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Yogi starts second term as UP CM with two deputies and 50 ministers

Keshav Prasad Maurya, Brajesh Pathak are new Deputy CMs

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, MARCH 25

FROM BEING tagged as a surprise pick five years ago to becoming the BJP's obvious choice this time, Yogi Adityanath took oath on Friday evening in Lucknow for a second straight term as Chief Minister of UP before a gathering of around 50,000 people, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah and Smriti Irani, chief ministers of NDA-ruled states — and former UP Governor Ram Naik, who had administered the oath to Adityanath in 2017.

Apart from Adityanath, the oath of office was administered by Governor Anandiben Patel to Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, and 50 Ministers: 16 Cabinet Ministers, 14 Ministers of State (independent charge) and 20 Ministers of State.

The new line-up indicated CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the swearing-in ceremony in Lucknow on Friday. Vishal Srivastav

Over half of new Cabinet are new, bid to balance caste and region

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

OVER HALF of BJP's new 52-member ruling team in UP are debutants in the Cabinet — and almost all of them have been picked to strike a caste balance

that the party hopes will help it prevail over its main state rivals, SP and BSP, with the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in the distant horizon. With the SP reaching out to non-Yadav OBCs and its chief Akhilesh Yadav preparing for a "mass movement", the BJP's new line-up includes 19 ministers

from OBC communities, including Jats, Gujjars, Yadavs, Kurmis and Nishads.

At the same time, with the BSP losing ground, the BJP is moving to capture its base by appointing eight Dalit ministers, including former Uttarakhand CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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New Delhi puts onus on Beijing: Better ties only if you disengage

Jaishankar, Doval to Wang: Relations not normal, disturbed due to Chinese actions

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

TWO YEARS into the military standoff along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Friday told visiting Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi that bilateral relations have been "disturbed as a result of Chinese actions since April 2020".

This naming of "Chinese actions" and its impact is one of the most candid articulations of New Delhi's assessment, directly conveyed to the Chinese Foreign Minister.

Jaishankar said the situation in the relationship is "not normal" and "the presence of a large number of troops there, in contravention of agreements" is an "abnormality", so "restoration of normalcy will obviously require restoration of peace and tranquility".

"If we are both committed to improving our ties, then this CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



S Jaishankar with Wang Yi in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Beijing wanted Wang to call on PM, Delhi said polite no

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

BEIJING REACHED out to New Delhi for Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but South Block politely declined, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The Indian side was said to have conveyed to the Chinese that the Prime Minister was busy Friday since he had to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the UP Chief Minister in Lucknow.

Wang, who came on an unannounced visit to New Delhi, was here after more than two years. He reached the Capital at 7.45 pm Thursday and left around 3 pm Friday.

Sources said the Chinese have invited Doval to China in his capacity as the Special Representative. The NSA, sources said, responded positively, saying he could visit after immediate issues were resolved successfully.

The Chinese did not, however, invite India for a meeting on Afghanistan which is being convened in Beijing. "No, they have not invited us," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said Friday.

HC tells CBI to probe Birbhum killings, asks Bengal to cooperate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, MARCH 25

DESCRIBING THE killing of eight people, including women and children, following a local TMC leader's murder in Birbhum this week as an "undisputed shocking incident" that "has shaken the conscience of society", the Calcutta High Court on Friday ordered the CBI to take over the probe into the incident and submit a preliminary report during the next hearing on April 7.

The court also directed the West Bengal government "to extend full cooperation to CBI in carrying out the further investi-



Forensic experts in Birbhum on Friday. Partha Paul

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gation". It ordered the Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

From a bunker in Kyiv to proposal at Delhi airport: India-Ukraine love story

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL Anna Horodetska, 30, had been looking forward to her wedding in March, with Delhi High Court lawyer Anubhav Bhasin, 33. The couple had decided to go for a low-key affair in South Delhi instead of a big fat Indian wedding.

Then, Russia invaded her country. Hiding in a bunker in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv soon after the invasion began, Anna spoke over the phone with Anubhav, who told her to stay CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



They plan to get married on April 27. Amit Mehra

Direct Tier-2 connects, new airports mark return of domestic flights

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE SUMMER schedule for domestic flights this year will see a comeback for India's civil aviation as the weekly flight number — 25,309 — will surpass the last pre-pandemic schedule for the first time.

In this proposed schedule, three discernible aspects tell the story of India's air connectivity: direct connections for tier-2 airports, so far connected through hubs like Delhi or Mumbai; non-RCS connectivity for airports that were brought on to the aviation map through the regional connectivity scheme (RCS); and three new airports that could see flight operations for the first time.

Once the new schedule kicks in, several tier-2 airports that are so far connected to each other or to other major centres through a hub like Delhi or Mumbai will CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Onus on Beijing

commitment must find full expression in ongoing disengagement talks," he said, suggesting that the onus of normalisation of ties lies with Beijing.

He described the "current situation as work in progress", and at a "slower pace than desirable".

"Where India and China are concerned, our relationship is best served by observing the three mutuals — mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interest," he said.

He said he raised the issue of Wang's statement at the OIC conference in Islamabad which was criticised by the Indian government. Speaking at the conference two days ago, Wang said: "On Kashmir, we have heard again today the calls of many of our Islamic friends. And China shares the same hope."

Jaishankar told Wang that China should follow "an independent policy in respect of India,

and not allow its policies to be influenced by other countries and other relationships" — a reference to Pakistan.

He said there was discussion on the BRICS summit in China, for which Beijing is very keen that Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in person.

These were the key takeaways from the meeting between the two Foreign Ministers who have so far spoken on phone in the last two years and have met each other thrice in two countries — but not visited each other's capitals. Wang last visited India in December 2019.

Jaishankar said it was Beijing that did not want Wang's visit to be announced.

Wang also met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval who conveyed a similar message and stressed the need for complete disengagement on the LAC to allow the bilateral relationship to take its natural course, sources said.

Underlining that continuation of the present situation is not in mutual interest, Doval said restoration of peace and tranquillity will help build mutual trust and create an enabling environment for progress in relations, sources said.

Doval asked Wang to ensure that the actions by China do not violate the spirit of equal and mutual security. During their hour-long meeting, he called for working in the same direction and resolving outstanding issues as quickly as possible.

According to Chinese state-run news agency Xinhua, Wang told Doval that "China and India should stick to their own development paths and join hands to safeguard peace and stability both in the region and in the world".

"He proposed a three-point approach to achieving that end. First, both sides should view bilateral relations with a long-term vision. Second, they should see each other's development with a win-win mentality. Third, both countries should take part in the multilateral process with a cooperative posture," Xinhua reported.

situation in the border areas is abnormal. And surely the presence of a large number of troops there, in contravention of agreements, is abnormality."

He said the occasion provided an opportunity to exchange views on major international issues, including Afghanistan and Ukraine.

On Ukraine, Jaishankar said, "We discussed our respective approaches and perspectives, but agreed that diplomacy and dialogue must be the priority."

He said he also "took up strongly the predicament of Indian students studying in China, who have not been allowed to return citing Covid restrictions".

"We hope that China will take a non-discriminatory approach since it involves the future of so many young people. Minister Wang Yi assured me that he would speak to the relevant authorities on his return on this matter. He also recognised the particular concerns that medical students have in this difficult situation," he said.

Priyanka Tibrewal, who appeared as a petitioner in-person seeking a fair investigation, said: "The court has accepted the demand for an impartial probe. The court has felt that there is a need to provide justice."

BJP MP from West Bengal and the party's national vice-president Dilip Ghosh said: "Everyone demanded a CBI inquiry as they knew that (Chief Minister) Mamata Banerjee constituted the SIT to suppress the case. Innocent people have been murdered but she is not accepting her government's failure."

DGCA and various online travel portals.

In addition to these routes, there are over 100 routes, where airlines did not operate in the winter schedule of 2021 — valid till March 26 — but are proposed to be added in the upcoming schedule. These include Ahmedabad-Kolhapur, Lucknow-Amritsar, Chennai-Bhopal, Chandigarh-Chennai, Lucknow-Jaipur, Lucknow-Prayagraj and Pune-Visakhapatnam.

In a press release, SpiceJet said it was introducing eight new "industry-first flights", including in the Gorakhpur-Kanpur, Gorakhpur-Varanasi, Jaipur-Dharamshala and Tirupati-Shirdi sectors. State-owned airline Alliance Air also, in a series of tweets, announced new flights on its network from March 27, including daily services between Hyderabad and Goa, Hyderabad and Pune, Kolkata and Ranchi, Delhi and Lucknow, Hyderabad and Vijayawada, and Bengaluru and Kochi.

back. I will spend my life in India," Anna said.

New UP Cabinet

Governor Baby Rani Maurya and former IPS officer Arun Asim who belongs to BSP chief Mayawati's caste.

The BJP has not taken any chance with its main upper caste vote base, either, ensuring that Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma is replaced by another member of the Brahmin community, Brajesh Pathak. Keshav Prasad Maurya has been retained as the other Deputy CM, despite his loss from Sirathu.

All of these permutations and combinations have ensured what the BJP believes is an optimum balance at the top: CM Adityanath (Thakur), Deputy CM Maurya (OBC), Deputy CM Pathak (Brahmin) and Cabinet Minister Baby Rani Maurya (Dalit).

When the first Yogi government was formed in 2017, its 47 members included six Rajputs, seven Brahmins, two Bhumihars, four (Baniya/Vaishya) and 14 OBCs, including two jats — the composition changed when the Cabinet was reshuffled later.

This time, with the SP's Kurmi candidates defeating three ministers and other sitting MLAs of the BJP, the party has included four ministers from the community, including state unit chief Swatantra Dev Singh.

The four new Kurmi ministers represent four regions, too: Swatantra Dev from Orai/Mirzapur, Ashish Patel of Apna Dal from Bundelkhand, Rakesh Sachan from Kanpur, and Sanjay Gangwar from Rohilkhand. In a clear reflection of pressure from SP, another OBC leader Jaswant Singh Saini, who was State OBC community chairman earlier, has been inducted as an MoS. Among the five women ministers, three are Dalits: Baby Rani Maurya, MoS with independent charge Gulab Devi, and MoS Vijay Laxmi Gautam. Party leaders, including Modi, had spoken during the campaign about the role of women voters and beneficiaries, largely Dalits, of various Government schemes.

big signal, if it happens.

Yogi's 2nd term

that the BJP has tried to strike a balance of castes, giving prominence to OBCs and SCs, and also regions, from east to west and Bundelkhand to the centre. The number of women on the team remains at five, including former Uttarakhnad Governor Baby Rani Maurya as Cabinet Minister.

Some prominent leaders, who were part of the previous government, did not find a place this time. Apart from Dinesh Sharma who made way for Pathak, this list included Cabinet Ministers Srikanth Sharma and Sidhanta Nath Singh, who were also the government's spokespersons, as well as eight-term MLA Satish Mahana. Sixteen from the previous Council of Ministers have found place in the new team.

Among the new faces were A K Sharma, a retired IAS officer from the Gujarat cadre who is seen as "Modi's man" in UP. After he took voluntary retirement, Sharma was made the party's state vice president and Legislative Council member. Sharma played a leading role in tackling Covid in the state, particularly in Varanasi and its surrounding areas.

Another new entrant was former IPS officer Asim Arun, who had taken voluntary retirement before the polls after serving as Kanpur Police Commissioner, and won from SP stronghold Kannauj for the first time for his party. Arun hails from the SC Jatav community, and belongs to the same caste as BSP chief Mayawati. Baby Rani Maurya also hails from the Jatav community.

Then, there was Rakesh Sachan, who had recently joined the party after working for SP and Congress in the past. His win from SP-dominated Bhojpur in Kanpur Dehat got him a Cabinet berth. Former Union Minister and ex-Congress leader Jitin Prasad, who had joined the BJP and was inducted in the Cabinet just before the polls, has been given a Cabinet berth in the new government.

In a signal to the party cadre that hard work would be rewarded, BJP state president Swatantra Dev Singh was made a Cabinet Minister.

Former ABVP leader Danish Azad Ansari, who was appointed as general secretary of the party's minorities cell before the polls, is the only Muslim face in the government. He replaced Mohsin Raza, who was the sole representative of the community in the previous government.

The government has one berth each for alliance partners Apna Dal and Nishad Party: Ashish Patel, husband of Union Minister and Apna Dal leader Anupriya Patel, and Nishad Party chief Sanjay Nishad.

With the Prime Minister in attendance, the oath-taking ceremony was held on a grand scale with cultural and folk artists from different parts of the state greeting the guests, and all roads leading to the Chief Minister's residence and office decorated with lights and BJP flags.

Apart from all the BJP Chief Ministers, including Shivraj Singh Chouhan of MP and Basavaraj Bommai of Karnataka, JDU chief and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar was also present. However, none of the prominent Opposition leaders were present although they were reportedly invited. Later, SP chief and former UP CM Akhilesh Yadav took a potshot at the event, claiming credit for constructing the stadium.

Later on Friday, Adityanath called the first Cabinet meeting of the new government. Sources described the 90-minute interaction as a "courtesy meeting" to greet the new members. A full-fledged Cabinet meeting has been called for Saturday morning.

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'Probe Birbhum'

by the state to stop its probe and hand over not only "the case papers but also the accused and suspects who were arrested in the matter and in custody" to the central agency.

"We are of the opinion that facts and circumstances of the case demand that in the interest of justice and to instil confidence in the society and to have fair investigation to dig out the truth, it is necessary to hand over the investigation to the CBI," the division bench of Chief Justice Prakash Shrivastava and Justice R Bharadwaj stated in the order.

"We find that the undisputed shocking incident of burning of at least eight persons, including a child and as many as six women, has shaken the conscience of the society. It has a nationwide ramifications and all the national media reports are flooded with the news of this unfortunate incident," the court said.

In its order, the bench clarified: "We make it clear that any factual observation made in this order is only tentative for the purpose of deciding the issue of transfer of investigation to the CBI and will not be treated as binding in any other proceeding."

Reacting to the order, the ruling TMC said the state will cooperate with CBI but raised concerns over whether the BJP-ruled Centre would "use" the probe agency to "malign" its government. The Opposition BJP welcomed the order and accused the TMC of trying to "suppress the truth". The CPI(M) sought a fair probe by the CBI.

On Monday night, eight people were charred to death and nearly a dozen houses set ablaze at Bogtui village in Birbhum's Rampurhat block, allegedly in retaliation for the murder of local TMC leader Bhadu Sheikh. The SIT has so far arrested 23 people, including the TMC's Rampurhat I block president Anarul Hossain, in the case.

On Wednesday, the High Court initiated a suo motu case on the incident and, a day later, reserved its order after hearing submissions from the petitioners and the state government.

Following the order on Friday, TMC state general secretary Kunal Ghosh said: "The court has given an order and we will abide by it. All cooperation will be extended to the CBI. The state government had taken enough action to probe the matter so far. Several arrests have also been made. It is for the CBI now to look into the case."

The TMC leader, however, raised questions on the "credibility" of a CBI probe. "People rejected BJP in the West Bengal polls, so they are trying a different way to malign us by hatching a larger conspiracy. The BJP uses CBI and ED to suit their politics," he said.

Advocate and BJP leader

New airports

have direct flights once the new schedule kicks in. These include connections such as Ahmedabad-Guwahati, Srinagar-Ahmedabad, Hyderabad-Srinagar, Vadodara-Chennai, Jaipur-Patna, Dehradun-Kolkata, Mumbai-Port Blair, Jammu-Pune etc. Notably, many of the routes in this category are seeing flights being mounted by IndiGo.

Another aspect is the added connectivity to airports that were originally brought on to the aviation map through the regional connectivity scheme, but are now seeing airline operations outside of the scheme's ambit. These routes include Lucknow-Pantnagar, Delhi-Pantnagar, Agra-Ahmedabad, Bengaluru-Kadapa and Mumbai-Shirdi.

Third, airlines have also proposed to mount flights to three new airports — Gondia in Maharashtra, Ziro in Arunachal Pradesh and Pudukchery. SpiceJet plans to operate a Bengaluru-Pudukchery service and a Hyderabad-Pudukchery service. Other routes in this bucket are Indore-Gondia, Ziro-Dibrugarh, and Hyderabad-Gondia.

The domestic flight schedule is prepared together by civil aviation stakeholders, including airlines, airport operators, DGCA and the government, and in two parts — summer and winter. In the summer schedule for 2022, a total of 112 airports across India are proposed to be connected. Market leader IndiGo will operate 11,130 domestic flights every week, followed by SpiceJet with 4,192 flights, GoAir with 2,557 weekly flights and Air India with 2,456 flights.

Compared to this, in the winter schedule of 2021, 108 airports saw 22,287 weekly flights, while in the summer schedule of 2021, 22,980 flights were mounted every week. In the summer schedule for 2020, which would have been effective in the absence of the pandemic, 24,409 weekly flights were planned.

In the first bucket of flights, where two cities with no direct connection so far are now getting non-stop flights, it is typical for airlines to sell tickets for a sector that is made up of two flights to ascertain the traffic volumes on those sectors before launching direct connections.

For example, IndiGo, which is launching the Hyderabad-Srinagar direct flight, sells tickets for the Hyderabad-Srinagar sector with a layover in Delhi, where a passenger needs to change the aircraft. Low-cost carrier GoAir operates an Ahmedabad-Srinagar flight with a 30-minute layover in Chandigarh, where passengers do not need to change the aircraft, and will commence a direct Srinagar-Ahmedabad service.

Sector experts, however, have flagged concerns with the airlines' ability of complying with the proposed schedules, where despite getting approvals for operating air services, airlines do not actually launch flights on certain sectors. Aspects such as delay in aircraft delivery, airport maintenance works, or a change in route economics lead to airlines not complying with the approved schedule.

The information about the proposed routes in the summer schedule has been sourced from

Love story

put. But she decided she had to reach India one way or the other.

"We had three flights since the invasion began. The first was when he asked me to leave Kyiv and I told him Russia would not invade. The second was when he begged me to board a train but I did not want to. And the third time we fought was when he asked me to stay in the bunker. I told him, you wait, I am coming to India," Anna told The Indian Express, days after landing in Delhi on March 17.

Her arrival at IGI Airport was anything but ordinary — she was greeted with the sound of dhols and could not believe when Abhinav went down on one knee, took out an engagement ring and asked: "Will you marry me?"

"I was super tired from the journey and did not expect him to do that. I said yes. I fled a war to be with him. I met his mother, who welcomed me with flowers. It was all so nice," Anna said.

The couple first met in 2019 when Anna, who worked at a private company in Kyiv, visited India for a vacation. They exchanged numbers and became friends. After speaking for months over WhatsApp, she returned to Rajasthan for a road trip the next year when the lockdown was announced due to the Covid pandemic.

"I helped her during the lockdown. We grew closer," Anubhav said. After meeting a third time in Dubai in February 2021, and then a fourth time in India later that year, Anubhav's mother asked Anna to marry her son. "My mother proposed on my behalf. We decided to get married under the Special Marriage Act and were preparing documents for it when the war broke out," Anubhav said.

Anna fled Kyiv with a change of clothes and a coffee machine her grandmother gave as a wedding gift. "I told her, are you crazy, there is a war and you are carrying a coffee machine. She said this was our wedding gift and she would not leave it behind," Anubhav said.

After reaching Lviv with her mother, Anna left for the Polish border. After a two-week stay in Poland, she got a two-year Indian visa. Her mother left for Norway and is en route to Mexico to stay with her husband.

Anubhav recalled spending sleepless nights tracking the events in Ukraine and speaking to senior advocates at the Supreme Court for help with the visa. "She finally managed to get one with help from the Indian Embassy in Poland," he said.

Anna now waits for the war to end in Ukraine. She has a dog named Bao she left with her grandmother at Kamianka village in Cherkasy region. The couple plan on getting married on April 27. "I want to go back to Kyiv when the war is over and get my dog

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Supertech insolvency: Homebuyers left in the lurch

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND & MALHAR MISHRA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

BUYERS WHO purchased apartments at upcoming Supertech projects years ago were already paying EMIs on flats that they had nearly given up hope on receiving, when they heard of the insolvency proceedings being initiated against the builder Friday.

Rahul Srivastava bought a flat in tower D7 of Supertech's Eco Village 3 at Greater Noida, in 2013. "We were promised possession from June 2015, and we are still waiting. They have given possession of some parts, but the part that we booked the flat in is still under construction. I keep visiting the property, and they keep extending the period. They say they will give units to customers by March 31. They have mentioned this on a hoarding at the building. I was hoping I will hear something from them, but before that, I got this news about the insolvency," he said.

"I'm sure they will not deliver now," said Srivastava, who is worried that the builder is likely to stop construction since it would involve expenses. He plans on visiting the site Saturday to figure out if construction is still underway. "The only thing I know is that I will have to ask my bank if I can stop my EMI since the builder won't work anymore. If they don't agree, I'll have to consult a lawyer, because I have been paying EMIs for nine years now and still don't have a flat. I've already suffered a lot of loss," said Srivastava, who lives in Noida on rent.

Similar is the condition of 35-year-old Lakshay Arora, who booked a flat in Supertech Hill Town, Sohna Road, in 2016, but has not got possession of it yet. On

the insolvency, Arora said he as well as others are worried. "I'm thinking about whether we'll get our money back at all and how. At this point, I don't think we'll get the property. The insolvency process is very lengthy, and I don't know if the rights of the home-owners will be prioritised or if the banks will be prioritised."

For Faizan Hussain (23), in whose sister's name a flat was booked at Eco Village 3 in 2010, the tower of the flat hasn't been made yet. "We were promised possession by 2016. They've had a structure for the tower ready for years, but no progress has been made on further construction," said Hussain, who filed a case with the RERA against Supertech in 2019, after which Supertech promised to give possession of five floors at a time, by 2021, but that has not happened either. On the insolvency, Hussain said, "I am very worried, we've been living on rent for so many years despite booking a house in 2010."

Many buyers like Abhai Pratap Singh and Akhil Shrivastava had purchased flats in 2017. While Singh purchased at Hill Town and was supposed to have received it in 2018, Shrivastava bought a flat at Supertech Hues, Gurgaon, in 2017, and was promised possession in 2020. "Construction has been going on, but at a very slow pace. I have been living on rent, and that should be a part of the reimbursement provided to us," Singh said.

Akhil Shrivastava said, "I went to the site the week before last. Nothing is happening there. They had asked me to swap flats and move to one of their properties in Noida. But I refused. I am paying loan EMIs for a flat which I have no idea when I will get."

(Malhar Mishra is an intern at The Indian Express)

Hate speech case: If said with smile, no criminality, says HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

IN A case related to alleged hate speeches connected to the Northeast Delhi riots, the Delhi

HC Friday said a speech given during election is different from one during ordinary times and sometimes things are said to create a 'mahaul' (atmosphere) without there being the intention. Justice Chandra Dhari Singh

observed that if something is said with a smile, then there is no criminality, but if something is said offensively, then there may be criminality. The court was hearing CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat's petition against a lower

court order in which the prayer for registration of FIR against Union Minister Anurag Thakur and MP Parvesh Verma for their alleged hate speech was declined. "Was that an election speech or speech in ordinary time? If any

speech is given during election, then it's a different thing. If you're giving a speech in the ordinary course, then it is instigating something," said the court, adding, "If you're saying something with a smile then there is no criminality,

if you're saying something offensively, then criminality." "Because we are also in democratic ... you also have the right to speech and all these things..." said the bench. The court has reserved its verdict in the case.

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	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	Mar 24	Mar 25
18,64,358	9,805	2,210	2,289		N/A	N/A
Mar 24	111	145	1	29,223		
Mar 25	112	100	1	27,644		
Total	466*	18,37,742	26,150	3,72,33,504	48	52
*Total active cases in Delhi					Deaths	0

SISODIA PRESENTS OUTCOME BUDGET

Education to health, govt lists output, outcomes

Deputy CM tells House that number of students studying in govt schools increased from 15 lakh to 18 lakh

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia Friday presented the outcome budget for 2021-22 at the Delhi Assembly, highlighting his government's performance on 1,036 indicators.

Sisodia, who also holds the finance portfolio, said the AAP government is the first and only one in the country to perform such an exercise, meant to inform people about the government's performance and details of various schemes and projects implemented in the previous financial year. "How much budget is allocated to a particular project, how much money you spent from that budget, how much work was completed and services produced as a result of any scheme, for instance construction of mohalla clinics and classrooms — this is 'output'. But 'outcome' is the number of people who benefited from that mohalla clinic or any services delivered. And Delhi is the only state to introduce and present the report for the last five years," he said.

He also targeted BJP leaders in the opposition: "If you will ask a general knowledge question — which government makes promises and also delivers them on time? — everyone, including school children, will answer this question, except some MLAs."

He said the AAP government constructed 13,181 new classrooms in its schools and the number of students studying in its schools increased from 15 lakh to 18 lakh. "About 20 schools of specialised excellence were started last year and 11 more will be added. The government has received 80,000 applications for 4,100 seats," he told the assembly. He said the government will

implement the deshbhakti curriculum in all private schools from the next academic year, and "28 lakh students will study deshbhakti every day besides government school students".

Work is also underway on the Delhi Board of Secondary Education (DBSE) and 30 schools have been affiliated so far. "About 2,312 students will study the IB syllabus and appear for the boards next year under DBSE in collaboration with International Baccalaureate (IB)," he said.

On health, he said about 1.44 crore patients availed free health services from mohalla clinics between April and December 2021. "Around 60,000 patients are getting treatment per day at these clinics. As per our survey, 90% of 2,500 patients who visited mohalla clinics were satisfied with services and more than 85% reported that they had to wait only for 20 minutes before meeting a doctor. The number of beds in hospitals increased from 10,055 in 2019 to 13,844 in December 2021," said the deputy CM.

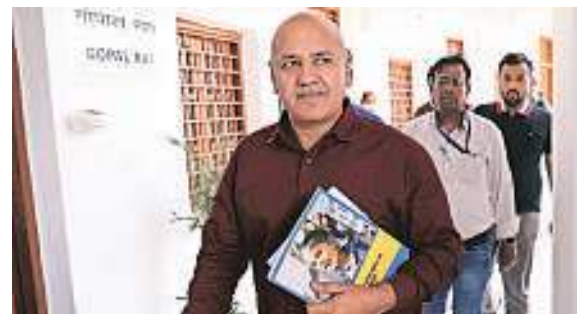
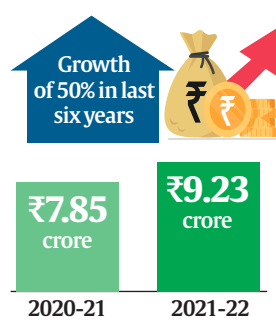
He said 77% of about 2,200 patients surveyed who are getting treatment at Delhi government hospitals are satisfied with services. Oxygen beds in Delhi government hospitals increased from 3,865 in 2019-20 to 9,243 in 2021.

He further said 100% of Delhi's population has received the first dose of the Covid vaccine and 90% the second dose. And, 70% of teenagers have been inoculated with both doses.

On the transport sector, Sisodia said 10% of total vehicles registered in Delhi last year were electric: "Our target is to achieve 25% share by 2024."

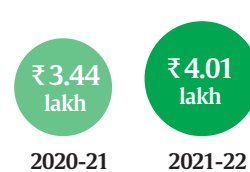
The government has installed 125 national flags across the city so far and will put up 200 more flags by April 30.

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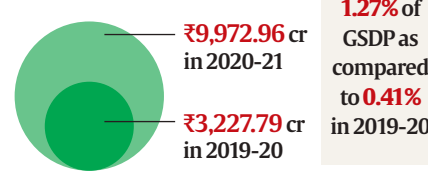
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Sisodia at the Assembly, Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

DELHI'S PER CAPITA INCOME



FISCAL DEFICIT



OUTCOME BUDGET (2021-22)

BEST PERFORMERS AMONG KEY DEPARTMENTS
Health and Family Welfare, Transport, Power, and Directorate of Education with outcome of above 70% indicators on track

WORST PERFORMING DEPARTMENTS
SC/ST, Urban Development with outcome between 40-43% indicators on track



EDUCATION

- 13,181 new classrooms against target 20,843
- Children admitted to govt schools increased from 15 lakh to 18 lakh; 3 lakh students provided seed money for start-ups; 11 new schools of excellence added
- 25,327 students got admission against the annual target of 38,684
- CCTVs installed in 577 school buildings out of 728

TRANSPORT

- Faceless RTO facilities have benefited 5 lakh people so far, 3 crore pink tickets distributed in Dec 2021
- 10% increase EV share against target of 25% by 2024
- 1.33 lakh CCTVs installed in Delhi last year. So far, total of 2.75 lakh CCTV cameras installed in capital

HEALTH

- 520 mohalla clinics set up against target of 1,000; saw 1.44 crore patients from April-December 2021. Average footfall at these clinics was 60,000 patients a day
- No. of hospital beds up from 10,055 in 2019-20 to 13,844 till Dec 2021 across all Delhi govt hospitals
- Oxygen beds in Delhi govt's hospitals up from 3,865 in 2019-20 to 9,243 till Dec 2021
- 100% of eligible population has got first Covid dose, 90% second dose, 70% teenagers have received both doses

In pandemic yr, share of pvt schools in enrolment figures sees a dip

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE SHARE of Delhi's private schools in the total enrolment dropped for the first time in the pandemic year of 2020-2021, after consistently rising every year for the last six years.

This was reflected in the Delhi government's Economic Survey 2021-2022 released on Friday. Data shows that of the 44.8 lakh students enrolled across city schools in 2020-2021, 17.82 lakh were enrolled in private schools. This made private schools' share in the total enrolment that year 39.78%, down from 42.65% in 2019-2020.

This is the first time that there has been a drop in private schools' share in enrollment after a consistent increase from at least 2014-2015. In 2014-2015 this share stood at 30.52%. It has increased from year by year to 31.51% (2015-16); 39.95% (2016-17); 41.70% (2017-18); 42.56% (2018-19) and to 42.65% in 2019-2020.

The share of the 1,231 Delhi government-run and aided schools in the total enrollment



The share of the 1,231 Delhi govt-run and aided schools in the total enrollment in 2020-2021 stood at 39.36%. Archive

in 2020-2021 stood at 39.36%. The remaining share is accounted for by schools run by the municipal corporations, Delhi cantonment board and the central government.

This comes even as there has not been a drop in total enrollment in Delhi's schools. It could reflect a pandemic-induced shift of students from private to government schools due to parents' inability to pay school fees owing to livelihood loss.

The total enrollment in 2021-2022 stood at 44.79 lakh, which is the highest since 2014-2015

and up from 44.76 lakh in 2019-2020. However, enrolment in pre-primary and primary grades dropped slightly, from 21.08 lakh to 20.01 lakh in 2020-2021, while it rose for all other grade levels.

The share of the private sector is usually far higher in the primary-middle grades than in the secondary-senior secondary grades. But this share dropped for both categories in 2020-2021 from 2019-2020 — from 46.72% to 43.91% for the primary-middle category and from 31.9% to 29.94% in the senior-senior secondary category.

Delhi's GDP goes up despite pandemic

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

DESPITE THE pandemic, Delhi's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has touched Rs 9,23,967 crore in 2021-22, a growth of 17.65% as compared to last year. As per the Delhi Economic Survey 2021, presented by Deputy CM Manish Sisodia in the Assembly Friday, the GSDP at current prices also increased by 50% in the last six years — from Rs 6,16,085 crore in 2016-2017 to Rs 9,23,967 crore in 2021-22.

The survey shows that Delhi ranked third in terms of per capita income and is behind Goa and Sikkim. "Delhi's per capita income in 2021-22 at current prices has been worked out to Rs 4,01,982 as against Rs 3,44,136 in 2020-21, showing a growth of 16.81%. The average per capita income of Delhi was three times higher than the national level," the report says.

However, the survey shows the revenue surplus has slightly declined by 0.04% in 2021-22 in comparison to the previous year. It also shows that the fiscal

deficit in Delhi has widened in the last financial year: "There is a fiscal deficit of Rs 9,972.96 crore during 2020-21 as compared to the fiscal deficit of Rs 3,227.79 crore in 2019-20 which is 1.27% of GSDP as compared to 0.41%."

As per the survey, in 2021-22, the transport sector was allocated a major share of about 23.45% of the total budget allocation of schemes and projects, followed by education (19.52%), health (13.74%), social welfare (11.74%), water supply and sanitation (8.66%), energy (8.53%) and housing & urban development (8.51%).

The budget session also saw a heated discussion on the "delay" in holding MCD polls. "Rather than thinking about the position of India amidst the war between Ukraine and Russia, the PM is concerned about MCD elections. He is so scared of Kejriwal that he has come down to the level of running MCD instead of running the country," said Sisodia.

To which BJP MLA from Rohini Vijender Gupta said, "AAP's role in the past seven years has been of a 'villain' with an aim to reap political gains out of the misery of the people of Delhi."

Close to 30% of capital's sewage flows untreated into Yamuna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

OF THE total sewage generated in the city, around 29% flowed untreated into the Yamuna between April and December last year — 748 million gallons per day (MGD) of sewage was generated and around 218 MGD was discharged untreated into the river. This is as per the Outcome Budget presented Friday.

Data also shows that till December 2021, the Delhi Jal Board has laid 2,991 km of sewer lines in unauthorised colonies out of a target of 3,100 km to be covered in this financial year. Out of 1,799 unauthorised colonies in Delhi, 685 were connected to the sewerage network till December.

Of around 925 MGD of water that the DJB produced on an average from April-December last year, only around 419 MGD was



Around 218 MGD was discharged without being treated into the river. Archive

delivered to consumers and billed. The water lost as non-revenue water in this period was 55%. In the 2020-21 financial year, the water lost as non-revenue water was 51%, up from 42% in 2019-20. The reason cited for high non-revenue water is

"non-billing of consumers in quarter 4 of 2020-21 and quarter 1 of 2021-22 due to Covid & non availability of billing agency".

As for the scheme of free water of 20,000 litres per month, 6 lakh consumers have benefited till December. There were 17.35 lakh active consumers with functional meters in the 2020-21 financial year. This increased to 22.04 lakh active consumers till December 2021.

Meanwhile, pipeline networks for water supply have been provided in 98% of the 1,799 unauthorised colonies, and around 6.68 lakh households in these colonies have metered connections.

Of the targeted 36 water bodies that were to be cleaned or revived in the 2021-22 financial year, the DJB has revived 10, going by the Outcome Budget. Out of these, landscaping has been completed at seven.

Auto driver, associate kidnap, rape woman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

A 35-YEAR-OLD woman has alleged that she was abducted and gangraped by an autorickshaw driver and his associate in East Delhi. She was initially taken to a nearby hospital from where she was referred to Safdarjung Hospital for surgery, police said. No arrest has been made so far. An FIR has been lodged under IPC sections 376-D (gangrape), 377 (unnatural sex), 365 (abduction) and 323 (causing hurt) based on the statement of sub-inspector Anuj Kumari. "We received a PCR call at 11.28 pm on March 24, wherein the caller informed us that a woman was lying unconscious near gate 1 at... mandi and

blood was oozing from her mouth. She was taken to hospital by a PCR van," the FIR states.

A woman investigation officer was called to the hospital and she tried to find eyewitnesses, but to no avail.

DCP (East) Priyanka Kashyap said, "The woman was shifted to Safdarjung for better medical care. We have formed five teams."

Police have been conducting raids and scanning CCTVs to identify the vehicle. "Police found that the woman stays with her husband and is a vagrant. Around 9 pm, she boarded the auto, and the driver told her there was some problem with the vehicle. He called his associate, and they took her to an isolated place where they allegedly committed the crime," an officer said.

2 brothers die cleaning tank of sewage treatment plant in Nuh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, MARCH 25

TWO BROTHERS died after allegedly inhaling poisonous gas while cleaning the tank of a sewage treatment plant on Jogipur road in Nuh on Thursday evening. Police said the victims, Javed (35) and his younger brother Zahid (25), were not equipped with protective gear.

Police have booked the joint engineer of the plant for culpable homicide after the family alleged he had pressured the brothers to enter the tank despite repeated refusals and threatened to fire them.

The brothers, residents of Sadai village, worked as a pump operator and gardener at the



Javed (35) (left); Zahid (25)

plant. Police said at 5 pm, they entered the 25-feet deep tank and were allegedly forced to clean it and fix its motor.

Bijender Singh, SHO Nuh City, said, "The STP is under the public health department. One of the brothers first entered the tank and got on a platform and started cleaning the tank, which had some water. When he

reached the bottom, he suddenly felt dizzy and fell unconscious. The second brother tried to pull him out, but he too fell unconscious due to the poisonous gas that had built up in the tank."

Police said they received information at 5.45 pm and a team rushed to the spot. Fire department officials were also present. Officials said Javed died on the spot, while Zahid was rushed to government medical college in Nalhar, where he died.

Hamid, their father, alleged, "The accused threatened to sack them if they did not enter the tank... they were coerced... Who will look after their families? Zahid has five children and Javed has two young sons. I hope the government gives some compensation or a job to our kin."

Teen 'kills friend, had killed woman' last yr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was apprehended for allegedly killing his friend, a class XI student, at his house after the latter abused him. According to police, the teenager had also allegedly killed a woman seven months ago in Rohini after her four-year-old son urinated in front of his house.

DCP (Rohini) Pranav Tayal said a call was received around 7 am about a body being found in the district. "The body of a boy, with his throat slit, was found stuffed in a bag. His identity was established... he had been missing from his house since Thursday night. A missing person's case was registered and subsequently, murder

charges were added to the existing FIR," he said.

Police scanned CCTVs and found footage of the accused. "With the help of technical surveillance, police established his presence and the juvenile was apprehended from his house," said the DCP.

A senior police officer said: "The two were drinking and got into a heated argument and the victim abused the teenager... He whipped out his knife and stabbed the victim to death. He put the body inside a traveller bag, boarded an auto and dumped it at an isolated place."

The first murder took place on August 13. "He was sent to a correctional home (in the first case) and got out three months ago," an officer said.

BRIEFLY

Two burnt bodies found

Gurgaon: Two burnt bodies, suspected to be of a man and woman, were found in the bushes at a village in Bahadurgarh Friday. Police said the bodies are yet to be identified. "We are examining all angles including honour killing," said Waseem Akram, SP, Hajarjar.

Man held for cheating

New Delhi: A businessman allegedly involved in 37 cases of cheating has been arrested. Police said he allegedly posed as a builder, and swindled Rs 1,000 crore in six years. ENS



Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath with PM Narendra Modi, Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, BJP chief J P Nadda, Governor Anandiben Patel, Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, and BJP CMs in Lucknow, Friday. Vishal Srivastav

YOGI'S DEPUTIES

Reluctant to disturb OBC poll calculus, BJP retains Maurya

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

DESPITE HIS loss in the recently concluded elections, the BJP retained Keshav Prasad Maurya as a Deputy Chief Minister in the Yogi Adityanath Cabinet, effecting a turnaround in the fortunes of the man considered to be the party's Other Backward Class (OBC) face. Earlier this month, Maurya lost to Pallavi Patel of the Apna Dal (Kamerwadi) from Sirathu in Kaushambi district.

Sources said a section of the BJP leadership wanted to shift Maurya to Delhi, but the deputy CM did not agree. With the 2024 Lok Sabha election campaign likely to see the Samajwadi Party (SP) vie more aggressively for its non-Yadav vote bank, the BJP leadership concluded that it would be a risk to alienate Maurya, who has emerged as a prominent OBC leader in the post-Kalyan Singh era.



Keshav Prasad Maurya lost from Sirathu. Vishal Srivastav

Maurya represents the crucial Kachhi-Kushwaha-Shakya-Maurya-Saini-Mali block. These communities constitute 6.69 per cent of OBCs, as per a 2001 report of a Social Justice Committee set up by then Chief Minister Rajnath Singh. The report had also estimated that OBCs comprise 43.13 per cent of the population (54.05 per cent in rural areas).

The BJP is troubled by the lack of requisite votes from Kurmis — who are the second-largest OBC

group in UP after Yadavs, according to the Social Justice Committee — and the SP's gains among the community. In the elections, the Akhilesh Yadav-led party's Kurmi legislators defeated three incumbent ministers, including Maurya, and wrested control of seven seats that the BJP either held or where the incumbent MLA contested on its ticket.

When The Indian Express visited Sirathu before the polls, it found the deputy chief minister's campaign faltering. Before quitting the BJP, fellow Maurya leader Swami Prasad Maurya even took a dig at the deputy CM, labelling him a "bechara (helpless)". In the election, Kurmis, who have a significant presence in the constituency largely voted for Pallavi Patel and the BJP-Apna Dal (Sonelal) alliance did not work in Maurya's favour, said sources in the BJP.

In 2017, Maurya was a Lok Sabha MP from Phulpur and the BJP's state president.

6 years after he left BSP, Pathak is BJP's Brahmin face — and Deputy CM

SHYAMLAL YADAV
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

BRAJESH PATHAK, a prominent student leader at Lucknow University, who was elected as president of the students' union in 1990, left the Bahujan Samaj Party and joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2016. Since then, he has established himself as a prominent Brahmin face of the BJP, leaving many old Brahmin leaders behind. He has been elevated to the position of UP deputy chief minister.

Pathak's transition from a student leader to an active mainstream politician came when the BSP was trying to spread its base among the Brahmins in 2003 when its alliance with the BJP was broken.

Pathak became Lok Sabha MP from Unnao in 2004. He was elected to Rajya Sabha in 2008.



Brajesh Pathak joined BJP in August 2016. Vishal Srivastav

Pathak joined the BJP in August 2016. He established his relations with the RSS-BJP Brahmin network. The party fielded him from the Lucknow Central seat, and he won. He was the Law Minister in Adityanath's first government, and then he was also given Legislative, Justice and Rural Engineering Service departments. This time, he won the Lucknow Cantt seat.

Heavyweights from last Cabinet dropped

Shrikant Sharma, Sidharth Nath Singh among those left out

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, MARCH 25

A NUMBER of prominent leaders who were part of the previous government did not find a place this time. Sixteen from the previous Council of Ministers have found place in the new team.

Some big leaders, who got elected this time and represent different castes and communities, were dropped by the party leadership as they lacked connect with people, performed poorly as ministers and showed a lack of interest in organisational activities, sources in the BJP said.

Among the top names in the list of dropped ministers is Dinesh Sharma, who was deputy chief minister in the previous government and the Brahmin face of the party. He did not contest the election this time.

A senior party leader said that Sharma may be elevated to Vidhan Parishad chairman.



Singh and Sharma had won the elections this time

Shrikant Sharma, who was elected MLA from Mathura for the second consecutive term, has also been dropped from the cabinet. He was the spokesperson of the government in the previous term and was once party national secretary and national media in-charge.

Sidharth Nath Singh, who was minister of MSME, Khadi and export in the previous government could not get a place in the new cabinet. He got elected from Allahabad West for the second consecutive term.

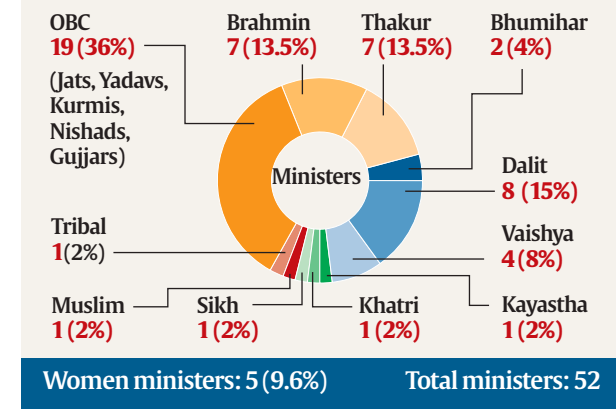
While the Adityanath government claimed that its Covid-19 management during the sec-

ond wave of the pandemic was best in the country, the party has dropped Jai Pratap Singh who was medical and health minister in the previous term. Singh, an eight-term MLA from Bansi in Siddharthnagar, is a Kshatriya.

The BJP also dropped Ashutosh Tandon "Gopal" who was a cabinet minister for urban development in the previous government. The son of late senior leader Lalji Tandon, Ashutosh represents Lucknow East constituency. A party leader said that Tandon as minister failed to make any significant mark.

Another big name missing from the new cabinet is Satish Mahana. The eight-term MLA was the industry development minister in the previous Cabinet. The government had claimed that the state drew a huge investment in his leadership in the past five years. BJP sources said that Mahana's name is under consideration for the post of Speaker this time.

CABINET'S CASTE COMPOSITION



DANISH AZAD ANSARI: MUSLIM FACE IN GOVT

Lucknow: Danish Azad Ansari is the only Muslim face in the new UP government. Hailing from Ballia, Ansari replaced Mohsin Raza, who was minister of state for minority welfare in the previous Yogi Adityanath government. He took oath as a minister of state. Danish, 32, had joined the ABVP when he was a student at Lucknow University, from where he completed his graduation. He was nominated to the Urdu Language Committee in the government in 2018, having a minister of state status. PTI

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BY THE BOOK

UNION MINISTER for Environment, Forests and Climate Change Bhupinder Yadav is known for putting in long hours at work, reaching office at 9 am and not leaving before 8 pm. And to inspire his staff to make the best use of their work days, Yadav has gifted them the book *The 5 AM Club* by Robin Sharma, the author of the best-selling *Monk who sold his Ferrari*. In the book, the leadership guru propagates waking up early in the morning and productively using the first couple of hours.

TERM EXTENSION

WHILE HIS five-year term is drawing to a close in May, Prof Tariq Mansoor, the vice-chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, will stay on in his post with the government granting him an extension. Prof Mansoor will hold the post for another one year or till a successor is appointed. In 2021-22, the Centre had filled the vacant posts of vice-chancellors in 20 Central Universities (CU). Currently, there are four CUs functioning under in-charge VCs, according to information shared by the government in Rajya Sabha on March 16. Incidentally, the decision to extend Prof Mansoor's term comes at a time when the AMU's academic council is expected to take a call on whether or not it will adopt the central universities common entrance test for undergraduate admissions from the next academic session.

PM-CARES Fund: SC refuses to entertain plea against HC order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE SUPREME Court on Friday refused to entertain an appeal challenging an Allahabad High Court order which rejected a challenge to the constitutional validity of the PM-CARES Fund. A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai asked the petitioner to approach the High Court after the counsel appearing for him said the High Court had not dealt with all the points raised in the petition. "You might be right in saying

that all issues were not considered... You go and file a review. Let us have the benefit of the High Court order," said the bench. The bench said he could approach the top court again in case of grievance after HC decides the matter.

The High Court had dismissed the PIL which challenged the validity of the PM-CARES Fund and the Prime Minister National Relief Fund in the backdrop of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

The petitioner had contended that the fund was established without statutory backing and was kept beyond the scrutiny of the RTI Act.

At meet with Rahul, Cong leaders from Haryana call for change in state unit

MANOJ CG & VARINDER BHATIA
NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH, MARCH 25

EVEN AS former party president Rahul Gandhi called for "collective leadership" and "collective responsibility" to revive the Congress in Haryana, the simmering leadership tussle in the state party unit came out in the open at a meeting of top state party leaders on Friday.

Rahul, who called the meeting days after he met the party's Leader of Opposition in the state Bhupinder Singh Hooda, is learnt to have urged the Haryana Congress leaders to "get their act together", arguing that divisions and factionalism in the party would harm them. He said the party's revival in the state should be a collective responsibility.

Sources said Hooda's son and Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Hooda argued that it was time for a leadership change in Haryana. He told the meeting that the party should elicit the opinion of its MLAs and conduct a survey to ascertain who has the support of both the leaders and the cadre.

Most of the party's 31 MLAs in the state are known to be loyal to Bhupinder Hooda.

Sources said Randeep Surjewala pointed out that might is not always right, a remark which some leaders felt was aimed at the Hoodas. Former CM Bhajan Lal's son Kuldeep Bishnoi, on the other hand, is learnt to have pitched himself for the top post, saying he was a strong non-Jat leader. He also referred to the contributions of his late father.

The meeting was attended by AICC in-charge of Haryana Vivek Bansal, Haryana Congress president Kumari Selja and senior party leaders including Kiran Choudhry and Captain Ajay Yadav, who was recently appointed as head of AICC's OBC department.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* after the meeting, Bhupinder Hooda said, "The crux of the meeting is that everybody has been asked to remain united and fight the next elections whole-



Bhupinder Hooda, Kumari Selja outside Rahul Gandhi's residence after the meeting.

EXPLAINED Eye on polls

THE HARYANA elections are over two years away, but the Congress high command has signalled its seriousness by convening a meeting of its top state leaders. AAP, after its victory in Punjab, is spreading its wings to neighbouring Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. And the JJP led by Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala, which bagged 10 seats in the last polls, is also strengthening its cadre.

heartedly, and as a united force. Everybody who participated in the meeting put forth their viewpoints that were heard and discussed. There can be differences of opinion among the party's leaders, but there is no difference of heart. We shall remain united and contest the next elections".

Sources said Rahul told the leaders that they would have to accept "collective responsibility" and contest the elections as a "collective leadership".

"In the wake of the current political scenario, Rahul Gandhi had called this meeting of the party's Haryana unit's top leadership. Everybody gave their viewpoints. Eventually, it was decided that the party's entire leadership should go all out, collectively, against the BJP and raise the voice of people of the state, inside and outside the Vidhan Sabha...", Bansal said.

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Member Secretary, DPCC

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BUDGET SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"Honourable members, please do not come to the well, I will take names then. I will be forced to take the name. Please go back to your seats."

HARIVANSH NARAYAN SINGH, Deputy Chairman, to TMC MPs protesting against him for allowing BJP MP Roopa Ganguly to raise the Birbhumi issue during Zero Hour.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Taxing should be like how honeybee extracts honey from a flower. So that no harm comes to the flower."

SUNITA DUGGAL, BJP MP

5 QUESTIONS



DR SONAL MANSINGH, NOMINATED MEMBER, RAJYA SABHA, SPEAKS TO KAUNAIN SHERIFF M

Today, you raised the issue of misuse of antibiotics.

For every small thing, we see people popping antibiotics. But during the pandemic, we saw this frequency of misuse of antibiotics increase significantly. In fact, three months ago, I lost one friend tragically. That made me think how far this habit has gone.

Why is the misuse rampant?

There is an over-dependence on antibiotics. Even for fever or a common cold, people take antibiotics. Most importantly, they are easily available. In fact, you can get them without any prescription.

You also raised the issue of a huge problem linked to antibiotics resistance.

Yes, the Indian Council of Medical Scientific Research states that two out of every three healthy adults in India have become antibiotics-resistant. This is horrendous. The consequences are dire.

You suggested people should be encouraged to use alternative medicine.

Yes. We should encourage the use of Ayurveda. Importantly, we should develop healthy lifestyles.

So, what is the way forward to curb misuse of antibiotics?

First, the guidelines of the WHO should be followed seriously. Our own medical institutes should help formulate a law. Doctors also should participate and help in reducing the misuse of antibiotics.

MCD Bill introduced in Lok Sabha; Opp says breach of Constitution

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE DELHI Municipal Corporation Amendment Bill, 2022, which seeks to unify the Capital's three municipal corporations and give complete control of the civic body to the Centre, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Friday, prompting sharp criticism from Opposition MPs.

The Bill was introduced by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai. Opposing it, Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) MP NK Premachandran said it was against federalism, a basic feature of the Constitution.

"What about the will of the members of the Delhi Legislative Assembly? That is why I am saying it is totally against the basic feature of the Constitution, that is, cooperative federalism," he said.

Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said the Bill is against the objective to "democratise and decentralise" the Municipal Corporation of



MoS Home Nityanand Rai in Lok Sabha, Friday. PTI

Delhi (MCD) by its trifurcation 10 years ago.

In 2012, the MCD was divided into three bodies - North Delhi, South Delhi and East Delhi municipal corporations.

Gogoi's party colleague and MP, Manish Tewari said the Parliament lacks the legislative competence to unify the Capital's three municipal bodies. It is the Delhi Assembly that is empowered to do so, he added.

"After Part 9A was inserted into the Constitution of India with effect from 1st June, 1993, the power to constitute municipalities lies with the state governments in terms of Articles 243P and 243R of the Constitution of India. Secondly, as per Article 246 read with Seventh Schedule, entry 5 of

the State List, powers to constitute municipal corporations is with the states," he said.

The Bill, which was cleared by the Union Cabinet on Tuesday, states that in at least 11 sections of The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, the words "Central Government" shall replace "Government", wherever it occurs.

It also proposed the appointment of a Special Officer who can head the corporation until representatives of a unified MCD are elected. This is seen by many as the Centre having a foot in the door till elections are held.

Criticising the delay in municipal elections in Delhi due to the Bill, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MP Ritesh Pandey said: "The Centre has not only not held elections... it has put elections on hold to bring this Bill."

Denying the accusations, Minister of State Rai said the proposed amendment does not in any way violate the Constitution or its basic structure. "As per Article 239 KK, any law passed by the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi can be amended by the Parliament," he said.

FINANCE BILL PASSED IN LOK SABHA

Sitharaman: Did not impose new taxes, focused on Capex for economic recovery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE MODI government did not introduce new taxes to fund the post-Covid economic recovery, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told Lok Sabha Friday.

Replying to the debate on the Finance Bill, which the House passed, Sitharaman said that India, instead, put the money where there would be multiplier effect and aid the post-pandemic economic recovery.

"According to an OECD report, 32 countries have increased the tax rates after the pandemic. Instead, we put more money where multiplier effect would be maximum," she said, while referring to the Budget's focus this year on raising capital expenditure.

The Finance Bill gives effect to new taxation, thus completing the budgetary exercise for the 2022-23 fiscal.

The Finance Bill was approved by the Lok Sabha after accepting by voice vote the 39 official amendments moved by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and rejecting the amendments proposed by the Opposition.

The Budget 2022-23 raised capital expenditure (Capex) by 35.4 per cent to Rs 7.5-lakh crore to continue the public investment-led recovery of the pandemic-battered economy.

Observing that the Modi government believes in lowering taxes, Sitharaman said the reduction in corporate tax has "helped the economy, government and companies, and we are seeing the progress". She said Rs 7.3-lakh crore has been collected as corporate tax so far this fiscal.

The number of taxpayers has increased to 9.1 crore from 5 crore a few years back, she said, adding the government is taking steps to widen the tax base and the faceless assessment has been received well by people.

Responding to the concerns expressed by members on imposing customs duty on umbrellas, she said it was done to encourage domestic manufacturing by MSMEs.

Earlier, while participating in the debate on the Bill, Opposition members raised several issues, including unregulated virtual digital assets such as cryptocurrency.

Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, while initiating the debate from the Opposition side, said the government should come out with a legislation soon to prevent their misuse for purposes such as terror financing and drug smuggling.

"The government is still sending mixed signals on virtual digital assets. There should be clarity on the definition of crypto," Gogoi said.

Gogoi further said that the government should take a view on this so that virtual digital assets do not become a preferred route for money laundering, drug smuggling or crime. "I expect the policy to come out sooner than later... crypto is a risk at the moment," he said.

Observing that every government wants to widen the tax base, he said high net-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in Lok Sabha on Friday. PTI

worth individuals (HNIs) are the biggest contributor to revenue mobilisation. There has been an exodus of 7,000 HNIs from India since 2019, he said. He wondered what ecosystem the country is offering to the wealth creators.

On fuel price hike, Gogoi said it has been increased for the third time in one week and added the government should maintain status quo to provide relief to common people who have just come out from the third wave of Covid-19.

"They need a chance to conduct their businesses in a free-and-fair atmosphere, not always under the burden of high inflation and high fuel prices. And it is a bit ironic as to the answer that the government or its spokespersons are giving on fuel prices, they are saying that the fuel prices are bound to happen (increase) because of the conflict in Ukraine," he said.

The Ukraine conflict did not begin last week, he said, adding it has been going on since December and Russian troops were on border for more than a month.

"For one month, they could keep the prices stable. What has changed now? Just because (five state Assembly) elections are over...that's how you repay the people who put you back to power," he said.

Supriya Sule of the NCP demanded a ban on crypto, saying various committees have suggested so. She also questioned the imposition of 30 per cent tax on capital gain out of virtual digital assets even when there is no legislation on that.

Aparupa Poddar of the TMC said the government talks about increasing the GDP, "which means gas, diesel and petrol (prices)". She also sought to know the quantum of black money identified because of demonetisation.

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FINANCE BILL: CRYPTO LOSSES CAN'T BE SET OFF AGAINST GAINS

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IN THE HOUSE

National Conference MP Farooq Abdullah arrives at Parliament on Friday. Amit Mehra

BJP MP seeks research bodies for ancient Indian knowledge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

STATING THAT English education and ideas originating from Europe "enslaved" discourse in India, BJP MP Rakesh Sinha Friday moved a resolution in the Rajya Sabha requesting the government to set up research foundations at the state and district levels to revive the "Indian knowledge tradition".

The discussion on Sinha's private member's resolution saw spirited participation by Opposition MPs from the TMC, Congress, DMK, CPI(M), BJD, RJD, among others, for over three-and-a-half hours, with many arguing that issues like casteism should not be glossed over while reflecting on past glories.

Initiating the discussion, Sinha said "decolonisation of imagination is the need of the hour". He spoke extensively on the role played by the "Western education system" introduced by British historian Thomas Babington Macaulay in "alienating" Indians from their knowledge tradition and the destruction of seats of education like Nalanda.

"The Indian knowledge tradition had to face neglect due to long years of slavery as the colonial culture tried to create a sense of inferiority

towards it; India's renowned knowledge centres faced political, military and cultural attacks during the colonial period and even before that, the burning down of the world-famous Nalanda University... which many generations did not even know...English education and ideas originating from Europe enslaved ideas and discourses along with political slavery and this sentiment also prevailed after Independence," read the resolution.

TMC MP Jawhar Sircar said while all Indians must take pride in its past achievements, knowledge was controlled by one particular caste. "When you talk of universities and the brilliance of learning, for centuries after centuries, for two-and-a-half millennia, it was centered on one caste. Would you like to go back to one caste?"

DMK's TKS Elangovan said one should be mindful of the diversity in the country. "When somebody says that Manudharma is your dharma, how can I accept it? I don't say that Manudharma is wrong. That is for them to keep," he said.

RJD's Manoj Jha said the fact that Bahujan thinkers like Babasaheb Ambedkar and Savitribai Phule had a different take on the impact of the education introduced by Macaulay should be reflected upon.

PAR-TAPI-NARMADA RIVER-LINKING PLAN

Congress MLAs walk out of Assembly in Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GANDHINAGAR, MARCH 25

HUNDREDS OF tribals from various districts of Gujarat assembled at Satyagrah Chhavana in Gandhinagar Friday for the "Adivasi Satyagraha" against the Par-Tapi-Narmada river-linking project, demanding a white paper on the project.

Even as the crowd gathered at the venue, Minister for Tribal Development Naresh Patel assured that "not even an inch of land owned by tribals" would be acquired for the project, during a discussion on the river-linking project in the Gujarat Assembly on Friday, claiming that the project originated during the Congress regime.

Congress members staged a walkout from the assembly later in the day, demanding a written assurance that no land belonging to tribals would be acquired for the project.

Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) president Jagdish Thakor, AICC in-charge of Gujarat Raghu Sharma, Gujarat Congress working president Hardik Patel and former GPCC president Amit Chavda clashed with the police in Gandhinagar, trying to march towards the Vidhansabha and were temporarily detained.

Addressing the tribals gathered in Gandhinagar, Congress MLA from Vansda, Anant Patel, said, "Today, we have assembled to not just protest against dams and reser-

voirs but to save the Adivasi culture, identity and jal (water), jungle, Jameen (land) of our people. We have come here to save the adivasi people by bringing in the PESA (Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act and schedule 5 of the Constitution dealing with the administration and control of scheduled areas and scheduled tribes..." He had taken part in four protest meetings held earlier in the tribal belt of South Gujarat.

President of the Chhota Udepur municipality, Sangram Rathva, said, "We want to tell the state government that we have pen and paper along with bows and arrows... Today, the tribal people are educated. We demand the rights given to us under schedule 5 of the Constitution."

Promising that 50 lakh Dalits will stand by the adivasis, independent MLA from Banaskantha Jignesh Mevani who is now with the Congress said, "The pillars of Gujarat Vidhansabha were built with the sweat and blood of the Dalits, OBCs and adivasis... Malls, shopping centres, buildings of secretariat were made by our forefathers and today you (state government) want to run your bulldozers on the chests of the tribal people."

Making a clarion call for the 2022 Assembly elections, Mevani said, "We raise a challenge to CM Bhupendra Patel that on not just 27 reserved seats, we will remove you from all 40 seats where the tribals are in majority. The election of 2022 will be between the adivasi people and the BJP."

Gehlot meets Baghel to speed up coal mining approval, cites power crisis

GARGI VERMA
RAIPUR, MARCH 25

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot Friday made a four-hour visit to Chhattisgarh in an attempt to convince Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel to allow coal mining in the Hasdeo Aranya region to meet his state's electricity needs.

The Rajasthan government owns the Parsa East Kente Basan (PEKB) coal block in the pristine forest area in Chhattisgarh's Sarguja district. In January, the Union Environment and Forest Ministry allowed the Mining and Development operator, Adani Enterprises Ltd, to mine in the second phase of this area.

Now, the state government's nod is awaited - and Gehlot wants to speed this up. Gehlot, speaking to reporters in capital city Raipur, said an "unimaginable crisis" is looming in his state. "If we don't get the coal supply from Chhattisgarh, our plants will shut down."

The Rajasthan CM met Baghel and officials from the Energy Department Friday.

"We appreciate the regional issues here, but the Central government gives a permit for mining after a long vetting process. We are only asking what has been allotted to us," he said.

In January, the Environment Ministry also increased the production capacity of the second phase to 18 Million Ton per annum (MTPA). The project will affect 1,136 hectares of the Hasdeo Aranya forest.



Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel with Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, in Raipur. PTI

In 2012, Forest Clearance was granted by the MoEF for mining in phase I of PEBK coal mines, which limited mining to 762 hectares and a reserve of 137 million tonnes, which was to be mined for 15 years at the rate of 10 MTPA. In 2018, the MDO applied for permissions to increase the mining quantity and was allowed to mine 15MTPA per annum.

The Indian Express has learnt that in their first mining plan, the MDO declared 47.2 MT coal to be un-mineable. In the second mining plan, submitted to the MoEF in 2018, it was stated that the blocked coal was more. "Out of total Gross Geological Reserve of 516.40mt, 52.15mt Geological reserve will be blocked in 7.5m barrier and batter. Out of 52.15mt

coal reserve blocked in 7.5 m barrier and batter, 15.65mt has been proposed to be recovered by High Wall Mining." The MDO said in its revised mining plan, it is learnt.

However, the blocked coal grew to 54.99 MT by September 2020 when Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam wrote to the MoEF claiming: "... Earlier reserve calculation of 137 MT had missed some important safety factors for mine slope and reserve was calculated without considering reserve locked in working benches of the mine keeping safe degree of bench slopes. Thus, reducing the actual mineable reserve from phase I forest land to 82.01 MT resulting in early exhaustion of phase-1 reserve."

Naveen steps into Odisha Assembly after two years

AISHWARYA MOHANTY
BHUBANESWAR, MARCH 25

AFTER A two-year hiatus, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik came to the state Assembly Friday, to physically attend the proceedings of the House on the opening day of the Budget Session, thereby also seeking to silence his detractors and dispel speculation about his health condition.

Patnaik came to the Assembly following a significant improvement in the Covid pandemic situation in the state. The BJD supremo's move came a day after the Opposition targeted him again for skipping all the Assembly sessions and attending them only virtually since the pandemic broke out in early 2020.

The previous session, held in December, had to be adjourned early as the Opposition had refused to go along with it in the CM's absence, among other issues. While the session was in progress, Patnaik had inaugurated a state-run restaurant in Bhubaneswar, drawing flak from his political opponents.

The Opposition has consistently raked up the issue of Patnaik's physical absence from the government functions and Assembly proceedings over the last couple of years.

It is in this context that the CM's bid to physically attend the session assumes significance, especially amid the buzz making the rounds over his "deteriorating health". In the last one month, Patnaik has made three physical appearances at various events to send out a signal to everyone that he is in "perfect health".

NSEL fraud: ED attaches assets of Shiv Sena MLA Sarnaik

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN
MUMBAI, MARCH 25

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Friday attached properties worth Rs 11.35 crore of Shiv Sena MLA Pratap Sarnaik in a Rs 5,600-crore fraud at National Spot Exchange Limited (NSEL). The attached properties include two flats and a land parcel in Thane.

Sarnaik (58), a three-time MLA from Ovala-Majiwada in Thane, had last year written to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray suggesting that the party should join hands with the BJP to stop harassment of Sena leaders by central agencies.

The ED said one of the defaulters of NSEL— Asstha Group — diverted Rs 21.74 crore to Vihang Aastha Housing Project LLP between 2012-2013. Out of this, Rs 11.35 crore was transferred to Vihang Enterprises and Vihang Infrastructure Private Limited, controlled by Sarnaik and his family.

The ED said in a statement that based on the money trail and scrutiny, two flats and a parcel of land in Thane — amounting to Rs 11.35 crore — held by Sarnaik have been provisionally attached under PMLA. Aastha Group owes Rs 242.66 crore to NSEL.

SLAMS BJP OVER MVA LEADERS' ARREST

Jail me, but don't attack families, says Uddhav

VISHWAS WAGHMODE
MUMBAI, MARCH 25

WITH Central agencies serving notices to various leaders of the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi government over the last few days, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Friday hit back, daring the BJP to arrest him. He also came out strongly in support of arrested MVA leaders Anil Deshmukh and Nawab Malik and taunted that had Devendra Fadnavis's plan to form a government with the NCP been successful, the BJP would have happily sat in the government with the same people it was targeting at present.

"Put me in jail if you want to. If you want to attack me, then attack me. Why are you going after our families? Did we ever defame your families or go after them?... If you are so desperate for power, put me in jail. I am ready for it," Thackeray said while speaking in the Legislative Assembly on the last day of the budget session.

With a number of Shiv Sena leaders facing probes by Central agencies, Thackeray also said that the harassment of his cadre needs to stop. "Do not harass my Shiv Sainiks who were the ones to save Mumbai during the



Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray

1992-93 riots," he said while replying to the Opposition's last week's proposal seeking minister Nawab Malik's resignation for his alleged links with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim.

Defending Anil Deshmukh and Nawab Malik, the CM said that had the 80-hour experiment of the government of BJP's Devendra Fadnavis and NCP's Ajit Pawar been successful, the now arrested leaders would have been sharing power with Fadnavis.

He also questioned the constant targeting of the families of MVA leaders. "Defaming each others' families is a despicable, reprehensible and perverse thing to do. If you are a man, come forward like a man. You are defaming our families by misusing Central agencies," he added.

The CM asked how the central agencies did not get a whiff of Malik's alleged activities all these years. "This is a person who has been elected five times and has served as a minister. What do they do? Do they just bang vessels and light lamps?" he asked.

J&K: CBI to probe into Malik's 'bribe to clear files' allegation

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, MARCH 25

THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration has called in the CBI to look into former Governor Satya Pal Malik's claim of receiving a Rs 300-crore bribe offer to clear two files — one of them allegedly related to an RSS leader.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said Friday: "As a person holding high office had said something, we have given our consent to CBI for investigation. *Janch ke baad, doodh ka doodh aur pani ka pani ho jayega* (the investigation will make the truth clear)."

Malik is currently the Meghalaya Governor. Last year, he accused a senior RSS functionary of corruption.

Malik had said that as the governor he had received two



Satyapal Malik



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha

files — one pertaining to "Ambani" and the other to an "RSS functionary".

"One of the secretaries told me that these are shady deals, but that he can get Rs 150 crore each," Malik said.

"I told him that I had come to J&K with five kurta-pyjamas and would leave with that."

"I alerted Prime Minister Narendra Modi who told me that there should be no compromise on corruption," Malik

ated the commitment of the Union government and his administration on the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley.

"The Government of India had announced 6,000 posts and construction of accommodation for them in the Valley much earlier. There will be no vacancy by June".

The government is also building flats for them now, he said.

The Union government had in 2015 approved building homes for migrant Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley.

"I do not believe that the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits will take place with only these measures. Some more things need to be done and not publicised," Lieutenant Governor Sinha said.

Last week, Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed the rehabilitation progress during a meeting with Sinha.

NORTHERN COMMAND CHIEF CALLS ON J&K LG

Jammu: GoC-in-Chief of Northern Command, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday and discussed with him the security situation in J&K, officials said. Lt Gen Dwivedi briefed the Sinha about the security scenario in the forward areas and hinterland, besides the overall security of J&K. PTI

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Date : 25.03.2022 Sd/-
(Sanjay Narayan)

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./Auth.	Name of Work Notice Tender	Opening Date Closing Date (Time)	Amount/Estimate (Approx.) in Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp./Auth.	Nodal Officer/Contact Details/Email
1.	HAFED PANCHKULA	HAFED INVITED SHORT TERM E-TENDERS/ E-AUCTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF APPROX. 400 MT KACHCHI GHANI MUSTARD OIL (LOOSE) AND APPROX. 300 MT SOYABEAN REFINED OIL FOR HAFED OIL MILL, REWARI AND NARNALU. THE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON HTTPS://ETENDERS.HRY.NIC.IN AND WWW.HAFED.GOV.IN	CLOSING DATE 30.03.2022	2% OF THE VALUE OF BID QUANTITY	www.hafed.gov.in	01722590531 addgmp@gmail.com

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Indian Academy of Highway Engineers
(Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India)
A-5, Institutional Area, Sector-62, Noida (UP)-201301

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The last date of receipt of applications: 28.04.2022

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**Rule - 8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES BANK Limited under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("the said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 ("the said Rules"), issued five (5) demand notice(s) each dated February 12, 2020, through Vistra ITCL (India) Limited (security trustee), calling upon, the following entities:

- (i) Mothers Pride Education Personna Private Limited, a company having registered office at 11/77, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 (hereinafter referred to as "Borrower 1") and Scholartube Education and Learning Solutions Private Limited, a company having registered office at 1509, 15th Floor, R.G. Tower, Netaji Subash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 (hereinafter referred to as "Mortgagor/Owner") to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **INR 214,532,788.30 (Rupees Two Hundred Fourteen Million, Five Hundred Thirty Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Eight and Thirty Paise Only)** as on February 07, 2020 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the demand notice together with further interest and charges thereon till realization with effect from February 08, 2020;
- (ii) Mothers Pride Education Institution Private Limited, a company having registered office at 11/77, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 (hereinafter referred to as "Borrower 2") and the Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **INR 91,735,229.57 (Rupees Ninety One Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Nine and Fifty Seven Paise Only)** as on February 07, 2020 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the demand notice together with further interest and charges thereon till realization with effect from February 08, 2020;
- (iii) Presidium Educational Institution Private Limited, a company having registered office at 11/77, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 (hereinafter referred to as "Borrower 3") and the Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **INR 252,296,367.48 (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Two Million, Two Hundred Ninety Six Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty Seven and Fourty Eight Paise Only)** as on February 07, 2020 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the demand notice together with further interest and charges thereon till realization with effect from February 08, 2020;
- (iv) Presidium Educational & Charitable Trust, a trust having registered office at 11/77, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 (hereinafter referred to as "Borrower 4") and the Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **INR 150,518,819.31 (Rupees One Hundred Fifty Million, Five Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Nineteen and Thirty One Paise Only)** as on February 07, 2020 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the demand notice together with further interest and charges thereon till realization with effect from February 08, 2020; and
- (v) Scholartube Education and Learning Solutions Private Limited, a company having registered office at 1509, 15th Floor, R.G. Tower, Netaji Subash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 (hereinafter referred to as "Borrower 5") and the Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **INR 233,736,522.54 (Rupees Two Hundred Thirty Three Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Six Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Two and Fifty Four Paise Only)** as on February 07, 2020 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the demand notice together with further interest and charges thereon till realization with effect from February 08, 2020 (hereinafter Borrower 1, Borrower 2, Borrower 3, Borrower 4 and Borrower 5 are collectively referred to as "Borrowers")

Further, other secured creditor (Aditya Birla Finance Limited) also issued notice under section 13(2) of the said Act individually demanding the money payable under its notice within 60 days of the date of such notice and has now given its consent under section 13(9), which collectively with dues payable to YES BANK Limited represents not less than sixty percent in value of the amounts outstanding and total amount aggregating to **INR 1,943,975,594.20**. Details of the secured creditors and their demand notices are as under:

Secured Creditor	Date of Notice u/s 13(2)	Amount demanded as per Notice u/s 13(2) (INR)
YES BANK Limited	February 12, 2020	942,819,727.20
Aditya Birla Finance Limited	June 09, 2020	1,001,155,867.00
TOTAL		1,943,975,594.20

The Borrowers and the Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount as detailed in the respective demand notice(s), notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, the Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below on an "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" BASIS, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the **22nd day of March, 2022**.

The Borrowers and the Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of YES BANK Limited and Aditya Birla Finance Limited for an aggregate amount of **INR 1,943,975,594.20/- (Rupees One Billion, Nine Hundred Forty Three Million, Nine Hundred Seventy Five Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety Four and Twenty Paise only)** due from the Borrowers together with further interest and other charges, costs thereon as per the sanction terms till the date of payment.

The Borrowers' and Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immoveable Property

Area	Situated in
800 sq. yrds	Property being entire basement, entire ground floor and entire first floor, 50% share in the entire slit area along with 50% undivided, indivisible and impartible ownership rights in the said of land measuring 800 sq. yrds bearing no. C-22, situated at Friends Colony (East), New Delhi with all rights, title and interest, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, with all fittings, fixtures, connections, structure standing thereon, with 50% ownership rights in all common entrances, passages, staircase, lift and other common facilities and amenities provided therein.
	Property being entire second floor, entire third floor with terrace over and above the entire third floor of the said property, with right to construct and own any areas/floors on the said terrace and subsequent terrace thereupon and thereabove, upto the limits of sky, 50% share in the entire Stilt Area, alongwith 50% undivided, indivisible and impartible ownership rights in the said plot of land measuring 800 sq. yrds. Bearing no. C-22, situated at Friends Colony (East), New Delhi with all rights, title and interest, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, with all fittings, fixtures, connections, structure standing thereon, with 50% ownership rights in all common entrances, passages, staircase, lift and other common facilities and amenities provided therein.
Bounded as under:	
North: H. No. C-21, Friends Colony	South: H. No. C-23, Friends Colony
East: Other	West: 25 ft. road

Date: March 22, 2022
Place: Presently at Noida (formerly, at 48, Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-21)

Amandeep Singh Bajaj
Senior Vice President
(Authorized Officer)
YES BANK Limited

**FORM NO. 4
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
ORDER OF GUJARAT HIGH COURT DTD. 17.02.2022
PASSED IN OJCR NO. 7 OF 2005
(Section 82 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973)**

WHEREAS a complaint has been made before the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat that BHAGUBHAI M. PATEL, Ex-Chairman & Managing Director of HAMCO MINING AND SMELTING LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION) having address at (1.) 12/C, Atlas Apartment, Harkness Road, Malbar Hill, Mumbai - 400 006 and (2.) B-331, 1st Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi has committed default under Section 454 (5) of the Companies Act, 1956 and the notices issued thereafter have remained unresponsive as the said BHAGUBHAI M. PATEL cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to satisfaction that the said BHAGUBHAI M. PATEL has absconded or in concealing himself to avoid the service of the said notices.

Proclamation is hereby made that the said BHAGUBHAI M. PATEL, Ex-Chairman & Managing Director of HAMCO MINING & SMELTING LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION) is required to appear before the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad taking Company cases to answer in Criminal Case No. 7 of 2005 in Company Petition No. 214 of 1998 on 31.03.2022 at 11.00 A.M.

Dated, this 25th day of March, 2022

R.C. MISHRA (ICLS)
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR OF
HAMCO MINING & SMELTING LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION)
Attached to High Court of Gujarat, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan,
Opp. Zydus Hospital, Thaltej, Ahmedabad - 380 059.

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING
6th FLOOR, JAWAHAR BHAWAN, LUCKNOW-UTTAR PRADESH**
No. ME-3/2022/694 Lucknow: Dated : 25.03.2022

**TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE
MOP-UP ROUND UP NEET PG -2021**

Time Schedule for the Admission Through Mop-up round in the State of Uttar Pradesh for Government and Private Medical Colleges /Institutions/ Universities for Post Graduate (MD/MS/ Diploma) and DNB Course is as follows:-

Date of Online registration (MD/MS/Diploma)	26 th March 2022 (From 2:00 PM) to 29 th March 2022 (Till 2:00 PM)
Date of Online registration (DNB)	26 th March 2022 (From 2:00 PM) to 29 th March 2022 (Till 2:00 PM)
Date of declaration of Merit list of (MD/MS/Diploma) and DNB Course	30 th March 2022
Date of Allotment in Government Medical College (MD/MS/Diploma)	05 th April 2022
Date of Allotment in Government Medical College, Hospitals (DNB)	06 th April 2022
Date of Allotment Private Medical College (MD/MS/Diploma)	07 th April 2022 to 8 th April 2022
Admission date	On Spot

- Candidates should register for mop-up round by depositing Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two thousand rupees) online by net banking/debit card/credit card or on the NIC website <https://upneet.gov.in>
- Separate registration should be done for MD/MS/Diploma & DNB course
- Mop-up round would be conducted at Kalam Center in Kalam Lucknow, Candidates should report 11:00AM on 5th April 2022 and 10:00AM on next dates.
- Only Those Candidates are eligible for Mop-up round who have not been allotted Any Seats in first and Second round of UP Neet PG-2021 Counseling.
- Candidates who have been Allotted/Admitted /Not Joined/Resigned from UP Neet PG-2021 first & second counseling will not be eligible for the Mop-up round.
- Those candidates who have been already admitted in any Medical College/ Institute / University in India through Neet PG- 2021 will not be eligible for the Mop-up round
- Candidates should have the Bank DD of Rs 30,000/- for government (MD/MS/Diploma) seats and Rs. 2,00,000/- for Private Medical College (MD/MS) seats in favour of **Director General Medical Education & Training U.P payable at Lucknow as a security fee (Only CTS Bank DD will be accepted)**
- Candidates who have already submitted their security fee DD in first & second round of counseling, not required to deposit it again.
- Candidates will have to produce all certificates in original as well as one self attested photo copies of all documents at the time of verification otherwise they will not be allowed to participate in mop-up round.
- Candidates who wish to opt clinical seats in private medical college can prepare the DD in advance for tuition fee amount of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs and for pathology seat DD of Rs. 8.00 Lakhs in favour of **Director General Medical Education & training U.P payable at Lucknow, at the time of admission. (Only CTS Bank DD will be accepted)**
- As per Government order dated 08-12-2021 CTS Demand Draft for security fees, hostel fees and other fees in favour of **Director General Medical Education & training U.P. payable at Lucknow, at the time of admission.**
- After allotment candidates should deposit difference of tuition fee amount online to the Director General Medical Education & training U.P.
- Apart from above direction Mop-up round will be conducted according to the GO dated 07.10.2021 and brochure for UP Neet PG 2021.
- Mop-up round will be conducted up to availability of the seats.
- For further important and detailed information kindly visit the website. <https://upneet.gov.in> & www.dgme.up.gov.in.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

Punjab MLAs to get pension for only one term

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 25

PUNJAB CHIEF Minister Bhagwant Mann Friday said that former MLAs will now get pension for only one term, as against the current practice of drawing the benefit for each term served by them.

An MLA in Punjab gets a pension of Rs 75,000 per month for one term. Thereafter, an additional 66 per cent of the pension amount is given for each subsequent term. More than 250 former MLAs are drawing pension at present.

In a video message, Mann said he has directed officers to implement the "one MLA, one pension" scheme. He said MLAs elected for several terms were getting lakhs of rupees as pension. Some of them, who have also remained Members of Parliament, were getting both central and state pensions.

"Former MLAs in Punjab, even if they have won twice, five times or 10 times, will now get pension for one term only," said Mann. "Our political leaders, including MLAs, seek votes from you with folded hands by saying that give us a chance to serve you. But you will be surprised to know that several MLAs who won thrice, four times or five times and then after losing the elections or after not getting tickets for contesting the polls, get lakhs of rupees in pension per month," Mann said in the 2.50 minute video addressed to the residents of the state.

Application window for CUET opens on April 1

Attempt 40 MCQs each in language & domain subjects, 60 in general paper

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE CENTRAL Universities Entrance Test (CUET) will require students to attempt 40 multiple choice questions (MCQs) each in the case of language and domain subjects and 60 MCQs in the general paper, which will test a candidate's general knowledge and numerical ability among others.

The application window for the test will be open between April 1 and April 30.

According to sources in the

ROAD RAGE CASE

Plea to widen scope of notice abuse of power: Sidhu to SC

New Delhi: Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu told the Supreme Court on Friday that the plea seeking enlargement of scope of notice in the matter relating to review of the sentence awarded to him in a 1988 road rage case is "abuse of process".

Though the apex court had in May 2018 held Sidhu guilty of the offence of "voluntarily causing hurt" to a 65-year-old man in the case, it spared him of a jail term and imposed a fine of Rs 1,000.

A bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and S K Kaul had earlier asked Sidhu to file his response on the application which has said that his conviction in the case should not have been merely for the lesser offence of voluntarily causing hurt. PTI

UGC warns students against Chinese varsities, says online degrees invalid

SHEETAL BANCHARIYA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE UNIVERSITY Grants Commission (UGC) on Friday advised students to exercise due diligence before deciding to pursue higher education in China given that the country has not eased travel restrictions and many Indian students have not attended in-person classes since the pandemic struck.

Further, in a veiled warning, the higher education regulator informed the students that it does not recognise "degree courses done only in online mode without prior approval".

UGC's advisory came on the day External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also raised the issue of the return of Indian students to China with his Chinese counter-

Charred bodies: 21 held in Birbhum, most TMC supporters or workers

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & ATRIMITRA
RAMPURHAT, MARCH 25

UNDER the glare of the Calcutta High Court which ordered a CBI probe Friday, the West Bengal police arrested 21 individuals in 72 hours in connection with the recovery of eight charred bodies in Bagtui village. This marks one of the largest number of arrests of TMC supporters and workers since it came to power in 2011.

Police also arrested one person in connection with the murder of TMC Deputy Pradhan Bhadu Sheikh whose death set off the retaliatory killing in which eight were killed.

Of those arrested in the charred bodies case are six family members of Bhadu Sheikh and one is TMC Rampurhat Block president Anarul Hussain. Three are building-materials suppliers and are said to be members of Bhadu's syndicate. All the rest are also TMC supporters.

Among Bhadu's relatives arrested by police are Tausif (19) and Ramzan (18), the two sons of Babur (Bhadu's elder brother who was murdered in January 2021). Bhadu's father-in-law Jalal Dewan (56) and brother-in-law Nayan Dewan (31) were also arrested.

However, Bhadu's mother-in-law Kairon Bibi denied the allegations: "My son-in-law got



Forensic experts arrive in Birbhum's Bogtui village on Friday to collect samples. Partha Paul

murdered and police have picked up my family members. We have been told not to talk with reporters. You people are on the side of those (killed in retaliation)." Two armed policemen have been posted at her house.

Taliba Bibi, wife of Bhadu Sheikh, says she has faith in Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. "Didi may have some issues for which she could not meet me Thursday but I know she will do justice," Banerjee had met with family members of those charred to death but avoided meeting with

Bhadu Sheikh's family when she visited Bagtui. Not many in the Opposition are buying the police version, they claim the small fry has been picked up and will, most likely, get bail while the big fish will get away.

"The police has balanced two factions of TMC and made arrests. The real culprits, big TMC leaders have been spared. We hope the CBI does its job, if it fails to arrest the main culprits, it will send a wrong message to the people," said Gautam Ghosh, Birbhum district secretary of CPM.

"TMC has dictated the investigation and only then arrests have been made," said BJP Birbhum chief Subhashis Chowdhury. "The police only arrested the block president of TMC after the CM's order. We hope the CBI arrests the TMC leaders who planned and allowed this to happen."

"I am with TMC since its inception. I have surrendered after Didi (Mamata Banerjee) directed me to do so," said block president Anarul while being produced to court in Rampurhat

which remanded him to 14 days in police custody. Anarul is one of the prominent TMC leaders in the area. Family members of those charred to death alleged to the chief minister that he was the mastermind of the carnage.

Among the arrested are Morteza Ali (33) and Nazrul Islam (22), building material suppliers and close aides of Bhadu. Morteza's two-storied house in Bagtui village was locked Friday with piles of sand and stone heaped outside. Said a neighbour: "After Morteza was arrested, his wife and two children locked the house and have gone away."

Police also arrested Amjad Khan (34) and his brother Nasir Khan (23). Amjad is a building materials supplier and Nasir a truck-driver. TMC workers Rana Sheikh (18), Mofijul Sheikh (32), Asim Sheikh (20) and Imtaj Sheikh (23) had gone to the hospital to pick up Bhadu's body a day after he was murdered. Their relatives claim police arrested them at the hospital.

The only one person arrested in connection to Bhadu's murder is Haneef Sheikh (40), a resident of Bhartolla crossing. His family members declined to comment.

All those arrested in connection with the recovery of charred bodies have been booked for murder, rioting, mischief by fire or explosives and causing grievous hurt.

SABARMATI ASHRAM SC to hear plea against revamp plan next week

New Delhi: The SC is likely to take up next week a plea by Mahatma Gandhi's great grandson Tushar Gandhi challenging the Gujarat Tourism Development Corporation's proposed plan to redevelop Sabarmati Ashram.

Chief Justice of India N V Ramana told Advocate Indira Jaising, who mentioned the plea, that the court will try to list it next week, most probably on April 1. Tushar claimed that he "is apprehensive that the ashram may lose the Gandhian ethos that has been preserved by the Trust". ENS

SC relief for persons with disabilities, allows them to opt for police service

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

IN AN interim order, the Supreme Court on Friday allowed candidates with physical disabilities, who have cleared the civil services written exam, to provisionally apply for selection to Indian Railways Protection Force Service (IRPFS), Indian Police Service (IPS), as well as Delhi, Daman & Diu, Dadra, and Nagar Haveli, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Police Service (DANIPS).

A bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Abhay Soka said

Bihar: Murdered RTI activist's son 'kills self' over police 'inaction'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, MARCH 25

THE 14-YEAR-OLD son of a Motihari-based RTI activist, who was shot dead last September, reportedly killed himself by jumping off the third floor of a residential building after setting himself afire. The boy, Rohit Kumar, who took the extreme step on Thursday reportedly to protest the slow pace of investigation into his father's murder, died at a private clinic in Motihari on Friday.

Till the filing of the report Friday late evening, the police were yet to register an FIR into Rohit's suicide.

According to reports, Rohit, son of RTI activist Bipin Agrawal, 47, who was killed on September 24, 2021 for exposing the local land mafia, had gone to see East Champaran SP Kumar Ashish but the staff allegedly didn't facilitate the meeting. Rohit reportedly had threatened at the SP office that he would immolate self if the police did not assure him of arresting a local BJP leader, a suspect in his father's murder case.

Rohit's grandfather Vijay Agrawal said: "Rohit looked upset when he returned home. Before we could sense anything, he went to the third floor of an adjoining building, set himself afire and jumped off. He got entangled in the high-tension electricity wires before landing on

the ground." Rohit was soon admitted to a private clinic and died during treatment on Friday.

Vijay Agrawal also accused the Harsiddhi police of trying to change his statement wherein he had held the police responsible for Rohit's extreme step.

SP Kumar Ashish, however, contradicted Vijay's version, saying: "Whatever happened is unfortunate but the boy's mother told us that he had fallen off a roof on Thursday evening and got electrocuted after coming in touch with electricity wires. We didn't pressure the family to change statement."

On his son's murder, Vijay said of the 15 people booked for Bipin's murder, eight were still absconding. "One of another 11 people whose role is under scanner is a local BJP leader. But the police are trying to shield him and his name is not there in the FIR," said Rohit's grandfather.

Bipin had exposed through his RTI petitions how several people, some of them politically connected, over the years had usurped government land in Harsiddhi. Bipin, who had survived an attack earlier, was shot last September. Rohit, the eldest of his three sons, had been steering protests for justice, and meeting police officers. The SP told reporters, "The police arrested seven people in connection with the RTI activist's murder. We have now recommended transfer of the case to the CID."

National Testing Agency (NTA), which will conduct the test in 13 languages in the first week of July based on Class 12 National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) syllabus, questions in the CUET's papers on languages will test a candidate's reading comprehension based on factual, literary, and narrative passages. Based on their understanding, they will be expected to answer questions set in the multiple choice questions format.

The Section IA and IB on languages will have 50 questions each. And in both cases, a candi-

date will have to attempt 40 each. In the case of Section IA, a student can pick any one language from a basket of 13 — Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Urdu, Assamese, Bengali, Punjabi, Odia and English.

Section IB is for those looking to sign up for UG degree programmes in foreign languages — students can pick from a list of 19 — offered by certain central universities. The Section-II paper on domain subjects — total 27 are on offer and an applicant can pick up to six — will also have 50 MCQs of which a student will

have to attempt 40.

Lastly, the paper for the Section-III, or the general test, will have 75 questions for a candidate who will be expected to attempt 60, an NTA source added.

The provision for Section-III is keeping in mind the fact that some universities admit students in UG courses based on general test scores rather than a student's marks in core subjects.

The language and the domain subject papers will be of 45 minutes duration each, while one hour will be given to take the general test.

US court stays Devas foreign investors over \$111 mn award

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, MARCH 25

A US federal court has stayed a plea by foreign investors in the Bengaluru-based start-up, Devas Multimedia Pvt Ltd, that sought to confirm a USD111 million compensation awarded by a UN trade tribunal over a failed satellite launch deal with Antrix Corp.

The Devas-Antrix deal was annulled by India in 2005. Devas's three Mauritius-based investors — CC/Devas Mauritius Ltd, Telcom Devas Mauritius Ltd, and Devas Employees Mauritius Pvt Ltd — were on October 13, 2020, awarded a USD 111-million compensation by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) tribunal in Hague, through the US federal court. India appealed against the UNCITRAL award in a Dutch court and the matter is still pending. The US court for the District of Columbia on Thursday said a "stay would promote judicial economy, respect international comity, and prevent hardship to India".

While they were on their way, a group of 10 persons arrived on the spot on motorcycles and allegedly dragged the couple to a field nearby. When the couple tried to escape, the accused thrashed them, police said.

While four of the accused took turns to rape the woman, the others thrashed the husband. Later, the accused fled the spot on their motorcycles, they said.

Panel: Valve malfunction, low tank pressure led to GSLV-F10 failure

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

ISRO'S GSLV-F10 flight in August last year failed because of a malfunctioning valve that led to insufficient pressure in the liquid hydrogen tank in the cryogenic upper stage of the launch vehicle, found the national-level failure analysis committee that submitted its report on Thursday.

The space agency at the time had said the third or cryogenic upper stage of the launch vehicle, which was carrying on board an earth observation satellite EOS-03, did not ignite due to a "technical anomaly".

Dr V Narayanan, Director, Isro's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, in November said: "The reason for the GSLV-F10 failure was a 50 millibar reduction in the LH-2 tank pressure."

As per the failure analysis committee's report, the deviation in the performance of the cryogenic upper stage was observed by the on-board computer at 297.3 seconds after the lift off and the mission was



GSLV-F10 was one of the only two missions carried out by the space agency last year.

aborted by 307 seconds.

"The ground servicing of the cryogenic stage was normal and the required lift-off conditions were achieved. However, subsequent to lift-off, the committee observed... a lower tank pressure at the time of ignition of the engine. This resulted in insufficient flow of liquid hydrogen into the engine thrust chamber. Detailed studies indicate that the most likely reason for the observed reduction in tank pressure is a leak in the respective Vent and Relief Valve (VRV), which is used for relieving

the excess tank pressure during flight," Isro said in a statement.

As per the report of the failure analysis committee, the most probable reason for leakage of the VRV valve is damage to the soft seal that could have happened "during the valve operations or due to contamination and valve mounting stresses induced under cryogenic temperature conditions," the Isro statement said.

To improve the robustness of the cryogenic upper stage — a version of which will also be used on GSLV Mk III that will carry our astronauts to space — the committee has suggested incorporating an active LH2 tank pressurisation system to ensure sufficient pressure before the engine start command, strengthening the VRV and associated fluid circuits to avoid a possibility of leakage, and automatic monitoring of additional cryogenic parameters while giving lift-off clearance.

To arrive at the conclusions, the failure analysis committee reviewed flight data along with data related to activities ranging from the stage preparation at launch complex, countdown, and lift-off.

After halting dancer's show, judge 'pained at false charges'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MARCH 25

DAYS AFTER he allegedly stopped Mohiniyattam performance of ace dancer Neena Prasad, Palakkad district judge Dr B Kalam Pasha on Friday said he was pained at the allegations that he "stopped the dance programme due to religious reasons".

On March 19, when Prasad was staging Mohiniyattam at a school compound adjacent to the residence of the district judge and other judicial officers in Palakkad, Pasha, through po-

lice, had allegedly directed the event organisers to "reduce the volume of the show". After the police intervened, the dancer and her troupe had to abruptly wind up the programme, which evoked widespread protest from civil society and lawyers.

Prasad, in her Facebook post, had stated that stopping the programme in such a manner was unprecedented in her professional life.

On Wednesday, All India Lawyers Union and Palakkad District Bar Association had staged a protest at the court complex. Expressing his displeasure over the protest, Pasha

on Friday wrote a letter to the district bar association, saying false news spread like wildfire and the bar members did not try to ascertain from the police what had actually transpired.

"I am fond of art and cultural programmes and I have studied carnatic music for six years and it would be out of context to say that I studied Bharatanatyam up to the stage of arangettam. With all this experience in art, it is painful to know that allegations are made that I stopped the dance programme through police due to religious reasons," he said.

He said: "I understand that the public prosecutor was

among the protesters. They were raising slogans on the court premises, disturbing the work. Their objections seem to be against me personally on the belief that I stopped a cultural function midway through police."

Advocate C P Pramode, president, All India Lawyers Union, said there was no contempt of court on the issue, as alleged by the judge. "We had raised slogans in the morning much before the court timings. Our protest was to safeguard the freedom of speech and expression enshrined in the Constitution. We haven't given any religious angle to the issue," he said.

80-yr-old woman strip-searched, CISF constable suspended

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THE CENTRAL Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Friday suspended a woman constable who allegedly strip-searched a wheelchair-bound octogenarian at the Guwahati Airport.

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has also promised to look into the matter. Bound for Delhi on Thursday, the 80-year-old woman was allegedly made to undress at the airport's security check area by CISF personnel who wanted "proof" of her titanium hip implant, according to her daughter, Dolly Kikon.

"It is disgusting! My 80-year-old disabled mother was forced to pull down her undergarment and get naked. Why? Why?" Kikon, an anthropologist from Nagaland, tweeted.

"Is that how we treat seniors?" she added, tagging the CISF's official account, the Guwahati Airport Authorities and CM Himanta Biswa Sarma as well. In a tweet late on Thursday night, the CISF said: "Security and dignity of needy pax (passengers) go hand in hand. CISF has already started inquiry in connection with the unfortunate incident at Guwahati Airport. The concerned personnel has been suspended. DIG CISF has spoken with the passenger."

Sources in the CISF said while it is common protocol to check prosthetics and implants of passengers after the metal detectors at the security area give a signal, what is being probed is whether the suspended CISF staff had done her job "respectfully" and with "sensitivity that the passenger deserved".

"We are probing if there was any harassment as alleged," a senior CISF official said.



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TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

DASHBOARD, AS ON MARCH 25

753 DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN

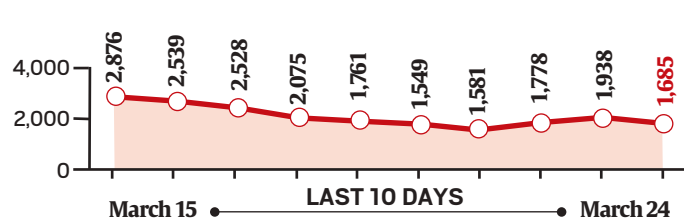
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Active cases 21,530

Deaths 83

Weekly CFR: 1.45% | Overall CFR: 1.20% | Total deaths: 516,755

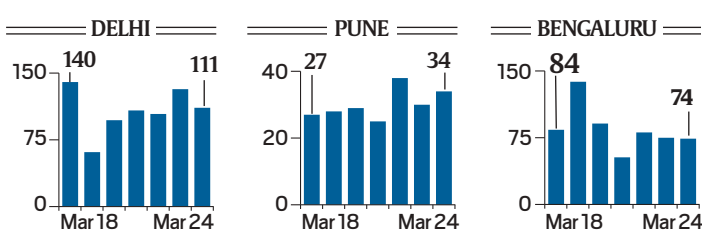
NEW CASES, DAILY



CASES IN THE STATES

State	ON MARCH 24			Weekly positivity
	New cases	Active cases	Deaths	
Kerala	558	5,639	74	3.17%
Mizoram	173	1,292	1	12.07%
Maharashtra	139	965	3	0.37%
Delhi	111	455	1	0.42%
Karnataka	109	1,834	2	0.37%

CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 7 DAYS



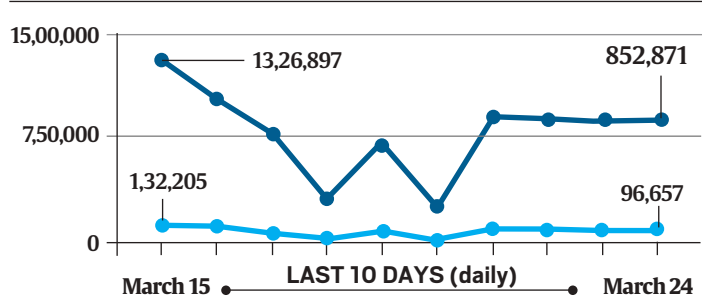
TOTAL TESTS	785,644,225
TESTS ON MARCH 24	691,425
WEEKLY POSITIVITY	0.33%
OVERALL POSITIVITY	5.48%

INDIA TOTAL DOSES 1,825,575,126

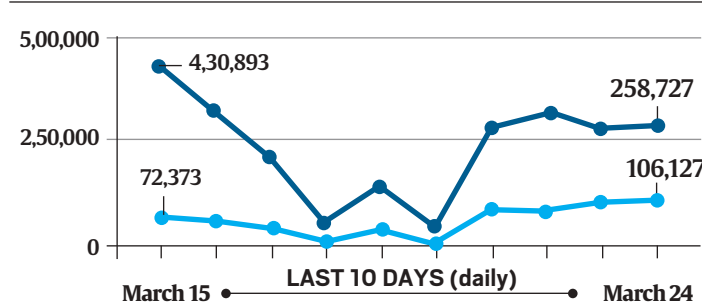
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■ First dose ■ Second dose March 24 total: 3,244,770

ADULTS



AGE GROUP 15-18



How the CBI investigates

CBI can take up a case in a state if the state government asks the Centre for an investigation by the agency, or on the orders of the HC or SC. CBI has in the past said it is stretched too thin to take up all cases

DEEPTIMANTI WARY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

CALCUTTA HIGH Court on Friday ordered the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the killings in Bogtui village of West Bengal's Birbhum district, where eight persons were burnt alive on Tuesday, hours after the murder of a Trinamool Congress panchayat leader.

The court, which had initiated a *suo motu* case on Wednesday, directed the CBI to submit a preliminary report on April 7, when the matter will be heard again. The court directed the state government "to extend full cooperation to CBI in carrying out the further investigation".

How does the CBI take up cases?

Unlike the NIA, CBI cannot take *suo motu* cognizance of a case in a state — whether in a matter of corruption involving government officials of the Centre and PSU staff, or an incident of violent crime.

In order to take up corruption cases involving central government staff, it either needs general consent (see last question) of the state government, or specific consent on a case-to-case basis. For all other cases, whether involving corruption in the state government or an incident of crime, the state has to request an investigation by the CBI, and the Centre has to agree to the same.

In case the state does not make such a request, the CBI can take over a case based on the orders of the High Court concerned or the Supreme Court.

Can the CBI decline to take up a case for investigation?

After a state makes a request for an inquiry by the CBI, the Centre seeks the opinion of the agency. If the CBI feels that it is not worthwhile for it to expend time and energy on the case, it may decline to take it up. In the past, the CBI has refused to take over cases citing lack of enough personnel to investigate, and saying it is overburdened.

In 2015, the agency had told the Supreme Court that it could not take any more Vyapam scam cases because it did not have enough staff to investigate them.

"CBI is the country's premier investigation agency, and it is expected to probe complex and sensitive cases. It cannot probe every case that a state is willing to hand over to it," a CBI officer said.

According to a former CBI officer, in nine out of 10 instances, the Centre seeks the opinion of the agency before accepting or refusing a case.

"In 10% of cases, the Centre directly or-



The charred house in Bogtui village of West Bengal's in Birbhum district in which eight people were killed on Tuesday. Partha Paul

THE CBI IN WEST BENGAL

303 CASES have been registered by the Kolkata Branch of CBI since June 2014. This, despite the fact that the state withdrew general consent to the CBI in 2018.

IN SOME CASES registered in Delhi, CBI investigations have extended to West Bengal.

PROMINENT and politically sensitive cases include those related to the Saradha scam, Rose Valley ponzi scheme, Narada sting operation, and the alleged illegal mining and pilferage of coal from the mines of

Eastern Coalfields Ltd, where CBI is investigating Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee.

ON THE DIRECTIONS of Calcutta High Court, CBI has registered more than 50 FIRs in connection with the post Assembly election violence in West Bengal.

ders the registering of a case if it suits the ruling dispensation to do so. Once, in a Northeastern state, an additional chief secretary was beaten up and the state government wanted the CBI to investigate. The agency, after a preliminary probe, refused to accept the case on the ground that it was too small an incident for the CBI to get involved, and that the state police were fully capable of carrying out the probe," the officer said.

What is the CBI's workload currently?

According to the latest Annual Report of the Central Vigilance Commission, the CBI registered 608 FIRs in 2019 and 589 FIRs in 2020.

In 2020, a total 86 cases related to demands for bribes by public servants for showing favour, and 30 cases for possession of disproportionate assets were registered.

Out of 676 cases in the year (including FIRs and Preliminary Enquiries), 107 cases were taken up on the directions of constitutional courts and 39 on requests from state

governments/ Union Territories.

There are over 1,300 vacancies in the CBI. As on December 31, 2020, against a sanctioned strength of 7,273, only 5,899 officials were in position, and 1,374 posts were lying vacant.

What is the CBI's progress on cases?

At the end of 2020, the CBI had 1,117 cases (both FIRs and PEs) pending investigation. In 2019, this number stood at 1,239. During 2020, investigation was finalised in 693 FIRs and 105 PEs. As many as 637 cases were pending for investigation for more than one year as on December 31, 2020.

The conviction rate during the year was 69.83% against 69.19% in 2019.

At the end of 2020, 9,757 cases were pending in various courts.

The conviction rate in corruption cases was slightly lower at 67% in 2020. In 2020, CBI registered 425 cases of corruption involving 565 government officials. It completed investigations in 429 cases (including those from previous years).

In 191 cases, trials were completed, of which 128 ended in conviction.

However, of the 655 people who stood trial in CBI cases during the year, only 260 were convicted — meaning 60% of accused were either acquitted or discharged.

Until December 31, 2020, as many as 6,497 corruption cases were pending trial in various courts. Of these, 5,193 cases (80%) had been pending for more than three years. Almost 2,000 corruption cases are pending trial for more than 10 years.

What is the role of state consent in an investigation by the CBI?

Since 2015, as many as nine states — Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Mizoram and Meghalaya — have withdrawn general consent to the CBI. Opposition-ruled states have alleged the CBI has become its master's voice, and has been unfairly targeting opposition politicians.

Withdrawal of general consent means that to probe any case in these states, CBI would have to take prior permission from the state government. CBI has claimed that this has tied its hands.

In November last year, the Supreme Court expressed concern over CBI's submission that 78% of its 150 requests for sanction to investigate cases were pending with state governments that had withdrawn consent to the CBI.

On the other hand, in as many as 177 cases involving 455 public servants, CBI had not got sanction for prosecution from the central government till the end of 2020.

What Centre wants to change in Delhi civic body

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UNION MINISTER of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai introduced The Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 in Lok Sabha on Friday to merge the three municipal corporations of the national capital into a single entity.

The Bill seeks to amend The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, to effectively undo the earlier 2011 amendment to the Act by which the erstwhile Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) was trifurcated into separate North, South, and East Delhi Municipal Corporations.

This Bill is different

The Bill, when passed, will not return the MCD exactly to its pre-2011 situation. There

are sections in the Bill that will make the new MCD very different from the older one.

■ The number of seats in the MCD house is proposed to be capped at 250, and the final number will be decided by the central government at the time of establishment of the corporation. At present, there are 272 elected councillors in the three corporations together. This was the number even before the trifurcation.

■ Reducing the number of seats means a new delimitation exercise will have to be conducted, which experts say will take at least three months, but is more likely to take six months. If that happens, the MCD elections, which were scheduled to be held in April according to the State Election Commission, will be considerably delayed.

■ Among the most important provisions of the Bill is one that allows the Centre to appoint a Special Officer until the first meeting of the unified MCD takes place. This

means that until the elections are concluded, the Centre will likely appoint an officer to run the corporation.

"Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Central Government may, if necessary, appoint a person to be called the Special Officer, to exercise the power and discharge the functions of the Corporation until the date on which the first meeting of the Corporation is held after the commencement of the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2022," says the Bill.

■ The other significant change is the replacement of the word "government" with "Central government" in all places. This basically takes the Delhi government out of the picture completely when it comes to decision-making in the unified corporation.

What Delhi gov't loses

According to a Bill Summary prepared

by PRS Legislative Research, the 2011 amendment marked out areas where the Delhi government would have the power to make decisions. These included the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes in the corporation, the division of the area of corporations into zones and wards, the delimitation of wards, salary and allowances, and leave of absence of the Commissioner. In the existing situation, the "Commissioner will exercise his powers regarding building regulations under the general superintendence and directions of Delhi government," the PRS summary says.

The Bill instead empowers the central government to decide all these matters.

The Bill also does away with the provision of appointing a Director of Local Bodies by the Delhi government. The role of the local bodies director is to monitor cooperation among the corporations and to track the collection and sharing of toll tax.

Targeting big tech, what EU's landmark Digital Act aims to achieve

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE EUROPEAN Union (EU) on Thursday finalised details of its Digital Markets Act (DMA), a sweeping new legislation that could dramatically change the way big tech firms such as Apple, Google, Meta, and Amazon operate in Europe, and have ramifications for the rest of the world as well. The European Council said the law aimed to make the "digital sector fairer and more competitive".

Who are the targets of the DMA?

The DMA's focus is on companies termed as 'gatekeepers', which include Apple, Facebook, Google, etc. These companies will have to comply with the new rules.

Violators can be fined up to 10 per cent of the company's global annual sales for an initial breach of the law, rising to 20 per cent for repeated infringements. In worst case scenarios, they could even be banned from any further acquisitions, according to the

Council's press statement.

The reason the law refers to these companies as gatekeepers is that they often control distribution, whether it is for apps or ads on the platform, or even communication. Also, gatekeepers may have a dual role as developers of operating systems and device manufacturers. Examples here would be Apple, Google, even Amazon.

According to the proposal, the provisions of the act will be "limited to a number of 'core platform services' where the identified problems are most evident and prominent".

A company will be termed as a gatekeeper if it has an annual turnover of at least €7.5 billion within the EU in the past three years, or a market valuation of at least €75 billion. Any player with over 45 million monthly end-users, and at least 10,000 business users established in the EU, also qualifies as a gatekeeper. Small and medium enterprises are exempt from being identified as gatekeepers.

The platform must also control one or more core platform services in at least three EU states. These services include market-

places and app stores, search engines, social networking, cloud services, advertising services, voice assistants, and web browsers.

A category of 'emerging gatekeeper' has been identified, aimed at "companies whose competitive position is proven but not yet sustainable".

What are the DMA's proposals?

The rules state that users will have the right to choose and install their apps. They also crack down on pre-installed apps, common in Apple, Google and others. The press statement indicates that users will not be forced to use this software by default when installing the OS, and mentions web browsers. But it could extend to every other pre-installed app. So, future iPhones might not come with Safari, or even iMessage or Siri, pre-loaded. The same could happen with Android phones as well.

The EU wants "interoperability" between the basic functionalities of messaging services. This could mean that a user on WhatsApp and one on iMessage should be able to

talk to each other. How interoperability is to be achieved is not clear, and will require major technical work from the companies.

The rules also call for fair access conditions to app stores owned by the gatekeepers. They note that gatekeepers must "allow the installation and effective use of third party software applications or software application stores", even while they can take "proportionate measures" for security.

Companies like Apple have for long opposed allowing users to download from third-party app stores. Apple claims they pose a serious security threat to iOS. On Google, the Play Store dominates — and while third-party stores exist, they do not have the reach and influence of the official store.

Also, gatekeepers cannot establish unfair conditions for business users or require app developers to use certain services (e.g. payment systems or identity providers) in order to be listed in app stores. App developers such as Epic Games, Spotify, etc. have long accused Google and Apple of holding them hostage to their payment systems.

Interestingly, Google is testing a new agreement with Spotify, where the latter is allowed to give access to its own in-app payment system on Android, instead of using Google's Play Store billing system.

The EU wants app developers to get fair access to supplementary functionalities of smartphones, for example the Near Field Communications chip. Also, gatekeepers will have to give sellers access to their marketing or ad performance data on the platform.

The gatekeepers will have to inform the European Commission of their acquisitions and mergers. This is significant because big players tend to buy out some of their upcoming competition. Meta (formerly Facebook) has done this with Instagram and WhatsApp.

Why do these new rules matter?

The new rules come at a time when big

tech is under immense scrutiny and, as before, the EU is taking the first set of steps to "rectify" what it thinks are core problems plaguing the industry. The EU already has one of the most comprehensive user data protection laws under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The issue of in-app payments, third-party app stores, fairness in ranking, and pre-loaded apps have been raised across the world. In the US, Epic has sued Apple over in-app payments and won, although Apple has managed to get an injunction on implementing the changes.

In South Korea, a law was passed, which specifically banned Apple and Google from forcing developers to use their own in-app payments system.

The US is deliberating on these questions. In India too, app developers have raised the issue of control, in-app payments, and third-party app stores.

Once the EU's new rules come into effect, they could set an important legal precedent for other countries to follow.



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THE SECOND TERM

Task in UP is cut out for both sides of aisle: BJP to address victor's challenge, SP to play vigilant Opposition

THE SWEARING-IN OF the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh for a second successive term on Friday marks an important moment for the BJP, the nation and the state. Coming alongside victories in three other states, it was the re-conquest of UP by the BJP that seemed to affirm, most of all, that its winning streak continues, that the Opposition still does not have a cogent response, and that accounts of the BJP's national dominance being circumscribed by the states were vastly exaggerated. Adityanath 2.0 could also be viewed as an important milestone on the road to 2024, given the traditional centrality assigned to the Hindi heartland state in parliamentary polls. But now that the spectacle of the grand swearing-in is over, and with fantasies and spectres of 2024 still in the distance, the newly re-elected government must get down to addressing the victor's challenge in the state.

The BJP has announced "Naye Bharat ka naya UP (the new UP of a new India)", more than half of the ministers are new, but on the morning after, the government will have to deal with many of the state's old problems congealed and sharpened by the economic slump and then Covid. In this election, even though it may not have become a vote for change, it was evident that there is distress on the ground, for which "berozgari (unemployment or joblessness)" and "mehengai (price rise)" became the shorthand — it will need to be addressed by a responsive policy and politics. The BJP reaped the reward of perceived successes on the law and order front in the first term of the Adityanath government — it was widely felt that the political tug of war at the thana (police station), seen to be a recurring feature of the SP regime, was significantly reduced. Adityanath 2.0 must build on that achievement by ensuring that the police is part of a system of rule of law, not rule by law, and that the so-called "gunda raj" of an earlier day is not replaced by a police state where due process gets short shrift. Government schemes — like the free ration scheme scheduled to end on March 31 — have played a significant role in the BJP's victory. Here, the challenge for the new government will be to ensure that the state continues to touch the lives of citizens in ways that are enabling and enduring. Most of all, the Adityanath government needs to reach out to those who may feel excluded from its moment of triumph, and to ensure that the state's minorities feel heard and represented as stakeholders, not just beneficiaries of the welfare scheme.

This is also an important moment for the Samajwadi Party in UP. In this election, the SP made large gains, and even though they could not lead it past the victory threshold, they are enough to make it a strong Opposition in the state — if only the party works hard and doesn't slip into the slumber that marked much of the last term. Akhilesh Yadav has done well to resign his Lok Sabha seat and continue as Karhal MLA. He and his party must now use the Assembly floor to ask questions and stand vigil. The task is cut out — for both sides of the aisle.

SPELL IT OUT

British scholar's unexplained deportation from Kerala airport raises disturbing questions of state highhandedness

THE DEPORTATION OF Filippo Osella, professor of Anthropology and South Asian Studies at the University of Sussex, from Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday on the orders of the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) is inexplicable and disturbing. Osella, an internationally renowned scholar who had arrived in India on invitation with a valid visa for an academic seminar, was summarily told to leave the country without any explanation. The incident is embarrassing for a country that claims to protect free speech.

Osella has been working on Kerala for nearly three decades and is widely published. He had arrived in Thiruvananthapuram to present the findings of a research project that had evolved through collaboration among various prestigious public institutions including the University of Sussex, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala University Interdisciplinary Centre, and Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram. The project sought to investigate the impact of climate change on the social and economic conditions of Kerala's coastal communities and propose solutions to ameliorate their plight. In the past, he has published on reforms within Kerala's Islamic traditions and the relationship between religious practice, politics and economic action. He had a valid research visa and a return ticket well within the visa period. What, then, provoked the FRRO's extreme reaction? Osella and the universities that were hosting him continue to be in the dark about the reasons behind the deportation order even after four days. An FRRO official told this newspaper that "he was denied entry as per orders from higher officials". Action against a scholar with a distinguished academic record must necessarily be backed by irrefutable reasons that need to be clearly spelt out; stonewalling questions should not be seen as an option.

The state government has ambitious plans to develop Kerala as an education hub. A vision document introduced at the state conference of the ruling party, CPM, envisages attracting private capital for the purpose. The state has several of the attributes required to emerge as a knowledge destination and centre of learning. Highhanded state action like arbitrary deportation of scholars would certainly disrupt such aspirations. The state government should step in and urgently clear the air because it has much to lose.

NO FAIRY TALE

During the royal tour of the Caribbean, William and Kate received a much-needed reality check

EVERY ROYAL NEEDS someone to tell them the truth, a la the child in the 'Emperor's New Clothes'. Otherwise, they tend to believe that the naked hypocrisy of their self-serving narratives is, in fact, fact. In Jamaica, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge — Prince William is second in line to the British throne — realised that the reality show that is the royal family cuts little ice in the former Caribbean colony. As a poster held up by a young girl outside the British embassy said: "Kings, Queens and Princesses and Princes belong in fairy tales, NOT in Jamaica!"

Put plainly, William and Kate's two-day trip to Jamaica has been a PR disaster. Before their arrival, leading politicians, academics and civil society figures demanded an apology from the British government and Crown for slavery, and reiterated the long-held demand for reparations. The tone-deaf royals, though, seem to believe they are still in the first season of *The Crown*. But 2022 isn't 1937. The pictures — now heavily criticised on social media — of William and Kate waving and cooing in their designer clothes, to children who are behind a wire mesh fence, are a case in point. Neither rockstars nor movie gods, their celebrity and privilege is based solely on an accident of birth. And in a former colony, whose poverty is very much a part of the colonial legacy, the "white" gaze in the pageantry of unemployed billionaires has people incensed understandably.

On the last day, William did try some damage control and expressed "profound sorrow" at the history of slavery in the Caribbean. Profound sorrow, though, is not a formal apology and a royal tour is no substitute for reparations. Perhaps the loyal grandson ought to take a cue from his brother. The family business — being the symbol of a conservative order that holds up inequality — is providing diminishing returns. At least in Hollywood, there's still some cache in being a fairy tale character.

Not the world's war

Ambivalence of many countries towards Russia reflects the fault line between Europe and non-Europe



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"LIKE SEX IN Victorian England... race is a taboo subject in contemporary polite society." This is how the late RJ Vincent, a highly regarded British international relations theorist, began his 1982 article, 'Race in international relations'. Behind the diffidence about race, he said, there lurk dire apprehensions about racial divisions in international affairs. Apparently, Alec Douglas-Home, British prime minister in the early Sixties, was among the few politicians to publicly acknowledge such forebodings. Douglas-Home is reported to have said, "I believe the greatest danger ahead of us is that the world might be divided on racial lines. I see no danger, not even the nuclear bomb, which could be so catastrophic as that".

His fears were not unfounded. It was during his brief tenure as prime minister (1963-64) that radical Black American leader Malcolm X appealed to the leaders of newly-independent African countries to place the issue of the persecution and violence against Blacks on the UN agenda. "If South African racism is not a domestic issue," he said, "then American racism also is not a domestic issue." US officials worried that if Malcolm X were to convince just one African government, US domestic politics might become the subject of UN debates. It would undermine US efforts to establish itself as leader of the West and a protector of human rights.

Two years ago, the worldwide protests against racism and police violence sparked by the police killing of George Floyd reminded everyone that the influential Black intellectual WEB Du Bois's contention that America's race problem "is but a local phase of a world problem" still resonates in large parts of the world.

Perhaps America's Ambassador to the UN, Black diplomat Linda Thomas-Greenfield could have given some thought to Du Bois's prophetic words before commenting on the large number of African abstentions in the UN General Assembly vote deploring the Russian invasion of Ukraine. She vigorously rejected any analogy with the non-aligned stance of former colonial nations during the Cold War. The resolution was supported by an overwhelming majority of countries: 145 to 5 with 35 abstentions — India, China, and South Africa among them.

Ukrainians now strongly identify with 'Europe' and 'the West'. Unfortunately, these concepts are haunted by the memories of colonialism and racial segregation. Orientalism, as Edward Said put it memorably, 'is never far from... the idea of Europe, a collective notion identifying 'us' Europeans against all 'those' non-Europeans'. One can't expect the struggle for recognition as privileged 'Europeans' to inspire warm sentiments of solidarity in non-Europe.

Since many UN member countries have tiny populations, there is a growing tension between the "one country one vote" and the "one person one vote" doctrines. Many regard the latter as more truly democratic. To be sure, small countries having their own voice is an important democratic safeguard. But it is surely significant that countries that abstained in the UN vote constitute the majority of the world's population. They come from all regions of the world except for Europe and its North American offshoots. Moreover, the abstainers include major non-Western democracies, which contradicts the US official framing of the war in terms of democracy versus autocracy.

Commentators have mostly speculated on the interests of the abstaining countries rather than try to understand their positions. One lesson of Vincent's essay is that the Cold War was not the only thing that captured the attention of newly independent countries. He drew on the work of the Kenyan-born political thinker Ali Mazrui and pointed at the significance attached to "the principle of racial sovereignty" by many former colonial countries. Mazrui believed that it was the recognition of "the inherent sovereignty" of "peoples recognisable in a racial sense" that led many African and Asian leaders to welcome India's annexation of Goa in 1961 since the colonial power ruling the territory — Portugal — was of a "different racial stock".

To the newly-independent countries, says Vincent, "the dignity and worth of the human person" was a far more important foundational principle of the UN than peace and security, which for the Western powers were its "master purposes". That is why defeating the apartheid regime in South Africa became a more urgent issue for the UN than matters of territorial aggrandisement.

Ukraine has a long history as a rebellious borderland resisting aggressive Russian nationalism. This happened even in Soviet times since, in the hands of the Bolsheviks, as the Indian-born colonial cosmopolitan revolutionary MN Roy put it, communism became "nationalism painted red". Roy's phrase appears on the title of a book on this period of Ukrainian history by Stephen Velychenko.

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The Treaty of Rome, the European Union's founding act, limits membership of the Union to "European" states. In 1987, Morocco's application for admission to the European Communities — the precursor of the EU — was rejected on the ground that it was not a "European state".

Yet the geographical borders of Europe are not self-evident. The EU's nine "outermost regions" are not in Europe. These are France's Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and the overseas Collectivity of Saint Martin, Portugal's Azores and Madeira, and Spain's Canary Islands. Kuouro in French Guiana, on the northern tip of South America, is where the European Space Agency has its satellite-launching site. Moreover, three EU member states, Denmark, France, and the Netherlands possess non-sovereign "Overseas countries and territories".

The sheer existence of these territories and possessions, say Swedish scholars Peo Hansen and Stefan Jonsson, is "fundamentally at odds with the EU's dominant self-understanding". EU's moves to turn itself into Fortress Europe — by militarising its external borders and maintaining a liberal commitment to the free movement of peoples across internal borders — is not a pretty picture either.

That the scramble among some countries to join Europe or to "return to Europe", would be a source of some ambivalence in "non-Europe" should hardly be surprising. One can't expect the struggle for recognition as privileged "Europeans" to inspire warm sentiments of solidarity in non-Europe. In these circumstances, abstaining from the vote to reimprison Russia for its war on Ukraine was not an untenable position.

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SHILPI GULATI

SINCE CINEMA'S invention in the late 19th century, filmmakers and archivists around the world have argued that every country must preserve great works of cinema, especially in the celluloid format, and enable the public to freely access them. Several countries like the US, UK, France and Italy have accorded cinema the status of art, but our government still views it as a medium for information and broadcasting, neglecting its cultural and historical value. This is evident in the government's recent decision to shut down four of its oldest and most reputed film units — the National Film Archives of India (NFAI), Films Division (FD), Children's Film Society of India (CFSI), and Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF). It has provided no information to the public about the future of thousands of historic films and the material preserved by these bodies. These institutions have historically provided original prints from their archives for screenings at film festivals, film societies, and educational institutions around the world. However, despite their contribution to preserving and promoting the film heritage of India, their future looks precarious.

In its most recent orders in December 2021, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) decided to close all regional and national offices of the FD, NFAI, CFSI, and DFF and bring them under the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), a public sector undertaking established in 1975 to promote filmmakers outside the mainstream film industries of India. In 2018, the workings of the NFDC were evaluated by the NITI Aayog and it was declared a loss-making unit. The matter of its closure was proposed in

OUR FILM, OUR HISTORY

Film archives are our heritage, must be protected from commercial pressures

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Parliament, and the need to evaluate FD, NFAI, CFSI, and DFF was also discussed. Three years later, without any consultation with the film fraternity, the MIB decided to merge them with NFDC. This arbitrary and opaque decision of the MIB was severely criticised at different public forums at the recent International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) where renowned filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan warned the government against "killing film institutions by merging them with a moribund body like the NFDC."

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and FD have uploaded rare Indian films, posters and photographs on their YouTube and Instagram accounts to increase public access and, therefore, it will not be a problem if these archives don't exist in the future. This is laughable as the big multinationals that own social media sites have often been pressured by governments and interest groups to take down interviews, reports, and articles. Are we fooling ourselves into believing that our films will remain online forever? Or do we imagine a future where we will crowdfund a public archive from our individual hard drives? How many films would we be able to keep, and for how many years would our hard drives survive?

Archives are repositories of our history. And it is important to safeguard them from political regimes that aim to rewrite national histories in their favour. If our archives do not remain autonomous public institutions, they will undoubtedly be tampered with, damaged, or destroyed forever. We are now in a time when the rhetoric of nationalism is thrown around in various public forums; we need to understand that the preservation of our film heritage is a matter of national interest and needs to be taken seriously. Therefore, the government must urgently declare our archives as national heritage that cannot be monetised under any circumstance. They belong to the people of India and must be protected and insulated from any commercial pressures.

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MARCH 26, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

BANGLA MARTIAL LAW BANGLADESH WAS PEACEFUL as the Chief Martial Law administrator, Lt General Ershad, armed himself with drastic powers to forestall any opposition to his takeover. Ershad issued martial law regulations giving himself the power to constitute a martial law tribunal and special and summary martial trial courts in such areas as might be specified in his notification. The administration has put a blanket ban on all political activities. Ershad has appointed a three-member council to advise him. Judgments of the martial law court cannot be challenged in the Supreme Court. There have been no reports of violence on the second day of military rule.

HASINA HOUSE ARREST THE AWAMI LEAGUE leader Hasina Wajed has been put under house arrest in Dacca after the promulgation of martial law. Also put under house arrest was former president Abdus Sattar, the vice-president and the speaker of the dissolved Jatiya Parishad.

Jagdish Chandra, which probed the causes of the accident. The commission also indicted the Archaeological Department for the very bad and dangerous condition of all the stairs in the Qutub Minar. The stairs had become very slippery, uneven, and had dangerous depressions.

QUTUB ACCIDENT PROBE

THE DELHI ELECTRIC Supply Undertaking and the Archaeological Department have been held responsible for the gruesome tragedy inside the Qutub Minar on December 4 last year. This is the finding of the one-man inquiry commission headed by

BRITAIN RELENTS

THERE SEEMS TO be no meeting point on major political matters between India and Britain, but on economic matters, there appears to be a large amount of agreement. Britain is willing to remove some of the aid cuts to India.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Foreign policy and You

At home and abroad, a cogent and effective foreign policy has delivered on development, helped fulfil aspirations, worked to the benefit of all Indians



S JAISHANKAR

LET ME BEGIN by emphasising what a great pleasure it is to be back in college. It is natural that the theme of my talk should be on foreign policy. But rather than inflict another learned analysis of the state of the world, what I would like to do today is to approach that subject from a different perspective.

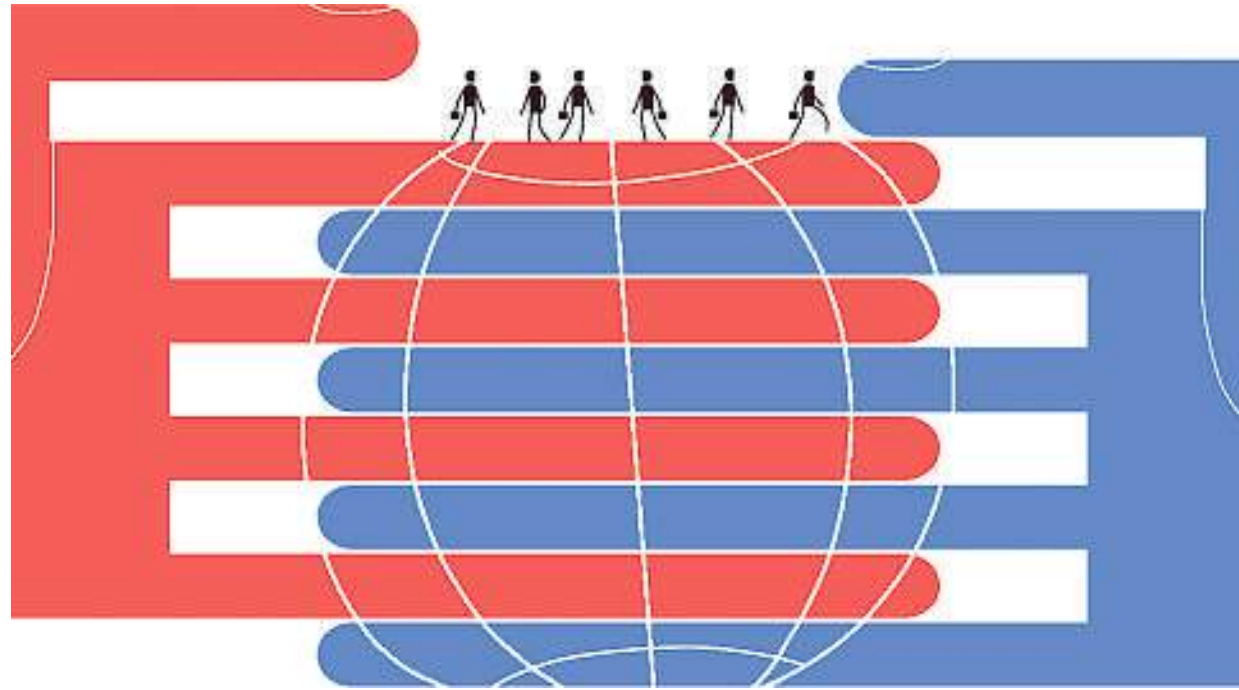
A good foreign policy must work for you all. Your everyday needs from the world must be better met. And since we are a collective as a country, our national security must be assured. As that is done, the pursuit of our aspirations must be facilitated. Foreign policy being the link to the outside, it should enable us to draw what we seek. This could be in terms of technology or capital, best practices, or even work opportunities. And obviously, we would all like to be strong; we would like to look good and we would like to feel appreciated. Any policy which ensures all these goals has a lot going for it. It does not necessarily have to sound nice; it must simply pass the smell test.

Now think for a moment as an Indian student who happened to still be in Ukraine on February 24. Concerned about your educational prospects, you have now found yourself in the middle of a serious conflict. And it is not just you; 20,000 more of your fellow nationals and millions of Ukrainians are also trying to get out of the country. This is when you really look to your government for support and extrication. And indeed, this is when the entire foreign policy apparatus swings into action as it did through Operation Ganga. It does so by facilitating transport, and this includes trains and buses. It intervenes at the highest levels in Russia and Ukraine to ensure the ceasing of fire for safe passage.

An example in public health is equally instructive. When the first wave of Covid hit India in 2020, we scrambled across the world to secure PPEs, masks and ventilators. And we did so in a seller's market as the demand far exceeded supply. Ingredients for the pharmaceutical industry with escalating requirements were also greatly sought after. And commerce by itself was not adequate in such circumstances; in fact, contacts were needed for effective access. The second wave in 2021 saw a similar spike in demand for oxygen and specialised medicines from abroad. Locating, negotiating and contracting supplies became the priority for Indian diplomacy. And it bent its back to deliver.

Now, let me explore what foreign policy could mean for you personally. As an Indian student, for example, it may be the ease of getting visas, the ability to travel during times of Covid, and perhaps even employment after studies. If you are a businessperson, it could help with access to foreign markets, receiving information about regulations and practices, and where circumstances demand it, assistance to solve problems. For the professionals and workers, this may be visible in ensuring fair employment contracts, a stronger sense of protection and welfare measures in times of difficulty. And for a stranded tourist, a sympathetic embassy provides much-needed succour and support, and in more threatening circumstances, examples of which I gave you, even evacuation. But you do not have to be abroad to need foreign policy; it matters at home just as much.

When it comes to security, external or in-



CR Sasikumar

FOR THE RECORD

ternal, diplomacy could be a preventive, a mitigator or a problem-solver. It can help raise awareness of a shared threat, just as it can find partners against common dangers. So, if you are a soldier guarding our frontiers or a policeman grappling with terrorism, a good foreign policy makes your life a little safer. And then there is the economy, with its search for investment, technology and best practices. In each of these sectors, foreign relationships can accelerate India's progress. And cumulatively, they expand employment and improve your quality of life.

But also think for a moment how much the big issues of our times — pandemics, terrorism, climate change — impact your very existence. And ask yourself whether we should not have a greater say in the search for solutions. It also matters to all of us what other nations think of India, our culture and our way of life. So, should we not then shape our image and influence the narrative? These are but a sample of how in an increasingly interconnected world, the attitude, perceptions and interests of others are so relevant. If they have to be managed, if they have to be leveraged, then it is all the more necessary for a sharper realisation at home that foreign policy really matters.

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 for such contingencies.

Increasingly, foreign policy facilitates the creation of new capacities at home. In Asia, all modernising economies have single-mindedly focused their external interactions on obtaining capital, technology and best practices from abroad. Japan was the pioneer in this regard during the Meiji era, while China after Deng Xiaoping was the most successful in terms of scale. In recent years, India too has embraced this mindset. It may be information technology or auto manufacturing, food production or food processing, metros or bullet trains, space capabilities or nuclear energy; the fruits of foreign collaboration are there today for all of us to see. Newer challenges like green growth and climate action have started to open

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up still more possibilities. All this happens because of our ability to identify, engage, negotiate and leverage opportunities of interest abroad across many domains. The most effective foreign policy is one that delivers on development.

The cumulative impact of eight years of an ambitious yet practical foreign policy is now there for all of you to see. To appreciate the full extent of this change, the profound consequences of 2014 have to be understood. A different worldview propelled a comprehensive review of our foreign policy. There was a conscious effort towards a "whole of the government" approach and more effective budgeting to back that up. The oversight of initiatives and projects — it's called Pragati within the government — has become a regular occurrence. The six broad objectives that were spelt out to the policy-makers and implementers were clear. One, we must bring about a change of thinking in the world about us. Two, the partnerships we should create should be on more equal terms, and with smaller countries, more generous. Three, the global agenda and the big issues of our times should be shaped by India as much as possible. Four, foreign relationships should be actively explored and leveraged for domestic development and progress. Five, the very conceptualisation of foreign policy should be more people-centric. And six, our culture, traditions and thoughts should percolate our own articulation as well as influence international debates and initiatives. Yoga and Ayurveda were obvious examples in this regard.

What I have presented before you today are the building blocks that are dissected in a manner that their impact on your lives is discernible. Do connect the dots and look at the picture that emerges. A stronger and more capable India — one that is truer to its roots and culture — is a key factor in the larger rebalancing that characterises our contemporary world. As we mark 75 years of independence, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, there is good cause to be confident about our prospects. But to be so, it is equally important that all of you be fully aware of the opportunities and challenges that the world currently presents. And surely, we can be so once we appreciate how much foreign policy really matters.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Is NATO, the biggest promoter of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, in any way qualified to point a finger at China, which has been facilitating dialogue for peace from the very beginning?"

— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

The TMC, opposition-mukt

Mamata Banerjee saw up close the path that led to the Left's decline in Bengal. She must heed the lessons



SAYANDEB CHOWDHURY

A SPECTRE SHOULD be haunting West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee — that the Trinamool Congress (TMC) is increasingly mirroring its original other, the Left. Her party is showing a frighteningly familiar concoction of arrogance and arithmetic, which became the governing logic of the Left for much of its tenure in office in West Bengal. Arrogance, because there was virtually no opposition to much of the Left rule in the last two decades, and hence very little accountability. And arithmetic, because a predictable equation of voting patterns, booth-wise intelligence, ground-level surveillance and discreet economic reliance assured the Left of electoral returns for years. Something similar now seems to be the case with the TMC. After the assertive electoral win against the BJP last May and the subsequent desertions in the West Bengal unit of the BJP after the polls, the TMC, equally unchallenged by the Left leadership, has realised that there is scarcely any political threat to it. And that same arithmetic of steady electoral returns is now reportedly being ensured by its hierarchy of hoodlums.

The macabre arson near Rampurhat or the murder of the popular young protester Anis Khan or the daily pattern of entrenched lawlessness in Bengal's hinterlands are clear hints that toxic political skulduggery within the TMC is now spilling over. One must also point out that post the party's victory in the assembly elections last year, several local polls, including municipal elections, saw a disturbing absence of opposition, giving criminal elements free control of the sinewy network of profits that are attached to electoral gains in several parts of the country. In this, too, the state of things reminds one of the Left when it was at its peak.

Political violence of the worst kind is certainly not new under this regime or even the Left, for the latter inherited it from the Congress. There have been too many cases but within that list Baranagar-Kashipur, Sainbari, Morichjhap, Keshpur, Nanor, Gorbeta, Chhoto Angariya and, of course, Nandigram, were horrifying acts of wanton violence. The last was state-ordained, making it perhaps the worst kind,

and there is a long history of that too. The pastoral charm of Bengal's tranquil villages often hides predatory killing fields. And like her precursors, Mamata has shown no inclination in trying to end the internecine nature of this grassroots violence. It is quite likely that she is unable to do so because it is on these runaway spoils that the architectonics of her regime appear to have been built. If she reins in one, others might go rogue, and the domino effect could unsettle the TMC beyond repair. And the BJP, if not also the Left, will be too happy to feed on the ensuing anarchy. Mamata Banerjee's national ambitions may also have made her less attentive to the violent elements in her party at the grassroots level. But since she has meticulously built the TMC in her own likeness and since so much power is invested in her name, every bit of disgrace that is directed at her party must also be directed to her. There is no escape.

When faced with dissent or insurgency within her party or criticism from other quarters, Banerjee has never failed to display her impatience with debate and reason. On the other hand, when faced with the threat of the pandemic, and then the BJP — last year for instance — she played the ear-to-the-ground next-door custodian of things Bengal apparently holds close to its heart. These two sides feed on each other. Such a performance in a double role has paid the TMC chief political dividends so far but is unlikely to give her much leeway in the future. This is primarily because there is no tangible development in Bengal, beyond decorative festivity and governance by dole. The TMC's less-than-decent performance in Goa makes that evident. The AAP has sold its model of post-ideological politics in Punjab while the otherwise clueless CPM can showcase its electoral performance, if not governance record, in Kerala. But Bengal can be counted as an exemplar in nothing, for the state has been so poorly governed in the last many decades, its performance across verticals is so abysmal, that there is no reason why any other state would want to emulate Bengal. That perception is too real. And Banerjee may want to note that.

The sum total of these blunders makes the TMC look like an auto-immune disease that targets itself in the absence of foreign bodies in the body politic. This leads not only to an unavoidable comparison with the Left at the height of its power but also to that moment when the same malady put the once-mighty Left on the path of its eventual and inevitable demise. The West Bengal chief minister should know that well. She saw it up close.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOUBLE STANDARDS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Ukraine & myth about NATO' (IE, March 25). I have a question for the Bucharest Nine. You ask us to stand with you against president Putin's war, which I have done and will continue to do. But you show little interest in standing with us against China's aggression, even though the PLA has still not withdrawn from positions that it occupied on the line of actual control two years ago, when President Xi continues to crack down on democracy supporters in Hong Kong and mainstream opposition within China, when Uighurs continued to be brutally treated and when increasing numbers of Chinese jets hover over. Many of you will justifiably ask why I criticise your governments when my own is so ambiguous on taking a stand with China. My only response can be, you have appealed to the Indian public. Here is one member of the Indian public appealing to you: There can be no double standards when it comes to aggression.

Radha Kumar, Kodaikanal

in a clear-eyed manner. Pakistan is likely to have a lame-duck government until the next election, unable to meaningfully commit to any peace process with New Delhi.

SS Paul, Nadia

BIG BROTHER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Police, tech and prejudice' (IE, March 25). While the new fingerprint-based record system aims to facilitate apprehending criminals, it also raises a number of pertinent questions. Privacy concerns and lack of clarity over handling sensitive data are important issues. Multiple instances of leaked Aadhaar numbers lend strength to these concerns. The fear that the police would profile minorities, "lower" castes, and other marginalised groups is also not unfounded. Similar technology such as facial recognition software has been shown to perpetuate these biases. The government must exercise caution and come clean on the issues raised.

Ila Railkar, Mumbai

UNSTABLE PAKISTAN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No tears for Imran' (IE, March 25). No prime minister in Pakistan has ever completed a five-year term. That trend might well continue as the incumbent, Imran Khan, faces a no-confidence motion, but doesn't have the required 172 parliamentarians to survive. It is widely believed that the support of the military was central to Khan's emergence as his country's political captain in the 2018 election. Khan's political problems increased with apparent neutrality from Army Chief General Bajwa. For India, it will be important to watch these political developments

FIGHT FOR PEACE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Ukraine & myth about NATO' (IE, March 25). The strong words from the Bucharest Nine threw ample light on the aspirations and apprehensions of Eastern Europe. It is a painful struggle for survival and progress amidst the imperialist designs and transgressions by superpowers. The United Nations and other multilateral fora must bolster efforts to end the war and pursue peace talks. Development and prosperity can be achieved by the productive exchange of thoughts and views, not by hatred and conflict.

Anjali Bhavana, Thiruvananthapuram



TAHIR MAHMOOD

A reformer on the bench

RC Lahoti made a crucial contribution to Muslim family jurisprudence in India

IF ANY FORMER CJI other than the Shah Bano architect, the late Y V Chandrachud, will be remembered by posterity for contribution to Muslim personal law reform in India it is Ramesh Chandra Lahoti who breathed his last on Wednesday. He had joined the apex court bench in 1998 and at the beginning of the new millennium pronounced judgments on two controversial issues in Muslim law — divorce and bigamy. This led to the judicial restoration of the true scriptural law by blowing away the cobwebs from several confused brains. Miles ahead of the Shah Bano verdict of 1985 which had fine-tuned only the law on Muslim women's post-divorce rights, Lahoti's rulings struck a blow to the traditional understanding of the rules of talaq under Muslim law, and also corrected the grave misconceptions about its stand on bigamy.

There has been an abominable practice in India under which when a deserted Muslim wife, after long years of waiting for reconciliation, approaches a court to seek financial relief, the unscrupulous husband tries to defeat her rightful claim by pretending to have quietly divorced her sometime in the past. In many old cases during colonial rule, the courts had accepted such a plea and denied relief to aggrieved wives. These precedents were followed by some high courts also after Independence. Deciding an appeal in

one such case (*Shamim Ara vs State of UP*, 2002), Lahoti confidently held that under Muslim law there is a proper procedure for talaq and that unless the husband proves meticulous compliance with the prescribed procedure, his claim of having divorced the wife cannot be accepted.

"We are very clear in our mind that a mere plea taken in the written statement of a divorce having been pronounced sometime in the past cannot by itself be treated as effectuating talaq," Lahoti ruled. "There are no reasons substantiated in the justification of talaq and no plea or proof that any effort at reconciliation preceded the talaq," he said and declared that in the case before him neither had the marriage been dissolved nor had the husband's financial liabilities towards his lawfully wedded wife come to an end.

The celebrated judgment in the case marked the beginning of the judicial restoration of the true Muslim law on divorce in India. Lahoti threw into the dustbin of history the practice of Muslim husbands using a divorce plea as an afterthought in their wives' legal cases desperately seeking relief. Honouring me by citing my scathing critique of past judicial decisions in which a mere statement by a married man that he had divorced his wife was accepted by the courts, the learned judge overruled all such precedents.

This was the ruling which ultimately led to the apex court's constitution bench decision in the Shayara Bano case of 2017 setting aside the practice of the so-called triple talaq (followed by legislation outlawing it). One of the five judges on the *Shayara Bano* bench, Kurian Joseph asserted: "I expressly endorse and re-iterate the law declared in *Shamim Ara*."

An unconditional permission for polygamy is erroneously believed by sections of common Muslims to be a part of their religion and personal law. Under this mistaken impression, they think that having children from each of the multiple wives should also be deemed a religious privilege. Any general law of the country which even in the remotest way curtails their alleged "freedoms" in these matters is seen by them as contrary to their personal law of professedly divine origin, and they seek exemption from it.

A Haryana state law of 1994 had laid down that gram panchayats members having more than two children will be ineligible to seek election to the zila parishad. The restriction was meant to promote smaller families and planned parenthood. An aspiring Muslim contestant pleaded that having multiple children was a natural corollary to the freedom for polygamy under Muslim personal law. Challenging the state law under the

religious freedom clause of the Constitution, he sought exclusion from the two-children norm. Deciding his appeal, Lahoti rejected the foolish plea (*Javed vs Haryana State*, 2003). "No religious scripture or authority has been brought to our notice which provides that marrying less than four women or abstaining from procreating a child from each and every wife in case of permitted bigamy or polygamy would be irreligious or offensive to the dictates of the religion," he declared and upheld the constitutional validity of the Haryana law.

The learned judge was absolutely right. The Quran had not enjoined or even encouraged polygamy. It had just allowed it, with a "better not" caution, to be resorted to in special circumstances and subject to rather insurmountable restrictions. And, certainly, there is no religious injunction under Muslim law making it mandatory for the polygamists to have children from all wives.

Lahoti immortalised himself by crafting these commendable rulings into the Muslim family jurisprudence of India. He will remain alive in the hearts of social reformers of the country and true well-wishers of the community.

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USA

DEMOCRATS APPEAR UNITED ON JACKSON

Senator Joe Manchin announced that he plans to vote for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the US Supreme Court, likely clearing the path for President Joe Biden's nominee to be confirmed. But Democratic hopes of securing Republican support for Jackson's nomination appear to be fading after Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said he would not support her nomination.

TOP OF THE WORLD



The EU is seeking to step up pressure on companies like Facebook parent Meta

EUROPE

EU agrees on new digital rules to rein in Big Tech dominance

THE EUROPEAN Union set the stage for a stepped-up crackdown on big tech companies with an agreement on landmark digital rules to rein in online "gatekeepers" such as Google and Facebook parent Meta. EU officials agreed on wording for the bloc's Digital Markets Act. The act, which still needs other approvals, seeks to prevent tech giants from dominating markets, with the threat of fines or the possibility of a company breakup. For instance, they face tighter restrictions on using people's data for targeted online ads — a primary source of revenue for the likes of Google and Facebook. AP

NORTH KOREA

Kim: ICBM will curb dangerous moves by US

NORTH KOREA'S latest launch was a big, new intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), state media reported on Friday, in a test leader Kim Jong Un said was designed to demonstrate the might of its nuclear force and deter any US military moves. The Thursday launch was the first full ICBM test by the nuclear-armed nation since 2017. Flight data indicated the missile flew further than any of North Korea's previous tests before crashing into the sea west of Japan. REUTERS

CHINA

Crash search expanded as 2nd black box eludes

RECOVERY CREWS on Friday expanded the search area of the China Eastern Airlines crash, as the second of the plane's two black boxes eluded search-and-rescue workers for a fourth day. Flight MU5735 was en route from the southwestern city of Kunming to Guangzhou on the coast on Monday when the Boeing 737-800 plummeted from cruising altitude. Debris was scattered over a wide area of the forested slopes in Guangxi region. REUTERS

Russia signals scaled-back war aims, Ukrainian forces advance near Kyiv

Ukraine says theatre strike toll 300

REUTERS & AP MARCH 25

MOSCOW SIGNALLED on Friday it was scaling back its ambitions in Ukraine to focus on territory claimed by Russian-backed separatists as Ukrainian forces went on the offensive to recapture towns on the outskirts of the capital Kyiv.

In the month since they launched their invasion of Ukraine, Russian troops have failed to capture any major city. Their assault has met stiff resistance from President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's forces and been halted at the gates of Kyiv.

The Russians instead have been bombarding and encircling cities, laying waste to residential areas and driving around a quarter of Ukraine's 44 million people from their homes.

In an announcement that appeared to indicate more limited goals, the Russian Defence Ministry said a first phase of its operation was mostly complete and it would now focus on "liberating" the breakaway eastern Donbass region.

"The combat potential of the Armed Forces of Ukraine has been considerably reduced, which... makes it possible to focus our core efforts on achieving the main goal, the liberation of Donbass," said Sergei Rudskoi, head of the Russian General Staff's Main Operational Directorate.

A senior diplomatic source in Moscow described the announcement as a possible prelude to a climbdown.

Battlelines near Kyiv have been frozen for weeks with two main Russian armoured columns stuck northwest and east of the capital. A British intelligence report described a Ukrainian counter-offensive that had pushed Russians back in the east.

US, EU announce new partnership to undercut Russian energy

Brussels: The United States and European Union on Friday announced a new partnership to reduce the continent's reliance on Russian energy, a step top officials characterised as the start of a years-long initiative to further isolate Moscow after its invasion of Ukraine.

US President Joe Biden asserted that Russian President Vladimir Putin uses energy to "coerce and manipulate his neighbours" and uses the profits from its sale to "drive his war machine".

Under the plan, US and other nations will increase liquefied natural gas exports to Europe by 15 billion cubic metres this year. At the same time, they will try to keep their climate goals on track by powering gas infrastructure with clean energy and reducing methane leaks. The partnership is also geared toward reducing reliance on fossil fuels in the long run. AP

"Ukrainian counter-attacks, and Russian forces falling back on overextended supply lines, have allowed Ukraine to recapture towns and defensive positions up to 35 km east of Kyiv," the report said.

Ukrainian authorities said on Friday that around 300 people were killed in the Russian airstrike last week that blasted open a Mariupol theatre. This would make it the war's deadliest known attack on civilians yet.



A man runs from a burning shop following a Russian attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Friday. AP

Biden meets US troops stationed in Poland near border with Ukraine

THE NEW YORK TIMES WARSAW, MARCH 25

US President Joe Biden met US troops based in Poland on Friday, thanking them for serving as a very visible deterrent to President Vladimir Putin of Russia, whose forces invaded Ukraine — on Poland's border — a month ago.

Biden has been explicit in his vow that the US military will not set foot in Ukraine, where they could be drawn into direct conflict with Russian troops and potentially trigger a wider, more dangerous world war between nuclear-armed powers.

But he has also promised that the United States will honour its obligations to defend any NATO



Biden with US soldiers in Jasionka, near Rzeszow, Poland. Reuters

country from aggression. Ukraine is not a member of the 30-member European defensive alliance — but Poland is.

Biden visited about a dozen service members from the 82nd

very short hair and telling them, "You guys must have just gotten your hair cut!"

A few minutes later, Biden joined a group of service members eating pizza in a cafeteria. He called them "the finest fighting force in the history of the world" and added, "I personally thank you for what you do."

In the run-up to the Russian invasion, Biden sent more than 5,500 additional troops to bolster the military presence on NATO's eastern flank.

At the same time, part of the deployment was intended to help Polish officials prepare for what they expected would be a surge of refugees across the border if Russia made good on its threat to invade.

Prominent Russians who quit their jobs, refused to support invasion of Ukraine

ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK, MARCH 25

THE RESIGNATION of senior Russian government official Anatoly Chubais and his reported move abroad wasn't the first voluntary departure of a person from a state job since the start of Russia's war with Ukraine, but it certainly was one of the most striking.

Here are some of the high-profile figures who have turned their backs on the Kremlin because of the war:

ANATOLY CHUBAIS

On Wednesday, the Kremlin confirmed media reports about the resignation of Chubais, 66, who was the architect of the first post-Soviet leader Boris Yeltsin's privatisation cam-

aign. The reports, citing anonymous sources, said he stepped down because of the war. He hasn't publicly commented on his resignation.

Under Yeltsin, Chubais reportedly recommended the administration hire Putin, a move that was widely seen as an important stepping stone in Putin's career.

The Russian business newspaper Kommersant reported Wednesday that Chubais was seen in Istanbul this week and ran a photo of a man resembling him at a Turkish ATM.

ARKADY DVORKOVICH

Arkady Dvorkovich once served as Russia's deputy PM and is currently chairman of the International Chess Federation, or FIDE. He criticised the war with Ukraine in comments

made to *Mother Jones* magazine on March 14 and came under fire from the Kremlin's ruling party.

Two days after Dvorkovich's comments, a top official in the United Russia party demanded that he be fired as chair of the state-backed Skolkovo Foundation. Last week, the foundation reported that Dvorkovich decided to step down.

LILIA GILDEYEVA

Lilia Gildeyeva was a longtime anchor at the state-funded NTV channel, which for two decades has carefully toed the Kremlin line. She quit the job and left Russia shortly after the invasion.

She told independent news site *The Insider* this week that she decided "to stop all this" on the first day of the Feb 24 invasion. Gildeyeva said news cover-

age on state TV channels was tightly controlled by the authorities, with channels getting orders to go along with it since 2014, when Russia annexed Crimea and began supporting a separatist insurgency in Ukraine.

ZHANNA AGALAKOVA

Zhanna Agalakova was a journalist state-run TV channel, Channel One, spending over 20 years there and working as an anchor and a correspondent in Paris and New York among other cities.

Reports about Agalakova quitting her job emerged soon after the invasion. In Paris this week, she confirmed it, and said: "We have come to a point when on TV, on the news, we're seeing the story of only one person — or the group of people around him."

IN BRIEF

Erdogan: Position on procuring Russian S-400s unchanged

Ankara: Turkey's position on its acquisition of Russian S-400 missile defence systems is unchanged and the matter is a "done deal", President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was cited as saying on Friday, adding that talks with Washington on new F-16 jets and kits were going well. The US imposed sanctions on NATO member Turkey's defence industry in 2020 over the S-400s and expelled Ankara from the F-35 fighter jet programme, where it was a manufacturer and buyer. Broadcaster Haberturk cited Erdogan as saying he hoped positive talks on buying new F-16 jets and modernisation kits from US would yield results. Reuters

Russian ambassador sues Italian newspaper over Putin article

Rome: The Russian ambassador to Italy, Sergey Razov, said on Friday he was suing Italian newspaper *La Stampa* over an article that had raised the possibility of killing President Vladimir Putin. "Needless to say that this goes against the rules of journalism and morality," Razov told reporters in front of the prosecutor's office in Rome after he had deposited the suit. On March 22 *La Stampa* published an analysis headlined "If killing the tyrant is the only option". The piece said if all other options failed to halt the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the only solution would be for someone to kill Putin. Reuters

China Foreign Minister arrives in Nepal for three-day visit

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, MARCH 25

CHINA'S STATE Councillor and Foreign Minister, Wang Yi, arrived in Kathmandu on Friday on a three-day visit on the last leg of his trip to South Asia.

Wang's visit, the first by a high-level Chinese official since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, is likely to be an occasion for Nepal to assure its northern neighbour that it voted against the Russian invasion of Ukraine (which Beijing has refused to publicly criticise) in the UN purely on "humanitarian grounds", and that the ratification of a \$500-million UN grant was not substitute to, or rejection of, China's Belt and Road Initiative that Kathmandu had signed on to nearly five years ago.

A high-level source in Nepal's foreign ministry said discussions were still going on about the agenda for talks.

Wang's visit to Nepal comes at the invitation of his counterpart Narayan Khadka, and as per the itinerary made public, the two will have detailed discussions on Saturday. Wang will also meet Nepal Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba on Saturday, followed by meetings with President Bidhya Devi Bhandari, Maoist leader Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" and others on Sunday.

Officials said China has informed Nepal that its annual grant to the country would now increase to 15 billion Nepali rupees from 13 billion, and that the delayed release of 56 billion Nepali rupees in grant as pledged by Chinese President Xi Jinping during his Nepal visit in 2019 would take place soon.



A cloud of smoke rises in Jiddah on Friday. AP

Fire rages in Saudi's Jiddah city; Houthis claim attacks

JEROME PUGMIRE & JON GAMBRELL JIDDAH, MARCH 25

A RAGING fire erupted Friday at an oil depot in Jiddah ahead of an F1 race in the Saudi city, according to videos, with Yemen's Houthis rebels acknowledging they had launched a series of attacks on the kingdom.

While Saudi Arabia and its state-run oil behemoth Saudi Aramco did not immediately acknowledge the blaze, it appeared to be centered on the same fuel depot that the Houthis had attacked in recent days.

The attacks come as Saudi Arabia still leads a coalition battling the Iran-backed Houthis, who seized Yemen's capital of Sanaa in September 2014. The kingdom, which entered the war in Yemen in 2015, has been internationally criticized for its airstrikes killing that have killed scores of civilians — something the Houthis point to as they launch drones, missiles and mortars into the kingdom.

The North Jiddah Bulk Plant sits just southeast of the city's international airport, a crucial hub for Muslim pilgrims heading to Mecca. Videos of the blaze corresponded to known geographic features around the plant. AP

Pakistan Opp cries foul as Imran no-confidence motion delayed

ASIF SHAHZAD ISLAMABAD, MARCH 25

The Speaker of Pakistan's parliament adjourned a motion of no-confidence in Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday, provoking Opposition accusations that he was buying time for the ex-cricketer to muster support after a spate of defections from his party.

The motion will now be tabled on Monday after which seven days of debate should take place before an actual vote.

The political turmoil comes as Pakistan faces a recurring economic crisis, and Khan's government is banking on the International Monetary Fund to release the next tranche of a \$6 billion rescue package to shore up dwindling foreign currency reserves.

Khan came to power in 2018, after the leaders of the country's



The no-confidence motion against Imran Khan will now be tabled on Monday

two mainstream parties were discredited by accusations of corruption.

Political analysts say the country's powerful military had supported Khan's rise to power, and that the generals have now become disenchanted with his leadership. Khan has denied receiving backing from the military.

During the latest power struggle, the military has said it

would remain neutral, leaving it to political parties to decide Khan's fate.

Opposition leader Shehbaz Sharif, from the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, took aim at Asad Qaisar, the speaker of the lower house, for adjourning the no confidence proceedings until after the weekend.

"We strongly protest it," Sharif told a news conference on Friday said.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, leader of the rival Pakistan People's Party, described the Speaker as acting like a "personal servant" of the prime minister.

The Speaker said in a live telecast that he adjourned the proceedings in order to conform with a longstanding tradition to refrain from carrying out parliamentary business on the first day of a session convened shortly after the death of an MP. REUTERS

MALDIVES

Ex-president plots comeback with 'India Out' campaign

ALASDAIR PAL & MOHAMED JUNAYD MALE, MARCH 25

A FORMER Maldives president jailed on corruption charges has returned to politics with a campaign against Indian influence in

the country. Abdulla Yameen wants to cancel defence deals signed with India, with which Maldives shares decades of close and friendly ties.

He alleges New Delhi has developed a major military presence in the archipelago off the coast of Sri Lanka — claims the

ruling party denies.

But the growth of the campaign since a graft conviction against Yameen was overturned in November has drawn large crowds at rallies and galvanised his Progressive Party of Maldives, seen as being closer to Beijing.

"It not only endangers our na-

tional security but also impedes our progress and development," Yameen told Reuters in Male, referring to India's military presence. "It's imperative that we get the Indian military out before the end of this year. We certainly don't like to play second fiddle here in our own country." REUTERS

Covid-19 cases in UK rise by nearly a million in a week

ADITI KHANNA LONDON, MARCH 25

EXPERTS HAVE urged caution as coronavirus cases in the UK shot up by nearly a million in a week to reach 4.26 million cases — up from 3.3 million the week before, according to latest official data released on Friday.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) attributed the sharp rise in cases to the Omicron BA.2 variant, an even more trans-



British authorities attributed the sharp rise in cases to the Omicron BA.2 variant. Reuters file

missible form of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of Covid-19. The number of people in hospital with the virus is also on the rise, though cases of severe illness remain low.

"The rate at which we're currently seeing cases increasing is a reminder to us all that the pandemic is not over," said Dr Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Advisor at the UK Health Security Agency.

"Hospital admissions and cases of Covid-19 have continued to rise and we can expect to

see further increases before we start to see a decline. Vaccination is the key to staying safe from serious illness and it's vital that everyone gets all of their recommended doses," she said.

"Wearing a face covering in crowded or enclosed spaces, socialising outside where possible, and always observing good hand hygiene will also help to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Anyone with symptoms or a positive test should limit their contact with others as much as possible," she added. PTI



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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg. Crude oil (Indian basket) as of March 24

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International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
AVIATIONMore int'l airlines
add flights to IndiaPRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

DUBAI-BASED AIRLINE Emirates will re-introduce its pre-pandemic flight frequencies to India destinations effective April 1, operating 170 weekly flights to nine cities in the country. Foreign airlines have been reinstating their operations to India and also adding flights in the run up to resumption of international scheduled operations.

Emirates said Friday it will be operating the 35 weekly flights from Mumbai, 28 from Delhi, 24 from Bengaluru, 21 each from Chennai and Hyderabad, 14 from Kochi, 11 from Kolkata, nine from Ahmedabad and seven from Thiruvananthapuram.

Further, UK-based Virgin Atlantic announced a new second daily service to Delhi from London starting June 1. The airline already operates one daily flight on Delhi-London sector, and one on Mumbai-London sector. "This will be our largest ever flying programme to India, which is our third largest market globally," said Alex McEwan, Country Manager South Asia at Virgin Atlantic.

Thai Airways is also planning to operate 35 flights every week between India and Thailand during summer

Emirates to reinstate
pre-pandemic
frequencies to India

2022. In a statement, Rhett Workman, MD-Europe, Middle East and Asia operations at American Airlines, said: "As India resumes international flying, we look forward to expanding our presence in the country as we deepen our partnership with IndiGo and plan to launch new service between Seattle and Bangalore later this year." It operates a non-stop service on Delhi-New York route.

Several other European airlines including Air France, KLM, Finnair, Lufthansa, LOT Polish, in addition to Malaysia Airlines have announced new routes, added frequencies and resumption of old routes to India.

Given that scheduled international flights have been suspended since 2020, overseas air connectivity has been made possible under the air bubble agreements. Under the air bubble pacts, airlines could mount only a limited number of flights. However, with resumption of scheduled flights, carriers will be able to operate capacity in accordance with the original air service agreements negotiated between India and their home country.

NO TAX HIKES; BET ON MULTIPLIER EFFECT WITH CAPEX PUSH: FM

Finance Bill: Crypto losses
can't be set off against gainsENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE LOK Sabha on Friday approved the Finance Bill, 2022 after accepting 39 official amendments moved by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The approval completes the Budgetary process for the next financial year.

Key amendments to the Finance Bill include clarification on taxation aspects for cryptocurrencies or virtual digital assets (VDAs) and deductions of surcharge and cess. Loss from the transfer of virtual digital assets will not be allowed to be set off against the income arising from the transfer of another VDA in the proposed amendments. Replying to a discussion on the Finance Bill, Sitharaman said India was probably the only country that did not resort to new taxes whereas as many as 32 countries have increased the tax rates after the pandemic (as per an OECD



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Lok Sabha. PTI

report). "Instead, we put more money where multiplier effect would be maximum," she said. The Budget raised capex by 35.4 per cent for the next year to Rs 7.5 lakh crore in expectation that it would lead to an investment-led demand revival in the economy.

The government will define virtual digital assets with a view to levy 30 per cent tax on income from all transfers of such assets. Section 115BBH was introduced in the Finance Bill, 2022 to inter alia tax transfer of VDAs. However, the

EXPLAINED
Tax on
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meaning of the phrase "transfer" was unclear as the definition of the term provided under Section 2(47) applied only in relation to capital assets. The amendment now seeks to clear the ambiguity by inserting a sub-section which applied the 2(47) definition to transfer of VDAs irrespective of whether they are construed as capital assets or not.

Also, with the amendments, deduction of surcharge and cess, which has been claimed and allowed to the taxpayer, will be deemed to be under-reported in-

come and will attract a 50 per cent penalty. Making a retrospective amendment to the Income-tax Act from 2005-06, the Finance Bill 2022 had proposed a retrospective disallowance of deduction for surcharge or cess under Section 40(a) (ii) with effect from AY 2005-06. Citing some court rulings that had given benefit to taxpayers in claiming cess as expenditure and not tax, the tax department said the retrospective amendment is being done to correct the anomaly.

"... An amendment has been proposed in the Finance Bill, 2022 which has the effect of providing that deduction of surcharge or cess which has been claimed and allowed to the taxpayer will be deemed to be under-reported income and thus be subjected to a 50 per cent penalty. It seems that pending claims in appeals may not be subject to penalty as they have not been allowed to the taxpayers yet," Sandeep Jhunjhunwala, partner, Nangia Andersen LLP said.

Gujarat top, Maharashtra second
in NITI's Export Preparedness Index

For the second straight year, Gujarat topped the Export Preparedness Index 2021 prepared by NITI Aayog

TOP 10 STATES:

1. Gujarat
2. Maharashtra
3. Karnataka
4. Tamil Nadu
5. Haryana
6. Uttar Pradesh
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Punjab
9. Andhra Pradesh
10. Telangana



THE INDEX was prepared in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness
Source: NITI Aayog/PTI

Ola to buy firm promoted by CEO's brother

New Delhi: Ola has entered into an agreement to acquire Avail Finance, a fintech company founded by the brother of the ride hailing platform's CEO Bhavish Aggarwal. The acquisition would be worth \$50 million, it is learnt, and is awaiting shareholders' approval. Ola already owns 9 per cent

stake in Avail Finance and Bhavish Aggarwal serves on the company's board as a director, while his brother Ankush Aggarwal owns over a 25 per cent stake in it.

"The acquisition is a key step in Ola's broader push into the fintech space as it looks to build a mobility focused financial serv-

ices business under Ola Financial. With this acquisition Ola Financial Services will further strengthen its play in the credit underserved segments that comprises blue collar workers such as Ola's driver partner ecosystem," Ola said.

As part of the deal, Avail Finance's leadership team will join Ola

Financial Services, a 100 per cent subsidiary of ANI Technologies, Ola's parent company. Sources aware of the details of the transaction said that it came through as Avail Finance was facing financial difficulties and was struggling to raise funds. **ENS** Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Sagarmala: 29 projects in 7 yrs

New Delhi: In seven years of implementation of the Sagarmala programme, which is aimed at improving the efficiency of ports, nine projects worth Rs 45,000 crore have been implemented, Union Ports & Shipping Minister

Sarbananda Sonowal said Friday. At an event to commemorate the seventh anniversary of Sagarmala, he said 29 projects worth Rs 45,000 crore have been implemented under the public-private partnership model. **ENS, WITHPTI**

News referral service: Google under CCI lens

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE COMPETITION Commission of India (CCI) has ordered a probe into a complaint of abuse of dominant position by Google in their news referral and related advertisement service, the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) said in a statement.

The INS has said Alphabet Inc, which is the parent company of Google, Google LLC, Google India Private Limited, Google Ireland

'ISSUE: FAIR VALUE'

■ The Indian Newspaper Society alleged that news publishers were not being paid a fair value for the content they produced and put on digital platforms

Limited, and Google Asia Pacific were abusing their dominance in the "news referral services" in the online news media market, which

was in violation of Section 4 of the Competition Act, 2002.

The newspaper society also alleged that the publishers of news were not being paid a fair value for the content they produced and put out on their digital platforms.

"Several countries, including Australia, France and Spain, have passed legislation requiring tech companies, including Google, to adequately compensate content producers for using their content and search results," the INS said in its statement.

The Indian Express is part of the

group of newspapers and digital news media outlets which form the INS.

The INS added media houses were being kept "in the dark on the total advertising revenue collected by Google and what actual percentage of the advertising revenue is being transferred to media organisations". "The European Publishers Council had also filed a competition complaint against Google alleging that Google has achieved end to end control of the ad-tech value chain, thus abusing its dominant position," it said.

Apart from senior executives from Facebook and WhatsApp, senior officials from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology are also scheduled to appear before the standing committee led by Congress parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor, one of the sources said.

BRIEFLY

Ambani resigns

New Delhi: Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani quit as director of Reliance Power and Reliance Infrastructure, after a Sebi order restraining him from associating with listed companies. Sebi in February barred Reliance Home Finance Ltd, Ambani and three other individuals from the securities market for allegedly siphoning off funds from the company. **PTI**

RBI Board meet

Mumbai: The Central Board of Directors of RBI on Friday discussed the overall impact of current global geopolitical crises on Indian economy amid the Ukraine crisis.

NFT by M&M

New Delhi: Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) has entered the NFT (non-fungible token) space, with release of its first tranche of tokens. **ENS**

Fuel price hike

New Delhi: Petrol and diesel prices saw the third hike in four days on Friday, both up 80 paise a litre.

P&W hub

New Delhi: Pratt & Whitney (P&W) will set up a global supply chain support centre, India Capability Centre, in Bengaluru. **PTI**

Will engage from a position of strength: Goyal

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, MARCH 25

UNION MINISTER for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Textiles, Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal on Friday strongly rebutted the notion of a slight protectionist twist in India's foreign trade outlook and asserted that the country was actually looking for much greater engagement with the world markets with "definitive offensive interests".

The country's combined goods-and-services exports would cross the \$2-trillion mark in a decade or earlier, enabling it to blossom into the 'big league' of world trade, he said.

Speaking at the fifth edition of the FE CFO Awards here, Goyal said the flurry of free trade agreements being signed by New Delhi with its leading trade partners bore testimony to the country's commitment to being an integral part of a global trading system so long as it was "rule-based, transparent and fair". "It is (not going to be) an India which closes its doors to the rest of the world, but one that would engage with the world from a position of strength," he said.

He, however, made it clear the Modi government won't reconsider its decision to pull out of the China-dominated Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), as



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal with award winners at the FE CFO Awards function in Mumbai on Friday. Amit Chakravarty



Beijing's trade and pricing policies remained opaque.

The recent Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with the UAE, India's first shot at a bilateral trade deal in over a decade, would be followed by an array of deals with the whole of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Australia, Canada, the UK, European Union and Israel, he said.

Termining the India-UAE CEPA an 'excellent pact', he said, its full text would be made public in a couple of days. "We are emboldened with the success of (UAE pact) and it will help expand bilateral trade from around \$65 billion now to \$100 billion very soon," he said, pointing out that the UAE would serve as a gateway for India to not only West Asia but also Africa and some European coun-

tries. India was poised to take huge strides towards Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance), thanks to assorted policy steps meant for improving the scale and competitiveness of the Indian industry, he said.

"No country in the world has achieved sustainable economic growth without international engagement. We are, therefore, keen to expand our footprint in the developed world," he said. The minister, however, stressed that the interests of India's small-scale industries and the farm sector would need to be safeguarded when multilateral/bilateral trade decisions were taken.

Goyal said the country may end up with goods exports of \$410 billion in the current fiscal, while services exports too would be a record \$250 billion. **FE**

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Meta, MeitY officials
to depose before panelAASHISH ARYAN
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

SENIOR EXECUTIVES from Meta, which owns Facebook and WhatsApp, are scheduled to depose before the standing committee on Information Technology on Monday with respect to the allegations on tampering of advertisement rates for different political parties, sources in know of the development said.

The standing committee of Parliament on IT, led by Tharoor, includes 31 members, of which 21 are from the Lok Sabha, while the rest are from the Rajya Sabha.

Last week, Congress president Sonia Gandhi had asked the government to "put an end to the systematic interference of Facebook and other social media giants in the electoral politics of the world's largest democracy". Full report on www.indianexpress.com

The standing committee is likely to seek ministry officials' views on the ways in which the internet and especially social media intermediaries can be kept safe and trusted for children and women, while it is likely to question Meta officials on the alleged discrepancies on advertisement rates for political parties.

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1.	Miscellaneous Civil works at Project Hospital, Kirandul.	19-03-20222	16-04-2022 15:00 hours	16-04-2022 15:30 hours
2.	Face-lifting work of Type-II/NC/DS Quarters from I/NC/DS/1 to I/NC/DS/96 at Kirandul Township.	19-03-20222	19-04-2022 15:00 hours	19-04-2022 15:30 hours
3.	Face-lifting work of Type-II/NC/DS Quarters from I/NC/DS/97 to I/NC/DS/192 at Kirandul Township.	19-03-20222	19-04-2022 15:00 hours	19-04-2022 15:30 hours
4.	Face-lifting work of Type-II/NC/DS Quarters from I/NC/DS/289 to I/NC/DS/384 at Kirandul Township.	19-03-20222	19-04-2022 15:00 hours	19-04-2022 15:30 hours
5.	Providing Fencing and Drainage around new CISF Barrack Complex at Kailash Nagar, Dep. 14.	19-03-20222	16-04-2022 15:00 hours	16-04-2022 15:30 hours
6.	Industrial Painting of Loading Plant, SP-II Structure, BC 310, BC-315 & BC-614 Conveyor Galleries of Kirandul.	19-03-20222	16-04-2022 15:00 hours	16-04-2022 15:30 hours
7.	Construction of RCC Road at Loading Plant, BIOM, Kirandul Complex.	19-03-20222	18-04-2022 15:00 hours	18-04-2022 15:30 hours
8.	Loading and transportation of Bailla Fines of 5.0 LT, BIOM, Kirandul Complex.	19-03-20222	16-04-2022 15:00 hours	16-04-2022 15:30 hours
9.	Loading and transportation of slimes of 2.5 LT, BIOM, Kirandul Complex.	19-03-20222	18-04-2022 15:00 hours	18-04-2022 15:30 hours
10.	Black Topping of Road in Sector A, BIOM, Kirandul Complex.	19-03-20222	18-04-2022 15:00 hours	18-04-2022 15:30 hours
11.	Black Topping of Road in Sector B, BIOM, Kirandul Complex.	19-03-20222	18-04-2022 15:00 hours	18-04-2022 15:30 hours

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The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited website. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website / CPP Portal / MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date. For further clarifications, bidders may contact General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited, BIOM, Kirandul Complex, email : contract.kdl@nmdc.co.in

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I,hitherto known as Pankaj Shaikh,S/o Ejajul Shaikh, Residing at,C-6/293, Yamuna-Vihar, Delhi-110053,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Abduljal Shaikh. 0040607749-7

I, Ashok Kumar,S/o Bhagwan Dass,R/o 2G/24,Ward.No.-11, N-H-2, Faridabad (NIT), Haryana, have changed my name to Ashok Kapoor,for all Purposes. 0040607772-2

I,Vikas Mittal,S/o Shiv Kumar Mittal R/o 1/10257A,West Gorakh Park,Gali.No.1, Shahdara,Delhi-110032,have changed the name of my minor son,from Luvya Mittal to Hridit Mittal. 0040607807-1

I,VEER SINGH BHATTI,S/O BHULE, R/o Aimanabad, Kulesara, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP,have changed my name to BEERE,for all purposes. 0040607749-3

I,Sunny Dalal/Sunny S/o, Naresh,V.P.O.Mandauthi Tehsil Bahadurgarh, Distt.Hajjar, (Haryana),is also known as Sunny(my-10th,Class Marksheet,HBSE,Session.2020 -2021, Roll.No.1021286415)both Names are of one person i.e the same- person. 0040607772-5

I,Simranpreet Kaur W/o Karamvir Singh R/o 569 J-Block, Swaroop Nagar, Samal Pur, Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Simranjeet Kaur. 0040607721-1

I,Satpal S/o Sh.Tej Bhan R/o-H.No.-3/33,Shivaji Nagar, Gurugram, Haryana,That I have changed my name Satpal to Satpal Khurana for all Future Purposes. 0040607772-4

I,Sarswati Rawat D/o, No.JC204735-L SUB MAJ An Singh Rawat,R/o BR-17, Shalimar Bagh,Delhi-88,have changed my name to Saraswati Aswal.Vide-affidavit Dt-25.3.22. 0040607749-1

I,Sanjeev Juneja,S/o Darshan Lal Juneja R/o-76/77,Block-N Aruna, Nagar-Majnu Tila Civil-Lines Delhi-110054,have changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar Juneja. 0040607749-8

I,SURABHI PATEL,W/O TARUN KUMAR SINGH,H.NO.465, BLOCK-H,SARASWATI ENCLAVE, SECTOR-10A, GURGAON, HARYANA-122001, Changed my name to SURABHI SINGH. 0040607750-8

I,PRIYANKA KAUR,W/O-HARMANJIT SINGH AHUJA,R/O-A-129 VISHAL ENCLAVE RAJOURI-GARDEN DELHI-110027, have changed my name to PRIYANKA KAUR AHUJA. 0040607750-9

I,NEELAKSHI,D/O SUBASH CHANDRA SAHAI,R/o Flat.No. 816, 8th-Floor,Tower-B,Galaxy Royale,Gaur City-2, Greater Noida-West,G.B.Nagar(UP)-201306,have changed my name to NEELAKSHI SAHAI. 0040607749-2

I,Mohd Waseem/Wasim S/O, Islamuddin R/O,1212,Gali No-14,Rajeev-Gandhi Nagar,New Mustafabad,Delhi-110094,have changed my name to Mohd Wasim. 0040607750-4

I,Meenu Dahiya W/o Bijender Dahiya R/o ED-48C,Madhuban Chowk Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Meenu Devi. 0040607749-9

I,Manoj Kumar Malik,H.No. 104A,NPSC, Society Plot, No.5, Sector-2,Dwarka,Delhi-110075, have changed my Minor Daughter name,from Sanavi Malik to Sanvi. 0040607772-1

I,Krishan Gopal S/o,Moti Lal Maheshwari R/o-WZ-86B, Hari Singh Park,New Multan-Nagar, New Delhi-110056,have changed my name to Krishan Gopal Maheshwari. 0040607772-8

I,MANISH KUMAR JHA,S/O SHAILENDRA JHA,R/o PLOT.NO-18 GALLI.NO-1 MALIK PUR KOHIALIAS RANGPURI, DELHI 110037, have changed my name to MANISH JHA,for all,future purpose 0040607750-5

I,MADNA KUMAR S/O SHO CHANDR R/O HNO.124, BAKOLI, DELHI-110036.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MADAN KUMAR FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040607798-1

I,MADHUBALA MAHESHWARI, W/O KULDEEP KUMAR MAHESHWARI,R/O SEA-002-1004,SEA-Court,Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida,G.B.Nagar(UP) have changed my name to MADHU MAHESHWARI,for all purposes. 0040607749-4

I, Kunal Kumar Barnwal, S/o Nagendra Barnwal, R/o Kh No-473, Jarahra, Chinhat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226028, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kunal Barnwal. 0070778400-1

I, C.K.Sharma, S/o Lekh Ram Chaudhry, R/o House No-9232, Near Golf Course Road, Garden Villas, DLF Phase-4, Galleria DLF-IV, Gurgaon Haryana-122009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Madhusudan Chaudhry. 0070778398-1

I, Deepak Lakhani S/o Sh. Prakash Lal Lakhani, R/o Flat No.-903, Plot No.-40, The Vijeta Shree CGHS, Sec-65, Ballabgarh, Faridabad-121004, Haryana have changed my name to Deepak Chand Lakhani for all future purposes. 0040607707-1

I,Jaspreet Kaur D/O.Kuldeep Singh R/O.D-181, Jail-road, Fateh-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Jaspreet Kaur Kalsi,for all,purposes. 0040607750-1

I,Hira Lal,s/o Jhabbu Lal,R/O I-321/13, Hari Nagar-Extn. Jaipur, New Delhi-110044,have changed my name to Heera Lal, permanently. 0040607749-6

I,HARMANJIT SINGH,S/O-PARAMJIT SINGH,R/O-A-129, VISHAL ENCLAVE RAJOURI-GARDEN DELHI-110027, changed my name to HARMANJIT SINGH AHUJA. 0040607750-10

I,Gayatri Kochhar,W/o Shourya Mehra R/O,67/9, New Rohtak Road, KarolBagh, New-Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Gayatri Mehra,for all purposes. 0040607807-2

I,GAURAV SHARMA,S/O JEET KUMAR,R/O FLAT.NO.0 1102,VVIP ADDRESSES, RAJNAGAR EXTENSION, GHAZIABAD, U.P.-201017, changed my name to RAJESH KUMAR. 0040607750-7

I,Dimple D/o Bihari Lal R/o 26, First Floor, C-Block, Arya Samaj Road Uttam Nagar-West Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Dimple Tanwar for all purposes. 0040607711-1

I,Deepak Kumar S/o Ram Niwas Singhal R/o-D-14/101,First-Floor Sector-3 Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Deepak Kumar Singhal. 0040607772-9

I,Brijeeesh S/O Baldev Raj,R/O H-66, Karam Pura Delhi-15,have changed my name to Brijeeesh Sachdeva. 0040607750-3

I,BHOMIK GOEL S/O MUKESH GOYAL R/O FLAT.NO.2367-E-2,BAWANA ROAD,MANDI EXTN.NARELA,DELHI-110040, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BHOMIK GOYAL. 40607772-6

I,Abhishek Kumar Gupta,S/o-Ram Bahadur Gupta,R/O-27th-Floor 27052-G-Block,14th Avenue,Sector-16C,Gaur City-2, Greater Noida, West Distt., G.B. Nagar,U.P.-201009,have changed my name to Abhishek Gupta for all purposes. 0040607798-2

I,KULDEEP KUMAR MAHESWARI,S/O CHANDER PRAKASH,R/O-SEA-002-1004, SEA-Court,Jaypee-Greens, Greater-Noida, G.B.Nagar(UP) have changed my name to KULDEEP KUMAR MAHESHWARI,for all purposes. 0040607749-5

I,Ghanshyam Rawat, S/o-Godhan Singh Rawat,R/O-Plot No.S-22,flat No.-SF-2,Second Floor,Shalimar Garden Extension-1,Sahibabad, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201005, have changed my name to Ghanshyam Singh Rawat to Ghanshyam Rawat for future. 0040607798-3

I,Aagya Kaur,W/o Late Shri. Sewa Singh,R/O-A-44,Jilimil-Colony,Delhi-110095, states that,Jeet Kaur and Aagya Kaur both names are of mine and both are one and the same person. 0040607750-6

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I Shashank S/o Sh.Satya Bhan Singh Katiyar R/O 40B-Dhawalgiri Apartment,Block-U-3, Sector-11, Noida, dist-Gautambudhnagar, have changed my name to Shashank Katiyar 0040607706-1

I Neelam W/o Sh. Amarjeet Singh Kohli R/O D/148, Tagore Garden Extension, 80 Sq. Yds., New Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Arshpreet Kaur Kohli for all purposes. 0040607712-6

I Bachana Ram alias Bachna Ram S/o Late Sh. Ram Nath R/O D1A/82, Janakpuri, West Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Bachan Singh Dhiman for all purposes. 0040607712-5

I Abhishek Gupta S/o-Anup Kumar R/O B-143, Munge Ram Park, Budh Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Abhishek for all purposes. 0040607737-1

I,Supreet Singh, R/O-75, Tagore Park, D. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my minor Daughter name from Rubani to Rubani Kaur. 0070778417-1

I,ASHU S/O RANJEET SINGH,R/O H.NO.105,MANDI WALI GALI, CHAUHAN CHOPAL, BAKOLI, DELHI-110036.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHU TOMAR. 0040607750-2

I, Vikash Kumar, S/o Mohinder Yadav, R/O D-323, Gali No-14 A/7, Sadh Nagar-1, Palam Colony, Delhi-110045, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vikas Yadav. 0070778395-1

I, Sandeep Drall, S/o Daryao Singh, R/O 1316, Sec-29, Noida Sector-37, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201303, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sandeep Singh Drall. 0070778393-1

I, Manu Raj, S/o Late Venuraj Pillai, R/O G-1303, VVIP Addresses, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201017, have changed my name to Manuraj Pillai. 0070778440-1

I, KAMAL KISHORE R/O-House. No.II-1/70, Madangir,Dr. Ambekar Nagar, New Delhi-110062,have changed my son's name from Kavya Sanwaria toKUNAL SANWARIA for all, future purpose. 0040607772-7

I, SHASHI GUPTA,W/O PAWAN KUMAR, C-326, GALLI NO-9, MAJLISPARK DELHI-33, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHASHI BALA, ACCORDINGLY. 0040607612-1

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Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public in that Mr. Ashok Gang and Mr. Manish Goyal are the owners of the property at House No. 2055, Street No. 4 area 60 Sq. yards situated at Govindpur, Kalkaji, New Delhi by virtue of sale deed dated 25.06.2021 registration No. 2095 in Book No. 1 Vol. No. 16097. All the persons are hereby informed that said Mr. Ashok Gang & Mr. Manish Goyal want to sell First floor of the said property to Mrs. Shantia W/o Mr. Praveen Mohan, who is availing loan for purchase of the First Floor of the said property from Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd., if anybody has any objection in the ownership of Mr. Ashok Gang and Mr. Manish Goyal in the said property of its sale/mortgage/pignation etc. or any kind of objection thereon, please inform the undersigned in writing at the below mentioned address within 10 days of this public notice. **PRABHOO DAYAL TIWARI (Advocate) Enr No. D-7502003**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sh. Jugendra Sharma S/o Late Sh. Lajja Ram Sharma and Smt. Manita Sharma W/o Sh. Jugendra Sharma R/O H-2111, Karampura, New Delhi-110015 have severed all their relations and social connections with their daughter Garima Kaushik and disowned/debarred her from their all movable and immovable properties due to her disobedience and torture acts. Above Garima Kaushik has left the house of my clients on 27.02.2022 by her own wish. My clients shall not be responsible for any act, conduct and dealing done by her in future. **Sd/- (K.S. Kashyap) Advocate D-775/2000 CH. 155, Patiala House Court, New Delhi**

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed My client Sh. Vijay Kumar S/o Sh. Rajdev Sharma and his wife Ram Kumar, both R/o Kharsa No. 11/18 E-Block, Shantipur Park, New Delhi-110084 have severed all their relations with their son Nishant Sharma and his wife Pooja Sharma and their bad habits. Both of my above named clients have also disowned and debarred his said son from all his movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Sh. Nishant Sharma and his wife will go at his/her own risk and responsibilities any of my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Sh. Nishant Sharma. **Sd/- Tarun Dwan Advocate Enr. No. D-527/1996-8 Ch. No. 59, Lawyer's Chamber Block-II Delhi High Court, Delhi-110003**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Ms. Poonam Suri W/o Late Shri Narendar Suri (N.K. Suri) R/O Flat No. 293-A, DDA Mill Mills, Ground Floor, Pocket-II, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110048 has severed all his relations from his son, Mr. Praveen Kumar @ Chinu, temporarily staying at H.No.54, Block No.4, Opp. Radha Swami, Sabaang Ashram, Narela, Delhi-110040 for want of control and his own conduct and has also disowned him from his movable and immovable properties. Any person dealing with my aforesaid client in any manner, Sd/- (ANAND BHARDWAJ) Advocate Enr. No. D-312/996/8 (ENR. No. 51, Civil Ring) Ch. No. 51, C-12, Wazirpur, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

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It is hereby informed by this notice to all general public that my client S. Rajinder Singh Binda, S/o S. Ujagar Singh, R/o G-12, Third Floor, Shiv Nagar Extn., New Delhi and S. Jagpreet Singh S/o S. Mahinder Singh R/o WZ-122, Gali No.6, Shiv Nagar, New Delhi on dated 10.12.2021 had entered into an Agreement to Sell with Smt. Sweta Anjeja W/o Sh. Darshan Kumar Joneja R/o House No. VC-11, WZ-54, No.09, Vinod Nagar, New Delhi for property bearing no. House No. VC-11, WZ-54, No.09, Vinod Nagar, New Delhi. That it is hereby informed to the knowledge of General Public at large that we are going to execute the Sale deed for above mentioned property in my favour in the month of April and if anybody has any right, title or interest in the said property may raise their dispute/claim in writ of D/1 days starting from today. **ISHWINDER SINGH (Advocate) K-23, Fateh Nagar, N.D-18 (M)-861173771**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general is hereby informed that Mr. Jagdish Mitter Owner of Ashok Kumar Grover (Sellers) resident at G-8, Kirti Nagar is selling flat on the 3rd Floor with roof rights constructed on 448.33 sq yard, plot number G-8, Kirti Nagar. Sellers claim that they are the only present owners of the said property via duly registered Relinquishment Deed No. 1489 dated 30th Jan' 2009. Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property, by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within 5 (five) days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER PULWAMA NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received from **HUMA S/O MOOJ RAJENDRABAI AMIN Resident of 265, NAVI POLE, AT DHARMAJ TA, PETLAD DIST ANAND, GJ-384433 (TRANS-FERROR) And SHABIR AHMAD HUSSAIN S/O MOOJ MOOR MOOJ HUSSAIN Resident of HAWAL PULWAMA (Transferred) for Transfer Re-registration of Vehicle No. GJ21B0215.**

Now therefore it is notified for general information that objections if any to the proposed Re-registration of the said vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Pulwama within a period of 15 (fifteen) days of publication of the notice in the daily newspaper Indian Express &

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Consultant - 01 Post (Policy Documentation & Communication)	Consultant - 01 Post (Analysis & Documentation)	Jr. Consultant - 01 Post

NOTE: 1) Last date for submitting applications is 05.04.2022
2) The detail information for applying to the post of Academicians and Research Scholars can be downloaded from www.vamnicom.gov.in Registrar

NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
NABARD Plot No. C-24, G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai 400051

E-Tender Notice
Inviting eBids for "Data Collection and Management System 2.0" for National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD), Department of Information Technology, Head Office, Mumbai invites e-tenders from established Vendors for implementation of Data Collection and Management System 2.0. The last date for submission of e-tender is 1500 hrs on 10th May 2022. Please visit our website 'www.nabard.org' for details regarding the same. Bidders may regularly visit our website to keep themselves updated.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY
KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND**

The Director, Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi, Jharkhand, invites applications from Officers of Central or State Government or Union Territories or Central or State Government University or Central or State Government Autonomous Institutions or Central or State Government Public Sector Undertakings to fill up the following posts in Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi on Deputation (including short term contract):

Sl.No.	Name of post	Pay Scale	No. of post
1.	Professor of Clinical Psychology	Level 12 of Pay Matrix (Rs. 78800-209200/-)	01 (One)
2.	Professor of Psychiatric Social Work	Level 12 of Pay Matrix (Rs. 78800-209200/-)	01 (One)
3.	Associate Professor of Psychiatric Social Work	Level 11 of Pay Matrix (Rs. 67700-208700/-)	01 (One)
4.	Library and Information Officer	Level 11 of Pay Matrix (Rs. 67700-208700/-)	01 (One)

(The details of application format and qualifications are published in the Employment News dated 26.03.2022 as well as available on the CIP website, i.e. www.cipranchi.nic.in) Sd/- Director

BOMBAY MERCANTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
(SCHEDULED BANK)
Patna Branch, Hamdard Building, Opp. B.N. College, Ashok Raj Path, Patna- 800004

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(i)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bombay Mercantile Co-Operative Bank Ltd. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice dated 28.12.2020 calling upon the borrower M/s Atems Pharmaceuticals to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.72,12,111.00 (Rupees Seventy Two Lacs Twelve Thousand One Hundred Eleven Only) with further interest from 28/12/2020, incidental expenses and cost thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower, guarantors & mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, guarantors & mortgagors in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here-in-below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act 2002 read with rule 8 of the said Act on this day 21st day of March, 2022 in respect of property mentioned below.

The borrower, guarantors & mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bombay Mercantile Co-Operative Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.72,12,111.00 (Rupees Seventy Two Lacs Twelve Thousand One Hundred Eleven Only) with further interest from 28/12/2020 and incidental expenses and cost thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property
Residential Flat No.202, 2nd Floor, along with Car Parking area situated at Mundeshwari Rajiv Apartment, Manza Dujra Branch Road, Budha Colony Patna which super built up area 1200 Sq.Ft vide Mortgage Deed Registration No.10782, Book No.1, Volume No.253 on pages from 66 to 76 in C.D. No.39 / year 2014 on dated 13th November 2014.

Place : Patna Authorized Officer
Date : 21.03.2022 Bombay Mercantile Co-Operative Bank Ltd.

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Sl.No.	Name of post	Pay Scale	No. of post
1.	Senior Radiographer	Level 6 of Pay Matrix (Rs.35400-112400)	01 (One)

(The details of application format and qualifications are published in the Employment News dated 26.03.2022 as well as available at the CIP website i.e. www.cipranchi.nic.in) Sd/-Director

E-AUCTION SALE
Sale of vehicles by Public Auction on 5th April-2022 at 12:00 by E-Auction for vehicles:

MAKE & MODEL	QUANTITY
Ambassador Model 2009	06

Inspection of Vehicles: 29th & 30th March-2022 from 11:00a.m to 4:00p.m at Parking Behind Central Revenue Building I.P Estate, New Delhi.
Terms & Conditions: Full payment with applicable GST, on 'AS IS WHERE IS' basis. Subject to approval. The Highest bidder should give his/her proper identification i.e. Aadhar Card, Driving License and PAN Card. The Vehicle is to be transferred in the name of highest bidder at his/her own cost. Security of Rs. 10,000/- for Each Vehicle or Rs. 50,000/- for full auction, per person should be deposited with the Auctioneer before 04:00pm on 04-04-2022 to take part in E-Auction.

Auctioneer: M/s Accurate Auctioneers, 5 Geeta Apartments, Block -17, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031. Phone: 9868215515, 8076863359.
Issued by:
Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Delhi, New Delhi.
C.R Building, New Delhi. Phone: 011-23705831
Satpal Singh, Income Tax Officer.

fssai FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
Inspiring Trust, Assuring Safe & Nutritious Food
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

NOTICE FOR FOOD BUSINESSES
Regarding - Mandatory modification of license
Last Date - 31st March, 2022

Who are required to modify their license?

- Manufacturers (including repackers and relabellers) having licenses issued through old methodology (granted from FLRS) have to shift to product selection methodology of FoSCoS.
- Manufacturers holding state licenses for products under Nutraceuticals, Health Supplements, Special Dietary & Medical Use Foods, Functional and Novel Foods Regulation have to shift to Central License.

- License number will not change on modification
- Wef 1st April 2022 - above stated manufacturers (who have not modified their license) will not be allowed to file renewal application of their existing licenses. File application for modification of license through FoSCoS portal i.e. <https://foscos.fssai.gov.in> or call us @1800112100 in case of queries.

Executive Director(CS)
FSSAI

INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY
(A Central University, Government of India)
Established by an Act of the Parliament in 2008

ADMISSION OPEN 2022-2023
Registration starts from 29.03.2022

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- B. Tech - Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering
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- BBA - Logistics, Retailing & E-Commerce
- BBA - Apprenticeship Embedded Maritime Logistics
- Diploma in Nautical Science (DNS)

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- M. Tech - Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering
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- M. Tech - Marine Engineering & Management
- MBA - International Transportation & Logistics Management
- MBA - Port & Shipping Management
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DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)
5th Floor, I.S.B.T. Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006
visit us at : <http://dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in>

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

- Carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic shall not be less than Seventy Five (75) microns in thickness w.e.f. 30th September, 2021 and One Hundred Twenty (120) microns in thickness w.e.f. 31st December, 2022.
- Sachets using plastic material shall not be used for storing, packing or selling gutkha, tobacco and pan masala;
- Non-woven plastic carry bags shall not be less than 60 Gram per Square Meter (GSM) w.e.f. 30th September, 2021.
- The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022:-
 - Ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration;
 - Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers.
- The provisions of sub- rule shall not apply to commodities made of compostable plastic.

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

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

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

Member Secretary

SBI State Bank of India
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna- 800001
Ph. No. (Office): 0612-2219043, 2219385, Fax: 0612-2219385, E-mail: sbi.05176@sbi.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on 28.04.2022 (Thursday) for recovery of ₹3,45,79,186.00 (Rupees Three Crore Forty Five Lacs Seventy Nine Thousand Eighty Six Only) as on 10/06/2021 with further Interest, Cost, Charges & other miscellaneous expenses etc, less deposit/recovery made thereafter, if any, due to the secured creditor from Borrower, M/s Bharat Eicher, Prop. Mr. Ranvijay Singh, Mr. Ranvijay Singh S/o Shri Dhananjay Singh & Guarantors, Mrs. Sunita Singh W/o Mr. Ranvijay Singh & Shri Dhananjay Singh S/o Shri Jay Nandan Ray.

Sl. No.	Description of the property (Property ID for e-auction: SBIN85116621936)	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid Increment Amt
1.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land, building & structures as per details hereunder: I. All that part and parcel of the land & building in the name of Shri Ranvijay Singh S/o Shri Dhananjay Singh vide Sale deed No.13273 dated 10/12/2007 located at Mouza-Diliyan, under Municipal Area Ward No.6A(old)/27(new)/ 34(new) within Thana-Sasaram, Thana No.138, PO, PS & Registry Office-Sasaram, Distt- Rohtas, Bihar, Khata No.55(Old)/ MS 212(New), Plot No.195(Old)/ MS 722(New), Area- 10 Decimal. Boundaries of the land are:- North- Surendra Nath Singh (Rasta), South- Plot No.203, 204 & 205, Sahtu Singh, East- Plot No.194, Ram Prasad Singh, West- Plot No.197 & 198, Sahtu Singh. II. All that part and parcel of the land & building in the name of Shri Ranvijay Singh S/o Shri Dhananjay Singh vide Sale deed No.9171 dated 30/06/2014 located at Mouza-Diliyan, under Municipal Area Ward No.6A(old)/27(new)/ 34(new) within Thana-Sasaram, Thana No.138, PO, PS & Registry Office-Sasaram, Distt- Rohtas, Bihar, Khata No.RS 17/ MS 417, Plot No.RS 204/ MS 730(Part) & 731(Part), Area- 1438.8333 Decimal. Boundaries of the land are:- North- Ayodhya Singh & Hari Singh, RS Plot No.195, South- Smt. Sunita Singh, Hal Baydar, East-Smt. Sandhya Devi & Smt. Kiran Devi and Smt. Sunita Singh, Hal Baydar, West- Prabha Singh, Raghuvansh Singh, Mahendra Kr. Singh & Jang Bahadur Singh, RS Plot No.195 & 203 and Ab Kreta Ranvijay Singh.	₹2,00,00,000.00	₹20,00,000.00	₹20,000.00

e-Auction Terms and Condition

- Date of e-auction: 28.04.2022 (Thursday), Time: 12:00 Minutes from 12:00 Noon to 02:00 P.M. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.
- Website/portal for e-auction-<https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>.
- The General Terms & Conditions are available on- <https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others>.
- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold will all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002.

This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice, this E-auction Sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service.

Date : 23.03.2022
Place : Patna
AUTHORISED OFFICER
STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA

DELHI JAL BOARD OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-3 DELHI JAL BOARD GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI H BLOCK, SECTOR-15, ROHINI, DELHI-89 SHORT PRESS NIT No. 21/ (E&M)-3/2021-22						
S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (INR Fee)	Estimated Money (INR)	Publishing date of tender	Last date and time for tender
3	Up gradation of existing pumping system by SITC of higher capacity Pump set with all allied works at New Avantika BPS	Item rate	1000.00	140000.00	23.03.2022	30.03.2022 up to 1.00 PM
5	SITC of Pump Set at SGT Nagar in AC-05	Item rate	1000.00	194000.00	23.03.2022	30.03.2022 up to 1.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1308(2021-22)

Sd/-
(GAURAV SINGH YADAV)
EE (E&M) M-3

"STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

PRESS NOTE NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ROAD/ BRIDGE/ BUILDING WORKS							
Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of the documents	Time allowed for completion (Months)	Time & date of opening of technical bids.	Class of contractor
1	C/O Govt. Degree College at Chowkminar Tehsil Jole (SH: C/O main building including WS & SI, Septic tank, rain water harvesting tank & site development)	92947431/-	500000/-	5000/-	Twenty four months	11.30 AM on 22.04.2022	Class A & B
2	C/O & MT of Mata Chintpurni to Amlehar road from km 0/0 to 9/350 (SH: Formation cutting 5/7 meter, Retaining wall, Breast wall, CD work, MT, WMM & BC, U&V shape drains, Providing & fixing road side furniture Parapets & crash barrier in km 1/450 to 5/970) deposit work. (Under Temple Trust deposit)	50825873/-	500000/-	5000/-	Eighteen months	11.30 AM on 22.04.2022	Class A & B
3	C/O Science Block building (Model-A) in Govt. Senior Secondary School Amb, Tehsil Amb (SH: C/O Main building portion including WS & SI, Harvesting Tank etc)	11568625/-	149000/-	5000/-	Twelve months	11.30 AM on 22.04.2022	Class B & C

1. Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in> from 11.04.2022 (5.00 PM) to onward. The bids can be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://hptenders.gov.in> w.e.f. 12.04.2022 to 21.04.2022 up to 5.00 PM & documents submission on dated 22.04.2022 up to 10.30 AM. The bids received will be opened at 11.30 AM on 22.04.2022 in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. 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.

2. Bid document along with general terms and conditions of the work can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in>.

3. The bidders are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be paid extra.

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---HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK---

No: APEDA/TEZU-DIV/RIDF-197/2022 Dated: 25th Mar'2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited in two parts, Part-I (Technical Bid) and Part-II (Price Bid) from reputed manufacturers of SPV Cells / Modules / LiFePO4 Battery / Solar Inverters/ Solar Street Lights for the work "Designing, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing & commissioning of LED based Solar Street Lights with LiFePO4 battery in border villages of Dibang Valley & Anjwal Districts of Arunachal Pradesh on turnkey basis including Annual Maintenance Contract for 5 years." The detailed tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Deputy Director, APEDA, Tezu Division by submitting Application in its letter head with credentials along with a Demand Draft / Cash of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand) only in favour of Deputy Director, APEDA, Tezu Division in any working days w.e.f. 26.03.2022 upto 1500 hours of 02.04.2022. Tender documents will not be issued to party without credentials for which the bid is sought.

The Deputy Director, APEDA, Tezu Division reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/
Dy. Director
APEDA, Tezu Division
DIPR ARN 3877-79 Dated: 5th Mar'2022

OFFICE OF THE D.G. & I.G. OF POLICE, JHARKHAND, RANCHI.

VERY SHORT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TENDER NOTICE No. 06/2021-22

Jharkhand Police has a ALH Dhruv Helicopter for its operational requirements of rescue and relief. Jharkhand Police seeks to insure the helicopter on an annual basis consequent upon expiry of the Insurance on 04th May 2022. Interested Insurance Companies duly experienced in aviation insurance, including insuring helicopters may apply in response to this EOI. The details of the helicopter are provided in Part I. The applicant companies may submit their proposals as per format in Part II. However, they are free to give additional information, if any, on separate sheets. Similarly, the applicants are free to make queries. However, all queries should be in writing and should be addressed to the undersigned. All queries will be furnished with a written response after due vetting by the committee authorized for this purpose. The deadline for receiving written queries will be 1700 hrs. on 05.04.2022 after which all queries will be treated as null and void. The date of submission of EOI will be 07.04.2022 till 1600hrs. The 'Expressions of Interest' can also be seen on Jharkhand Police Website www.jhpolice.gov.in.

AIRCRAFT PARTICULARS

Part I

Insured Party	Jharkhand Police, Department of Home, Government of Jharkhand.
Aircraft Details	
Make, Type & Serial Number	ALH-DHRUV & DS-51
Year of Manufacturing/Purchase	2005/2007
Seating Capacity	09 (Nine) passengers
Engine Number and Type	1118 (LH) and 1119 (RH)- TURBO SHAFT TM 3332B2 ENGINE
Registration/Identification Marks	VT-HAP Jharkhand Government symbol & Jharkhand Police symbol
Value of aircraft	INR 30 Crores approx.
Extra equipments and Accessories fitted with value	Air Conditioning System.
Coverage	All Risks of Physical Loss or damage including Legal liability to Third Party. (Comprehensive) Additional coverage on premature withdrawal of following major aircraft components due to failure: (a) Aircraft Engines (b) Integrated Dynamic Systems (IDS) (c) AFCS Computers (d) Main & Tail Rotor Blades (Complete Set) (e) Main Rotor and Tail Rotor Servo Actuators (f) Engine HP Pump and Fuel Metering Unit. (g) Weather Radar System (h) Integrated Sensor Unit. (i) Full Authority Digital Engine Control.
Geographical Area	PAN India
Period	12 Months STARTING 05.04.2022 00:00 HRS
Values To Be Insured	
(a) Hull Values	INR 29,77,00,000 (Rupees twenty nine crores and seventy seven Lakhs only).
(b) Legal Liabilities to Third Parties	INR 1,00,00,000 (one crore only) any one occurrence and in aggregate.
(c) Passenger Admitted Liability	INR 40,00,000 per person (Total INR. 3,60,00,000/-)
Baggage	INR 75,000 per person (Total INR 6,75,00,000/-)
Pilots Experience	Duly licensed and certificated for the flights on ALH-DHRUV
Hangar Facility	Fully, equipped hangar base available for aircraft storage & maintenance.
Use of Aircraft	All weather days and night operations, Troop Transport, Evacuation, VIP Communication, Normal Passenger Carriage, Carriage of arms and ammunition.


Part II

Format of offer TO BE FILLED IN BY BIDDERS ON COMPANY LETTER HEAD
DUE DATE OF OPENING OF OFFERS BEFORE AUTHORISED COMMITTEE: 08.04.2022
ISSUE OF ACCEPTANCE LETTER TO SELECTED COMPANY: 20.04.2022
SELECTED COMPANY TO ISSUE INSURANCE POLICY: 25.04.2022-00.00 Hrs.


Aviation Insurance (Specifically Helicopter Insurance) Experience- THIS IS MANDATORY	
PREFERENTIAL PREQUALIFICATION	
CLAUSE IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVE/STRATEGIC NATURE OF THE USE OF THE AIRCRAFT	
Client List with relevant details and dates	
Conditions	All conditionalities of offer must be clearly spelt out as part of offer and will have a bearing on the selection of insuring party.
(a) Hull Values	
(b) Legal Liabilities to Third Parties	
(c) Passenger Admitted Liability Baggage	Must be clearly mentioned in total terms without any hidden costs
Service Tax (Without S.T.)	
Total Premium (Without S.T.)	
Discounts/Deductibles offered	Must be clearly mentioned in total terms without any hidden costs

AUTHORISED SIGNATORY
I.G. of Police (Provision)
Jharkhand Ranchi
PR 266945 (Police) 21-22 (D)

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NK DALIP SINGH
20 SEP 59 TO 26 MAR 1991



NK BALWINDER SINGH, SM
15 AUG 1962 TO 26 MAR 1991

In the remembrance of Late Nk Dalip Singh and Late Nk Balwinder Singh, SM who left us for their heavenly abode on 26 Mar 1991. May Wahe Guru Ji give strength to CHHE SIKH fraternity and their family to bear this loss with courage and fortitude. They will continue to be a source of inspiration and strength for us. Let us pray for them in our hearts and remember a life lived so wonderfully in the service of the nation.

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NANAJI DESHMUKH VETERINARY SCIENCE UNIVERSITY, JABALPUR 482004 M.P.
No. 857/Tenders/Registrar/2022 Date 25.03.2022

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers and their authorised dealers for the supply of equipment items. Tender documents and detailed information are available on website www.mptenders.gov.in and university website www.ndvsu.org.
Schedule: Purchase of online tenders from 29.03.2022 to 18.04.2022. Online submission of bid upto 18.04.2022. Submission of technical / physical bid to the office upto 25.04.2022. Corrigendum, if any, will only be posted in above websites. No press notice will be issued separately. Sd/- REGISTRAR

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala)- 147001
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number: 96461-17607)
Tender Enquiry No. 67/CHP/OP-307/GHTP/2022-23 Dated: 25.03.2022

Tender Enquiry No. 68/CHP/OP-308/GHTP/2022-23 Dated: 25.03.2022
Dy. CE/MM-I/GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat invites E-tender for the Work of following tenders:

- "Provide Assistance in operation of Bulldozers and Loco-Shunters at, GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat" and
- "Manual picking of stones coming along with coal from turning conveyors and their further disposal in scrap yard at, CHP, GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat Distt. Bathinda."

For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 25.03.2022 at 11.00 A.M. onwards.
NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> only. GHTP-11/22 13067/Pb

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION KOTA-SOUTH, RAJASTHAN
Rajeev Gandhi Building, Dusshera Ground, CAD Cricle, Kota
email: nkksouth@gmail.com, website: www.kotacm.org, Ph.: 0744-2502142

S/NNK-S/CIVIL/2022/677-692 Date: 25.03.2022

Corrigendum

E-Tender Notice No. 34/2021-22 S/NNK-S/CIVIL/2022/661-676 was issued by Municipal Corporation Kota-South on 18.03.2022. Revised e-tender time schedule and follows which may be seen at www.kotacm.org, www.pppraj.nic.in, <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> for reference.

S. No.	Particular	Before	After
1	Date & time of downloading of Bid	17.03.2022 to 28.03.2022	17.03.2022 to 30.03.2022
2	Date & time of online submission of Bid	17.03.2022 to 28.03.2022	17.03.2022 to 30.03.2022
3	Last date of submission of DD in office of Nagar Nigam Kota-South	28.03.2022 (02:00 PM)	31.03.2022 (02:00 PM)
4	Date, time and opening of Technical Bid	28.03.2022 (05:00 PM)	31.03.2022 (05:00 PM)

The rest will remain the same

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Municipal Corporation, Kota -South

M. P. PASCHIM KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN Co., Ltd.,
GPH COMPOUND, POLOGROUND, INDORE
(Ph. No: 0731-2426144, 2426111, 2426204 & 2426166)
(Email: - sepurchase06@gmail.com)

No. MD/WZ/06/PUR/NIT-2701 4477 Indore, dated: 25.03.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online tenders are invited for following items/services as per Tender Specification:-

TS No.	Name of Items	Unit	Total Qty	Online tender opening date
1594	Design, supply, erection, testing, and commissioning including warranty, Comprehensive operation & maintenance of Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar Plant of various capacities under the Phase-II of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Scheme of MNRE in the jurisdiction/ operational area of Madhya Pradesh Paschim Kshetra Viduyut Vitaran Company Limited, Indore.	MW	10	26.04.2022
1595	Consultancy services for assisting and supporting in project management and supervision of quality of works (PMA) to Madhya Pradesh Paschim Kshetra Viduyut Vitaran Co. Ltd. under "Revamped Reforms-Linked Results-Based Distribution sector scheme (RDSS).	LS	1	28.04.2022

For further detailed information visit web-site <http://www.mpwz.co.in> or <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> Sd/- Chief Engineer (Purchase)

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person namely Ramesh Chand S/o Bihari Lal R/o D-166, JJ Colony, Raghur Nagar, Delhi Age : 63 years, Height : 5'11", Face : Round, Complexion : Shallow, Build : Medium, wearing black colour T-shirt, grey colour pant and plastic chappal in feet, has been missing since 22.02.2022 at about 08:30 A.M. In this regard DD No. 58-A Dated 08.03.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Khyala, New Delhi.

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Khyala, New Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. : 08700684171, 08750871132
Fax: 24368639, 08750871132
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice No.: 8120212022 Sr. Divisional Engineer/V
Date : 22.03.2022 North Central Railway, Prayagraj

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway / Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13:30 hrs. on 27.04.2022. The details of the tender are as under:-

S Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx Cost of work (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Completion Period	Date of Opening of Tender
1. 197	Replacement of existing damaged washable apron with ballasted track along on PF 6 (Line No.6) in Tundia Yard under ADEN / T / TD.	3958387.24	79200.00	6 Months	27.04.2022

Eligibility Criteria for similar work : Nil

Note:- (1) E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (2) The complete information along with tender document of above E-TENDER is available on website www.ireps.gov.in upto 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 27.04.2022. (3) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (4) The tenderers shall submit a copy of certificate as given in tender document in standard format, without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. (5) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (6) The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GGC July 2020 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as incomplete offer and accordingly shall not be considered. 316/22 (P)

North central railway www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPNCR

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Date: March 26, 2022
Place: Mumbai.

Sd/-
JP LEGAL CORP
A/43, Navyug Niwas,
Lamington Road, Mumbai - 400 007,
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Government of Jharkhand Department of Mines & Geology
Director of Mines
Email: director-mines@jharkhandmail.gov.in
Reference P.R No. -266081
Date: 25.03.2022

CORRIGENDUM - I to Tender documents for grant of Mining Lease for Barmartola Itra Stone Block issued by Government of Jharkhand (Notice Inviting Tender dated 12.03.2022)

S. No	Reference to the Tender Document	As appearing in Tender Documents (Notice Inviting Tender dated 12.03.2022)		To Be Read as			
		S. No	Event Description	Date	S. No	Event Description	Date
1	NIT	1	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	25.03.2022	1	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	11.04.2022
		2	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	25.03.2022	2	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	11.04.2022
		3	Date of Opening of Tender	26.03.2022	3	Date of Opening of Tender	12.04.2022
		3	Last date for sale of Tender Document.	25.03.2022	3	Last date for sale of Tender Document.	11.04.2022
		4	Last date of receiving queries from Bidders	19.03.2022	4	Last date of receiving queries from Bidders	01.04.2022
		5	Pre-bid conference.	21.03.2022	5	Pre-bid conference.	03.04.2022
		6	Last date for responses to queries by the Department	22.03.2022	6	Last date for responses to queries by the Department	04.04.2022
		7	Bid Due Date (Technical + initial price offer) by 3 PM	25.03.2022	7	Bid Due Date (Technical + initial price offer) by 3 PM	11.04.2022
		8	Opening of the Technical Bids.	28.03.2022	8	Opening of the Technical Bids.	12.04.2022
2	Clause 11	9	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids	28.03.2022	9	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids	12.04.2022

2. Kindly note that all other dates will remain as per tender document. Sd/-
Director, Mines Jharkhand
PR 266937 Mines and Geology(21-22)D

Government of Jharkhand
Department of Mines & Geology
Director of Mines
Email: director-mines@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Reference P.R No. -266092 Date: 25.03.2022

CORRIGENDUM - I to Tender documents for grant of Mining Lease for Jhalajamira -A Stone Block issued by Government of Jharkhand (Notice Inviting Tender dated 12.03.2022)

S. No	Reference to the Tender Document	As appearing in Tender Documents (Notice Inviting Tender dated 12.03.2022)		To Be Read as			
		S. No	Event Description	Date	S. No	Event Description	Date
1	NIT	1	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	25.03.2022	1	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	11.04.2022
		2	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	25.03.2022	2	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	11.04.2022
		3	Date of Opening of Tender	26.03.2022	3	Date of Opening of Tender	12.04.2022
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		8	Opening of the Technical Bids.	28.03.2022	8	Opening of the Technical Bids.	12.04.2022
2	Clause 11	9	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids	28.03.2022	9	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids	12.04.2022

2. Kindly note that all other dates will remain as per tender document. Sd/-
Director, Mines Jharkhand
PR 266948 Mines and Geology(21-22)D

Government of Jharkhand
Department of Mines & Geology Director of Mines
Email: director-mines@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Reference P.R No. -266111 Date: 25.03.2022

CORRIGENDUM - I to Tender documents for grant of Mining Lease for Waina Stone Block issued by Government of Jharkhand (Notice Inviting Tender dated 12.03.2022)

S. No	Reference to the Tender Document	As appearing in Tender Documents (Notice Inviting Tender dated 12.03.2022)		To Be Read as			
		S. No	Event Description	Date	S. No	Event Description	Date
1	NIT	1	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	25.03.2022	1	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	11.04.2022
		2	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	25.03.2022	2	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	11.04.2022
		3	Date of Opening of Tender	26.03.2022	3	Date of Opening of Tender	12.04.2022
		3	Last date for sale of Tender Document.	25.03.2022	3	Last date for sale of Tender Document.	11.04.2022
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		8	Opening of the Technical Bids.	28.03.2022	8	Opening of the Technical Bids.	12.04.2022
2	Clause 11	9	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids	28.03.2022	9	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids	12.04.2022

2. Kindly note that all other dates will remain as per tender document. Sd/-
Director, Mines Jharkhand
PR 266969 (Mines and Geology)21-22*D

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No. ELS_SRE_T-25 dtd. 21.03.2022

Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS, Electric Loco Shed, Khanalpura Yard, Northern Railway, Saharanpur (Ambala Division) for and on behalf of the President of India from the registered tenderer on web site www.ireps.gov.in for the following work upto 11:00 hrs on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:-

Open Tender No.	ELS_SRE_T-25
Name of work	Repairing of driver seat assembly of 3-phase and conventional locomotives in ELS/KJGY/SRE for period three years.
Date of Closing/Opening	12.04.2022
Approx. Cost.	Rs. 14,39,955,00/-
Earnest Money	Rs. 28,800/-
Completion Period	03 Years
Validity period	45 days
Cost of tender form	'Free of cost'

- Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.
- Tenderer are required to upload self-attested scanned copies of all related eligibility documents as per conditions.
- Taxes & Charges will be applicable as per extant rule.
- For details, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Eastern Peripheral Expressway
Public Notice on revised user fee (toll) rates on Eastern Peripheral Expressway Fee Plaza applicable w.e.f 01.04.2022 (00:00 hrs)

1. It is hereby informed to all concerned that the user fee for the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (NH-2) from Km. 1,000 to Km. 136,000 of fee plazas located at Main Plaza, Jakhau, Mavikalan, Baghat, Duhai, Ghaziabad, Dasna, Ghaziabad, Bilakbarpur, Gautam Budh Nagar, Fatehpur, Rampur, Gautam Budh Nagar, Maujpur, Faridabad and Main Plaza Chhajju Nagar, Palwal in the State of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh are as under:

SCHEDULE OF FEE (IN RUPEES)

Entry	Exit					
	Main Plaza, Jakhau	Mawikalan	Duhai	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur
Type of Vehicle						
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	30	85	100	140	160	210
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	45	135	160	225	260	340
Bus or Truck (Two axes)	95	285	335	470	540	710
MAV/Three-axe commercial Vehicles	105	315	370	515	590	775
MAV 4-6 axle	150	450	530	740	845	1110
Over-sized Vehicles (seven or more axes)	180	545	645	900	1030	1355

SCHEDULE OF FEE (IN RUPEES)

Entry	Exit					
	Main Plaza, Jakhau	Mawikalan	Duhai	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur
Type of Vehicle						
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	30	55	70	110	130	180
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	45	90	115	180	215	295
Bus or Truck (Two axes)	95	190	245	380	445	615
MAV/Three-axe commercial Vehicles	105	210	265	410	485	675
MAV 4-6 axle	150	300	380	595	700	965
Over-sized Vehicles (seven or more axes)	180	365	465	720	850	1170

SCHEDULE OF FEE (IN RUPEES)

Entry	Exit					
	Main Plaza, Jakhau	Mawikalan	Duhai	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur
Type of Vehicle						
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	85	55	15	55	75	125
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	135	90	25	90	120	200
Bus or Truck (Two axes)	285	190	50	185	255	420
MAV/Three-axe commercial Vehicles	315	210	55	205	275	460
MAV 4-6 axle	450	300	80	290	400	680
Over-sized Vehicles (seven or more axes)	545	365	95	355	485	805

SCHEDULE OF FEE (IN RUPEES)

Entry	Exit					
	Main Plaza, Jakhau	Mawikalan	Duhai	Dasna	Bilakbarpur	Fatehpur Rampur
Type of Vehicle						
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	100	70	15	40	60	110
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	160	115	25	65	95	175
Bus or Truck (Two axes)	335	245	50	135	205	370
MAV/Three-axe commercial Vehicles	370	265	55	150	220	405
MAV 4-6 axle	530	380	80	210	320	580
Over-sized Vehicles (seven or more axes)	645	465	95	260	385	710

2. The list of exempted vehicles is as given in the amendment to Fee Rule Notified vide GSR No. 950 (E) dated 03.12.2010. The website <http://tis.nhai.gov.in> may be visited.

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl. No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No. and Description of works/Materials	Due date & time for Submission of e-Tender
1	CE/MECH/COAL	(e-tender cum e-reverse auction) CE/COAL/107 / Dated 25.03.2022 - Supply of 4.8 Lakh Tonnes of GCV 5000 kcal/kg (GAR) Imported Steam Coal of any origin for the period from MAY 2022 to JUNE 2022 for delivery at KAMARAJAR PORT, Ennore and VOC PORT, Tuticorin.	11.04.2022 up to 14.00 Hrs

The tender Specification can be down loaded from websites, www.tandeco.gov.in, www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.in.gov.in, <https://tenders.gov.in/nicgp/app> at free of cost. Tender will be opened through the NIC portal.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead at KM Pole No. 11/24-11-26 Down Main Line Near Badli Railway Station Delhi On 17.03.2022 at 21:20 Hrs. In this regard DD No. 28-A U/s 174 Cr.Pc. Dated 17.03.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Subzi Mandi Railway Station, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved for identification in Sabzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 Hours. The description of the dead body is given as under:
Name: Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 40-45 years, **Height:** 5'7" Feet, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Build:** Healthy, **Injury:** Head Injury, Right Hand Broken, **Wearing:** Blue Colour T-Shirt, Black Colour Pant and Hawai Chappal in Feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

S.H.O
P.S. Subzi Mandi Railway Station, Delhi
DP/79/RLY/2022 Ph.: 011-23692455

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Chhajarsi fee plaza of Delhi-Meerut Expressway
Public Notice on revised user fee (toll) rates at Chhajarsi fee plaza of Delhi-Meerut Expressway applicable w.e.f 01.04.2022 (00:00 hrs)

1. It is hereby informed to all concerned that the user fee for the National Highway from Km. 0.00 (Sarai Kale Khan/Ring Road Delhi) to Km. 50.334 (Hapur Bypass) section of NH-24 (New NH-9 at Chhajarsi Fee Plaza at Km. 39.730, village Chhajarsi Kulechnagar, Pilkhuwa, District-Hapur in the State of Uttar Pradesh are as under:

SCHEDULE OF FEE (IN RUPEES)

Sl. No.	Category of Vehicle	Fee for single journey (In Rs.)	Fee for return journey within 24 Hrs. (In Rs.)	Fee for monthly pass for 30 single journeys in a month (In Rs.)	Fee for single journey for the commercial vehicles registered within Hapur District (In Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Car/Jeep/Van/Light Motor Vehicle	140	210	4715	70
2	Light Commercial Vehicle/LGV or Mini Bus	230	345	7615	115
3	Bus/Truck (Two Axes)	480	720	15955	240
4	Three Axle Commercial Vehicles	520	785	17405	260
5	Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM)/ Earth Moving Equipment (EME)/ Multi Axle Vehicles (MAV) (Four to Six Axes)	750	1125	25020	375
6	Over-sized Vehicles (Seven or more axes)	915	1370	30460	455

The rate of monthly pass for local non-commercial vehicles residing within a distance of 20 Km from the fee plaza for the FY 2022-23 shall be Rs. 315/-.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Delhi Meerut Expressway
Public Notice on revised user fee (toll) rates on Delhi-Meerut Expressway Fee Plaza applicable w.e.f 01.04.2022 (00:00 hrs)

1. It is hereby informed to all concerned that the user fee for the Delhi-Meerut Expressway from design Km 0.00 to Km 59.777 (Starting from Km. 0.00 on Nizamuddin Bridge on National Highway No. 9 (Old NH-24) and ending at Km. 51.975 of National Highway No. 334 (Old NH-58) including Green Field Alignment has been revised w.e.f 01.04.2022 (00:00 hrs) and revised rates applicable for the fee plazas/entry-exit points located at Sarai Kale Khan, Indrapuram, Dundaheera, Dasna, Rasoolpur Sikrod, Bhojpur, Main Plaza (Kashi) in the states of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh are as under:

SCHEDULE OF FEE (IN RUPEES)

Entry at Sarai Kale Khan (0.000)	Exit From		
	Rasoolpur Sikrod (31.343)	Bhojpur (45.706)	Main Plaza (Kashi) (58.230)
Type of Vehicle			
Car, Jeep, Van or light Motor Vehicle	100	130	155
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Minibus	165	210	245
Bus or Truck (Two axes)	345	435	520
MAV/Three-axe Vehicles	375	475	565
MAV 4-6 axle	540	685	815
Over-sized Vehicles (Seven or more axes)	660	835	990

SCHEDULE OF FEE (IN RUPEES)

Entry at Indrapuram (9.500)	Exit From		
	Rasoolpur Sikrod (31.343)	Bhojpur (45.706)	Main Plaza (Kashi) (58.230)
Type of Vehicle			
Car, Jeep, Van or light Motor Vehicle	55	80	105
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Minibus	85	130	165
Bus or Truck (Two axes)	180	270	350
MAV/Three-axe Vehicles	195	295	385
MAV 4-6 axle	280	425	550
Over-sized Vehicles (Seven or more axes)	340	515	670

SCHEDULE OF FEE (IN RUPEES)

Entry at Dundaheera (19.900)	Exit From		
	Rasoolpur Sikrod (31.343)	Bhojpur (45.706)	Main Plaza (Kashi) (58.230)
Type of Vehicle			
Car, Jeep, Van or light Motor Vehicle	30	60	85
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Minibus	50	95	135
Bus or Truck (Two axes)	110	200	280
MAV/Three-axe Vehicles	115	215	305
MAV 4-6 axle	170	310	440
Over-sized Vehicles (Seven or more axes)	205	380	535

2. The list of exempted vehicles is as given in the amendment to Fee Rule Notified vide GSR No. 950 (E) dated 03.12.2010. The website <http://tis.nhai.gov.in> may be visited.

OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (P)4 DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
ROOM No. 31, B-BUILDING, HANDEWALAN, NEW DELHI- 110005.
Phone: 09558007601 E-mail id:- djwaterbody@gmail.com

PREEST NIT No. 35/WB-I/2021-22

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV) Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
01	Appointment of Consultant for Designing of Architectural/Structural/Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing/PMC services etc. for Construction of Club house at Tarnapur Oxidation Ponds (Re-invited)	Lump Sum basis	1,22,000/-	₹ 1000/-	24.03.2022 2022_DJB_219512_1	21.4.2022 At 03:00 PM

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

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Adv. No. J.S.V. 1305(2021-22)

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OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION SAMBA
FRESH SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 91 of 2021-2022 Dated 19-03-2022

Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Division Samba on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, invite tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible registered firm with J&K Union Territory Govt. upto **1800 Hrs on 28-03-2022** for the following work.

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time and date of opening of tender	Time of Completion	Class of firm
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Rendering of services for preparation of complete DPR alongwith BOQ, structural Design and vetting of Structural Drawings from IIT / DIC / Any Other Recognized Institute including Soil Testing, Hydraulic and Metrological Data for construction of RCC Check Dam at Jammora Nallah and Sano De Dhabri Nallah under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA)	PWD (R&B) Division Samba	600	10000/-	29-03-2022 1400hours	20 Days	Approved and eligible registered Firm with J&K Union Territory, MES, CPWD, or Any Other Recognized Organization

1. Date of Publishing: 19-03-2022
2. The Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://ktenders.gov.in> from 21-03-2022 to 28-03-2022 (upto 6.00pm).

NO: 13659-62
DT: 19-03-2022

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division Samba.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, NEW DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER NATIONAL HIGHWAY DIVISION, DEOGHAR

Notice Inviting Bid
B/P/Package no.-NH/DEOGHAR/EPC/05/2021-22 Dated-22/03/2022

Rfd/For Widening & Reconstruction to 2-Lane with paved shoulder from km 138.20 to km 140.00 of NH-114A in the state of Jharkhand under EPC mode.
(Job No:-NH-114A-AP-JHR-2021-22-309)

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways through Chief Engineer, National Highway Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi is engaged in the development of National Highways and as part of this endeavour, it has been decided to undertake Widening & Reconstruction to 2-Lane with paved shoulder from km 138.20 to km 140.00 of NH-114A in the state of Jharkhand under EPC mode (Job No:-NH-114A-AP-JHR- 2021-22-309), through an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract.

[The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways/ State Public Works Department/ represented by DG(RD)&SS/ CE (NH) PWD State] now invites bids from eligible contractors for the following project:

State	NH No.	ICB No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Completion Period	Maintenance period
Jharkhand	NH-114A		Widening & Reconstruction to 2-Lane with paved shoulder from km 138.20 to km 140.00 of NH-114A in the state of Jharkhand under EPC mode (Job No:-NH-114A-AP-JHR-2021-22-309)	7,33,06,260.00 (including GST, LC and Utility shifting)	06(Six Months)	5(Five years) after Completion

The complete BID document can be viewed / downloaded from official portal of the CPPP website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> from 24.03.2022 to 09.05.2022 upto 11.00 Hrs. IST. Bidder must submit its Financial Bid and Technical Bid at <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> on or before 09.05.2022 (upto 11:00 Hrs). Bids received online shall be opened on 13.05.2022 (at 1:00 hours IST).

By through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Security,(Appendix - I) receipt of document fee, Power of Attorney and Joint Bidding Agreement etc. shall be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before 11.05.2022 (at 11:00 hours IST). Please note that the Ministry/Authority/Executing Agency reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the BIDs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer National Highway Division, Deoghar
Phone: 9431194392
e-mail : eenhdeoghar@gmail.com

PR 266964 Road(21-22)D

Directorate of Mines
Department of Mines & Geology
Government of Jharkhand
Nepal House (Yojna Bhavan), Doranda, Ranchi - 834002
Email: director-mines@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Notice Inviting Tender
"Invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease"

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2004 (Subsequent Amendments) and the Jharkhand Minor Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2017 (Subsequent Amendments) notified there under, Government of Jharkhand has identified a Stone block for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease in [East Singhbhum] District, Jharkhand, through electronic auction and hereby invites bids in digital format only, from eligible bidders.

Terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document for the Mineral Block and Mineral Block Summary area available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from website of MSTC <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mmb/jharkhand/index.jsp> for the purpose of information only. Timelines, notification, updates and other details of the e-auction process are available on the website of MSTC and the website of Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand <http://www.jharkhand.gov.in/mines-geology>.

The details of the mineral block are summarized below

Block	Concession Area Ha.	Resource (Cubic Meter)	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	Date of Opening of Tender
CHARAKMARA Stone Block	03.15 Acre (1.27 Hectare)	85756.058	18.04.2022	18.04.2022	19.04.2022

Those interested and eligible for bidding can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the tender fee of INR 25000.00 (Indian Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) plus GST as applicable (non-refundable), from the website of e-auction platform provider. After purchase of the Tender Document, eligible bidders can register themselves on the above-mentioned website. On successful registration, eligible bidder will obtain Login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process.

Sd/-
Director Mines
Department of Mines & Geology
Govt. of Jharkhand

PR 267003 Mines and Geology (21-22)_D

Government of Jharkhand
Department of Mines & Geology
Director of Mines
Email: director-mines@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Reference P.R No. -266104 **Date:25.03.2022**

CORRIGENDUM - I to Tender documents for grant of Mining Lease for Paharidih Stone Block issued by Government of Jharkhand (Notice Inviting Tender dated 12.03.2022)

S. No	Reference to the Tender Document	As appearing in Tender Documents (Notice Inviting Tender dated 12.03.2022)		To be Read as	
		S. No	Event Description	S. No	Event Description
1	NIT	1	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	1	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website
		2	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	2	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website
		3	Date of Opening of Tender	3	Date of Opening of Tender
		3	Last date for sale of Tender Document.	3	Last date for sale of Tender Document.
		4	Last date of receiving queries from Bidders	4	Last date of receiving queries from Bidders
		5	Pre-bid conference.	5	Pre-bid conference.
		6	Last date for responses to queries by the Department	6	Last date for responses to queries by the Department
		7	Bid Due Date (Technical + initial price offer) by 3 PM	7	Bid Due Date (Technical + initial price offer) by 3 PM
		8	Opening of the Technical Bids.	8	Opening of the Technical Bids.
2	Clause II	9	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids	9	Start date for examination of the Technical Bids

2. Kindly note that all other dates will remain as per tender document.

Sd/-
Director, Mines
Jharkhand

PR 266960 Mines and Geology(21-22).D

E-TENDER NOTICE
The Divisional Railway Manager (Mech.)/E.C. Railway/Samastipur for and on behalf of the president of India invites **Open e tender under single packets system** from experienced, eligible license holder and financially capable tenderers for the following works in E-tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways:
S.N. : 1. Tender notice No. : M/TC/07 of 2022 (Open E tender), Name of work : Escorting, Escorting of DA set. A check and electrical equipment's maintenance of 500 KVA DG sets of all Power Cars over SPJ division for three years. Tender value (In rupees) : Rs. 8,54,61,253.65 (Rs. eight crores fifty-four lakh sixty-one thousand two hundred fifty-three and six five only). Earnest Money (In rupees) : Rs. 5,77,300.00 (Rs. Five lakhs seventy-seven thousand three hundred only). Completion period of the work : 03 Years

1. Receiving date and time for e-tender mode on IREPS web portal: 14.04.2022 up to 12.00 hrs. 2. Opening date and time for e-tender: 14.04.2022 at 12.30 hrs. 3. Web site particulars where complete details of tender and tender document can be seen on web site: www.ireps.gov.in.

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PR/01886/SP/MECH/T/21-22/36

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वित

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Dharamshala Division, on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system, for following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost in Rs.	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender	Start date of bid	Deadline for submission of bid
1	Construction of City Convention Centre-cum-Parking at Dharamshala in Distt. Kangra, HP (Deposit work) (SH: construction of City Convention Centre-cum-Parking including water supply, sanitary installation and rain water harvesting system)	4,47,80,615/-	4,80,310/-	Eighteen month	5000/-	11.04.2022	25.04.2022

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK.

Executive Engineer, Dharamshala Division, H.P.W.D., Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

7949/HP

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (WW) THROUGH EE (E&M) HP II DELHI JAL BOARD GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI HAIDER PUR WATER WORKS, DELHI 110085 Tel No. 011-27552446-47, Email ID: eemhp2.djb@nic.in

PRESS NIT No-23(2021-22)/EE(E&M) HP-II

NIT No/Item No.	Name of Work	Approximate value based on Schedule of rates/Item rates	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of Tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/Time receipt of Tender through e-procurement solution
23/1	Renovation repair of Geo Miller make Clarifier No. 1 installed at Filter House (North), HPW W-II	Item Rate	Rs. 75,500/-	Tender ID: 2022_DJB_219521_1 Publish Date 24-March-2022 05:00 PM	7 April-2022 up to 03:00 PM
23/2	Renovation repair of Gen Miller make Clarifier No. 8 installed at Filter House (South), HPW W-II	Item Rate	Rs. 76,300/-	Tender ID: 2022_DJB_219521_2 Publish Date 24-March-2022 05:00 PM	7 April-2022 up to 03:00 PM

NIT along with all terms & conditions is available on DJB website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 1306(2021-22)

Executive Engineer (E&M) HP-II

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, दुमका

अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- 07/2021-22/RE

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :-

क्र०	मद का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक की राशि (रु० में)	अग्रघन की राशि (रु० में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रु० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	खेलकुद	मलिया प्रखण्ड में प्रखण्ड स्तरीय स्टेडियम निर्माण।	1,62,94,400.00	3,26,000.00	10,000.00	12 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 26.03.2022

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-02.04.2022 (अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक)

4. ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, दुमका निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, एवं Affidavit एवं जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक- 05.04.2022 (अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक)

5. निविदा खोलने का स्थान :- कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, दुमका।

6. निविदा खुलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक 06.04.2022 (समय 2:00 बजे अपराह्न)।

7. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, दुमका।

8. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दुरभाष संख्या :- 7091279444

9. निविदा शुल्क राश्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट या बैंकर्स चेक जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, दुमका के पदनाम से देय हो, देना होगा।

10. B.O.Q की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है।

11. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यपालक की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

Note :- 1. निविदाकारों को ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (शांकांमां) में पंजीकृत होना अनिवार्य है।
2. वैसे निविदाकारों को परिमाण विपत्र देया जायेगा, जिसका किसी भी विभाग में योजना लंबित नहीं है तथा इसका शपथ पत्र हार्ड कॉपी के साथ देना आवश्यक है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, दुमका

PR 266979 Rural Work Department(21-22)#D

E-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer HPPWD Arki Distt. Solan H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rate, in 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	EMO	Cost of tender	Eligible class of contract	Time
1	Annual Maintenance of SARB road at Km. 0/0 to 32/300(SH)-Providing renewal coat of 30mm thick bituminous concrete at Km. 20/0 to 22/0,25/0 to 30/0 and 31/0 to 32/0	76,97,121/-	1,11,500/-	5000/-	Class ABC	2 Months
2	Annual Maintenance of SRPN road Km. 22/0 to 01/500(SH)-Providing renewal coat of 30mm thick bituminous concrete at Km. 22/0 to 23/0,25/0 to 26/0,29/0 to 30/0,31/0 to 32/0, 42/0 to 43/0, 42/500 to 43/0, 44/0 to 45/0, 52/0 to 52/500	1,85,40,574/-	2,18,000/-	5000/-	Class AB	2 Months
3	Annual Maintenance of link road to village Tuni Km. 0/0 to 2/730(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 0/0 to 2/730	48,26,521/-	79,900/-	3000/-	Class ABC	2 Months
4	Annual Maintenance of Gambheri Banoh road Km. 0/0 to 3/0(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 0/0 to 3/0	53,54,773/-	86,100/-	3000/-	Class ABC	2 Months
5	Annual Maintenance of Kashiya Chandi road Km. 0/0 to 3/0(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 1/0 to 3/0	26,30,550/-	47,000/-	1500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
6	Annual Maintenance of Gokh Mangra Sanga road Km. 0/0 to 6/0(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 1/0 to 3/0	34,16,198/-	58,600/-	1500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
7	Annual Maintenance of Arki Manjoo Kharanag road Km. 0/0 to 12/460(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 10/0 to 12/465	41,18,787/-	69,300/-	3000/-	Class ABC	2 Months
8	Annual Maintenance of Seripat Hoo road Km. 0/0 to 6/0(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 0/0 to 6/0	1,10,66,187/-	1,43,200/-	5000/-	Class AB	2 Months
9	Annual Maintenance of Daria to Kansala road Km. 0/0 to 3/0(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 0/0 to 3/0	500/-	500/-	500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
10	Annual Maintenance of Jhal Manjoo Kolan Ukho Pansal Jasnagar road Km. 0/0 to 24/765(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete at Km. 0/0 to 2/0	500/-	500/-	500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
11	Annual Maintenance of link road to village Bangal road Km. 0/0 to 0/480(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 0/0 to 0/480	500/-	500/-	500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
12	Annual Maintenance of Damiana to Husman Road Km. 0/0 to 2/100(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 1/0 to 2/100	500/-	500/-	500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
	Annual Maintenance of link road to village Gana Km. 0/0 to 0/330(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 0/0 to 0/330	500/-	500/-	500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
	Annual Maintenance of Arki Dhundan Bharatighat road Km. 0/0 to 19/640(SH)-Providing renewal 30mm thick bituminous concrete in Km. 0/0 to 4/0	500/-	500/-	500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://hptenders.gov.in>

Bidder would be required to register in the web-site 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: <http://hptenders.gov.in> Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

Key Dates

1. Date of Online Publication	31.03.2021 10:00 HRS
2. Documents Download Start and End date	16.4.2021 10.30HRS upto 24.04.2021 16 HRS
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	16.04.2021 10.30HRS upto 24.04.2021 16 HRS
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of tender Documents	26.4.2021, upto 11HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid	26.04.2021 11.30 HRS

The tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover:

- Cover 1 shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility information"
- Cover 2 shall contain BQ/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 documents and(b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) and other Technical Documents in o/o the Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Arki Divn. HP as specified in Key dates at Sr.NO.4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non responsive.

BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 26.04.2021 at 11.30HRS in the office of Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Arki Divn./Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, HPPWD, Solan HP by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderer 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 120 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
HPPWD Division Arki
Distt. Solan H.P

7966/HP

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION (A Govt. of India Undertaking)
4/1, Siri Institutional Area,
August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016
Ph: 011-49857894, E-mail: engg.cwc@cewaocor.in

Warehousing for Everyone

NO. CWC/CO/PN/2021-22
03/2022

CWC invites on-line tenders from the contractors for the following works:

SL	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Last date of on-line submission
1.	Construction, design, supply, installation & commissioning of 2200MT storage capacity Multi product Controlled Atmosphere Cold storage facility at CW, Surajpur, Greater Noida (UP). (E NIT_CO/Engg-48/21-22)	Rs. 1338.14	26.04.2022
2.	Repair/Upgradation & Modification works of existing Infrastructure at Inland Container Depot-Loni, Central Warehousing Corporation (ICD) Loni, Uttar Pradesh. (E NIT_CO/Engg-47/21-22)	Rs. 1490.85	26.04.2022
3.	Providing & laying M-40 CC paver block on roads & other upgradation works at CW, Greater Noida (UP) (E NIT_CO/Engg-48/21-22)	Rs. 583.75	26.04.2022
4.	Roof replacement with galvalume sheets from godown No. 6 to 19 (balance work) at CW, BD-Bamanheri, Muzaffarnagar (UP) (E NIT_CO/Engg-49/21-22)	Rs. 455.24	26.04.2022

Detailed Tender Notice along with Conditions of Contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and downloaded from the CWC's website www.cwcor.nic.in or e-tender website www.cwceprocure.com or CPP Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/epublishapp>. Further Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on above websites only Press advertisement in Newspapers shall not be issued for the same.

CHIEF ENGINEER

Government of Odisha, e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. C.C.F.DkI(R&B) 21/2021-22
Email ID-sekdjlpwd@gmail.com

Letter No 727/Dt. 22/03/2022

The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road/Building works as detailed below:

- Name of the work : Road/Building works
- No. of works : 04 (Four) Nos.
- Estimated Cost : Rs. 1,58,49,677/- to Rs. 7,88,11,478/- (as given in column No. 03 of table)
- Cost of tender paper : Rs. 10,000.00
- Class of contractor : 'B', 'A', 'Special' & 'Super' (as given in column No. 06 of table)
- Period of Completion of work : 06(Six) to 11 (Eleven) Calendar months (as given in column No. 07 of table)
- Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website : From Dt. 29.03.2022 to 5.30 P.M. of Dt. 12.04.2022
- Date of opening of bid : Dt. 13.04.2022 at 11.30 hours

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal
OIPR- 34132/11/0021/2122

कार्यालय कलेक्टर, दुर्ग (छ.ग.)

॥ आदिवासी विकास शाखा ॥

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ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा सूचना

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

HED/DL/Notice/RF/P/309 Dated: 23/03/2022

Directorate of Higher Education, Raipur invites proposal for the "Establishment and Hosting of Cloud Based Digital Library Solution with Reading App for the Department of Higher Education" in sealed envelopes from the eligible bidders having a proven track record in conducting the work in the areas specified. Tender Form could be purchased from the office during office days through an application with a DD of Rs. 10000/(Rs. Ten Thousand only) in favour of Commissioner, Directorate of Higher Education, Raipur.

Details of proposal can be seen on the website of the department of higher education, Chhattisgarh.

Last Date of Sale of Tender Form: 28.04.2022
Last date of submission of the proposal: 29.04.2022 upto 2.00 pm.

Bid Opening Date 29.04.2022; Time 3.00 pm in the meeting hall of commissioner office.

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Department of Higher Education
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Applications are invited for Two Years MBA (Law) Programme-2022 at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab at Patiala. The intake process is through GMAT, CMAT, NMAT Scores followed by Group Discussion and Personal Interview. The last date to submit the application form is 15th May, 2022. For more details please visit www.rgnul.ac.in

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Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the various posts of Medical Teachers in Clinical & Non-Clinical subjects by Chairman, Recruitment Board, Rajasthan Medical Education Society. Online submission of application will start from 30.03.2022. For more details & updates kindly visit website below: www.education.rajasthan.gov.in/medicaleducation

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Rajasthan Medical Education Society
Jaipur.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender No.: 2-TRD-NDL5-2021-22 Date: 24.03.2022
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, Invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

Sl No.	Name of Work with its location	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & commissioning of 25Kv ac OHE modification work in connection with construction of ROB at Railway Km. 149777 between Ballabgarh-Pyala Stations on TKD PWL section
1	Approx. cost of work	Rs. 52,03,135.75/-
2	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1,04,100/-
3	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	04.04.2022 (00.00 Hrs.) to 18.04.2022 (15.00 Hrs.)
4	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	18.04.2022 (15.00 hrs.)
5	Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen	www.reps.gov.in

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ TENDER NOTICE
TENDER NOTICE No. 02/2022/RS/JHS Date: 24.03.2022
For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Rolling Stock), North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online [E-Tendering] for the following work:

Tender No.	Description	Tender value (₹)	Earnest money (₹)	Completion period from the date of issue of LOA
JHS-RS-WC-T11-2021-22	Yearly Calibration of Electrical/Mechanical measuring & test equipment of Electric locomotives, N.C. Railway, Jhansi for three years.	1124268.00	22500.00	36 Months.
JHS-RS-WC-T5-2021-22/RT1	Cleaning and washing of Electric Locomotives of Electric Loco Shed, Jhansi.	1582255.43	33700.00	24 Months.
JHS-RS-WC-T12-2021-22	Dismantling, cleaning and minor alterations of Hitachi Traction Motors of ELS/JHS.	3516449.08	70400.00	24 Months.

Closing date for all tenders is: 25.04.2022. Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 25.04.2022 (15.00 Hrs.). Complete details & submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website <http://www.reps.gov.in> 318/22 FA

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in North Central Railway GPRONCR

E-Tendering Notice U.P POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD. E-Tender Notice 16/ECTD/Agra/2021-22

E-Tender in two parts, Part-I & Part-II valid for four months are invited for the work mentioned as under:-

Tender Specification No.	Name of Work	Period of Work	Earnest Money	Tender Cost	Date and Time of Submission	Date and Time of Opening
43	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 132 KV S/S Naseerpur (Firozabad)	12 Month	800.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
44	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 132 KV S/S Jasrana (Firozabad)	12 Month	1000.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
45	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 220 KV S/S Bah (Agra)	12 Month	1000.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
46	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 132KV Fatehabad (Agra)	12 Month	1000.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
47	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 132 KV S/S Bah (Agra)	12 Month	1100.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
48	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 132 KV S/S Pinhat (Agra)	12 Month	1100.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
49	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 132 KV S/S Sikohabad (Firozabad)	12 Month	1100.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
50	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 132 KV S/S Etmadpur (Agra)	12 Month	1200.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
51	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 220 KV S/S Firozabad	12 Month	1800.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
52	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 765 KV S/S Fatehabad (Agra)	12 Month	1800.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00
53	Annual Maintenance & Repair Work at 400 KV S/S Pilpohkar (Agra)	12 Month	2000.00	500+90+250=840	26.04.2022/12:00	27.04.2022/12:00

The tender document against this bid specification can be downloaded from e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Tenders can only be submitted on e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in> upto schedule date & time as above. The bidder must go through properly pre-qualifying conditions and ensure that all related papers are uploaded. For participating in bids through the e-bidding system, it is necessary for the bidders to get themselves registered with UP Electronics Corporation Limited Lucknow.

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Cost of Tender and Earnest Money Submitted in the Account of Executive Engineer, Electricity Civil Transmission Division, 220 KV S/S Sikandra (Agra) with A/C No-30065294923, IFSC Code- SBIN0005717 Payable at S.B.I Foundry Nagar (Agra) U.P Pin Code- 282006. through NEFT/RTGS.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY CIVIL TRANSMISSION DIVISION AGRA

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE

E-Open Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work. SL No.: (1) Tender No.: MW-P-73

AMC-Press Brake Name of Work: Annual Maintenance Contract of CNC Hydraulic Press Brake, 650T Capacity, Make M/s. Maanshan Hudong Heavy Industry Machinery Manufacturing Co. Ltd., China, M&P No. 15/7510/01 at ELF-15 in CLW, Chittaranjan for a period of 02 (two) years. Tender Value (Rupees): 38,91,767.00. Cost of Tender Document (Rupees): Nil. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): 77,800.00. Period of Completion: 02years. NOTE: (i) Date of Closing: 13-04-2022at 13:00 hrs. (ii) Complete details can be seen in the Railway website www.reps.gov.in. (iii) Tender Calling Authority: Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer / Plant. (iv) Contact No.: 0341-2525566. Email ID: dymcplantclw@yahoo.com

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

DGC Open: Ahlawat leads as Indians charge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

THE DELHI Golf Club has often been a happy hunting ground for Indians, and so it proved in the second round of the DGC Open on Friday. Veer Ahlawat had impressed on Thursday, being one of the rare players to make a good start while teeing off in the afternoon. In the second round, he made good use of the calmer conditions in the morning to post a five-under 67.

After his 68 in the first round, that gave the 26-year-old a two-shot cushion over compatriot Ajeetesh Sandhu (68). Both Indians had bogey-free rounds on Friday.

Overall, there were seven Indian names in the top-10 along with three Thai players (Nithithorn Thippong, Chanat Sakulpolphaisan and Kasidit Lepkurte – all inside the top four) and overnight co-leader Aussie Travis Smyth, who fell back into a tie for seventh place after a one-over 73. Shankar Das, who shared the lead after the opening round, also didn't have things go his own way as a round of 74 saw him dropping to tied 12th place.

"Just keep it in play – you don't have to hit it long off the tee, just keep it in play. The wind was much less today morning than yesterday afternoon," Ahlawat, still looking for his maiden title on the Asian Tour, reflected on his strategy after Friday's round.

It's been five years since Sandhu tasted success on the tour and he stressed on the importance of staying calm on the course. "There were a lot of missed opportunities again. It was tough with the wind. I think you really had to be patient," the Chandigarh golfer said.

One of the major movers in Round 2 was Gaganjeet Bhullar, who stormed into contention with a six-under 66. The most successful Indian on the Asian Tour with nine victories had five birdies in a row at one stage and finished the day in a tie for fourth place at five-under.

"I was just in a good frame of mind. I think this is my best round at the DGC as a pro. I've shot 6-under as a junior, as an amateur, but I've never shot 6-under as a pro," Bhullar said.

Like most other players, he felt going out in the morning was an advantage.

"In the morning the greens are very quick and true, but I guess by the day so many people walk and you know the green kind of becomes a little slow," the 33-year-old from Amritsar said.

However, another prominent Indian and a DGC member Shiv Kapur encountered a tougher day with a round of 73 that put him in a tie for 22nd spot. That, in itself, was an improvement on a four-over start through 10 holes. Jeev Milkha Singh and SSP Chawrasia were also among the 67 golfers to make the cut for the weekend.

Lyon turns match Australia's way for historic series win

Off-spinner's 5-wkt haul vs Pakistan seals first triumph in Asia since 2011

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LAHORE, MARCH 25

PAKISTAN FAILED to hold out in the last session of the third and final Test as Australia recorded an emphatic 115-run win on Friday to clinch the series 1-0. The hosts were dismissed for 235 in their second innings on a worn-out wicket an hour after tea as Australia enjoyed a successful end to its first Test series in Pakistan since 1998. Australia claimed the Benaud-Qadir Trophy, named after leg-spin greats from the two countries – Richie Benaud and Abdul Qadir. Australia captain Pat Cummins clean bowled No.11 Naseem Shah to secure victory on the fifth day.

Resuming on 73-0, and entering the final session at 190-5, Pakistan collapsed against veteran off-spinner Nathan Lyon, who got plenty of turn and bounce from a fifth-day wicket and finished with 5-83 from 37 overs.

Australia was rewarded for setting Pakistan a challenging target of 351 after boldly declaring its second innings at 227-3. Pakistan had conceded a decisive 123-run lead after scoring 268 in its first innings in reply to Australia's 391.

"The way we batted and got ahead of the game (in the first innings) was fantastic," said Cummins, who was man of the match with his overall eight-wicket haul.

"The way we applied ourselves today, everyone was up for it... I thought if we bowled to our potential it (the 351-run target) was a long way away." Lyon bowled an unchanged marathon spell of 28 overs on the last day as the veteran off-spinner extracted plenty of bounce and turn from the fifth-day wicket. Opener Imam-ul-Haq (70) and captain Babar Azam (55) scored fighting half centuries but the rest of Pakistan's batters crumbled against the menacing reverse swing of Cummins, who took 3-23, and the sharp spin of Lyon. "We tried to play positive cricket," Babar said.

"You plan according to the situation and not like you go out, play big shots and go for runs. We had a good session early in the day but unfortunately we had soft dismissals and that's the reason we lost the game." Pakistan started to panic when Imam was caught close to the wicket in Lyon's second over after lunch after batting for more than 4 1/2 hours and facing 199 balls.

Cummins then put Australia on the brink of victory when the pacer had middle-order batters Fawad Alam (11) and Mohammad Rizwan (0) leg before wicket off his sharp reverse swing. Rizwan failed



Nathan Lyon (C) celebrates after taking the wicket of Pakistan's Hasan Ali on the fifth day of the third and final Test in Lahore on Friday.

to review. He should have done as the impact of Cummins' sharp delivery was well outside the off stump. Babar survived a couple of close calls as Australia didn't go for referral against the Pakistan skipper before tea when replays suggested he had gloved a catch to Steve Smith in the slips. Travis Head misjudged a sharp catch in the deep when Babar lofted Lyon to deep mid-wicket and Head couldn't move in time to grab an opportunity.

But just like in the first innings when Pakistan lost seven wickets cheaply after tea on the third day, Australia ran through the home team's long tail by claiming the last five wickets for 22 runs.

Babar did complete his half century with an edged boundary before edging a low catch to Smith off Lyon and Sajid Khan (21) hit three boundaries against the second new ball before Pakistan folded an hour into the last session. Earlier, Australia had pinned down Pakistan to 136-2 at lunch, allowing the home team to add only 63 runs in an extended 2-1/2 hour first session.

Azhar Ali (17) was controversially judged caught close to the wicket by the TV umpire after the batter went for a sweep against

Lyon and the ball popped out to Smith. Onfield umpire Ahsan Raza ruled in the batter's favor but Australia went for referral and, after several inconclusive replays, the TV umpire Asif Yaqoob overturned the decision. Australia had made early inroads when opener Abdullah Shafique failed to add a run to his overnight 27 after Pakistan resumed on 73-0.

Cameron Green struck in his second over when he had Shafique caught behind as the batter tried to push the ball away from his body and got a healthy edge behind the wicket. The first Test ended in a tame draw at Rawalpindi where the pitch was rated as below average by the ICC. Babar's brilliant 196 in more than 10 hours denied Australia a win at Karachi where Pakistan played out 171.4 overs in more than five sessions and forced an epic draw. Pakistan and Australia start a three-match ODI series on Tuesday.

BRIEF SCORES: Australia 391 (Khawaja 91, Green 79, Naseem 4-58) and 227 for 3 dec (Khawaja 104*, Warner 51, Naseem 1-23) beat Pakistan 268 (Shafique 81, Cummins 5-56, Starc 4-33) and 235 (Imam 70, Lyon 5-83, Cummins 3-23) by 115 runs.

India brace for tough test in Belarus football friendly

SHASHANK NAIR
MARCH 25

THE INDIAN national team will face Belarus in the second of two scheduled friendlies, having lost the first to Bahrain 1-2. The players who were rested for the first game, after reaching Manama only a couple of hours prior to the match due to visa issues, will be available for selection.

At the start of the national camp, India coach Igor Stimac had spoken about the pace of international football and how it can be a few notches higher to the one most Indian players are used to in the Indian Super League. This was proved correct. Against Bahrain, most players failed to recover the ball quickly after losing it. The slightest bit of pressure would result in passes going awry or a clearance just landing in the opposition half where Bahrain would collect it and come back with yet another attack.

In order not to be wasteful, Stimac said he had asked players to focus on two aspects. One was to try to regain the ball immediately after losing it – and playing a high press with the forward line being the first line of defence. "On the five or six times we did, we couldn't put the ball behind the defence, instead gave them (Bahrain) good training," Stimac said at the pre-match press conference.

The second instruction was to commit small fouls so that Bahrain didn't get the opportunity to gain momentum. India committed a grand total of 11 fouls in 90 minutes of football – five of which came through Chennaiyin FC forward Rahim Ali. Ali was singled out for praise by Stimac, along with Roshan Singh. The latter, making his international debut, was instrumental in providing the assist for the lone Indian goal – a left-footed cross that found defender Rahul Bheke in the box.

Ahead of the match against Belarus, Stimac said he expected his players to adapt to the pace of this game. "International football is more demanding, especially when we are playing higher-ranked teams. There is a

huge difference in energy levels. I understand the players are mentally exhausted from staying in a bio-bubble for long. But I want my players to get used to such energy levels of playing in international football," the Croat said.

"You could see that we were out of energy in the last 10 minutes against Bahrain. That is what makes the difference between ISL pace and international football."

Football during war

This will be Belarus' first international match since last November and more significantly, one of the few games their national team will be able to play this season. Due to Belarus' involvement in Russia's war on Ukraine, UEFA has banned the Football Federation of Belarus from holding any home games in the country and from hosting any fans at a neutral game for which they are hosts. Belarus has failed to make it to the World Cup in Qatar, losing seven of their eight qualification games.

"Belarus are a very well-known opposition to me. They are much more technical than Bahrain. They have recently played against higher-ranking teams such as Belgium and Wales. They play much more defensive and counter-attacking football. But I don't see them being that much defensive against us," Stimac said. He believes Belarus to be a tougher challenge than Bahrain but also said that he had better players available for this game as compared to the last outing.

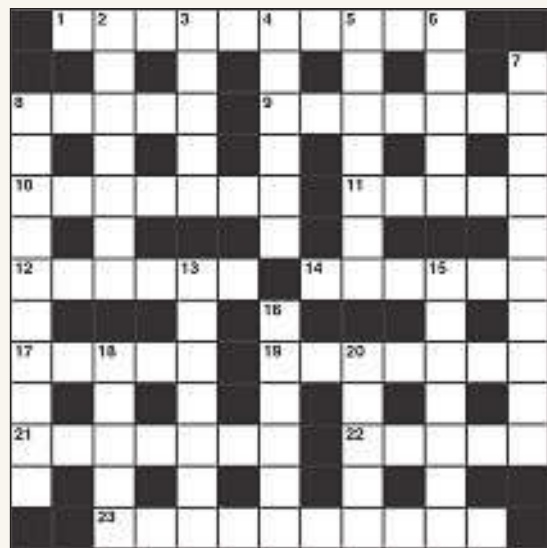
Both Brandon Fernandes and Sahal Abdul Samad have become crucial to India's plans. Two technical midfielders who can play with the ball and aren't prone to conceding possession when under pressure, their prowess is likely to be tested on Saturday.

Both Anirudh Thapa and Jeakson Singh will also get minutes on the pitch and result aside, the match against Belarus will be an opportunity to test out a young midfield. Stimac also added that Anwar Ali and Ruivah Hormipam will get an opportunity to play in defence.



The Indian team during their training session on Friday.

CROSSWORD 4698



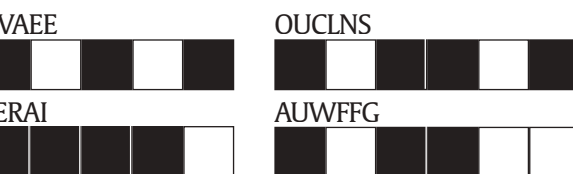
- ACROSS**
- It is involved in hot matters (10)
 - The true figure is in this region (5)
 - Tommy's quiet; possibly a sign of illness (7)
 - An introduction to work (7)
 - An award for tidiness (5)
 - Desire to live in a new way (6)
 - Proposals for heartless transgressors (6)
 - People in office? (5)
 - Disturbance in court perhaps (7)
 - It may get upset over trifles (7)
 - The going rate (5)
 - They set an example for their followers (10)
- DOWN**
- Theresa is changing to radiators (7)
 - With spirit a sailor gets up to dance (5)
 - Strange story about Oriental shellfish (6)
 - Leisure period gets cancelled (4,3)
 - Carried to Edward (5)
 - Put away for safety? (10)
 - Officially register a complaint (6,4)
 - Let down and is fed up being delayed (7)
 - In the outcome I'd be clear (7)
 - A game one may come across (6)
 - He told stories of a strange sea operation (5)
 - Class system moulded on the Orient (5)

Solutions Crossword 4697: Across: 1 Eights, 4 Mirror, 9 Ill will, 10 Livid, 11 Masai, 12 Kidnaps, 13 Mailing list, 18 Elastic, 20 Gusto, 22 Laden, 23 Lookout, 24 Pen pal, 25 United. Down: 1 Enigma, 2 Gules, 3 Trivial, 5 Iided, 6 Reveals, 7 Radish, 8 Old King Cole, 14 Abandon, 15 Leghorn, 16 Sell up, 17 Posted, 19 Tonga, 21 Shoot.

JUMBLD WORDS

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

Let us not pray to be sheltered from dangers but to be _____ when _____ them. – Rabindranath Tagore (8,.,5)



SOLUTION: EVADE, ARISE, RAISE, CONSUL, GUFFAW
Answer: Let us not pray to be sheltered from dangers but to be fearless when facing them. – Rabindranath Tagore

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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 4784



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You've been in the wilderness often enough, and sometimes you've felt alone even when surrounded by other people. I hope that recent developments have helped you to feel part of a real family again. As you've discovered, you need more support than you imagined.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Mercury is still behaving strangely, moving from one intriguing region of your horoscope to another, revealing that, from now on, family and domestic affairs may require less thought, and that leisure and entertainment will be higher on your agenda. Think again about an arrangement which may be past its sell-by date.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The financial situation is still deeply uncertain, and there still seems to be a risk of much higher than expected costs. On the other hand, the stars are suggesting that if you want to splash out on luxuries, pleasures and objects d'art, then so be it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

As a Cancer you prefer not to face situations head on. Sometimes your tendency to approach life sideways can be a problem, but right now the indirect approach may serve you very well. How about moving forward in your sideways, crab-like manner?

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

The Sun decrees that another special time of year is on the way. It is therefore apparent that nobody and nothing can prevent you from altering your lifestyle if that is what you want. Financially, be careful later on for, as the hours pass, you may be more inclined to take risks.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Although the Sun is responsible for a certain amount of confusion, it is also drawing you deeper into yourself. Spiritually-minded Virgos will be on top form. When you're in a tight corner you can follow a hunch. You may not be absolutely right, but you're almost there.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

There are a couple of surprises around the next corner. Don't panic, or imagine that you have been singled out for rough treatment. Such feelings result from the Moon's slightly destabilising effects, but the real situation is very different and your position is secure in many respects.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Important developments in your intimate life are likely within the next two weeks. It is vital that you take a long-term view of partnership matters right away, otherwise you'll be wrong-footed later. The last thing you want to do now is surrender your lead or squander your advantages.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Your solar horoscope is quite frankly rather bland at the moment. This means that you have plenty of scope to make your own way, but I fear that many Sagittarians may soon be suffering from boredom. That's because you wrongly imagine that you have been blocked from pursuing a major personal goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Any negotiations or discussions should proceed quite happily now that Mercury is trucking along through a deeply helpful region of your chart. Wait a few days, perhaps until the end of next week, before expecting results. The message of the day is that freedom is on the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Look at the long-term and make your plans accordingly. You will soon come to realise just how well off you really are. In the meantime, you'll be receiving some lively social invitations, and maybe even a romantic proposal. It will all be exciting, but fast.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Beneath the Piscean veneer of vulnerability and weakness, you are really quite a tough character. Colleagues at work and relatives at home may all soon be learning respect for your sheer determination. In fact, you may shortly spring a couple of surprises on a loved one.

20 SPORT

ITALY FAIL TO QUALIFY FOR WC

European champion Italy will miss the World Cup. Again. The unthinkable happened in Palermo on Thursday as the Azzurri were beaten 1-0 by North Macedonia following a last-gasp goal by Aleksandar Trajkovski in their playoff semifinal. **AP**

IPL 15: 2 CITIES, 4 STADIUMS, 10 TEAMS

Traffic lights, camera, action

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, MARCH 25

A TRIP from the Trident hotel in South Mumbai to New Mumbai's DY Patil Stadium on a busy evening takes nearly two hours but for the next two months, the Indian cricket board believes they can't afford for that to happen to cricket's mightiest superstars.

As the IPL kicks off, the Mumbai Police, the Board of Control for Cricket in India, and other government agencies will be part of some logistics brainstorming sessions as the ten-team tournament will be played in Mumbai and Pune starting from March 26.

The Indian board has decided to host 70 IPL games in Mumbai, which is known for its traffic snarls.

Around 300 players, 140 support staff will be mobile for IPL games and for their respective practice sessions. To ensure they have a smooth journey to and fro matches start as per schedule, around 1100 Mumbai Police personnel, including Traffic Police, around 60 IPL staff and 500 volunteers will be engaged during the duration of the tournament.

The IPL jamboree is expected to crisscross Mumbai, moving from hotels spread across South Mumbai, western suburbs Andheri, Juhu, Bandra and Santacruz and Navi Mumbai to training grounds and match venues that are equally flared out from 'Town' to Thane to near Nerul, and Mumbai-Pune expressway. It will be a far cry for teams from their usual short jaunt from Trident at Nariman Point to Brabourne or Wankhede, along Marine Drive when they play in Mumbai.

This will be a sinuous exploration of Mumbai—proper, and all teams are expected to create playlists for the longer bus journeys, taking in the arterial roads and flyovers and generously treading the eastern freeway connecting south to the east with its dotted refinery vistas and Wadala towers.

The fancy IPL teams might not necessarily take halts at Lonavala for chikki and vada pav, but the expressway with its cherry blossom blooms and famous hill tunnels with bats hanging upside down will add to the travelling atmospherics when they undertake the Mumbai-Pune journey.

Twenty matches each will be held at Wankhede Stadium & DY Patil Stadium, while 15 matches each at Brabourne and MCA International stadium, Pune. There will be 12 double headers in total with the first matches starting at 3:30 pm. All evening matches will start at 7:30 pm. Apart from four venues, the BCCI decided that the team can practice at MCA-BKC grounds, Thane's Daddoji Kondev Stadium and DY Patil Stadium. All these venues have facilities for floodlights and are located in different parts of the city.

Cops to ease snarls

BCCI secretary Jay Shah said that it will be a big challenge for the board and for all



TODAY'S MATCH
CSK VS KKR: Jadeja vs Iyer
Live on Star Sports Network: 7.30 pm

Far from the usual South Mumbai sorties from Trident to Wankhede along Marine Drive, this year's IPL commute promises to bring the whole metropolis right into the eyeline of international stars, with the city's traffic cops doing what they do best

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS
Trident, NARIMAN POINT

stakeholders to have an IPL in one city.

"We have a 60 member IPL team which will work round the clock and there are 500 volunteers apart from local state association members, who will ensure the tournament will run smoothly. There are lots of agencies like Mumbai Police, the Traffic department and other government agencies. There will be a person from the testing department too. So a lot of people will be working behind the scenes to make this happen," Shah told The Indian Express.

The Indian board had given IPL teams the option to choose their hotel as per their choice, and a secure bio-bubble has been maintained which the BCCI will monitor. Shah said each IPL team was taken into confidence before the board came to the conclusion to have the IPL in one city. "We wanted to have it in India, in order to minimize the

risk of Covid, we decided to have it in Mumbai. At the moment the cases are low and if you look at other countries, cases have been increasing rapidly. We didn't want to take a risk this time, so we decided to have the IPL in Mumbai and Pune," Shah added.

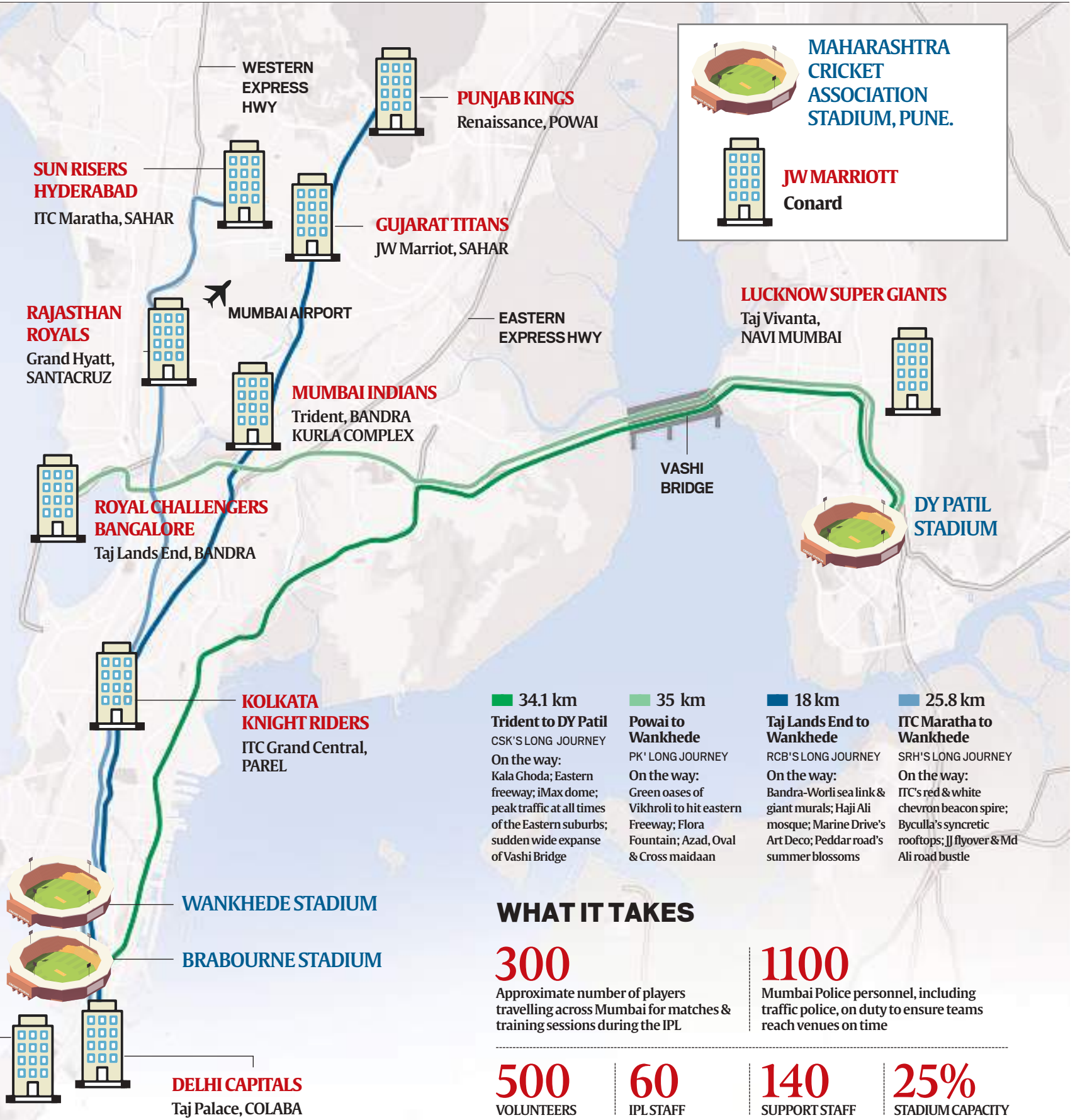
In the event of rising cases, the IPL will continue in Mumbai.

Logistics challenge

The famous Mumbai traffic on some days even trends on Twitter. The Indian board has ensured that each team plays at each venue which means all teams will play at their respective Stadium at least once. Ten IPL teams will be stationed in different locations of Mumbai. Chennai Super Kings (Trident, Nariman Point) and Delhi Capitals (Taj Palace, Colaba) in South Mumbai. Gujarat Titans (JW Marriot, Sahar) KKR (ITC Grand Central,

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Parel), Lucknow Super Giants (Taj Vivanta, Navi Mumbai), Mumbai Indians (Trident, Bandra Kurla Complex), Punjab Kings (Renaissance, Powai), Rajasthan Royals (Grand Hyatt, Santacruz), Royal Challengers Bangalore (Taj Lands End, Bandra) and Sun Risers Hyderabad (ITC Maratha, Sahar). The BCCI has offered the option of two hotels in Pune, in case teams want to stay there.



WHAT IT TAKES

300
Approximate number of players travelling across Mumbai for matches & training sessions during the IPL

1100
Mumbai Police personnel, including traffic police, on duty to ensure teams reach venues on time

500
VOLUNTEERS

60
IPL STAFF

140
SUPPORT STAFF

25%
STADIUM CAPACITY

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WAS LUCKY TO SEE HOW DHONI'S BRAIN WORKS: DU PLESSIS

Mumbai: From having Virat Kohli as part of the leadership group to learning from 'captain cool' MS Dhoni during his stint with CSK, Faf du Plessis is all excited to lead Royal Challengers Bangalore in the upcoming IPL. The former South African skipper, who was bought by the RCB for Rs 7 crore in the IPL mega auction earlier this year, was a key member of the Dhoni-led four-time IPL champions since 2012. "I was lucky enough to play under MS Dhoni for an extremely long time," the 37-year-old said in an interview on the IPL website. Ahead of their IPL opener against Kolkata Knight Riders, Dhoni on Thursday handed over the CSK reins to talismanic India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja. Effusive in his praise for the World Cup winning India captain, Du Plessis further said: "I got to see very closely how his brain works. You know how things operate under him which was once again very fortunate for me." Moving over to RCB, Du Plessis, a three-time IPL winner with CSK, will have his task cutout to clinch the elusive title for his new franchise. **PTI**

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