exams... don't sensationalise".

Appearing for the petitioners, Senior Advocate Devadatt Kamat said the exams will start from March 28. "One year will go. All these girls are being prevented from entering the school.

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New Bill puts Centre at centre of MCD, signals delayed polls

MALLICA JOSHI & ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

SLATED TO be introduced in Parliament by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday, The Delhi Municipal Corporation Amendment Bill, which seeks to unify the three municipal corporations in the national capital, will give complete control of the civic body to the Centre, according to its key provisions.

Apart from replacing the word "Government" with "Central Government", the provisions raise the prospect of a delimitation exercise, which could lead to a considerable delay in the conduct of civic body polls. And to run the corporation till then, they give the Centre the option of appointing an officer of its choice.

The Bill, which was passed by the Union Cabinet on Tuesday, states that in at least 11 sections

EXPLAINED
E Steering in Centre hands

THE NEW law gives the Centre complete control of the national capital's civic bodies even before the election is held. The Centre's Special Officer can take charge after the proposed law comes into force.

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of The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, the words "Central Government" shall replace "Government", wherever it occurs.

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Eminent anthropologist deported on arrival at Kerala airport



Filippo Osella teaches at University of Sussex

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, MARCH 24

FILIPPO OSELLA, 65, a leading anthropologist and sociologist from the UK, was denied entry and deported to his country as he landed in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday morning.

Osella, who is Professor of Anthropology and South Asian Studies at the University of Sussex, is a specialist in Kerala society and has conducted extensive research for over 30 years in the state, mapping its social

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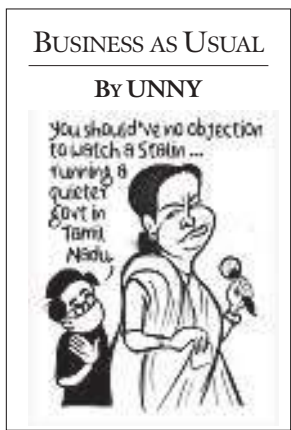
Behind charred bodies in Bengal, rags to riches, nexus of crime and TMC politics

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RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & ATRIMITRA
RAMPURHAT, MARCH 24

IT'S A story of rags to riches to murder to killing — and it illustrates how deep the politics-crime nexus has entrenched itself in rural Bengal allegedly feeding on the patronage of the ruling Trinamool Congress.

At its centre is Bhadu Sheikh,

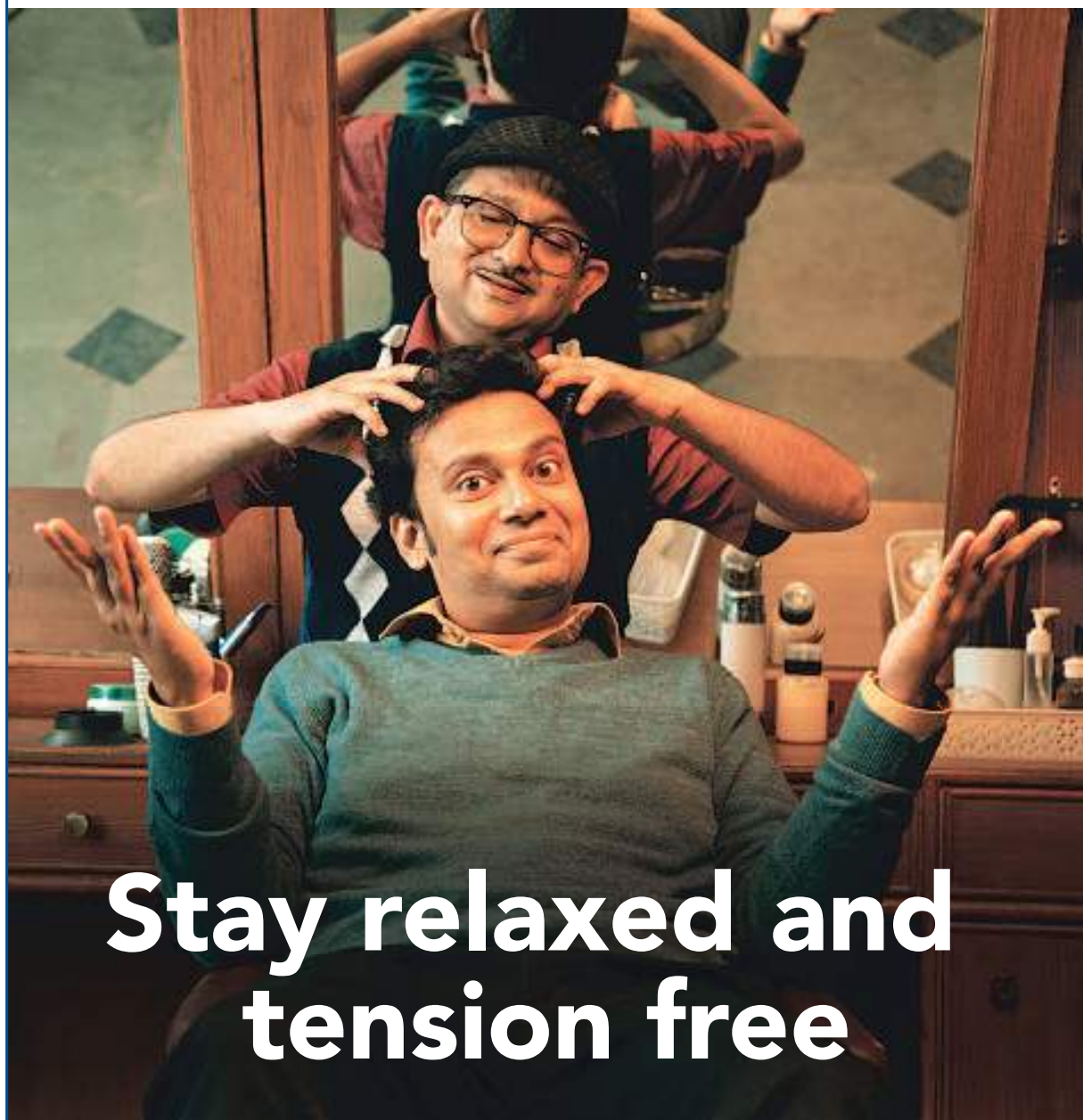


Chicken transporter to local leader: The house of Bhadu Sheikh, who was killed, has seven cameras. Partha Paul

the 38-year-old TMC deputy pradhan of Barsal Gram Panchayat, a resident of Bagtui village, whose murder set off the retaliatory killing in which eight persons, including six women and a child, were charred to death, all relatives of one of his associates he had fallen out with.

Bhadu Sheikh's three-storied house has power written on its wall. Painted off-white with a blue border, the colours of the TMC, it has a hardware shop on its premises and is barely a 15-minute walk from a tiny store

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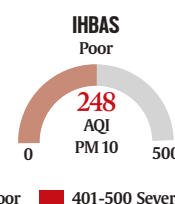
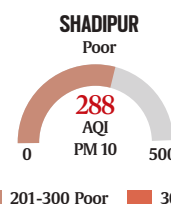
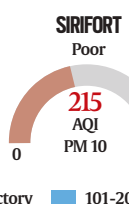
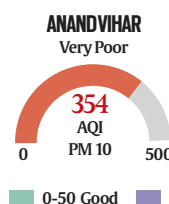


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UAPA CASE

No bail for Umar, court says role in 2020 riots apparent

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24



Khalid has been in jail since Sept 2020

A DELHI court Thursday agreed with key arguments presented by the defence counsel, including on “inconsistencies” in statements made by some prosecution witnesses, but rejected the bail plea of former JNU student Umar Khalid in a case lodged under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) on the riots in Northeast Delhi in 2020. It said that from a “broad reading” of all the statements recorded, “the role of the accused Umar Khalid in the context of conspiracy and riots is apparent”.

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat said he agreed with Khalid’s counsel, senior advocate Trideep Pais, that there are “inconsistencies in the statement of some protected witnesses” but added that a “finding has to be given on the cumulative reading of statements of all witnesses and other events presented in the chargesheet”.

Pais had argued that the protected witnesses had made inconsistent statements — and that his client did not write anything provocative in any incriminating WhatsApp group, as al-

leged. He argued that the witnesses had made cooked-up statements and that “a case can’t be made on half truths”.

Pais had also argued that Khalid may have been a part of the incriminating WhatsApp groups — MSJ and DPSG — but he had not written many messages and even those he had posted were not provocative.

The court agreed with this argument but said the fact that he was a part of these groups “created for specific objects” and his presence from the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) in 2019 to the riots in 2020 “has to be read in totality and not piecemeal” and that he has “connectivity with many accused

persons”.

On arguments that Khalid was not present during the riots in Delhi, the court said in a “case of a conspiracy, it is not necessary that every accused should be present at the spot”.

The court also relied on a witness statement that the accused wanted to move out of Delhi before the riots. The statement said that Khalid had dismissed a suggestion from another witness that flight tickets to Patna, where he was headed, were expensive and may be booked at a later stage.

On arguments that Khalid was a researcher and his bent of mind can be accessed by his doctoral thesis on the welfare aspects of adivasis of Jharkhand, the court said it was not relevant point of consideration. “If the bent of mind is to be assessed in this manner, then the co-accused Sharjeel Imam has written thesis on riots but any thesis or research work, by itself, done by any accused cannot be a ground for assessing ‘mens rea’ (criminal intent) or his bent of mind,” the court said.

The court noted that Khalid’s name “finds a recurring mention from the beginning of the conspiracy till the riots”. It said the statements of numerous witnesses highlight the incriminat-

ing material against the accused. “From a broad reading of all the statements, the role of the accused Umar Khalid in the context of conspiracy and riots is apparent,” the court said.

The court largely agreed with arguments put forward by Special Public Prosecutor Amit Prasad on the conspiracy aspect. It noted that it is “also important to highlight that in a conspiracy, various continuous acts are committed by different accused persons. One act cannot be read in isolation. At times, if read by itself, a particular act or an activity may appear innocuous, but if it is a part of a chain of events constituting a conspiracy, then all the events must be read together.”

The defence had argued that it is their “Constitutional right to protest” against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)-National Register of Citizens (NRC). The court held: “There is no gainsaying the sacrosanct fundamental right of speech and free expression subject to public order available to every citizen of this country including the accused, as enunciated in Article 19 of the Constitution of India.” However, it said, the chargesheet presents the case of conspiracy under the guise of a protest.

Chintels collapse: IIT prelim report points to corrosion, rust in pieces found in debris

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, MARCH 24

A PRELIMINARY inspection report submitted by a team from IIT-Delhi to the committee probing the collapse of a portion of a tower at Chintels Paradiso society in Gurgaon’s Sector 109 last month has found that the steel reinforcements in debris and collapsed portion were corroded, and there were rust marks on pieces of concrete.

The report, submitted earlier this month, stated, “The steel reinforcements, that could be observed in the debris and in the remnants of collapsed portion, was seen to be significantly corroded. Rust marks were also seen on pieces of concrete that

A 3-member team from IIT-Delhi had visited the society for an inspection on March 6.

could be seen in debris. There were cracks in the beams and vital cracks in the external columns.”

The report noted that cracks were observed in floor tiles in several flats, and residents informed that frequent repairs were carried out in buildings and at the sixth-floor flat, where the collapse had happened. It added that the corrosion had led to the reduction in the diameter of steel bars.

As per the report, it was rec-

ommended that a detailed structural audit of the condominium be conducted and material testing be carried out for any deficiencies.

A three-member team from IIT-Delhi had visited the society for an inspection on March 6.

On February 10, a large portion of the sixth-floor apartment of tower D had collapsed all the way to the first floor, killing two women.

Days after the incident, the Department of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) had ordered a structural audit of the affected towers to detect defects in design or workmanship during construction. A Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, was also

formed to probe the incident.

RS Bhath, district town planner (enforcement) Gurgaon said, “The committee will take up matters related to Chintels Paradiso society and progress of aspects related to the probe in a meeting on Friday.”

On Tuesday, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had recommended a CBI probe into the collapse.

Rajeev Kumar, ACP, Udyog Vihar, who is part of the SIT conducting the probe, said: “In view of the announcement by the CM, the government will issue a formal notification and the probe would be handed over to the CBI in the coming days.” He said that the structural audit report of the IIT team was still awaited.

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2.	Mr. Uma Shankar Rai S/o Late Ram Vilash Rai.	₹24,54,278.69 as on 28.02.2021 with interest from 01.03.2021 & expenses, cost & other charges etc.	Simple Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in the name of All that land measuring 03.25 Decimal located at survey plot No-1060, Khata No. 16, Mauza-Mustafapur, Pargana Phoolwari, Tazui No. 5241, Thana no. 36, PS-khagaul, Sub Registry Danapur, Dist- Patna standing in the name of Uma Shankar Rai S/o Late. Ram Vilash Rai. vide sale deed no. 10050 dated 21.09.2015. Boundary North-survey plat no. 1059, South- Satyendra Singh, East- Smt. Pinki Singh, West- 5 Feet wide rasta kharidan apne jamin se chhorenge jo rasta survey aahar tak rahaga (Property Id for e-auction: SBIN85154614457)	Uma Shankar Rai S/o Late. Ram Vilash Rai.	₹ 21,00,000/- ₹ 2,10,000/- ₹ 10,000/-
3.	Smt. Amrita Gupta & Shri Amrithesh Kumar Gupta.	₹61,45,479.47 as on 31.05.2021 with interest from 01.06.2021 & expenses, cost & other charges etc.	Immovable properties (Flat along with Car parking Space) in the name of Smt. Amrita Gupta W/o Sri Amrithesh Kumar Gupta and Shri Amrithesh Kumar Gupta S/o Sri Deo Narayan Prasad vide Deed No-872, dated 02.02.2018, Flat No. - 303 of Block-C on third Floor in “Terrace Gardenia” Which is situated at Sheo Shambhu Nagar Colony, Behind Laddoo Gopal, Ashiyana Digha Road, District- Patna 800001, Area 1441 sq.ft. Mauza Khajipura, Thana code -27, Pargana-Phulwari, At Present P.S.- Rajiv Nagar, District Registry Office of Patna sadar, District - Patna, Tazui No. 5173, 5586, 5587, Khata No. 30, 49, 137, 140, 150, 151, 157 Khesra Survey Plot No. 486,490, 491, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533. Boundary of Flat 303 BLOCK C : North : Stair then Flat No. 304 Block C, South: Lift then Flat No.302 Block C, East : Corridor then Flat No. 306 Block C, West : Set Back, Boundary of car parking for Flat 303 : North : Parking Space No. 403, South: Parking Space No. 103, East : Staircase, West : Set Back. Boundary of Entire Land : North : Land of Vishwa Vijay Singh/Mahabali Singh, South: Mundeshwari Enclave Project, East : Branch Road/ Sheo Shambhu Colony, West: D.N. Pandit/Plot No 526, 527. (Property Id for e-auction: SBIN80355290245)	Smt. Amrita Gupta W/o Sri Amrithesh Kumar Gupta and Sri Amrithesh Kumar Gupta S/o Sri Deo Narayan Prasad	₹ 75,00,000/- ₹ 7,50,000/- ₹ 10,000/-

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Mar 24	111
Total	455*
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Tests	29,223
Mar 23	145
Mar 24	455*
Total	18,37,642
Deaths	26,149
Tests	3,72,05,860

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Noida	Mar 23	Mar 24
Cases	N/A	N/A
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Cases	62	48
Deaths	0	0

ACCUSES BJP OF PRESSURING STATE PANEL TO POSTPONE MCD POLLS

Kejriwal takes aim at PM: 'Claims of 56-inch seena false'

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal launched an attack against the BJP Thursday, accusing it of "hating" BR Ambedkar and wanting to do away with elections. He was addressing the Delhi Assembly during the ongoing budget session.

Kejriwal alleged that the BJP-run Centre had pressured the State Election Commission (SEC) to postpone MCD elections because it was scared of going up against a "small party (AAP)".

On March 9, the SEC had said that the polls would be held in April but had to issue a clarification within hours that they were not in a position to announce the dates as the Centre had written to them, saying they wanted to bring a Bill to unify the three MCDs.

Since the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, where it lost all seven seats in Delhi, Kejriwal has refrained from directly attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Even before the 2020 Delhi Assembly polls, he had kept the focus on work done by his party.

Buoyed by his party's landslide win in the Punjab Assembly polls, Kejriwal Thursday took aim at the



The CM was addressing the Delhi Assembly during the ongoing budget session. PTI

PM, saying that claims about the "56 inch ka seena" were false.

"In December, polls are due in Gujarat and people are saying BJP will lose. If they are about to lose, they will write to the EC 10 days before the polls saying we are unifying Maharashtra and Gujarat so polls should be deferred. Next time they will be set to lose Lok Sabha polls, they will write a letter saying that the parliamentary system is bad, and we are bringing in the presidential form of government, defer the polls. What is this drama, what is this *nautanki*? India is a

democracy, the people will not tolerate this *nautanki*. They say they are the biggest party. We are the smallest. You are still scared? *Kya kayar ho, yaar*. If you have guts, fight polls. *Kehte ho 56 inch ka seena hai, election karao nahi toh kurte ke neeche 56 inch ka seena nahi hai, jhoot hai*," he said.

Kejriwal also said that BJP believes elections are "bad". "We did not get any appreciation when we said that photos of Bhagat Singh and Babasaheb Ambedkar will be put in all government offices... I will tell you why the opposition, especially

BJP, hates Ambedkar. He drafted the Constitution which established India as a democracy where people will vote and choose their government. But BJP doesn't want polls, polls are bad according to them," he said.

He said that there are murmurs that the BJP wants the MCD to function like the New Delhi Municipal Council, where members are nominated, not elected. "If it were up to them, they will stop all elections in the country. This is why they hate Ambedkar, they don't want elections," he said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

ATTACKING THE BJP for promoting *The Kashmir Files* and demanding that it be made tax free in Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said "some people were earning crores" by exploiting the suffering of Kashmiri Pandits, while BJP leaders had been "reduced" to putting up posters of the movie.

If the BJP wants everyone to watch the movie, filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri should release it on YouTube so that it is available to everyone for free, he said. "*Keh rahe hain Kashmir Files tax free karo. Arre, YouTube pe daal do, free hi free ho jayegi. Tax free kyun kara rahe ho? Itna hi tum ko shauk hai, Vivek Agnihotri ko bol do, YouTube pe daal dega. Saari picture free hai, saare jaake dekh lenge ek hi din ke andar* (They are saying make Kashmir Files tax free. Put it on YouTube, it will be free for all.

Why do you want it to be tax free? If you want this done so badly, tell Vivek Agnihotri and he will put it on YouTube. Everyone will watch it in one day)," he said.

The movie has already been declared tax free in several states including UP, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh.

"*Aaj saare desh ki saari Bharatiya Janata Party ek picture ke poster laga rahi hai gali-gali main jaake. Isliye rajneeti karne aaye the? Picture ke poster lagane? Apne bachhon ko kya jawab doge?.. 8 saal kendriya sarkar chalani ke baad agar kisi desh ke pradhan mantri ko Vivek Agnihotri ke charno main sharan leni pade, toh iska matlab hai uss pradhan mantri ne 8 saal main ko kaam nahi kia* (Today, the BJP across the country is putting up posters for a movie in every street. Did you come into politics to do this? What will you tell your children when you go home?... If a Prime Minister, after running a country

for eight years, has to seek refuge at the feet of Vivek Agnihotri, it means he hasn't done anything in his tenure)," Kejriwal said.

"I read in a newspaper yesterday that a BJP MLA in Haryana was screening the movie for free in a park. Vivek Agnihotri tweeted immediately, asking (Haryana CM) Manohar Lal Khattar to make sure that people buy tickets to the movie. Some people are earning crores of rupees in the name of Kashmiri Pandits and you (BJP) leaders have been asked to put up posters. What are you doing? Open your eyes. What have they reduced you to? They are treating you like sheep," he said.

He said the BJP had not been of any help to the people of Delhi. "Even Hitler employed his lackeys. What did they give you? Did your children get jobs, did they make arrangements for food and power? Only Kejriwal works for you. Power in your house is free. I gave jobs to 12 lakh youngsters

of Delhi, improved schools and hospitals. If someone is unwell in your house, Kejriwal gets them medicine, not Modi. I want to tell all BJP workers and supporters, open your mind a bit and stop this mindless following... All of you quit BJP and join AAP. You will be respected, we will not make you raise false slogans and we won't make you put up posters of these false movies either. We will work on nation-building together. Stop promoting a movie..." he said, as laughter rang out in the Vidhan Sabha.

Hitting back, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari said: "Arvind Kejriwal was, is and will remain Hindu *Virodhi*. He made fun of Hindus in the Assembly today and AAP MLAs were clapping. You will be able to please your vote bank, but it is clear the Kashmir genocide happened because of people like you." BJP national general secretary Dushyant Gautam said Kejriwal had "insulted all those Kashmiri Pandits who lost everything".

BRIEFLY

Medanta hospital gets hoax bomb threat call

Gurgaon: An unidentified caller made a hoax bomb threat call to Medanta hospital Thursday afternoon, prompting security agencies to call in the bomb squad. The FIR registered on the complaint of Dr Sanjeev Gupta, medical director, Medanta hospital, said that at 12.15 pm, they received a threatening call from an unknown number. "The caller said a bomb has been kept at the hospital and there was a possibility of a terrorist attack. Due to the call, a panic situation has happened, which has disturbed the hospital's functioning," said the complainant in the FIR. Police said a bomb disposal squad and dog squad was immediately dispatched to the hospital. "The area was cordoned off and a thorough check was conducted. It turned out to be a hoax call," said an officer. Police said the caller was yet to be identified.

Police oppose Sharjeel's bail application

New Delhi: Opposing JNU student Sharjeel Imam's bail application in an alleged hate speech case, police Thursday told the Delhi High Court that the offence is grave in nature and the lower court has proposed to conduct a trial on a day-to-day basis. The High Court on March 9 had questioned the manner in which the trial court dealt with Imam's bail application. Police told the court there are only 43 witnesses in the case, and that charges have already been framed on March 15. Imam has challenged the order by which charges were framed by the trial court.

HC: Clear encroachments from Okhla Industrial area

New Delhi: Terming it "unfortunate" that two government authorities appear to be washing their hands of encroachment of public land and streets in Okhla Industrial area, the Delhi High Court directed the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited and the SDMC to chalk out a programme. **ENS**

Soon, East and Northeast Delhi areas to get water supply round the clock

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

THE DELHI Jal Board has kick-started the process to extend round-the-clock water supply to parts of East and Northeast Delhi.

The attempt to provide 24x7 water supply was launched as a pilot project in 2013. Since then, it has only covered parts of Malviya Nagar, Vasant Vihar and Nangloi. This project is now being extended to cover East and Northeast Delhi on a similar PPP model and the process to tender the work has begun. But the private firm that will take up work in East and Northeast Delhi will also have to operate and maintain the sewerage network and provide sewer connections, which was not part of the mandate for agencies running the water supply system in the three areas part of the pilot project.

Increasing the supply of water itself has been a hurdle in extending the project to other areas. A senior Delhi government official said efforts are on to augment supply by extracting more groundwater via tube wells and optimising efficiency of production. The capacity of the water treatment plant at Chandrawal was recently increased from 94 million gallons per day (MGD) to 104 MGD through engineering interventions, the official said.

Faisals are also being

IN THE PIPELINE

₹ 458.20 cr
Estimated cost of setting up pipelines, reservoirs, leak detection system

- Pilot project launched in 2013
- Existing 24x7 water supply project has covered only parts of **Malviya Nagar, Nangloi, Vasant Vihar**



The DJB has 117 primary underground reservoirs where water is stored.

AREAS TO BE COVERED:

East, Northeast Delhi (Trilokpuri, Patparganj, Shahdara, Seemapuri, Seelampur, Babarpur, Ghonda, Rohas Nagar, Karawal Nagar, Kondli, Laxmi Nagar, Vishwas Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Mustafabad)

made to reduce transmission losses by installing flow meters that can help track leakages and theft. Around 3,000 such meters have been installed so far.

In East and Northeast zones, the private agency will take charge of water distribution — maintain pipelines, install meters, set up customer care centres, check leakages, bill and collect revenue. The DJB will be responsible for providing adequate water, the official said.

District-metered areas will have to be made, which will live

off the existing distribution network into closed-loop sections that will be monitored separately for consumption and losses. The loop will also remain pressurised at all times, and consumers will not have to install booster pumps, the official added.

As per the official, the private agency being brought in to manage the distribution network will not affect prices for consumers.

The DJB has 117 primary underground reservoirs where water is stored after treatment, and 400-500 secondary under-

ground reservoirs from where it is distributed. From the primary underground reservoir onwards, the system will be handled by the private firm, though the assets, including the reservoirs, will remain with the DJB.

Since the existing network is large, bringing in a private firm to maintain it could help prevent delays in services, and improve accountability and coordination, the official said. The agency will have to improve the supply network and replace pipelines where needed, besides ensuring sewer connections are provided for all households in the zone.

To ensure 24x7 supply, the city has been divided into three zones — East and Northeast, South and Southwest, and West and Northwest. A tender for the project was invited in December and 7-8 bidders have expressed interest, the official said.

The tender document describes the objective of the project as "design, finance, construction, rehabilitation, operation, maintenance & management of water supply and sewerage networks". It identifies the construction phase as two years and eight months. After that, the agency will have to operate and maintain the system for 15 years. East and Northeast areas currently have over 10 lakh connections.

As per the tender, the project could cost around Rs 458 crore (capital expenditure).

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

ON HOLD for more than two years, hot cooked midday meals will resume in all government and municipal corporation schools in Delhi from April 1.

When schools closed with the onset of the Covid pandemic in early March 2020, the midday meal scheme came to a halt. Even though schools opened for primary and upper primary grades for a short while in November 2021, and have been open since February 14 this year, cooked meals in schools had not resumed. Education department authorities had stated that it was not feasible to do so when schools were operating in a staggered manner with all students not attending on any given day, and with optional physical attendance.

However, from April 1, all schools in Delhi are set to move back to the offline mode completely with the option of online school being done away with. With this, the Mid Day Meal branch of the Directorate of Education has notified all government and municipal corporation schools as well as officials



When schools closed with the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, the midday meal scheme came to a halt. Archive

that it has been decided to resume hot cooked meals for all primary and upper primary students from April 1.

Heads of schools and empanelled NGOs have also been instructed to "ensure that all Covid protocols and social distancing norms" are followed during the distribution of the meals.

The government has been distributing dry ration — amounting to 145 grams per day for children up to class V and 217 grams per day for classes VI to VIII — in the place of cooked midday meals since December 2020.

They were given ration for a period of six months from July to December 2020, and monthly starting from January 2021. This was being claimed by parents by reporting to their children's schools.

The Ministry of Education's Department of School Education and Literacy had written to states and union territories in November 2021, advising them to resume provision of hot cooked meals to eligible students but Delhi had continued with dry ration distribution citing logistical difficulties.

Vaccination sites in schools to be shut from next month

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

ALL FIXED vaccination centres in schools and other educational institutions, which are open to the general public, will be closed April onwards, according to an order issued by the director of family welfare Dr Monica Rana.

Children between the ages of 12 and 17 years will, however, continue to get the Covid vaccine within their schools during camps organised by the district.

"Fixed Covid-19 vaccination centres at school complexes and other educational institutions for general population shall be discontinued w.e.f (with effect from) 1st April 2022... The venue/ address of the nearby health facility providing vaccination shall be prominently displayed at the discontinued school venues," said Thursday's order. There are at least 252 vaccination sites in education institutions across the city.

The decision was taken as the vaccination campaign in Delhi started losing pace, with 90% of adult population already having received both doses and schools fully reopening soon. The number of shots being administered each day started dipping in February and has picked up this week owing to more children between the ages of 12 and 14 years getting their shot. The drive for them opened on March 16 using



Children aged 12-17 years will continue to get the Covid vaccine within their schools during camps. Amit Mehra

Biological's Corbevax. Over 59% of the total vaccines administered Wednesday were in this age group, according to CoWIN portal. "When the drive started last week, fewer children turned up at the vaccination centres mainly due to two reasons. One, many of them were not in the city or coming to school because of the ongoing vacation and Holi. Two, it was a new vaccine and people wanted to be careful. However, now that school-based camps have started and people have seen many getting their shot, more and more children are coming forward; they are coming to their schools for the shot even though their vacation is still ongoing," said an official from Delhi's health department.

There are just over 6 lakh children in this category and the department hopes to immunise them within a month or so. So far, 1.94 lakh children in this category have already been immunised. "In order to cover the 12-

14 year cohort, and the remaining 15-17 years (first and second dose) cohorts, vaccination shall be conducted at school sites in camp mode, as per requirement, in close coordination with the Education Department. Out-of-school children shall be mobilised to nearby health facilities," the order states.

The order states that vaccination will continue at all Delhi government healthcare facilities and health facilities run by the MCD, CGHS, ESI, Railways, armed forces, and cantonment board. It also states that the government will discontinue hiring of additional manpower for the vaccination drive after April 1. "Hiring of additional manpower (doctors, nursing personnel and CDEOs) for vaccination activity is not to be extended beyond March 2022," the order reads.

District officials have also been asked to rationalise deployment of CATS ambulances for the camps in schools.

9 IN PARLIAMENT

BUDGET SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Heritage Railways are like the jewels of India. How can you lease out the house jewels?... We understand that the Railways needs to make a profit, but you can still make a profit without selling the family silver.”

JAWAHAR SIRCAR
TMC Rajya Sabha MP

5 QUESTIONS



CONGRESS MP K SUDHAKARAN, FROM KANNUR IN KERALA, TELLS LIZ MATHEW ABOUT THE REJECTION OF

ONE OF HIS QUESTIONS IN LOK SABHA.

Has any question raised by you been rejected? What was the question?

Lok Sabha Speaker disallowed my question to the Prime Minister on rising communalism and the National Security Council's threat assessment of the recent controversy pertaining to religious garments worn by students. The question also sought for the National Security Council's assessment of the threats on national unity and harmony from communalism in the short, medium, and long term.

What was the reason given to you for not addressing the question?

The status on the notice of questions submitted by an MP appears in their respective members' portal profile that receives timely updates from Lok Sabha Secretariat. There was no reason specified for disallowing my question that was to be answered on Wednesday.

Has this happened in the past?

Yes, this is the second time that one of my questions on communalism has been disallowed by Lok Sabha in the ongoing Budget Session. Earlier, I raised a question notice to the Home Minister on February 8, seeking data on religious and caste-based atrocities in India and the steps taken by the government to curb hate speech.

Why do you think the government is not responding to queries on such issues?

The National Crime Records Bureau had reported that the cases of communal rioting in India increased by 96 per cent and caste riots increased by nearly 50 per cent in 2020.. The BJP wants to hide this reality from the public. When the government is obdurate, parliamentary procedures turn out to be mere means to a goal. The ruling dispensation neither exhibits the willingness to listen to dissenting voices nor gives them space in public discourse.

How are you planning to take up this issue?

After my question on religious atrocities was rejected in February, I wrote a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla seeking reasons for the same, but there was no response...the Congress Parliamentary Party MPs will jointly approach the Speaker, and we will expose such wrongdoings in public.

IN RS, JAISHANKAR ARTICULATES INDIA'S POSITION ON RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

Our decisions in national interest, for peace: Govt

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

ARTICULATING DELHI'S position on the crisis arising out of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said Thursday that it is based on six principles.

Speaking in Rajya Sabha, while responding to a question on the conflict, Jaishankar said India's foreign policy decisions are made in "national interest" and guided by the belief that the international order "must respect territorial integrity and sovereignty of states".

When an MP mentioned the "double game" being played by Western countries on meeting energy needs using Russian imports, Jaishankar said he "shares the observation".

"Where our own position on Ukraine is concerned, it is very clear, it is based on six principles — one, that we call for immediate cessation of violence and to all hostilities. We stand for peace. Two, we believe that there is no other way than a return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Three, we believe, we recognise that the global order is anchored on international law, UN charters and respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states. Four, we call for humanitarian access to the conflict situation. Five, we ourselves give humanitarian assistance, we have given 90 tonnes of humanitarian assistance so far and we are looking at providing more, especially medicines. And six, we are in touch with the leadership of both the Russian federation and Ukraine on this matter," he said.

"We are very clear on our principles. Our policy is very much guided by our belief that the international order must respect territo-



Jaishankar speaks in Rajya Sabha on Thursday. *PTI*

rial integrity and sovereignty of states."

He said India's position is not that the situation involving Russia and Ukraine "is not our problem. Our position is that we are for peace".

In a written statement laid on the table of the House, the External Affairs Minister said the government has been able to safely bring home 22,500 Indian citizens and 147 foreign nationals belonging to 18 countries from Ukraine since February 2022.

The statement, provided in response to a question raised by Kerala Congress MP Jose K Mani, emphasised that India's position on the Ukraine conflict has been "steadfast and consistent". India has expressed deep concern over the "worsening situation" and

called for immediate cessation of violence and end to all hostilities, it stated.

Responding to Mani's supplementary question on the US describing India's position as "somewhat shaky" among the Quad countries against the Russian invasion and its possible implications on India-US trade, Jaishankar said "there is no question of linking the Ukraine situation to issues of trade".

Apart from the US and India, Australia and Japan are part of the Quad grouping.

In his oral and written submissions in the House, Jaishankar pointed out that ever since the hostilities broke out, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to Russian President Vladimir Putin thrice and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy twice.

On cooperatives, House panel tells Govt: Ensure federal features intact

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

HIGHLIGHTING THAT 'Cooperative Societies' is a State subject under the Constitution, a parliamentary standing committee has advised the newly created Cooperation Ministry, which is headed by Amit Shah, to "exercise utmost prudence" in chalking out activities and programmes at the national level so that federal features of the country are not "impinged upon".

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing, headed by BJP member P C Gaddigoudar, stated this in its report tabled in Lok Sabha Thursday.

The committee's advice is significant as the ministry, formed in July 2021, is in the process of drafting a new national cooperation policy. The ministry has prepared the Multi State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022, to amend the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, and it is expected to be cleared by the Union Cabinet soon.

Observing that the subject 'Cooperative Societies' is a State subject included in Item No. 32 of List-II (State List) in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the committee said, "The Cooperative Societies registered under the State Cooperation Societies Acts are governed by the concerned Registrars of Cooperative Societies. Many Cooperative Institutions have also been set up under the State Cooperative Laws for the promotion of Cooperative Societies."

"Taking into account all these factors, the Committee, while lauding the efforts and initiatives of the Government for strengthening the Cooperative Movement in the country, expresses the view that the Ministry of Cooperation shall exercise utmost prudence in chalking out its Activities/Schemes/Programmes at National Level so that the federal features of country are

EXPLAINED Concern in states

IN SEPTEMBER 2021, Amit Shah said his ministry will start formulating a new co-operative policy. The existing one was brought in 2002. The House panel, headed by a BJP MP, has echoed concerns of states over changes to the law.

not impinged upon and all the stakeholders in the Cooperative Sector are duly benefitted," the committee said in its report.

Stating that the ministry is presently functioning from "temporary" office accommodations at different places with an actual staff strength of 43, the committee has urged the Cooperation Ministry to take "time-bound action" to resolve issues relating to establishment matters.

The committee also recommended that the ministry "persistently pursue for posting of more and more staff to the Ministry till it gets its total sanctioned strength of manpower".

Appreciating the new policy initiatives of the ministry, the committee hoped that the New National Cooperation Policy will be evolved after thorough analysis of issues and corrective remedial measures finalised through wider consultations with all stakeholders in the sector.

According to the report, the ministry has informed the committee that it had received responses from 35 stakeholders, including 10 ministries and 6 states.

"After due consultation with all stakeholders, we intend to finalise 'New Cooperation Policy' within the calendar year 2022 to realize the aim of 'Sahkar se Samridhhi'," the report said.

Find out reasons for falling farmer income, take corrective steps: House panel to Govt

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

A PARLIAMENTARY standing committee has asked the Ministry of Agriculture to constitute a special team to "figure out the reasons" for falling farmers' income across several states and take "course corrective" measures so that the target of doubling the income is not missed.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing, headed by BJP member P C Gaddigoudar, has made this recommendation in its report tabled in Lok Sabha Thursday.

The committee has also expressed displeasure over the surrender of funds — Rs 67929.10 crore — by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DAF&W) during the last three years.

Observing that the major task for doubling farmers' incomes lies with the DAF&W, the committee said, "It appears from the reply furnished by the department that the department is far from doubling the income of farmers" and in some states — "between 2015-16 and 2018-19 i.e. in four years" — like Jharkhand, it has come down from Rs 7068 to Rs 4895; in Madhya Pradesh, from Rs 9740 to Rs 8339; in Nagaland, from Rs 11428 to Rs 9877; in Odisha, down from Rs 5274 to Rs 5112. "This has happened when monthly agricultural household income of the country has been increased from Rs 8059 to Rs 10218..." the committee stated in its report.

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"President Putin briefed the Prime Minister on the status of negotiations between the Ukrainian and Russian teams. Prime Minister welcomed the ongoing negotiations between Russia and Ukraine and expressed hope that they would lead to cessation of the conflict. He suggested that a direct conversation between President Putin and President Zelenskyy may greatly assist the ongoing peace efforts," he said in the written statement.

He also asserted that India is fully cognizant of "all changes" which are happening in the international order "including between Russia and China and between a lot of other countries" while responding to a supplementary question on whether India is in a position to tackle the shifting geopolitical alliances.

Jaishankar said he "shares the observation" when SAD MP Naresh Gujral spoke of the "double game" being played by Western countries on meeting energy needs using Russian imports. Asked whether oil purchases can be made under the Rupee-Rouble arrangement, Jaishankar said, "Government is examining various aspects, including the payment aspect."

But he pointed out that less than one per cent of Indian imports of crude oil is from Russia. "And many other countries import 10-20 times the amount of imports that we do. I share the member's observation on this matter," he said.

According to government sources, most of the imports of crude oil in India's case are from West Asia (Iraq 23%, Saudi Arabia 18%, UAE 11%). The US has also now become an important crude oil source for India (7.3%).

Govt has no plan to privatise Railways: Vaishnaw in RS

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

RAILWAY MINISTER Ashwini Vaishnaw Thursday clarified that there is no plan to privatise Railways, while addressing the concerns of the Opposition members in the Rajya Sabha on merging of the rail budget with the general budget. He said the move to merge the budgets was aimed at to increase the capital investment.

The Union minister addressed both Houses of Parliament on Thursday.

In response to the debate on the rail budget in the Rajya Sabha, Vaishnaw said there was no discrimination against any region or state as far as funds and projects were concerned.

On employment, Vaishnaw said against 2,42,709 appointments between 2009-14, Railways provided jobs to 3,44,646 individuals since 2014, adding the process to make another 1,40,713 appointments is on.

He said the annual investment in Railways between 2009-14 was Rs 45,980 crores, which was doubled by the BJP government to Rs 99,511 crores in 2014. "And the budget, too, has been increasing. Today it stands at Rs 2,45,800 crores," he said.

Responding to the criticism of the Bullet Train project, he said, "Twenty-five countries have already adopted high speed trains. The E5 series of trains that Japan is running currently is what will be brought to India. The geo-technical investigation of every stretch of soil has been meticulously done," he said.

Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda made a rare appearance in the Rajya Sabha, urging the Railway Minister to complete several projects in Karnataka.

TMC MP Derek O'Brien said that railway ministers in the past came up with "big ideas" that brought change in the functioning of the railways, which translated into

India faces external challenges as borders not settled: Jaishankar

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FEW COULD have anticipated the turn in the India-China relations in the last two years, said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday while delivering a lecture at St Stephen's College in Delhi.

Jaishankar was speaking at the first Distinguished Alumni Annual Lecture at his alma mater St Stephen's College. On India's security policy with relation to its neighbours, he said: "India faces more than its fair share of external challenges, in part because so many of our boundaries have not been settled."

On the military stand-off between China and India, he said: "The world being what it is, self-interest and convergence cannot be fully counted upon, especially with neighbours. Their ambitions and emotions are not always predictable, nor indeed their risk-taking propensity. Few would have anticipated, for example, the turn that India's relations with China have taken in the last two years. ... Any prudent policy, therefore, backs its posture with capabilities and deterrence. A big responsibility of Indian diplomacy, therefore, is to create the widest set of options in such contingencies. This could mean acquisition of defence capabilities and other supportive measures, or securing the understanding of policies and actions from the international community."



Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in Rajya Sabha on Thursday. *PTI*

amenities for passengers. "Between 2014-21, what is the one big idea that this government has come up with that will sustain the passage of time?" said O'Brien, while calling the Vande Bharat trains and the proposed Ahmedabad-Mumbai Bullet Train BJP government's "vanity projects".

He also alleged bias in the disbursement of funds and allotment of projects. "There are 12-13 railway projects in Bengal and only a fund allotment of Rs 1,000 crores. Whenever we question this, the ministry blames it on the state government's inability to acquire land. It is worse in the Southern Railways that has been allotted approximately Rs 400 crores against nearly Rs 30,000 crores for the North," he said.

In response, BJP MP Roopa Ganguly said it was during Mamata Banerjee's tenure as Railway Minister that the Railways was pushed into losses.

Birendra Prasad Baishya of the AGP said the Rs 11,428-crore outlay for the north-eastern states was the highest ever outlay for the region.

Working for all-round welfare of minorities, says Naqvi

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

ACCUSING THE government of discrimination over the funds for the minority development, an Opposition MP on Thursday said the BJP-led government should do away with the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Rejecting the Opposition charge, the government said it has been working for the all-round development of the minorities without any appeasement, discrimination and political exploitation.

"We are empowering all poor, backwards and downtrodden people without any appeasement. We follow the mantra of development without discrimination and empowerment with dignity," Union Minorities Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said.

Naqvi dismissed the suggestions that there have been poor development initiatives for the minorities in the recent past, and said the allocation of funds in schemes like scholarships for minority students was more during the Modi government than the previous UPA regime.

Pointing out that his requests for funds for hostels (girls and boys) in the minority-dominated areas of his Kishanganj constituency in Bihar were not met, Congress MP Mohammad Javed said: "I had requested for a university like AMU in my constituency.

In the budget, there has been allocation of Rs 50-51 crore for hostels at two places, but not in my constituency. Why should there be this minority ministry for which the budgetary allocation is just Rs 5 crore in the national budget of Rs 22-lakh crore? Why can't you close it down?" Several Opposition MPs supported him.

With Naqvi pointing out that the government is not providing funds on communal lines but for the poor, Javed said that "every second or third person in his constituency is poor".

"The ministry of minority affairs was not Modiji's creation. Its a legacy you have left," Naqvi said.

Responding to Kollam MP N K Premchandran who asked if the government would endow due preference and priority on starting Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in minority-concentrated blocks, Naqvi said the government's endowed priority is to ensuring the progress of the poor, eligible and the backward.

DMK MP A Raja wanted to know if the government has taken note of the decreasing number of representation of minorities among the UPSC candidates. To this, Naqvi said it was not true that the number has gone down and the government has been providing free coaching to the deserving candidates.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

AMID A raging political controversy in Kerala over the SilverLine semi-high speed rail corridor project, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and sought his intervention for expediting necessary approvals from the central government. Vijayan said the Prime Minister's response to the project was "favourable".

The Rs 63,491-crore ambitious project of the CPI(M)-led government has been facing massive protests over the survey and marking of the corridor boundary. The opposition Congress is also on an agitation path. In fact, hours before the Chief Minister met the Prime Minister, MPs from the UDF — Kerala's Opposition alliance — took out a march to Parliament against the K Rail project, which led to scuffle with the police.

The MPs were marching to Parliament after addressing a press conference at Vijay Chowk. They said police stopped them at the gates of Parliament and did not allow them to proceed even after they told them that they were MPs. The MPs alleged that they were pushed around.

Vijayan said the Prime Minister heard him with "utmost interest" and his "responses were healthy".

"It was a good discussion... he said he will



PM Narendra Modi with Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan in New Delhi. *PTI*

have a detailed discussion with the Railway Minister and see what can be done. We hope that the meeting with the Prime Minister will lead to speedy sanction of permissions. We also had an informal interaction with the Railway Minister.... The Prime Minister's stand on the project was favourable," he said.

Incidentally, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told Lok Sabha a few days ago that the concerns over the environmental issues linked to the project are "real" and a final sanction would "depend upon the detailed techno-economic feasibility" of the project.

After his meeting with the PM, Vijayan told reporters that there was a "political con-

spiracy" behind the protests against the project. He said Kerala requires a safe, speedy and modern transport network as the existing facilities are grossly inadequate.

Making a forceful argument in favour of the project, Vijayan said the density of vehicles in Kerala is high and the road network is saturated. Besides, the steep climbs and curves hampers speedy road travel. Accident rates in Kerala are also too high. "So we need an ecologically friendly and stable transport network. It is important for our future requirements," he said.

Meanwhile, raising the issue of the Delhi Police's action against the UDF MPs' march in

protest of the K Rail project, Revolutionary Socialist Party MP N K Premchandran said in Lok Sabha that the MPs were "assaulted and attacked" by police despite communicating to them that they were members of Parliament and were going to Parliament House. "What's the authority of the Delhi Police to block us MPs at the gate of Parliament House. They even entered the premises of Parliament," Premchandran said.

The Speaker said he would take up the issue, and the MPs were called into his chamber. According to Hibi Eden, Congress MP from Ernakulam who was allegedly hit during the chaos at the Parliament gate, the Speaker told the MPs that he summoned the police commissioner and that there would be an inquiry into the incident.

"We narrated the incident to the Speaker in his chamber, and he said he has summoned the police commissioner. The Speaker said there will be an inquiry into the incident. Meanwhile, we can give privilege motion notices too," Eden said.

In the notice given to the Lok Sabha secretary general, Eden said: "Amidst the altercation and the scuffle, I personally suffered assault on my face. Ramya Haridas, a woman MP, was also manhandled by male police officers. There was no single woman officer present in the venue, and this itself is a gross violation of several directives given time to time by various courts in this country on various instances."

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Govt & Politics



TIPS, OFFLINE

AFTER A year's gap, 'Pariksha Pe Charcha', the annual event during which Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds an interaction with selected students, parents and teachers on handling exam stress, is set to be held offline again. In 2021, the event had moved online due to the pandemic. This time, it will be held at Delhi's Talkatora Stadium on April 1. Like the first three editions, the April 1 event will also be interactive in nature with students, picked from among 15.7 lakh who had registered, getting to speak to the PM in person.

THE BEARD

ON THURSDAY, Malayalam actor Suresh Gopi, a BJP Rajya Sabha member, came prepared to flag the inability of many to claim benefits under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) in Kerala's Kannur. As he stood up to make his intervention with the customary greeting to the chair, Venkaiah Naidu said, "Aap mask pehne hai, ya ye aapki beard hai? (Are you wearing a mask or sporting a beard?)," leaving the House in splits. "Beard, beard... this is my new look, Sir," Gopi responded with a smile. "For the next film," Naidu said in a lighter vein.

LOOKING SOUTH

IUML RAJYA Sabha MP from Kerala Abdul Wahab had Rajya Sabha in splits as he took a dig at Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw as well as his own colleagues during the debate on the Railway budget. He said: "Today everyone is praising the Railway Minister – even Brittas (CPM member John Brittas), although I don't know why?" Referring to the controversy about the Railway Budget being larger for Northern railways than Southern Railways, Wahab added that the South was discriminated against not only in India but the entire world – from South India to South America.

Mann calls on PM, seeks Rs 1 lakh cr aid for Punjab

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 24

IN HIS first meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi after assuming charge, CM Bhagwant Mann Thursday sought a special financial package of Rs one lakh crore from the Centre spread over two years to help Punjab turn "self-reliant" even as the AAP government works to "nail the mafia" and fill "the coffers" of the state.

Mann called on Modi in his office at Parliament House. He apprised the PM about the poor fiscal health of the state and said the previous governments have left a burden of Rs 3 lakh crore.

"We, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), are working towards nailing the mafia and filling the coffers of the state. We want that we get a special package of Rs 50,000 crore each for two years so that Punjab can be self-reliant after two years," Mann told the PM.

"I am hopeful that the PM will discuss it with the Finance Minister and help Punjab, a state that was at the forefront in the battle of Independence," Mann later said. With Punjab being a border state, Mann also solicited "wholehearted support from the Centre" to foil the attempts of inimical forces across the border.



PM Narendra Modi and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann in New Delhi, Thursday. PTI

5 AAP nominees elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 24

ALL FIVE Aam Aadmi Party nominees for the Rajya Sabha polls have been elected unopposed from Punjab.

The AAP had nominated former cricketer Harbhajan Singh, party leader Raghav Chadha, Lovely Professional University founder Ashok Mittal, IIT Delhi professor Sandeep Pathak and industrialist Sanjeev Arora for the March 31 elections. Thursday was the last day for the withdrawal of candidature. A report in this regard has been sent to the ECI. Their term will expire on April 9.

ALIFIYAKHAN & PALLAVISMART
PUNE, MUMBAI, MARCH 24

■ Savitribai Phule Pune University's (SPPU) Law Faculty semester-end exams, considered among the toughest of all faculties in the universities, recorded a pass percentage of 20.86% in the pre-pandemic year of 2018. That went up to 93.08% in 2021, when exams were held online.

■ From a pass percentage of 40.01% in 2018, Nagpur University's BA Final Year results went up to 94.17% and 87.96% in the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021 respectively, when exams were held online.

■ During the final exams of 2021, Mumbai University's undergraduate programmes recorded pass percentages of 93.21 for the Arts

stream, 94.5 for Commerce and 74.44 for Science. According to university's Director of Board of Examinations and Evaluation, Vinod Patil, a surge of roughly 20% in the pass percentages has been witnessed across all three streams since the pandemic.

IN AT least three of the biggest universities in Maharashtra, which together account for over 15 lakh students, pass percentages have seen big jumps over the last two years, leading to teachers, principals and university officials raising doubts over the integrity of online examinations.

Data of examination results obtained by *The Indian Express* from Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Nagpur University and Mumbai University offer a measure of the inflated results as some departments such as SPPU's Law faculty recorded a 72%

Unanimously picked, Adityanath takes oath today; no deputy CM named yet

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, MARCH 24

YOGI ADITYANATH was on Thursday unanimously elected as the leader of the Uttar Pradesh BJP legislature party in a meeting in Lucknow, paving the way for taking oath as UP chief minister for a second term. However, the names for deputy chief ministers were not announced at the BJP legislature party meeting – a departure from 2017 when the party had announced the name of its CM and two deputy CMs.

Adityanath later met Governor Anandiben Patel and staked claim to form the next government in the state. The BJP legislature party meeting was held under the supervision of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and national vice-president Raghuraj Das, who were appointed as the



Amit Shah with UP CM-designate Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow, Thursday. Vishal Srivastav

party's central observers.

Though the meeting was for the BJP legislature group, newly elected legislators of the party's two allies – Apna Dal (Sonelal) and Nishad Party – also attended

it. Former deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma were present on the stage with Shah, Adityanath, party's state in-charge Radha Mohan Singh and assembly election in-

charge Dharmendra Pradhan. In his speech, Shah addressed Maurya and Sharma as "poorva upmukhyamantri (former deputy CMs)". Sources said during the hour-long meeting, only the formal process of electing Adityanath as the leader of the legislature party was executed.

Shah credited both 'Modi ji' and 'Yogi ji' for the saffron party's victory in the just-concluded Assembly elections. Referring to PM Narendra Modi as "a hard-working party worker", Shah told the newly-elected MLAs, "If you have to name one party worker who worked most diligently in the UP Assembly elections, then it would be PM Modi."

He said efforts made by PM Modi at the Centre and Adityanath in the state brought stability in UP that had been missing for long due to the deterioration in the political ideology.

Rajasthan: Bill to curb cheating in exams passed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAIPUR, MARCH 24

THE RAJASTHAN Assembly on Thursday passed by voice vote a Bill providing imprisonment up to 10 years and a fine of Rs 10 crore for offences such as paper leak and cheating in recruitment exams.

A provision of attachment and confiscation of property has also been made in the Bill.

Replying to a debate in the Assembly, Higher Education Minister Rajendra Yadav said the Bill aimed at checking instances of paper leak and use of unfair means in recruitment exams for posts under the state government, including autonomous bodies, boards and corporations.

TMC demands Dhankar removal

New Delhi: A delegation of Trinamool Congress MPs met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday and demanded removal of West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar even as political heat over the Birbhum killings continued to rise.

In a letter to Shah, signed by TMC Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha floor leaders Sudip Bandhyopadhyay and Derek O' Brien respectively, the party claimed the "dangerous, inhuman and brutal" killings of eight people in the incident was not an outcome of any political confrontation.

During her visit, the CM did not meet the family of Bhadu Sheikh, the deputy pradhan whose death triggered the violent attacks on houses. Bhadu's wife Tabela Bibi waited for Banerjee in her house for more than an hour. Thereafter, Tabela went back to her parental house, saying, "Didi (CM) took my responsibility."

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Centre clears 9 names as judges, including 2 reiterated by SC collegium

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

EASING THE tussle with the judiciary over appointments, the Centre on Thursday cleared nine names, including two from Jammu and Kashmir which were earlier reiterated by the Supreme Court collegium.

According to a notification, the President appointed Rahul Bharti

and Moksha Khajuria Kazmi as Additional Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for two years. Both Kazmi and Bharti were candidates whose names had been reiterated by the Supreme Court collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana in September last year.

On October 15, 2019, the Supreme Court collegium, headed by then CJI Ranjan Gogoi, had recommended the appointment of

Kazmi, a senior advocate who has served as Additional Advocate General during Governor's rule in 2016 and later continued to serve in the Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP-BJP government in J&K before her services were terminated.

Bharti was recommended by the Supreme Court collegium in March 2021 and his name was reiterated on September 1 last year.

The oldest recommendation pending with the government is

of Wasim Nagral, a Jammu-based senior advocate. The SC collegium on April 6, 2018 recommended his name and subsequently, in January 2019 and again in March 2021, it reiterated its decision.

Advocates Nidumolu Mala and S Sounthar were also appointed additional judges of Madras High Court. On February 16, the collegium had recommended six names, including Mala and Sounthar, for appoint-

FIRST CABINET MEET OF UTTARAKHAND GOVT

Expert panel on UCC to be formed: Dhami

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, MARCH 24

AFTER THE first Cabinet meeting of the newly formed Uttarakhand Government, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday announced forming a committee of experts on the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state.

Making the announcement after the meeting, Dhami said the Cabinet had unanimously approved the setting up of a high-powered committee of experts at the earliest on the implementation of UCC. Bringing in UCC in the state in order to "fulfil the dream of our Constitution creators and solidify the spirit of the Constitution" was a major electoral promise of the BJP.

On the last day of poll campaign in Uttarakhand, incumbent CM Dhami had announced forming a committee of experts to form a UCC draft for Uttarakhand. Talking to a news agency, Dhami had then said that the UCC would provide for equal laws on subjects such as marriage, divorce, land, property, and inheritance issues for people, irrespective of their faith and religion.

"The security of cultural and religious heritage of Uttarakhand, security of its environment and its borders is important not just for the state but the entire country. With that, soon after our oath-taking ceremony, the upcoming BJP government will form a committee of those with knowledge of the legal system, retired employees,



Pushkar Singh Dhami

prominent people from society, and other stakeholders. This committee will prepare a draft of the UCC for the people of Uttarakhand. This UCC will be for equal laws on subjects such as marriage, divorce, land, property and inheritance issues for people of all religions," Dhami had said.

"The UCC will be an important step towards fulfilling the dream of our Constitution creators and solidifying the spirit of the Constitution. This will also be an effective step towards Article 44 of the Constitution, which talks about securing a UCC for every citizen of the country. The apex court, too, has time to time not only emphasised its implementation, but also expressed dissatisfaction over not taking any step in this direction," he added.

Dhmi said with the implementation of the UCC, people would get equal rights, which would boost social harmony, gender justice and women empowerment. "Along with this, the spiritual and cultural recognition of Devbhoomi will also be increased while keeping the environment secured. The UCC of Uttarakhand will also act as an example for other states," he said.

BJP leader's son killed in Indore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, MARCH 24

THE 22-YEAR-OLD son of former Mhow block president of the BJP Kisan Morcha was killed as he reportedly tried to pacify two groups of people fighting over the digging of a borewell in Indore on Thursday.

Identified as Sujit Chohan, the victim was the son of Udai Singh. The incident occurred on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday at Pigdambar village.

One group was led by Kuldeep Thakur and the other by Raja Verma alias Raju Khatik. According to the police, Sujit was attacked with iron rods on the head and four others were also injured during the scuffle. Sujit was declared brought dead by doctors, while Kuldeep's condition is said to be critical.

The Mhow-Indore road was blocked for around 40 minutes by resident of Pigdambar village, who demanded action against the accused. A case was registered against Raja Verma, Lokesh Verma, Malkesh Verma, Mannu Kanhaiyalal, Rohit Banwari, Raj Kapoor alias Bhoora and Rakesh Don, while Raju Khatik, the main accused, has been arrested. The police have also launched a manhunt to trace the other accused.

Surge in pass percentage casts cheating cloud over Maharashtra univ tests

PASS PERCENTAGES IN PUNE UNIVERSITY				
Stream	2018	2019	2021	% point increase*
Engg	66.24	68.76	98.61	32.37
Science	74.75	72.01	96.66	21.91
Commerce	73.07	71.86	94.16	21.09
Humanities	69.09	70.08	76.01	6.92
Management	63.61	58.72	99.94	36.33
Pharmacy	68.46	62.41	98.16	29.7
Law	20.86	28.02	93.08	72.22
Education	60.02	56.08	100	39.98
Data of students across all years			*between 2018 and 2021	

students how to cheat, to take the exam in groups and so on."

He added that the university managed to soon catch up, investing in technological interventions to ensure clean exams. "We employed artificial intelligence and

sensor technology and started catching malpractices. Our technology started capturing pictures of students using other devices, going absent from the screen and switching windows on their computers. The technology also

recorded movements of others in the room. We caught over 1,100 students cheating in the October 2021 examinations," he said.

Prafulla Sable, Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluations, Nagpur University, too, said the shift to online testing came with its set of surveillance problems. "Initially, when we conducted online exams, it took us by surprise as we weren't prepared. We even heard stories of students taking the exams in groups."

By December 2021, most state universities had started preparing for on-campus examinations but as Covid-19 cases of the Omicron variant started rising, on January 7 this year, a government resolution directed all non-agricultural, private, deemed, technical and professional universities and their affiliated colleges to conduct exams only in the online mode. While

most universities are yet to revert to the on-campus exam mode, a few autonomous institutes have gone ahead and announced offline exams, citing among other things, accurate and realistic assessment.

Data of exam results from the three state universities show why their concerns aren't entirely off the mark. At Pune's SPPU, where the engineering faculty had the highest number of students appearing for examinations in October 2020 and May 2021 in online mode, the results are telling. Of 1.69 lakh students who appeared for the October 2020 exams, the first examination post the Covid-19 lockdown, only 421 failed, resulting in pass figures of 99.75%. For the May 2021 exams, also held online, 1.66 lakh appeared, of whom 2,297 failed – a pass percentage of 98.61%.

Before the exams went online,

the average pass percentage of the same faculty never exceeded 70 per cent for at least a decade.

At Nagpur University, 18,452 students appeared for their BA final-year exams in the summer of 2018 and 8,201 in the summer 2019, both written exams in pre-Covid times, when the passing percentage stood at 40.01 per cent and 61.57 per cent respectively. The pass percentages went up to 94.17% in 2020 and 87.76% in 2021. University officials and teachers say the shift to MCQ-based question papers may have also contributed to a rise in pass percentages. "The nature of the exam is such that in an MCQ-based question paper, even if students pick any random option, there's a probability of getting passing marks at least," said Kakade.

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Ukraine & myth about NATO

The arguments that European countries have cornered or encircled Russia by joining NATO or allowing other countries to join NATO are false propaganda to justify Vladimir Putin’s imperial vision

THE BUCHAREST NINE

AS THE PREMEDITATED, unprovoked and unjustified Russian aggression in Ukraine is ongoing, a debate has sprung up about the geopolitical origins of NATO-Russia tensions. We, the envoys of the Bucharest Nine — a group of NATO’s eastern flank countries that joined the alliance after the end of the Cold War — feel that the Indian public deserves to be acquainted with the basic facts on the ground.

Firstly, it must be underlined that NATO is not an organisation that “expanded” to the east. It was we, the independent European states, that decided on our own to go west.

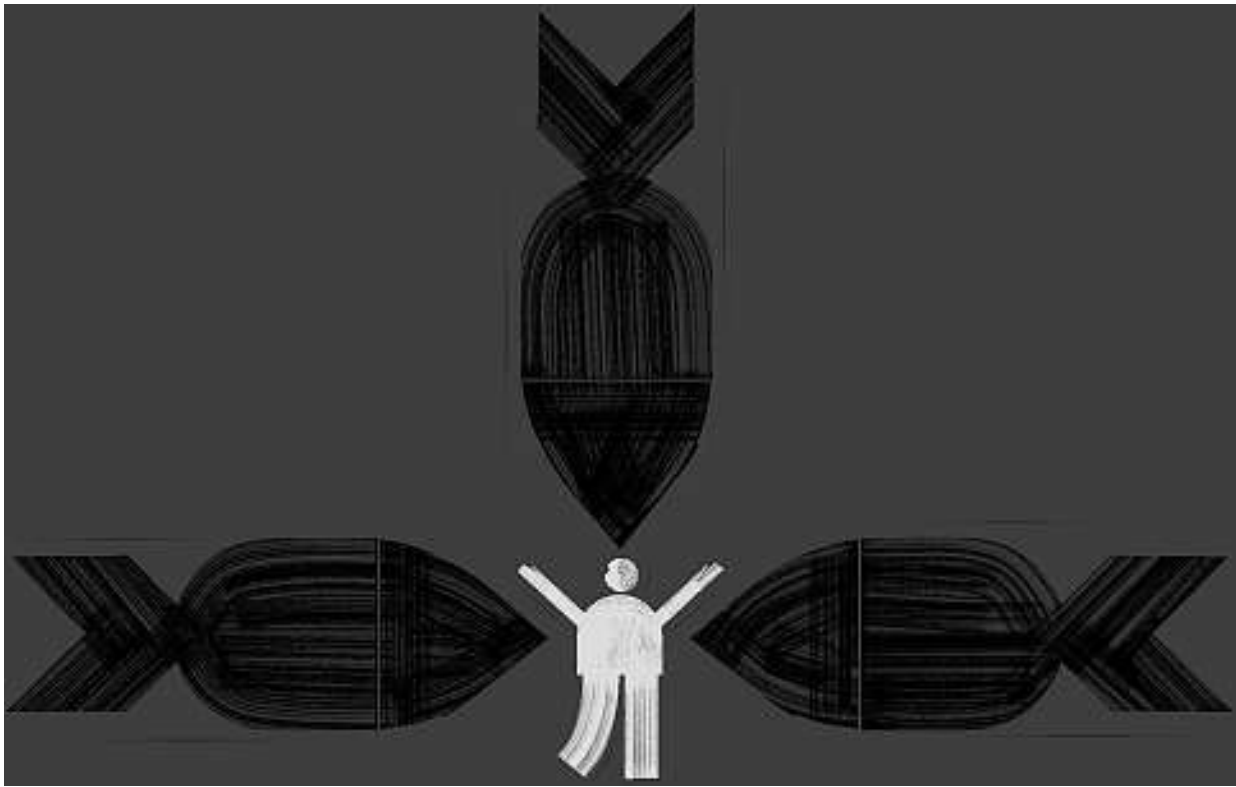
Our countries have been for decades either forcefully occupied and annexed by the Soviet Union (for example, the Baltic States), subdued by it against their will and even invaded (Hungary in 1956, former Czechoslovakia in 1968). The tragic events of the Second World War and its aftermath placed us against the will of our people on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain and deprived us of the self-determination promised in the United Nations Charter. The fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe in 1989 opened new and brighter chapters in our history. Our governments, for the first time in decades, were elected in a free and democratic way. We finally regained the freedom to set our own destinies, in a process not much different from the waves of decolonisation that brought justice and dignity to other countries around the world. Our governments opted for the path of peace, security, economic growth and respect for fundamental freedoms. Integration with NATO and the European Union became a dream of our people.

Our path to NATO and the EU was not easy. It took a lot of effort to fulfil all the requirements: Adopting new national legislation and introducing reforms in such areas as anti-corruption, fiscal and judicial law, protection of human rights and minorities. We also had to build up our national defence forces as well as prove that we can contribute to the collective defence. This was no free ride.

With NATO membership, our borders became secure. For the first time in our history, the threat of invasion by a foreign power was unlikely with the collective defensive support of our allies — one for all, all for one. The process of joining NATO and the security guarantees it provided allowed our countries to focus on internal political and economic transformation — from centrally-planned and ineffective economies without fair elections to modern democracies with liberalised markets. NATO membership helped pave the way for nine of us to join the EU.

Over 30 years of uninterrupted growth, peace and security in our countries brought tremendous civilisational progress. Since the fall of communism, our GDP per capita has grown exponentially. Our countries are now leading economic models with impressive records in most social and economic indexes. From being one of the sources of global emigration before 1989, we became the destination for those who seek a better place to live and raise their children.

Secondly, neither our decision to join NATO nor the organisation itself poses a threat to Russia. It is a defensive alliance, one that seeks no territory. Moreover, in the last two decades, NATO focused efforts on fighting terrorism and piracy — threats that are common for most states, including India. And 109 of our soldiers lost their lives in



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Afghanistan while being part of the NATO mission there. These efforts contributed also to global security, including a reduction of maritime piracy in the Indian Ocean.

NATO stands for freedom, democracy, rule of law and respect for smaller nations. Russia, on the other hand, committed to respecting Ukraine’s sovereignty in return for Kyiv giving up its nuclear weapons in the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances in 1994. And then it broke that obligation.

NATO has sought partnership and dialogue with Russia. No other state has received from NATO over the years so many offers of cooperation and dialogue as Russia: Starting from the Partnership for Peace in the early 1990s that our countries were part of as non-NATO members at the time, to the creation of the NATO-Russia Council. The 1997 NATO-Russia Founding Act, which defined cooperation between Russia and NATO, presented a positive direction for the development, even presaging the forthcoming enlargement of the alliance.

Russia has broken its commitments to work together and damaged our trust by conducting cyberattacks on some of us (Estonia in 2007), annexing parts of the territory of our neighbours (Georgia in 2008, Crimea in 2014) until finally starting unjustified and unprovoked military aggression against Ukraine. In January 2022, NATO offered to Russia the possibility of dialogue to discuss the security situation in Europe that would include transparency, arms control and other measures.

Instead, Russia chose war. If Russia claims it has a “legitimate interest” concerning Ukraine or “defending itself” against NATO, then why does it refuse to advance such interests through diplomacy? The arguments that European countries have cornered or encircled Russia by joining NATO or allowing other countries to join NATO are nothing else but false propaganda to justify Vladimir Putin’s imperial vision. Does anyone outside the Kremlin truly want to bring back a world of imperialism, land grabs and rampant violations of territorial integrity?

In this senseless war, Russia is targeting

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civilians and creating the biggest flow of refugees in Europe since the Second World War. We have provided shelter to them, and this includes helping to evacuate Indian students escaping Russian aggression, threading their way home through bombardment by Russian warplanes and artillery.

Finally, the people of Ukraine are fighting today for the same opportunities that our countries had in the last three decades. The Ukrainian people want to exercise their right to self-determination according to the UN Charter, to live in peace, and transform their country into a modern and functional state, free of coercion and corruption. However, Russia cannot accept this. A free and prosperous Ukraine would prove to the Russian people that a better world for them is possible. Ukraine fights for the values that we, the Bucharest Nine, believe in, and have fought for over many generations and which we will always collectively defend.

Ukraine today has become a symbol of the fight with imperialism, for all. No state wants to be a “buffer zone” or part of another’s sphere of influence. All states have the right to independently follow the aspirations of their people. Any attempts to brutally inhibit this right should not be accepted by the international community in the 21st century. All states, furthermore, should be ensured their free choice to decide about their alliances and paths of development. No one should wish for the times of colonialism, bullying of the small by the more powerful to return. We do not wish to see this again in Europe, Asia or on any other continent.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“In response to the multifaceted economic challenges thrown up by the Covid-19 pandemic, we should have by now seen broad-based policies aimed at remedying some of the structural issues in Pakistan’s economy.” — **DAWN**

Struggle against darkness

We need a band of leaders who must declare that they are fighting an ideological battle and not seeking power for themselves



YASHWANT SINHA

In 1946, I was nine years old, growing up in the then small town of Patna. I was hardly aware of the momentous goings-on around me but I clearly remember the cries of “Bajrang bali ki jai” and “Allah hu Akbar”, especially as darkness fell on the city. I knew from the precautions taken by the elders in the family that something sinister was afoot. Luckily, we were not attacked by the rioters and remained safe in our mohalla. I remember that on August 15, 1947, sweets were distributed in the neighbourhood school where I was a student. I partook of the sweets and was told that our country was independent now, though I was not aware that it had also been partitioned into India and Pakistan. The riots, Independence and Partition did not leave much of an impression on my mind as a child. What stayed with me was a story told to us by one of my elder brothers.

He had gone to attend a University Training Corps (later replaced by the National Cadet Corps) camp and was returning to Patna by train. Given the prevailing law and order situation, the cadets were required to stand guard in full military gear outside the compartment. When the train reached Masaurhi, a small station near Patna, it was my brother’s turn to stand guard. He told us that the platform was so full of dead bodies that he could barely find space to stand. These were the bodies of the victims of communal riots. I have never forgotten that conversation. But despite my background and experience, I have remained a liberal throughout.

Communal riots took place all over the country. Mahatma Gandhi’s call for peace had no immediate takers until he went on a fast unto death in Calcutta (now Kolkata). Around the same time, the wise people who were elected to the Constituent Assembly of India by the provincial assemblies sat down in the central hall of today’s Parliament building to draft the Constitution. On August 29, 1947, the Assembly set up a seven-member drafting committee headed by B R Ambedkar. B N Rau, an ICS officer, was appointed the constitutional advisor. The painstaking work of preparing the Constitution began in earnest. The Assembly finally adopted the Constitution on November 26, 1949.

All those who were involved in the drafting of the Constitution had been witness to the catastrophic events that had just happened in India — the communal riots, Partition, the massive transfer of population from one country to another, the bitterness and hatred between the two major communities, the fact that Pakistan decided to become an Islamic republic and the temptation to do something similar in India. Yet, they settled for a liberal, democratic and secular Constitution, though the word “secular” itself was inscribed only later during the Emergency.

Who persuaded India to adopt a democratic, liberal and secular Constitution and, despite the fraught times through which the country had passed, not make the country a Hindu Rashtra? It was the leadership of the time — Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Maulana Azad, Rajendra Prasad and Ambedkar. It was India at its best; an India which, throughout the centuries, had been a liberal, tolerant, inclusive and largely non-violent society. The leaders were only responding to this innate character. The people celebrated the adoption of the Constitution with jubilation.

What has changed today? Is our independence threatened? Is our unity in danger? Has the Constitution failed to serve us well? Has the Hindu become unsafe? Have unprecedented communal riots broken the back of communal harmony for good? What has changed is the nature of the leadership. The destiny of the country is in the hands of people who are out to change the centuries-old character of Indian society. They want the Hindu community to feel threatened, and if current events do not lend support to creating this atmosphere of fear, then they will dig deep into history to do so. And for what? To win elections. Religion is the opium being used by power-hungry politicians on an unsuspecting people. They have no use for Hinduism except as means to grab power. Hinduism does not teach hatred and violence. Anyone who spreads hatred and violence is not a true Hindu. The country today hungers for statesmen like Nehru, Patel and Vajpayee.

Is there light at the end of the tunnel? I do not know. I am now 85 years old — mentally alert but physically not fit enough to wage a struggle. But India is in peril today and I hope some selfless person or a group will take up this fight before we are consumed completely by darkness. The important thing is to recognise that this is a clash of ideologies, not merely a question of changing a government. People who were in the shadows in 1947 are today out in the open. Misuse of social media and complete control over the print and visual media and the falsehood they dish out day in and day out is having its impact on the minds of the people. I see it happening in my own extended family.

Of course, this clash is not confined to India alone. The war in Ukraine is a struggle between a democracy and a dictatorship. In India, the talk of parties in opposition to the BJP uniting to challenge and change the government takes a shortsighted view. The struggle is greater and more difficult than it was during the Emergency.

Indians’ commitment to democracy is proven. We only need the leadership to take the right message to the people. Those who seek power cannot do this. Jayaprakash Narayan succeeded because he never sought power for himself. We need a band of leaders who must declare that they are fighting an ideological battle and not seeking power for themselves. Only then will they be believed. Will I live to see that day? I am not sure. But I know one thing. People will wake up from their slumber one day, whatever the quality of opium used to keep them sedated.

I have great faith in the people of India.

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Acknowledging hunger

Governments need to allocate sufficient resources to address food insecurity



KALYANI RAGHUNATHAN, DIPA SINHA, RAJENDRAN NARAYANAN

TWO YEARS AGO, the imposition of the national lockdown in India had disastrous consequences for the working poor, especially the migrant labour. In October 2020, The Right to Food Campaign and associated organisations had conducted the first Hunger Watch survey (HW-I). The main objective of HW-I was to document the economic distress and hunger caused by the lockdowns and catalyse public action for relief. Covering close to 4,000 people in 11 states, the survey highlighted the extent of widespread hunger and a deterioration in the quality of diets compared to the pre-pandemic period.

In 2021, India was hit by a devastating second wave of infections. While no nationwide lockdowns were announced, the speed and severity of the spread meant inevitable disruptions to lives and livelihoods. Most states imposed curfews and restrictions on economic activity. The economy contracted by 6.6 percent in 2020-21. While the economy is estimated to grow at 8.9 per cent in 2021-22, the low base effect means that per capita incomes have still not recovered to pre-pandemic levels. Unemployment rates continue to be high.

Given the prolonged nature of the pandemic and the spike in indebtedness caused by unforeseen medical expenditures through the second wave, it was important to capture the continued economic distress. The second round of the Hunger Watch survey (HW-II)

was conducted in December 2021-January 2022. While not conducted with the same respondents, HW-II followed a methodology similar to that used in HW-I. Close to 6,700 respondents were interviewed in person across 14 states; 73 per cent of these were based in rural areas, and 71 per cent of them were women. The survey focused on understanding food and income insecurities among the informal sector.

Food insecurity was widespread — 79 per cent of the overall sample reported experiencing at least one of the eight conditions of food insecurity from the Food and Agriculture Organisation’s Global Food Insecurity Experience Scale (GFIES) in the month preceding the survey. The eight conditions range from worrying about not having enough food, to not being able to eat a diet of sufficient quality or quantity, to running out of food and having to go without eating a whole day. A quarter of the sample reported “severe” food insecurity, that is, they experienced seven or eight of the conditions.

The situation was worse in urban areas, where 87 per cent reported any food insecurity, and 28 per cent reported severe food insecurity, compared to rural areas where the numbers were 76 per cent and 24 per cent respectively. Nearly one-third of the respondents said that they or someone in their household had slept without eating in the month preceding the survey and 36 per cent

said they had had to skip meals. This is a slight improvement compared to HW-I, where 48 per cent said that they had slept without eating at least once and 46 per cent said they had had to skip meals.

The bulk of the poor relies on cereals for food security. However, in HW-II only one in three households said that their consumption of cereals was sufficient for their needs. Two-thirds of households could not afford cooking gas in the month before the survey. This was higher in rural areas than urban. Given that food intake needs are not being met, it is no surprise that diets are also nutritionally deficient. HW-II did not include a dietary quality assessment but elicited the frequency with which respondents reported eating nutritionally rich foods. 50-60 per cent of households said that they were able to consume eggs, milk, flesh foods or fruits fewer than two-three times a month; more than a quarter could only eat even the more affordable items like dark green leafy vegetables and pulses fewer than two-three times a month. Here rural households reported somewhat poorer diet quality than urban households, with the sole exception of fruits. Other differences were small.

People expect the situation to deteriorate further. Two in five respondents said that the nutritional quality of their food had worsened since the pre-pandemic period; a similar proportion said that the quantity of food they eat

had also declined. These numbers are similar to those from HW-I — 59 per cent of urban households reported a deterioration in the quality of their diets compared to before the pandemic, compared to 35 per cent of rural households, though this could be the result of a higher baseline in urban areas. Overall, the outlook about the food situation over the coming months was pessimistic. Only one in six respondents said they thought their food situation would improve in the next three months.

While the HW-II sample was not designed to be nationally representative, it is indicative of the predicament in which many poor and vulnerable households find themselves — unable to secure either enough food (of any kind) or food of adequate quality. Against the backdrop of the recent National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 findings which show marginal improvements in child stunting and underweight among women and a significant deterioration in anaemia across the board, the HW-II findings are not an outlier. There is an urgent need to acknowledge the problem of hunger and take immediate action, including allocating sufficient resources to address the issue.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BENGAL VIOLENCE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Uphold the law’ (IE, March 24). The killing and consequent retaliation at Rampurhat in West Bengal is a continuation of the culture of violence with overt political patronage — a trait inherited by the TMC from the CPM. West Bengal had earlier witnessed an orgy of violence between the BJP and TMC during the fiercely contested state elections. It is unfortunate that Mamata Banerjee has so far shown no intention to rid the state of this malaise. She could have made a new beginning with the overwhelming mandate that her party had won. A perpetual confrontational attitude against the Centre isn’t enough.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

NOT ALL POSITIVE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Understanding and trust’ (IE, March 24). The “ear-to-the-ground” approach the writer talks about by the PM raises some questions. On what basis and on whose recommendations were the nationwide lockdown imposed in 2020, which resulted in large-scale sufferings and humanitarian crises among urban labour? The shortage of oxygen cylinders during the second wave indicates mismanagement at a high level. However, there were also achievements — ramping up testing, the vaccination drive, support to MSMEs, etc.

Sudhanshu Shekhar, via email

SPREAD THE WORD

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Changing face of money’ (IE, March 24). Investors across the globe are exploring new but lucrative options. With both Green Bonds (GBs) and Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) at their nascent stage, a comprehensive policy framework is needed for better awareness, effective regulation, and the resultant increase in global investment. Not just awareness about their existence in the market but the knowledge regarding their working, uses, advantages, etc. also needs to be imparted to the general public.


Aerika Singh, Chandigarh.

BE PRACTICAL

THIS REFERS TO the report, ‘CCTVs to help BMC keep an eye on road construction, repair work’ (IE, March 24). Is that some kind of a novel idea, or a joke? Does the municipal commissioner think this idea of CCTV cameras will really work? What is required is more sincerity in road construction contracts and everything else will fall in place. And this claim of 1,000-km of roads concretised in Mumbai needs to be checked. While they concretise the middle lanes, the sides of the roads are left in decrepit condition. Sometimes, tar is haphazardly, unevenly spread at the sides making it difficult for pedestrians and flooding in the monsoons. Let’s get practical.

Melville X D’Souza, Mumbai

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1	<p>कार्य का नाम</p> <p>Proposed Construction of District Excise Office Building at Chatra.</p>
2	<p>प्राक्कलित राशि (रु०)</p> <p>रु०1,25,00,000.00 (रुपये एक करोड़ पच्चीस लाख) मात्र।</p>
3	<p>कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि</p> <p>09 महीने</p>
4	<p>वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि</p> <p>06-04-2022</p>
5	<p>वेबसाइट पर बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि / समय</p> <p>13-04-2022के 11.00 AM तक</p>
6	<p>निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता</p> <p>ई – प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्पाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, रांची।</p>
7	<p>प्रोक्वोरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या</p> <p>9631476651</p>
8	<p>ई—प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन संख्या</p> <p>9905889979</p>



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Tender Notice

The **Executive Engineer, Division, H.P.PWD, 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	Construction of Sub Tehsil Building at Panchrukhi Distt. Kangra HP (SH:- C/o Main building i/c Boundary wall W.S S.I , septic tank and Rain water Harvesting system)	2,27,02,829	454100.00	One Year	5000/-

- 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.	18.04.2022 10.00AM
2. Document Download Start and End Date.	18.04.2022 10.30AM upto 23.04.2022. 05.00PM
3. Bid submission start and end date	18.04.2022 10.30AM upto 23.04.2022. 05.00PM
4. Physical Submission of EMD And Cost of Tender document	25.04.2022 upto 10.30 HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening ,Evaluation of technical Bid	25.04.2022 11.00 HRS
6. Date of Financial Bid Opening	28.04.2022 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 25.04.2022 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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<div> <div> <div>Government of Jharkhand</div> <div>Urban Development Department</div> <div>Medininagar Municipal Corporation</div> </div> <div> <div>e-Procurement Tender Notice</div> </div> </div>						
S.I.	Tender id	Name of work	Estimate	Earnest Money	Tender Fee	Completion Of Work
Part – A						
1	UDHD/MMC/128/20-21-22	Construction of Laying of Paver Blok road from Cihdahmahan Chowk to Head post office via. Zila School Chowk, Sewa sadan & Tinkomya Garage to Townhall & Chhamuhan Chowk to Sadik Manzil Chowk & Veterinary Hospital to Ramavatar Sonar house & Church Road & Nambdhari Jee house to ranchi tent house & Nambdhar Gurudwara to Chitragupt Mandir & Dr. P.P. Sinha house to Koyala pandey house under Medininagar Municipal Corporation	10820176	216500	10000	छ माह
2	UDHD/MMC/129/20-21-22	Construction of R.C.C. Drain From 1.Ward Commissioner Naima Bibi House To Sahid Balaon House In Ward No.26 2.Buchhu Singh House To Namkhu Manjhi House In Ward No.26 3.From Bada Talab To Kajnahat ram In Ward.25 4.From Anand Kumar House To Bittu Pandit House In Ward.25 5.culvert near RSS Bhawan In Ward No.25 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation	15096360	301950	10000	छ माह
3	UDHD/MMC/130/20-21-22	Construction of R.C.C. Drain From 1.From Alpna Jee House To Rupesh Jee House Via Radha Devi house In Ward No.21 2.Near Koyla Pandey House In Ward No.23 3.From Suraj Mali House To Sant Mariam Hostel Via Liliput School In Ward.22 4.R.C.C. Culvert Near Liliput School In Ward no.22 5.culvert near Sewa Sadan more In Ward No.22 6.From Sewa sadan More To Service Center Via Balmram Daroga House In Ward.22 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation	13427948	268600	10000	छ माह
4	UDHD/MMC/131/20-21-22	Construction of R.C.C. Drain From 1.From Dhoobi Muhalla Mod to Ghina Singh More In Ward No.29 & 30 2.Culvert Near In Aadhat Road in ward No.29 3.Drain From Hadhawa pool To Patel Nagar Via Suresh Bhaiya house In Ward .11 & 02 4.Culvert In Hadhawa pool To Patel Nagar Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation	12472600	249500	10000	छ माह
5	UDHD/MMC/132/20-21-22	Construction of R.C.C. Drain From 1. Guddu Singh House To Satendra Singh House In Ward No.11 2.R.C.C. Culvert From Guddu Singh House To Satendra Singh House In Ward No.11 3.R.C.C. Drain From Ashok Ram Goriya School To Kalim Khalifa House Via Parash Ward Dealer In Ward.26 4.R.C.C. Drain From Late Ram Sewak Babu To Dr. R.P. Sinha Via Alok Shrivastava House In Ward.23 5.R.C.C. Drain From Shyam Bihari Yadav house to mandal Jee House In Ward.20 6.2 No. shok pit near Mandal Jee House in ward no.20 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation	12102564	242100	10000	छ माह
6	UDHD/MMC/134/20-21-22	Construction of Road Keshari Jee House To Mukesh Panan house Via sanjay Saran House & Bharat gas Godown To Lalgat nala In Ward No. 31 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation.	9766860	195500	10000	छ माह
7	UDHD/MMC/135/20-21-22	Construction of Road From Jyoti ITI To Gorho Mandir (HP Gas godown) In Ward No.19	2582940	51700	10000	छ माह
8	UDHD/MMC/136/20-21-22	Construction of Road From Shalini Main Road Shyam Sweet To Kewal Via Semartand,Kalyanpur,Vishwanath Chaudhary House In Ward No.33 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation.Medininagar.Palamau	22071480	441500	10000	छ माह
9	UDHD/MMC/137/20-21-22	Construction of road from Redma 2 No. Town Aam Bagicha to Hawai Adda via. Kumhar Toli Kashingnar in ward no. 18 & 19	9859130	197200	10000	छ माह
10	UDHD/MMC/138/20-21-22	Construction from Road Redma 2 No.Town Aam Bagicha To Bhagawati Hospital Via Shram Niyog & Ranchi Road Ramesh Tiwari House To Kashi Nagar Via Shekhar Tola In Ward No.18 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation	8512540	170300	10000	छ माह
11	UDHD/MMC/139/20-21-22	Construction from Road Paneri Main road To Garhwa Road Via Chahka Road In Ward No. 31 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation.Medininagar.Palamau	7963350	159300	10000	छ माह
12	UDHD/MMC/140/20-21-22	Construction of P.C.C. Road From 1.Akhleshwar Malik House To Ashok Baitha Via Dihwar Ashan 2.Madho Ji House to Muni Thakur 3.Parmanand ji house To Ramashankar Sharma Via Manish Pandey,Manoj Ram House 4.Sunil Pathak House To Ajay pathak house 5.Amit thakur house to Binod Ram house 5.Lakhan Guruji house To Nagendra Guruji House in ward no. 09	4896050	98000	10000	छ माह
13	UDHD/MMC/141/20-21-22	Construction of PCC Road From Infront of Lucky Motors Ranchi Road To Yugal Kishor Tiwari Via Mathura Dwivedi & From Surendra tiwari House To Omprakash Pandey Via Gamhel & From Infront of Rampurak Pandey House To Pukar Pandey House Via Dr. Mohan Prasad House in ward no. 17	3800504	76100	10000	छ माह
14	UDHD/MMC/142/20-21-22	Construction for Welcome Board Truss Municipal Corporation Area (1) Ranchi Road (2) Singhra Amant River (3) Medical Collage Pokhira (4) Chainpur Thana (5) Shapur Gharwa Road Outer boundary Medininagar Municipal Corporation	6592350	131900	10000	छ माह
15	UDHD/MMC/143/20-21-22	Construction of R.C.C. Drain From Akhlesh Mishra House To Rampurak Singh House Via Dharendra Pandey (WC),Vijay Ojha , Ashok tiwari House IN Ward No.10 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation	6263876	125300	10000	छ माह
16	UDHD/MMC/144/20-21-22	Construction of Drain (1)P.C.C Road From Kaushalya devi House To Bhagat Ji House In Ward No.34 (2). Drain From Kaushalya devi House To Bhagat Ji House In Ward No.34 (3).PCC Road From Sadan Paswan House To Kashi Prasad House To Road/FWNI 34 (4).PCC Road From Shivanath Saw House To Pinto Ji House Via fard Khalifa Via Judge Sahab In Ward No.34 (5).PCC Road From Dinesh Kashyap House To Harinarayan Compound House In Ward No.35	5493500	109900	10000	छ माह
17	UDHD/MMC/145/20-21-22	Construction of (1).PCC Road From Ashraf Khalifa House To Road/FWNI 34 Via Dihwar Ashhan In Ward No.10 (2). PCC Road From Anuj Singh House To Kumhar Toli kamla Road In Ward No.12 (3). Drain From Vibhakar Pandey House To Brijbihari Singh House Via Deepak Pan dukan in ward No.12 (4).Drain In Both Side In Bisundee dubey road In Ward No.12 (5).Drain In Labour Office Jailbata Gali In Ward No.13 (6). Drain From Omprakash Gupta House To Dashrath prasad Gupta In Ward No.25 (7).Drain From Pappu Advokate House To Fekmo Sah House In Ward No.28	9415107	188500	10000	छ माह
18	UDHD/MMC/146/20-21-22	Construction of Road from Yamil Chaudhary House To Vasudeo Mistry Garage & Umesh Jaishwal house To Birsra Nagar Via Satyanarayan Baitha House In Ward No. 33	9381930	187700	10000	छ माह
19	UDHD/MMC/147/20-21-22	Construction of Road from Raghunandan Saw house to Harijan Colony Via Kohari Tola & Dineshwar Ram house to Barka Ahar Via. B.ED. College in ward no. 04 under medininagar Municipal corporation	12181900	243700	10000	छ माह
20	UDHD/MMC/148/20-21-22	Construction of PCC Road & Drain from Bisfuta Bridge (NH-75) To Satish kumar Gupta house via Bear Godown in ward no. 02 Under Medininagar Municipal Corporation	2427940	48600	5000	छ माह
21	UDHD/MMC/149/20-21-22	Detailed estimate for Repair of Community toilet for 200 users and skill development centre under medininagar Municipal Corporation	983540	19700	5000	तीन माह
Part – B						
1	Date Of Publication Of Tender On Website			31/03/2022 At 10:00 AM		
2	Mode Of Submission Of Bids			E-Tendering Http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in		
3	Date Start Of Submission Of Bids			31/03/2022 At 10:00 AM		
4	Last Date/Time Of Submission Of Bids					

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER SAYS ‘OUR RSS’

Karnataka minister: All Muslims, Christians will be with RSS in future

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B P
BENGALURU, MARCH 24

KARNATAKA RURAL Development Minister and senior BJP leader K S Eshwarappa Thursday declared in the Assembly that all Muslims and Christians in the country will associate themselves with the RSS in the future, sparking an outcry. The statement came after Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri told Congress MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan that the day is not far when everyone will have to accept RSS as “our RSS”, which Congress legislators opposed. The RSS issue came up during the Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah’s debate on law and order situation in the state where he made a reference to the organisation while speaking about his friendship with a few BJP leaders and Ministers in the assembly. “It is important to maintain mutual respect, irrespective of which political ideology one believed in, first comes personal relationships and then comes party differences- BJP, RSS, Congress and others,” Siddaramaiah said.

NSE case: Court rejects bail plea of ex-official Subramanian

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

OBSERVING THAT the CBI was yet to unveil the identity of the Himalayan Yogi, who is as elusive as the Himalayan Yeti, a Delhi court Thursday rejected the bail plea of former group operating officer of the National Stock Exchange, Anand Subramanian, in a 2018 case of bourse manipulation. Special Judge Sanjeev Aggarwal denied bail to Subramanian, who the CBI alleged was impersonating a “Himalayan Yogi” and influencing the decisions of the former managing director Chitra Ramkrishna.

According to SEBI, several key decisions taken by Ramkrishna during her tenure as the NSE’s MD and CEO from 2013-16 were guided by an unidentified yogi. The court denied bail to Subramanian considering the grave and serious allegations against him. “Further, the investigations are on and the investigating agency is in the process of removing the secret veil to show to the court the true face of this Himalayan Yogi, who is as elusive as anecdotal Himalyan Yeti. Further, the prosecution at this stage of investigation is stated to be working on disjoint scattered dots, from which it has to conjure a final picture,” the court said.

Karnataka hands probe into killing of Bajrang Dal worker to NIA

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BENGALURU, MARCH 24

THE KARNATAKA government has handed the investigation into the murder of a right-wing Bajrang Dal worker to the National Investigation Agency. Harsha Nagaraj alias Harsha Hindu, 27, was killed on February 20 in Shivamogga region of the state. The NIA registered a formal complaint in a New Delhi court Wednesday after being handed the investigation. On March 2, the Karnataka Police invoked sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, against 10 persons arrested in the case. The NIA is expected to seek custody of the arrested suspects to carry out investigations in Shivamogga. On February 22, Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and BJP leader from Karnataka, in a letter to Home Minister Amit Shah had sought a probe by the NIA into the murder case. The invoking of the UAPA was seen as a precursor to the handing over of the investigations to the anti-terrorism agency, as sought by BJP leaders. “The UAPA has been invoked in the case. There is a suspicion of a larger conspiracy behind the murder than a localised rivalry,” a police official had said.

Apex court transfers Param Bir probe to CBI

‘Troubling situation at higher echelons... need impartial probe’

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

AMID OPPOSITION from Maharashtra, the Supreme Court Thursday transferred the investigation against former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh to the CBI. “This is not a reflection on the police force of the state of Maharashtra,” said the Bench of Justices S K Kaul and M M Sundresh. But it flagged “the troubling situation arising at the higher echelons which has brought about the scenario as presented before us”. It directed the state to put the departmental proceedings against him on hold until the agency’s probe into the five FIRs transferred to it is completed. The Bench also ruled that future FIRs against Singh, if any, shall be transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation. His suspension, however, shall continue. Singh faces cases of extortion, corruption and misconduct. He was removed as Mumbai police



Plea was moved by Param Bir Singh

chief owing to his alleged mis-handling of the Antilia bomb scare case. Thursday’s ruling came after Singh challenged a Bombay High Court order that refused to transfer the cases against him to the central agency. “The objective is to embolden and gain the people’s confidence in the police force by an impartial investigation which is necessary,” said Justices Kaul and Sundresh. The court rejected the argument of the Maharashtra counsel, Senior Advocate Darius Khambatta, that “the FIRs registered really have to be appreciated in a scenario where when a person loses power, the persons who suffer at his hand come up with their hands and FIRs are registered”. The bench said: “It is not a co-incidental occurrence or occur-

rences arising from the aforesaid but we do believe prima facie there has been some concerted effort in this direction arising from the interse battle which needs investigation by an agency outside the state police.” “We are not saying the appellant (Singh) is a whistleblower. We are not saying that anyone involved in this process is washed with milk... what is the truth, who is at fault, how does such a scenario come to prevail presenting a disturbing picture before the court is something... that requires an independent probe,” said the court. On November 22, the top court had granted Singh major relief when it directed the Maharashtra Police not to arrest him in criminal cases lodged against him. The state police had earlier told the apex court that Singh cannot be considered a “whistle-blower” under the law as he chose to speak out against alleged corruption involving former state home minister Anil Deshmukh only after he was transferred.

Kashmiri Pandit group files curative plea in SC

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

A KASHMIRI Pandit organisation Thursday filed a curative petition in the Supreme Court against the top court’s 2017 order which had turned down a plea for an investigation into the “mass murders and genocide of Kashmiri Pandits during 1989-90 and subsequent years” and the “reasons for non-prosecution of FIRs” of

SC allows Centre to look into ‘fake’ claims for Covid ex gratia

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

THE SUPREME Court Thursday permitted the Centre to conduct an inquiry into “fake claims” for ex gratia meant for the families of Covid-19 victims after claim numbers in multiple states vastly overshot their respective government’s official death figures. The court also set an “outer time limit” for filing ex gratia claims — 60 more days for deaths before March 20, 2022, and 90 days from the date of death for future cases. It agreed with the Centre that claiming ex gratia could become an “end-less” process and raise the spectre of fake claims if no time limit is fixed. The bench of Justices M R Shah and B V Nagarathna allowed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) “to carry out the random scrutiny of 5% of the claim applications by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala and Maharashtra at the first instance” to find out if any fake claims were being submitted to claim compensation. The order came on a plea by

the Centre that raised the issue of “fake claims”. Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta also urged the court to fix an outer time limit of four weeks. It said: “(Mehta) is also right in apprehending that if there is no outer time limit fixed, then the process of receiving the claims would go endless and, in that case, there is all possibility of submitting false claims”. The court, however, was of the opinion that four weeks “is too short” and said “the family would need some reasonable time to recover from the death and sorrow and filing the claim”. It stressed that the earlier order to process the claims and to pay the compensation within thirty days from the date of receipt of claim will continue. On allegations of fake claims, the court said it is a punishable offence under the National Disaster Management Act, 2005. “Nobody can be permitted to avail the ex gratia compensation by making a false claim and/or submitting the false certificate”, the court said, and added: “Nobody can be permitted to misuse” its order allowing the ex gratia.

Pune girl raped in school, man known to father arrested: police

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PUNE, MARCH 24

PUNE CITY Police Thursday arrested a suspect in connection with the rape of an 11-year-old girl on her school premises a day before. Police Commissioner Amitabh Gupta said the suspect was an acquaintance of the girl’s father and had worked with him in the past. The man was nabbed based on leads from security camera footage and clues gathered by multiple investigation teams. The rape had taken place on Wednesday afternoon, when classes in the victim’s school were about to begin. “The girl had come to the school some time before the classes were to assemble. Using some pretext, the person took the girl towards the area of the school where the washroom blocks are located, near the playground. He raped and sexually abused her. The incident came to light after the girl told some of her friends about what had happened. The friends in turn informed the school authorities. Subsequently, the parents of the girl were informed and they approached the police,” said the in-charge inspector of the police station where the case was registered. Officials who are part of the investigation said the girl kept refusing to accompany the man to the washroom blocks but he forced her to do so. Police registered an offence under IPC sections for rape and provision of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. An extensive manhunt involving multiple teams had been launched for the suspect. Police are investigating how he managed to enter the school.

Minorities in Tripura not safe: Sarkar on BJP MLA’s ‘shut madrasas’ remark

DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, MARCH 24

LEADER OF Opposition in the Tripura Assembly Manik Sarkar Thursday said minorities aren’t safe in the state under the BJP rule and that such a “unnatural situation” didn’t exist before the party assumed power. Sarkar’s comments came two days after BJP legislator Shambhulal Chakma said in the Assembly that the government-run madrasas should be shut down as “such religious educational institutions produce terrorists and not doctors or engineers”. “A member, citing the speech of the CM of an adjoining state, said in the House that madrasas have to be closed because they



Former CM Manik Sarkar

produce terrorists. What is the meaning? When we raised the issue in the House and wanted to know the view of the government, they didn’t tell anything. The Deputy Speaker simply overlooked it and went to other issues,” Sarkar said. “Such an intimidating speech by an MLA and the government’s attitude make it evident that minorities aren’t safe. We feel this is an unnatural development,” he said. Chakma *The Indian Express* Thursday he was quoted out of

context and he never sought total closure of madrasas but only asked to shut down government-run facilities to ensure uniformity in public support to religious educational institutions. He said he or his party was not against Muslims, citing steps taken by BJP-led central government, such as criminalising triple talaq and removing Article 370 from J&K, which, he said, will benefit and empower the minority community. “We aren’t in favour of total closure of madrasas. I said govt-supported madrasas should be closed. If they take public money, why a particular religion should get the benefit? What crime did the others do to not deserve the same?” he quipped.

PM leads tributes to ex-CJI Lahoti

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

CHIEF JUSTICE of India (CJI) NV Ramana and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday led the tributes to former CJI RC Lahoti who breathed his last the evening before in a New Delhi hospital. He was 81 years old. Justice Lahoti, who was known in the legal circles as a man of few words, was born in Guna, Madhya Pradesh, in 1940. He was the 35th CJI and served the office for over 17 months till his retirement in October 2005. “Justice Lahoti will always be remembered as a fearless independent judge who enriched legal jurisprudence in this country until his last breath,” CJI Ramana said. In a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, “Anguished



Justice RC Lahoti had died at 81

by the passing away of former CJI Shri RC Lahoti ji. He will be remembered for his contributions to the judiciary and emphasis on ensuring speedy justice to the underprivileged. Condolences to his family and well-wishers. Om Shanti.” Justice Lahoti was appointed a district and sessions judge in the state in 1977. However, he resigned a year later to practise law in the High Court. A decade later, Justice Lahoti was appointed an Additional Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court and in 1998 he became a Supreme Court judge. Former CJI RM Lodha told The

Indian Express, “I have lost a very dear friend who was very compassionate and was also a man of robust humour. His tenure as CJI was marked by the way he carried all colleagues along with him and how all decisions were taken with consensus.” In a tweet, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said, “Saddened to hear of the passing away of Shri RC Lahoti, former Chief Justice of India. He rose from a humble background and reached the highest position of our country’s judiciary because of his ability, knowledge and wisdom.” After retirement, CJI Lahoti headed the Akhil Bharatiya Adhivakta Parishad’s Nyay Chaupal, a forum set up with the stated aim of solving civil disputes that are an outcome of the “crumbling family structure in the new societal order”.



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CANCELLATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Name		Date of cancellation(from the Originating Station)	
14203/14204 Varanasi - Lucknow - Varanasi Intercity Express		27.03.2022 to 02.04.2022	
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14265 Varanasi - Dehradun Janata Express	Janghai Jn., Phaphamau Jn., Unchahar Jn. & Raebarelli Jn.		27.03.22 to 02.04.22
14266 Dehradun - Varanasi Janata Express	Raebarelli Jn., Unchahar Jn., Phaphamau Jn. & Janghai Jn.		26.03.22 to 01.04.22
12355 Patna Jn. - Jammu Tawi Archana Exp.	Varanasi - Ayodhya Cantt. & Lucknow		29.03.22, 02.04.22
12356 Jammu Tawi - Patna Jn. Archana Exp.	Lucknow, Ayodhya Cantt. & Varanasi		27.03.22, 30.03.22
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Name of work	Transportation of Railway material by road years from Northern Railway DEMU Shed, Shakurbasti/ Heritage Steam Loco Shed, Rewari to other Sheds/ Workshops of Indian Railways and/or back from other Sheds/ Workshops to Northern Railway, DEMU Shed, Shakurbasti/ Heritage Steam Shed, Rewari for a period of two (02) years
Approximate cost	₹ 1,00,65,447 including GST @18%
Earnest money	₹ 2,01,309/-
Completion period of the work	02 years
Cost of tender document	₹ 0.00 (Vide Rly. Bd. letter no. 2020/CE- I/CT/3E/GCC/Policy/30,12,2020)
Bid End Date / Time	06.04.2022 12:00 hrs.
Bid Opening Date / Time	06.04.2022 12:30 hrs.
Website particulars where complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender is available on GeM (Government e Marketplace) website i.e. www.gem.gov.in w.e.f. 22.03.2022
No. - 258744DSLSSBR Dt. - 23.03.2022	623/2022

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20487/20488 Barmer - Delhi Jn. - Barmer - Superfast Express (Bi-Weekly)					
Train No. 20487		STATIONS		Train No. 20488	
Arr.	Dep.			Arr.	Dep.
--	21:40	Barmer		06:30	--
21:49	21:51	Utarlai		05:52	05:54
23:01	23:06	Balotra		04:13	04:18
23:32	23:37	Samdari Jn.		03:43	03:48
00:28	00:31	Luni Jn.		02:42	02:45
01:00	01:15	Jodhpur		01:45	02:00
02:41	02:46	Merta Road Jn.		00:02	00:07
03:26	03:29	Degana Jn.		23:20	23:23
04:00	04:03	Makrana Jn.		22:45	22:48
05:35	05:37	Phulera Jn.		21:50	21:52
06:30	06:40	Jaipur Jn.		20:40	20:50
06:53	06:56	Gandhi Nagar Jaipur		20:20	20:23
07:40	07:42	Dausa		19:38	19:40
09:01	09:04	Alwar Jn.		18:17	18:20
10:35	10:40	Rewari Jn.		17:15	17:17
11:26	11:28	Gurgaon		16:26	16:28
11:43	11:45	Delhi Cantt.		16:08	16:10
12:35	--	Delhi Jn.		--	15:40

Days of Run: 20487 Ex Barmer on Mon & Thu from 28.03.2022 and 20488 Ex Delhi Jn. on Tue & Fri from 25.03.2022
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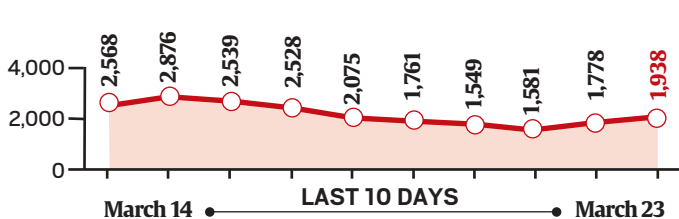
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TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

DASHBOARD, AS ON MARCH 23

752 DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN	New cases 1,938	Active cases 22,427	Deaths 67
Weekly CFR: 1.55% Overall CFR: 1.20% Total deaths: 516,672			

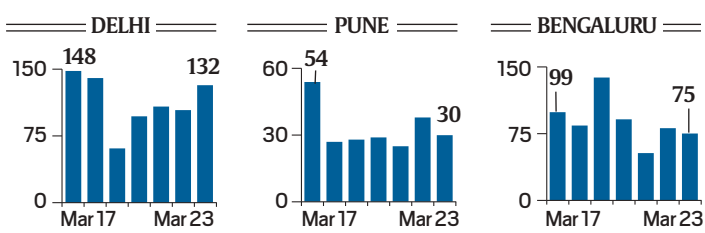
NEW CASES, DAILY



CASES IN THE STATES

State	ON MARCH 23			Weekly positivity
	New cases	Active cases	Deaths	
Kerala	702	5,918	61	3.32%
Mizoram	191	1,412	0	11.95%
Maharashtra	149	1,084	2	0.37%
Delhi	132	490	0	0.44%
Karnataka	93	1,844	1	0.38%

CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 7 DAYS



TOTAL TESTS

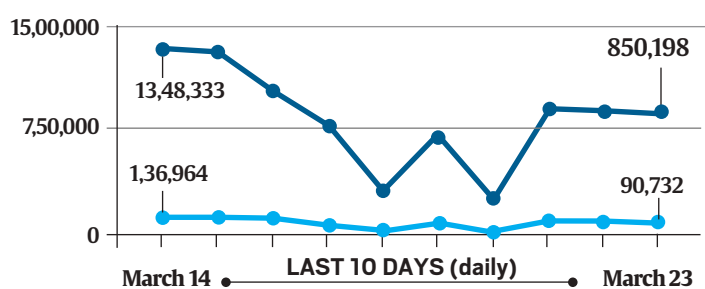
TESTS ON MARCH 23 661,954	WEEKLY POSITIVITY 0.35%	OVERALL POSITIVITY 5.48%
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INDIA TOTAL DOSES

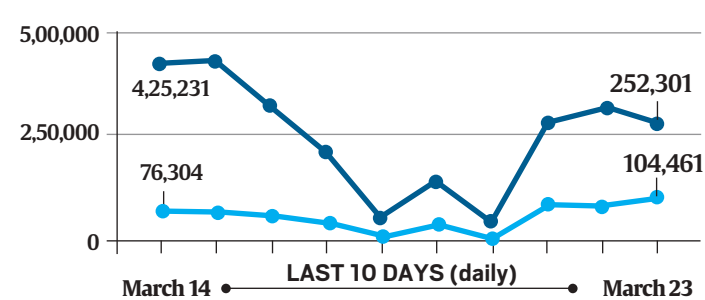
(Adults 1st dose: **912,154,367**; 2nd: **787,964,575**;
15-18 age group 1st dose: **56,501,245**; 2nd: **36,371,187**;
Age group 12-14 1st dose: **7,217,166**; Precautionary: **22,121,816**)

■ First dose ■ Second dose March 23 total: **3,415,122**

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Vacancies in the IAS

India has about 22 per cent fewer IAS officers than the sanctioned strength, the Govt has told Parliament. How are the numbers of IAS officers decided, and what is the reason for the large number of vacancies?

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

MINISTER OF State for PMO; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Jitendra Singh told Lok Sabha on Wednesday that as on January 1, 2021, there were 5,231 IAS officers in the country — 1,515 (22.45 per cent) fewer than the sanctioned strength of 6,746. A total 3,787 officers were direct recruits to the IAS, while 1,444 were promotees (State Civil Services/ non-SCS).

On Thursday, the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Grievances, Law and Justice headed by Sushil Kumar Modi in its 112th report tabled in both Houses of Parliament said: "...There is a huge shortage. The gap between the sanctioned strength and the in-position strength of IAS officers is as large as 104 in UP cadre, 94 in Bihar cadre and 87 in AGMUT cadre."

Is the shortage a new trend?

No. As the chart shows, even in 1951, there were 957 officers, including 336 from the Indian Civil Service (ICS), against a sanctioned strength of 1,232 — which means 275, or 22.32 per cent, seats were vacant. The shortage has been a constant feature ever since — it was the least in 2001 (0.79 per cent), and the most in 2012 (28.87 per cent), as per available data.

The 10 years of the UPA regime saw a 19 per cent vacancy on average; during the last seven years of the NDA government, this number has been 22.58 per cent.

How is the sanctioned strength decided?

There is a provision for quinquennial cadre reviews for every cadre of the All India Services under the relevant Cadre Rules. The Cadre Review Committee (CRC) is headed by the Cabinet Secretary with the Secretary DoPT, Secretary Expenditure, Secretary Administrative Ministry (for services other than the IAS), and the senior most member of the service/cadre in question as its members.

Cadre review is an ongoing process, and some states are taken up by rotation every year for review — in 2020-21, for example, it was decided to revise the strength and composition of the IAS in UP and Bihar, and of the

SANCTIONED AND ACTUAL STRENGTH OF IAS OVER THE YEARS

Year	Sanctioned	Actual	Shortage	(% of shortage)
1951	1,232	957*	275	22.32
1961	1,862	1,722**	99	5.31
1971	3,203	2,754***	449	14.01
1981	4,599	3,883	716	15.56
1991	5,334	4,881	453	8.49
2001	5,159	5,118	41	0.79
2002	5,159	5,051	108	2.09
2003	5,159	4,871	288	5.58
2004	5,159	4,791	368	7.13
2005	5,261	4,788	473	8.99
2006	5,337	4,790	547	10.25
2007	5,422	4,731	691	12.75
2008	5,460	4,761	699	12.80
2009	5,671	4,572	1,149	20.26
2010	5,689	4,534	1,155	20.30
2011	6,077	4,456	1,621	26.67
2012	6,154	4,377	1,777	28.87
2013	6,217	4,737	1,480	23.80
2014	6,270	4,619	1,651	26.33
2015	6,375	4,802	1,573	24.67
2016	6,396	4,926	1,470	22.98
2017	6,500	5,004	1,496	23.01
2018	6,553	5,104	1,449	22.11
2019	6,699	5,205	1,494	22.30
2020	6,715	5,205	1,510	22.48
2021	6,746	5,231	1,515	22.45

* Includes 336 of ICS; ** Includes 215 ICS; *** Includes 88 ICS. Source: DoPT Annual Report 2020-21

IPS in Manipur. The sanctioned strength, therefore, keeps changing.

The B S Baswan Committee, which was set up "to take a comprehensive look at the requirement of IAS officers over a longer time frame", said in its report submitted in 2016 that "any number above 180 would (a) compromise quality; (b) exceed the LBNsAA's (Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration's) capacity and; (c) lead to a distortion in the career pyramid of IAS offi-

cers, particularly for senior posts in the Government of India."

The Committee recommended that "vacant posts in the Centre and states can be filled by deputation where the number of deputations would be less than the present."

The Parliamentary Committee led by Sushil Modi has, however, noted: "Bureaucracy deficit is, perhaps, compelling states to take recourse to such means as appointing non-cadre officers to cadre posts, and contin-

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

Why cooking gas is costlier, what lies ahead



KARUNJIT SINGH

OIL MARKETING companies have raised the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by Rs 50 per 14.2 kg cylinder in the first hike since October, as international crude prices have surged due to the war in Ukraine. Over 70 per cent of households are estimated to use LPG as their primary cooking fuel and 85 per cent have LPG connections. The hike in prices will impact household inflation expectations, and could further hit subdued consumption sentiment.

Linked to global oil prices

The price of LPG has been rising since November 2020; a 14.2 kg cylinder in Delhi now costs Rs 949 — Rs 355 or nearly 60 per cent costlier. Steady increase in crude prices due to the recovery in demand following the

easing of Covid restrictions, slow restoration of production by oil exporters, and the Russia-Ukraine war have contributed to rising prices.

India's LPG prices are benchmarked to international prices of petroleum gas. Saudi Arabia's national oil company, Saudi Aramco, has set the price for LPG in March to \$769.1 per metric tonne (MT), up 5.9 per cent from \$726.4 per MT in January, and up over 104 per cent from the November 2020 price of \$376.3 per MT. The price of India's crude oil basket has risen from \$41 per barrel in November 2020 to \$115.4 as on March 23, 2022.

The government had stopped subsidies on LPG cylinders for most consumers in May 2020, adding to the price burden on consumers. Due to high inland freight costs, the government now provides subsidies only through its direct benefit transfer scheme to customers in remote areas.

Under-recoveries persist

Analysts note that despite the increase, OMCs are selling LPG at a loss — and further hikes are likely. "If we price crude at about \$100-110, the under-recoveries even after the recent price increase of Rs 50 per cylinder is to the tune of about Rs 100-125 per cylinder,"

Prashant Vasishth, Vice President & Co-Group Head at credit ratings agency ICRA, said.

PNG and CNG also costlier

Rising international gas prices have also impacted the price of piped natural gas (PNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) supplied by city gas distribution companies, as they source imported natural gas in addition to domestically produced natural gas to meet demand.

Indraprastha Gas Ltd hiked the price of CNG in Delhi by Re 1 per kg to Rs 59 and the price of PNG by Re 1 per SCM (standard cubic metre) to Rs 36.61 earlier this week. Prices of PNG and CNG are expected to rise further post the next price revision of domestically produced natural gas, which is set to come into effect for a six-month period starting April 1.

Households' LPG dependence

LPG is the primary cooking fuel in more than 70 per cent of Indian households, and 85 per cent households have LPG connections, according to an independent study released on Thursday by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW). However, 54 per cent households continue to use tradi-

tional solid fuels such as firewood, dung cakes, agriculture residue, charcoal, and kerosene, either exclusively or with LPG — increasing the exposure to indoor air pollution.

The CEEW findings are from the India Residential Energy Survey 2020, conducted in collaboration with the Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy in FY 19-20 in nearly 15,000 urban and rural households across 152 districts in 21 most populous states.

Inflation expectations

Inflation expectations in India have been sticky as households take time in believing that a high inflation phase is ebbing. Quantitative inflation expectations in India are formed based on households' experiences of food and fuel inflation, according to a January 2022 RBI working paper titled *Taking Cognisance of Households' Inflation Expectations in India*.

Households' median inflation perceptions for the current period moderated sequentially by 70 basis points to 9.7 per cent in January in the latest round of survey conducted by the RBI. But the current period perception is still higher than the perceptions recorded in the same period a year ago.

The new refugees from Sri Lanka in TN — driven by hunger, not war

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, MARCH 24

FOR DECADES, groups of Sri Lankan Tamils have come to Tamil Nadu, fleeing war and hostilities on the island. The 16 Sri Lankan Tamils who arrived on the Rameswaram coast in two batches on March 22 were, however, different.

They were economic refugees, trying to escape a dire situation in Sri Lanka, which is reeling under a severe economic crisis.

Indian intelligence agencies believe that as unemployment and skyrocketing inflation drive more and more people to desperation in the coming days and weeks, the numbers of these refugees are likely to only increase.

TN, a natural destination

Barely 30 km away across the shallow Palk Strait, India has long appeared within reach, especially to Tamils in Northern and Eastern Sri Lanka. Ethnic affinity has made Tamil Nadu inviting, either as asylum or as a point of transit to the West, mostly Europe

— where a large and influential Tamil diaspora has gathered over the decades of war and political turbulence in Sri Lanka.

People and political parties in Tamil Nadu have been traditionally welcoming of Sri Lankan refugees with similar ethnic and cultural roots. In the 1970s and 80s, India trained and armed the Tamil rebels, and the sea crossing presented no major threat to the illegal immigrants from Sri Lanka. This situation changed radically after Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated by the LTTE in 1991.

History of Sri Lankan refugees

While Tamil-origin refugees from Northern and Eastern Sri Lanka had been arriving in India from long before the 1980s, their flow increased significantly after 1983, when ethnic clashes began on the island between the majority Sinhala Buddhist ruling class and the Indian-armed Tamil Tigers.

Those who arrived before 1983 were mainly Indian-origin Tamils whose forefathers had migrated to Sri Lanka to work in the tea plantations. Their arrival was facilitated by an agreement between Prime

Ministers Lal Bahadur Shastri and Sirimavo Bandaranaike to allow 9,75,000 people of Indian origin in Sri Lanka to become citizens of the country of their choosing.

Many of the 4.6 lakh repatriations from Sri Lanka before 1982 travelled to Europe; others married Indians in an effort to resolve their crises of identity.

From 1983 onward Sri Lankan Tamils arrived in multiple waves. The first of these was between July 1983 and 1987, when 1.34 lakh Sri Lankan Tamils reached India, pushed by anti-Tamil riots in Sri Lanka after an LTTE ambush killed 13 Sri Lankan soldiers, and pulled by the India-Sri Lanka Accord. In the two years from 1987, however, some 25,600 refugees returned to Sri Lanka, according to official records.

The second wave of arrivals began after the war flared up in June 1990, and about 1,22,000 Tamils fled the island. Between 1991 and 1995, some 54,000 refugees were repatriated to Sri Lanka; this was also the period in which Sri Lankan Tamils faced pressures in Tamil Nadu after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi.

The third wave of arrivals began in 1995 and continued until 2002, a period that witnessed intense fighting in Northern Sri Lanka. The exodus turned into a flood in 2008-09, the final years of the war. Refugees continued to arrive until 2013.

Tamil refugee numbers

As per latest records, about 19,000 Sri Lankan families — or 58,822 individuals, including about 10,000 children below the age of 8 — live in 108 refugee camps set up for Sri Lankan Tamils in Tamil Nadu. Another 34,087 individuals with refugee certificates live outside the camps.

There are also individuals who have overstayed in India, those who are in transit to Europe, former Tamil militants who have been sheltered in special camps, and refugees who have been caught by Indian agencies while attempting an illegal sea passage from Indian waters to Europe or Australia.

Refugees' life in Tamil Nadu

Many Tamil nationalists in Sri Lanka consider the DMK a betrayer of Tamils be-

cause it was part of the UPA regime that aided the brutal last phase of the war in which the Sri Lankan army killed thousands of civilians. Ordinary people fleeing the island however, are more favourably disposed towards the MK Stalin government, which has taken several "pro-refugee" steps over the past year.

Despite continuous discussions on the Sri Lankan Tamil issue in Tamil Nadu politics for decades, not much was done to improve the quality of life in the refugee camps. Most camps are ramshackle open prisons with families crammed into one or two rooms that they received in the 1980s or 1990s. Many refugees who work in hotels or other sectors, or as daily wage labourers, are watched by the Q-branch, the state intelligence and investigative unit tracking terrorists and other radicalised individuals.

The refugees have benefited from the general social welfare schemes in the state, be it the free rice or periodic festival incentives and "kits". The head of each refugee family gets a monthly allowance of at least Rs 1,000, and monthly assistance for spouses

and children below age 12. The DMK government announced a scheme to build 3,510 houses for Sri Lankan refugees, renovate 7,469, and provide financial assistance to refugee students for higher education.

New economic refugees

The collapse of tourism following the Easter attacks of 2019 and the Covid-19 pandemic has wrecked the Sri Lankan economy. The country is heavily import-dependent, and with foreign exchange reserves crashing, there have been acute shortages of food items, fuel, and other essentials. Staples like rice and milk have become unaffordable for large numbers of people.

Local people in Mannar and Jaffna, the Tamil populated areas in the north, say many are ready to travel to India. "They are waiting for conducive factors such as the availability of boats and the position of the Sri Lankan navy and the Indian Coast Guard..." a source in Mannar said. Several sources said people are keenly following the news from Tamil Nadu about the way those who have reached India are being treated.

17 THE WORLD

24TH TO 24TH A MONTH OF WAR



The bombing in Kharkiv on Feb. 27. AP



Ukrainians crowd under a destroyed bridge in the outskirts of Kyiv on March 5

TOP OF THE WORLD

NORTH KOREA

N Korea tests largest ICBM

Seoul: North Korea conducted what is thought to be its largest intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) test ever on Thursday, the South Korean and Japanese militaries said. It would be the first full-capability launch of the nuclear-armed state's largest missiles since 2017. **REUTERS**

SOMALIA

Suicide bomber kills 48 people

Mogadishu: A prominent Somali woman lawmaker is among at least 48 people killed in a suicide bombing that hit a polling station in rural central Somalia, police and a local official said Thursday. The attack took place late Wednesday in the town of Beledweyne, the capital of Hiran region. Among its victims was opposition lawmaker Amina Mohamed Abdi, an outspoken government critic who was campaigning to retain her seat in the National Assembly. **AP**

CHINA

Cockpit voice recorder probed

Wuzhou: Chinese investigators began examining the cockpit voice recorder from a China Eastern Airlines jet that plunged into mountainside with 132 people on board as recovery crew searched muddy fields on Thursday for a second black box. The cockpit voice recorder would provide investigators with details of communications between the flight's three pilots. **REUTERS**

On table at three summits: Aid for Ukraine

US vows to take in 1L refugees, Biden says Russia should be removed from G20

AGENCIES
BRUSSELS, MARCH 24

WORLD LEADERS heard impassioned pleas on Thursday from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for more military aid to defend his country and the US announced new sanctions and humanitarian aid as officials gathered for a trio of summits to discuss next steps in countering Russia's month-old invasion of its much smaller neighbour.

The extraordinary series of summits — hosted by NATO, the Group of Seven industrialised nations and the EU — reflected alarm that the conflict shows no sign of ending soon and could even spread beyond Ukraine's borders.

Zelenskyy, addressing the NATO gathering by video from Kyiv, called for "military assistance without limitations" as Russia is "without limits using its entire arsenal." He specifically asked for anti-air and anti-ship weapons.

US President Joe Biden, who is attending all three summits, said more aid was on its way. "We are committed to identifying additional equipment, including air defence systems, to help Ukraine," Biden said in a written statement after the NATO meeting. Biden also said he thinks Russia should be removed from the Group of Twenty (G20) major economies and the topic was raised during his meetings. "My answer is yes, depends on the G20," Biden said, when asked if Russia should be removed from the group. NATO allies agreed to provide Ukraine with equipment and training to deal with the fallout from a possible Russian attack using chemical, biological or even nuclear weapons, NATO's secretary general, Jens Stoltenberg, said on Thursday.



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (centre front left) US President Joe Biden (centre front) and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson (front right) at NATO summit in Brussels on Thursday. AP

Over half of Ukrainian children forced out from homes by war: UN agency

THE NEW YORK TIMES
GENEVA, MARCH 24

RUSSIA'S ASSAULT on Ukraine has driven more than half the country's children from their homes, the United Nations children's agency said on Thursday, calling it one of the largest displacements of children since World War II.

Some 4.3 million Ukrainian children from a total estimated child population of 7.5 million have been displaced by the one-month-old conflict, UNICEF said. This includes 1.8 million children who have taken refuge in neighbouring countries and over 2.5 million who are in temporary shelter within the country.

United Nations monitors in Ukraine have reported that 81 children have been killed since



Some 4.3 million children from a total estimated 7.5 million of them have been displaced. NYT

the start of Russia's invasion and 104 have been injured. "This is a grim milestone that could have lasting consequences for generations to come," Catherine Russell, UNICEF's director, said in

a statement. The World Health Organization has recorded 64 attacks on healthcare facilities in the conflict, its director, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said on Wednesday.

Mercenary group, 65 others on UK's sanctions' list

THE NEW YORK TIME
LONDON, MARCH 24

BRITAIN IMPOSED sanctions on a further 65 Russian companies and individuals on Thursday, including the Wagner Group, a private military force with ties to President Vladimir V. Putin, which has sent mercenaries into Ukraine.

Among the other targets are Polina Kovaleva, the glamorous stepdaughter of Russia's foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov, and Galina Danilchenko, who was installed by Russian forces as a puppet mayor in the Ukrainian city of Melitopol. The Ukrainian foreign ministry said Russians had abducted the previous mayor, Ivan Fedorov.

How the Wagner Group would be sanctioned was not immediately clear, given that it is a

shadowy organisation. Last month, European security officials said about 300 Wagner mercenaries with experience in Libya and Syria filtered into two separatist regions in eastern Ukraine to lay the groundwork for the Russian invasion; the British statement on sanctions referred to reports that it had also sent mercenaries to try to assassinate President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

"The destroyed ship in Berdyansk could carry up to 20 tanks, 45 armored personnel carriers and 400 paratroopers," the Ukrainian deputy defence minister, Anna Malyar, said in a statement on Thursday. "This is a huge target that was hit by our military." The Ukrainians have claimed to have damaged or destroyed several Russian warships over the course of the war.



Smoke was visible near a seaport in Berdyansk, Ukraine, on Thursday. AP

Ukrainian forces: Have destroyed Russian landing ship

UKRAINE'S MILITARY said on Thursday it destroyed a Russian ship at a port under Russian occupation in southern Ukraine.

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The Ukrainian military said it had destroyed the Orsk, but it was not immediately clear from the visual evidence which ship was destroyed. Videos show other Russian ships, also appearing to have small fires with smoke rising, leaving the port while the Alligator-class vessel burns. The Russians have not commented on the report out of Berdyansk. **NYT**

Early elections likely to end uncertainty: Pak minister

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, MARCH 24

PAKISTAN'S INTERIOR Minister Sheikh Rashid said on Thursday that early elections can be held in the country to end the current political uncertainty due to a no-trust motion against embattled Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is struggling to save his government.

Addressing a press conference, Rashid also warned party dissidents that switching sides would not do them any good.

Pakistan has been on the edge since Opposition parties on March 8 submitted a no-confi-

dence motion before the National Assembly Secretariat, alleging that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government led by Prime Minister Khan was responsible for the economic crisis and the spiralling inflation in the country.

Khan, 69, is heading a coalition government and he can be removed if some of the partners decide to switch sides. Khan ran into trouble after his allied parties with 23 members refused to give a clear indication to support him in the parliament during the no-trust vote motion which would come up for discussion in Parliament later this month. **PTI**

China's Wang, Russia's Kabulov show up in Kabul, engage Taliban leaders

Ready to extend CPEC to Afghanistan: China Foreign Minister

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

CHINA AND Russia made their presence felt in Kabul Thursday, signalling they had not forgotten the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan despite their own preoccupations, and expressed solidarity with the Taliban regime a day after it drew global condemnation for turning away girls from high schools.

Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councillor Wang Yi made a surprise stopover in Kabul be-

fore he showed up in Delhi in the evening. He is the highest ranking Chinese official to visit Kabul after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan last August.

A large Russian delegation led by Zamir Kabulov, Special Representative for Afghanistan, also met Taliban officials to discuss economic cooperation.

Wang, who arrived in Kabul from Islamabad after attending the conference of OIC Foreign Ministers, met Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and Deputy PM Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar. China is hosting a meeting of

Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan's neighbours later this month.

According to Xinhua and Global Times, Wang told Baradar that China welcomes "Afghanistan's active participation in the joint construction of the Belt and Road, and stands ready to extend the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor to Afghanistan, replicate more successful experiences, and make Afghanistan, with the geographical strength as the 'Heart of Asia', a bridge for regional connectivity".

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Madeleine Albright shakes hands with US soldiers during her visit to Air Base Eagle near Tuzla, Aug. 30, 1998. AP file

Nations. Over the next four years, she became a tough advocate for the global interests of the United States. But she and Mr. Clinton clashed repeatedly with Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali over peacekeeping operations in Somalia, Rwanda and the Bosnian civil war.

Days after beginning his second term, Clinton nominated Albright as secretary of state. She was unanimously confirmed by the Senate (99-0) and soon made her first official trip, not to a foreign capital but to Texas, where

she spoke at Rice University — determined, she said, to take United States foreign policy straight to the American people.

"Everybody has their own style, and mine is people to people," she said on a walk in Rome. "I'm trying mine, and I am enjoying it."

After Albright stepped down as secretary of state in 2001, there was speculation that she might pursue a political career in the Czech Republic. Vaclav Havel, the writer and former dissident who was the republic's first president from 1993 to

2003, suggested publicly that she might succeed him. Ms. Albright said she was flattered but not interested.

Condoling her death, US President Joe Biden said, "Madeleine Albright was a force. Hers were the hands that turned the tide of history... When I think of Madeleine, I will always remember her fervent faith that 'America is the indispensable nation.' Others remember her as a trailblazer and a luminary who left an indelible mark on the world and on the United Nations."

FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE As U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DIES AT 84

Madeleine Albright, a trailblazer who fled Nazis, climbed to diplomacy summit

NYT & REUTERS
MARCH 24

MADELEINE K Albright, a child of Czech refugees who fled from Nazi invaders and Communist oppressors and then landed in the United States, where she flourished as a diplomat and the first woman to serve as secretary of state, died on Wednesday in Washington. She was 84.

The cause was cancer, her daughter Anne said. Enveloped by a veil of family se-

crets hidden from her for most of her life, Albright rose to power and fame as a brilliant analyst of world affairs and a White House counselor on national security. Under President Bill Clinton, she became the country's representative to the United Nations (1993-97) and secretary of state (1997-2001), making her the highest-ranking woman in the history of American government at the time.

It was not until after she became secretary of state that she accepted proof that, as she had long suspected, her ethnic and

religious background was not what she had thought. She learned that her family was Jewish and that her parents had protectively converted to Roman Catholicism during World War II, raising their children as Catholics without telling them of their Jewish heritage. She also discovered that 26 family members, including three grandparents, had been murdered in the Holocaust.

She was largely unknown until Clinton took office as president in 1993 and named her chief delegate to the United

19 ECONOMY

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹51,818	₹76.37	\$115.44	₹67,864

Note: Gold, silver rates at Mumbai spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of March 23

SENSEX: 57,595.68 ▼ 89.14 (0.15%) NIFTY: 17,222.75 ▼ 22.90 (0.13%) NIKKEI: 28,110.39 ▲ 70.23 HANG SENG: 21,945.95 ▼ 208.13 FTSE: 7,470.59 ▲ 9.96 DAX: 14,276.88 ▼ 6.77

International market data till 1900 IST

AVIATION WATCH
INT'L SCHEDULED FLIGHTSGlobal airlines
prep for business
as usual: Ramp up
old, fresh routesFrom March 27, resumption of
scheduled international flights

Passengers at Ahmedabad Airport. File

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

AS THE March 27 resumption of international scheduled flights from India inches closer, foreign carriers have started announcing new flights and increased frequencies to airports in the country.

Finnair, which already operates the Delhi-Helsinki route, will add three weekly flights between Mumbai and Helsinki. German carrier Lufthansa announced that it is resuming direct flights between Chennai and Frankfurt thrice every week effective April 29. Dutch airline KLM will respond to the resumption of scheduled international flights from India by increasing its frequencies to Delhi and Mumbai. The carrier flies to India from Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. Poland's LOT Polish Airlines will commence passenger flights from Warsaw to Mumbai from May 31, and resume flights on Delhi-Warsaw sector effective March 29.

Malaysia's flag carrier Malaysia Airlines will resume 25 weekly flights from Kuala Lumpur to several Indian cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad March 27 onwards.

After a two-year suspension imposed because of Covid-19, the government announced resumption of international scheduled flights from March 27 — a move that was expected to lead to an increased number of flights, thereby providing a relief to high fares on international sectors. In absence of scheduled flights, airlines have been operating international flights under air bubble agreements with 37 countries.

Earlier this week, the Ministry of Civil Aviation relaxed Covid-19-related regulations, stating that cabin crew members need not wear PPE kits, airlines need not keep three seats vacant on international

flights for medical emergencies, and security personnel at airports may resume pat-down search of passengers.

"We are delighted that after a pandemic-related break, our flagship aircraft can again land at Delhi's IGI Airport. Ensuring a direct connection is an essential element in strengthening Polish-Indian cooperation," said Rafal Milczarski, president of the Management Board, LOT Polish Airlines.

Speaking on resumption of Malaysia Airlines' services to five Indian cities, the airline's country manager—South Asia, Amit Mehta, said, "We will steadily increase capacities to these cities based on demand".

Separately, jurisdictions of Hong Kong and Singapore have also eased travel rules that will help airlines mount flights to India from these destinations. Earlier this month, Hong Kong announced scrapping of its travel ban on nine countries, including India, that it deemed high-risk from a Covid-19 perspective.

Following Singapore administration's easing of rules, Singapore Airlines and its low-cost arm Scoot will open up its entire network to fully-vaccinated travellers without the need for quarantine or testing. So far, Singapore had implemented the vaccinated travel lane system, in which travellers could fly in to Singapore only from specific destinations to get exemption from quarantine and testing.

If a passenger was flying to Singapore from a destination other than those specified under the system, they would be subjected to quarantine and testing requirements. From April 1, fully-vaccinated travellers from India will be able to fly from Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bengaluru, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Tiruchirappalli, Thiruvananthapuram and Vishakhapatnam without additional restrictions.

SHARES OF ZEE ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES JUMP 16.8%

Invesco backs ZEEL-Sony merger,
not to pursue EGM for MD removalENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, MARCH 24

INVESCO DEVELOPING Markets Fund has backed the merger of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) with Sony and decided not to pursue its requisition for an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) for the removal of ZEEL MD & CEO Punit Goenka.

Soon after the announcement by Invesco, which owns 18 per cent stake in ZEEL, the latter's shares jumped 16.83 per cent to Rs 299.15 on the BSE on Thursday.

According to Invesco, this follows the Bombay High Court decision recognising Invesco's requisition for an EGM as legally valid and upholding Invesco's right for the same. "Since we announced our intention to requisition an EGM and add six independent di-

EXPLAINED
New company, new board

INVESCO HAS backed out of its requisition for an EGM, seeking ouster of ZEEL MD & CEO, recognising that the ZEEL-Sony merger would result in reconstitution of the board of the newly-formed company.

rectors to Zee's board of directors, Zee has entered into a merger agreement with Sony. We continue to believe this deal in its current form has great potential for Zee shareholders," Invesco said. "We also recognize that, following the merger's consumma-

tion, the board of the newly combined company will be substantially reconstituted, which will achieve our objective of strengthening board oversight of the company," it said, adding, "Given these developments, and our desire to facilitate the transaction, we have decided not to pursue the EGM as per our requisition dated September 11, 2021."

Invesco said it will continue to monitor the proposed merger's progress. If the merger is not completed as currently proposed, Invesco retains the right to requisition a fresh EGM, it further said.

Last September, Invesco had sought an EGM for the removal of Goenka and to appoint six directors. However, the ZEEL board then proposed a merger deal with Sony to counter the Invesco move. Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) and ZEEL entered into an

exclusive and non-binding agreement for a merge.

While Sony India, which has emerged as a white knight for ZEEL promoters, would hold a majority 52.93 per cent stake in the combined company, ZEEL shareholders would hold the balance 47.07 per cent. Current ZEEL managing director & CEO Punit Goenka will continue in the position for another five years as Sony has agreed on his continuance in the top position.

"We are pleased with the Bombay High Court's ruling, which we view as an important reaffirmation of shareholder rights in India and the mechanisms under Indian law to hold boards accountable to their shareholders. The ruling is a boon for corporate governance in India and a win for shareholder democracy," Invesco said.

'IOC, BPCL, HPCL
lost \$2.25 bn due
to fuel price
freeze'

Indian OMCs IOC, BPCL and HPCL together lost around \$2.25 billion in revenue for keeping fuel prices on hold during state elections, said a Moody's report said

STATE FUEL RETAILERS Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation did not revise petrol and diesel rates for a record 137 days despite prices of crude oil rising to \$120 per barrel against about \$82 last November when the hiatus began

INCORPORATED INTO AVERAGE \$111 A BARREL, the three OMCs will incur a combined daily loss of around \$65-70 million on the sale of petrol and diesel unless fuel prices are increased to cover the rising crude oil prices

BASED ON CURRENT MARKET PRICES oil marketing companies (OMCs) are currently

incurring revenue loss of: ■\$25 per barrel on sale of petrol ■\$24 per barrel on sale of diesel

Source: Moody's Investors Service/PTI

Takeuchi is
MD-CEO of
Maruti Suzuki

Hisashi Takeuchi Credit: MSI

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Thursday said it has appointed Hisashi Takeuchi the new managing director and chief executive officer with effect from April 1. This is consequent to the completion of the term of Kenichi Ayukawa on March 31, 2022, the company said in a statement.

In order to facilitate a smooth transition, Ayukawa will continue as a whole-time director designated as executive vice-chairman till September 30, and will continue to provide guidance to the auto major, the statement added. The appointments are subject to shareholder approval. Takeuchi joined Suzuki Motor Corporation in 1986. He has been on the MSI board since July 2019, as joint MD (commercial) since April 2021. **FE**

Goyal on tax raids: Action
will be taken for wrongdoings

New Delhi: Responding to concerns that raids by investigative agencies on industry had dampened enthusiasm for private investments, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said in Parliament that anyone indulging in wrongdoings will be punished.

"I am amazed... I do not understand the relation between raids and investments... Is there any provision or law in the country that if you are a big politician or a big industrialist, action would not be taken for their wrongdoings... Action will be taken", the minister said in the Lok Sabha, during

discussions on the demands for grants of the Commerce and Industry Ministry

Income tax authorities on Wednesday raided multiple offices of Hero MotoCorp as well as the office and residential premises of Hero MotoCorp chairman and CEO Pawan Munjal. **ENS**

Price of Suzuki EVs to be
based on 2014 pact: Bhargava

RISHI RAJ

NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

SUZUKI MOTOR Corporation's wholly-owned arm Suzuki Motor Gujarat (SMG), which plans to locally manufacture EVs and batteries by 2026, will follow the same arrangement for selling the vehicle to Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) as it currently has for internal combustion engine (ICE) cars.

Maruti Suzuki chairman RC Bhargava said that the pricing of electric vehicles (EVs) or batteries sold by SMG to MSI will take into account the cost of material, labour, electricity, depreciation of

equipment and other consumables, but not include any profits.

"The pricing of the EVs sold will be based on the contract manufacturing agreement signed at the time of the setting up of the SMG plant in 2014," Bhargava said.

He was responding to a report by proxy advisory firm Institutional Investor Advisory Services, that said Suzuki's move would leave MSI with a legacy portfolio of cars with a limited future. "Tell me how is it possible? If the arrangement is working fine now with no disadvantage, how can it be wrong for EVs. The only thing changes with the new plant is instead of ICE there would be EVs." **FE**

BRIEFLY

Growth forecast

United Nations: India's projected economic growth for 2022 has been downgraded by over 2 per cent to 4.6%, as per an UNCTAD report.

Future default

New Delhi: Future Enterprises Ltd said it has defaulted on payment of ₹93.99 crore to PNB and Canara Bank under one-time restructuring plan.

Byju's, FIFA WC

New Delhi: Byju's said it has been named as an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

GeM portal

New Delhi: Procurement of goods, services from Government e-Market portal crossed ₹1 lakh cr in FY22. **PTI**

P&O Ferries firing

London: P&O Ferries CEO Peter Hebblethwaite acknowledged the company chose to ignore the law and labour contracts in firing 786 workers sans consulting. **AP**

CURTAIN-RAISER

Goyal chief guest at CFO Awards

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, MARCH 24

IF THERE was a year in which chief financial officers (CFOs) were put to the test, it was 2020-21. The pressure was high, and the options very few. At an extremely difficult time when the pandemic disrupted operations as never before, several CFOs proved they had what it takes to come up as winners.

The fifth edition of the FE CFO Awards, to be held on Friday evening in Mumbai, will acknowledge these stand-out professionals.

Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Textiles, Food and Public Distribution, will be the chief guest at the function and give away the awards.

Also addressing the gathering will be Sanjiv Mehta, chairman and managing director, Hindustan Unilever (HUL). The Lifetime Achievement

Piyush Goyal, Minister for
Commerce & IndustrySanjiv Mehta, CMD,
Hindustan Unilever

award has been won by Seshagiri Rao, Group CFO and Joint MD, JSW Steel, for his outstanding performance over four decades. He has not just steadied the ship in troubled times, he has also played an important part in JSW Steel's inorganic growth, overseeing 10 acquisitions.

Srikanth Venkatachari, joint CFO, Reliance Industries, will

walk away with the CFO of the Year award for leveraging the RIL balance sheet after borrowings topped \$70 billion while ensuring the ratings didn't fall. Venkatachari also played a key role in several billion-dollar equity deals with tech giants and pulled off a large Rs 53,000-crore rights issue.

Twenty CFOs from across sectors will also be awarded for

their sterling performances.

All winners were selected by a distinguished jury chaired by Paresk Sukthankar, former deputy managing director, HDFC Bank. The other members were Amit Chandra, chairperson, Bain Capital, Pradip Shah, chairman, IndAsia Fund Advisors, Ashu Suyash, former MD & CEO, Crisil, Ajay Srinivasan, CEO, Aditya Birla Capital, and Amit Tandon, MD, IIAIS.

Deloitte was the knowledge partner and put together the data on financials. Companies were placed in one of two categories — manufacturing and services. These were subdivided into three sections each; those with a turnover of between Rs 500 crore-Rs 1,500 crore, between Rs 1,500 crore-Rs 3,000 crore and those with a turnover of over Rs 3,000 crore.

The companies were ranked on the basis of some basic financial parameters. In picking the winners, the jury members, of course, took into consideration a host of other factors, including M&A activity, the performance of the concerned sector, corporate governance, auditors' comments and credit ratings. **FE**

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Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited invites e-tenders (www.msicecommerce.com) for purchase of short term power for the month from 01-Apr-2022 to 31-Mar-2023 (RTC) as per Ministry of Power, Government of India guidelines dated 30-03-2016 against Tender Specification No. 01/ICE (COMM)UPCL-01/2022-2023.

Month	Timings		Quantum of Power (MW)	Minimum Bid Quantity (MW)	Delivery Point
	From	To			
Apr-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	Uttarakhand State Periphery
May-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Jun-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Jul-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Aug-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Sep-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Oct-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Nov-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Dec-22	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Jan-23	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Feb-23	00:00	24:00	200	50	
Mar-23	00:00	24:00	200	50	

The timelines for short term procurement/bid process and activities thereafter are as under:-

Last Date of request for purchase of tender document	01/04/2022 upto 10:00 hrs.
Last date and time of submission of e-tender document	01/04/2022 upto 12:00 hrs.
Date and time of opening of tender document (Part-1)	01/04/2022 upto 13:00 hrs.

Date and time of opening of Initial Price Offer (IPO) & e-Reverse Auction (e-RA). 04/04/2022 at 10:00 hrs.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of Bank Guarantee should be in favour of Executive Engineer (CM), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun and to be submitted in the office of SE(Commercial), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun, Rs. 30,000/MW/month of offered capacity

Cost of tender Specification (Demand Draft in favour of) Executive Engineer (CM), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun and to be submitted in the office of SE(Commercial), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun Rs. 29,500/- (Rs. Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) including Taxes.

The qualifying requirements for a bidder to bid for this tender are as follows:-

1. The bidder must quote not less than 50 MW quantum of power from single source of generation.
2. The quantum of power offered by the bidder shall be firm power for the duration mentioned above.
3. The bidder must submit the details of Bidder Company as per Annexure 'A' of tender specification for consideration of their bid. Bidder shall ensure submission of (General/Technical/Financial) Information for last three years supported by unbridged Annual Financial Statements, assets and liabilities statements and other financial statements duly certified.)
4. If Bidder is a Trader, it should submit a copy of valid Category license or equivalent Trading License issued by CERC/Appropriate Commission.
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6. The consultancy/Joint Venture firm deputed by UPCL as a consultant shall not be eligible for participating in aforesaid tender
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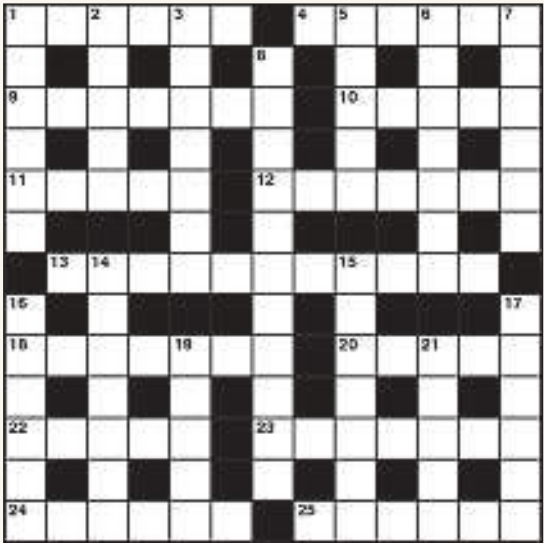
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CROSSWORD 4697



- ACROSS
- 1 Numbers set out in rows (6)
- 4 Beauty consultant goes to the wall (6)
- 9 I'll leave things behind with hostility (3,4)
- 10 Exceedingly angry quartet breaking cover (5)
- 11 African known for his pride, as I am perhaps (5)
- 12 Steals the child while it sleeps? (7)
- 13 Those put on it may expect firm offers in writing (7,4)
- 18 Resilient product from Castile (7)
- 20 Got us to display zest (5)
- 22 Burdened a boy with directions (5)
- 23 Take care; he's on watch (7)
- 24 One addresses one's remarks to him (or her) (3,3)
- 25 New tune I'd put together (6)
- DOWN
- 1 A mystery in game is resolved (6)
- 2 Red parts of one's arms (5)
- 3 Very important antonym (7)
- 5 I had been in front but became lazy (5)
- 6 Shows several changes (7)
- 7 Is hard perhaps but may be eaten (6)
- 8 Royal music-lover, smoker, and drinker (3,4,4)
- 14 Leave a university man under a prohibition (7)
- 15 Chicken and port (7)
- 16 Dispose of at a higher price (4,2)
- 17 Informed about foreign depots (6)
- 19 Pacific isle has got an unusual constitution (5)
- 21 Photograph new plant growth (5)

Solutions Crossword 4696: Across: 1 Inkling, 5 Merit, 8 Electric organ, 9 Storm, 10 Thiamin, 11 Averse, 12 Rodney, 15 Inhabit, 17 Tramp, 19 Housebreaking, 20 Sheep, 21 Sidings. Down: 1 Items, 2 Keep open house, 3 Isthmus, 4 Guilty, 5 Maori, 6 Regimentation, 7 Tenancy, 11 Alights, 13 Outward, 14 Starts, 16 Bleep, 18 Pages.

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.
We _____ the mark to _____ the mark. - Ralph Waldo Emerson (3,5,_,3)

BMAAE

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CNIO

BRAVED

SOLUTION: NADIM, JONIC, MOUTH, ADVERB

SUDOKU 4784

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4783

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CORRIGENDUM ORDER

Date: 24.03.2022

The under signee has invited the Technical and Financial Bids to supply generic drugs and medicines as per salt names and their combinations through NIB No. 8398 Dated 04.03.2022 and UBN : CCF 2122GLOB00015. An Order No. 9077 Dated 24.03.2022 has been issued to amend the Bid Document and it has been uploaded on sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in and eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in. So all aspiring bidders are informed to go through the amendments and submit the Bid accordingly. The Last date of submitting the Bid is 5th April, 2022 06.00 P.M.

Managing Director

NOTICE BOARD CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



83RD CRPF DAY - CRPF
The CRPF celebrated its 83rd CRPF Day at Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu in a magnificent ceremony wherein Union Home Minister & Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah, Chief Guest of the ceremony, took salute of the parade.



MEETING - THDCIL
RK Vishnoi, CMD, THDCIL, called on Governor of Maharashtra BS Koshiyari & briefed the Governor about the business operations of THDCIL & also apprised him about the status of 13 power projects under various stages of development.



AGREEMENT - AIC
Agriculture Insurance Company of India & HDFC Bank have signed a Corporate Agency Agreement for distribution of AIC's Agriculture Insurance products through Bank's extensive network of over 5,779 branches across the country.



CSR - POWERGRID, NR-I
Sanjay Sharma, Sr. GM & Vinayak Chauhan, Sr. GM (CSR), POWERGRID handed over the medical equipment to Dr. Dinesh Kumar, CMO, Baghpatt in the presence of senior officials from POWERGRID and District Hospital, Baghpatt.



MoU - DFCCIL
A MoU for the development of Machine Vision Based Inspection System (MVIS) for monitoring rolling stock health was inked between DFCCIL & IISc Bengaluru, in the presence of RK Jain, MD, DFCCIL and G Rangarajan, Director, IISc.



LAUNCH - MML
Muthoot Mercantile Limited (MML), the flagship company of Muthoot Niran Group, unveiled its 25th branch in Bhajapur. Going forward, the company plans to set up 15 more branches in NCR in the coming 2 months.



EVENT - NHPC
A.K. Singh, CMD, NHPC, along with eminent Hindi writer Chitra Mudgal lighted the lamp during inauguration of Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhasha Sammelan organized by NHPC at Faridabad from 22nd March to 23rd March 2022.



WEBINAR - BIS
BIS organized an awareness & implementation webinar on 'Indian Standards on Cattle feed and feed ingredients' in association with Compound Feed Manufacturers Association (CLFMA), Mumbai.



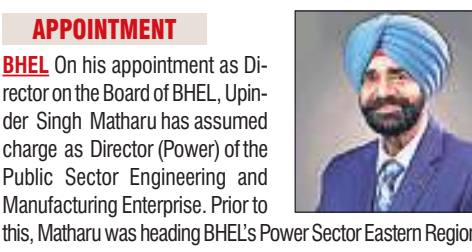
EVENT - EMBASSY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in coordination with Slovak Investment & Trade Development Agency organized a business delegation that is participating in Smart Cities Expo & Convergence India at Pragati Maidan.



INITIATIVE - INDIANOIL
IndianOil extended its 'Parivartan - Prison to Pride' initiative to train inmates in select sports across 15 prisons in 8 states and 4 UTs. The third phase of the initiative was inaugurated by SM Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil.



HANDLOOM HAAT - MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
Handloom Haat, New Delhi was inaugurated in the presence of SK Singh, Addl. Dev. Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Gol & Sant Ravidas, MD of Handicrafts & Handloom Development Corporation, Bhopal, Anubha Srivastava.



APPOINTMENT
BHEL On his appointment as Director on the Board of BHEL, Upinder Singh Matharu has assumed charge as Director (Power) of the Public Sector Engineering and Manufacturing Enterprise. Prior to this, Matharu was heading BHEL's Power Sector Eastern Region as Executive Director. He has diverse and versatile experience spanning nearly 37 years, working initially in the IVP and Tiruchirappalli manufacturing units and then in BHEL's Power Sector divisions, including the Project Management division. Subsequently, he headed BHEL's Power Sector Eastern Region (PSER), Kolkata.



CONFERENCE - THE EMBASSY OF ETHIOPIA
The Embassy of Ethiopia held trade, tourism and investment forum in collaboration with Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO), India Africa Trade Council (IATC) & COMESA office of IATC in Chennai recently.



HONOUR - PROF. J. RANGANATHAN
Dr. GD Singh Conferring the Medal of Honor to H.E Mr. Moe Kyaw Aung- Hon'ble Ambassador of Myanmar along with Prof. J Ranganathan - Honorary Consul of Myanmar in Chennai at the High-level Diplomatic meet 2022.



ROYAL GREEN REALTY NCR's fast-growing real estate company Royal Green Realty has received HRERA's approval to develop the Royal Green Industrial Park project in Matan, Haryana. Royal Green Realty will develop this industrial plotted development on land measuring 17.48 acres under the Haryana's Enterprises Promotion Policy 2020 (EPP).

The 44th Chess Olympiad will be held in Chennai from July 28 to August 10, the game's world governing body FIDE said. The Olympiad, which was moved out of Russia after it invaded Ukraine, was awarded to Chennai recently, making it the second major global event of the sport to be held in India after the World Championship match in 2013.

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BRIEFLY

Japan, Saudi Arabia qualify for World Cup



Japan players celebrate after beating Australia 2-0. Reuters

Seoul: Japan qualified for a seventh successive World Cup after beating Australia 2-0 in Sydney and ending the Soccerroos' chances of automatic qualification. The result also qualified Saudi Arabia from Asia Group B, Japan was on top of the group with 21 points, one ahead of Saudi Arabia. Australia remained in qualifying contention in third place. It faced a playoff against the third-place team from Group A, currently the United Arab Emirates, and a possible final game against South American opposition.

AP

Women's IPL on GC meeting agenda

Mumbai: The feasibility of a full-fledged women's IPL from next year will be discussed at a Governing Council meeting on Friday. In the past, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah had expressed the intention to conduct a women's IPL. "The matter will be discussed in the governing council and a plan of action will be decided," a BCCI official said. How many teams to be fielded and participation of foreign players will be on the agenda. BCCI will also discuss the tender process for media rights for next IPL cycle (2023-2027).

DEVENDRA PANDEY

Swiss Open: Sindhu, Srikanth progress

Basel: PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth, progressed to the quarterfinals of the Swiss Open. While Sindhu eased into the last 8 with a 21-19 21-14 win over Neslihan Yigit of Turkey, Srikanth staved off a spirited challenge from France's Christo Popov, ranked 60th, with a fighting 13-21 25-23 21-11. Third seeds Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost 19-21 20-22 to Indonesian pairing of Pramudya Kusumawardana and Yeremia Erich Yoche Yacob Rambitan in the men's doubles.

PTI

Sathiyani-Manika win silver medal

Doha: G Sathiyani and Manika Batra settled for the silver in the WTT Contender Doha 2022, capitalizing in the final of the mixed doubles against the top-seeded Chinese Taipei pair of Lin Yun-Ju and Cheng I-Ching. The Indians lost 4-11, 5-11, 3-11. Sharath Kamal, on the other hand, failed to up the ante from an advantageous position in the sixth game and went down fighting 3-4 (5-11, 11-8, 6-11, 11-7, 11-5, 10-12, 9-11 in the semifinals of the men's singles against Yuan Lichen of China.

PTI

Although he has relinquished captaincy, MS Dhoni will continue to be the man who pulls the strings from behind the stumps

SANDIPG
MARCH 24

STAGE BY stage, like a man approaching the vanaprastham, MS Dhoni is renouncing his responsibilities. Seven years after he quit Test cricket, two years after he forsook the national colours forever, he stepped down as the captain of Chennai Super Kings. Now, by strict definition, he remains a player, a wicket-keeper batsman. Only that for legions of his devout, he will remain forever their captain.

The banner—MS Dhoni: Captain For Life—used to be waved frantically in the mild sea-breeze-infused IPL summer evenings at Chepauk. Even during the two wilderness years of CSK, the Dhoni-maniacs would stick that banner on the walls of the MA Chidambaram Stadium, and fervidly chant his names, even as he reluctantly wrapped the purple jersey of Rising Pune Supergiant. When he returned, they burst crackers, garlanded his giant cut-out and shrieked his names so loud that the waves of the vast ocean that hugged the stadium seemed to carry the echoes to distant shores.

Love for Dhoni seemed to flow unconditionally. But the ultimate truth is that a sportsman is loved because he is successful. Conditions sneak in, even in the most unconditional of loves. Dhoni was loved as much for his charm and charisma as for his success and glory. And therein lies his biggest legacy

ecdotes, analysis and observations to himself.

The portrait we sketch of Dhoni is thus always incomplete. We stitch together our personal impressions as well as of those who have played with him and those that claim to know him. Coach Stephen Fleming frequently reminds the world of Dhoni's skill to coax the best out of players, even from those who have seemed over-the-hill. "He helps create an environment when everyone feels comfortable and everyone wants to win every game. That probably is a reason, he as well as CSK are successful," Fleming once observed.

A recent example is Shane Watson. The Australian all-rounder was considered past his use-by date when CSK acquired him, upon Dhoni's insistence, in their return to the league auction in 2018 for four times his base price. He racked up 555 runs including a century in the final. Likewise, Dhoni backed the ageing trio of Robin Uthappa, Dwayne Bravo and Ambati Rayudu last season, and extracted match-winning contributions. As much as trusting ageing cricketers, CSK has been a finishing ground for a lot of youngsters. From Ravichandran Ashwin and Rituraj Gaikwad to Deepak Chahar and Ravindra Jadeja, Dhoni's CSK has shaped world-class talents. And contrary to perceptions, CSK is not the oldest team in the league—it is Gujarat Titans (28.7 compared to CSK's 27.9)—though the credit for busting T20 as a young man's game would dwell peacefully on CSK's shoulders. Dhoni never had the best teams on paper,

but often ensured that his team emerged as the best at the end of the season.

Some have criticised Dhoni and Co. for clinging sentimentally onto players seemingly past their prime. Not that CSK were hyper-sentimental, but they were not tempted to frequently chip and chop their players around. At a time, in the early years of the league, when teams were on a perennially experimenting mode, Dhoni was busy building a stable nucleus. "He used to emphasise on building a core of key players who could play for years at the same club," Fleming would say.

A lot of them stuck around for a lot of years, whereas several franchises would easily jettison players after an unsuccessful year or two. Later, Mumbai Indians too adopted that formula and became a trophy-guzzling machine. Dhoni in that sense was a non-conformist—he would stick by players in a fickle world and coax reciprocity, he would pick fringe players and remould them into functional cogs and assemble them into a winning machine, he would cushion erratic youngsters and propel them to greatness. But he did not let instinct dictate him, he coated it with common-sense and pragmatism. He was both a rebel and a revolutionary but in the garb of an everyman.

As the years passed by, a veil of conservatism was thought to have crept into his leadership. On-the-foot thinking had its limitations in this day and age, he must have realised. But no other captain carries that expectation from the audience of witnessing something spontaneous. But then, he is no longer the captain.

But him no longer being the captain does not mean that he is no longer the captain. By strict definition, he might not be. But when he walks out onto the field, he will still be the captain. And in the heart of his legions of devotees, he will remain just that: Captain Forever. Even though vanaprastham is not far behind.

'MSD will continue to play beyond 2022'

Kolkata: MS Dhoni relinquished Chennai Super Kings captaincy and gave the reins to allrounder Ravindra Jadeja but the 2022 IPL season won't be his last, Chennai Super Kings chief executive Kasi Viswanathan told The Indian Express. "No, I don't think (this is going to be his last season). He will carry on," CEO Viswanathan said.

Viswanathan confirmed Dhoni won't pick and choose games this term and will be a guiding force for the team.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE



Ahead of the new IPL season, MS Dhoni handed over CSK's captaincy to Ravindra Jadeja on Thursday. iplt20.com

Jack of all trades, now the king of CSK: How Jadeja has built his career by upskilling

SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, MARCH 24

IN 2013, MS Dhoni piped up on his twitter: "God realised RAJNI sir is getting old so he created sir ravindra jadeja".

Nine years later, as a logical extension to that wisecrack, since he himself is getting old, Dhoni has handed the baton to Ravindra Jadeja. The elevation of Jadeja as captain of a team with a strong legacy and arguably the most loyal fanbase in the IPL is a testament of how far the remarkable cricketer has come in his career.

What was he a decade ago? The fastest arm in town, a gun fielder. Apart from that? Remarks about his spin were more flippant than genuine. Comments about his batting were even more critical. Shane Warne's 'Rockstar' was seen more as a comment on his own captaincy, how he encourages young players, rather than Jadeja's talent.

The Sir moniker, which he incidentally doesn't like, wasn't a taunt and had shades of admiration alright, but it wasn't a serious appreciation. But the meme-loving generation had sensed a spark in the man with that jesty-tribute. There were certainly a few people who genuinely believed in him but no one did it more than himself.

Every time, an obstacle was thrown, perceived and real, he leaped over in some style. He needs spin tracks, they said, he almost became the best spinner on paata tracks. They said he can't bat overseas in seaming conditions, now they trust him, especially after that fine 86 in the first innings of Oval Test in 2018 against James Anderson who had knocked out the top order under dark skies. He is not a patch on R Ashwin, they said, but he went on to play as the frontline spin all-rounder overseas.

Possessing a charming bullheadedness, he has always found a way to get ahead.

He had some problems scoring against bouncers. Even MS Dhoni had said in 2015

that he needs to find a way. He did. The balance at the crease improved, and more areas of the field began to be accessed. It's not commented upon often but he is a batsman who has constantly improved his game. Shane Watson, his IPL team-mate, had noted a couple of years ago how he began to use the knee-flex more at the crease and improved his hitting ability.

Narendra Hirwani, former India spinner who worked at the NCA, tells a story about Jadeja's bowling. "Streetsmart hai na voh, you just have to slip in a point, and he not only catches it quickly but works hard at it."

Back then in 2017, Jadeja had wanted to slow down his pace without losing the bite. Hirwani says he told him, "You have the most powerful throw in the Indian team, na? When you throw, do one thing—spin ke saath karo— use the same strength, same hand-speed but with spin." Jadeja told Hirwani that the throw wouldn't be fast and the ball would lose pace. ("Hiru-bhai, tez nahi jayegi!") "Bas, that's exactly what you need to do," Hirwani would tell Jadeja. "Increase the rotations, the ball would go slow. You go with your usual arm-speed in bowling—don't think you are bowling slow but increase the RPM on the ball and then see what happens." And post that series, we have seen Jadeja rip it even more when he wanted to slow the pace down. Steady evolution, in all aspects, that's been his calling card.

His Indian debut had started with a drop catch. A few minutes after he had received the cap from Sachin Tendulkar in an ODI in Sri Lanka in 2010, he had barely settled in at point, when Sanath Jayasuriya crashed one hard at him. And it popped out of his palms. He couldn't be kept down long. A fiery quick

throw from the deep fetched him a run out. He played a fine knock too, in the company of his captain Dhoni, to win the game.

Waiting for his chance

Prior to that game, he would talk about how he understands he has to wait for his chance but how he has promised himself that he would grab it with both hands. "Bus aap dekhiye!" he had said with a confidence that was startling for a youngster who was yet to make his debut.

The mind went back to 2007 just after Saurashtra had tamed Mumbai at Wankhede

in the Ranji Trophy; he had fallen 13 runs short of a maiden first-class hundred, top-edging an attempted slog sweep, and for two days his captain Sitanshu Kotak had been pulling his leg in jest, calling him "Gadha!" (Donkey). An hour after the game, Jadeja burst into Kotak's room, and after smiling at the name-calling again, said he was rushing out to meet a friend. When Kotak reminded him

that the team had to catch the train in a couple of hours time, he said he would be found on the platform and off he ran out. Kotak smiled, and said, "watch this boy; halke mey nahi lena (don't take him lightly), he will go a long way. So confident, so hungry, thoda bachpana hai abhi (there is a bit of immaturity now), but I have not seen a hungrier kid like him in the circuit."

We have no inkling of how he would captain as there is no past to fall back on but one thing can be surely said about the bullheaded man who never let others' opinions affect his own inner confidence. He will surprise and find a way. He has always evolved and earned the players' respect. Halke mey mat lena.

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Father DK Sen's mantra to Lakshya: Shorter swing, more sting

SHIVANI NAIK
MARCH 24

SAVING ON microseconds in reaction-time, and adding a nippy sting to his attack and defence reflexes, are the calibrations that Lakshya Sen needs to undertake, his father and early coach Dharendra Kumar Sen said on their return from the All England Championships.

Developing a short backswing on his overheard strokes and even hip-level returns while generating more momentum with the wrist, will be the next challenge for the defeated finalist from Birmingham.

"He needs the quick hit with an explosive burst when hitting overheads to add more of a surprise variation to his attacking strokes, and for that, we'll need strengthening of the shoulder and wrist first. He has to cut down the racquet swing and generate power and pace with a shorter backswing," Sen Sr added.

Shortening the backswing predominantly needs superior forearm strength and Leander Paes-esque agility of the wrists. It effectively cuts down on the winding coil, and the longish, loopy arm movements.

What came into stark relief at the All England final was Lakshya Sen's paucity of truly attacking options for the kill during his straight-games loss. In contrast, Viktor Axelsen's attack could breach what is frankly

Sen's fairly-decent defence. "You can't keep defending against an opponent like Viktor when he's playing like that," Sen Sr said.

International badminton at the very top—the ranks of Olympic medalists in men, of which India has none—a lot of a lethal rally-ending kill. At will. It's that solitary whip that Srikanth, Prannoy and Sai Praneeth have in India—though not always backed by a great defence or precision, so they leak points in errors, even if they hoard the kills.

But even defensive automatons like Chen Long and Momota and vastly physical & speedier players like Axelsen, Anders Antonsen and Anthony Ginting boast of the short spring action on the thwack off the racquet. Both Loh Kean Yew and Thai Kunlavut Vitidsarn possess the short elastic quick catapult. It's an option that'll serve Sen well after coming off two finals losses in back to back weeks, his father reckons.

"When Viktor's playing errorless like that day, you need more. The backcourt has to improve. And overhead variations," Sen Sr added.

Coaches around the world are split on long and short backswings (and commensurate follow-throughs). But it is widely considered that if the hitting arm dithers far too away from the torso, there is a drag in reaction time as well as body balance for the next return.

Earlier speaking to the media, Lakshya expanded on his plans against much taller



Lakshya Sen became the first male player in 21 years to reach All England final since Pullela Gopichand. File

players: "Just don't give unnecessary short lifts. Overall every player is different. With tall players, whenever lifting or clearing, give good length always," he said of the ease with which he tackles those built bigger.

Having lost the toss in the final, he struggled with his length and hence control over the shuttle to go down 0-6. Quizzed on whether he hit attack-mode too soon, instead of frustrating Axelsen with defence in the opener, DK Sen said that wasn't an option.

"Against these players, it won't work. The best thing to do is counterattack. Get 2-3 offensive

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DK SEN
LAKSHYA'S FATHER AND EARLY COACH

winners in, even if they score 5 in a row."

It's what Sen attempted in the second set to reach 9-12. "After 12-9, I made two, three crucial errors. The lead got too much. Happy with second game. If I'd won that then I had a chance," he added. That's conjecture—though both were tiring. And his giddy confidence in pulling off close deciders might have worked, is his belief.

Sen Sr informed that back in Almora during the pandemic, Lakshya would need to take at least 150 steps, and go up and down from his home to the main road at least 4-5 times.

The Bali Saga

While everyone's wondering what brought about this sudden turnaround of the

last 6 months that's fetched him a Worlds medal, a Super 500 title and two finals in the last fortnight, Sen says his non-descript time playing the Indonesian swing gave him confidence, despite some straight-game pummelings. It's how elite sport functions—rising from the depths of decimations.

Sen played Axelsen and Momota twice at Bali, losing 4 times. He had a humdinger 3-game win against Japanese Kanta Tsuneyama right before the World championships. "Those 5 matches were long, fighting matches against two World No 1s in consecutive weeks. He was learning from those losses, but played equal to them. My belief was he's the same level. He even had a game point vs Momota at Indonesia. When we reached Spain, he kept endurance, and technically played well." Sen's first big win against Kenta Nishimoto in 3 sets, riffed off those three-set plods.

What Lakshya truly unveiled at the Worlds and took it tight up to the All England semis was his finishing flurry—a shock tactic of increasing pace and going on an almighty offensive to finish the game. "When you are down 16-13 or 16-12, then you know the next few points will decide the game. If tactics are working (and you have the lead), then don't change. But otherwise, you have to try something different. Against Lee Ji Zia I was down, but I was on the faster side, and yet had been attacking less. So I decided to play at a higher

pace, and take over the net. After 16-11, you don't want to give opponent the chance to attack in one or two rallies & capitalise by being passive. So I always go on offence in the closing stages. Just a matter of taking chances, just a matter of one winner," he stated.

Sen is aware that rankings though not all-important, can have a bearing on draws. "Rankings are also important to qualify for big events and Olympics. But keeping fit, going into big tournaments is also a priority. Top 9 will help with draws, Chen Long has (most) retired. So I'll be placed 7 or 8. Won't have to play the top 8 players before quarters. And then I'll of course focus on winning tournaments," he said.

Sen's psychedelic geometric pattern of playing shorts—in yellow, red and black squares—and a yellow tee, were the sorest sight for the eyes after the 0-6 early scoreline. "Those were the best I could get at All England's new kitting, though the blue (sky & cobalt checked pattern) and white top I wore in earlier matches were more decent. Yellow was too flashy. But Viktor was top seed so he gets the choice of colours. But I really like the white shirt with blue," he said with a wry smile about a perfect outing against Lee Ji Zia, his favourite win of the last six months.

One unintended benefit of rising in the rankings might well be Sen getting the playing colours of his choice.

Das, Smyth in joint lead on redesigned course

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THE DELHI Golf Club is renowned to be one of the tightest layouts any professional can hope to encounter, and despite the redesign by South African legend Gary Player, it played true to its reputation on the opening day of the DGC Open on Thursday.

Local knowledge and experience are significant advantages and there were more than 10 Indian names among the top 10 on the leaderboard after the first round, with Kolkata pro **Shankar Das** heading the field by one stroke along with Aussie Travis Smyth at five-under 67.

There was a heavy local flavour behind them with the likes of Veer Ahlawat, Ajeetesh Sandhu, Karandeep Kochhar, Varun Parikh, Aman Raj, Shamim Khan, Sachin Baisoya, Manu Gandas and M Dharma in the mix, as was DGC member Shiv Kapur.

The Lodhi Course of the DGC is so tight that Smyth didn't even bring his driver to the venue. "I'd like to know if this is actually the tightest golf course in the world because if there is a course out there tighter than this then I don't want to play it," said the 27-year-old after opening the Asian Tour event with an eagle, four birdies and a solitary bogey. "My strength is my iron play so not having my driver out here, I am quite happy with that. I took the driver out of my bag for the first time in my life."

Das, 39, is a seasoned campaigner on the domestic circuit with seven PGTI titles. But he hasn't tasted success for more than four years. He had the driver in his bag but resisted its use, and reaped

rich dividends in the form of six birdies and a solitary dropped shot. Both the leaders are yet to win on the Asian Tour.

"This is a very good course. Earlier there were flat greens, but now there are more high greens. Now not only do you have to hit the tee shot well, but you have to hit the second shot really well, then only you get a chance for a birdie. Overall, I feel I am getting my game back," Das reflected on the changes in the layout.

He has waited a long time to get near the top of a leaderboard with a back injury and then the pandemic resulting in no tournaments for him to play.

At one stage, it seemed that home boy Kapur will also finish around the top of the leaderboard before he faltered in the second half of his round. "I started off quite well, was quite happy with my round, was four under for the first 10 holes. Then I hit a bit of a speed bump on the back nine. I didn't quite have my A game today. I made a couple of sloppy bogeys coming in and that made the difference between a good and an average round," said the four-time winner on the Asian Tour who triumphed in the 2017 Panasonic Open at the same venue.

Overall, players from the morning wave had much the better of conditions with Ahlawat the rare afternoon starter to make good progress (tied third).

Leaderboard (Indians unless specified):
1. Travis Smyth (USA), Shankar Das (-5, 67) 3. Veer Ahlawat, Nitithorn Thippong (Tha) (-4, 68), 5. Ajeetesh Sandhu, Karandeep Kochhar (-3, 69), 7. Varun Parikh, Zach Bauchao (USA) (-2, 70)

Khawaja ton, Pak openers set up enthralling series finale

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PAKISTAN SURVIVED an intriguing last session to reach 73-0 on day four after a bold declaration by Australia set a tricky target of 351 runs in the series-deciding third test on Thursday.

Opening batters Imam-ul-Haq, 42 not out, and Abdullah Shafique, 27 not out, survived television referrals against offspinner Nathan Lyon to leave the home team still needing 278 runs in a minimum 90 overs on the last day Friday.

Shafique had a close escape when Steve Smith's poor run in the slips continued as the Australia vice-captain couldn't hold onto a sharp chance off Marnus Labuschagne's penultimate ball of the day.

Captain Pat Cummins declared Australia's second innings at 227-3 shortly after tea, Usman Khawaja having achieved an unbeaten 104, his second successive century to round off a brilliant tour to the country of his birth.

It gave Australia nearly four sessions to have a crack at Pakistan, after missing out in the

second test at Karachi where Pakistan batted for 171.4 overs and forced an epic draw.

"It's a brave declaration, no doubt about it," Pakistan batting coach Mohammad Yousuf said. He added he was expecting Australia to bat for a few more overs and set a target of around 380 runs. "The way our openers have batted (in the last session), it has given us confidence. We will definitely go for victory tomorrow."

The worn-out pitch at Lahore encouraged Cummins to push Pakistan after the home team collapsed to 268 in the first innings

against the brutal reverse swing of Cummins and Mitchell Starc to concede a massive 123-run lead.

Khawaja featured in three half-century stands and raised his hundred at the stroke of tea as Australia blunted the reverse swing of Naseem Shah (1-23) and Shaheen Shah Afridi (1-45) while scoring freely against spinners Nauman Ali and Sajid Khan.

Khawaja made 97 in the drawn first test at Rawalpindi and followed with 160 and 44 not out at Karachi. Despite being ill on the opening day of this test, Khawaja scored 91 in the first innings. The

left-hander has an impressive 496 runs at a series average of 165.33.

"It's been a really good series for me, I have enjoyed it," Khawaja said. "We declared at the right time ... they played well (today), but we have 90 (more) overs and they will need to push the run rate which is not going to be easy once we apply pressure and get wickets." Khawaja combined in a 96-run opening stand with David Warner, who was clean bowled on 51 by Afridi in the penultimate over before lunch.

Labuschagne, with 36, then shared another brisk 65-run stand

with Khawaja before he swept hard at left-arm spinner Nauman and was caught at deep midwicket in the second session.

Smith scored only 17 but on 7 became the fastest batter to 8,000 test runs in his 151st inning, one quicker than former Sri Lanka skipper Kumar Sangakkara. Naseem found the outside edge of Smith's bat soon after tea.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan 268 and 73 for 0 (Imam 42*, Shafique 27*) need 278 more runs to beat Australia 391 and 227 for 3 dec (Khawaja 104*, Warner 51)

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