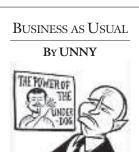
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### 2 BJP legislators slam curbs on Muslim traders: 'Karnataka govt must intervene'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**BENGALURU, MARCH 28

IN THE first instance of dissent within, two legislators of the ruling BJP in Karnataka have termed as "wrong", "undemocratic" and "madness" the restrictions being placed on Muslim traders from participating in temple festivals in parts of the state at the behest of pro-Hindutva groups.

The remarks by A H Vishwanath, an MLC, and Anil Benake, an MLA, came in the wake of some temples in Udupi and Shivamogga barring Muslim traders from participating in the festivals following demands by groups like VHP, Hindu Jagarana Vedike, Bajrang Dal and Sree Rama Sene. Such calls are now being raised in other parts of the state as well.

The BJP government has justified the curbs as the result of a rule introduced in 2002, during the Congress's tenure, to bar non-Hindus from running shops in temple premises.

This is all madness. No God

### How Delhi carved out its diplomatic space on Russia-Ukraine war

Message to West has also underlined that India is 'not aligned' with Russia

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

ONE MONTH into the Russian invasion of Ukraine, New Delhi has created a distinctive diplomatic space for itself, carefully calibrating its stand between Russia on the one hand and the West, led by the US, on the other.

There is an acknowledgment of this position along with a guarded assessment of what this space holds, diplomats from at least six countries — across the aisle — have told *The Indian Express* 

Carving out this space has needed significant spadework:

This reachout is gathering pace. In the coming weeks, the diplomatic calendar is full: leaders and officials from Israel, UK,

Since the war broke out February

24, India has either made or re-

ceived at least 26 phone calls at the level of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi and External

meetings with world leaders, in-

cluding the Quad, and Jaishankar

has had at least six with his

counterparts visiting New Delhi.

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Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

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### **JAISHANKAR VISIT**

# Eyes in ocean, unique ID, culture ties: India, Lanka seal pacts beyond aid

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN & SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

DAYS AFTER finalising an agreement for Indian Dornier aircraft for the Sri Lankan Air Force, Delhi and Colombo are stepping up their cooperation in the Indian Ocean with a Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) to be set up by Bharat Electronics Ltd at the Sri Lankan Naval Headquarters in Colombo.

quarters in Colombo.

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Lanka PM Mahinda Rajapaksa. PTI



### THE PUNCHLINE

Will Smith slapped Chris Rock on stage for cracking a joke about his wife Jada Pinkett-Smith at the Oscars in Los Angeles on Sunday. Smith, who won best actor for *King Richard*, later apologised to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. *AP*REPORT, PAGE 12

### Fists fly in Bengal House over Birbhum killings, 5 BJP MLAs suspended

TMC says MLA's nose broken, BJP claims women MLAs attacked

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, MARCH 28

THE BIRBHUM killings of last week triggered tumultuous scenes in the West Bengal Assembly on Monday with MLAs from the Opposition BJP and ruling TMC trading blows, leading to the suspension of five BJP legislators, including Leader of Opposition Suvendhu Adhikari and BJP chief whip Manoj Tigga.

Several MLAs from both sides were injured in the incident, including TMC's Asit Mazumder who was admitted to hospital CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



A video grab of the clash inside the Bengal Assembly on Monday. PTI

### Finally, Govt set to show-cause IIM director on 'missing' degree

RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE UNION Government is set to issue a show-cause notice to Dheeraj Sharma, the director of Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak, for allegedly "misrepresenting" his educational qualifications which led to his illegal appointment in 2017.

The Indian Express had first reported the alleged irregularities in September 2021.

The notice, sources said, will ask Sharma to explain why the Ministry of Education (MoE) should not initiate administrative and legal action against him for abusing his position, "concealing" his Bachelor's degree;

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### **NEED TO UPGRADE TECH: GOVT**

## Bill lets police take bio samples of accused; Opp says draconian

Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill in LS; goes beyond prints to eye scans

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE GOVERNMENT on Monday introduced in Lok Sabha the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022, which authorises the police to take "measurements" to tag those who have been convicted, arrested or detained — including impressions of fingerprints, palm prints and footprints; photos; iris and retina scans; analysis of physical and biological samples; and behavioural attributes, including signature and handwriting.

Initially listed in the name of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the Bill was finally introduced by Union MoS for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra to protests by the Opposition, which described it as "draconian".

Opposition MPs said the Bill went against Constitutional provisions, such as Article 20(3) related to self-incrimination and Article 21 on protection of life and liberty, and safeguards laid down by the Supreme Court.

The Bill seeks to widen the scope of the existing law — The Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920 — under which "measurements" of only "finger impres-



AS PART of its plan to upgrade and scale up data collection on crime, the Government has been digitising fingerprints since the UPA regime to integrate with the national database. The latest move is a major step in that direction.

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sions" and "footprint impressions" are allowed. It also does away with the condition of an offence being punishable by at least one year or more of imprisonment for the "measurements" to be taken.

It only grants an exemption in the form of mandatory consent for "biological samples",

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### **New Bill**

except in cases where the accused is arrested for sexual abuse of women and children or for an offence carrying a minimum punishment of seven years.

The Bill authorises officers in charge of police stations or those not below Head Constable rank to take the "measurements" --records of these measurements shall be retained for 75 years from the date of collection. The present

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law covers officers in charge of stations, those conducting an investigation, or others not below the rank of Sub-Inspector.

It says the term "measurements" include "finger-impressions, palm-print impressions, foot-print impressions, photographs, iris and retina scan, physical, biological samples and their analysis, behavioural attributes including signatures, handwriting or any other examination referred to in section 53 or section

charge. Congress MP Manish Tewari said the Bill is in "derogation" of Article 20(3) and Article 21 of the Constitution, and is beyond the legislative "competence" of the House. "The words 'biological samples and their analysis' in clause 2(i)(b) of the Bill could extend to narco analysis and brain mapping and when it is made coercive...it is clearly violative of Article 20 (3) of the

> "Further, the implied use of force in clause 6(1) to take measurements violates the rights of prisoners laid down in a catena of Supreme Court judgements beginning with A K Gopalan 1950, Kharag Singh 1964, Charles Sobhraj 1978, Sheela Barse 1983, Pramod Kumar Saxena 2008," he said. It is also in violation of Right to be Forgotten enshrined in Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution in terms of the Puttaswamy judgment, he said.

Constitution of India," Tewari

53A of the Code of Criminal

Leading the Opposition

Procedure, 1973".

Tewari said the House must "very seriously" consider whether it is in the "legislative competence of the Treasury" to sponsor legislation that affects fundamental rights and whether the House should take up "such illegal legislation". "That is my objection to the Bill," he said.

His party colleague Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said he "vehemently" opposed the Bill. "The present Bill...seeks to empower the police and court to take measurements of persons who are under trial or who are suspected to be involved in a case or there is a presumption against some person that he may, in future, do any illegal act," he said.

N member Premachandran described the Bill as "draconian legislation" and in "total violation" of fundamental rights. "If I am arrested for picketing for protection of civil rights for any genuine demand, and if a FIR has been launched against me, then a DNA test can be taken. What is this? This is a violation of the basic right of an individual. What is the logic? What is the reason? What is the intention of the Bill?" Premachandran asked.

TMC MP Sougata Ray said: "This law, which allows for narco analysis, which allows for taking biological specimens and taking scans of iris, violates basic human rights and is against the principles of the Constitution." He requested the Union Home Minister to come to the House and explain the provisions of the Bill.

Trying to allay apprehensions of the Opposition, MoS Mishra said the present law is 102 years old and only provides for taking fingerprints and footprints. "Many changes have taken place in the world in all these years. Technology has upgraded, scientific processes have increased and the trend of crimes committed by criminals have also increased. Therefore, there is a need to expand the scope of the present law," he said. When Mishra sought leave of the House to introduce the Bill, the Opposition demanded a division of votes, in which the 120 members voted in favour and 58 against.

### 2 BJP legislators

or religion preaches these kinds of things. Religions are inclusive and not exclusive. The state government must intervene. I don't know why the government is mum over this issue." Vishwanath said in his home district of Mysuru on Sunday, adding that the move was "undemocra-

"How many Indians are there in England? How many Indians are there around the world? How many Indians are working in Muslim countries? If these countries decide to act against us, where will all this end up... Muslims in India chose to live in India when the partition of India and Pakistan occurred. They did not go with Jinnah. We must ponder on this, they remained here to be Indians. They are Indians, not people of some other nationality," he said.

"I cannot understand on what basis they are targeting Muslim vendors and businesses. This is a very sorry state of affairs. The government must take action or there will be a reaction from the

people," Vishwanath said.

"People need livelihoods to feed themselves and clothe themselves and if there is no means of livelihood then what is the point of democracy, religion, caste... When there is no means to buy food, what are we searching for in this world," he said.

Vishwanath is a former Congress minister and ex-state president of JD(S). The OBC leader switched to the BIP in 2019 to help the party and its leader B S Yediyurappa come to power in Karnataka. He was denied a Cabinet berth after failing to get elected to the state legislature but was nominated to the council.

Benake, the MLA from Muslim-dominated Belagavi North constituency, said he was not in favour of the restrictions on Muslim traders.

"There is no question of imposing restrictions during temple festivals. If people impose restrictions, there is nothing that we can do. We will, however, not allow these things to happen. It is wrong to say that people should purchase only in some stores and not in other stores. Under the Constitution, everybody has equal rights. Anybody can conduct business anywhere and people must decide where they want to buy from, that is all. We will not impose restrictions," he said.

A Maratha leader, Benake is an outspoken legislator who criticised restrictions placed on the movement of people during the Covid lockdown last year. He was booked for violating some of those restrictions earlier this year.

#### Diplomatic space Nepal, Germany, European Union and some eastern European countries, are in the pipeline.

Close on the heels of Chinese Foreign minister Wang Yi, a visit by Russian Foreign minister Sergey Lavrov is in the works, sources said. British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss will visit Delhi March 31 and Israel PM Naftali Bennett is scheduled to visit from April 3 to 5, provided he recovers from COVID-19 by then.

Sources said that maintaining a position of equidistance from both sides — despite being called "shaky" by US President - New Delhi has also been able to put its point across that "it is not aligned with Russia.'

This has been reflected in India's abstentions — at least six so far at the UNSC, UNGA and the Human Rights Council — be it West-sponsored or Russia-sponsored draft resolutions.

Along with the abstentions, the Indian side has made statements underlining the three core principles: UN charter, international law and territorial integrity and sovereignty. This is a reference, sources said, very thinly veiled, to Russian action in Ukraine and Chinese action in India-China border as well as the Indo-Pacific.

This has reassured the US-led West that Delhi is not echoing the Russian line that Moscow faces an existential threat from NATO. Yet, in several conversations India has flagged that Moscow's concerns need to be heard as well.

One important signal of distancing from Russia was that India sent Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla as it abstained on the Russian-sponsored resolution at the UNSC. Significantly, this happened a day after his meetings with visiting US Under Secretary of State Victoria Nuland - this is seen as

more than coincidence. At the same time, New Delhi has communicated to its Western allies, US, in the Quad, and in Europe that it can't echo their criticism of Russian President Vladimir Putin. "US President Biden can call him a war criminal and suggest he should be removed, we need to be a lot more careful," said a senior official.

Washington, The Indian Express has learnt, has conveyed to Delhi that it is not going to press it on this issue because it knows "where it is coming from" — Delhi-Moscow history and dependence on defence supplies.

Moreover, Washington does not want to box Delhi into a shrinking space in which it does not have flexibility as it will be "counterproductive," said a US diplomat, "India on Russia is work in progress and we need to work

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together," said a US diplomant. New Delhi has reinforced this by explaining to US interlocutors how India's defence supplies are closely tied to its threat from China — a common challenge to both US and India. "There has been a belated, but grudging, acceptance of India's position Diplomatic Training Institute. within Under the terms of the MRCC administration...that may not be visible in the public rhetorical

However, if Putin, desperate to end the war and inflict more damage, does take more drastic action, then New Delhi may find that space shrinking, a diplomat

statements," a top Indian govern-

ment functionary told The Indian

Express.

The West also hopes that India will maintain its leverage with Putin — PM Modi has spoken to Putin thrice since the war began – so that Delhi can be used to deliver messages, if such a need arises. "India has the potential of becoming an effective and powerful intermediary, if the situation demands," a Western diplomat told The Indian Express.

Meanwhile, Russia, assured about what it calls India's "balanced" and "principled" position, has communicated its appreciation. It hopes it can end the war by grabbing Donetsk as part of its territory and its influence in Kyiv, whoever is there in power. "India is a friend, and it understands threat from foreign powers in its backyard. So their position is quite evolved," a Russian diplomat said.

Russian Ambassador Denis Alipov met senior officials in the Ministry of External Affairs and is preparing for the visit by Foreign minister Sergey Lavrov this week. "The initial exercise of piling

pressure on Delhi to condemn Russian actions has proved to be futile," a Western diplomat told The Indian Express. Said a European diplomat: "Now that we know that India won't criticise the Russians publicly, we are working with the Indians to make sure they don't circumvent the sanctions that have been imposed on Russia." That is a major challenge as Europeans and US diplomats frame this as a "withus-or-against-us" moment but India, always vocal against "unilateral sanctions", has not made any commitments either way.

Sensing a gap between India and the West, China — which has been backing Putin - made an extraordinary outreach by sending Foreign minister Wang to Delhi, despite sharply-worded critical statements by Delhi against him and Beijing's position at the OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation). Jaishankar made it quite plain that there is a distinction between India's and China's position on the Russian war on Ukraine. Having said that, there is a realisation that Beijing, by making the outreach move, has created a diplomatic space in the bilateral ties for India to respond favourably – if the redlines are met and the remaining friction point at PP-15 in eastern Ladakh is resolved. One objective from Beijing's point of view is to get Modi for the BRICS Summit later next year.

### India, Lanka pacts

The Memorandum of Understanding for MRCC is among the host of agreements signed in the Sri Lankan capital Monday during the visit of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who met Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa.

Another MoU is for India to set up a hybrid solar and wind farm in the three islands off Jaffna, where Sri Lanka cancelled a similar Chinese project after Delhi objected to it on security grounds. The islands are very close to Rameswaram on the Tamil Nadu coastline.

cultural centre in Jaffna, to be run by the local municipality. Conceived as a "reconciliation" project, it has been built with Indian financial assistance. India

Jaishankar also inaugurated a

will also provide a grant of \$15 million for the maintenance of Buddhist sites in Sri Lanka. Another agreement is for collaboration between the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and the Colombo-based Bandaranaike International

agreement, a maritime rescue sub-centre will come up at Hambantota, where the Chinese state-owned shipping and logistics company, China Merchants Port Holdings, runs the second largest Sri Lankan port after Colombo.

BEL will set up an MRCC network of seven sub-units in naval bases along the entire Sri Lankan coast: Galle in the south, Argum Bay, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Kallawa on the eastern coast, and Mullikulam and Point Pedro in the north. This will, crucially, give India eyes in a part of the Indian Ocean where it has no presence.

The MRCC network is meant to give Sri Lanka's present search and rescue operations more capacity and depth, and improve direct communications in case India's help is required. Last year, the Indian Coast Guard helped out with two ships that went up in flames in Sri Lankan waters. Earlier this month, during the

visit of Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa, the two sides finalised an agreement under which India is to provide three Dornier aircraft to the SLAF. During the same visit, Sri Lanka also accepted from India the gift of a 4,000-m floating dock for its Navy. The two countries, along with the Maldives, and the recently added Mauritius, are also in the Colombo Security Conclave, which envisages close cooperation on maritime security to combat smuggling, terrorism, drug trafficking, and illegal fishing and poaching.

Jaishankar is on a visit to Colombo for the ministerial meet of the BIMSTEC regional grouping whose other members are Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka. As the chair, Sri Lanka hosts the summit March 30. But the visit has included a substantial bilateral component, coming as it does amid India's involvement in assisting Sri Lanka during an unprecedented economic crisis. Delhi has provided a \$2.4-bn

package of financial assistance in February and March. It is also appointing experts to assist Sri Lanka's economic recovery, and for various joint projects. The Indian Express has learnt that Colombo has reached out to New Delhi for an additional \$1-billion assistance, over and above the \$1billion line of credit announced March 17. Jaishankar also visited the office of Indian I-T major HCL Technologies with Lanka's Youth and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, who is the PM's son. **HCL** Technologies commenced operations in Sri Lanka in 2020 after it joined hands with the Board of Investment (BOI) of Sri Lanka. Jaishankar and Peiris also wit-

nessed the signing of an MoU on implementation of the Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SL-UDI) programme with India's grant assistance. This will be modelled on India's Aadhaar, Another MoU signed on Monday was for the establishment of computer labs in 200 schools in Galle district.

Jaishankar also met a group of Sri Lankan Tamil leaders. Last Friday, President Rajapaksa had met with Tamil MPs for the first time since the 2020 parliamentary elections.

### IIM director

and bringing disrepute to an Institute of National Importance.

The notice, likely to be served this week, states that Sharma committed an act of moral turpitude and acquired financial interest as IIM director which is against public interest. Sharma will have two weeks to respond, The Indian Express has learned.

against Sharma comes almost two weeks after the government, which initially denied any irreg-

The decision to take action

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### Jaishankar's trip, Centre's plans for Delhi, service startups expand

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The significance of S Jaishankar's trip to Maldives and Sri Lanka, the plans to merge Delhi's 3 municipal corporations, and how startup companies are planning to expand

ularity, admitted to the Punjab and Haryana High Court that Sharma was appointed head of IIM-Rohtak in 2017 despite securing a second division at the undergraduate level. A first-class Bachelor's degree was the prerequisite for the job.

However, this admission was made only after Sharma completed his five-year term – and, in fact, got a second term.

Sharma's appointment had been challenged in the Punjab & Haryana High Court. The petitioner alleged that the Director, among other things, misrepresented his educational qualifications and is ineligible to hold the The MoE told the court that it

had written thrice to Sharma last year asking him for verified copies of his educational certificates to which he didn't reply: the first letter on February 18, 2021 and two reminders on June 28 and December 15, 2021. On February 17 this year, the

ministry finally received his degrees from IIM-Rohtak to discover that he had a second division in his undergraduate degree from Delhi University. The government had told the

court earlier this month that it is now "enquiring" how the omission and commission happened and fix responsibility. The next hearing in the case is Tuesday.

Incidentally, a year ago, the MoE had urged the High Court to dismiss the plea saying the petitioners have no locus standi since none of the 60 applicants for the Director's job had challenged the appointment. In its first affidavit filed in February last year, the Ministry had said that Sharma's appointment was done following due procedure and is "liable to be upheld." This even as the government was still trying to get hold of Sharma's undergraduate degree.
The Indian Express has learned

that Sharma has disputed the government's stand and, in his additional affidavit, has stated that he obtained second division in his undergraduate studies from Delhi University which the government knew all along.

He is learned to have said that the MoE's stand that he did not respond to repeated requests for his degrees "is without any basis, unwarranted and incorrect," Sharma is said to have claimed he e-mailed his educational degrees to the government on March 31, 2016. Despite the irregularity in his

appointment, Sharma completed his term and was reappointed for a second term by the institute's Board of Governors (BoG) on February 28 this year under the IIM Act.

 $This\,new\,law\,came\,into\,effect$ on January 31, 2018, and gives sweeping powers to all 20 business schools, including the appointment of directors, chairpersons and Board members.

Sources said the invalidity of Sharma's first term was flagged by the MoE representative at the IM-Rohtak BoG meeting on February 28 this year in which his reappointment was discussed and approved. The government's objection was ignored.

#### **Bengal House** with a broken nose. The incident

 $came\,on\,a\,day\,when\,the\,toll\,from$ the Birbhum incident rose to nine with another victim, identified as Najma Bibi, succumbing to burn injuries in hospital. "This is an unwanted, un-

precedented incident," said Speaker Biman Banerjee, referring to the chaos on the last day of the Budget session after several BJP MLAs trooped to the well of the House demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee over the killings in Birbhum's Bogtui village.

The five BJP MLAs, also including Sankar Ghosh, Narahari Mahato and Dipak Barman, have been suspended till the next session. Official sources said the Speaker would take a decision before the next session on whether the suspension would continue.

"We were illegally sus-

pended," Adhikari said. The BJP's West Bengal unit tweeted: "Democracy is disgraced!" However, the state's Parliamentary Affairs Minister Partha Chatterjee claimed that the incident was "planned" by the BJP "to tarnish the image of Bengal".

The incident came three days after the Calcutta High Court directed the state government to hand over the Birbhum case to the CBI to ensure a "fair probe". Last Monday night, eight people, including women and children were found charred to death in Bogtui, allegedly in retaliation for the murder of local TMC leader Bhadu Sheikh.

The action taken by the Speaker on Monday marked the second set of suspensions for the BJP in this session. Two other party MLAs, Sudip Mukherjee and Mihir Goswami, were suspended for the entire session on March 7 for disrupting Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar's address.

Incidentally, in January this vear, the Supreme Court had set aside the one-year suspension of 12 Opposition BJP MLAs from the Maharashtra Assembly. The court said that suspension beyond the ongoing session was violative of basic democratic values as it would mean the constituency that elected the member would remain unrepresented in the

On Monday, minutes after the West Bengal Assembly started at 11 am, BJP MLAs started protesting loudly over the Birbhum incident and demanded the resignation of Banerjee, who also holds the Home portfolio. The MLAs then reached the well and started shouting slogans against the Chief Minister, ignoring requests from the Speaker to return to their

After around half an hour, several TMC MLAs, too, reached the well and soon got involved in an altercation with the Opposition Later, BJP's Adhikari alleged

that his party's MLAs were beaten inside the House and that several of its leaders, including Tigga and Mahato, were injured. Even women MLAs, including Chandana Bauri, were attacked, he claimed, MLA Bauri claimed that "TMC MLAs started kicking and beating us, and I got injured in the back and on my neck and

Posting a purported clip of the incident, which showed MLAs jostling each other, the BJP state unit tweeted that "destructive totalitarianism is going on in the Assembly". "TMC MLAs dragged BJP MLA

Narahari Mahato to the ground by the hair. Such a painful assassination of democracy is taking place inside the West Bengal Legislative Assembly today courtesy TMC!" the party, with a current strength of 70 in the 294member House, posted.

The BJP said that its MLAs Tigga, Bauri, Mahato, Sikha Chatterjee, Ajay Poddar and Lakshan Bauri were admitted to hospital. Adhikari later went to Raj Bhavan with the other suspended MLAs and complained to Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar about the Assembly incident. He also went to see the injured BIP MLAs in hospital. "Everyone in the state has

seen what happened inside the Assembly, how Shaukat Molla beat our MLA Narahari Mahato. how Rahim Baxi bullied us inside the Assembly. Mamata Banerjee brought these hooligans in the Assembly. She will have to answer for this," he said, referring to two TMC MLAs. TMC Minister Partha

Chatterjee said that his party's "MLA Asit Majumder was seriously injured and has been shifted to hospital" and that "our women MLAs like Ashima Patra and Chandrima Bhattacharva were injured". The TMC also alleged that BJP MLAs attacked women security personnel in the Assembly and damaged official documents. FULL REPORTS ON www.indianexpress.com

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## **Accused gets** bail, court notes his age, 'overall well being'

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

A DELHI court Monday granted bail to Aumkareshwar Thakur (25), who is accused of creating an app on GitHub where photos of Muslim women were posted alongside objectionable comments insinuating they were up for auction.

Metropolitan Magistrate Dr Pankaj Sharma granted bail to Thakur, who has been in judicial custody since January 9, 2022, noting that he was a first-time offender and that "prolonged incarceration would be detrimental to his overall well-being" since he was a young person.

Thakur, a BCA graduate, was granted bail on furnishing personal bond/surety of Rs 50,000 subject to conditions that he not contact the victim or tamper with evidence, and share his location with the investigating officer.

The prosecution had opposed his bail arguing that the investigation was still underway as replies from different in-

termediaries were awaited. The court had noted that investigation has been completed as the chargesheet has already been filed. It noted that merely because different replies from different intermediaries and the FSL result was awaited is not a "sufficient rea**Chief Metropolitan** Magistrate Dr Pankaj Sharma granted bail to Aumkareshwar Thakur, who has been in judicial custody

son to deny bail to the accused". The court said he was not in a position to influence the FSL result or replies.

since January 9, 2022

Thakur's lawyers Sahil Bhalaik and Tushar Giri had told the court that he was "a child prodigy in the field of coding", and at "such a tender age, the applicant gained goodwill and recognition in the highly dynamic and competitive field of coding".

They had argued that he has wilfully cooperated with the police investigation and as such has handed over his bank account details, passwords to electronic devices and accounts to them. "That considering the nature of offence as disclosed in the FIR, the offence appears to be internet related. Resultantly, the evidence would be digital in nature and considering the seizure of electronic gadgets of the applicant, there is no possibility of tampering with the evidence which has been gathered and is in custody of the Delhi Police," Thakur's lawyers argued.

## Need to protect and preserve Regal Building: HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE DELHI High Court has stressed on the need to preserve and protect the iconic Regal Building at Connaught Place after a survey by an IIT-Delhi team revealed that the top slab of the building is at high risk of further

collapse and recommended im-

mediate vacation of the top floor. The normal expected life of the building is already over as it is over 80 years old, IIT-Delhi has said in its report before the court.

"Perusal of the report indicates that major structural additions, alterations, repairs would be required to secure the structural integrity of the building. The building is a heritage building and, as such, the heritage structure of the building has to be protected and preserved," said Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva in an order.

A team of IIT-Delhi had conducted an inspection of the property last month and recommended a detailed structural analysis to identify potential weaknesses in the structure. The team also advised against any adhoc modification or repair.

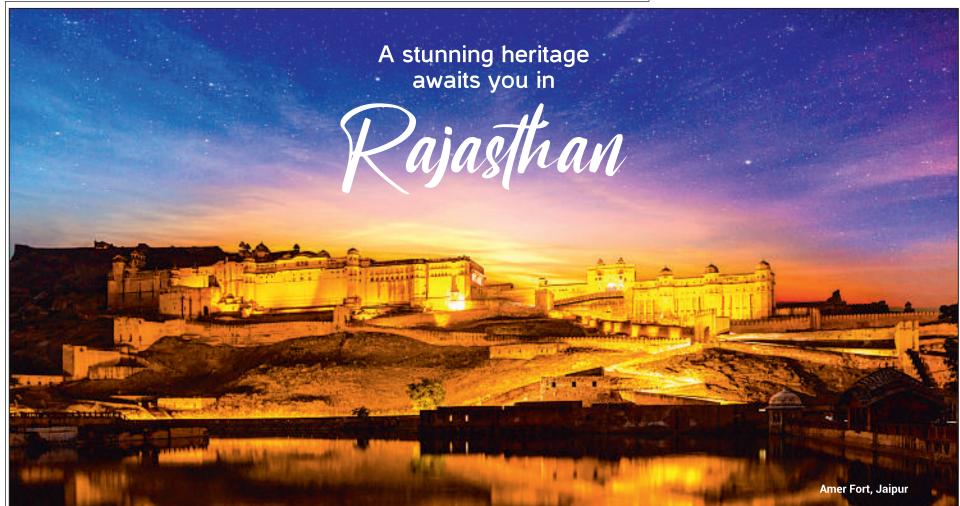
"A survey of the condition of all structural elements, including all masonry, reinforced concrete, reinforced brick concrete, steel and timber members that are a part of the structural system, must be carried out in order to assess their condition and to estimate their residual capacity," the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT-Delhi, said in the report before the court.

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### **BRIEFLY** -

### Riots: Man accused in 14 cases, court says can show 1 surety for all

New Delhi: Considering the fact that a man accused in 14 Northeast Delhi riot cases was languishing in prison for over a year, despite bail being granted in all cases, a Delhi court has ordered that he only produce one surety in all the cases. Additional Sessions Judge Virender Bhat passed the order in an application filed by advocate Z Babur Chauhan, on behalf of his client, Parvez.

### 3 who 'ran prostitution racket' held

New Delhi: Three persons including a woman, have been arrested for allegedly running a prostitution racket at a hotel near the airport. Sanjay Tyagi, DCP (IGI Airport) said the team received information about the accused and sent a decov customer. "Our team arrested the woman and her agent," said the DCP.

### Man held for 'raping' girl

Gurgaon: A man was arrested for allegedly raping a teenage girl after threatening to shoot her in Gurgaon. Police said the incident took place last week when the girl had gone to purchase a pen. An FIR was registered against the accused under relevant sections of the POCSO Act, said police. ENS



The fire broke out on Monday afternoon and has been raging for over nine hours. Abhinav Saha

## Ghazipur's garbage mountain catches fire again

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

A FIRE broke out at the Ghazipur landfill site Monday afternoon, with officials saying it has been burning for over nine hours now, spreading across the dumping yard and to nearby areas, even as efforts are on to douse it.

According to officials, the cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained and no casualty has been reported. At the spot, clouds of thick smoke were seen billowing as locals complained of difficulty breathing.

The Delhi Fire Services (DFS) said that they received a call at 2.27 pm, after which around 50 firemen were deployed. The fire spread to different piles of garbage within minutes, and officials said "highly combustible material" and smoke posed a challenge in firefighting operations.

DFS chief Atul Garg said, "We initially sent six fire tenders to the Khaata area in Ghazipur. After 6 pm, we called three more fire tenders to help control the

Later at night, a senior DFS officer said it has been controlled: "Firemen are at the spot to douse the fire and for cooling operations. They might stop at night and start again in the morning."

No police case had been reg-

istered until Monday night. "We will take legal action as per a complaint from authorities or workers from the site. We helped firemen and dispersed the crowd in the area," said an officer.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai asked the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to look into the incident and submit a report in 24 hours. "Despite repeated warnings, the MCD doesn't seem to understand its duty. This is not the first such instance of a fire at the landfill. Fire department teams have been sent to the spot to take control but seeing the situation at hand, DPCC has been ordered to investigate the matter. Their report has been sought in 24 hours. As per their report, strict action would be taken to deter such instances. In the past too, such instances have pointed towards the carelessness of the MCD," he said.

East MCD's standing committee chairman Beer Singh Panwar said methane gas released from the garbage is usually the main cause of fires at the site. That, coupled with the heat, could have sparked the blaze, he said. "The East MCD is constantly trying to reduce legacy waste at the landfill site. Continuous efforts are also being made to provide space for dumping garbage, and many letters have been writno space has been provided so far," he said.

AAPMLA Atishi also raised the delay in MCD polls and hit out at the Centre, asking who will take responsibility of people's health.

Fires at the landfill have broken out frequently over the years. In March 2021, locals had complained of high pollution levels for days after the landfill caught fire, In November 2020, a fire had broken out at the landfill, burning for almost 24 hours before firefighters could bring it under control. A similar incident took place in October 2017, over a month after the garbage mountain had partially collapsed, triggering a fatal accident.

**NO RAIN THIS MONTH** 

## City sweats at 40C as heat wave begins

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

WITH THE maximum temperature hitting 40 degrees Celsius in some parts of Delhi-NCR on Monday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a heat wave for the national capital on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Safdarjung weather observatory, which provides representative data for the city, recorded a maximum temperature of 39.1 degrees Celsius on Monday, seven degrees above normal for this time of the year, and the highest so far this season.

On Monday, the maximum temperature was 40 degrees Celsius or more at 8 weather stations in the NCR. Narela recorded 42 degrees Celsius, while Pitampura registered 41.1 degrees Celsius, Najafgarh saw 40.7 degrees Celsius, Gurgaon 40.5, and Aya Nagar 40.2. At the Lodhi Road station, the maximum temperature was 40 degrees Celsius, and at the Ridge, it was 40.1 degrees.

The normal maximum temperature, calculated as a long period average, for March 28 to 31 in Delhi, is 32 degrees Celsius. The maximum temperature has been increasing in Delhi-NCR over the past two days. On Sunday, the maximum temperature at Safdarjung was 36.8 degrees, and was even lower at 4.5 degrees on Saturday.

Heat wave conditions are on the forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday, with the maximum temperature at the Safdarjung weather observatory likely to be 40 degrees Celsius on these two **FORECAST FOR** SAFDARJUNG\* 40.0 -40.0 39.0 39.0 39.0 d **22.0**<sub>1</sub> 22.0 22.0 22.0 (\*provides representative data for the city; temp in  $^{\circ}$ C)

davs. Severe heat wave conditions are likely at a few places, the forecast indicates.

The IMD declares a heat wave in the plains when maximum temperature is 40 degrees Celsius or more, and if it is 4.5 or 6.4 degrees above the normal. A heat wave may also be recorded when the maximum temperature is 45 degrees Celsius or more. If these markers are met at two weather stations in the meteorological subdivision for at least two consecutive days, a heat wave is declared on the second day.

moisture in the upper atmosphere, and "prevalence of hot, dry air over a region", as favourable conditions for a heat wave. The city has not recorded any rainfall this month, when the normal amount of rain from March 1 to 28 is 13.5 mm. Last year, the maximum temperature at Safdarjung hit 40.1 degrees on March 30.

The IMD identifies absence of

## Jamia to admit students via CUET for 8 UG courses

**ARANYA SHANKAR** 

JAMIA MILLIA Islamia has decided to hold admissions for eight courses through the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) in the 2022-23 academic session, the university's Registrar told *The* Indian Express on Monday. For the remaining courses, it will hold admissions as per past practice

through its own entrance exams.

"We will hold entrances of eight courses through the CUET. For the remaining courses, we will hold admissions through our own entrances. Once we hold admissions to these eight courses through CUET, and once we have experience based on these courses, then we will think about what to do for the rest of the courses," Registrar Nazim Hussain Jafri told The Indian Express.

All eight courses for which CUET will be held are undergraduate courses. These include six BA (Hons) courses — Sanskrit, Hindi, French & Francophone Studies, Spanish & Latin American Studies, Economics, and History. The other two courses are B.Sc Biotechnology and B.Voc (Solar Energy). "The decision was taken in a meeting of the Deans of various departments," said the Registrar.

In a statement, Jamia PRO med Azeem said, "It has been decided in a meeting attended by top officials of the university that admissions for selected undergraduate courses will be done through CUET. The university has communicated to the University Grants Commission (UGC) and National Testing Agency (NTA) about the same. Asked if the UGC would ac-

cept the decision of Jamia – especially with it being a Central University — Jafri said, "I don't know about all this. This is the decision that our body has taken and if they don't accept it, we will call another meeting and see what to do about it. Students who are interested

in applying to these eight courses would have to fill online forms of CUET as well as Jamia. They have been advised to follow university websites. www.jmi.ac.in and http://jmicoe.in, for updates regarding

courses and other details. "As per past practice, the university will admit students in B.Tech programme on the basis of score in JEE and admission in BDS programme will be done on the basis of score in NEET. B.Tech aspirants are required to fill JEE form as well as IMI." Azeem said in the statement.

## Kashmir Files row takes fresh turn, AAP-BJP sparring escalates

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

A WAR of words broke out hetween leaders of the AAP and the of Kashmiri Pandits who were employed as contractual teachers in state government schools.

During his address in the Delhi Assembly Monday, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said that while the BJP cared only about The Kashmir Files movie, AAP cared about the displaced Kashmiri Pandits.

"Serving those who made the movie and earned crores was your politics. Serving Kashmiri migrants is our politics... for 32 years, these teachers worked on contracts. In that time, the BIP was also in power in Delhi. They didn't even place a file to start the process to regularise them," Sisodia said.

He said the AAP government had passed orders to regularise 233 of these teachers within days of the issue coming to them.

Earlier, speaking to *Times* Now, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said: "When the migration from Kashmir happened, many people came here as well. Around 233 people became contractual teachers in Delhi in 1993. Since then, Delhi has seen both BJP and Congress governments. When we came into power, we regularised them with retrospective effect."



Sisodia said AAP cared about displaced Kashmiri Pandits. Gajendra Yadav

The Government School Teachers Association (Migrant), however, issued a statement claiming the Delhi government regularised the teachers only after they approached the Delhi High Court.

The association said that Kashmiri migrant teachers had first approached the court in 2010 after which a single bench delivered a judgment in favour of their regularisation, which was challenged by the government before a double bench. The association said this bench also directed that the teachers be regularised, which was challenged by the government in the Supreme Court, which dismissed its petition in 2018.

"In 2019, finally the government regularised Kashmiri migrant teachers, having no other option left. This indicates that the Delhi government was never interested in regularising the

services of KMT. In fact, the Delhi government opposed the regularisation till the very end," read the statement.

BIP leaders, too, said the Delhi government had in fact stood against Kashmiri migrant teachers in court. West Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh said it was the court that had ordered the government to give permanent jobs to them. "But it is not surprising that the Chief Minister is trying to take credit for it," he said.

Senior AAP leader Saurabh Bhardwaj however said it was the Centre-nominated Lieutenant Governor who had opposed the regularisation in court.

"We passed a cabinet note to bring in a policy to regularise these teachers in 2017. The matter was already underway in court. Regularising contractual employees is not a simple process as this route has previously been used by others to give jobs to undeserving people. For this reason, we made a policy. If one goes through the court documents, they will see that initially there is an undertaking by the government that talks about regularising these teachers. Thereafter, the L-G Office said that since the matter is related to services, the elected government does not have powers. The lawyers were also changed and the new lawyers opposed the regularisation," Bhardwaj, the MLA from Greater Kailash, said.

### DU student's leg crushed: Cops book excavator machine's driver

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

University student was injured after a slab of rock weighing 100-150 kg crushed a part of her leg at the under-construction Benito Juarez Marg underpass, the Delhi Police registered an FIR against the driver of the excavator machine who was working at the site that comes under the Public Works Department.

On Wednesday, police said, the student and her friends were crossing the road in front of Durgabai Deshmukh Metro station when a slab on the road divider toppled onto her leg allegedly after the excavator hit it.

Police have registered a case against the driver under IPC sections 279 (rash and negligent driving) and 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) based on the student's complaint.

DCP (Southwest) Manoj C said. "... The driver was detained and questioned and the machine has been seized. We have come to know that he was taking a Uturn on the wrong side. The machine hit the slab and the girl sustained injuries."

The student had alleged that there were no barriers near the construction site, which was denied by PWD officials

### in on CM's statement on homeless children not been raised with it in the past.

Child rights panel hones

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI MARCH 28

FOLLOWING THE Delhi government's budget announcement of a proposal to set up a boarding school for homeless children. National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) chairperson Priyank Kanoongo has sought information on the status of children "running away from childcare facilities'

After Deputy CM Manish Sisodia's budget speech, CM Arvind Kejriwal had addressed a press conference in which he elaborated on the proposal, saying children first need emotional and psychological support: "All attempts to pick them up from ... traffic lights have failed because they have lacked humanity. They get picked up, put in jail, put in childcare centres. No one is there to ask after them, they run away and return to the same situation. This school will be one where they will get 5-star facilities, and these children will be brought to the mainstream, given respectful lives

and be made good citizens." Referring to Kejriwal's address, Kanoongo has written to the Chief Secretary zeroing in on a reference made by the CM on children rescued from streets running away from child care institutions. He has come down on the Delhi government, stating that this issue has

stated that children who are in street situations are not being dealt with in a humanitarian way and are rescued from streets and being placed in child care institutions. Those children who are placed in CCIs are then running away from there due to lack of adequate childcare facilities," wrote Kanoongo, adding, "NCPCR would

"In the said speech, it has been

like to inform that so far four monthly meetings with all States/UTs in the past five months have been conducted... and the Department of Women and Child, Govt of NCT of Delhi, has not informed about this problem in CCIs of Delhi in any of the meetings. The NCPCR would like your good offices to provide reasons for not informing about this serious issue of children running away from CCIs in Delhi in monthly review meetings that are being taken by NCPCR with all States/UTs."

He has sought information on the number of children rescued from streets in the last six months: those placed in CCIs: those who have run away; FIRs registered in such cases; details of all CCIs in Delhi and reports of inspections done. He also sought "an action taken report on poor conditions of CCIs in Delhi and officers who are responsible" in 15 days.

Government officials did not respond to calls or messages seeking a comment.

### ABOUT RS 50 LAKH APPROVED

## Delhi Police reaches out to NIFT for new uniform, with focus on comfort

**MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL** 

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE DELHI Police has asked the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to come up with designs for fresh uniforms, with an immediate focus on clothing that would be more comfortable for the force, The Indian Express has learnt.

A presentation in this regard has been shown to Delhi Police

Commissioner Rakesh Asthana. "The main objective of the project is to design and develop prototypes of uniforms for the Delhi Police in order to give a unique identity and sense of pride in the uniform. The main focus, while designing, should be on comfort level," a senior police officer said.

Last week, a committee of eight officers headed by ICP Meenu Choudhary was formed to take this further. "The competent authority is pleased to constitute a committee of the officers to liaise with NIFT officials to finalise the uniform pattern of Delhi Police. Apart from Choudhary, there are three DCP-rank officers, two additional DCPs, Delhi Police spokesperson Suman Nalwa and one DCP-rank officer from traffic unit," the order issued on March 21 by ACP Dinesh Keshav states.

The categories of uniforms it plans to get redesigned include Khaki summer uniform for men and women, white and blue summer uniform for traffic police, ceremonial uniform (summer and



Accessories to go with uniforms will also be designed. Archive

winter), summer and winter uniform for personnel of security unit of Delhi Police, choice of uniform for women, which could include fusion of traditional and western outfits," said a senior police officer aware of the developments.

Accessories to go with the uniforms will also be designed for personnel. "This will include caps for summer and winter uniforms for local police and traffic, equipment holders in the shape of either belts or bomber jackets, footwear, raincoats, winter cardigans, heavy-

New Delhi

duty winter jackets, backpacks, duffle bags, phosphorus jackets to be used at night/foggy weather, and accessories for beat patrol staff on motorcycles," the officer said. "Some other uniforms under the 'special requirement' category will also be considered for a makeover. These include uniform for band police, mounted police, dog squad and crime team." the officer said.

An estimated Rs 50 lakh is learnt to have been approved by the Delhi Police HQ for the project. "NIFT officials have also shared

a break-up of the cost with police and informed them that the administrative charges fee is around Rs 9.13 lakh, sourcing of fabrics and other materials is Rs 3 lakh, Rs 4 lakh is for material testing, Rs 10 lakh for prototyping ensembles and accessories, Rs 2.6 lakh for research and designing, Rs 8 lakh for branding and Rs 5.62 lakh for consultancy charges," the officer said.

Delhi Police spokesperson Suman Nalwa did not respond to calls and messages from The Indian Express seeking comment.

# 5 IN PARLIAMENT BUDGET SESSION

# Banks robust as Modi govt acted against NPAs unlike UPA: Nirmala

Finance minister says Cong-led regime has left NPAs by 'dozens and tonnes'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE HEALTH of public sector banks has "improved" as the government acted against Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and ensured recovery of money from the "phone banking frauds", Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday.

Replying to an unstarred question in the Lok Sabha, Sitharaman hit out at the Opposition and said that NPAs were left by the "dozens and tonnes" during the UPA

Sitharaman was responding to a question from DMK member T R Baalu who, while observing that NPAs totalling Rs 10.7lakh crore were written off between 2014 and 2021, said, "This is money of investors and interest accrued by way of savings by the common people. My most important question is this...will the government come forward to bring out a statutory provision to safeguard the interest of the common man and salaried class for the small investments made from their savings for the future so that they do not lose the confi-

To this, Sitharaman clarified that writing off is not "completely" waiving the



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

"As a part of the accounting process, banks make a provision for the amount, which is due from the NPA account and in that process, we call it as writing off, but the provisioning is made and the pursuing of that particular defaulter or the NPA, which owes money to the bank, is followed up," she elaborated.

"That is why I may not be able to say the exact amount now, but several public sector banks in the recent past have got the money back. I am saying over Rs 10,000 crore, but I am not giving you the exact figures...which (the money) rightly belongs to them by claiming the assets of those defaulters," she said.

Sitharaman further said that for the first time NPAs are being "pursued, action is being taken on the promoters, and money is being taken from the securities and assets that they have and given back to the bank".

"This has happened only under Prime Minister Modi and never before. NPAs were left by the dozens and tonnes during the UPA rule...money was never recovered from these defaulters...Adhir ji, wait a minute...these are bitter truths...you will have to hear it," Sitharaman said, hitting out at Congress member Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. Citing newspaper reports, Sitharaman

said the health of public sector banks has 'improved" and they are in "pink of health". "We were able to get the money back from those phone-banking frauds. Money has come back to the public sector banks; they helped us improve; it is in the public space and the media. Please do read

## Replace Income Tax Act with Direct Taxes Code: Chidambaram in RS

**ESHAROY** 

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

DURING THE debate on Finance Bill as well as the Appropriation Bill in the Rajya Sabha on Monday, former finance minister P Chidambaram said that the Income Tax Act must be replaced by Direct Taxes Code, while seeking to know from Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman "why 39 amendments were required in the Finance Bill".

"The Finance Bill has 125 Clauses, of which 84 pertain to amendments to the Income Tax Act, and the Finance Minister has moved 39 Amendments to the 125 Clauses in the Amendment Bill," said Chidambaram, adding that even after careful perusal, he did not understand the amendments.

"This is a legacy issue...this has been going on year after year after year, but this must stop. This government claims that it will dump all old legacies. This is one legacy this government must dump immediately, and I think, the entire Income Tax Act must be replaced by a Direct Taxes Code. When we were in government, I have helped draft a Direct Taxes Code when Pranab Mukherjee tried to improve it. When I returned to the Finance Ministry, I tried to improve it. There are three versions of the Direct Taxes Code. Many of the provisions will be outdated. So, get rid of all of them, but please bring a Direct Taxes Code immediately,"he added.

Chidambaram also raised the issue of income tax on charities, saying that most trusts



P Chidambaram speaks during the **debate in Rajya Sabha on Monday.** PTI

and charities in the country "are crippled by these provisions and the repeated amendments year after year after year," suggesting instead that they be allowed to function with a reasonable degree of independence and light regulation".

Chidambaram further called the concept of 'faceless assessment' introduced by the government a "regressive" move. The former finance minister said many of the amendments that had been brought in were not only voluminous but also complex – a "minefield" that would increase the hardships of the people.

Speaking on the Appropriation Bill, he said that from 2009-10, the policies that had been brought in resulted in direct tax revenue as a proportion of the GDP, exceeding indirect tax revenue for the first time in 2013-14. When the BJP government took over, direct taxes were 5.6 per cent of the GDP and indirect taxes were 4.4 per cent of the GDP.

a proportion of GDP, increases and indirect tax, as a proportion of GDP, decreases. This is the right direction. Indirect taxes as a proportion of GDP should not cross direct taxes. Direct taxes must increase. In 2021-22, both have become equal — 5.4 per cent. Next year, the Finance Minister expects that direct taxes will go up from 5.4 to 5.5 per cent and indirect taxes, as a proportion of GDP, will come down from 5.4 per cent to 5.2 per cent, which means, we are reversing the bad trend...but, total indirect taxes and direct taxes touched 11.2 per cent in 2017-18. This year, it is 10.8 per cent, and next year, it will come down to 10.7 per cent. If your total tax, as a proportion of GDP, falls by as much as 0.4 per cent or 0.5 per cent, there is something seriously wrong with your tax policies and tax administration," he said. He added "this trend indicates that people are accumulating income and wealth and not paying enough taxes, whereas the large mass of people, who pay indirect taxes, are bearing the bulk of the burden".

"The burden must be shared equitably. People must pay taxes, but... the people who accumulate wealth must pay more," he said.

He further questioned Sitharaman whether the projected 11.2% growth announced in February this year, had been reassessed in light of the war in Ukraine. "Supply chains have been choked... World trade will be affected. In fact, the IMF has estimated that the GDP of every country will be down by 0.5 per cent to 2 per cent.," he said. FULL REPORT ON

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### FROM THE CHAIR **LOK SABHA**

"It is my decision who gets to speak. Merely giving notice doesn't work. Entire House keeps giving notices." OM BIRLA, Speaker

### **5 QUESTIONS**



**ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY**, LEADER OF THE CONGRESS IN LOK SABHA. SPEAKS TO MANOJ CG

#### You raised the issue of price rise in Lok Sabha today (Monday).

My argument was that prices of petroleum products including cooking gas have been increasing relentlessly. Adding fuel to the fire, the government is also going to raise the prices of essential medicines. This shows the government's anti-people, antipoor mindset. The government should roll back the hike.

The government says the Russia-Ukraine conflict is responsible for the rise in fuel prices because supply chains have been disrupted.

It is a frivolous argument. The truth is India is importing only less than 5 per cent of its crude oil from Russia. So this argument does not hold water. The BJP government has extracted more than Rs 26 lakh crore from the pockets of the common people. So we wanted a threadbare discussion on the issue.

#### Is the government agreeable to a debate?

At the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee I again raised this issue. The Speaker is in favour of a debate. He suggested to the government, represented in the BAC by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and MoS Arjun Ram Meghwal, to look into it. Meghwal assured us he will consult the minister concerned and fix a date for a discussion on the issue of price rise.

#### The BJP argues petrol prices went up during the time of UPA government too.

At that time...we had constituted the price stabilisation fund and offered subsidies... and we had prevented relentless increase in prices. Statistics are there with us... statistics itself is an eloquent testimony to what the UPA government had done to stabilise the prices.

#### Will the two Congress-ruled states reduce taxes to give relief to people?

The Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan governments had earlier reduced VAT on petrol and diesel to ease prices. And the Jharkhand government, of which the Congress is a part, had also reduced VAT drastically. The Jharkhand government had decided to subsidise Rs 25 per litre of petrol ration-card holders with

## Opp raises price rise issue in LS, seeks discussion

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE ISSUE of fuel price hike continued to rock Parliament on Monday as opposition members raised the issue in both Houses and demanded a rollback of the recent increase in

Raising the issue of price rise in Lok Sabha, Congress member Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury demanded that the government should hold a discussion on the issue in the House. "The condition of the common man in India has become worse. The way people of the country are being looted; it is important to raise the issue by bringing it to your notice," he said.

Chowdhury said the prices of petrol, diesel, CNG and PNG are being increased daily. Besides, government has introduced a new system for 800 essential medicines from April 1, which will result in increase of prices of these drugs. He demanded that the government should roll back the prices. He also demanded that the government should discuss the issue in the House because it affects the common

DMK member TR Baalu said, "Day in day out, the common man and salaried class people are very much affected because of the price rise... For the past one week, there has been an increase of more than Rs 4 per litre on the price of petrol, and diesel also. This is not fair on the part of this government," Baalu said.

TMC member Sudip Bandyopadhyay said the whole House is concerned about the price hike issue of diesel, petrol and gas.

"I apprehend that the range of price of petrol, diesel and domestic gas can go up to the number one position in the world also as it is increasing very fast. Nobody is replying about the reasons for it," Bandyopadhyay said. "Such type of issues should be discussed on the floor of the House at

In Rajya Sabha, opposition members tried to raise the issue when the House met at 11 am but Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu adjourned the House for an hour, a move which came under criticism from some members.

### **K-RAIL PROJECT**

## SC refuses to stay land survey

**EXPRESS NEW SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE SUPREME Court on Monday refused to stay the land survey and social impact assessment for the proposed K-Rail Silverline project, a semi-speed rail corridor linking the southern and northern ends of Kerala.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and BV Nagarathna dismissed the appeal filed against an order of the Kerala High Court Division Bench allowing the survey. The Division Bench had stayed a Single Bench order which stayed the survey for the project which has come under massive protests.

Junking the appeal, the SC said, "The Single Judge ought to have appreciated that by such ad interim order the prestigious project couldn't have been stalled."

"The Division Bench rightly interfered and set aside such an interim order. It is required to be noted that the proceedings at that stage was with respect to Social Impact Assessment studies studies only, which would not cause any prejudice to petitioners. We are in complete agreement with Division Bench's view. No interference of this court is called and SLP stands dismissed."

Referring to the interim order passed by the Single judge, Justice Shah said, "The High Court has stalled everything and not just the Study. How can such an order be passed in an interim order? Recently we opined in a detailed judgment that projects can't be stalled like this."

 $Setting \ a side \ the \ Single \ Judge \ order, the \ HC \ Division \ Bench$ had accepted the contention of the state government that the survey is for the purpose of demarcating the boundary of the project alignment for SIA study, and land acquisition comes only later.

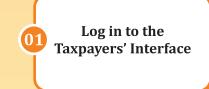




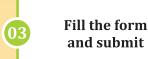
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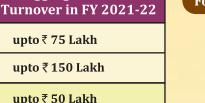
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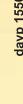
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### **DELHI CONFIDENTIAL**



### PANEL PRAISE

IT WAS an emotional day for senior Congress leader Anand Sharma on Monday as he chaired his last meeting as Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs. Sharma, the Congress deputy leader in Rajya Sabha, is retiring as MP this month. Members cutting across party lines praised his bipartisan approach and impartiality in conducting the meetings of the panel. It will now be interesting to see who will succeed Sharma as the deputy leader of the party in the House. With the Congress's strength in Rajy Sabha coming down, it will also be interesting to see whether the government will give the party Chairmanships of two Standing Committees. The party now heads the Standing Committees on Home and Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

### SLIP OF TONGUE

A LAWYER'S reference to political minorities during a hearing on identifying minorities at state level had Justice SK Kaul and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta scratching their heads on Monday. "What is political minority?," SG Mehta asked the counsel. "What is political minority? I couldn't understand," said Justice Kaul. The counsel was quick to realise his slip of tongue and clarified that he only meant to say religious and linguistic minorities.

### SPEECH SLOT

AS HE rose to speak in Rajya Sabha on Monday to debate the Finance Bill and the Appropriation Bill, RJD's Manoj Jha said it was "like a beautiful dream" for his speech to be slotted between the speech of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram and that of current Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. He said it was an honour to be discussing the Bills in the presence of both experts.

### 'Pariksha Pe Charcha': Raj Bhavans to host students

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

A SELECT groups of students, teachers and parents will be in attendance at Raj Bhavans across the country, the Centre an-Prime Minister Narendra Modi shares tips on dealing with exam stress, during the annual 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan told reporters he is writing to chief ministers and governors in this regard and expects a positive response as the event's previous editions had seen "all cooperation" from states.

Launched in 2018, the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' event's fifth edition is slated to be held on April 1 at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi, Last year, the Covid pandemic had forced the government to hold it online

The town-hall formal event will also be livestreamed in centrally funded higher education institutions, medical and nursing colleges under the Ministry of Health, educational institutes under the Ministry of Skill Development, besides Indian missions in countries with a sizeable diaspora.

According to Pradhan, select



**Education** Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. PIB

students across the country will also visit Raj Bhavans to watch the event in the presence of Governors.

"There are some issues on which there is unanimity. There cannot be any objection to children getting de-stressed. That's why states have cooperated in the past as well." Pradhan told a press conference, adding the move will help elevate the event to the level of a "public movement".

Asked if all the states are on board with the Centre's proposal, Pradhan said he was hopeful it will be widely supported. He said the secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Anita Karwal, has discussed the plan with officials from states, including the chief secretaries and the education secretaries.

At the Talkatora Stadium, the audience of around 1000 students, teachers and parents from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana will also get to interact with PM

### MINORITY STATUS TO HINDUS IN SOME STATES

## Centre gets 4 more weeks to reply to PIL

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI MARCH 28

THE SUPREME Court on Monday gave the Centre four more weeks "to place its stand" on a plea challenging its power to notify minorities under the National Minorities Commission Act, 1992, and seeking minority status for Hindus in states where their numbers have gone below others, with Solicitor General Tushar Mehta stating that he was yet to go through a counter affidavit filed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs in the matter and sought time for this.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs had filed a counter affidavit in the politically sensitive matter, putting the onus of granting minority status to Hindus upon states, saying even they have the power to declare a group as minority within their jurisdiction.

"I have received the reply, our reply, what stand the department has taken, I could not go through it," Mehta told a bench of Justices SKKaul and MM Sundresh, seeking time. Justice Kaul on a lighter note pointed out the reply had already appeared in newspapers and said in the order "learned Solicitor General submits that he will place the stand on the mat-

ters on record as he has yet not vetted the affidavit even though it may have appeared in the news-

"I have not read it...I am not aware of the view of the department," Mehta said smilingly.

Allowing the Centre's request for time, the bench added in the order that "...he (SG) requests for four weeks' time to place the stand on record on these matters" and fixed May 10 to hear it next.

The bench also referred to an Office Report drawn up by its Registry in the matter, which said that the Union Home Ministry, which is a party in the matter, had put the onus of responding to the petition on the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The SG replied that he would check on what really had happened. "I will check up. The Union of India is before your Lordship.'

The court was hearing a plea by Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay who said that as per the 2011 census Hindus were a minority in Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, J&K, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Punjab and that they should be given minority status in these places, following the principles laid down in the 2002 TMA Pai and  $2005\,Bal\,Patil\,judgments\,of\,the\,SC.$ 

Centre right in saying states can decide minority status: former NCM chiefs

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

AS THE central government has placed the onus of declaring religious and linguistic minorities on states in an affidavit submitted in the Supreme Court saying that "both Parliament and state legislatures have concurrent powers to enact law to provide for the protection of minorities and their interests" at least two former chairpersons of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) agree with the Centre's stand.

Former NCM chairperson Wajahat Habibullah has said that during his tenure as Chair, the NCM had raised the issue of state powers to designate minority status to communities and had even pushed for a minority status for Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The NCM Act applies to the entire country. We felt that each state should have its own Act. I myself, when I was heading the panel, had recommended that a commission for minorities be set



Wajahat Habibullah

up for Jammu and Kashmir specifically and a Kashmiri Pandit should head it in light of community's sufferings. We had recommended that this commission take into account the complexity of the region – with a Muslim dominated Kashmir, a Buddhist dominated Ladakh and a Hindudominated Jammu. We had also recommended that Pandits be declared a minority community and be protected accordingly," said Habibullah.

Iqbal Singh Lalpura, who recently demitted the office as NCM chairperson in order to fight the Puniab elections, said, "The central government's stand is correct. main subjects – education, no discrimination at the workplace, and equality for minorities: and this means whichever community is a minority in whichever state. I have personally written to states to set up their own commissions but they have not responded and have not taken action on the matter," says Lalpura.

Former Vice-President of India, Hamid Ansari, who had also chaired the NCM, says, "The point is that the whole exercise is governed by an Act of Parliament the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 - which defines a certain area of jurisdiction. If the central government wishes that the scope of the exercise be extended, then all that needs to be done is for the Act to be revisited..."

Former Joint Intelligence Committee chairman and NCM member Keki Daruwalla said, The whole debate on the matter began with the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley. Things are already complex. Why make them even more compli-

and mother and child care.

Baby Rani Maurya, former

Uttarakhand Governor and the

only woman in the cabinet, was

allocated the woman welfare and

child development and nutrition.

has been given the finance and

parliamentary affairs and medical

education. BJP state president

Swatantra Dev Singh got the Jal

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Among the ministers from the

alliance partners, Ashish Patel of

Apna Dal (S) was given the tech-

nical education with the con-

and Nishad Party president Sanjay

Congress leader from Rae Bareili

who is also contesting the MLC

elections as a BJP nominee, got the

horticulture, agriculture market-

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Dinesh Pratap Singh, a former

Nishad got the fisheries.

the agriculture export.

loom and textile industries.

Anil Rajbhar got the low-pro-

Senior MLA Suresh Khanna

Nepal PM Deuba to arrive on Friday on 3-day visit: MEA

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

NEPALESE PRIME Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba's three-day visit to India beginning Friday will provide an opportunity to review the "significant growth" in bilateral ties and expand it further, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Monday.



**Nepal Prime** Minister Bahadur Deuba

"India and Nepal enjoy age-old and special ties of friendship and cooperation. In recent years, the partnership has witnessed significant growth in all areas of coopera-

tion," the MEA

said in a state-

Deuba and his spouse Arzu Deuba will be in India till April 3, on an official visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is scheduled to call on Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu and hold talks with Prime

ment.

External Affairs Minister S aishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will also be calling on the visiting leader, according to the statement said.

Minister Modi on April 2.

The upcoming visit will provide an opportunity to the two sides to review this wide-ranging cooperative partnership and to progress it further for the benefit of the two peoples," the MEA statement said

"Besides official engagements in New Delhi, the Prime Minister of Nepal will visit Varanasi," the MEA statement said.

### **UK Foreign Secy** Truss to visit **India on March 31**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

BRITISH FOREIGN Secretary Elizabeth Truss will visit India on Thursday against the backdrop of the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Announcing the visit Monday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement Truss will hold consultations with his



**British** 

been a flurry of visits to India of several leaders. including the Foreign Secretary foreign minis-Elizabeth ters of Austria and Greece and Truss

the US Under Secretary of State Political Affairs Victoria Nuland, in

The unfolding situation in Ukraine is likely to be discussed extensively during Truss's talks

the past few weeks.

with Jaishankar. The visit will also serve to fur-

ther deepen our partnership across various sectors such as trade and investment, science. technology and innovation, defence and security, climate cooperation, education...," the MEA statement said.

## Sawant takes oath as Goa CM for second consecutive term

**MAYURA JANWALKAR** TALEIGAO, MARCH 28

PRAMOD SAWANT was sworn in as the 14th Chief Minister of Goa at a grand ceremony held at Dr Shyamaprasad Mukherjee stadium in Taleigao on Monday.

Eight other MLAs, too, took oath as Cabinet ministers in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and top BJP

In the packed stadium with almost 10,000 people in attendance, the eight MLAs - Vishwajit Rane, Mauvin Godinho, Nilesh Cabral, Ravi Naik, Subhash Shirodkar, Govind Gaude, Rohan Khaunte and Atanasio Monserrate – were sworn in as ministers by Goa Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai.

Rane, Godinho, Cabral and led Cabinet from 2019-22, while Khaunte was a minister in the Manohar Parrikar-led government and was dropped from the Cabinet in 2019.

Sawant chaired the first meeting of the nine-member Cabinet in the afternoon. After the meeting, he announced that the scheme of three free LPG cylinders in a year that was part of the BIP's election manifesto would be implemented in April. He said the income limit to avail the scheme

would be notified soon. Cabinet portfolios are yet to be announced. While a decision on three vacant Cabinet berths is yet to be taken, the current Council of Ministers has no woman. Monserrate's wife and Taleigao MLA Jennifer Monserrate was a minister in the previous government led by Sawant. She was, however, not included in the Cabinet this time. Monserrate and Deviya Rane, first-time MLA and wife of minister Vishwajit Rane, are the only two woman MLAs in



Goa CM Pramod Sawant greets PM Narendra Modi during his swearing-in ceremony in Panaji, Monday. PTI

the BJP. However, it is likely that the remaining ministerial berths may be given to allies supporting the BJP - MGP and three Independent MLAs, all men.

Sawant, who was often called the "accidental Chief Minister" by his detractors, said he was grateful to his party leadership for giving him the opportunity to serve as the CM again, "I am not an accidental CM. I am elected, not se-

lected," he said. While Sawant and Rane are from the Maratha community, Naik is a prominent leader from the Bhandari community that accounts for majority of the Hindus in Goa. Godinho, Cabral and Monserrate are Catholics, Gaude belongs to the ST community. while Khaunte belongs to the influential Gaud Saraswat Brahmin (GSB) community.

Seven-time MLA Naik began his career as an MLA of the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP) and won five elections after that from the Congress.

He left the Congress to join the BJP ahead of the recently concluded election. Both Naik and Shirodkar, seven-time MLAs formerly with the Congress, have been ministers in the Congress governments in the state in the past.

Khaunte and Gaude, who were both Independent MLAs in the last Assembly, also joined the saffron party before the election. Amid chants of "Iai Shri Ram".

beats of drums and the tootari, the crowd cheered for the BIP leaders on stage. In attendance for the ceremony were PM Modi, Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari, Narendra Singh Tomar, Himachal Pradesh Governor Rajendra Alrekar, BJP national president J P Nadda and party national general secretary (organisation) BLS anthosh, Chief Ministers Pushkar Singh Dhami (Uttarakhand), Basavraj Bommai (Karnataka) and Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam) among others.

In the recently concluded election, the BIP won 20 seats in the 40-member Assembly.

### Yogi allocates portfolios, keeps Home, 33 others and health and family welfare,

LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, MARCH 28

THREE DAYS after his swearing-in as Uttar Pradesh CM, Yogi Adityanath on Monday allocated portfolios to the new ministers in the state government, keeping with himself the key home, vigi-

lance and 32 other departments. Among other portfolios the CM kept with himself are appointments, personnel, housing and urban planning, revenue, food and civil supplies, mining, general administration, and civil aviation.

The turncoats got more important berths as compared to the party's old-time leaders.

Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya – a prominent OBC face who was holding PWD, food processing and public enterprises in the previous cabinet, was allocated the rural development, rural overall development, rural enginational integration besides food processing and public enterprises.

The PWD portfolio went to Jitin Prasada, a former Union minister who switched sides from the Congress to join the BJP last year.

Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak, who joined the BJP in 2016, got the medical education, medical,

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath and Leader of Opposition Akhilesh Yadav greet each other after taking oath as MLAs in Assembly in Lucknow, Monday. Express

## PMs' museum likely to open on April 14

**DIVYAA** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

PRADHAN Mantri Sangrahalaya (the Museum of Prime Ministers), being built at Delhi's Teen Murti Estate, is set for a big-ticket inauguration. Sources say that if all goes well, the showpiece project will be inaugurated on April 14, to coincide with BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary

The Rs 270-crore project was approved in 2018, with a completion deadline of October 2020, but faced repeated delays not only due to pandemic-related lockdowns, but also owing to civil works and content-curation issues. While it was ready late last year, sources say "some last-minute changes and finishing touches for the displays had

Sources told *The Indian Express* 

The Rs 270-crore project was approved in 2018 with a completion deadline of October 2020

that the Museum covers the life and times of all 14 Indian Prime Ministers so far. "It will showcase the contribution of 14 Prime Ministers, while the collections and works on Jawaharlal Nehru will stay in the current Nehru Memorial Museum, which was also his residence," said the source, adding that the two spaces have been integrated.

"Equal space and weightage has been ensured for all Prime Ministers as per the duration of their tenures and the landmark events they were instrumental in," said an official, adding that "the aim is to take pride in their

legacy and contribution". The PMO wants this place to celebrate the India story, irrespective of whichever party is in power, the source added.

The display comprises rare photographs, speeches, video clips, newspapers, interviews and original writings, in some cases. "It is a mix of personal belongings of the former PMs collected from their families, along with interactive digital displays. Some of the memorabilia items collected from the families include photographs, letters, pens and caps. All of them have been treated respectfully in terms of content and prominence," said

There is a huge focus on digital displays and virtual reality. The museum has been designed in a way that it can accommodate future PMs as well, says the

The 10,975.36-sqare mere

museum has a basement, ground floor and first floor, with galleries at all three levels. The entrance will be from the top floor, which is built in the shape of Ashok Chakra, and visitors will walk down to the various galleries.

Sikka Associates Architects, the Delhi-based firm which has designed the museum, says, "We've conceptualised the design to represent the hands of Prime Ministers shaping a rising nation, and the Dharma Chakra from the flag is a symbol of a rising India.

In 2018 when the project was mooted, it faced stiff opposition from the Congress. Former PM Manmohan Singh even shot off a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, raising concerns over an "agenda" to "change the nature and character" of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) and the Teen Murti complex.

### **ODISHA'S BHADRAK**

## In a first, Muslim woman wins top civic body post

**AISHWARYA MOHANTY** BHUBANESWAR, MARCH 28

THE BIJU Janata Dal (BJD) may have swept the recently concluded civic polls in Odisha, but one of its defining moments was the election of the first Muslim woman as the chairperson of a local body in the state.

The story of this historymaking election in the town of Bhadrak becomes even more remarkable when one factors in that the winner is a 31-year-old Independent candidate who bested the ruling party's nominee. The seat was reserved for women this year after the delimitation process and went to Gulmaki Dalawzi Habib, who defeated the BJD's Samita Mishra

Habib, who is a Business



Gulmaki Dalawzi Habib defeated the BJD's Samita Mishra. Express

Administration graduate and a professional data entry operator, attributes her victory to people's trust and the mutual goal of Bhadrak's development. She claims to be a political

novice but comes from a family with a political pedigree. Her husband, Sheikh Jahid Habib, is the BJD's district vice president.

active in the political sphere for the last 30 years. My maternal uncle was a councillor and my maternal aunt was elected as vicechairman many years ago. I even married into a politically active family. So it was impossible to be detached from politics as such but I had never in my wildest imagination thought that I would contest an election and even win it," Habib tells The Indian Express over the phone.

"My uncle, aunts...they are all

The 31-year-old is a resident of the town's Purana Bazaar area, which consists of half of the municipality's 30 wards. In the runup to the polls, there was a strong demand to nominate a Purana Bazaar resident as locals allege that the area is ignored and left to its fate every time. "I was born here and the place has not changed a bit. There has been no

has come to this part of the town. Habib says. After the BJD did not nominate a candidate from Purana Bazaar, she decided to contest as an

Independent. "I was reluctant ini-

development in the area at all, be

it roads or drainage...none of it

tially since this was new for me. But people here know my family well and everyone insisted that I take this up...," Habib says. Of the town's 1.21-lakh populace, 40 per cent are Muslims. It has witnessed two major riots in the past — one in 1991 in the lead-

movement and again in 2017. "I had the support of the peo-

up to the Ramjanmabhoomi

ple of Bhadrak, irrespective of religion...My brothers from the Hindu community campaigned for me, took to the stage to ask for votes. And I will work for everyone," says Habib.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE TATA Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, and Delhibased Jamia Hamdard University are among the eight deemed-tobe universities open to the idea of adopting the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admitting students in undergraduate programmes from the 2022-23 academic session.

UGC chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar announced this on Monday after a meeting with the Vice-Chancellors and Directors of these institutes. On Sunday, the UGC had appealed to public universities under state governments. colleges and private universities to consider CUET for UG admissions.

"The fact that eight deemedto-be-universities have expressed willingness to use the CUET for carrying out admissions is important because this will encourage other higher education institutions also," Kumar said.

Apart from TISS and Jamia Hamdard, the other six institutes that participated in the meeting are: Gandhigram Rural Institute: Dayalbagh Education Institution, Agra; Gurukul Kangri, Haridwar; Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad; Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women.Coimbatore: Ramakrishna Vivekananda Educational Research

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

**HOURS AFTER a Division Bench** 

of the Kerala High Court directed

the state government to issue or-

ders forthwith to prevent gov-

ernment servants from engag-

ing in the 48-hour general strike,

the government said absence of

employees participating in the

for the trade unions affiliated to

the ruling CPM as well as

Opposition Congress, which

have actively taken part in the

first day of the general strike

called against the policies of the

Centre. Offices across Kerala re-

ported thin attendance on

Monday and all educational in-

Secretary V P Joy said: "Pay for

the days on which the strike is

taking place will be withheld

from the salary for next month.

No leave will be granted to em-

ployees and teachers on strike

days except for unavoidable rea-

dulging in violence during the

strike days would be prosecuted.

It further said persons in-

The order issued by Chief

stitutions remained closed.

strike would be unauthorised. The order is a severe setback

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

## Punjab govt announces doorstep ration delivery

Centre stopped it in Delhi, but all states will want it: Kejriwal

**KANCHAN VASDEV** & MALLICA JOSHI

CHANDIGARH, DELHI, MARCH 28

CHIEF MINISTER Bhagwant Mann Monday announced the rollout of doorstep delivery of ration for the poor in Punjab, picking the model of the scheme that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi had tried to implement but had to shelve following objections by the Centre.

Announcing the scheme through a video message, Mann said the ration, being supplied to BPL families under the atta-dal scheme, will now reach their doorstep. He, however, added that the scheme will be optional for the eligible beneficiaries.

The AAP government has decided to start the doorstep delivery of ration scheme. Under the scheme, good quality ration items will be delivered at the beneficiaries' doorstep and no one will now need to stand in queues or leave his work for this. Our officers will make a phone call to the beneficiaries and ration will be delivered at their homes as per their convenience and availability," said Mann.

Stating that the scheme is optional. Mann said if the depot is close to a beneficiary's home, they may fetch the ration from there.

Mann said the Arvind Kejriwal government had started this

As HC intervenes, Kerala bars

staff from taking part in strike

Says absence from work would be considered unauthorised



**Rhagwant** Mann



Kejriwal

scheme in Delhi too, "but unfortunately it was stopped. But in Punjab we are going to implement it and we will run it successfully".

In Delhi, Kejriwal said once the Punjab government implements the policy, citizens in others states too will "start demanding" it.

"In Delhi, we have been struggling to implement this. We had done all the planning, but the Centre stopped us...but as they say, you cannot stop an idea whose time has come. We will do it in Punjab," said Kejriwal.

The Centre and AAP regime in Delhi have been at loggerheads over the implementation of the scheme, with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution writing to the state government on several occasions, saving that a provision for delivery of ration to homes does not exist in the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. Centre has told the Delhi government that it had no objection to the scheme if the govand distributes it, but using grain given to the state under NFSA would be illegal.

Punjab, however, had tweaked the NFSA to provide wheat flour at Rs 2 per kg and dal (black gram) at Rs 20 per kg to 1.54 crore individual beneficiaries and 43 lakh families under the Atta-Dal Scheme Currently, instead of flour, wheat is supplied once in three months to beneficiaries. The government has not been able provide pulses due to paucity of funds.

Mann said it was sad that even 75 years after Independence, the poor still had to stand in queues outside depots to get ration. In this age of digitalisation, various items of daily needs, including food, are delivered at people's doorstep at one phone call, he said.

"But on many occasions, poor people, most of whom are daily wagers, have to give up their day's work to take ration (from fair price shops). How sad it is that a person who is living hand to mouth, has to leave his day's work to fetch ration," said Mann, adding that people now will get rid of it.

While Mann went ahead with the announcement, officials in Punjab feel that implementing would be trickier. "The government is supplying foodgrains to elderly and physically challenged. The rest have to physically take their supplies from ration depots," a government functionary said.

# in many states

New Delhi: Life was affected in parts of the country on Monday as thousands of workers took part in a nationwide strike called by trade unions to protest against

As the two-day strike called by All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), the joint forum of central trade unions, began, protests were held in many states, banking services were affected and public transport was thrown out of gear.

Essential services, however. remained largely unaffected.

services were hit as protesters blocked roads and halted trains.

fected in many districts.

In Maharashtra, banking services were hit as cash replenishment at ATMs was not immediately available.

"There is a bandh-like situation in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Assam, Haryana and Iharkhand."

### Bandh affects public transport, banking services

the Union government's policies.

In some parts of Kerala, miscreants allegedly assaulted those who turned up at offices and even attacked private vehicles.

In West Bengal, transport

In Haryana, government emovees held a protest in Faridabad even as trade unions said public transport was af-

In a statement, the AITUC said:

# Borrower &

Guarantor/s

## SpiceJet aircraft hits pole at Delhi airport

operator in coordination with an

AME and two wing walkers.

"During the push back operation,

the aircraft was pushed beyond

taxi lane... and further apron

edge marking. When the aircraft

was being aligned, the trailing

portion of the RH (right hand)

wing hit the apron light pole," a

source at the Directorate General

**PRANAV MUKUL** 

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

A SPICEJET-operated Boeing 737-800 aircraft hit a lighting pole at Delhi Airport Monday morning while pushing back, damaging the plane's right wing and the pole that it hit. The Director of Air Safety (North Region) at aviation safety regulator DGCA has commenced a detailed investigation into the incident.

In the aftermath of the inci-

Jammu-bound flight was being pushed back for departure when it came in close contact with a pole, causing damage to aileron; DGCA begins probe

dent, both the operating pilots, the aircraft maintenance engineer (AME), wing walkers and the push-back operator have been taken off duty pending an investigation.

The SpiceJet flight, which was to operate from Delhi to Jammu, was being pushed back for departure by the push back of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said.

The source said that following the incident all those involved were tested for alcohol consumption, and they tested

A SpiceJet spokesperson said: 'On March 28, 2022, SpiceJet flight SG160 was scheduled to operate between Delhi and Jammu. During push back, the right wing trailing edge came in close contact with a pole, causing damage to aileron, A replace aircraft was arranged to operate the flight.



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Shri, Vibhuti Sharma (Borrower) Amount Due: Rs.36,87,675/- (Rupees Thirty six lakh eighty seve 1. Name of the Smt Arunti Devi (Guarantor) Borrower &

thousand six hundred seventy five only) as on 25.05.2021 plu further interest alongwith cost and expenses Property details: Residential House (admeasuring 1326 sqft equivalent to 3.044 decimal) in the name of Shri.Vibhuti Sharma situated at Roa

30.06.2021 with further interest and cost

No:03, Sri Nagar Colony, AG Colony, Mauza: Sheikhpura, P.S-09, Khata No:23, Survey Plot No:106, Sub Plot No:23 (P), Tauzi No:5316, War No:04, Thana:09, Thana: Shastri Nagar, Dist: Patna, Bihar; Bounded by: North: Rasta; South: Sri Bindeswar Singh; East: Part Plot No:106; Wes

Reserve Price: Rs. 1,17,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventeen Lakh Only), EMD: Rs.11,70,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)

Anishabad Branch, Khagaul Road, Opposite Police Colony, Near Chitragupta Samaj, PO - Anishabad Patna – 800002 2. Name of the Amount Due: Rs. 25,32,624.29 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four and Paisa Twenty Nin

Only) as on 31.01.2020 with further interest and cost Property: All that Part and Parcel of Land admeasuring about 793.93 sq. ft. and Building thereupon in the name of Mr. Sohan Rai being situate at Mauza-Digha, Mohalla-Digha South, PS-Digha, Dist- Patna bearing Thana No-01; Khata No.-209; Survey Plot No-3472; Jamabandi No-5123

lauza-Digha South Survey Thana-Phulwari; Haal Thana-Digha in the district of Patna Bounded by: North: Property of Madho Prasad; South Property of Kedar Singh; East: Property of Jai Kumar; West: 9 feet Rasta Reserve Price: Rs.36,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six lakhs Only), EMD: Rs.3,60,000/- (Rupees Three lakhs and sixty Thousand Only)

Kankarbagh, Branch,Old Bypass Road, Kankarbagh ,Main Road, Lohia Nagar,Patna 800020 Amount due: Rs. 42,85,516.32 (Rupee Forty Two Lakh Eighy Five 3. Name of the M/s Shree Laxmi Foods (Prop: Mr Rohit Kumar) Shri Rohit Kumar (Borrower) Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and paisa Thirty Two Only) as o

Shri Vijay Kumar (Guarantor) Property: Land admeasuring 1170 sq ft along with G+3 Building situated at Ward No: 14 (O), 49/38, New Holding No:22A(O) 31 (New), Shee No:104, Circle No:43, M.S Plot No:789 Mohalla- Mata Khudi Lane (Ashok Rajpath), Mauza: Mahendru, P.S: Sultanganj, Dist: Patna-800008 Bounded by: North: Parshuram Sah; South: Anchal Kumar Gupta; East: Road of Patna Corporation; West: Gali of PMC

Reserve Price: Rs.63,00,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Only), EMD: Rs. 6,30,000.00 (Rupees Six Lakhs and Thirty Thousand Only) Branch Name &

Machhuatoli - Patna Branch, Arya Kumar Road, Machhuatoli, Patna—800004 4. Name of the Borrower 1: M/s Sai Smart Zone (Proprietor : Shri Sukant Amount Due:

Borrower & Guarantor/s

Smt. Malti Devi (Guarantor)

Shri Krishna Prasad Gupta (Guarantor)

Prakash); Shri. Sukant Prakash (Proprietor); Smt Bachi Borrower 1: Rs.1,05,33,653.00 (Rupees One Crore Five Laki Devi, W/o Shri. Surendra Prasad (Guarantor); Shri. Pravin Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Three Only) as or

Prakash(Guarantor); Mrs Nilu Prakash(Guarantor) 25.05.2021 with further interest and cost. Borrower 2: M/s Future Phone (Proprietor: Shri Sukant Borrower 2: Rs.71,53,698.00 (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Fift Prakash); Shri. Sukant Prakash (Proprietor); Smt Bachi Devi Three Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Eight Only) as o

25.05.2021 with further interest and cost Property 1: Residential Land and Building (owned by Smt Bachchi Devi) in area admeasuring 4.91 dismil situated at Survey Plot No:438, Societ Plot No:01, Tauzi No:175C, Khata No:192, Thana No:16, Municipal Plot No:X, Holding No:1158, Ward No:26, Circle No: 103 at Mauza : Rasida Chal

P.S : Alamganj, Dist: Patna; Bounded by: North: Survey Plot No:459; South: Proposed Road; East: Society Plot No:04; West: Survey Plot No: 433 Reserve Price: Rs.1,22,21,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Only); EMD: Rs.12,22,100/- (Rupees Twelve Lak Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred Only) lawada Branch, Near Old Rajauli Bus Stand, Sharfa Colony, NoniaTola, Nawada-805110

5. Name of the M/s Sai Metal (Borrower); Smt Savitri Devi Amount Due: Rs.39,31,381.48 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Thirt Eight Only) as on 30.06.2021 with further interest and cost.

Property: Land area admeasuring 7.5 decimal at Mauza: Bhadauni, Khata: 85, Khesra:316, Thana No:378, Sub Division: Nawada, Block & Circle lawada, District: Nawada, Bihar in the name of Smt Savitri Devi, W/o: Shri. Akhilesh Kumar. Bounded by: North: Md Ibrar; South: Moti Ale; East Rasta: West: Sidho Pande

Reserve Price: Rs. 16,50,000/- (Rupee Sixteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only); EMD: Rs.1,65,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Only). Branch Name & Patliputra Branch (EAB)G. Floor, Ramayan Plaza, Patliputra, Rajapur Pul, Opp 32 Gate, Digha Main Road, Patna

Amount Due: Rs.1,38,34,983.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight 6. Name of the M/s Prem Pratap Ray, Prop: Prem Pratap Ray, akh Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Three Only

Guarantor/s as on 02.02.2019 with further interest and cost and expenses. Property 1: Commercial Land and Building (in area admeasuring 12.40 decimal) belonging to Shri. Ram Pratap Ray situated at Thana No:31

Khata No: 283 (N), Khesra No: 1823 under Mauza: Ismailpur, Near Harauli Bodhi Mai Mandir, PS: Hajipur Sadar, Vaishali-844101; Bounded by North: Punam Devi & Mahesh Thakur; South: Natho Singh; East: PWD Road; West: Jai Narain Thakur & Others. Reserve Price: Rs.44,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Only) EMD: Rs.4,40,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Thousand Only)

Property 2: Commercial Land and Building (in area admeasuring 15.33 decimal) belonging to Shri. Prem Pratap Ray situated at Thana No:27 Khata No: 161, Khesra No:26 under Mauza: Sahjadpur Jitwar, Near Harauli Boddhi Mai Mandir, PS: Hajipur Sadar, Vaishali, Bihar-844101 Bounded by: North: Lakshman Rai & Others; South: Umakant Pandey, Sonu Pandey; East: Sambhu Chowdhary and Others; West: PWD Road.

Reserve Price: Rs. 64,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Only) EMD: Rs.6,40,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty Thousand Only). Patna Main Branch (EAB), 1st Floor, Aditya Arcade, Exhibition Road, Patna-800001

7. Name of the M/s Maa Vindhyawashini Rice Mills Pvt Ltd;

Borrower & Mr. Bulan Singh; Mr Jeetendra Sharma Guarantor/s

Mr. Shatrudhan Sharan Sharma; Mrs. Meena Devi;

Amount Due: Rs.3,97,55,305/- (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Seven Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred and Five Only as on 01.08.2017 with further interest and cost

Property: Factory Land and existing structure at Khata no:281,453,395, Khesra No:4573,4574,4575,4576,4577, Thana No: 03, Mauza Arai, P.S Daudnagar, Dist: Aurangabad, Extent of Land 60.00 decimal (19.20 Katha; Bounded by: Plot No:4575,4576,4577; North: Shatrudhan Sharai Sharma, South: Naulakh Sao, East: Road, West: Vifan Yadav; And Survey Plot No: 4573 & 4574; North: Vakil Yadav. South: Briinandan Prasad East: Road, West: Shri. Jitendra Sharma).

Reserve Price: Rs. 1,68,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakh Only). EMD: Rs.16,80,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) Branch Name & Doctor's Colony, Malahi Pakri Chowk, Lohiya Nagar, Kankarbagh, Patna-800020

M/s Capital Poultry Farm; Prop: Mr Kunal Kishore, Smt 8. Name of the Borrower &

Amount Due: Rs.16,28,681.35 (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Twent Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty One and Paise Thirt

Five Only) as on 14.01.2020 with further interest and cost.

Amount Due: Rs.32,23,417.13 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Twenty

Property: EMG of 10 Dhur (620 Sq Ft) and single storied Residential Building in the name of Mrs Sajanti Devi, W/o: Shri. Vijay Singh situated at Mauza: Dasratha, Survey: Phulwarisharif, Dist: Patna, Thana No:30, Khata No:48, Khesra Survey Plot No:225, P.S: Phulwarisharif, District atna-800020, Bihar; Bounded by: North: 10 ft wide Road; South: Shri. Vidyanand Singh; East: Shri.Rakesh Kumar; West: Shri. Satyanand Sinha Reserve Price: Rs. 32,25,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakh Only). EMD: Rs. 3,22,500/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Five

Hundred Only) **Branch Name 8** Nehalpur Branch, At Nehalpur, Post: Nehalpur, Jehanabd:804429

M/s Raju Automobiles (Prop: Mr Chandrabhushan

9. Name of the M/s Shashi Enterprises (Prop: Shri. Shashikant Sharma); Amount Due: Rs.11,36,350/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Six Borrower & Γhousand Three Hundred and Fifty Only) as on 20.08.2021 with further interest and cost. Property: Land Admeasuring 3.125 decimal (belonging to Mrs Sarojini Devi) situated at Plot No:474, Khata No:49, Thana No:384, Ward No:29,

lauza: Hasura; Near Nursing Institute, Panjawara Road, Jehanabad; Bounded By: North: Paine; South: Goraknath Yadav; East: Gorakhnati

Reserve Price: Rs. 11,50,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Thousand Only). EMD: Rs.1,15,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifteen thousand Only). Nehalpur Branch, At Nehalpur, Post: Nehalpur, Jehanabd:804429

Sharma); Mr Chandrabhushan Sharma ; Mr. Rajesh Kumar Three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen and Paise Thirtee Only) as on 20.08.2021 with further interest and cost. Property: Land admeasuring 682 sq ft alongwith building (Belonging to Mr. Rajesh Kumar) situated at Plot No: 304, 898, Khata No: 699/172 Mouza: Jehanabad, Prem Nagar, Horilganj, Jehanabad-804408; Bounded by: North: PCC 8' wide Gali, South: House of Sharmaji; East: House o

Ravi Ranian Kumar: West: House Dikeshwar Singh. Reserve Price: Rs. 16,62,500/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only). EMD: Rs.1,66,250/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Six

Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only). **Branch Name &** 

Bahadurpur Housing Colony Branch, 4M/3, Bhootnath Lane, PATNA

M/s Ram Lakhan Plastic (Prop. Mr Avinash Raj); Mr. Amount Due: Rs.46,17,881.00 (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Seventee 11. Name of

Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty One Only) as on 31.08.2019 he Borrower & Avinash Raj; Mr. Anil Pandey; with further interest and cost. Guarantor/s Property: Residential Land and Building in the name of Mr Anil Kumar Pandey, S/o: Ram Lakhan Pandey, situated at Sadikpur Jogi, Mohalla: Sanjay Gandhi Nagar; Road No:05; Kali Mandir Road; Pargana: Azimabad; P.S: Patrakar Nagar, Thana No: 09, Khata No:350, Ward No: 45,

lolding No:113/2, Survey Khesra Plot No: 868, Dist; Patna; Bounded by:Anil Kumar; South: Surajdeo Jha; Esat: Brahmadeo Prasad Sinha, Shri Shyam Nandan & 5' wide Road; West: Plot No: 867, Shri. Ram Baran Prasad. Reserve Price: Rs. 80,45,000/- (Rupees Eighty Lakh Forty Five Thousand Only). EMD: Rs.8,04,500/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Four Thousand an

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### **RAJASTHAN**

### Speaker 'directs' BJP MLAs to take back iPhones

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** JAIPUR, MARCH 28

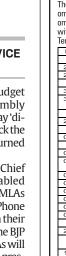
ON THE last day of the Budget session, Rajasthan Assembly Speaker CP Joshi on Monday 'directed' BJP MLAs to take back the iPhones that they had returned to the House.

On February 23, after Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot tabled the state budget, all 200 MLAs were given the phones — iPhone 13 — in the budget bags on their den on the state."

This led to both BJP and the

given there as well."

you," he said.



way out. Later in the day the BJP announced that its 71 MLAs will return the phones. BJP state president Satish Poonia had said that the phones were being returned "considering the financial bur-

Congress leaders trading barbs. On Monday, Speaker CP Joshi said that "this time, after we asked. after the Assembly asked, the government gave phones. The idea was that through IT, we are bringing the entire Assembly proceeding in it. And this time, we did not give a hard copy of the budget, and have given the budget in it (the phone) and the reports are being

"In order to improve members' efficacy, it is necessary that you use the phones given to



away from duty during the strike of the Departments, to ensure days will be removed from service," it said. The order directed the state transport undertaking to ensure service so that employees could reach offices.

Earlier in the day, the Division Bench of Justice S Manikumar and Shaji P Chaly issued an order, saying: "We direct the Government of Kerala to issue appropriate orders forthwith, to prevent the government ser-

that Rule 86 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1960, are not violated and in case of vition. Government should issue the government servants to at-

tend duty."

olation, to take appropriate acappropriate orders to enable the operation of vehicles to enable The court acted upon a PIL moved by Chandra Choodan Nair, through advocate V Sajith Kumar,

vants from engaging in strike urging the court to declare the strike of employees illegal. and also to issue necessary or-**PUBLIC NOTICE** Registered united. Landman, nace double of the August 200 Months and August 200 Months a

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Date : 29.03.2022 Place : Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Gopalganj, Jehanabad, Kaimur, Katihar, Khagaria Kishanganj, Madhepura, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Paschimi Champaran, Patna, Purbi Champaran, Purnia, Rohtas, Sheikhpura, Sheohar, Siwan, Vaishali, Araria, Begusarai, Banka, Buxar, Jamui, Lakhisarai, Munger, Nawada, Saran, Sitamarhi

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**ODISHA CAMERAMAN'S MURDER** 

### Victim's ex-employer, aide held

BHUBANESWAR, MARCH 28

THE PRIME accused in the abductioncum-murder of cameraman Manas Swain, along with her accomplice, was arrested from Odisha's Bhadrak district, police said Monday.

Sarmishta Rout and her accomplice Jhuna Bhoi were arrested from the Nalanga area of the district. Rout and Bhoi were produced in the court of Chandbali Judicial Magistrate (First Class) that sent them to Crime Branch's custody for five days. Two

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other co-accused, retired Odisha Information Service (OIS) officer Niranjan Sethi and his associate Ranjan Nayak, were also sent to Crime Branch's custody, an official said. Earlier, the Orissa High Court had rejected Sarmistha's anticipatory bail plea. A total of eight people have been arrested so far, including Rout's brother.

Rout, owner and editor of a web portal and fortnightly magazine, allegedly ordered Swain's murder as he was in possession of a memory chip containing photos and videos involving her. Swain had earlier worked as a cameraman with Sarmistha for six months but he quit the job in January this year.

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लिमिटेड, ई-निविदा सुचना, निम्नलिखित संख्या- 04/ई0टी0सी0एम0/2022-2023 कार्य हेतु कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदायें दो विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के भागों में (जी0एस0टी0) में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित 132 के0वी0 मुरादाबाद-गुलाबवाड़ी-मीरगंज एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ऑन लाईन ई-(सी0बी0 गंज) डी0सी0 लाइन के टावर की अर्थिंग से सम्बन्धित कार्य। कार्य। धरोहर राशि वेबसाइट 'http://etender.up.nic.in'' रू० 5500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रू० 1180/- 5-ई-निविदा संख्या आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त ई-निविदा को स्वीकार/निरस्त करने का अधिकार 05/ई0टी0सी0एम0/2022-2023: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के 220 अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कोई कारण बताये सुरक्षित रहेगा। अन्य नियम/शर्ते विभाग के के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र मुरादाबाद पर स्थापित 160 फार्म ए/बी के अनसार होंगी जिन्हें किसी भी एम0वी0ए0 परिवर्तक-प्रथम के मैन टैंक की कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय लीकेज रोकने हेत् गैसिकट बदलने से में देखा जा सकता है। निर्धारित तिथि के सम्बन्धित कार्य। कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० विस्तार तथा शुद्धि पत्र से संबंधित सूचना यदि 12000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित कोई होगी तो केवल वेबसाइट पर डाली मूल्य रू० 1770/-, 6-ई-निविदा संख्या जाएगी। अतः स्वयं को अपडेट रखने के लिए 06/ई०टी०सी०एम०/2022-2023: विद्युत उपरोक्त वेबसाइट को नियमित देखते रहना पारेषण खण्ड-सम्भल के अन्तर्गत 132 चाहिए। **ख़ुलने <u>का दिनांक</u>-26.04.2022**, के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र बछाओं (अमरोहा) से 40 एम0वी0ए0 परिवर्तक की लोडिंग/केरिज कर 1-ई-निविदा संख्या- 01/ई0टी0सी0 **एम**0/2022-2023 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र केलादेवी पर सम्भल के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र अनलोडिंग, शिफ्टिंग एवं गैसकिट बदलने से असमौली के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० 5500/-कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० 6500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मुल्य रू( का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रू० 1180/- 2- ई-1180/- **7-ई-निविदा संख्या- 07/ई0टी**0 निविदा संख्या-02/ई०टी०सी०एम0/2022-सी०एम०/2022-2023: विद्युत पारेषण 2023: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-रामपुर के खण्ड-प्रथम, मुरादाबाद के 132 के0वी0 अर्न्तगत विभिन्न 220 के0वी0 एवं 132 उपकेन्द्र आवास विकास पर स्थापित ४० के0वी0 लाइनों के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण का कार्य। एम0वी0ए0 परिवर्तक-द्वितीय (जी0ई0सी0 धरोहर राशि रू० - 26000/- निविदा प्रपत्र का मेक) के ऑयल लीकेज रोकने हेतु गैसिक जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रू० 3540/- 3-ई-बदलने से सम्बन्धित कार्य। कार्य। धरोहर राशि निविदा संख्या- 03/ई0टी0सी0एम0/2022-रू० 3000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित 2023: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-प्रथम मुरादाबाद मूल्य रू० 590/- हस्ता/- अधीक्षण के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र पर अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल-प्रथम स्थापित स्प्लिट टाइप एयर कंडीशनर का मुरादाबाद। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें'

## Twitter not bothered about sensitivities of people in other regions, says Delhi HC

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE DELHI High Court on Monday criticised Twitter for not acting fast enough to block the account of an atheistic organisation accused of repeatedly posting blasphemous content about a Hindu deity.

The court observed that the social media website would have been more sensitive had the content been about "another religion", and told the company to show it the law that states action against offensive tweets can only be taken following a court order.

"It is ultimately boiling down to this that people you feel sensitive about...about the content, you will block them (but) you are not bothered about sensitivities of other people in other regions of the world, of other ethnicities. We dare say that if the same kind of thing were to be done in relation to another religion,

you would be much more careful and sensitive," the High Court said.

The Division Bench of acting Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Navin Chawla directed the Centre to examine the tweets in question and other allegedly offensive posts by the user to see if those could be blocked under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act. The Bench also ordered the @atheistrepublic account to disclose its location and other inabout

The directives were issued after the court heard a petition seeking the removal of the allegedly objectionable content about goddess Kali posted by @atheistrepublic.

The Bench had posed two questions to Twitter — a. Is there any obligation on its part to keep a watch on its users and find out if they are posting something offensive; b. Is it supposed to block an account in case of repeated complaints or only remove content every time there is a complaint?

company said it had removed six of the account's tweets and an FIR had been registered by the police in Karnataka. But, questioning Twitter's submission that it cannot block an account without a court order, the Bench asked, "If this is the logic, why have you blocked Mr Trump?"

The court went on to say, "We would like you to show us that (you can act) only when there is a court order ... which means that you will not use your own sense of judgement, your intellect, when you find something absolutely, brazenly blasphemous or brazenly offending the sentiments of the people."

Taking note of the fact that Twitter had previously blocked accounts of public figures, the Division Bench directed the website to place on record its policy on the circumstances in which it takes such action. The court also noted that Twitter has to comply with guidelines under IT Rules, 2021.

"Since (Twitter) has not questioned the prima facie view of this court with regard to nature and content of the offending posts of @atheistrepublic, in our view (Twitter) should have on its own, without waiting for today's hearing, taken down the posts which were pointed by the petitioner as early as on 9th December, 2021," the Bench added.

Earlier, petitioner Aditya Singh Deshwal, an advocate, told the court that Twitter was twice intimated about the tweets under scrutiny before the case was filed. He submitted that Twitter was required to observe due diligence under the new IT Rules. Even the website's guidelines bar hateful content on its platform, the petitioner added.

The Centre told the Bench that orders to block tweets are issued when a user continuously posts offensive content. The government also submitted that Twitter blocks accounts on its own based on users' complaints.

A lawyer representing @atheistrepublic told the court that the latest IT Rules were under challenge before the judiciary and provided an undertaking that similar offensive material would not be posted by the account till the matter was before the court.

"We direct her to place on record on affidavit the status of @atheistrepublic, namely its constitution; its location; whether it is having any place of business in India and also place on record the particulars of its officers/representative situated in India," said the Bench.

The court had first directed Twitter to remove the allegedly objectionable content on October 29. At the time, a Division Bench headed by then Chief Justice DN Patel told the social media company to accord importance to people's

sentiments and remove the content. The matter will be heard next on September 6.

### Jharkhand Cong MLA gets 3-yr jail in DA case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RANCHI MARCH 28** 

A SPECIAL court in Ranchi convicted Congress MLA Bandhu Tirkey and sentenced him to threeyear jail term in a disproportionate assets (DA) case while he served as the HRD Minister during

the tenure of former CM Madhu Koda. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had investigated the case and had said that Tirkey "collected assets worth Rs 6.28 lakh more" than his known sources of income from 2005 to 2009 With the sentencing, Tirkey is said to lose his membership in the Jharkhand Assembly as he stands disqualified under the Representation of

The investigation was handed from the Vigilance Bureau to the CBI, which registered cases in 2010 against Koda and his ministers.

### **Gujarat: Class 12** student falls sick during exam, dies

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, MARCH 28

A 17-YEAR-OLD Class 12 student who fell sick while writing his board exam died in hospital on Monday evening in Gomtipur with doctors saying reasons for the death can be ascertained only after postmortem report.

According to officials, Sheikh Mohammad Aman Mohammad Arif, a resident of Gomtipur, was rushed to the hospital after he fell sick, one-and-a-half hours after the exam commenced at 3 pm. A student of SG Patel High School, Arif was appearing for his

Accounts examination at Sheth CL High School in Rakhiyal when he experienced bouts vomiting around 4.30 pm.

"He splashed some water on his face and continued to write his exam," one of the teachers on duty at the examination centre said. "After some time, he started sweating badly. Looking at his condition, the exam supervisor informed the principal who called 108 for an ambulance at around 4.38 pm," said Hitendra Padheria, Ahmedabad city district education officer (DEO).

"Soon the ambulance arrived and he was rushed to Shardaben General hospital in Saraspur along with a teacher. He was put on a ventilator while his parents were informed," the DEO said, adding the boy died of what seemed to be a cardiac arrest, during treatment.



Students undergo thermal testing before appearing for the first exam of the Karnataka SSLC Board, in Chikmagalur. PTI

### Karnataka board exams begin amid hijab row

**KIRAN PARASHAR** BENGALURU, MARCH 28

THE CLASS 10 board examinations got underway in Karnataka on Monday, with 20,994 students remaining absent from it.

On day one, the exam for the first language (mainly Kannada) was held, with 8,48,405 students appearing in 3.444 centres. Of 8.69.399 students enrolled, 20,994 remained absent, even as 97.59 per cent students wrote their exams. In the last academic vear, of 8.19.398 students enrolled for the class 10 board exams, the number of absentees was 3,769 on the opening day.

Karnataka Education Examination Board di rector (exams) Gopalkrishna HN, however, told The Indian Express that this year's figures cannot be compared with last year's. "Last year, we had announced that whoever attends the exams will pass

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### STUDENT DIES

In Mysuru district's T Narasipur taluk, a student, Anushree, died while writing her exam reportedly due to cardiac arrest.

and the questions were then set in an objective-type format. But if vou compare it to 2019-20 and 2018-2019, the attendance had remained about 98 per cent. Then the total enrolment was below 8 lakh while this academic year it has increased," he said. On reasons for absentees, he said they were vet to ascertain how many students remained absent because of the restriction on wearing hijab.

Education Minister B C Nagesh said the government has decided that students wearing hijab will not be allowed inside the exam hall. "They can come to campus wearing hijab but they need to remove it before entering the hall."

### **Muslim Board** moves top court against hijab ban

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE ALL India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has moved the Supreme Court, challenging the March 15 order of the Karnataka High Court that upheld the ban on wearing hijab in educational institutions. The AIMPLB said the order "de-

prived Muslim girls of their constitutional right to wear hijab along with the school uniform" and "curtailed their religious freedom". The ground reality is that the

petitioners are compelled to remove their hijab for the Right To Education at the cost of their selfrespect," said the petition filed by the AIMPLB and two women -Munisa Bushra Abedi and Jaleesa Sultana Yaseen – "who themselves wear hijab in public spaces". The plea said the contention

raised by the petitioners was that they should be allowed to wear hiiab of the same colour of the uniform so that they may remain consistent with their fundamental right of conscience and expression... whether the petitioners are entitled on the doctrine of proportionality and as a matter reasonable accommodation to wear hijab. The HC, it added, had, however, framed totally erroneous questions, which distracted itself from the real issues arising out of the record with the result that "discussions on constitutional principles resulted in conceptual overlapping, leading to discrimination".

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S. No.	Job No./ Work Name	Amount
1	<b>47/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22,</b> M/o Green Belt (R/o damage boundary wall parallel to Metro line of green belt sector-36 & sector-39 and Grit wash inner boundary wall near C-271 to C-286 and B-34 to B-251 sector-100) Noida.	Cost Rs. 30.88 Lacs
2	<b>48/D(H)DD(H)-II/2021-22,</b> M/o Green Belt (R/o boundary wall in front of sector-79 green belt in sector-116) Noida.	Cost Rs. 37.46 Lacs
3	<b>49/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22</b> , Mo Park (Repair & painting work of grill & gate in different parks of sector-49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 61, 105 and 108) Noida.	Cost Rs. 39.53 Lacs
4	<b>50/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22</b> , M/o Green Belt (R/o boundary wall and other civil work parallel to Nala sector-37) Noida.	Cost Rs. 31.28 Lacs
5	<b>51/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22</b> , M/o Park (R/o boundary wall, MS grill and R/o footpath in SP-01 park sector-108) Noida.	Cost Rs. 35.83 Lacs
6	<b>52/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22</b> , M/o Green Belt (Grit wash on boundary wall in front of sector-79 green belt in sector-116) Noida.	Cost Rs. 26.26 Lacs
7	<b>53/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22</b> , M/o Green Belt (R/o boundary wall and C/o footpath near Supreme Tower society sector-99) Noida.	Cost Rs. 38.08 Lacs
8	<b>57/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22,</b> M/o Green Belt (R/o boundary wall and fencing Concertina coil in B-10A sector-34, Near Supertech Capetown Sector-74, R/o Footpath in B-8 Sector-34 and R/o SFRC Grill in Sec-104) Noida.	Cost Rs. 48.25 Lacs
9	<b>58/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2021-22,</b> M/o Park (Changing of old tiles and R/o boundary wall in E-54 & E-94 park sector-52 & C/o Gazebo Hut in E-5 park sector-50) Noida.	Cost Rs. 37.05 Lacs
10	<b>44/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2021-22,</b> M/o RSP Central Verge 45 mtr & wide road sector-168 with two year maintenanace.	Cost Rs. 30.02 Lacs
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### AT NEWLY FORMED BEACH IN ODISHA



The turtles at Rushikulya beach. Courtesy: Berhampur forest division

## **Endangered Olive** Ridleys find a new home for nesting

**AISHWARYA MOHANTY** BHUBANESWAR, MARCH 28

A RECORD 1,14,305 endangered Olive Ridley turtles arrived for their annual mass nesting at the mouth of river Rushikulya in Odisha's Ganjam district on Sunday night, said officials. The Rushikulya beach witnessed record mass nesting this year despite concerns of sea erosion in coastal areas due to high tide.

The rookery or the breeding ground is the second largest in India only after Gahirmatha beach in Kendrapara district of Odisha. Until mid-April last year, only a little above 4,000 turtles had laid eggs on the entire coast till April 21 at the 56 kms-long beach at the river mouth, even though thousands of Olive Ridley turtles had been spotted in the sea.

The phenomenon of sea erosion has been going on since 2017 and Rushikulya river has now pierced through the beach dividing it into two halves. While one half continues to be the main beach, the other half has turned into an island spread over a stretch of 5 kms formed in front of Gokharkuda and Podampeta points. The newly formed island is the fresh nesting destination for the turtles.

Wildlife enthusiasts have been raising concern over the sea erosion and changing course of the river triggered by changing climatic conditions, stating that it may create problems for the turtles as climbing up the beach for nesting will be tough for them.

"The island emerged last year but there was no nesting there. This year we prepared the beach with the cleaning and fencing, clearing all the debris. We also

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How sea

turtles hatch

A FEMALE turtle digs a pit in the sand with her front flippers and lays eggs on the sandy beach. The mother turtle then covers the pit before going back into the sea. Each female turtle lays around 100 to 150 eggs. They cover every hole before sunrise as they return to the sea. The mother turtle does not wait to see the hatchlings emerge about 45 to 50 days after nesting.

prepared the island because we were not sure where they will nest this time," said Behrampur Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Amlan Nayak.

Forest officials take a 10minute boat ride to reach the island, which remains inaccessible for the common people.

The annual nesting was also delayed by a fortnight, which too had caused concerns. The turtles generally arrive from the third week of February to the first week of March. "They nest only under heat wave conditions. The ideal time is 1st week of March, but the heat wave was delayed here this time and so the turtles arrived late." Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ashok Behera said.

Over 150 people, including forest personnel, wildlife activists and villagers, have been engaged for round the clock protection of the turtles and the eggs. This will go on for next 50 days till the hatching, said Nayak.

### SAINIK SCHOOL GHORAKHAL **DISTT NAINITAL (UTTARAKHAND)-263156** NOTICE

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## Birbhum toll

rises to nine as woman dies of burn injuries

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, MARCH 28

THE TOLL in the Birbhum violence rose to nine after an injured woman, who was under treatment for the last one week, succumbed to her injuries. Najma Bibi, who had sustained more than 65 per cent burn injuries, died on Monday afternoon.

Earlier, eight persons were burnt alive after houses were set on fire in suspected retaliation to the muder of TMC leader Bhadu Sheikh in Birbhum's Bogtui village.

On Sunday, a team of CBI officers recorded the statements of three injured persons at the hospital but couldn't speak to Bibi owing to her critical condition. According to sources, she had

been on ventilator support since Sunday. "Her condition had been deteriorating with every passing day. On Monday, she died after a heart attack," said a staff at the hospital where she was admitted.

The CBI, meanwhile, summoned the former SDPO of the area on Monday. Sayan Ahmad, who was sent on compulsory waiting by the state government in the wake of the killings, was called to the guest house where the CBI has set up camp. The questioning was still underway till the filing of this report.

Mihilal Sheikh, the grocery shop owner who lost eight family members, including his wife, eight-year-old daughter and mother, to the violence, was also called to the Rampurhat guesthouse for questioning.

AMID PROTESTS OVER PAR-TAPI-NARMADA LINKING PROJECT

## **Centre has agreed to drop** project, says Gujarat BJP chief after meeting Shah

**KAMAALSAIYED** SURAT, MARCH 28

GUJARAT BJP president CR Paatil has said that the Centre has decided to drop the Par-Tapi-Narmada (PTN) river-linking project as both Maharashtra and Gujarat governments did not give their consent to it.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Paatil said a delegation of ministers and party leaders from Gujarat met Union Home Minister Amit Shah at his residence in Delhi on Monday and gave a representation on the proposed project's impact on the tribals.

Congress MLA Anant Patel from Vansda in South Gujarat has also been spearheading protests and generating support against the project. A meeting in this regard was held in Gandhinagar on Friday. Paatil said, "Our delegation met Shah in Delhi to highlight the impact of PTN river-linking project on the tribals. Later Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also ioined. All the three Union ministers agreed to drop the project over the displacement of tribals."

Among those who were part of the delegation from Gujarat included Tribal Minister Naresh Patel, Fisheries Minister Iitubhai Kaprada, Mangrol BJP MLA and



Tribal communities had taken a stand against their displacement due to the project. Nirmal Harindran/File

former tribal minister Ganpat Vasava, Valsad BJP MP K C Patel.

"For PTN project, the consent of Maharashtra and Gujarat governments were needed, and both the states did not give consent. So, this project will not take shape. Even in the recent Gujarat Budget, no allocation was made for the project. We have also announced not an inch of land belonging to tribals will be acquired." he said.

In her Union Budget speech last month, Sitharaman had announced river-linking projects, including PTN project, to be carried out by central government.

The first protest meeting was held on February 28 in Dharampur taluka of Valsad district, followed by Vyara on March 5, Dangon March 11 and Kaprada on March 21, some of which were also attended by Shiv Sena leader

Abhinav Delkar whose father, late Mohan Delkar was a tribal leader from Dadra Nagar Haveli and its Independent Lok Sabha MP. His mother, Kalaben, who is a Shiv Sena MP. raised the tribal displacement issue in the Lok Sabha the very day the Congress held a protest meeting against the project in Gandhinagar on March 25.

In all these meetings, tribals voiced fears about displacement and losing ancestral land and property. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Mandvi taluka of Surat district on April 8.

Vansda Congress MLA Anant Patel told The Indian Express, "We don't believe in the verbal statements of BJP leaders or ministers. We want a white paper from Central government... or we will continue our future public meetings in South Gujarat."

## Kerala temple bars performance by non-Hindu dancer

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MARCH 28



The 27-year-old dancer dancer shared her ordeal in a Facebook post. She said her dance programme was slated to be held at the temple premises on April 21. "One of the temple office-bearers informed me that I cannot perform at the temple as I am a non-Hindu. All stages are allotted based on religion, not considering whether you are a good dancer or not. In the meantime, I have also been facing queries about whether I got converted into a Hindu after marriage. I have no religion and where should I go," she said.

Devaswom Board.

Mansiya is married to musician Shyam Kalyan.

Earlier, the PhD research scholar in Bharatanatyam had faced the boycott of Islamic clerics for being a performing artiste of classical dance forms despite being born and brought up as a Muslim. Subsequently, she declared she had abandoned Islam and does not believe in religion.

She said this exclusion based on religion is not her first experience as a few years ago she was



Mansiya V P

prohibited from performing at the Sree Krishna temple at Guruvavoor for being a non-Hindu. "Art and artists continue to be knotted with religion and caste. When it is forbidden to one religion, it becomes the monopoly of another religion," she wrote.

Koodalmanikyam Devaswom(temple)Board chairman Pradeep Menon told The Indian Express: "We have invited applications from artistes for performing in various events... The prospectus had stated only Hindu artists can perform in the temple compound. As per norms, we have to take a declaration from all performing artists stating that they are Hindus. When we approached Mansiya for the declaration, she said she has no religion. Hence, she was denied the venue," said Menon.

"If the temple priests are willing to change the tradition, we are ready to allow her to perform. We have gone as per the existing tradition," he added.

Hindu Aikya Vedi (HAV), an umbrella body of several Hindu outfits, said the decision is an insult to the Hindu community. RV Babu, HAV's state general secretary, said that temples are not secular institutions, but all temples have allowed artists, irrespective of religion, to perform.



### Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran Offers e-Auction of

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## BESIEGED COLOMBO

Economic crisis in the island nation has provided an opportunity for Sri Lanka and India to deepen their relationship

HE ARRIVAL OF refugees from Sri Lanka in Rameswaram last week has only underlined the serious economic crisis playing out in the island nation. Since the three-decade long civil war ended in 2009, this is the first time refugees have arrived on the Tamil Nadu coast. Those who landed in Rameswaram said they were forced to flee the country because food and work had become scarce in towns and villages. Newspapers have suspended publication due to shortage of newsprint and food inflation has shot up dramatically. Reports point to a bleak scenario with the Rajapaksa government forced to deploy security personnel at petrol pumps to manage the fuel ration: Street protests have become a regular feature as people struggle to make ends meet. India could expect an influx of economic refugees if the situation deteriorates. This is the backdrop of Foreign Minister S Jaishankar's Sri Lanka visit that began on Monday - both countries are expected to sign agreements, including in defence and maritime security. This is a follow up to the \$2.4 billion financial aid India has extended over the past

At the heart of the crisis is Sri Lanka's mounting debt, which has drained the country of foreign currency, so much so that it can't even pay for fuel and foodgrain imports. Tourism, the bedrock of the Sri Lankan economy, was hit badly, first by the Easter bombings in 2019 and then, the Covid pandemic. The war in Ukraine has disrupted supply routes, leading to shortage of essential goods. An ill-timed plan to promote organic farming has fuelled fertiliser shortages and a fall in output. All these have contributed to the making of the perfect storm. During the Mahinda Rajapaksa presidency between 2005 and 2015, the country had borrowed heavily, particularly from China, to build infrastructure, including a mega port city in Hambantota. These capital-intensive projects did not deliver the expected returns, which has left the economy reeling under a mountain of debt: Colombo owes Beijing around \$3 billion, for instance.

Delhi, more than Beijing, has stepped in now to help Colombo resolve its economic mess. Besides extending a credit line, Delhi has started work on a series of joint projects including the Trincomalee Oil Tank Farms, renewable power projects, and a cultural centre in Jaffna. However, considering the complex history between the two countries, India should tread cautiously in this moment in Sri Lanka. While the two countries share centuries of spiritual, political, economic and cultural ties, Sri Lanka is extremely sensitive about anything that impinges on, or is seen to impinge on, the autonomy of its foreign and domestic policies. It must also be made clear that Delhi's involvement is for the sake of the Sri Lankan people, not to bail out the ruling Rajapaksa clan.

### OPEN IN DEED

### NALSAR University shows how meaningful action can be taken for LGBTQI+ inclusivity: By listening to students

N SATURDAY, NALSAR University of Law in Hyderabad announced that a floor n one of its hostels will be a gender-neutral space for students who self-identify as LGBTQI+. In doing so, it has become one of a minuscule number of educational institutions in the country that have tried to create inclusive, safe public spaces for gender and sexual minorities. In 2018, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences had established a gender-neutral space in its girls' hostel and Ashoka University inaugurated gender-neutral washrooms. NALSAR, however, plans to go further. The university plans to eventually set up a gender-neutral hostel — its vice-chancellor told this newspaper that more changes, applicable to student bodies, faculty members, support staff and academic curriculum and reading material, are on the cards.

NALSAR University's initiative is much-needed and enormously welcome. It demonstrates the kind of change that other educational institutions can also implement in order to create campuses that are safe and welcoming for all students. It also shows how, very often, the most important changes come not through top-down fiat, but through conversations and movements on the ground. At NALSAR University, active engagement with the student community led to the draft Policy on Inclusive Education for Gender and Sexual Minorities. Apart from ensuring students "reasonable accommodation in alignment with their preferred gender identity", the interim policy, which is currently in place to address concerns of LGBTQI+ students, also states that name and pronoun changes shall be available to anyone. In addition, self-identification would only require a self-attested declaration and would be the basis for recognition of gender identity and sexual orientation in the university. By thus honouring its students' wishes in relation to how they self-identify, and prioritising this over the rigid lines that are enforced elsewhere, NALSAR University shows a commitment to inclusivity that is

Following the NALSA v Union of India judgment of the Supreme Court in 2014, which recognised transgender people as the "third gender", the University Grants Commission had issued a circular in 2015 to the vice-chancellors of all universities that "TG-friendly infrastructure like washrooms, restrooms etc" be built. But movement even on the basic suggestions in this circular — which made no mention of gender-neutral accommodation — has been far too slow, raising concerns that "inclusivity", which is also one of the goals mentioned in the National Education Policy, remains, in many areas, a mere buzzword. By listening to its students, NALSAR University has set a good example of how promising words can be translated into meaningful action.

### WHAT'S IN A SLAP

On a stage that is meant to celebrate art and freedom, one man hit another, tried to silence him

OR A MOMENT, it almost seemed like it was part of the gag — a scripted bit of levity to make a stuffy evening more fun. Will Smith, the amiable Hollywood A-lister, jumped up on stage after comedian Chris Rock made a joke about his wife. The actor slapped the comedian. As it became clear that the moment wasn't scripted, the audience — the celebrities at the Oscars and those watching around the world – struggled to come to terms with the shock. Smith, as he accepted the Academy Award for best actor for his performance in King Richard, offered a tearful justification -- protecting his family from the slur — and an apology to the Academy.

On social media, there have been justifications and expressions of support for the slap. Rock's joke can certainly be seen as insensitive — he made fun of Jada Pinkett-Smith's alopecia, which causes hair loss. Then there are Smith's traumatic experiences witnessing domestic violence in his home as a child, which, many conjecture, have made him more sensitive to words he perceived as bullying towards his wife. It is possible, of course, to have sympathy for Smith's anger. But that sympathy should not obfuscate a glaring truth: On a stage that is meant to celebrate art and freedom, one man hit another, tried to subdue and silence him.

 $Smith \, could \, have \, just \, let \, the \, joke \, slide, or \, responded \, with \, words \, of \, his \, own, \, Rock \, is \, known$ as a comedian who pushes the boundaries of what is socially acceptable and he may well have crossed a line. In the end, however, the Oscars, which have been struggling to retain an audience, were overshadowed by an act of violence — the art of cinema, which it professes to celebrate, be damned. Will Smith won best actor. But he proved himself to be a poor artist.

## An answer called CUET



Are we asking the right questions in education, do we value the uniqueness of each child?

Avijit Pathak

IT IS NOT easy to take a categorical position on the UGC's latest move to introduce the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admissions in undergraduate courses in 45 central universities in the country. True, no one can negate its immediate appeal. In a country like ours, because of the uneven quality of different school boards - from the much-hyped CBSC and ICSE to not so rigorous regional boards — there is a huge trust deficit and suspicion about the academic quality of even the "toppers". No wonder, a centralised mode of ranking and evaluation through the CUET is bound to have its appeal; it promises an "objective" and "valueneutral" measurable index for selecting and eliminating young aspirants for different courses. Furthermore, this centralised test would free the tension-ridden youngsters from the pressure of writing multiple entrance tests in different colleges/universities. Likewise, the supremacy of the CUET score/ranking in the selection process would invariably eliminate the pathology of absurd and inflated cut-offs for admissions in "branded" colleges.

This is like saying that one need not necessarily get 499/500 in the board exam to study psychology in Lady Shri Ram College in Delhi University! The only thing that would matter now is one's performance in the CUET. Moreover, the proponents of a standardised test like this would always argue that there is no other way to filter people when the number of aspirants is too high; and this is possible only when we avoid "subjective biases", cherish "objectivity", and quantify and measure with mathematical precision one's mental aptitude and domain knowledge in a specific discipline.

Yet, despite these practical arguments, we should also acquire the courage to see the limitations of this sort of standardised test. First, the dominant structure of education prevalent in the country is essentially bookcentric and exam-oriented; either rote learning or strategic learning (a gift of coaching

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centres) is its essence; and far from learning and unlearning with joy, wonder and creativity, young students become strategists or exam-warriors.

Weekly tests, monthly tests, mock tests, and all sorts of standardised tests - NEET, JEE, and mathematics or science Olympiads - invade the mental landscape of our students. Under these circumstances, true learning suffers. Is it, therefore, surprising that for an IIT aspirant, physics tends to become primarily FIITJEE physics, or mathematics is nothing more than what the coaching centres at Kota consider worth teaching? The question is: Will the CUET alter the scenario? Or, will it be yet another addition in the list of tests our children have to prepare for with stress and anxiety? And will it be possible for teachers in our schools to teach history or literature, and geography or chemistry with joy and creative surplus? Or, will they be further pressurised to teach only for these standardised tests? Will they find themselves insignificant and irrelevant as educators amid the "experts" who control the National Testing Agency? Is it that, in the coming years, schools are going to lose their relevance as students and parents are likely to rely primarily on gigantic coaching centres and fancy Ed Tech companies?

Second, we should not forget to ask yet another pertinent question: Is the tyranny of the MCQ-centric "objective" tests diminishing what every genuine learner needs - creative exploration, interpretative understanding and self-reflexivity? Even if the proponents of scientism assert that physics or mathematics is purely objective, and free from ambiguities associated with subjective interpretations, is it applicable to the domain of humanities and social sciences? Take an illustration. Can there be one and only one "correct" answer to a question like this: Was Swami Vivekananda a Hindu nationalist? Or, for that matter, was Jawaharlal Nehru a western modernist? These are complex questions with nuanced and diverse interpretations.

And if, in the name of "objective" tests, our young students are deprived of the hermeneutic art of interpretation and skill of argumentation, and compelled to reduce everything -be it an algebraic equation or the curved trajectory of the freedom struggle – into an "objective" fact, we would do great damage to their creativity. Definitely, there is something more in Gandhi than, say, the hard fact relating to the date of his birth or assassination, or the year of publication of My Experiments with Truth. If nothing matters more than these "objective facts" in standardised tests, our children would lose the enchanting power of creative articulation, and culture of debate and contestation.

Meaningful learning is not just about exams; nor does meaningful teaching aim at transforming young students into reckless strategists and hyper-competitive examwarriors. And textbooks – including the NCERT books sanctified by the CUET — are not sacred. In fact, truly meaningful learning takes place outside the parameters of the official texts and curriculum. The techno-managers of the National Testing Agency might not go beyond the NCERT texts. But who knows a young learner's worldview might undergo a process of radical transformation simply because an enabling teacher has inspired her to see beyond the "syllabus", and read a short story by Saadat Hasan Manto, a poem by Walt Whitman, or a conversation between Albert Einstein and Rabindranath

Hence, for real transformation, we have to see beyond the CUET, work on the quality of schools and creatively nuanced life-affirming pedagogy; and we must think of honest and fair recruitment of spirited teachers, and relative autonomy of academic institutions. And above all, we must learn to value the uniqueness of each child — the possibility of her inner flowering. Will it ever be possible?

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## Veil And Prejudice

Polarising politics over clothing robs women of agency, absolves state of responsibility

AMBREEN AGHA

THE ONGOING hijab controversy -- with the is another manufactured event that indicates the deepening of cultural tensions between the Hindu majority and the Muslim national minority. Stridently embracing a masculinist approach of "rescuing" Muslim women, the Karnataka High Court's judgment pronounced that the hijab is not an "essential religious practice in Islam". In doing so, the court seemed to ignore two interrelated ideas: Firstly, the primary human impulse of seeking freedom (guaranteed in and safeguarded by the Constitution), and secondly, that this freedom can be realised from the fluidity that lies in the practice of Islam, a point implicit in its own verdict. If the religion doesn't sanction punishment for not wearing the veil, why is the state determined to deprive a whole generation of young hijab-wearing Muslim girls from pursuing education?

If the state continues to exercise prejudice against the hijab-wearing girls, depriving them of their fundamental rights, it will be the beginning of a new chapter of "historical disadvantage" in the political history of modern India. What is ironic is the glaring dissonance between India's global aspirations and pursuit of collaborations, internationally, and a steady slide into inequality, domestically.

In this sweep of insidious currents of hostility towards the largest minority of the country, the state and its institutions seem to be on a path to systematically disempowering the community. This is, arguably, a fallout of the failure of liberal feminist politics and its longstanding view of the hijab as a sign of "increasing Arabisation" and an "instrument of oppression". This biased and ill-informed view of liberal secular feminists led to the creation of a figure of an undesirable "other", which rigidiThis is, arguably, a fallout of the failure of liberal feminist politics and its longstanding view on the hijab as a sign of 'increasing Arabization' and an 'instrument of oppression. This biased and ill-informed view of liberal secular feminists led to the creation of a figure of an undesirable 'other', which rigidified the liberal and the conservative binaries within the mosaic of Islam and its followers. It is these mythical categories of the liberal and the conservative that has made the latter an easy target of Hindu authoritarianism in successive years of its ascendancy, leaving darkness to loom over the beleaguered and estranged minority.

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The retreat of the secular in India lies in the liberal gaze on the undesirable "other" the hijab-clad Muslim woman – inescapably imbued with hostile perception and a "saviour complex". In fact, the hijab has lived out its literal meaning (a "separation") in Indian society, acting as a wall, or a medium to disengage, distance, and, subsequently, alienate. As a "central axis of difference between Muslim and non-Muslim societies" (Leila Ahmad, 1992), hijab has been made to function as a universal signifier of "backwardness". However, in critiquing the Hindu right's brazen violation and criminalisation of fundamental rights of Muslim women and holding accountable the liberal politics of policing [Muslim] bodies to impose their conception of "modernity", I do not want to overlook the structures of patriarchy that exist and operate within Muslim societies that have over decades imposed "modesty" either through conformity or coercion.

What is lost in this contestation between "modernity" and "modesty" that embody two forms of patriarchies is the history of the changing meaning of the veil in different times and contexts — as a symbol of power, ideology, and identity, a commodity reinforcing capitalist production of desire, and a metaphor for the visible/invisible female body. Moreover, the polarising politics over clothing and mundane sartorial dilemmas to change or continue with the practice – denies the existence of an assortment of Muslim bodies, negates Muslim women's

sibility to protect and empower its minorities - both national and immigrant.

The diverse history of the hijab is indicative of the relationship that exists between political transition and the construction of gender in any Muslim society. The bodies of women have been sites of political transformation — the change in the clothing of women reflects the change in politics. To view the practice of veiling with prejudice is nothing short of robbing the faith of its alternative histories and an expression of Islamophobia - subtle or blatant. The women's rights movement, with and without the hijab, is a legitimate part of the larger political struggle for dignity and integrity in both contemporary Muslim majority and non-Muslim majority societies, like India.

It is in India that sartorial politics has reached its nadir. It started with the anti-CAA protests where the (Muslim) protestors could be "identified by their clothes" to the recent incidents where Muslim women were forced to remove their hijab. This prejudiced external behaviour (of the state and the society) can impact the mental life of the Muslim community with far-reaching effects.

As collective trauma among Muslims builds up and transforms into collective memory, it is important that the Indian state plays the role of an emancipator, and not an oppressor. Now that the hijab case waits to be heard in the Supreme Court, what needs to be seen is if the state will triumph in preserving the long tradition of social diversity amidst the global wave of anti-Muslim prejudice?

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### MARCH 29, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### ERSHAD'S ULTIMATUM

WHILE USING A stern ultimatum to five former ministers to surrender within 72 hours, the military regime of Lt General HM Ershad on the fifth day of the crackdown in Bangladesh rounded up 250 persons, including six former ministers and the mayor of the Dacca Municipal Corporation, Abul Hasnat. The arrest of Hasnat, considered to be a strong man of Dacca since the days of Ziaur Rahman, and who became a minister for public works in the Sattar cabinet before being sacked on February 11, when Sattar dissolved on corruption charges was announced by Radio Kashmir.

### CPI'S LINE

THE 12TH CONGRESS of the concluding session of the Communist Party of India has ended with a call for adopting a new political line for a left and a democratic alternative to the Congress (I) government headed by Indira Gandhi and electing a 138-member council to guide the party. A senior member of the party said that the party was never so united. The ghost of Dangeism has been laid to rest.

### DIPLOMATIC ROW

PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER Natwar Singh has given a new twist to an interview given by Indian Ambassador Natwar Singh and criticised him for allegedly questioning the basis for the creation of Pakistan. In an interview to a Pakistan daily, Singh had said, in the context of Kashmir, that India had not, did not and would never support the twonation theory.

### CRACKER MISHAP

THREE PERSONS, INCLUDING an eight-yearold girl, were killed and seven injured in an explosion in Bangalore in a house where crackers were stored. The explosion blew off the roof of the house and battered an adjacent building.

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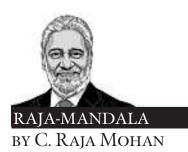
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### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The Russian president may look isolated over Ukraine, but important players are hedging their bets."

## At the centre, Poland

If Germany was at the epicentre of the Cold War divide in Europe, Poland occupies the hot seat today. Unlike a divided Germany troubled by its status as the fulcrum, Poland has risen to the occasion



AS PRESIDENT VLADIMIR Putin's invasion of Ukraine turns into a "total war" between Russia and the West, Poland has emerged as the new geopolitical node of Europe. At the end of his visit to Europe last week, US President Joe Biden delivered a major speech in Poland's capital, not only condemning Putin's aggression but also calling for his ouster from the Kremlin. "For God's sake, this man can't remain in power", Biden concluded his fiery speech in front of a medieval Polish castle in Warsaw. Biden's comments at the very end of his speech also reinforced the repeated US affirmation that the West has no quarrel with the Russian people and that the problem is Putin's overweening ambition and unpro-

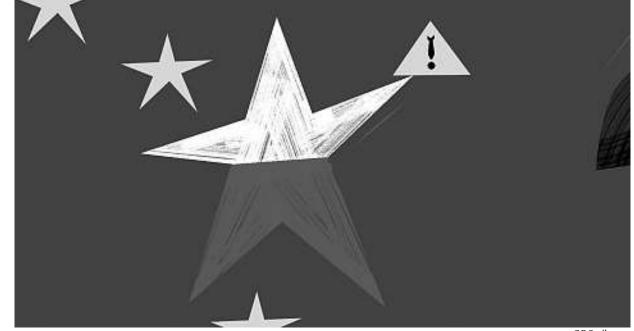
White House officials sought to walk back Biden's remarks by "clarifying" that he was not calling for "regime change" in Russia and that his remarks were not part of the written text. But it is not easy for leaders to take back powerful words, once they are uttered. Biden's remarks will only confirm the Kremlin's fear that Washington is bent on regime change in Russia. There is no doubt now that the prospects for any near-term political reconciliation between the West and Putin's Russia have dimmed significantly.

The Kremlin was quick to remind that the US president does not decide who rules Russia. It also sent even a more powerful message by bombing Lviv, the western city of Ukraine close to the Polish border. Many European allies are flinching at Biden's idea of a total war with Putin's Russia. French President Emmanuel Macron was among the various European leaders to dissociate themselves from Biden's remarks. But as Biden sets a bolder, and highly risky, agenda for the confrontation with Russia, some in Europe are certainly cheering him on. Most of those seeking a decisive confrontation with Russia are in the belt of European states running down the spine of Central Europe from the north to the south. They also form the eastern flank of the North Atlantic Treaty

The Central European nations have long been viewed as peripheral to European geopolitics. They were treated as passive buffers between Russia and Western Europe. The Central European peoples were forever at the mercy of more powerful neighbours to the east and west, especially Russia and Germany, that repeatedly invaded, divided, annexed, and sub-

Not any more. The Central Europeans are now finding their voice. The Russian war on Ukraine has now given the central European states an unprecedented political role in shaping the region's future. They no longer accept a secondary status to the traditionally dominant West European powers in the regional hierarchy. Nor are they willing to accept Russia's claim for a veto over their national security ori-

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Even before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Poles and Central Europeans have been enthusiastic supporters of a stronger role for the US and NATO in Europe. They have had little faith in the visions for European "strategic autonomy" from Washington; they had no confidence in the will and capability of Western Europe in standing up to the Russian challenge

The Trump administration had sought to exploit the differences between "old Europe" in the west and the "new (central) Europe" liberated from the Russian sphere of influence at the end of the Cold War. The Democrats, however, scoffed at Trump's enthusiasm for the socially conservative Central European elites. But the Russian invasion of Ukraine has seen the Biden Democrats embrace Central Europe and elevate Poland to the centre of their European calculus.

In Warsaw, Biden predicted that the conflict over Ukraine will be a prolonged one between Russia and the West. If that assessment is right, the strategic significance of Central Europe at the heart of this confrontation will endure. Russia's war in Ukraine is also bound to propel Poland to the front ranks of European powers. Warsaw's impressive economic performance in the last three decades and its leadership in shaping the sub-regional institutions in Central Europe have steadily elevated the geopolitical salience of Poland.

For far too long, Central Europe has been a blind spot in India's worldview. The east-west framework that defined India's European policies had little room for "Mittle Europa" - or Middle Europe — that straddled this divide and defied the Cold War certitudes. There have been efforts in the last couple of years in Delhi to end the neglect of Central Europe.

As the "New Europe" regains its political agency, Delhi needs a better appreciation of the persistent political cleavages in the heart of the continent. These contradictions will not only shape the outcomes of the war in Ukraine but also the long-term evolution of European geopolitics.

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tor and Russia as a weak regional power, the Central Europeans never stopped warning about Moscow's abiding geopolitical ambitions. The source of their caution was deeprooted suspicion of Russian intentions based on their own tragic experience with Russia's

Last June, for example, they shot down a move by Macron and the German Chancellor to have a European summit with Putin after Biden met with Putin in Geneva to explore a broad political understanding with Russia. They feared that any accommodation between Russia on the one hand and the US, France and Germany on the other, will inevitably be at the expense of Central Europe.

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They have long objected to Germany's deep commercial and deep energy ties to Russia, as empowering Putin and giving him strategic leverage over Europe. In the last few weeks since the Russian invasion, they have sought to shame Germany for its reluctance to provide military assistance to Ukraine. They are egging on NATO to raise military support for Ukraine and calling on the US and EU to expand the scope of economic and other sanc-

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Poland has already taken more than two million refugees from Ukraine in the last month. With a long and shared history with the people of Ukraine, the Poles have opened their homes and hearts to the Ukrainians. Most of the weapons supplies to Ukraine flow through Poland. Warsaw is also eager to transfer more advanced weapons like fighter aircraft to Ukraine to blunt the Russian offensive. If the Poles do not hide their deepest resentments of Russia's historic domination – whether Tsarist or Communist - over Central Europe, the Kremlin can't temper its condescension towards Poland. On the eve of Biden's visit to Poland, Russia's former president and a trusted aide of Putin, Dmitry Medvedey, lashed out at the Polish elites as a "community of political imbeciles" afflicted by "pathological Russophobia". Russia, of course, has its own memories of the Polish-Lithuanian imperialism. Medvedev reminded Poles of Russian success in rolling back the occupation of Moscow

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## A bid to control

Centre's move to unify Delhi municipalities has questionable timing, solves no governance problems. It only serves to postpone MCD elections



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ON MARCH 9, the State Election Commission (SEC) sent an official invite for a press conference at 5 pm to announce the dates for the upcoming MCD elections. The very same day, the SEC received a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs that the Centre was planning to unify the three MCDs and therefore the announcement should be postponed. This letter was followed by a slew of media stories and interactions with BJP leaders. Many reports speculated about a series of reforms that would be a part of the bill; these included the possibility of direct mayoral elections, direct transfer of funds from the Centre to the local bodies and how an empowered cabinet-like structure would be created to do away with the obsolete structure of standing committees.

It is a fact that the highest amount of fund transfers to MCDs was done under AAP's tenure. Data for the past few years show that funds given to MCD by the Government of Delhi in 2010-11 under Congress rule was Rs 1,465 crore, in 2014-15 it was Rs 4,380 crore under the President's Rule and in 2021-22 it was Rs 6,172 crore under AAP. Contrary to this data, the BJP ruled MCD has claimed that the current financial crisis of the municipalities has been caused because of the Government of Delhi. Therefore, the expectation from the new bill was that it would also provide greater financial support to these MCDs. It was also speculated that the number of wards might be increased as the voting population of each municipal ward is between 60,000-70,000 voters, which is bigger than assembly constituencies in some of the smaller

The Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill (2022), was tabled in the Lok Sabha on March 25. This bill can be described as underwhelming at best. The bill contains none of the speculated reforms. It proposes only three changes in the governance structure of the municipal corporations. First, it unifies all three MCDs — north, south and east — into one single Municipal Corporation of Delhi. Second, it reduces the number of wards from 272 to 250. Third, it has a provision for creating a viceroy like structure, a "special officer" who will be responsible for running the government until the next election is held.

It is clear that this bill doesn't bring any ubstantive governance, administrative or financial reforms in the MCD. The only thing it effectively does is to indefinitely postpone the MCD elections. The reduction in the number of wards from 272 to 250, means that the population per ward will broadly remain the same. However, to change the

number of wards, delimitation will be required. The previous delimitation which had taken place before the 2017 MCD election had taken approximately 18 months. Therefore, it wouldn't be wrong to assume that the elections might get postponed by 16 to 18 months. It is also noteworthy that unlike the previous bill that clearly specified which year's census should be used to carry out the delimitation exercise, the current bill is silent on the use of specific census data which gives scope for further postponement of MCD elections if the government decides to use the 2023 Census data for delimitation. During this period, the MCD will be ruled by a nominated "special officer" instead of democratically elected representatives. This is akin to introducing a President's Rule in a state.

This also raises a question on the agency of an autonomous body such as the Election Commission, whose prima facie job is to ensure free and fair elections in the country. The body has become a puppet in the hands of the central government.

It is difficult to find one substantial change in the bill that could be considered as a rationale to introduce it at this time. It is also pertinent to ask that if unification is like a silver bullet to all of MCD's problems then why wasn't it done in the more than seven years the BJP has been in power at the Centre? Why was it proposed on the day of the announcement of the election date? The bill does not solve any policy problems related to governance in Delhi. It only seems to work for the postponement of MCD elections.

In the 15 years of the BJP's rule, rampant corruption and three garbage mountains at the entrance of Delhi have become a hallmark of its MCD tenure. From the dilapidated conditions of government hospitals to selling away government property at throwaway prices, the BJP ruled MCD has failed to deliver on any of the areas that come under its prerogative. There exists a strong sentiment across Delhi to remove the BJP from the municipal corporations and elect AAP. Therefore, the BJP wants to postpone the elections to a time when they would have better electoral prospects. This is what makes the bill so dangerous. Today, the MCD elections are being postponed. Tomorrow, if the BJP is losing the Gujarat elections scheduled in the month of December, can they not bring a bill to unify Gujarat and Maharashtra and thereby postpone the elections? In the future if the BJP is losing the parliamentary elections, they may even propose an amendment to the Representation of the People Act, (1951) and bring the entire country under the rule of a non-democratically nominated administrator. The Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill could be the beginning of a vicious cycle of abuse of power by the central government, which, if not opposed now, could lead to a situation where the elections in this country will be held at the behest of the ruling party.

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## Why RBI must heed inflation

Deal with inflationary pressures now to avoid more painful adjustments later

### Rajeswari Sengupta

RBI IS an inflation-targeting central bank. It is legally mandated to keep inflation in check. Yet it has persisted with easy monetary policy, even as inflationary pressures have increased. We need to understand why, and what could be the repercussions.

Let's first ask: Is inflation a problem in India? Indeed, it is. For most of the past two years, CPI (consumer price index) inflation has been hovering close to the 6 per cent upper threshold of the RBI's target band. Inflation averaged 6.1 per cent during the pandemic period (April 2020 to June 2021), despite a massive collapse in aggregate demand. It then dipped somewhat as food prices eased, but underlying inflation (core inflation which excludes food and fuel items) has remained around 6 per cent in the past 12 months. Then in January 2022, as food prices recovered, headline inflation once again crossed the up-

per threshold of the inflation targeting band. Inflationary pressures do not seem to be diminishing either. Instead, they continue to build up. The standard measure of inflation "in the pipeline" is WPI (wholesale price index) inflation, since price increases at the wholesale level tend to translate into retail inflation in due course. And the WPI is sounding a loud alarm. Between April 2021 and February 2022, WPI inflation averaged 12.7 per cent — the highest in more than a decade.

The problems do not stop there. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in a sharp increase in global commodity prices, including prices of crude oil, edible oils, and fertilisers. At the same time, a resurgence of the pandemic in mainland China and Hong Kong has led to shutdowns that will further constrain supplies of raw materials. Even if the war and the pandemic in China subside soon, their effects

Indian firms are already adapting to this situation, passing on commodity price increase to retail prices. We have reports of double-digit increases in the prices of consumer goods as well as in the real estate sector. Even though the government continues to suppress domestic pump prices, prices of petrol, diesel and cooking gas have gone up in major cities.

Standard economics gives us a guide for how central banks should react in a situation like this. It says that monetary policy should accommodate the first round of commodity price increase, but only under certain conditions, notably that inflation is initially on target, and expectations are firmly anchored. But neither condition holds at present. Inflation is already too high, and so are expectations. As of January 2022, 68 per cent of households surveyed by the RBI expected prices in the 1-year ahead period to increase more than the current rate, up from 63 per cent one year ago.

In some quarters, an argument is nonetheless being made that monetary policy should not be tightened when inflation is driven by supply-side factors, as it can adversely impact growth. This is fallacious. When there are supply constraints, using easy monetary policy to boost demand is not going to boost output. It will only create a situation of excess demand, pushing up prices even further. And if firms are expecting high inflation, this will send things into a vicious spiral, as they will increase their prices even more in advance of any input price pressures.

Surely the RBI is aware of all of this. So why is it still not acting on it? To answer this let's take a step back and look at what is happening globally.

The RBI is not the only central bank that is not reacting to inflation. The US Federal Reserve has been slow to raise rates even as inflation has reached a four-decade high. The European Central Bank has been even slower to react. The problem seems to be that governments all over the world are worried about growth. They are hoping that central banks can somehow solve this problem since government debts are at exceptionally high levels. Until governments accept that reviving growth is their responsibility, not that of the central banks, – especially not when inflationary pressures are on the rise — these banks will not be able to focus on inflation.

In India, monetary policy also suffers from a strong fiscal dominance. As a result, not only is the RBI expected to support growth, it is also expected to keep the government's borrowing costs in check, which is in direct conflict with its inflation targeting objective.

What are the repercussions of the RBI ignoring inflationary pressures? A decade ago, we were in a similar situation where inflation had started increasing but the RBI delayed its response because it was focusing on growth. When inflation subsequently took off, it reached double digits and the RBI had to raise interest rates aggressively to bring it down. That was a very painful adjustment. We do not need a repeat of that episode now. In other words, we need to recognise that high inflation is the real threat to growth, not prudent monetary policy tightening.

In addition, if the RBI does allow inflation to take off, there will be long-lasting repercussions for its credibility. Inflation control requires anchored inflation expectations. But if the public sees the RBI consistently ignoring inflation, expectations can rapidly get unanchored, and then it becomes very costly to bring it down.

To conclude, inflation is best addressed by the central bank using monetary policy, not by the government adjusting taxes. The RBI needs to urgently revisit its inflation forecast and its monetary policy stance in order to avoid potentially painful adjustments down the road.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### THE VISIT This refers to the editorial, 'Testing the

waters' (IE, March 28). Beijing shouldn't have chosen the platform of the ministerial conference of the OIC to reiterate Islamabad's stand on Jammu & Kashmir. State Councilor Wang Yi has been shortsighted in making this outrageous statement. He should have been guided diligently by his office that walking the extra mile to please the host could cause a national embarrassment, as China is looking forward to hosting Indian leadership in two crucial multilateral meetings in a few months' time and a the Imran Khan administration's days are numbered. Wang was perhaps been sent by the highest office of his land to India for damage control. Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

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waters' (IE, March 28). Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's brief visit to Delhi, the first by a senior Chinese official since the military standoff along the LAC began in

April 2020, appears to have left behind more questions than answers. The visit was kept secret until the first meetings on Friday, indicating that there is something more behind the scenes. It is also possible that his outreach stems from a desire to compare notes on Ukraine. where India and China find themselves at odds with the western sanctions regime that threatens to isolate Russia while also finding themselves not entirely comfortable with Vladimir Putin's actions. It's quite clear that Delhi and Beijing can't simply pick up the threads of their talks until there is a full understanding of events since April 2020, and demobilisation by the PLA, followed by the disengagement of troops, is completed.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

### SAVE HISTORY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Our film, our history' (IE, March 26). Just like sahitya or literature, which is considered a mirror of society, art and architecture of the times display our history. Closing of the four institutions mentioned related to filmmaking mentioned in the article, without consulting the relevant stakeholders and disregarding eminent voices like that of Adoor Gopalkrishnan is worrying. Like a history text, the archives distortion would amount to preventing the people to have access to the material for posterity. However, the digital form of our history are available online. But the originals in libraries and archives have their own value.

H Upadhyay, via email

### TOO MUCH POWER

 $THIS\,REFERS\,TO\,the\,Explained\,article, {}^{\backprime}\!MP$ quota KVs and why an attempt to scrap it' (IE, March 28). The discretion given to every Member of Parliament to recommend 10 students in Kendriya Vidyalayas for admission is more likely to be misused particularly when there are no relevant criteria for eligibility of the students except their age and residence in the MP's constituency. Moreover, MPs' children and dependent grandchildren also come under this discretionary category. Besides, education comes under the Concurrent List according to the Constitution. When state governments have not extended this autonomy to their MLAs, grant of the same to MPs just because Kendriya Vidyalayas are run by the Centre looks a bit odd. MPs already enjoy a lot of discretionary rights. Allowing unbridled discretion to them in children's education should be discontinued.

YG Chouksey, Pune

### Novaya Gazeta Suspends Publication

Novaya Gazeta, the Russian newspaper that helped define fearless journalism in the post-Soviet era and whose editor shared the Nobel Peace Prize last year, suspended publication on Monday, leaving Russia without any major media outlets critical of the Kremlin as it wages war in Ukraine. The newspaper, led by Dmitri A. Muratov, the Nobel-winning edi-

**WILL EXPLORE ACTION: ACADEMY** 

The cast and crew of 'CODA' receive the award for best

Oscar moments:

tor, said it would cease publishing in print and online until the end of the fighting.

## At this Ukraine-Poland border crossing, many refugees say they hope to return home someday



**KRISHN KAUSHIK** SHEHYNI, MARCH 28

**EVERY 10 MINUTES they pick** their bags and everything they can carry while fleeing their homes and take a couple of steps forward-leaving their country and lives behind.

Many stayed back in the country, hoping things would settle down. But as the war continues, their hopes to return home seem to be fading. They now move west, towards Poland, which is just a few steps away, and from there to other parts of Europe.

**'PUTIN NOT UP FOR COMPROMISE'** 

Ready to talk

neutrality:

ing between Ukraine and Poland where people can cross on foot. There are seven more border points between the two countries, but they are maintained for those travelling in cars and buses.

The village on the Ukraine side is called Shehyni, while that on the Polish side is Medyka. The crossing is named after these villages. While most people are going towards Medyka, a smaller group is moving towards Sheyni as well.

Over a month into the war, the number of people fleeing to Poland has come down. According to UNHCR, over 3.8 million people have left Ukraine, of which nearly 2.3 million have gone to or through Poland.

Since the martial law in Ukraine disallows men between 18 and 60 years to leave the coun-



Kamarova Irena with her 9-year-old daughter. Krishn Kaushik

try, most people at the border crossing are children, women and elderly. There are a few men, but they have come to drop other members of their family.

There were a few hundred people at the border crossing on Monday. It used to be thousands in the early days of the war. Kamarova Irena, 42, was waiting who stood next to her holding a doll. Irena broke down thinking about her husband, who was still was in Kharkiv—their home city.

Her elder daughter, who is 18, crossed the border a week ago. She lived in people's homes in different parts of western Ukraine. She said she and her daughters were waiting within the country in hope that the war would stop. But, with Russia reducing some of the cities to rubble, she decided to cross the border, "for safety and future" of her children.

Her home in Kharkiv was not safe anymore, though it hadn't been damaged yet, she said. She was now going to Portugal, and hoped to learn the language, find work, and school for her girls again. Tearing up she said,"I don't hind. I would like to go back home, sometime."

there to Germany, was Anatolli Korol, 24, from Kyiv.

day of the war. His parents had left a day earlier, as they anticipated Russia may launch an attack any time. But Korol and his sister stayed back. On the morning of February 24, as soon as they heard Russia had invaded, raining bombs, he and his sister

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### Russian oligarch Abramovich, Ukraine officials hit by 'poisoning',

**REUTERS** 

cold water on the report. Asked about the suspected poisoning, Ukrainian negotiator Mykhailo Podolyak said "there is a lot of speculation, various conspiracy theories". Rustem Umerov, another member of the negotiating team, urged people not to trust "unverified information".

ately respond to an emailed request for comment. According to the WSJ report, Abramovich and the negotiators showed symptoms that included red eyes, constant and painful tearing, and peeling skin on their faces and hands.

# claims report

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ple familiar with the matter.

Abramovich to stop him working.

# Onstage slap

**BROOKS BARNES & NICOLE SPERLING** LOS ANGELES, MARCH 28

IN AN Academy Awards ceremony where an onstage altercation between Will Smith and Chris Rock overshadowed the honours, "CODA" from Apple TV+ won the Oscar for best picture, becoming the first film from a streaming service to be welcomed into that rarefied Hollywood club.

Rock had made a joke about the closely cropped hair of Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, who has alopecia, a condition that leads to hair loss. Smith responded by walking onto the stage of the Dolby Theater and slapping Rock, leaving stunned viewers wondering at first if the blow might have been scripted until Smith returned to his seat and warned him to stop talking about his wife, usng expletives.

In a statement, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences said: "The Academy condemns the actions of Mr. Smith at last night's show. We have officially started a formal review around the incident and will explore further action and consequences in accordance with our bylaws, standards of conduct and California law."

The 94th Academy Awards had a freewheeling, irreverent tone from their start, with ABC and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences labouring to prove that the Oscars could be lively and culturally relevant. By the ceremony's end, it was certainly a night for the Hollywood ages

An emotional Will Smith won the best actor Oscar for his performance in "King Richard" as the fiery, flawed coach and father of the tennis legends Venus and Serena Williams. Moments earlier, the ceremony had been derailed when Smith strode onstage from his seat and slapped Rock, who had just cracked a joke about Smith's wife, Jada

2, can't wait," Rock said, a reference to her shaved head. She revealed her alopecia diagnosis in 2018.

first Oscar. He



CHRIS ROCK had an on-

stage altercation with Will

alopecia areata?

Smith after the former made a joke about Smith's wife Jada Pinkett Smith's shaved head. Pinkett Smith suffers from a condition known as alopecia areata - a condition that causes sudden hair loss in patches. "The condition is developed after the immune system attacks the hair follicles, resulting in hair loss, which cannot be observed easily. These patches connect and then become observable," Dr Vijay Singhal, Senior Consultant, Dermatology, Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute said. Not just the scalp, sudden hairfall may also occur in other parts of the body. It mostly occurs in people who have a family history of auto-immune conditions, such as diabetes and thyroid, the

was previously nominated for best actor in 2007 for "The Pursuit of Happyness" and in 2002 for "Ali." "Richard Williams was a fierce defender of his family," Smith said in accepting the award"

doctor added.

With tears running down his face, he also apologised to the academy and his fellow nominees. But not to Rock. "I hope the academy invites me back," Smith said.

"CODA," a dramedy

about the only hearing child of a deaf family, beat a rival streaming-service film. "The Power of the Dog" from Netflix, for the top prize. For an industry in turmoil, with tech giants like Apple and Amazon upending entertainment-industry business practices and threatening Hollywood power hierarchies, the win by Apple TV+ was a

> seismic moment. The best actress Oscar was awarded to Jessica Chastain for "The Eyes of Tammy Faye.' It was her first Oscar..

## Shanghai starts China's biggest lockdown in 2 yrs

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** BEIJING, MARCH 28

CHINA BEGAN its most extensive coronavirus lockdown in two years Monday to conduct mass testing and control a growing outbreak in Shanghai as questions are raised about the economic toll of the nation's "zero-Covid" strategy.

Shanghai, China's financial capital and largest city with 26 million people, had managed its smaller previous outbreaks with limited lockdowns of housing

At summit, Israel,

focus on security

US, 4 Arab nations

*Sde Boker:* The top diplomats

of the United States and four

Arab countries convened in

Israel on Monday in a display

of unity against Iran but also

used the rare summit to press

their host to revive long-stalled

peacemaking with the

Palestinians. Concluding the

two days of discussions at a

**ISRAEL** 

compounds and workplaces

where the virus was spreading. But the citywide lockdown that will be conducted in two phases will be China's most extensive since the central city of Wuhan.

Shanghai's Pudong financial district and nearby areas will be locked down from Monday to Friday as mass testing gets underway, the local government said. In the second phase of the lockdown, the vast downtown area west of the Huangpu River that divides the city will start its own five-day lockdown Friday.

IN BRIEF

like-minded Sunni Arab states.

**AFGHANISTAN** 

Govt employees

without beards

barred from work

Kabul: Afghanistan's Taliban

has instructed all government

employees to wear a beard

and adhere to a dress code or

risk being fired, three sources

told Reuters. The sources said

**ASIF SHAHZAD** 

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 28

PAKISTAN'S PARLIAMENT took up a no-confidence motion moved by opposition lawmakers on Monday in a bid to remove Prime Minister Imran Khan, pushing the South Asian nation closer to political turmoil. The house will begin a debate

that was posted on Sunday. "This

is genocide, there is no other way

city has not been captured.

"Today the city of Mariupol re-

mains a Ukrainian city," he said.

Boychenko insisted that the

to call what is happening."

on the motion on Thursday and a vote is to be held within seven days. 'The Prime Minister ceases

to hold his office after he has lost the confidence of this house," Opposition leader Shehbaz

ees were in compliance with

the new rules.

**MYANMAR** 

Suu Kyi misses

to quarantine

court hearings due

Bangkok: Ousted Myanmar

leader Aung San Suu Kyi did

not attend recent court hear-

ings in which she is a defen-

dant because she has been

quarantined due to possible

exposure to the coronavirus, a

legal official said Monday. Suu

Kyi is being tried in the capital,

Navpyitaw, in several cases in-

volving charges of corruption,

election fraud and violating a

state secrets law. AP



Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan

Sharif said, reading from the noconfidence motion telecast live

The vote comes as Pakistan faces a recurring economic crisis, with Khan's government banking on the International Monetary Fund to release the next tranche of a \$6 billion rescue package to shore up dwin-

Khan, 69, a former captain of Pakistan's national cricket team. lost a parliamentary majority with a series of defections from his party, and a united opposition

the UN General Assembly overwhelmingly reprimanded

Nearly 20 of Khan's lawmak-

ers have defected and his main coalition partners have suggested that they might join the opposition, making him short of 172 votes, a simple majority needed in parliament to hold on to power. The opposition says it commands 163 votes and can get more. The government has sought a court intervention to bar the defectors from voting against the party un-

der an anti-defection law. The opposition and analysts say the prime minister has fallen out with the powerful military, which mostly determines who will rule, a charge both Khan and

the military deny. REUTERS

### Biden's \$5.8 trillion budget calls for more military spending, higher taxes on rich

**JOSH BOAK** WASHINGTON, MARCH 28

PRESIDENT JOE Biden announced a budget blueprint Monday that calls for higher taxes on the wealthy, lower federal deficits, more money for police and greater funding for education, public health and

housing. In essence, it tries to tell voters what a diverse and at times fractured Democratic Party stands for ahead of the midterm elections that could decide whether Congress remains under the party's control. The bottom line: Biden is



proposing a total of \$5.8 trillion in federal spending in fiscal 2023, which begins in October, slightly less than what was projected to be spent this year before the supplemental spending bill was signed into law this month. The deficit would be

for defence, \$915 billion for domestic programmes, and the re-

**US President** Joe Biden

There would be \$795 billion

maining balance would go to mandatory spending such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and net interest on the national debt.

The higher taxes outlined on Monday would raise \$361 billion in revenue over 10 years and apply to the top 0.01% of households. "Budgets are statements of values," Biden said in a statement, "and the budget I am releasing today sends a clear message that we value fiscal responsibility, safety and security at home and around the world, and the investments needed to continue our equitable growth and build a better America."

### WINNERS' LIST =

**BEST PICTURE:** 



**BEST DIRECTOR:** ▲ Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog



**Jessica Chastain for** The Eyes of Tammy Faye **BEST** SUPPORTING **ACTRESS:** Ariana **DeBose for** 

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:** Troy Kotsur for CODA

BEST INTERNATIONAL ▼



King Richard

New Delhi

#### desert retreat where its foundrepresentatives from the ing father David Ben-Gurion is Ministry for the Propagation of buried. Israel said the event Virtue and Prevention of Vice would be repeated and exwere patrolling the entrances panded as it builds up comto government offices on mercial and security ties with Monday to check that employ-

derway in Turkey on Tuesday. While hinting at possible concessions in an interview with

**AP& REUTERS** 

UKRAINE COULD declare neu-

trality and offer security guaran-

tees to Russia to secure peace

"without delay," President

Volodymyr Zelenskyy said ahead

of another planned round of talks

– though ĥe said only a face-to-

face meeting with Russia's leader

could end the war. The Kremlin

said that peace talks may get un-

LVIV, MARCH 28

independent Russian media outlets, Zelenskyy stressed that Ukraine's priority is ensuring its sovereignty and its "territorial integrity" — preventing Russia from carving up the country, something Ukraine and the West

say could now be Moscow's goal. But. Zelenskyv added: 'Security guarantees and neutrality, non-nuclear status of our

state — we are ready to go for it."

Meanwhile, a senior US official said on Monday does not appear ready to make compromises to end the war in Ukraine, "Everything I have seen is he is not willing to compromise at this point," the senior US State Department official

Zelenskyy Peace talks to start in Turkey today anonymity after Ukraine's presi-

dent sketched out a potential way to end the crisis over the weekend. Russia has long demanded Ukraine drop any hope of joining the western NATO alliance, which Moscow sees as a threat. Zelenskyy said the question of neutrality, which would keep Ukraine out of NATO or other military alliances, should be put to

after Russian troops withdraw.

solutions on all key issues,' itate talks," but said Russia

Ukrainian voters in a referendum

stressed that Ukraine needs security guarantees of its own as part of any deal. "We must come to an

agreement with the president of the Russian Federation, and in or-

of a potential deal are negotiated. "The meeting is necessary once we have clarity regarding Lavrov said in an interview with Serbian media. He accused Ukraine of only wanting to "im-

der to reach an agreement, he needs to get out of there on his own feet ... and come to meet me," he also said in an interview that Russia barred its media from publishing.

Zelenskyy has also long

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Layroy said Monday that the two Presidents could meet, but only after the key elements

**NYT&REUTERS** MARCH 28 THE MAYOR of the besieged port of Mariupol said Ukrainian forces were still defending the city and accused the Russian military of committing "genocide." "The task was to wipe the city

A Russian attack in Byshiv, on the outskirts of Kyiv, on Sunday. AP

the face of the earth along with its inhabitants," mayor city of Mariupol. Reuters Vadym Boychenko said of the Russian troops in an interview with the UNIAN news agency



Russia wants to wipe Mariupol

off the face of earth, says mayor

"Our military is doing everything to keep it that way in the future.' Still, defence analysts have said the city could soon fall into Russian hands. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Sunday that he

city to withdraw if their survival

Ukrainian city of Mariupol since Russian forces laid siege to it, a spokesperson for the city mayor said on Monday. The spokesperson quoted data from the mayor's office that said about 90% of buildings in Mariupol had had urged soldiers defending the been damaged and about 40%

No-confidence motion moved in Pak Parliament dling foreign currency reserves.

mained because they feared aban-

doning civilians and their dead and

Among the dead are at least

300 people who were killed in a

Russian strike on a drama theater

that was being used as a shelter.

Boychenko said because of con-

tinuing shelling, the site had not

been killed in the southern

Nearly 5,000 people have

yet been cleared of bodies.

wounded comrades.

is calling on him to step down. He has vowed to fight to stay put. He has blamed a foreignfunded conspiracy for trying to topple his government. China is a long-time supporter and Pakistan, a traditional ally of the West, abstained from voting as

Russia for invading Ukraine.

\$1.15 trillion.

Will Smith for

Though there are only a few hundred people, the process was still hours long. Most of them were waiting for their turn at the immigration. The queue progressed slowly. One of them leaving for Poland, and from

He fled his home on the first

**FULL REPORT ON** 

## rattles night as **CODA** triumphs

RUSSIAN BILLIONAIRE Roman Abramovich and Ukrainian peace negotiators suffered symptoms of suspected poisoning earlier this month after a meeting in Kyiv, the Wall Street Journal and the investigative outlet Bellingcat reported on Monday, citing peo-

Abramovich, who accepted a Ukrainian request to help negotiate an end to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and at least two senior members of the Ukrainian team, were affected, the WSJ report said.

Ukrainian officials poured

The Kremlin did not immedi-

and the Ukrainian negotiators, including Crimean Tatar lawmaker Umerov, have since improved and their lives are not in danger, WSJ reported. A person familiar with the matter confirmed the incident to Reuters but said Abramovich had not allowed it

> Pinkett Smith. "Jada, I love you. GI Jane

> > Smith, meanwhile, won his

West Side Story

FEATURE: Drive My car



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### TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

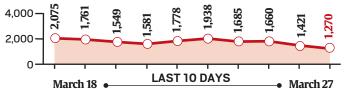
### DASHBOARD, AS ON MARCH 27



New cases

15,859

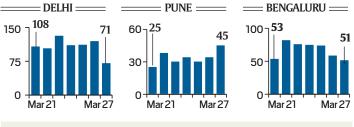
**Deaths** 31



#### CASES IN THE STATES

State		Weekly		
	New cases	Active cases	Deaths	positivity
Kerala	400	4,663	25	2.91%
Maharashtra	140	926	1	0.37%
Delhi	71	448	1	0.40%
Karnataka	64	1,819	1	0.31%
West Bengal	64	716	0	0.36%

### CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 7 DAYS



4,32,389

TOTAL TESTS

**WEEKLY POSITIVITY** 

**OVERALL POSITIVITY 5.46%** 

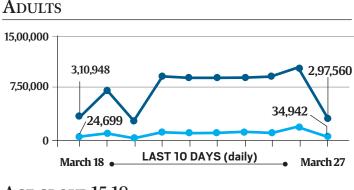
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INDIA TOTAL DOSES (Adults 1st dose: 91,25,17,800; 2nd: 79,10,79,317;

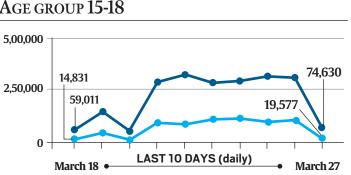
15-18 age group 1st dose: 5,68,33,999; 2nd: 3,72,48,743; Age group 12-14 1st dose: 1,23,75,762; Precautionary: 2,25,80,052)

First dose Second dose

March 26 total: 6,25,643



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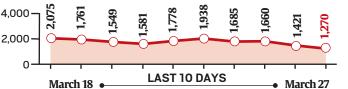
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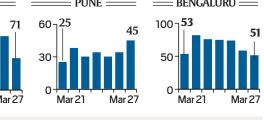
**Active cases** 

Weekly CFR: 17.28% | Overall CFR: 1.21% | Total deaths: 5,21,035

NEW CASES, DAILY



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**TESTS ON MARCH 27** 0.26%

183,26,35,673

### Who does the law apply to?

Compared to the 1920 Act, the Bill expands the individuals it seeks to cover. It proposes that the law apply to three categories

■ Those convicted of an offence punishcriminals" or "habitual offenders" with a

## SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

## Bio samples for crime files

Bill tabled in Lok Sabha proposes to allow police and prison authorities to collect and store biological samples of certain accused and convicts. What are the government's objectives, and what concerns does this raise?

### **APURVA VISHWANATH**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE GOVERNMENT introduced the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022 in Lok Sabha on Monday amid strong protests from the Opposition. The Bill proposes to allow the police and prison authorities to collect, store and analyse physical and biological samples including retina and iris scans.

#### What is the proposed law?

The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022, introduced by Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra in Lok Sabha, compels certain individuals, convicted and accused of offences, to share biological personal data. This has raised concerns about excess state surveillance and violation of privacy. According to the text of the Bill, it is "to authorise for taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters and to preserve records and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto".

Section 2(1)(b) of the Bill defines "measurements" to include finger impressions, palm-print impressions, footprint impressions, photographs, iris and retina scans, physical and biological samples and their analysis, behavioural attributes including signatures and handwriting, or any other examination referred to in Section 53 or Section 53A of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973. Section 53 relates to medical examination of a person arrested.

The law also seeks to replace the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920 which applied to collection of "measurements" for mostly those who were convicted and who would serve a prison sentence. Measurements under the 1920 Act involved only finger impressions and footprint impressions.

of individuals:

able under any law for the time being in force. ■Those ordered to give security for good behaviour or maintaining peace under Section 117 of the CrPC for a proceeding under Section 107, 108, 109 or 110 of the Code. These are provisions involving "suspected



Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra in Lok Sabha, where he introduced the Bill on Monday. SANSAD TV/PTI Photo

view to preventing crime.

■ Those arrested in connection with an offence punishable under any law in force or detained under any preventive detention law. This would include the National Security Act or the Public Safety Act.

Additionally, the Bill states that except for those accused of offences committed against a woman or a child, or for any offence punishable with imprisonment for a period that is not less than seven years, a person accused of any other offence can refuse to allow taking of his biological samples under the Bill.

The Bill says that even if such data is collected from the accused, it can be destroyed from the records unless a magistrate in writing directs otherwise, after the accused is released without trial or discharged or acquitted by a court.

### How will this data be stored?

The Bill states that the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shall be entrusted with the biological data collected, "in the interest of prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of any offence under any law for the time being in force".

The NCRB can collect the record of measurements from the state government or Union Territory Administration concerned, or any other law-enforcement agencies, and will have the power to store, preserve and destroy the record of measurements at na-

records with any law enforcement agency. Given that policing is still a state subject, it remains to be seen if any states refuse to share this information. But the Bill provides a legal framework for police to carry out surveillance using technology The modalities of collection, storage or use

tional level and share and disseminate such

of this data will be prescribed in rules by the government and are not outlined in the Bill, except that the record of measurements shall be retained in digital or electronic form for a period of 75 years from the date of collection. However, the Bill states that the rules will

necessarily be placed before state legislatures or Parliament.

### What are the issues being raised about

**LACK OF CLARITY:** Several provisions are not defined in the Bill itself. For a law that impacts fundamental rights, this can raise concerns. For instance, the statement of objects says it provides for collection of measurements for "convicts and other persons" but the expression "other persons" is not defined. It does include those accused of certain offences, but it can be argued that the police could use the law to expand it to others.

The Bill allows those "ordered to give security for his good behaviour or maintaining peace under section 117 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for a proceeding under section 107 or section 108 or section 109 or section 110 of the said Code" to be compelled to share biometic data. These provisions cast a wide net on range of individuals - even those who are not booked for any

### offence but are simply "suspected" of committing one or "likely" to commit one. CONFLICT WITH FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS: Opposition members argued that the Bill was beyond the legislative compe-

tence of Parliament as it violated fundamental rights of citizens including the right to privacy — the Constitution states that Parliament can bring no law that violates the fundamental rights of citizens. The proposed law will be debated against

Article 20(3) of the Constitution, which is a fundamental right that guarantees the right against self-incrimination. It states that "no person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself".

The Supreme Court's landmark ruling in Puttaswamy v Union of India, which recognised the right to privacy as a fundamental right, made it clear that any state action infringing on the right needs to be backed by legislation. It also laid down a three-fold test to allow such laws. First, the activity must be backed by a law. Second, the state must have a legitimate interest in the subject to bring such a law that collides with fundamental rights. Third, the state's infringement must be proportional to its aim.

The government could argue that the proposed Bill helps in maintaining law and order, which is a legitimate state interest. However, the Bill also states "increasing conviction rate" as one of its aims. If the law is passed and challenged, the court will have to look into whether "increasing conviction rate" can be a legitimate aim and if it can outweigh rights of citizens.

To the extent that the proposed Bill brings a legal framework for police surveillance using technology, experts fear that it could be expanded or misused.

OTHER CONCERNS: The Bill also brings to focus rights of prisoners and the right to be forgotten since biometric data can be stored for 75 years. While the jurisprudence around the right to be forgotten is still in an early stage in India, the Puttaswamy judgment discusses it as a facet of the fundamental right to privacy.

In the Puttaswamy II case in 2018, the Supreme Court upheld the Aadhaar scheme and allowed the state to collect fingerprints

## Over the years, integrating data, scaling up

### HARIKISHAN SHARMA & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE IDEA of boosting investigative capabilities through technological interventions such as biological sample collection and iris scans in aid of fingerprints has been in the works for several years.

### **Towards integration**

The government has been digitising fingerprints since the time the UPA was in power, with a plan to integrate all fingerprints available with states and the Centre into the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS), the national database on crimes and criminals. After the Narendra Modi government came to power in 2014, it embarked on a project to integrate IRIS scans and facial recognition sys-

In 2018, then National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) Director Ish Kumar said that investigating agencies should be allowed to

access the fingerprint data of Aadhaar to Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to match finalso help civilian verifications when needed. identify criminals. NCRB is the nodal agency for the implementation of CCTNS.

However, the Aadhaar authority in response issued a statement that under the Aadhaar law, its data could not be given to any criminal investigation agency.

Sources in the Ministry said it was under these circumstances that the need for a law that would allow authorities to collect and store samples from accused and convicts was deemed necessary.

### Efforts at scaling up

The idea of integrating data from new investigation tools was envisaged as part of Phase II of CCTNS, which aims to connect all police stations across the country, with all their crime and criminal data, into a central database for real time access to information on criminals.

The Home Ministry is working on the integration of the fingerprint database of the Central Finger Print Bureau (CFPB), and get NIST Fingerprint Image Software (NFIS), a technology used by the United States Federal gerprints.

The CFPB currently uses Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), also called FACTS, for fingerprint-matching. Sources said the technology is outdated and the FBI, which uses fingerprint data extensively for criminal investigations, has long abandoned it.

The government is also working on scaling up data collection. While the FBI has over 4 crore fingerprints in its database, the CFPB currently has a database of just over 10 lakh fingerprints. The Home Ministry is working on taking it to 30 lakh fingerprints by connecting the data stored with state fingerprint bureaus. The plan is to eventually store all data from crime scene investigations across the country. Annually, close to 50 lakh cases are registered. The National Informatics Centre is working on a cloud for its integration, a source said.

"The idea is that integration of the fingerprint database, face recognition software, and iris scans will massively boost the crime investigation capabilities of the police. It will

No one will be able to get away with a fake ID," a Home Ministry official said.

#### Lessons from past Notably, in 2009, India's most wanted ter-

rorist and the operations chief of the Indian Mujahideen, Ahmed Zarar Siddibappa alias Yasin Bhatkal, was arrested by Kolkata Police in a case of theft. However, he was identified as "Bulla Malik" based on fake identity documents, and was let off after a few days. He went on to engineer a series of blasts in Pune and Mumbai after this — until he was apprehended in Nepal in 2013. The episode remains a reminder of the importance of CCTNS and the need to integrate the fingerprint database and face recognition in criminal investigations.

In the 2013 Bodh Gaya blasts, the NIA had recovered an abandoned Buddhist robe from the blast site and taken DNA samples from it. Later, when IM operative Hyder Ali was arrested for the blast, his biological samples matched with those collected from the site, and he was convicted.

## Defining 'minority': what the Constitution says, how SC has ruled

### **ANANTHAKRISHNANG**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

ON MONDAY, the Supreme Court gave the Centre four more weeks to place its stand on a plea challenging the Centre's power to notify minorities under the National Minorities Commission Act, 1992, and seeking minority status for Hindus in states where their num-

bers have gone below that of others. The petition by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay has contended that the 2011 census showed Hindus have become a minority in Lakshadweep (2.5%), Mizoram (2.75%) Nagaland (8.75%), Meghalaya (11.53%), J&K (28.44%), Arunachal Pradesh (29%), Manipur (31.39%), and Punjab (38.40%), but were bring denied minority benefits.

### Who is a minority under Indian laws?

The Constitution refers to "minorities" in some Articles, but does not define the term. Neither does the National Minorities Commission (NMC) Act, 1992, under which the Centre notifies which communities are minorities. In the Constitution:

Article 29, which deals with the "Protection of interests of minorities", says that "any section of the citizens residing in the territory of India or any part thereof having a distinct language, script or culture of its own shall have the right to conserve the same".

■ Article 30, which deals with the "right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions", says that all minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.

Article 350(A) says there shall be a Special Officer for linguistic minorities to be appointed by the President. "It shall be the duty of the Special Officer to investigate all matters relating to the safeguards provided for linguistic minorities under this Constitution and report to the President upon those matters...'

So, who is a minority in India?

Currently, only those communities noti-



Lingayat seers with then Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah in 2018. The state had recommended the status of a religious minority for Lingayats, but it was rejected by the Centre later that year. Siddaramaiah/Twitter

fied under Section 2(c) of the NMC Act are regarded as minority. Under the Act, the Centre on October 23, 1993 notified five groups — Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis – as 'minority' communities. Jains were

added to the list in January 2014.

What have courts said on the subject? The petition in the Supreme Court refers to its rulings in TMA Pai Foundation & Ors vs

State Of Karnataka & Ors (2002) and Bal Patil & Anr vs Union Of India & Ors (2005).

TMA PAI (2002): An 11-judge Bench dealt with the scope of the right of minorities to run educational institutions of their choice under the Constitution. A majority ruling by six judges referred to two other cases pertaining to DAV College in Punjab, in which the SC had to consider whether Hindus were a reli-

gious minority in Punjab.

It said, "in DAV College v State of Punjab [1971]... the Court held that the Arya Samajis, who were Hindus, were a religious minority in the State of Punjab, even though they may not have been so in relation to the entire country." It added, "In another case, DAV College Bhatinda v State of Punjab [1971]... this Court rejected the contention that since Hindus were a majority in India, they could not be a religious minority in the State of Punjab, as it took the State as the unit to determine whether the Hindus were a minority community. There can, therefore, be little doubt that this Court has consistently held that the unit to determine a religious or linguistic mi-

New Delhi

nority can only be the State.'

BAL PATIL (2005): In this judgment, the court said: "After the verdict in the eleven judges' Bench in TMA Pai Foundation case (supra), the legal position stands clarified that henceforth the unit for determining status of both linguistic and religious minorities would be 'state'... If, therefore, the State has to be regarded as the unit for determining 'linguistic minority' vis-a-vis Article 30, then with 'religious minority' being on the same footing, it is the State in relation to which the majority

or minority status will have to be determined.

"The minority for the purpose of Article 30 cannot have different meanings depending upon who is legislating. Language being the basis for the establishment of different States for the purposes of Article 30, a 'linguistic minority' will have to be determined in relation to the State in which the educational institution is sought to be established. The position with regard to the religious minority is similar, since both religious and linguistic minorities have been put on a par in



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### **BHARAT COKING COAL LIMITED**

A Mini Ratna Company (A subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

### NOTICE

All the tenders\* issued by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of BCCL www.bcclweb.in, Coal India Limited (CIL) e-procurement portal https://coalindiatenders.nic.in and Central Public Procurement Portal https://eprocure.gov.in. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal https://gem.gov.in.

\*This is applicable to all Open (Domestic / Global) Tenders issued through e-procurement portal of CIL.

	NC	DRTHERN RAILWAY
		TENDER NOTICE
1	nvitation of Tende	r through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)
1	Name of work with its location	Re-girdering of Bridge No- 245 (1x18.3m) North & South on DLI-GZB in the section of AXEN/Spl/Bridge/TKJ.
2	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 7998026.31
3	Amount of Earnest Money	Rs.160000.00
4	Completion period of the work	(10) Ten Months
5	Date & time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 19.04.2022 Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs on same day
6	Website particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded.	
T	ender Notice No: 32-	N-BR-245-DSA-2022 Date : 26.03.2022

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE** 

General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead LNJP Hospital Delhi dated 15.03.2022. During the treatment declared brought dead by doctor. In this regard DD No. 23A dated 15.03.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi. The dead

body has been preserved for

identification at MAMC Mortuary,

Delhi for 72 hrs. The description of



the dead body is given as under Name: Unkonwn S/o:Unkonwn, R/o-Unkonwn, Age: About 30 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Sallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Grey colour pant and blue disposable Gown of LNJP Hospital.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

Government of Jharkhand Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs

3rd Floor, JSFC Bhawan, Kadru, Ranchi -834002 DIRECTORATE OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

**Corrigendum Notice** 

No:- 264718 regarding installation of Automated, Multi

Commodity, Grain Dispensing Machine popularly (Grain

ATM) on a pilot project basis, in the state of Jharkhand.

Last date for Submission of EOI Response 08.04.2022

unchanged. Detailed EOI maybe Downloaded from the

Website of Department https://www.jharkhand.gov.in/food ->

Tender and Corrigendum. Any changes/modification in the

PR 267129 Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs(21-22)#D

Rest all the Terms and Conditions of the EOI remains

Sd/-, Director

**Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs** 

Following Amendment are hereby Authorised.

EOI will be posted on the same.

Document via email

Reference to EOI No:-179 Dated-03-02-2022 and PR

DP/1341/CD/2022

Letter No -525

P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi Ph.: 011-23230623, 23233743

Dated - 28/03/2022

#### out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this

Dt. 23.03.2022 has been lodged in PS Safdarjung

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 223-DRM-MB-21-22 closing date 12.04.2022 16:00 hrs.

Name of Hiring of Multi Utility Vehicle for SSE/P.Way & SSE/W for two years

Bidding Start Date 29.03.2022 Period of Completion 24 Months

Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail Information please log www.ireps.gov.in.

Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through

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POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online percentage rate bids are re-invited on behalf of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigart rom the specialized agencies dealing in similar type of work on three bid system (Eligibilit) sid, Technical Bid and Financial Bid).

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app and offi-ial website of the PGIMER www. pgimer.edu.in. Press notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in/ Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for participating in e-tendering process. (Helpdesk for registering 9988447883).

Hospital Engineer (RAC)

Appeal for Identification

PGI/Engg/RAC/2022/137

Rs. 5.63 Crore

Rs. 11.26 Lakhs

01.04.2022 at 15.00 hrs

11.04.2022 upto 15.00 hrs.

12.04.2022 upto 12.00 hrs

General Public is hereby informed that a

male dead body Name: Bharat, S/o

Ghananand, R/o: Unknown, Age:

About 40 years, Height: 5'7"

Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long

Built: Thin, Wearing Upper &

Lower: Off White upper, was found

in Safdarjung hospital on 23.03.2022

Delhi. In this regard DD No. 30-A

To be intimated later.

Augmentation of Air Conditioning (HVAC) System in API & Providing Air Conditioning (HVAC) in School of Publi Health (SPH)Building, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Cost of work ₹59,26,247.77/- Earnest Money ₹1,18,500/-

Tender closing date/time | 12.04.2022 16:00 hrs. | Tender Cost

demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No.: 223-DRM-MB-21-22 Dated: 28.03.2022

NIT No.

Estimated Cost

Earnest Money

eriod of Completion

Date & time of pre bid meeting

Last date and time of submission of bid

Date and time of opening of Eligibility Bid Date and time of opening of technical bid

Date and time for submission of original EMD as

under Sr. DEN/II/MB

person may kindly inform to the following. SHO

P.S., Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi

Ph.: 011-24106345, 24106347

DP/1109/SW/2022

### SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



Enclave, Delhi.

General public is here by informed that this Person Namely: Rahul, S/o Maha Dev, R/o WZ-70 Jawala Heri Market, Paschim Vihar Delhi. **Age:** 27 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Wheatish, Face: Long, Wearing: Brown Jacket, White Shirt, Blue Jeans, Black Sports Shoes. in Feet, has been missing since

17.01.2022 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 105-A dated 18.01.2022 has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar East., Delhi.

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

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi Ph. 011-25267286, 7065036131 DP/1553/0D/2022

## **NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 33/P-69/2021-22/TMC/HQ/NCR/Pr OPEN TENDER NOTICE Dated: 25.03.2022

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedarganj, Prayagraj-211015 invites the following E-Procurement Tenders: (The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Fender are available in website on http://ireps.gov.in. upto 15:00 hrs. of the du date of tender opening).

Conveyor Belts. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document 1. 1352122 1352122 1352122 1352122 1352122 1352122 1477,77,093/- 22.04.2022 22.04.2022 22.04.2022	SN	No.	Brief Description	Value	Money	Opening
	1.	1352122	Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document [Acceptable Make: Plasser, Dunlop, Nirion, MRF, MR,	₹ 7,77,093/-	₹ 15,600/-	22.04.2022

Note: (1) The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website https://ireps.gov.in. Up to 15:00 hrs.

On the due date of tender opening. (2) Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(g)/779/7 Pt 1 Dated 29.06.2017 "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected cartel situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved/sources are adjudged unreasonably high, despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions". (3) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (4) This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. (5) Allocation for Security deposit and Earnes money is "Deposit Misc stores 00844523. (6) In case of any difficulty helpdesi vailable on the website of **IREPS** may be approached.

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

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Tel: 06782-262249, Fax: 262931,

 $^{\mbox{\scriptsize 0-1879}}$  email: eerwss\_bls@nic.in, eerwssbls@gmail.com. **NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING** THROUGH e-Tendering

Identification No. 59 Dt. 25-03-2022 The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balasore on behalf of th

Governor of Odisha invites bids from bidders of eligible class registered wit the Odisha State Government and bidders of equivalent Grade / Class registered with Central Government / MES / Railways for the works detailed n the table below to be eventually drawn up in P1 contract with design and execution of the following Piped Water Supply Projects. : 39 Nos RPWS schemes in Balasore district (Clubbed-up). 1. Nos. of Work

2. Estimated cost Rs. 239.71 lakhs to Rs. 502.06 lakhs Period of completion 330 days

 Availability of bid document in Dt. 07.04.2022 at 16.00 hours to 21.04.2022 up to 17.00 hours through online Dt. 07.04.2022 at 10.00 hours to Dt Seeking of Clarification 18.04.2022 up to 15.00 hours : Dt. 22.04.2022 at 11.00 hours in the O/O

6. Date of opening of Bid

EE, RWSS Division, Balasore Name and address of the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division Officer Inviting Tender Bid Cost & Bid Security will be receipt through electronic payment by NEFT

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersorissa.gov.in

> **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE. OIPR- 25013/11/0022/2122

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown S/o: Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age: About 30-35 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Wearing: Blue colour jeans and blue and white check T-Shirt, who was found at KM Pole No. 26/11, 26/13, UP Main Line near PF No. 2, Narela,

Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 9A dated 23.03.2022 has been registered at PS: Subzi Mandi Railway Station, Delhi.

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

> Sd/- SHO P. S: Subzi Mandi Rly Stn, Delhi Mobile No. 8750871303, 8130710331 & 7678485707

HOME DEPARTMENT (PORTS & TRANSPORT) MAHARASHTRA MARITIME BOARD Indian Mercantile Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Ramjibhai Kamani Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400001. Tel.:022-22658375, Fax: 022-22614331

DP/85/RLY/2022

गृह विभाग (बंदरे व परिवहन) महाराष्ट्र मेरीटाईम बोर्ड इंडियन मर्कत्यहंल चेयर्स, अर गमला, १४ रामगोमाई कमानी मार्ग, बेर्लाइ इस्टेर, मुंबरे दूरावनी क्र.: ०२२-२२६१५३३१ 

E-Tender Notice - (Year 2021-2022) (Second Call)

Main Portal: mahatenders.gov.in Departmental Portal: www.mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in

Digitally signed E-Tender for work "Maintenance Dredging at Navigation Channel of Mora, 2021-22" Invited by Maharashtra Maritime Board,

Mumbai

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost of the work in Rs.	Earnest Money Deposit in Rs.	Blank Tender form amount in Rs.
1.	Maintenance Dredging at Navigation Channel of Mora, 2021-22.	3,48,14,205/-	1,74,100/-	2,360/-

The details can be viewed online and downloaded directly from the Government of Maharashtra E-Tendering Protal https://mahatenders.gov.in from 28.03.2022 at 1100 hours (IST) onwards.

The right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reson is

DGIPR/2021-22/C-5479

rication supply fixing testing missioning of bar screen in the sew ming Chambers at Kondli Gharoli S P S

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)

Advt. No. J.S.V. 1818 (2021-22)

Marine Engineer & Chief Surveyor Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai. DELHI JAL BOARD; GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE CE (SDW)-NW THROUGH

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW)-IV** 

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT KONDLI, KONDLI, DELHI-110096

Ph: 011-22613156, Mob.:9650290862 E-mail: eesdw4.djb@nic.in

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

Tender reference:-HZB/JJM/Hazaribag/31/2021-22(1<sup>st</sup> call)

Name of the work

Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of 2.10 MLD, 4.80 MLD & 4.20 MLD capacity Water Treatment Plant, ESR at Rola 5.70 Lakh Litre capacity with 18 M

staging, ESR at Sudaro (Sub Zone - 01) 2.20 Lakh Litre capacity with 20 M staging, ESR at Harli (Sub Zone - 02) 6.50 Lakh Litre

capacity with 12 M staging, ESR at Meru (Sub Zone - 03) 4.40 Lakh Litre capacity with 14 M staging, ESR at Banaso (Sub Zone - 01) 9.00 Lakh Litre capacity with 20 M staging, ESR at Urgi (Sub Zone - 02) 0.90

Lakh Litre capacity with 10 M staging, ESR at Banhe (Sub Zone - 03) 1.40 Lakh Litre capacity with 10 M staging, Staff Quarter, Compound wall, Supplying and laying Raw, Pure Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection, Highway Crossing, Supplying and Installation of

ctc. all complete job for Hazaribag Block Full Coverage Rural Water Supply Scheme, Under D. W. &S. Division Hazaribag on turnkey basis."

Last date submission cost of BOQ and EMD (in

Name and address of office inviting tender

Name and address of tender opening officer

I) Estimated Cost & EMD Cost may be changed

PR 267153 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22 (D)

ii)Only Registered contractor in this department participate in said tender. iii)Further details can be seen on website- http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Contact no of e-procurement office

10 Helpline No. of e-procurement cel

Crossing, Supplying and Installation of Centrifugal pump motor and Five years operation & maintenance with allied works

Date of Tender uploading in website

Date of Pre-bid Meeting

4. Last date receipt of Bid

6. Date of opening tender

PREES Tender Notice - N .I. T. No. 26 (2021-22)/EE (SDW)-IV

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

Office of Executive Engineer

Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Hazaribag

**Very Short Tender e-Procurement Notice** 

(1<sup>st</sup> Call)

Value of

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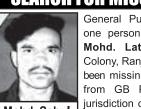
Ranchi

Date of Uploading on E-curement solution / Tender ID Earnest Money



Mohd. Sebul

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Mohd. Sebul, S/o Mohd. Lateeful, R/o: C-4/386, LNJP Colony, Ranjeet Singh Marg, New Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since July 2018 from GB Pant Hospital, Delhi in the jurisdiction of P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi In this regard a case vide DD No. 70-A, dated

16.03.2022 has been lodged at P.S. I.P. Estate, New Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped male is as under: Age: 35 years, Height: 5'5", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Medium, Wearing: Unknown Clothes. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in

E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638. 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1335/CD/2022

SHO P.S. I. P. Estate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23370928, 8750870426

### Appeal for Identification



DP/2125/N/2022

Date of Opening o Tender

(R. K. Kaushik)

**Executive Engineer (SDW)-IV** 

Date :- 26.03.2022

Time of

Completion

30 Months

(Trial and run)

Cost of

Tender

Paper (Rs)

10,000.00

Bid

Security

58.63

Date: 31.03.2022 up to 02:00 PM
Date: 05.04.2022 at 12:30 PM in the office of

Engineer-in-Chief, D. W. & S. Department Jharkhand

Date:- 16.04.2022 upto 05.00 PM

Date:- 18.04.2022 upto 04.00 PM in the office of the

Executive Engineer, D. W. & S. Division, Hazaribag

Superintending Engineer, D.W.& S. Circle, Hazaribag

2. Superintending Engineer, D.W. & S. Department Ranchi Zone, Ranchi
Date:- 19.04.2022 upto 03.00 PM
Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation

Division, Hazaribag

Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Ramchander **S/o** Purender, **R/o:** Rishikesh Haridwai (Uttrakhand), **Age**: Approx. 78 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish Built: Thin, Face: Oval, Hair: White, ID Mark: Tattoo of "रामचंद्र " on right hand Wearing: Pink T-Shirt and White half pant has been found in Rain Basera No.136, near Mori Gate Gole Chakkar,

Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard, a DD No. 41-A, U/s 174 CrPC dated 24.03.2022 has been lodged at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

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

so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this person

may kindly inform to the following. SHO

P.S., Kashmere Gate, Delhi

Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

### **WESTERN RAILWAY**

**CONSTRUCTION OF ROB AND MISCELLANEOUS WORKS** 

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) Western Railway, Ratlam (MP) invites offer through E-tender porta www.ireps.gov.in under Two Packet System for the following tender: Tender No.: RTM/DINL/Dy.CE(C)ROB/100 Name of Work: Construction of Road Over Bridge at Km: 10.112, Near Chandwana Village between Dahoo and Katwara Section on Oper Foundation and Super Structure witi Composite Girders including Approaches using RE Walls, Earthwork Road Work and Miscellaneous Works in Connection with Dahod-Indore Nev IN Connection with Danod-Indore New BG Line Project of Ratlam Division -Western Rallway. NIT Cost: ₹14,09,88,782.94. EMD: ₹8,55,000/-. Bid Submission Closing Date: 29/04/2022 up to 15.00 hrs. Bid Opening Date 29/04/2022 at 15.30 hrs. The date o tender, terms & conditions and scope o work are uploaded and are available only electronic format in our website

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### NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY **OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE** Dy.CME/Works for Chief

Workshop Manager, N. E Railway, Mechanical Workshop Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites oper tender through on line (E Tendering) for the following work S.No.:- 1. E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work:- Tender No. "49-GKP-MWS-2021-22" "Retro fitment of lavatory window with louver arrangement in LHE coaches at Mechanical Workshop Gorakhpur, as per Scope of Work CAI & Drawing attached". Estimated cost (in Rs.) 9991296.00, Earnest Money (ir Rs.):- 199800.00, Last date of tender submission:- Date 25.04.2022 Upto 11.00 Hrs., Cost of the Tender forms:- Zero Period of Contract:- 12 Months.,The details of above tenders are also available or Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in Dy. CME/Works

Mechanical Workshop Gorakhpur CPRO/Mech-87 About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955

Do Not Smoke Bidi/Cigarette in train

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR P.W.D. P.I.U. GWALIOR M.P.
Telephone 0751-4008851 Email: apdpiu gwalior@gmail.com
NIT NO 06/2022/tondor/G/APD-Gwaliar Dated 07 03 2022

NO	ON LINE TENDER NO	NAME OF WORK	DISTRICT	PROBABLE AMOUNT IN LAC	DEPOSIT (EMD) RS.	COST OF BID DOCUMENT (IN RS.)	PERIOD OF COMPLETION (IN MONTHS I/C RAINY SEASON)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1		CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING SHED, RENOVATION OF MAIN GATE AND PAVER BLOCK WORK AT GOVT MJS COLLEGE BHIND M.P. FIRST CALL.	BHIND	21.37 LAC	42740/-	5000/-	02 MONTH
2		CONSTRUCTION OF AYUSH AUSHDHALAY SUKAND WITH WATER SULLY, SANITARY AND ELECTRIFICATION WORK DISTRICT BHIND M.P. FIRST CALL	BHIND	29.18 LAC	50,000/-	5000/-	6 MONTH
3	2022_PWPIU_ 192687_1	CONSTRUCTION OF CARDIOLOGY BLOCK AT J.P. GROUP OF HOSPITAL CAMPUS GWALIOR M.P. FIRST CALL	GWALIOR	194.69 LAC	194690/-	12500/-	12 MONTH
4	2022_PWPIU_ 192584_1	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AT RESHMILL DISTRICT GWALIOR MP SECOND CALL	GWALIOR	97.60 LAC	97600/-	10000/-	12 MONTH
5		SUPERVISION QUALITY CONTROL SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS BUILDING WORKS UNDER PWD, P.I.U. GWALIOR THIRD CALL	GWALIOR	9084.00 LAC	181680/-	12500/-	12 MONTH
6		CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE BUILDING AT BEHAT BLOCK MORAR DISTT GWALIOR M.P. THIRD CALL	GWALIOR	131.00 LAC	131000/-	12500/-	12 MONTH
7		CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL FOR PROPOSED FAMILY AND OTHER COURT BEHIND EOW CAMPUS JUDICIARY QUATERS AT OHADPUR HILL AND BACK SIDE OF HIGH COURT CAMPUS GWALIOR M.P. FIRST CALL	GWALIOR	95.19 LAC	95190/-	10000/-	09 MONTH
8		SUPPLY AND FIXING OF GODREJ INTERIO FURNITURE FOR JOINT TEHIL BUILDING BADONI DISTT DATIA M.P. FIRST CALL SECOND CALL	DATIA	61.57 LAC	61570/-	10000/-	03 MONTH
9		PROVIDING AND FIXING OF GODREJ INTERIO FURNITURE FOR JOINT TEHSIL OFFICER SUB TREASURY SUB REGISTRAR OFFICER BUILDING IN BADAGAON DISTT TIKAMGARH M.P. SECOND CALL	TIKAMGARH	58.51 LAC	58510/-	10000/-	45 DAY
10		PROVIDING FIXING OF FURNITURE FOR COMPOSITE BUILDING FOR SDM SDO TEHSIL SUB TEASURY SUB REGISTRAR PATWARI HALL AT JOURA DISTT MORENA MP FIRST CALL	MORENA	96.93 LAC	96930/-	10000/-	45 Day
11		PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS BUILDING WORKS UNDER PWD PIU CHHATARPUR	CHHATARPUR	7401.00 LAC	148000/-	12500/-	24 MONTH
12		PREPARATION OF DPRS OF VARIOUS BUILDING WORKS IN THE YEAR OF 2021-22 IN PWD PIU CHHATARPUR	CHHATARPUR	3000.00 LAC	60000/-	10000/-	24 MONTH

M.P. SECOND CALL (1) INTERESTED BIDDERS CAN VIEW THE NIT ON WEBSITE HTTPS://MPTENDERS.GOV.IN (2) AMENDMENTS TO NIT, IF ANY, WOULD BE PUBLISHED ON WEBSITE ONLY, AND NOT IN NEWSPAPER

THE BID SUBMISSION CLOSING DATE 07.04.2022

(4) TECHNICAL BID OPENING DATE 08.04.2022

G-24330/21

कोरोना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी;

टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और अपनाना दो गज दूरी।

(V.K. ARAKH) ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR **PWD PIU GWALIOR** 



Division, Hazaribag 06546-262291

0651-2480345

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS SAMBA (J&K) E-mails:- dposamba@jkpolice.gov.in & sspsamba@jkpolice.gov.in

Ph./Fax No:- 01923-246100 **LOOK OUT NOTICE** 

Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division, Hazaribag

On 21.03.2022, an information was received at P/S Vijaypui through reliable source that one unknown lady age 20/21 years found dead below Tarore bridge, Vijaypur. On this information, Inquest proceeding initiated at P/S Vijaypur vide DDR No. 23 dated 21.03.2022. Dead body of the deceased lady was taken into police custody for post-mortem and kept in Mortuary Room in GMC Jammu for identification. Efforts on the part of District Police Samba are being going on to identify the dead body but not clue has been struct out till date.

As such, photograph of dead body are being published for information of Police Establishments/General Public so that the same could be identified. The description/Photograph of deceased lady is as under:-



Any information related to the unidentified female dead body may be mmunicated on following contacts:-

1. PCR Samba -01923-246333, 9622071045.

3. Police Station Vijaypur – 9622057319

No. CB/Look/2022/9972 Dated :- 25.03.2022 DIPJ-14900 Sr. Superintendent of Police Samba

# 15 ECONOMY

**♥** \$115.03 **②** ₹68,182 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of March 25

SENSEX: 57,593.49 ▲ 231.29 (0.4%) NIFTY: 17,222.00 ▲ 69.00 (0.4%) NIKKEI: 27,943.89 ▼ 205.95 HANG SENG: 21,684.97 ▲ 280.09 FTSE: 7,533.30 ▲ 49.95 DAX: 14,559.68 ▲ 253.92

ambit sent to secretaries' panel

### **SECTOR WATCH DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS**

## Glitches may spoil UPI's 5-bn monthly payments milestone

**PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

MONTHLY TRANSACTION volumes of UPI are likely to cross the 5-billion-mark this month, but have increasingly been fa-

cing glitches and failure rates.

According to data provided by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), in February alone, State Bank of India – the biggest in terms of **Unified Payments Interface** (UPI) volumes - saw 31.68 million transactions failed because of technical reasons. such as unavailability of systems and network issues on bank or NPCI side, over a base of 1.24 billion transactions.

Of the total 4.83 billion transactions on UPI last month. 69.96 million were declined because of issues at the bank's or NPCI's end. For SBI, a year ago in February 2021, on a base of 656.92 million transactions, only 7.88 million had declined due to these problems.

Notably, NPCI saw its biggest unscheduled downtime this January, when the UPI service was down for 187 minutes. The downtime had affected almost all UPI apps, including large players like PhonePe, Google Pay. At the time, multiple hardware failures came together to cause the glitch.

Sources in the banking industry said the UPI system's current overall capacity is designed to handle loads twice the existing volumes but sudden surges at peak timings may overload a particular bank's systems, causing outages and low transaction success rates.

"The capacity should ideally be anywhere between 3-5 times of volumes that we witness right now. Building up that capacity requires significant investment in infrastruc-

Mumbai: The Securities and

Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on

Monday asked Ruchi Sova

Industries to give the option to in-

vestors in the follow-on public of-

fer (FPO) to withdraw their bids

due to "circulation of unsolicited

In a directive to the investment

bankers to the issue, Sebi has said

prima-facie the contents of the

SMSs advertising the issue".

### **SBI VOLUMES**

■ As per data from **National Payments** Corporation of India, in February alone, State Bank of India the biggest in terms of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) volumes - saw 31.68 million transactions failed because of technical reasons

ture," a senior banking industry official said, adding, "But there is no incentive for banks and even fintech companies to invest into that infrastructure because of a lack of commercial opportunity in UPI arising from zero MDR.

The government had done away with the merchant discount rate (MDR) on UPI and RuPay transactions from January 2020 to promote digital payments through these modes. However, after an initial support, the digital payments industry has been seeking reinstatment of the MDR regime. MDR is a percentage of transaction made through a digital means, and is paid by the merchant to the bank, card network or the payment gateway. Merchants often pass on the MDR to the end-consumers making the payment.

"There is an immense growth potential in UPI but at the volumes that are being forecast for the near future, it will increasingly become unsustainable for banks and fintechs to operate at zero MDR. It is one of the reasons why stakeholders are shving away from making huge investments in upgrading the infrastructure for the future," the official cited above said.

**AASHISHARYAN** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology has sent a proposal to the empowered group of secretaries to include more electronic products under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for hardware, sources said. As per the proposal, apart from

electronic products such as laptops, tablets, all-in-one-personal computers, and servers, the plan is to include items like hearables such as headphones, earphones, ear-pods, and wearables such as smart watches, smart GPS and fitness trackers, an official said.

A separate new PLI scheme for hearables, wearables and Internet of Things (IoT) devices is also likely to be announced before April end,



**INCLUDING MORE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS** 

Apart from electronic products such as laptops and tablets, the plan is to include hearables and wearables. File

the official said.

"The empowered group of secretaries is considering the proposal right now. Given the response in most categories under hardware PLI schemes, we are confident of attracting more global players in newer segments," a senior government official said. The empowered group of sec-

retaries, instituted in June 2020, has been tasked with identifying the bottlenecks in PLI schemes. and acting as a coordinator between states and companies for faster approvals, evaluating and ensuring quick investments in PLI schemes and overall turnaround of projects.

It is chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, and has the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, the secretaries of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Department of Commerce, Department of Revenue, Department of Economic Affairs and the Secretary of the concerned ministry as its members.

Like other PLI schemes, the incentives for companies in the telecom and networking equipment manufacturing space will flow folimum threshold of cumulative incremental investment, and incremental sales of manufactured goods, net of taxes, the official said.

Last year in July, the IT Ministry had approved a total of 14 companies, including 10 domestic ones, as eligible to participate in the PLI scheme for laptops, tablets, all-inone-personal computers, and servers. The proposals of global laptop

and computer conglomerate Dell and other electronic giants like Wistron, Flextronics, and Foxconn had been approved, while domestic companies such as Lava International, Dixon Technologies, Bhagwati (the parent company of Micromax), Neolync, Optiemus, Netweb, Smile Electronics, VVDN and Panache Digilife had also got the approval to start manufacturing under the PLI scheme.

## Shopee shuts India Proposal to widen hardware PLI ops after 6-mth stint

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK & PRANAV MUKUL

LESS THAN six months after it launched in India, social commerce platform Shopee is exiting the country citing "global market uncertainties". The platform, owned by Singapore-based consumer internet company Sea Group, had become one of the

most downloaded apps on Google

Play Store shortly after its launch.

The exit also comes just over a month after Sea Group-owned gaming app Garena Free Fire was banned by the government. "In view of global market uncertainties, we have decided to close our early-stage Shopee India initia-

tive," a Shopee spokesperson said. The company will cease operations effective Tuesday 12 am, according to sources, who said that all orders placed up till then on the platform will be completed.

One of the sources cited above said Shopee has written a mail to the sellers on its platform informing them about shutting down operations in India. "All services on the Shopee Seller Centre, including payment withdrawal and disputes for returns, will be available through the existing channels until 30 May," the source said, adding that the platform's logistics partners will continue to pick up and deliver all ongoing orders, HIGH DOWNLOADS

■ The social commerce platform was among the most downloaded app on Google Play

Store soon after launch

and will process return deliveries. Shopee was emerging as a chief competitor to social commerce platforms like Softbankbacked Meesho and Flipkart Group's Shopsy, in a segment targeting cheaper goods being ordered in bulk for reselling.

During its stint in India, besides the heat on Sea Group through the banning of Garena Free Fire, Shopee had run into several hurdles. Earlier this year, an FIR was filed against the company in Lucknow after a complainant alleged duplicate products being delivered from the platform. Further, a complaint was also filed against Shopee with the Competition Commission of India for indulging in "deep discounting". The antitrust body earlier this month dismissed the complaint.

Shopee also faced opposition from a group of local traders led by the Confederation of All India Traders, which had called for a ban of the platform and had also written to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman alleging violations of India's FDI rules by the company.

### Nearly 10% of aviation employees lost jobs during Covid pandemic

Around 10% of the 1.9 lakh employees in India's aviation sector lost their jobs during the pandemic, Parliament was informed

Total number of employees in airports sector fell from 73,400 to 65,700 by December 31, 2021, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia told the Rajya Sabha

Total number of airline employees reduced from 74,800 as on March 31, 2020, to 65,600 as on December 31, 2021

Compiled by ENS Economic Bureau

Passenger traffic, going ahead, is likely to witness year-on-year growth of 68-70% to 317-320 million in FY23, an Icra Ratings report noted

## Zomato's 10-min delivery plan: Key concerns

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

ZOMATO'S RECENT announcement of carrying out food deliveries in ten minutes is facing a backlash, with delivery worker unions, lawmakers, restaurants, and the police raising red flags. Stakeholders from across the board have raised concerns that the short delivery timeline may put added pressure on already overworked delivery persons, potentially prompting them to engage in rash driving and traffic violations.

### **Working conditions**

Zomato aims to fulfil quick 10minute deliveries out of a "finishing stations' network" located in close proximity to high-demand customer neighbourhoods, starting with four such stations in Gurgaon under a pilot project. The company's claims that it will not put any pressure on delivery workers to deliver faster has not been enough to assuage concerns around the working conditions of



in Mumbai. File

gig workers. In a strong response

against Zomato's move, the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union look at its delivery workers "as human beings" and not as "data points" for an algorithm to manage. The union represents more than

30,000 workers engaged in gig work with companies like Zomato, Swiggy, Uber and Ola. MP Congress

Chidambaram, who had earlier raised concerns around lack of social security benefits available for

gig workers in Parliament, called Zomato's 10 minute delivery pilot "absurd". Chidambaram has also sent a letter to the publicly listed company demanding information on the average daily earnings of Zomato's delivery workers and whether it has evaluated if the incentives posed to its delivery workers has led to hazardous consequences like rash driving and flouting of traffic rules.

Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra has also

said that the quick delivery timeline would result in its delivery workers violating traf-

### **Traffic risks**

On its part, Zomato has said that to complete a quick delivery, workers will typically drive between 3-6 minutes with an average speed of around 20 kilometres per hour, to quell concerns that its delivery workers would engage in rash driving to stick to the 10 minute timeline. But that assurance has not been

enough. National General Secretary of the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union Shaik Salauddin said while promoting fast deliveries, companies like Zomato "wash off their hands by concealing how they structure the work to portray as if delivery workers are independently engaging in traffic violations and hazardous driving conditions risking themselves and the other pedestrians on the road". He said that it was incentive driven work conditions that these platforms employ "which incites the delivery workers to chase those incentives targets and motivates them to resort sceptical about the quality of food that can be delivered within 10 minutes. "Preparation of fresh food at restaurants is a culinary art and in this race of faster turnaround times, we are concerned that the essence of the food industry should not be lost," Prakul Kumar, general secretary of the National Restaurants Association of India. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

### Steepest price cap rise for over 800 drugs, devices out as 10.76607% during the calendar year 2021 over the corre-

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

THE NATIONAL Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has announced an annual change of 10.76 per cent in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), which could translate into the steepest price increases for over 800 scheduled drugs and medical devices in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM).

### The announcement

In an order dated March 25, the NPPA said: "Based on the Wholesale Price Index data provided by the Office of the Economic Advisor, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of re and Industry nual change in the WPI works

year, the authority announces the WPI change in accordance with the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013, or DPCO, 2013 Constituents of NLEM

sponding period of 2020". Every

Some of the most common drugs and medical devices including paracetamol tablets, azithromycin tablets, oral rehydration salts, glucose injections, contraceptives like copper IUDs, condoms, insulin injections, Vitamin Ctablets and multivitamin tablets.

These drugs constitute about 18 per cent of India's aggregate domestic pharmaceutical retail market of nearly Rs 1.5 lakh crore.

www.indianexpress.com

### **E TENDER (NIT) - YEAR 2022-23**

Vivekanand Medical Foundation & Research Centre, Latur, Maharashtra invites Tenders for 'Desktop Computer and Accessories' as mentioned in the below table for Vivekanand Cancer Hospital. The tender Would be publish on Friday, 1st April 2022 at 10 AM IST.

Name of the Equipment Desktop Computer and Accessories

To view further details of the tender, interested bidders should visit https://mahatenders.gov.in.

Tender Submission would be online on http://mahatenders.gov.in and deadline to submit the Proposal is 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 before 2 PM IST. Administrator

Vivekanand Medical Foundation & Research Centre AGRICULTURE INSURANCE COMPANY OF INDIA LIMITED



Regd. Office: Plate B & C 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Block-1, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi - 110023 CIN: U74999DL2002PLC118123

#### RFP NOTICE Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited (AIC)

providing Crop Insurance to the farming community in India, invites online Bids for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION CONFIGURATION, AND INTEGRATION OF APPLIANCE BASED PERPETUAL LICENSES OF SSL VPN FOR SECURED REMOTE ACCESS WITH MFA (RFP No. AIC/InfoTech Dept./2022/VPNMFA). The RFP document may be downloaded from AIC website https://www.aicofindia.com/ and E-tender portal https://aicofindia.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/ The last date for submission of Bid is 19.04.2022 till 01:00 PM. General Manager (InfoTech Dept.)

Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune (MSAMB)
Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded Maharashtra Agribusiness Network Project (MAGNET) INVITATION FOR BIDS

Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB, the "Employer nyites online Open Competitive Bids (OCB) from eligible bidders for followin proposed works under ADB funded MAGNET project. Date 29th March 2022 53264-IND: Maharashtra Agribusiness Network Project No. & Title (Name of the Work) Upgradation/ Expansion in the Existing MSAMB Facilities at Nashik Division 1549.40

> Harvest Technology, Talegaon (Dabhade), Tal. Maval, District Pune Deadline for Submission of Bids (eTender): 4th May 2022, 15:00 hrs. Indian Standard Time (IST)

pen Competitive Bidding (OCB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's ingle Stage: Two-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from ligible countries as described in the Bidding Document. For details please visi ttp://www.msamb.com and http://mahatenders.gov.ir MANAGING DIRECTOR

### MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE PANKAJ CHAUDHARY IN PARLIAMENT

unsolicited SMS appear to be

"misleading/fraudulent" and "not

in consonance" with Sebi regula-

tions. The window for withdrawal

will be available on March 28-30.

markets watchdog, an SMS is to

be sent to all the applicants of the

received bids, informing them of

the additional window of with-

According to the notice by the

#### GST evasion: ₹95 cr recovered from 11 crypto bourses on crypto exchanges for allegedly tions and count that as revenue

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

FPO bids: Ruchi Soya told

to let investors withdraw

THE GOVERNMENT has recovered Rs 95.86 crore from 11 cryptocurrency exchanges - including the likes of WazirX, CoinDCX and CoinSwitch Kuber – where tax authorities detected evasion a total Rs 81.54 crore in Goods and Service Tax (GST), Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed Parliament The recovered amount in-

cludes the evaded GST with interest and penalties on it, Chaudhary noted in his response to a written

**UStraveladvisory** 

New York: The US Centers for

Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) and State

Department on Monday

eased government Covid

travel ratings for India and

some other nations. The

CDC said it updated India to

'Level 1: Low' from 'Level 3:

Assocham rejig

New Delhi: ReNew Power's

founder chairman Sumant

Sinha took over as president

of Assocham. SpiceJet CMD

Ajay Singh is the new senior

vice-president. PTI

High'. REUTERS

**BRIEFLY** —

reply to the Lok Sabha.

drawal. ENS

According to Chaudhary, the largest evasion amount detected was at Binance-owned exchange WazirX's parent company Zanmai Labs worth Rs 40.51 crore, followed by CoinDCX which evaded Rs 15.7 crore, and CoinSwitch Kuber which evaded Rs 13.76 crore. Buy Ucoin, Unocoin, Flitpay, Zeb IT Services Pvt Ltd, Secure Bitcoin Traders Pvt Ltd, Giottus Technologies, Awlencan Innovations India Pvt Ltd (ZebPay), and Discidium Internet Labs were the remaining exchanges, that Chaudhary said had evaded GST.

The scrutiny by tax authorities

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 

A SHARP uptick in international

and domestic coal prices due to the

ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict is

set to impact import-dependent

power producers as well as steel,

cement and aluminium producers.

ported coal prices are set to rise 45-

55 per cent in the first quarter of

the upcoming fiscal as non-

Russian coal supplies would not be

able to compensate for the short-

age in Russian supplies of coal. It

added a coal shortage was likely

unless Coal India is able to ramp up

Icra has estimated that im-

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28

culation of GST paid".

evading taxes first came to light in January this year after the Central GST-Mumbai Zone revealed it had detected GST evasion of Rs 40.5 crore by Zanmai Labs for failing to pay the indirect tax on commissions earned in WazirX's native token WRX. At the time, the company had said that it had no intention of evading GST and that there was an "ambiguity in the interpretation of one of the components which led to a different cal-

Some exchanges like WazirX, for instance, charge a commission on peer-to-peer crypto transac-

domestic coal production to 700

million tonnes in the next fiscal, up

from about 601 MT in FY21.

Price of Austra-

lian coal for March

delivery hit an all-

time high of about

\$330 per tonne.

Price of domestic

coal has also risen

sharply in spot e-

auctions conducted

by Coal India Ltd,

with premiums over

baseline prices set by

Coal India reaching an all-time

high of 270 per cent in February,

which have reportedly risen to

about 300 per cent in March.

War impact on coal: High global

while others like CoinSwitch Kuber also function as a broker and buy and sell cryptocurrency to users. "There is an issue in calculating the precise tax amount due to confusion over the tax applicable on different business models adopted by cryptocurrency firms." said a person at a crypto exchange.

Currently under the GST regime, there is not a clear classification of cryptocurrencies and a GST of 18 per cent is levied only on services provided by crypto exchanges and is categorised as financial services. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

prices may lead to domestic crunch A shortage of domestic coal stocks at thermal power plants had last year led to rolling power cuts across states

and forced dis-

**RUSSIAN** coms to procure **INVASION** power from exchanges at record high prices. **IN UKRAINE** 

"... steel companies may be able to pass it on to consumers. They generally try to absorb it when there is not enough demand but when the demand increases they tend

to pass it on," said DK Pant, chief

economist at India Ratings.

Suratgarh-SC and Chhabra-SC Thermal Power Stations, Tender details are

available on websites http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in (for e-tender),

www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl&www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in RVUN/PR-3648 Superintending Engineer (Fuel) Raj.samwad/C/21/13448

9th Floor, Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011 No.EE/SWD/RR-Z/TEND/01/2021-22 Date: 28.03.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION gh GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Name of the Work Construction of RCC Jacketing Wall to SWD RN-171A at NRI Road, 11th Block, Nagarabhavi 45.00 2nd Stage, Papareddy Palya in Ward No. 73 of RR Nagar Zone. Remodelling of Culverts & Chainlink fencing to SWD DH-100.00

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal from: **30.03.2022 onwards. 2)** Pre-bid Meeting: 08.04.2022 at 3.00 p.m. 3) Last date for receipt of tenders 18.04.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. 4) Date of opening of Technical Bid 20.04.2022 at 4.30 p.m. Further details can be accessed from



New Delhi

Online tenders are invited for Supply of Indian Origin domestic coal for

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD - R R Nagara, BBMP,

211A in Peenya Industrial Area, 1st Stage, 1st Main Road in Ward No. 38, HMT Layout of RR Nagar Zone.

GoK e-procurement website: <a href="https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in">https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in</a> or contact office of the undersigned STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

The Executive Engineer, SWD - RR Nagar Zone invites tenders from eligible contractors for the works detailed in the table below: Approximate Value of work

Wall at Right Hand Side of Vrashabhavathi Valley at Panthara 100.00 palya in Rajarajeshwarinagara Ward No. 160 of RR Nagar Zone.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED CIN- U40102RJ2000SGC016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking) O/o SE (Fuel), 205, Dreamax Plaza, Sahkar Marg, Jaipur-302005

EMD (in Rs.)

90,000/-

2,00,000/-

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD - RR Nagar Zone.

E-TENDER NOTICE: TN-16(RVU2122GLOB02259)

2,00,000/-Construction of RCC Retaining

**PRANAV MUKUL** 

**NOTICE FOR INVITATION OF** 

Jpgradation/ Expansion in the Existing Facilities at Ratnagiri, Pune and Kolhapur Division Strengthening of National Institute of Post

## 16 Classifieds & Tenters

### **Classifieds**

### **PERSONAL**

I Prerna W/o Anshu Singhal R/o-E-136,1st Floor Prashant Vihar Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Prerna Singhal

0040608025-1

l Nitin Pandey S/O, Krishan Murari Pandey R/o H.no. 1070e, Inder Gali, Babar Pur, North East Delhi, Delhi-32 have changed my name to Vicky and also change my D.O.B from 17/07/1986 to 17/07/1987 for all 0040608075-1

I Nanu Kumar S/o Dharu R/o Jinaura, Bilsi, Budaun, Uttar Pradesh-202526, have changed my name to Ranu 70778756-1

I Monika Thapar W/o Late Sh. Sudhir Thapar R/o EC-276. Block-EC, Maya Enclave, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064 is also known as Pooia Thapar, Both names are mine and i am using

I Manjeet Kaur W/O, Ajmer Singh R/o A-673 Shastri Nagar New Delhi - 110052 have changed my name to Manjit Kaur for all 0040608063-1 purposes.

I Hema Singh D/o Madan Singh R/o 1/4C Kamna Vaishali Ghaziabad have changed my name from Hema to Hema Singh 0050194436-1 I Chirag S/o Sunil Kumar R/o

183, Kuan Mohalla, Tughlakabad Village Badarpur, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Chirag Bidhuri permanently.

0070778739-1 I Ashish Kumar Jain S/o Indra

Kumar Jain R/o-C-12 A, 1st-Floor, Green Park Main, Delhi-110016 have changed my name to Ashish Jain. 0070778746-1

Ajay Kumar S/o-Hoshiar Singh R/o-A-57/1, Gali No.3, Amrit Vihar, Burari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Ajay Chandel for all purposes.

0040608037-1

I.RAVI. S/O.RAMFSH KUMAR SHARMA ADD-RZ-H-55,GALI-NO-5, HARIJAN BASTI WEST SAGARPUR, SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110046,Changed my name to RAVI SHARMA, 0040608106-3

I, Jerine Baby S/O Baby Pallithazhathu Simon, R/o Nadukurisunkal House Kolenchery P O Ernakulam Kerala-682311. I have changed the name of my minor Son Rohan Baby Jerine aged about 12 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Rohan Jerine.

0070778690-

I, Hemlata Ravichandran, W/O Ravichandran R/o Block 42, Flat no. 601, Heritage City, MG Road, Gurgaon, DLF Phase 2, Chakarpur(74), Haryana-122002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Hemlata Bharat Rao.

0070778700-1

L Akanksha Priya, D/o Akash Ambastha, R/o H.No.B-91/1, A, 4th Floor, Gali No.9, Joshi Colony, Mandawali, I.P. Extn. Delhi-92, do hereby declare that my correct name is Akanksha Priya. Akanksha Priva (in Aadhar Card) & Akansha Priya (in 10th Certificate) is one & same person. 0040608053-1

I, Anjana Koli D/o N R Koli R/o Flat No-8, Pocket-4, Sector-2, Rohini, Raja Pur Kalan, Delhi-110085, declare that name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written as N  ${\bf R}$ Kohli and Malti Kohli respectively in my Secondary and Senior Secondary Certificate & Marksheet and my name as Anjana Koli in my Secondary Certificate & Marksheet. The actual name of mine, my father and my mother is Anjana Koli, N R Koli and Malti Koli respectively.

0070778753-1

It is for general information that I Bhaskar Kumar Jha son/of Sharvan Kumar Jha residing at Shiv colony, near Sai Mandir, Machli Gali, Raja Bazar, B.V.College, Patna, Bihar declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Sharvan Kumar Jha in my aadhar card. The actual name of mine is Bhaskar Kumar Jha respectively which may be amended accordingly.

I,SMT.VASANTHA

RAMAMURTHY,W/0 S.P SEKAR.R/0-21 D.B YUSUF SARAI. GREEN PARK EXTN.NEW DELHI-110016 IS ALSO KNOWN BY THE NAMES OF VASANTHA R.VASANTHA RAMAMURTHY,S. VASANTHA AND S. LAKSHMI. HOWEVER.ALL THESE NAMES PERTAIN TO ONE AND THE SAME PERSON i.e Deponent HENCEFORTH, SMT, VASANTHA RAMAMURTHY WOULD KNOWN BY THIS NAME, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040608089-10

I.Bobby Nathel S/o Nathel D. Culas R/o-NewCastle, Nethaji Road, Vattiyoorkavu, Trivandrum-695013, Kerala changed my name to Bobby 0040608050-1 Nathel Culas

I.Ashish S/o Krishna Nand Prasad R/o-WZ-42, UGF, Gali-No.4, Krishna-Park, Tilak-Nagar, N.Delhi-18 have changed my name to Aashish Sinha. 0040608100-9

I,Kunal S/O Mahender Singh R/O A9 Safdarjung Fire Station Jor Bagh, Delhi-110003, have changed my name to Kunal Nandal (both are same person) I, Shreya D/o Vinod Jain R/o E-202/B, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052 have changed my name

I,Ishu Motwani,Father of,Vihaan,R/OB-30Sushant lok-2Sec-56,Gurgaon122011, have changed my minor son's name(DOB-16/12/2005).from Vihaan to Vihaan Motwani, permanently. 0040608089-7

I.Bindra Lal S/O Shri Mathura Lal R/O H.NO.233, J.J. Colony, Wazirpur, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-10052, have changed my name 0040608094-4 to Binda Lal.

I,Asha W/O-Prem Nath,R/O C-403 Second-floor Mahila Mangal Road Dakshin Puri,New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Asha Devi, 0040608089-6 permanently.

I,AYESHA /AYSHA BEGUM W/O.MOHAMMAD NADEEM, 1270,PAHARI IMLI CHOORIWALAN JAMA MASJID. DELHI-110006, changed my name to AYESHA NADEEM, permanently. 0040608082-5

I,AJEET KUMAR S/O DHARAM VIR R/O HNO.718,GALINO.6, KHERA GARHI.DELHI-110082. HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME LIZA TO LIZA ARYA. 0040608100-1

Mohd Seraj S/o mohd Sayyad R/o-130,Tilak khand,Giri-Nagar, Kalkaii New delhi-110019 I,informed that my name is wrongly mistake is all document Md Seraj, but currect Name is mohd Seraj. 0040608025-4

I.VARUNDER PAI SINGH BANSAL,S/O SURJIT SINGH BANSAL.R/o.A-213, Defence Enclave, Sardhana-Road, Kanker Khera, Meerut-250001, have changed my name to VARINDER PAL SINGH 0040608101-2 BANSAL.

I Sushil Kumar S/O Jagan Nath R/O.H No.51 Shivani Enclave-2 Gali.No7Kakrola,NewDelhi-110078. Changed My Name to Sushil Sharma. 0040608082-3

I,Surbhi Bansal W/o Amit Bansal R/o 902, Marvella Tower. Mahagun Moderne, Sector-78, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Surbhi Sen Jindal for all purposes. **I,Siddique** Fatima,D/O

Mohammad Hussain Nagvi. R/O 1396,katra Bijwariyan Ballimaran Chandni chowk Delhi-110006, have changed my Name to Zufa Naqvi. 0040608082-9

I.Saroi Kumari.W/O Sushil Sharma,R/O H No.51,Shivani-Enclave-2 Gali.No.7 Kakrola. New Delhi-110078, Changed my Name to Saroj Kumari Sharma. 0040608082-4

I,SALMA RAHMAN,W/O SYED AJAZUR RAHMAN, R/O 7206, SECTOR - B. POCKET-10 (2nd FLOOR), VASANT KUNJ, DELHI-110070, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NAFEES FATIMA.FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

0040608089-5

0040608111-4

I.RONGEISONG RISORENG KOIRENG,S/o RONGNEISONG HFMKHUP.Add-TYPE-4/4, NCERT, STAFF OTRS, SRI AUROBINDO-MARG, SOUTH-DELHI-110016.Changed my name to RONGNEISONG RISORENG KOIRENG

I,RENU JAIN alias RENU BALI,D/O SH.NETAR PRAKASH BALI (N.P.BALI) & SMT. RATBALLW/O SH.SUKESH JAIN,R/O RZ-G-III/IF.RA I-NAGAR PART-2. PALAM-COLONY, NEW DELHIknown/called by the name of RENU JAIN in future. And my both names RENU JAIN & RENU BALL is one and the same 0040608106-9

I,No -9097685Y,Ex-Hav Nazir Ahmad Mir.R/O/Tehsil -Trehgam,District-Kupwara.In my service records the name of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Shahid Nazir at the time of enrolment instead of Shahid Nazir Mir as in school records.It needs correction. Objection be filed to concern authorities within seven days 0020436629-1

I.Masood Yahva Chhabra.S/o Sheikh Mohammad Yahya Chhabra,R/o-V-2/21 Sufdarjung-Devlopment Area,New Delhi-110016,inform that my father name wronglywritten Sheikh Mohammad Yahya Chabra in my passport but my father correct-name is Sheikh Mohammad Yahya Chhabra. 0040608082-2

I,KAMESHWAR PRATAP SINGH, S/O JAGDISH SINGH, residing at, RZ-222/56, GALI.NO-31, SADH-NAGAR, PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110045.have changed my minor son's name, from SURYANS PRATAP SINGH to SURYANSH PRATAP SINGH, vide-affidavit dated-21/03/2022 at SDM (KANJHAWALA)Delhi.

I,Amarjit Singh Bajwa S/o Rachhpal Singh Baiwa, R/o-D-1/23 Rajouri Garden Delhi-110027,have changed my name to Amarjit Singh Permanently. 0040608025-2

I,Anil Adwani S/o Hira Nand Adwani R/o-House.No-24 Second-Floor,Road.No-66 Punjabi Bagh, West-Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Anil Advani Permanently.

0040608025-3 I.Kuni Bihari Aggarwal, S/O Rameshwar Dayal Aggarwal R/O B-220, First-Floor, Lohia-Nagar, Ghaziabad-201001, have changed my name to Kunj Bihari Agarwal. 0040608089-1

I.Ayesha Malik W/o-Habib Shadab Khan R/o 1799,Sector-03. Pushp Vihar. New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Indu Negi, for all Purposes.

0040608106-1

I, Kishor Singh, S/O Jeet Singh R/O H.NO.-5324, Gali No. 115/16, Block - B, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Kishor Singh Panwar.

I,ROHINI PRAKASH S/O SATYA PRAKASH.R/O M-1205, Arihant-Garden, Greater Noida West-201306,G.B.Nagar(UP)have changed my name to RUDHISHTHIR PRAKASH.

0040608101-1

0040608094-3

I,RAMAYANAM RAJRISHI MURTHLS/O GOIRIK MURTHI R/O B-94,UPPER GROUND-FLOOR, ROAD. NO. 02, B-BLOCK, VASANT-KUNJ ENCLAVE. VASANT KUNJ, DELHI-110070, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJRISHI MURTHI, for all, future purposes. 0040608082-1

I.Nour Nissha W/o Aminuddin R/o-J-3/128A, Gali No.2, Krishan Kunj, Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Noornishan Saifi.

0040608111-5

**I,Neeraj** Kumar Bharadwaj S/o Raiender Kumar Sharma R/o-C-7/343,BrijPuri Wazirabad,Road Delhi-110094, changed my minor daughter name Dollsy Bhardwaj to Reet Bharadwai.

0040608100-6

I,NIRMALA DEVI,W/O VINOD PATHAK, R/o RZ-2B/341, GALI NO.9, MADAN PURI, SOUTH-WEST DELHI, DELHI-110045, changed my name to NIRMALA PATHAK. 0040608106-5

I,NIKHAT RIZWAN W/O MOHAMMAD RIZWAN R/O 846,KATRA HIDDU FARASH KHANA.DELHI-110006.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM NIKHAT TO NIKHAT RIZWAN FOR, ALL PURPOSES.

0040608089-2

I,NAZHAT JAHAN,W/O TAJ NOOR KHAN R/o G-81. Pratap-Vihar. Vijay-Nagar, Sector-11, Ghaziabad(UP)have changed my name to NAZHAT KHAN.

0040608101-3

I,Mukesh Chaudhary,Father of,Paarth Chaudhary,R/O-304,Kuan-Mohalla Village Tughlakabad, New Delhi-110044, have changed my minor son's name(DOB-13/03/2009), from Paarth Chaudhary to parth Chaudhary, permanently. 0040608089-8

I,Megna Khanna W/O Gaurav Khanna R/O-417,GH-13, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, Have Changed My Name To Meghna Khanna, Foi All Future Purposes.

0040608106-2

I,Jyotsna Kumari,W/o-Vinay Pratap Singh,R/o-1107,Tower-B, Amarpali, Silicon City, Sector-76,PS Sector-49,Noida,Tehsil-Dadri, Distt.-G.B. Nagar, U.P.-201304, have changed my name to Jyotsna Singh for all future purposes. 0040608094-1

**I,Japala** Satyanarayana Laxmi

dependent of LS Anil Kumar R/o House-No.15-5/1, Srinivas Nagar Colony, Ramachandra Puram, Sangareddy, Telangana-502032, have changed my name from Japala Satyanarayana Laxmi to J Laxmi vide Affidavit dated-24/03/2022,before Notary Public, Delhi.

0040608100-10

I,ANITA BANDU DEGURE W/o Army No.14683927L NK DEGURE BANDU V R/o VILL-GADEWADI POST-WAYGAON TEH-AHMEDPUR DIST-LATUR PIN-413514 MAHARASHTRA, Have changed my Name, From ANITA PANDURANG RAGHMODE TO ANITA BANDU DEGURE for, all Future Purpose vide.affidavit dt.28/03/2022,before Notary Public.Delhi.

0040608106-6

I, Shyam Sunder Gupta S/O Prahlad Gupta, R/o 248/1 MMIG, Mohan Road, Tikait Rai LDA Colony Phase-1, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226017. I have changed the name of my minor Son Vilohit Kesheri aged about 14 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Divyam 0070778705-1 Kesharwani.

L Shubham Kumar S/o Nagendra Upadhyay R/o P-14, Budh Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-86 have changed my name to Shubham Upadhyay for all future purposes.

0070778731-1

I, Shalini Upadhyaya d/o Badri Prasad Upadhyay r/o H.No. RZ-D-2/25. Vinod Puri, Vijay Enclave, Palam Village, Delhi 110045 have changed my name to SHALINI UPADHYAY. 0040608012-1

I, Shailza Srivastava W/o-Vinod Kumar Srivastava R/o-Flat No.83, Jagdamba Apartments Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Shailja Srivastava for all future purposes.

0040608008-1

I, Om Parkash Mehta S/o Late Sh. Lal Chand Mehta R/o H.N:-426, Sec-31, Gurgaon-22001, Haryana, Confirm that Shashi Bala Mehta and Shashi Mehta both are Same Person. Correct Name of My Wife is Shashi

**I,** Manan Paliwal S/O Mahender Paliwal, R/o D-150, 6th Floor, Antriksh Apartment, Sector - 14 Extn. Rohini Court, Northwest Distt. Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Mannan Paaliwaal. 0070778703-1

**I,Avinash** Chander Agrawal S/o Late Keshav Dev Garg R/o-B-128, Dena Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, changed my name to Avinash Chandra 0040608111-1

I.Archna Garg W/O- Mahavir Singhal B-6/148-149,UGF, Sec-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Archna 0040608100-4

Singhal.

I, Ravinder Singh, S/O Kushdev Singh, R/O WZ-64 B, Guru Nanak Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi - 110018 changed my name to Gurdarshan Singh. 0070778680-1

I, Manju D/O Ishwar Singh, R/o Nangal, Ateli (Rural) (21), Mahendragarh, Haryana-123021, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sonali Yadav. 0070778704-1

I, Kaustubh Mishra, R/o A-98, Block-A Sec-31 Noida 201301 have changed my minor daughter's name from Somya Vats to Saumya Mishra for all nurnoses. 0040608106-8

I.Jasbir Singh, S/o Kartar Singh R/o,B-80, Third-Floor, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Jasbir Singh Sandhu. 0040608100-8

I,GOVIND MURARI AGRAWAL, S/O OM PRAKASH AGARWAL, R/o C-3/207,GULMOHAR ENCLAVE.RAKESH MARG. NEHRU NAGAR-3, GHAZIABNAD, U.P.201001, Changed my name to GOVIND MURARI AGARWAL. 40608106-4

I.GIRISH KUMAR SHARMA.S/O-LAXMI NARAYAN,H.NO-8/140 RAGHUVIR PURI ALIGARH UTTAR PARDESH-202001, Changed my name to GIRISH 0040608111-2

I,FATIMA BEGUM,W/O NASIR KHAN,R/O B-374/5,GALI.NO. 13/1.SUBHASH VIHAR, NORTH GHONDA.DELHI-53.Have changed my name to FATMA BEGUM 0040608082-7

I,Devender Kumar S/O Karan R/O H.No-2232/1,B-blk,Gali no-61.Hanuman kuni.Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name Devendra Kumar Sharma.

I.Deepak Kumar.S/o Hari Chand. R/o-C-I, 989, Madangir, New Delhi-110062, have changed my minor daughter's name from **BHOOMI ARORA to BHAVIKA** ARORA, for all future purposes. 0040608100-5

0040608094-5

0040608100-2

I,AJEET/AJEET KUMAR ARYA S/O DHARAM VIR R/O HNO.718. GALINO.6, KHERA GARHI, DELHI-110082.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AJEET KUMAR.

I. Wazid Ali R/o B= 55& 56 ,srichand Park, Matiala, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi 110059 have changed my minor son's name from Mohammad Faiz to Faiz Choudhary for all purposes.

0040608073-1 I, Sushila Makkar D/O Tulsi Thapa, R/o RZM 40, Gali No-3, Vijay Enclave, Palam Village S.O, South West Delhi-110045. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sushila Thapa. 0070778701-1

I, Sushil Sharma S/O Shri Inder Mani Sharma R/O MP-27, Maurya Enclave, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Sushil Kumar Sharma.

0040608094-6

I, Soham Sharma S/O Arun Lawrence Road, Keshay Puram. North West Delhi-110035, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sohanpreet Singh. 70778688-1

I.Kamal Thukaral, S/o Kundan Lal Thukral R/o-E-94B.Third-Floor, Kirti Nagar, New-Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Kamal Thukral. 40608100-7

I.Bobby Nathel S/o Nathel D. Culas R/o-394, 1stB Cross, 7thblock Koramangala, Bangalore-560095 Karnataka,  $changed\,my\,name\,to\,Bobby$ 0040608050-2 Nathel Culas

I,M NASIR,S/O ABDUL WAHID, R/O B-374/5, GALI NO.13/1, SUBHASH-VIHAR, NORTH GHONDA DELHI-53 Have changed my name to NASIR 0040608082-6 I,LONGSHI EVANGELINE

ODYUO,W/o RONGNEISONG RISORENG KOIRENG, ADD. TYPE-4/4, NCERT-STAFF OTRS, SRI AUROBINDO-MARG.SOUTH DELHI-110016, Changed My name to EVANGELINE ODYUO.

0040608111-3 I.Mamta Sandeep Gupta,W/o

to Mamta Gupta permanently. I.Mahavir Prasad S/o-Ram Mehar Singhal R/o-B-6/148-149.UGF, Sec-3, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name

Sandeep Gupta, R/o 6, Underhill

110054, have changed my name

Lane, Civil-Lines, Delhi-

I,Neha Sharma,R/o D-97, Surajmal Vihar Delhi-92, have changed my Minor Son name, from Abeer Bhardwaj to Abeer 0040608082-8

to Mahavir Singhal. 40608100-3

I.Ashima Sachdeva W/O,Sahil Mehta R/O,23A,3rd-Floor Kohlapur-Road Kamla Nagar Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Ashima Sachdeva 0040608089-4 Mehta. I, DORAISWAMI

RAMAKRISHNAN S/o KAZHUTHOZHUGU RAMACHANDRA DORAISWAMI, Address: B-351 Cityview Apartments, Plot No 119, Sector-35, Noida, GautamBuddha-Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, inform that Given Name RAMAKRISHNAN and Surname DORAISWAMI.

### LOST & FOUND

Original Conveyance Deed of Property-No.193,Sector-57, Kundli, Sonipat, Harvana in the name of M/s Bharat Wire Netting Works has been lost.Finder Contact: Mr. Devender Jain, R/o-16/11 Shakti, Nagar, Delhi-110007, Mobile-9811209034

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Lost my original Allotment Letter, Demand Letter & Payment Receipts (File No.22324, Relocation Scheme) of my Plot No.426, Sector-H, Bawana-II. (Bhorgarh), Delhi-110040. Finder may Contact-Ram Kumar Prabhakar Prop. Shiy & Sons Steel Products at WZ-55, Choukhandi, Delhi-110018 0040608009-1

I Sushila Bahuguna W/o K N Bahuguna R/o DDA LIG Flat No.70 D (3rd Floor) Mansarove Park Shahdara Delhi have lost original DDA Allotment Letter No L9(266)86/NPRS/MS dated 15.9.1986 issued in the name of Dal Chand S/o late Yadu Ram on 21.3.22 vide LR No 240949/2022 finder please contact 9999356847 within 7 0040608007-1

**I,** Tara Dutt Sharma R/o C-57 Sector-53, Noida-201301 have lost my Original Documents of Amrapali Golf Home against registration no-AM-GH02578/ K1-0402, Plot No-GH-02, Sector-04. G.N West, G.B. Nagar-U.P., Contact-9654227003. 0070778751-1

Lost my Class 10th, 12th and Higher National Diploma certificates/marksheets. FIR has been lodged LR no-254484/2022, Dated:

26/03/2022. Contact: Roopak

Sharma, 40 A Chelmsford Club

Country Drive, Ghitorni, 110030

Sharma, S/O Jamuna Devi

Mobile no-9810338626

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OFFICE OF THE **ASSISTANT REGIONAL** PUBLIC NOTICE TRANSPORT OFFICER

This is to inform that my client Mr Sanjeev Goel, aged about 52, Son of Sita Ram Goel, and his wife Alka Goel aged about 49 years, Wr Sanjeev Goel resident of House No.119-120, 3rd floor, Pocket B2 Sector 6, Rohini, Delhi - 110085 have Sector 6, Rofnin, Delmi - Houdsh have severed all their relations with their son severed and their relations with their son to bad habits. Both of my clients have also disowned and debarred his said son from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Mr Rishabh Goel will do so at his/her/their risk and responsibilities and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Mr. Rishabh Goel

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AALEKH ANAND ADVOCATE
First Floor, 6 School Lane,
Barakhamba Road, Opp. Lalit,
New Delhi, Delhi 110001
Phone No.: 011-40159811

PUBLIC NOTICE t is hereby notified for genera public that my clients Sh. Rames Chandra Sharma S/o Late Sh Ram Chandra Sharma & Smt. Ash public that fly clients Sh. Ramesh Chandra Sharma No. Late Shri Ram Chandra Sharma Sh. Late Shri Ram Chandra Sharma & Smt. Asha Sharma Wo Sh. Ramesh Chandra Sharma Ro 4. Ambica Vihar, Paschim Vihar, New Delini 110087, have severed all their relations with their son Atul Sharma and his wife Alka Sharma alongwith their son Atul Sharma and his wife Alka Sharma alongwith their son Atul Sharma Suri and has debarred them from inheriting any moveable or immoveable properties of my clients, due to their mispehavior, unbecoming act and their neglecting duties owing lowards my clients, if anybody deals with them shall do so at his/her own risks and my clients shall not be responsible for any act of above-named son, daughter-inaw and grand-children in any nanner whatsoever.

ADAMAYA PAL SINGH-ADVOCATE
hamber no. 433, Lawyers chamber Block, Rohini Courts, Delhi-110085

Ch. No. 52, Civil Wings Side, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

his is for the information of gener ublic that my client **Ms. Manish** iandas W/o Sh. Deepak Yaday ac

Gandas W/o Śh. Deepak Yadav age about 34 yrs R/o 34/9, Kishan Garh, Vasant kunj, SO south west, Delhi-110070., AND (2) Ms. Mamta W/o

Devender age about 37 yrs R/o. 433/1 near Shakuntala Apartments And Shishu Wala Taalab Village

Mundka New Delhi 110041, has

disowned and debarred her brother and her Bhabhi namely Mr. Sanjay

Gandas, S/o Late Sh Ramesh Chanc AND Reena W/o Sanjay Gandas both R/o 34/9, Kishan Garh, Vasan

resp., from all her movable and immovable properties, all relation with immediate effect because of their bad habit, constant fighting with my client at home/outside and loss of my client's mental peace, harassment, torture, cruelty, atrocities committed by them against my client. Anybody dealing with them shall do so at his/ her own risk, cost and responsibilities.

her own risk, cost and responsibilitie thereto, My client shall not be response

**DEEPANKER SINHA - ADVOCATE** 

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

The General Public is hereby informe that my clients Shri Ballabh Da Barman, son of Late L. D. Barman an

his wife Smt. Kamini Burman, bot residing at 305, Sector 15A, Noida

201 301 (U.P.) India, have renounce

III relations whatsoever with the

daughters Ms. Tanvi Burman an

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Maintenance and Welfare of Pare

and Senior Ctizens Rules, 2014

against their said daughters befo

the Court of Hon'ble Distric

on 09/02/2022, which wa

of Hon'd ble Additional Distric
Magistrate, Dadri and has bee
registered as Case No. 564/2022
Both of my above named clients hav

also disowned and debarred their sa

daughters from all their movabl

and/or immovable properties

Anybody dealing with Ms. Tanv Burman or Ms. Renuka Kumar will do

so at his/her/their own risk an

NITIN K. GUPTA, ADVOCATE

ENROL NO. D-1624/2009 PLACE : NOIDA

DATE: 25/03/2022

Ch. No. 52, Civil Wings Side, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

SO south west, Delhi-110070 from all her movable and

PUBLIC NOTICE **NOTICE** 

has disowned and debarred her son and her Daughter-in-Law namely Mr. Sanjay Gandas, S/o Late Sh Ramesh Chand AND Reena W/o Sanjay Gandas both R/o 34/9, Kishan Garh, Vasant kunj, SO south west, Delhi-110070 resp., from all her movable and immovable properties with and immovable properties wit immediate effect because of the constant fighting at home and outsid constant righting at nome and outside and loss of my client's mental peace, harassment, torture, cruelty, atrocities committed by them against my client. Anybody dealing with them shall do so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibilities thereto, My client shall not be responsibilities in any manner for the same. **DEEPANKER SINHA - ADVOCATE** 

said vehicle shall be filled in Officer, Pulwama within period of 15 (Fifteen) days of publication of the notice in the daily newspaper India Express &

Purchase

PUBLIC NOTICE Entire First Floor, Property No. 40, (300 sq. yds.), Vaishali, Pitampura,

Green Park, New Delhi is in the

process of advancing a loan to

purchase of Entire First Floor o Property No. 40, (300 sq. yds.) Delhi University Teacher's Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., Vaishali, Pitampura, Delh from Mr. Raj Kumar Khurana Mr. Mahendra Kumar Sanpal 8 Mr. Rahul Jain, who have represented that they are the corporate has any right, lien o & mortgage, then he/she/it may documentary proof of claim deemed that either there are no

Prachi Narang, Advocate

is for general information that  $\mbox{\sc AJEET}$  SINGH S/O. Late S DALIP SINGH R/O. C- 42-A G/F, Tilak Vihar, Tilak Nagar Delhi, Delhi-110018 declare that name of my fathe has been wrongly written as DILIP SINGH in my 10th Class my father is DALIP SINGH which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that have complied with other lega requirements in this connection.

Known to General public that my client Anshul Aggarwal is purchasing property i.e RZ-47, Khasra No. 18/1, property i.e RZ-47, Khasra No. 18/1, 1, Village, Najafgarh, Abadi Naya Bazar, Najafgarh, New Delhi, from Sh. Krishan Pal and mortgaging with Bandhan Ltd. And Sh. Krishan Pa does not have 1. Survivor Certificate of Agya Wanti and Probate of will of Agya Wanti and Probate of will of the Marking that the control of the control o of Agya Wanti and Probate of will of Agya Wanti related to said property. And If any person except my client, and institution is having any objection, right or claim in respect of the said property in any manner or said mortgage then he may contact the undersign within 15 days of publication of this Notice.

AD REM LEGAL SOLUTION.
Ch. No. 760, Dwaka Court Sector-10 Dwards Now Delbi-75 M-9899011391

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

S. RAGHUBIR SINGH R/O.WZ-13 A, Top Floor, Street No.-2 requirements in this connection

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

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Be it known to public at large that the name of my client Smt. Harish Arora Wo late Shri Jagdish Chander R/o House No.-E-392, Second Floor, Double Storey, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 and the name of her late husband Shri Jagdish Chander S/o late Shri Chuni Lal Jhamb is wonolly mentioned as Smt. Harish wrongly mentioned as Smt. Haris Kumari Arora and Shri J.C. Arora Norman Arota and Sin J.C. Arota in the share certificate issued by Dharam Kunj Co-operative (G/H) Society Limited, Delhi. Smt. Harish Arora and Smt. Harish Kumari Arora as well as her late husband Shri Jagdish Chander and Shri J.C. Arora

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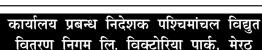
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### **Directorate of Mines** Steel & Mines Department **Government of Odisha**

**Notice Inviting Tender** 

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10 (B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and ir accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules. 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Odisha has identified 4 (four) Minerals Blocks as under for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of

a) 2 (two) mineral blocks of Iron Ore

4. Orahuri Manganese & Iron Block

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders. Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the

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# Basketball Queen tallest at Oscars, Shaq and Curry produce winner

**SHASHANK NAIR** MARCH 28

THE OUEEN of Basketball, a 22-minute feature on the life of hoopster Lusia Harris, produced by Shaquille O'Neal and Stephen Curry, won the Oscar for best short-subject documentary in Los Angeles on Monday. The documentary delves into the 'what if' and the cultural significance of a black player passing down basketball to later gen-

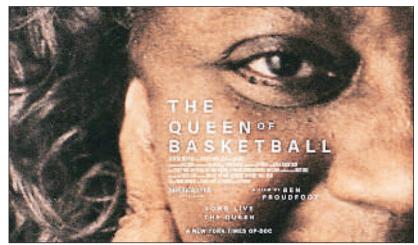
Narrated by Harris herself, the documentary introduces her love for basketball through late nights watching NBA matches featuring Kareem Abdur Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain and her favourite player Oscar Robertson. With no avenue to play the game at the college level or professionally at the time, watching these players would be the only solace for Harris in rural Mississippi. A six-foot-three frame by the time she reached high school, she would be taunted by the boys in her school - 'Long, tall and that's all'. And then everything changed for her.

In 1972, US President Richard Nixon signed Title IX, a rule that made it mandatory for schools and colleges to provide sport and competition to girls at par with what they provided to boys. The next year, Harris, who in the documentary states that she was about to join a black college, instead chose to go to Delta State because that was the only college that had started a women's basketball programme.

It was around this time in the 1970s that two young basketball players named Larry Bird and Magic Johnson entered the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The documentary leans into footage from both their time in college playing basketball while continuing the theme of a close-up shot on Harris' face as she recounted her own experience of playing in college. At 6'3, Harris was playing as a centre for her team and would routinely outscore opposition teams.

In 1975, Harris took the Delta State Lady Statesmen basketball team to the AIAW Championships. She repeated the feat a year later and made it to the United States Women's basketball team. For the documentary, these Olympics are a key moment. Montreal was the first ever Olympics where women could play basketball and the first ever game was a clash between Japan and USA. Japan would miss the first attempt at scoring and on the opposite end Harris makes a layup to become the first woman to score a basket at the Olympics.

USA and Harris would end up with the silver medal and Harris would go onto win her third AIAW championship in 1977 completing a collegiate three-peat.



Oscar brings recognition to woman basketball pathbreaker Lusia Harris (below). AP



But the part that the documentary builds the most towards is also the part that captures an audience's imagination the most about Harris - her life after basketball. At the time, no Women's National Basketball League (WNBA) existed. For a young, black woman basketball player, there were no avenues to continue playing

### Pioneer, in several ways

The documentary cuts into Harris' file of newspaper clippings from the time she played – clippings that she kept for when she would stop or would have to stop playing the game. During these shots, the camera oscillates back to her face as she opens up about suffering from bipolar disorder and how she would disappear from public life a couple of years after winning an

Harris is also famous for being the only woman ever to be drafted in the NBA. She was a seventh-round pick by the New Orleans Jazz (Now the Utah Jazz) but chose to give up the chance to play in the NBA. Part

of this was because she had chosen to marry her childhood sweetheart, part of it was that she thought it was a gimmick and she wouldn't have survived in the NBA.

"Phone rings, someone from New Orleans Jazz is calling. 'We want you to come and try out for the team'. I just thought it was a publicity stunt and I felt like I didn't think I was good enough. Competing against a woman, yes. It's a different story against a man. I said no to the NBA," said Harris in the documentary. The 22-minute footage is rife with director Ben Proudfoot - who has a previous Oscar nomination for A Concerto is a conversation – using Harris' matter-of-fact, vet hardhitting, lines to get through to the audience.

The theme of 'what if' makes its final appearance in the last bits of footage in the documentary. On one hand, Harris describes why she could never play professionally, her life as a high school coach and how her children went on to become successful. On the other hand, there is Larry Bird and Magic Johnson - peers of hers in college - now starring in Converse sneaker commercials after having become titans in

One of the final clips of the documentary shows Harris getting inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame by none other than her idol Robertson. It then shows women playing in the modern-day WNBA. The idea isn't to portray that she got left behind, but that she chose a different path that came with its own successes and

"If there is anyone out there who doubts that there is an audience for female athletes and questions whether their stories are valuable or entertaining or important ... let this Academy Award be the answer,' said Proudfoot at the Oscars.

## **Immigrants return Canada's** favour with World Cup spot

MIHIR VASAVDA

MARCH 28

A winger born in a refugee camp in Buduburam, Ghana, to parents fleeing the civil war in Liberia in 1999. A goalkeeper who escaped the Croatian war

of independence at the age of seven. A forward born in New York and raised in

Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A left-back and a striker, born to Nigerian families in England.

NOTHING, ON the face of it, ties all these men of diverse backgrounds. Yet, over the last fouryear cycle, they came together to forge one of the biggest underdog stories in football.

On Sunday, Canada – a country that was ranked outside the top hundred in the FIFA charts not too long ago; that had qualified for the World Cup just once in its history, and that too 36 years ago – secured its berth for Qatar 2022 with a 4-0 romping of Jamaica. And it's hard to imagine them achieving this feat without contributions from Alphonso Davies, Milan Borjan, Jonathan David, Ike Ugbo and Samuel Adekugbe – the stars who have one thing in common: they are all immigrants in a country known for its openness and tolerance.

The Canadian football team, of course, isn't the only one that has benefitted from its country's immigration policies. At the 2018 World Cup, one in 10 players was born outside the country they played for, as per a Ouartz research, while France's triumph was hailed as a 'victory for immigrants everywhere' in a reference to 15 players with African roots in Didier Deschamps' all-conquering squad.

Yet, few countries seem to have made such a policy intervention key to their sporting exploits as successfully as Canada. And their World Cup qualification is merely a continuation of it.

### **Immigrant** wave

From an Indian point of view, the impact is visible every time Canada's hockey team is in action – almost the entire team is filled with players who are either first-generation Canadians or born in India and relocated a few years ago.

But while Indians account for the highest number of immigrants to Canada, according to official data, different nationalities have contributed to their rise on the sports field. Sample this data from Statistics Canada 2016

- ■2,855 immigrants work across the country
- as athletes, coaches, officials and referees; ■ 16,075 immigrants earn their living as in-



Canada's Jonathan David (right) and Jamaica's Adrian Mariappa vie for the ball during World Cup football qualifying action in Toronto on Sunday.

structors and programme leaders in sport, recreation and fitness, and;

■ 20 percent of Canada's sports coaches are

This has, over the years, reflected in the North American country's achievements across sports - Donovan Bailey, Canada's twotime 100m Olympic gold medallist, immigrated from Jamaica: Geraldine Heaney, considered to be a pioneer in Canadian women's ice hockey, hailed from Northern Ireland; Bianca Andreescu, the first Canadian woman to win a Grand Slam (2019 US Open), is of Romanian heritage while another tennis star Denis Shapovalov was born in Israel.

In football, Canada's unprecedented rise can be attributed to – as The Los Angeles Times noted - the country's Refugee Resettlement Project which was established in 1978 as part of the United Nations' Operation Lifeline. More than 300,000 refugees have been resettled in Canada in the last two decades under the programme, including the family of Bayern Munich star Davies, considered the best player in the Central and North American region at

### Eight foreign-born players

Davies wasn't on the field when Canada sealed their World Cup qualification on Sunday. The 21-year-old watched from his home, recovering from heart inflammation after contracting Covid-19, and dropped to the floor, bursting into tears after the final

For him, playing in the biggest single-sport

event might have seemed a world away when he landed in Canada at the age of five with his family after spending years in a refugee camp, 'struggling for clean water, food, and shelter... according to the Bundesliga website.

"It's a true reflection on Canada as a whole," the country's all-time leading scorer Dwayne de Rosario was quoted as saying by CBC. "The reason I say that is because my familv left Guvana to come here for a better life and more opportunity and I think I've capitalised on that. If you look at Alphonso Davies story, the same thing. His parents left Africa in a tough situation, came to Canada for more opportunities and Alphonso definitely capitalised on that. And that's the beauty of sport."

Not just Davies. When Canada's English coach John Herdman named his squad for the qualifiers, there were eight foreign-born players in his squad, including Charles-Andreas Brym (born in France), Jayson Leutwiler (Switzerland) and David Wotherspoon (Scotland) in addition to the five mentioned earlier. There are others, like the irrepressible Cyle Larin, who was born in Canada to parents who came from Jamaica.

Borjan, who fled during the Yugoslav war and arrived in Canada when he was 13, said he and others who have made Canada their home are just returning a favour. "We fight for what's given to us. Canada gave us peace, better schools, a better life... better everything," he said in January after Canada defeated the United States to all but seal their World Cup berth. "This (qualifying for the World Cup) is just the way for us to return it

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

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However, it is less incumbent

encourage partners to play their

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SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

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by layers of misunderstanding.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

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true. Often it has seemed that

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not for much longer. What

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you'll begin to climb out of a

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

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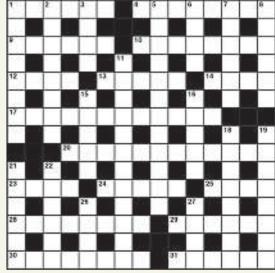
BY PETER VIDAL

You must accept

what takes place

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### ACROSS

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24 Married women hold different 25 Satisfied with a quarter measure

disease (6) 30 The last thing a crowd will do (8)

31 Possibly push to conclusion (6)

19 He daren't upset a supporter (8) 21 Highly decorated lid for a new 28 Control shown as others fall (8) 22 Large numbers are in the services 29 A leg up is needed getting this 26 Exempt from being unemployed 27 Box for a piece of jewellery (4)

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### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis

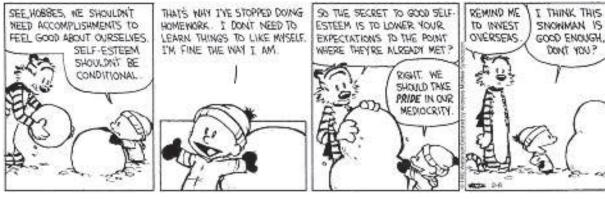




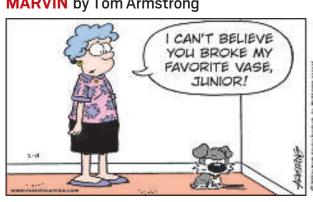


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### CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

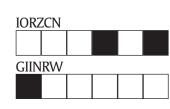




### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. If you can't do what you\_\_\_, do what you\_\_-Lois McMaster Bujold (4,.,3)

**ORTAA OUTCN** 



1 Accommodate a wealthy man in

3 We take turn and turn about in the

5 He upsets some scholar about the

beginning of term (12) 6 This month in Westminster (4)

8 Excessive fondness for female

11 Castile pie is served up in chef's

15 For fish some paper money is

16 Getting a horse on board creates

18 Effort is needed to make a trial of

7 Inferior saucepan (3-3)

without attachment (6)

choice dishes (12)

about right (5)

difficulties (5)

2 Got there perhaps but not by

fraud (3-2,3)

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vessel(4)

Answer: If you can't do what you want, do what you can - Lois McMaster Bujold SOLUTION: AORTA, COUNT, ZIRCON, WIRING

#### Difficulty Level 5s 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

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### **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The fact that the Moon is in a lively mood should be sufficient to persuade you that other people

are on your side. In fact, the more personal contacts you build up now, the better. You're intense and passionate, but the question you face is how on earth you can put your dreams TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

### You'll soon be hitting

a more energetic phase - if such a thing were possible so keep your eye on the longterm picture and go the whole hog when dealing with anything connected with your broader interests and ambitions. Plus a partner who was once so irritable, could be displaying hidden reserves

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) There's no doubt that you'll be able to get important projects off the ground, this week. It is up to you, though, to see that all practical arrangements are absolutely crystal-clear and

confirmed. Otherwise, other

people will pick up the wrong

end of the stick, and run with it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) This is certain to be an action-packed week and vour determination to bring an uncertain phase to an end should be successful. It's all too easy to be swept away by your feelings, so it is essential to maintain a grip on all practical

### angles and details. LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Travel plans, new projects and starred, although Mars' imminent change of position means that you have

very little time left to finalise arrangements. Move fast to secure agreements because otherwise they could come badly unstuck. VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Recent planetary patterns have you gain your

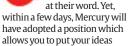
reason why you shouldn't turn

them to your advantage.

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undoubtedly helped independence in one area, but may have made you increasingly reliant on partners in another. Such contradictions are inevitable, but there is no

regret taking others at their word. Yet,



have adopted a position which allows you to put your ideas across with poetic flair. You'll be at your most inspired around the end of next week.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Recent lunar twists



and turns have done a great deal to establish your social confidence. New community

responsibilities may beckon for those of you who have tasted collective action and have decided that you like it. You'll get a good feeling from being nvolved and appreciated.

Mumbai: The Maharashtra government has allowed an increased spectator limit for IPL matches in Mumbai and Pune. Till now the only 25% crowds were allowed at the four venues, but now the limit has been increased to 50%, applicable from April 2.

## Dodgy selections, sexual harassment FIR and Bihar cricket rot

**ASHISH SATYAM** PATNA, MARCH 28

THIS MONTH, Bihar made eight changes to the playing XI for their final Ranji Trophy game against Arunachal Pradesh. They still ended the season without a win, finishing behind BCCI's newer teams Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim and Arunachal.

Here's one obvious reason. The season that started with two under-19 teams entering BCCI's agegroup tournament, both claiming to represent the divided Bihar Cricket Association (BCA), has been marked by constant chopping and changing. The game of musical chairs, where 62 cricketers represented Bihar across tournaments, also saw three coaches and a selector being changed within months. There are other reasons that are not so obvious, BCA president Rakesh Tiwary, a former state BIP treasurer, is at the centre of allegations of procedural wrongdoing and interference in selection of teams. Tiwary was also named in a sexual harassment FIR filed at the Parliament Street police station in Delhi by an owner of a player management firm.

The charges levelled against Tiwary by his colleagues include holding key selection meetings at his home. Officials and coaches say those who didn't toe Tiwary's line were shown the door.

Former Bihar first-class player and coach Tarun Kumar says he put his foot down when Tiwary tried to influence the selection process. "There would be frequent requests to accommodate relatives of bureaucrats, politicians, businessmen. Such requests would regularly be from Tiwary. As I didn't agree, I was sacked. Some of the players for the Syed Mushtaq Ali trophy were not even fit for club cricket," Kumar said.

When contacted, Tiwary said the background of players was not a criteria but cricketing merit was. "We won't play sons of bureaucrats and other such influential

people just because their fathers are at an advantageous position," Tiwary told The Indian Express.

Nikhilesh Ranjan, a Bihar batsman from the 1990s, replaced Kumar for the 50-over tournament, the Vijay Hazare Trophy. After the first two matches, Ranjan was demoted to assistant coach before being sacked.

"In the third match, Pavan Kumar, my assistant, was made the head coach and I was made his assistant. About 30 minutes into the fourth match, the manager called me while I was at the ground. He asked me to go back to the hotel, pack up and leave. Since there is no secretary or joint secretary, the president is in charge," Ranjan said.

"In the recently concluded season, two reserve selectors were appointed apart from the three main selectors... this means the BCA was already aware that one of the three main selectors appointed would probably leave in between," he said

According to Tiwary, the

change in backroom personnel was necessitated because the coach was causing rifts in the

"In the Vijay Hazare Trophy, of the two coaches sent... there was a tussle between some of the players and we found that a coach was involved in incitement. The Ranji Trophy coach was found guilty in a very old case by the court of the Ethics Officer. However, we still appointed him. Later, someone filed a petition in the court of the Ethics Officer and the court held that once it has deemed someone guilty, how can he be appointed

brows is the high number of players and standbys that represented Bihar this season. While this season's Covid protocol allowed teams to name a 20-member squad for the Vijay Hazare Trophy, Bihar picked 25, including two reserves. Of them, 23 made it to the Playing XI, including the two reserves. Typically three or four players are named

coach once again," Tiwary said.

What has also raised eye-

as stand-by teams, but Bihar had 15 for the Vijay Hazare tourna-

Kumar Arvind, former BCA joint secretary, claims that selectors were summoned to Tiwary's home and team lists were changed. "Before the Vijay Hazare tournament, Tiwary called the selectors to his home and replaced seven players. When I refused to sign, he ensured that I was out of BCA. This year for every format there was a new coach," he said.

Arvind alleges that Ranjan and Tarun Kumar were ousted because coaches were asked to play players who had paid

ment and Ranji Trophy.

Since the start of the domestic season in September last year. 62 senior cricketers have made it to the playing XI of Bihar across formats. The corresponding numbers in established teams, like Mumbai and Karnataka, are 43 and 51, respectively. Those in the know say that more players means more people can be

> money, and that those who disagreed were removed. Tiwary justifies the jumbo list of players. "The humongous population of Bihar needs representation. I had asked the coach and captain about the many changes in the final Ranji game. I was told since we were out of contention, we tried several players," he said.

The allegation of sexual harassment against Tiwary is linked to the BCA's proposed T20 league and the arrest last year of the

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president of Gurgaon-based Secure Corporate Management, Ashutosh Bora, and his sister Chitra, in an alleged "cash for selection" scam. Chitra, out on bail, has alleged that Tiwary molested

BCA president Rakesh Tiwary (extreme right) at the special general body meeting.

Asked about the FIR, Tiwary said: "They are still allegations, nothing has been proved yet... I never entertained them. I am innocent." When contacted, a senior officer of Delhi Police said:

her at a five-star hotel in New

"Tiwary was booked under sections of sexual assault. No arrest has been made so far in the case. We are investigating the matter."

Last year, the BCCI had to intervene in the BCA's selection matters after a turf war between Tiwary and a rebel group led by former MLA and state BJP spokesperson Prem Ranjan Patel. The Board had also pulled up BCA for hosting the inaugural Bihar Cricket League (BCL) without its permission.

## Titans win battle of debutants

Shami and Tewatia star for Gujarat as another match ends in victory for chasing side

**SYNOPSIS:** Rahul Tewatia's unbeaten 40 off 24 balls led Gujarat Titans to a fivewicket win with two balls to spare after Mohammed Shami's three-wicket burst had restricted Lucknow Super Giants to 158.

**ABHISHEK PUROHIT** MARCH 28

Shami on fire

Mohammed Shami on song in Test cricket is a delight to watch of course, but you can't take your eyes off him in the shorter formats as well when he is in the mood. Two nights ago at the same ground, Umesh Yadav had choked Chennai Super Kings in the Powerplay with pace, swing and accuracy. This match was played two pitches away from Saturday's IPL opener, on a surface that was not even close to the first one in terms of zip and bounce. Moreover, Umesh had got his tempted aggressive strokes. Instead, Shami went through the defences of three international batsmen in three successive overs.

KL Rahul might as well have been opening the Indian batting on a cold first morning of a Test match at Old Trafford against James Anderson, given the delivery he got first ball. Good length, around off, just holding its line, and taking the edge through to the 'keeper. Batsmen unsure about what to do on a fresh pitch where the new ball is skidding and seaming is a recipe for disaster against



Mohammed Shami (left) bowls out Lucknow batter Manish Pandey on Tuesday.

Shami, regardless of the format. morning of a Manchester Test. Quinton de Kock got one from even move, but the angle was enough to burst through the massive gap between his indecisive bat and pad.

Manish Pandey actually got one that nipped in from just short of a length and bowled him through the gate. When a fast-disappearing Powerplay is on batsmen's mind, it is perhaps too much to expect them to hold bat and pad tightly together to keep out someone of Shami's class. His figures read 3-0-10-3 at that moment, and LSG were 29 for 4. A return that would have been right in place on a cold first

The Hooda, Badoni revival Even after the damage Shami caused, the challenge con-

fronting LSG was apparent when the express Lockie Ferguson came on as first change. And even without the usual Wankhede bounce on this surface, Ferguson was putting in enough effort to make the short ball climb onto the batsmen's chest.

There is some space for hunkering down and weathering the storm even in T20, which is what Deepak Hooda and IPL debutant Avush Badoni did. And when the dew came on, they smartly targeted the weaker links in Hardik Pandya and Varun Aaron. Badoni slogged, lapped and steered boundaries. He slogged the fiery Ferguson for six to get to his halfcentury. Hooda hasn't always come good on his reputation for big hitting, but on Monday, he waited for the opening before cutting loose. He was immensely powerful down the ground, and also adept at intentionally slicing the ball past point. He arched inside the line of an Aaron shortish delivery aimed at him and somehow steered it wide of

point for four. The fifth-wicket stand added 87 off 68, and Badoni hung around until the last over to set a target in the range of 160, quite a recovery from 29 for 4.

### Hardik leads by example

Hardik Pandya had a workout in all departments in his maiden outing as skipper in the IPL. With LSG having a horror Powerplay, he began stretching in the sixth over and brought himself on in the seventh. He operated in the early to mid-130s, with the odd ball clocked in the late 130s, and began with a couple of quiet overs. Despite having the options of Vijay Shankar and Rahul Tewatia, Hardik chose to give himself two more overs. The first two had gone for a collective seven runs, the next two went for 11 and 19. He understandably took ages at times to set his field, almost never having had to set one before at the senior level. For instance, in the last over, he sent third man back and brought deep point in the circle. He then changed his mind, sending point back and bringing fine

At No. 4, he had to bat in an unfamiliar position and also play an unfamiliar game from 15 for 2. It reflected in the fact that even boundaries, he still managed a strike rate of only 118. The all-ornothing effort came to an end when he lofted brother Krunal straight to long-off. Fortunately for him, the trio of David Miller. Rahul Tewatia and Abhinas Manohar were up to an asking rate of 10 in the last eight overs as the dew aided another win for a chasing side.

Brief scores: Lucknow Super Giants 158 for 6 (Hooda 55, Badoni 54, Shami 3-25) lose to Gujarat Titans 161 for 5 (Tewatia 40\*, Hardik 33, Chameera 2-22) by five wickets



### **SPEARHEAD**

President Ram Nath Kovind presents the Padma Shri to Neeraj Chopra, the first track & field athlete to win a gold medal for India at the Olympics.



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Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

## To Gill a Dropping Bird - a la Kapil

It's the season of the 1983 movie, and Shubman Gill did a Kapil, running back to take a tremendous catch. He has taken catches diving forward inside the circle. taken near the boundary too, but the running backwards hasn't been his great speciality. In the 2020-21 series, when his present IPL team-mate Matthew Wade had holed out behind midwicket, Gill nearly made a mess, running unsurely back but was saved the blushes by Ravindra Jadeja who burst past him to take a pearler. No such doubts tonight, though. As soon as Evan Lewis top-edged a pull, off he turned from midwicket and dashed back. And kept running. Eventually, he got to the ball and it still seemed it might dip a bit forward, he lunged to pouch it and landed with the ball



safely in the palms. Kapil diehards might deduct a point as his 1983 version was not only under more pressure but he had sprinted so swiftly. But another school of thought these days, promoted heavily by Faf du Plessis, is that the fall helps break the movement nicely so

that the ball doesn't snap out of the palms. That's why du Plessis falls down to the ground even for what seems regulation skiers. Gill perhaps felt he needed that lunge not only for the post-pouch 'give' but even to wrap his palms completely

### Krunal pips brother, Hardik



Krunal Pandya veiled his joy with his palms after he ejected his brother Hardik. As soon as Manish Pandey completed the skier, and a crushed Hardik swiped his bat in the air in rage, Krunal turned away from his brother and covered his face in his arms. It was only after his brother trudged past him that he unveiled and flashed half a smile, reluctantly, almost like a formality. Hardik, though, was in a fit of rage, not so much perhaps for giving his wicket to his brother as getting out at a crucial juncture of the match.

### Change in team, fortunes same



close-finishes as Punjab Kings-two defeats in the super-over last edition alone in his reign. He began his Lucknow Super Giants reign on a similarly frustrating note. Rahul could not hide his dismay. He looked crestfallen and downcast as he plodded back to the dug-out. Unlike earlier when he cut an agitated figure, now, he stood at the edge of the circle, near mid-off, where he was fielding and kept stroking his chin like a man who has lost all his hopes.

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