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**DAYS AFTER COMMUNAL CLASH IN DELHI, DEMOLITION BY BJP-RUN CIVIC BODY**

# Bulldozers roll, raze in Jahangirpuri in the face of Supreme Court order

**Court orders status quo but demolition continues for two hours before pause****ANAND MOHAN J, PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA & ANANTHAKRISHNAN G**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20**EXPLAINED**  
**E** Questions over due process

HIT BY communal violence days earlier, Jahangirpuri in North West Delhi saw seven bulldozers roll into the neighbourhood Wednesday on orders of the BJP-led North Delhi Municipal Corporation, razing parts of several structures, including the exterior gate of a place of worship.

The demolition, which started around 10.15 am, went on for two hours despite the Supreme Court's directions at 11 am that status quo be maintained. The matter will be heard by a bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai Thursday.

The demolition action came a day after the civic body wrote to the North West DCP requesting 400 police personnel for what it called was an "anti-encroachment drive". This came after Delhi BJP

THE ACTION in Jahangirpuri flies in the face of the civic body's usual practice of sending a notice at least five days in advance in cases of encroachment. The bylaws state that the notice has to be given to the person who has carried out the alleged illegal construction. During this time, the person can be asked to make alterations, failing which the civic body has the power to demolish or seal the structure.

president Adesh Gupta had also written to the North MCD Mayor Tuesday demanding that "illegal encroachment done by rioters be bulldozed".

**CONTINUED ON PAGE 4****During the demolition drive in Jahangirpuri on Wednesday.** *Anand Mohan J*

## After bulldozers left: 'No notice... what have you proved with this?'

**ANAND MOHAN J & SUKRITA BARUAH**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

ONE WAS selling cold drinks to police until yesterday. Another had been running a store in the building where he was born 40 years ago. A third was saving up for the festival. None had any prior notice, none were given the right to respond—all were scrambling Wednesday evening to pick up the pieces of what was left.

Just hours earlier, as two CRPF officers took position atop Akbar's home in Jahangirpuri

**CONTINUED ON PAGE 4****A woman breaks down amid the anti-encroachment drive in Jahangirpuri on Wednesday.** *Praveen Khanna*

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**BULLDOZER POLITICS FLARES IN DELHI, AAP SAYS RAZE BJP HQ**  
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## Shah holds meet with Delhi BJP, Panda cites 'immigrants in Europe'

**LIZ MATHEW & ABHINAV RAJPUT**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

AS THE BJP-controlled North MCD's demolition action in Jahangirpuri reached the Supreme Court and some among the Opposition slammed the use of bulldozers, the party indicated that there would be no backing down and its Delhi unit would "keep the pressure on illegal immigrants".

BJP sources said the party

and the Central government would explore "all legal options" to see that the "ongoing exercise reaches a logical conclusion".

Echoing this, Baijayant Panda, BJP vice president and the party in-charge of Delhi, told *The Indian Express*: "Just like we have seen in certain places in Europe — in Sweden, Holland and Belgium etc — where immigrant communities have created no-go zones where people or even police are afraid to go, it seems illegal immigrants have

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## Johnson begins visit to India today, deals worth £1 bn on table

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20**PM Modi, WHO DG Tedros Ghebreyesus in Ahmedabad. Johnson lands in the city today.** *Nirmal Harindran*

AS BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson lands in Ahmedabad on Thursday for the start of a two-day visit to India, UK and Indian businesses are set to announce investments and export deals worth over £1 billion, in areas from software engineering to health.

Science and tech collaborations, including a digital health partnership and a joint investment fund for Indian deep-tech and AI start-ups, supported by both the governments; new AI scholarships for Indian students jointly funded by the UK government's Chevening programme and India's Adani Group; and a £6 million investment by AI healthcare specialists Qure.ai to open a centre of excellence in the UK are set to be announced.

On Friday, Johnson will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on economic, security and defence collaborations. He is expected to announce commercial agreements, hailing a new era in

trade, investment and technology partnership between the two countries.

"The Prime Minister will use his visit to India to boost our collaboration with one of the world's fastest growing economies, slashing trade barriers for UK businesses and driving jobs and growth at home," the British High Commission said in a statement.

The £1 billion in new investments and export deals, expected

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## R-value over 1 across India, Delhi brings back mask mandate

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20**THE CITY****DELHI MASK RULE COMES AS FRESH CASES CROSS 1,000**  
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INDIA'S EFFECTIVE reproduction number (R-value) for Covid-19, an indicator of how quickly a disease is spreading in the population, has increased to over 1 for the first time since mid-January, during the third wave of the pandemic.

The R-value, which saw a steady increase over the last few weeks, was 1.07 for April 12-18, according to Sitabhra Sinha, a researcher from Chennai's Institute of Mathematical Sciences who has been tracking the country's R-value since the beginning of the pandemic. It was 0.93 the previous week.

An R-value of 1, which signi-

fies that every infected person is passing on the infection to at least one person on an average, is a key threshold after which cases begin to rise.

Asked whether this could signal the beginning of the fourth wave, Sinha said: "It's too early to say whether it will be a wave; there have been a couple of instances, for example in last August-September, when the

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## Attrition high, so Infosys & TCS invoke job clause to retain talent

**PRANAV MUKUL**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

AN OVERHEATED job market in the software and BPO space has triggered a surge in attrition rates at TCS and Infosys, the top two IT companies in the country by revenue, prompting tech companies to fall back on unconventional tactics in an attempt to retain talent.

A workers union representing IT and BPO sector employees has said that Bengaluru-based Infosys is enforcing a clause in the employee contract to prevent workers from joining some of its competitors. The union has

written to the Ministry of Labour & Employment and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, seeking intervention in the matter.

Infosys, on its part, has said that such a non-compete clause is a "standard business practice" in employment contracts.

The non-compete clause under contention says that after resigning, an Infosys employee cannot work, for a period of six months, with one of the named rival companies on a client he or she would have serviced in the preceding 12 months before quitting.

Among the rival companies named in the employment contract are TCS, Accenture, IBM,

Cognizant and Wipro for Infosys' software services wing. For the business processing management (BPM) wing, the named competitors in the employment pact are Tech Mahindra, Genpact, WNS, TCS, Accenture, IBM, Cognizant, Wipro and HCL.

This comes amid rising attrition in the segment. For the March-quarter, Tata Consultancy Services reported an annualised attrition rate of 17.4 per cent, up from 7.2 per cent in the same quarter last year. Infosys reported an annualised voluntary attrition rate of 27.7 per cent during January-March period, compared to 10.9 per cent in January-March

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## They thought we'll be easy to beat: An Indian team blazes a trail to Bridge silver

**PAGE 1 ANCHOR****MIHIR VASAVDA**  
MUMBAI, APRIL 20

FOR ANIL Padhye, it was the late evening deals with his maternal grandparents in the 1980s that got him hooked to bridge. His teammate, Ashok Goel, stayed up late at night to master the skills of the card game. And their captain, R Krishnan, took to the sport casually at first, in his hostel room at IIT Madras, exactly 50 years ago in 1972.

The trio was part of a six-member team that won India's first-ever silver medal at the World Bridge Championship

**The seniors category Indian team that reached the World Bridge Championship final, where it lost to Poland.** *SAI/Twitter*

earlier this month. All of them are in their early-to-mid 60s and hail from varied backgrounds — stockbroker to industrialist, banker to publisher.

Subrata Saha, Sukamal Das and Rajesh Dalal were the other members of the team that defeated heavyweights like the US en route to the final of the sen-

iors category, where they lost to a strong Polish side.

"It's an important moment for the sport in the country," Padhye said. "For the first time, an Indian team has reached the final of the World Championship. This augurs well for the sport and hopefully will change the perception among the masses."

Popularly known as the 'Bermuda Bowl', the World Championship in the Italian city of Salsomaggiore attracted 24 teams from across the globe. After the round-robin stage, India finished fifth, qualifying for the knockout rounds where the top-eight teams made the cut.

There was no lack of drama.

"The team that finishes on

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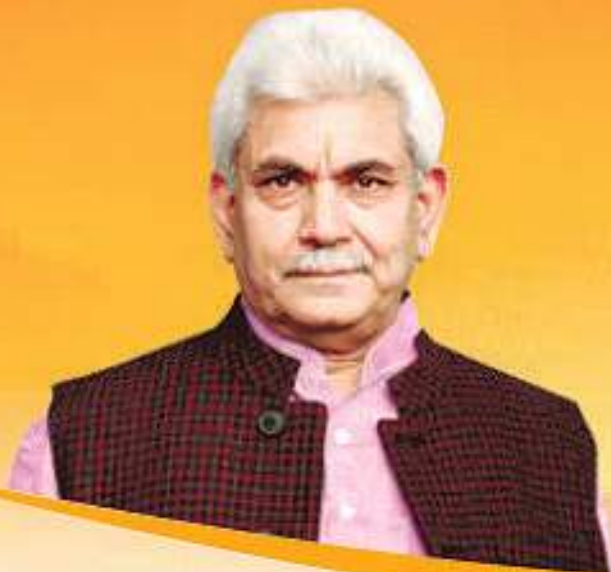




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- National Anthem Singing Competitions held across all districts of J&K
- Government buildings and monuments illuminated in shades of tricolour on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Elected grassroot representatives hoisted/unfurled the National Flag on Independence Day/ Republic Day

- 100 feet tall National Flag was dedicated at Hari Parbat, Srinagar on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- 100 feet tall National Flag was hoisted by the Army on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at famous tourist destination Gulmarg in Kashmir valley
- Grand Air Show was organised at the Dal lake, in collaboration with Indian Air Force
- "Beating Retreat Ceremony" was started by the Border Security Force at Octroi Post, Suchetgarh, Jammu on the Indo-Pak International Border

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### Iconic week festival - events

- Musical water fountain with laser light and sound show inaugurated at Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu
- Kashmir's famous Dal lake gets first ever open air floating theatre
- Grand Shikara Rally was organised in connection with celebration of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
- Grand festivals like Houseboat festival, Sufi festival, Literary Festival and various events organised across J&K

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That’s why the Government celebrates April 21 every year as “Civil Services Day” as an occasion for administrative officers across cadres to re-dedicate themselves to the cause of citizen’s welfare and renew their commitments to public service. This date is chosen to commemorate the day when our first Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi. He referred to them as the “steel frame of India.”

The first commemorative event to celebrate Patel’s inspiring speech was held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on April 21, 2006. Every year since then, the Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration are presented to Districts/Implementing Units for execution of priority programmes and innovative practices. This encourages participation from a large number of districts across the country. These awards bring civil servants together, help them connect with each other and learn the good practices they have adopted in resolving public grievances across the country.

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It is because of the gravity of governance that the civil services exam is considered one of the toughest in the country with aspirants from all disciplines trying their luck. Commonly referred as the “mother of all exams,” it is often said that clearing the civil services exam requires a “true passion” along with a “dedicated and systematised approach.” The toughness of this exam can be gauged from the fact that of the four lakh students appearing in the UPSC preliminary examination every year, only a thousand manage to clear it.

The tradition of civil services goes back to 1600. The East India Company’s Directors

used to choose officers who were then schooled at Haileybury College in London before being dispatched to India. In 1854, following the submission of Lord Macaulay’s Report to the British Parliament’s Select Committee, the East India Company’s patronage-based system was replaced by a modern merit-based civil service in India. The Civil Service Commission was established and the first competitive examinations were held in 1855. At first, the examinations were only held in London. Candidates were required to be at least 18 years old and the maximum age for taking the exams was 23 years old.

The subject “European Classics” had a lot of dominant share marks, giving the British or other Europeans an unfair advantage. Even though Satyendranath Tagore, poet laureate Rabindaranath Tagore’s brother, was successful in passing the examinations in 1864, four other Indian candidates were successful three years later. Then Indians petitioned for examinations to be held in India for the next 50 years.

In Allahabad, the first Indian Civil Service Examination was held in 1922 and later in Delhi, the Federal Public Service Commission was established.

In 1931, Indians were assigned to 20 per cent of the total number of Superintendent of Police positions. When there were no European candidates in 1939, the appointment was increased again. In 1950, the Federal Public Service Commission was renamed the Union Public Service Commission after the creation of the Republic of India.

## Where integrity is the key

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### Historical Background

April 21 was chosen as National Civil Service Day to commemorate the day when the first Home Minister of independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, New Delhi. In his speech, Patel referred to the civil servants as the “steel frame of India.”

Civil services in our country consist of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and a comprehensive list of All India Services and Central Services, Group A and Group B. The celebration on this day motivates officers to work more efficiently for the public.

### Significance and role in current times

Civil servants are the heartbeat of every community and their work is felt at the local, state and Central levels in various ways. They are the ones developing and implementing national policies and programmes, protecting our borders, becoming the first responders fighting crimes and guarding our freedom and democracy.

The civil services employ some of the most talented people in this country. Their role is not often acknowledged but they are the ones who keep working in



Mr. B. Singh (Ex. IES), CMD, NEXT IAS & MADE EASY

the background to ensure smooth functioning of the public administration. Civil service is the permanent executive branch of the Republic of India.

India’s civil services have contributed substantially to battling unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic and the officers have shown commendable and extraordinary management skills.

### What does it take to serve the nation?

In his address, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel once said, “Along with discipline, you must cultivate an *esprit de corps* without which a service as such has little meaning. You should regard it as a proud privilege to belong to the Service, covenants of which you will sign, and to uphold throughout your service, its dignity, integrity and incorruptibility.”

The highly competitive civil services exam is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in three

stages – preliminary exam, main exam and personality test. It is being held since 1922. Since then, every year, over a million people take the exam and only about 0.2 per cent candidates are selected.

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## From 'steel frame' to transformational pillar

THESE DAYS, in democratic polities world over, the role of the State has veered away from primary functions and has expanded to saving its citizens from bigger challenges like external aggression, delivering social, economic and political justice besides ensuring welfare. The civil services become particularly important in achieving the goals of a welfare state. To achieve desired policy outcomes, civil services officers are playing a great transformational and enabling role. We have come a long way from the "steel frame" image of bureaucracy to one that is more accommodative, inclusive, responsive, sensitive, grounded and service-oriented. It comprises energetic, dynamic and truly world-class officers who are motivated by the desire of making India count in the global high table.

Many officers from different civil services of the Union Government as well as in states are doing a very good job in making government services and programmes more accessible to the common man.

They are upholding principles of a performing, efficient and ethical government. To motivate and encourage young recruits to all civil services and to remind them about their commitment to constitutional values of rule of law and perform various developmental functions efficiently and accountably, the Government started celebrating April 21 as Civil Services Day from 2006. This is held under the aegis of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension. It is on this day in 1947 that our "Iron Man" and first Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is credited with creating the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) just after independence, addressed the first batch of IAS officers at Metcalfe House, Delhi. This was the



IAS training academy in those days.

Thanks to his mantra, many young officers are doing a very good job despite the challenges that confront an emerging power. They are working round the clock to ensure social justice and last mile connectivity as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi.

This is the occasion when all civil servants re-dedicate themselves to the higher mission of citizen welfare and renew their commitment to public service and excellence in work. The Government of the day rewards few of them for their meritorious services in priority sectors. As part of many events, the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration are presented to Districts/Implementing Units for implementation of priority programmes and excelling in innovation categories. These awards bring together civil servants from across India to exchange notes on best practices, good and ethical governance. This annual affair is eagerly awaited by all public administrators to celebrate outcomes of work done in the entire year.

Our Prime Minister is dedicated to the vision of a "New India" where everyone, irrespective of their origin and circumstances of birth, is able to realise his or her full potential. May we realise an India as dreamt of by our founding fathers like Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Lala Lajpat Rai, Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Dr B R Ambedkar and in post-independent India by thinkers like Jai Prakash Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay and other luminaries.

D.P. Vajpayee

(The author is chairperson of the Delhi Institute for Administrative Services DIAS, a leading motivational speaker and Civil Services Guru)



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## Extending a helping hand to aspirants

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Vikas Ahlawat 'Sir' (COO, theIASHub) cracked the Civil Services Exam twice — in 2016 and 2018, and achieved 369 and 146 ranks, respectively. He scored the highest marks in



Vikas Ahlawat Sir  
COO, theIASHub

the History Optional, CSE 2018, by securing 324 marks. During his prepara-

tion he realised the need for hand-holding assistance in the exam preparation. This drove him to leave behind a career in Civil Services and lend a helping hand to UPSC aspirants.

**How was your experience in Civil Services?**

It has been a captivating journey in which I learned about the governance structure and the challenges India is facing as a nation. Most importantly, I firmly believe now that education is the foundation of our society. Hence, I decided to enter the education sector.

**Why should one join the theIASHub?**

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**What message do you give to future IAS aspirants?**

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By Ravindra N. Jha

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	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
April 19	632	414	0	6,492
April 20	1,009	314	1	17,701
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Cases	107	103
Deaths	0	0

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	Cases	Deaths
	196	225
	0	0

## DEMOLITION IN JAHANGIRPURI

## After communal flare up, bulldozer politics

AAP leaders say BJP settling Rohingya and Bangladeshis across the country

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

OPPOSITION PARTIES criticised the anti-encroachment drive carried out by the BJP-controlled North MCD in the violence-hit Jahangirpuri area on Wednesday, accusing the party of trying to foment more trouble.

“This is a demolition of India’s constitutional values. This is state-sponsored targeting of poor and minorities. BJP must bulldoze the hatred in their hearts instead,” senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

CPM leader Brinda Karat, among the few political leaders to come to Jahangirpuri in protest against the demolition, stood in front of one of the bulldozers waving a copy of the Supreme Court order ordering status quo on the matter. She said: “We had a bit of an argument, police said the order had not been uploaded and I said ‘But I’m showing you’... Afterwards, our team met people there and found there were no notices given and that it was completely selective... As far as I’m concerned, all this has nothing to do with legality-illegality but with a sectarian agenda.”

AAP leaders spoke in one voice on the issue. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the only way to end hooliganism in the country was to bulldoze the BJP headquarters. “The BJP is providing a discourse to the country today to talk only about *ladai-jhadga* and hooliganism,” Sisodia said, accusing it of going about it “in a scripted way”.

He added: “BJP *netas* are talking about Rohingya. The BJP must give an estimate of how many Rohingya and Bangladeshis have settled here in the past 8 years and where. Once it says how many Rohingya and Bangladeshis have settled and where, we’ll know where the next riot will happen.”

Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha said the BJP had helped settle Bangladeshis and Rohingya in different parts of the country to “use” them to cause riots: “If you want to know where the next riots are going to happen, just ask them to reveal where they have settled Bangladeshis and Rohingya.”

Senior leader and MLA, Atishi, too said the BJP had helped settle Bangladeshis and Rohingya in different parts so that *goondagardi* can be perpetrated. Both leaders also said it was Home Minister Amit Shah’s house that should be demolished to stop riots.

The BJP and AAP have been trading charges over the communal violence that broke out in Jahangirpuri on Saturday, during a Hanuman Jayanti procession, each claiming that Ansar, one of the main accused, had links with the other.

Sisodia said: “Illegal constructions have been demolished, now the homes of those BJP *netas* should be demolished who gave protection to them. The BJP has



CPM leader Brinda Karat stands in front of a bulldozer waving a copy of the Supreme Court order. *Praveen Khanna*

not done anything for schools, hospitals, rising prices... They have only encouraged fighting. If the hooliganism must stop, the easiest way to do it is to bulldoze the BJP headquarters.”

Delhi Congress chief Anil Chaudhary said the anti-encroachment drive was an excuse to poison the discourse among people: “What is the BJP trying to achieve by sending bulldozers to an area where communal tension is rife because of recent violence? It has become clear that BJP and AAP leaders have been found to be involved in these cases and they don’t want peace to prevail.” He also questioned Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal’s silence.

Manoj Kumar Jha, RJD MP in Rajya Sabha, said targeting of Muslims by the BJP and its affiliates is taking new shape every day. “Today was a very alarming day because terrorising minority citizens by open flouting of the rule of law went on despite a directive to maintain status quo by the SC. We are staring at our municipalities, district administrations being turned into lawless mobsters. Instead of uniting the country to face economic hardships together... the government is turning the nation into a hate-filled, compassionless space.”

Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said the government is running bulldozers on constitutional order and rule of law.

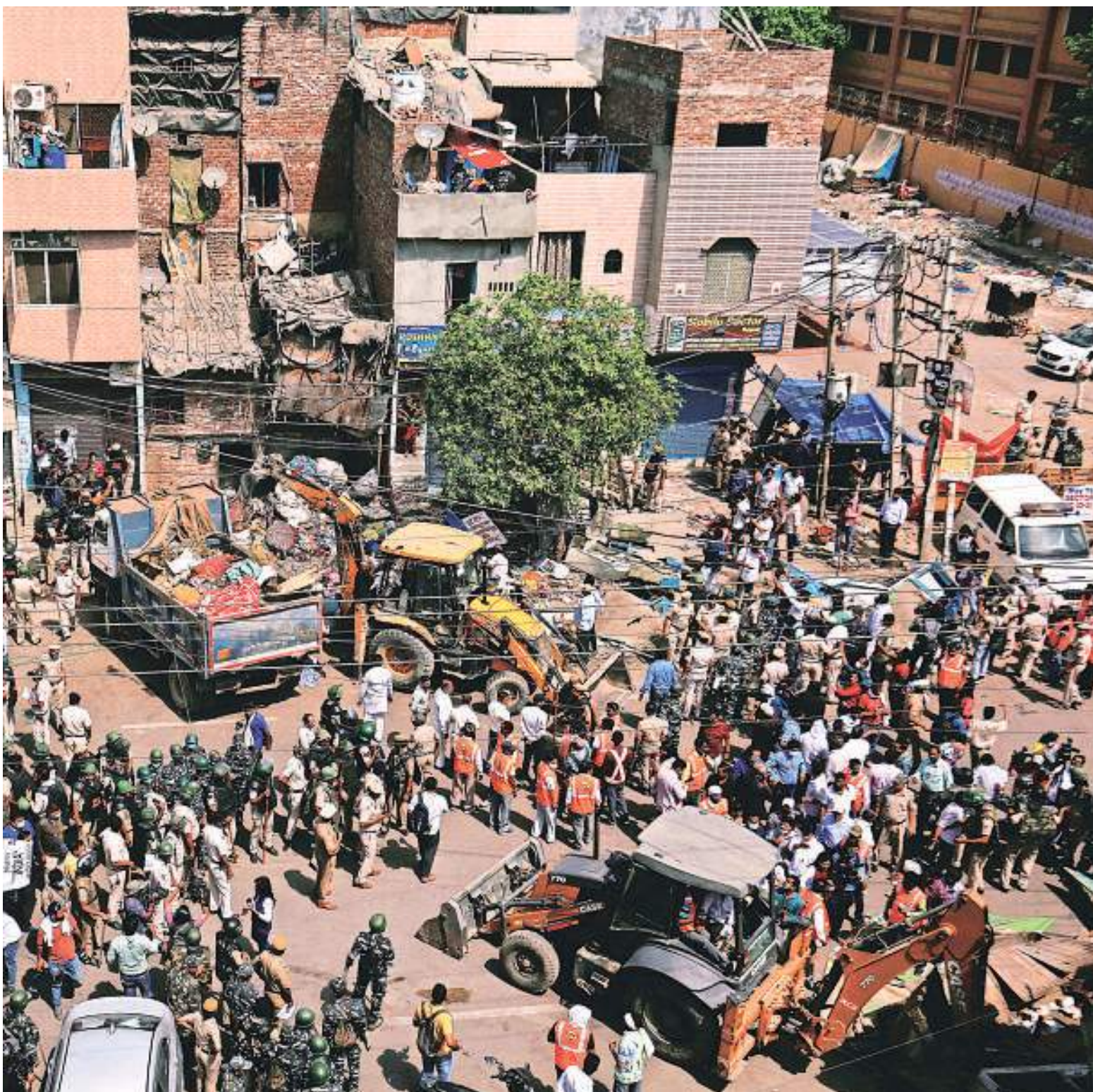
Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot said: “We have seen violence in many states... but what they are doing so cleverly is... somebody is suffering losses in the violence but on social media they will say the other side has suffered losses... If Muslims suffered losses, they will say Hindus suffered losses to provoke people. A dangerous kind of politics is playing out. People of the country... should realise what is the truth. It will not be in the country’s interest if we start thinking only from a religious point of view.”

Gehlot said the Prime Minister should address the nation and say that the government will not tolerate violence and condemn those indulging in it — be it Hindu, Muslim, Sikh or Christian.

The CPI too hit out at the BJP. “The demolition drive in Jahangirpuri is a brazen demolition of our constitutional order. Bulldozing continued even after a stay from none other than the Supreme Court. Bulldozer culture of the BJP-RSS is demolishing the foundations of rule of law. Mass action is the only alternative,” CPI general secretary D Raja said.

Hyderabad MP and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, meanwhile, was allegedly stopped by police from visiting Jahangirpuri. The AIMIM, in a tweet on Wednesday night, said the leader reached the area.

TMC MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar said a six-member team of party MPs, led by her, will visit Jahangirpuri on Friday.



Bulldozers razed parts of several structures at Jahangirpuri on Wednesday, on orders of the North MCD. The demolition, which started around 10.15 am, went on for two hours despite the Supreme Court’s directions at 11 am that the “encroachment removal action programme” be halted. *Praveen Khanna*

## Left behind, a home without a staircase, a family stranded

**ANAND MOHAN J**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

A SECOND-FLOOR home without a staircase.

That’s what bulldozers that rolled into Jahangirpuri on Wednesday left 22-year-old Mansura with. As demolition was carried out in the violence-hit area, among the structures torn down was the staircase, leaving the family with no way to get down. “The bulldozer broke the only way I could leave my home. I have been stuck inside for hours with my toddler. We have run out of water,” she said.

With the power connection also cut in C block, fans too have stopped working, she said.

That’s not the end of her woes though — as the bulldozer receded, some people gathered downstairs and took away parts of pipes broken during the demolition. “I thought those men were going to rescue us. Instead, they just stole iron parts and left us stranded,” she said.

Mansura’s relative Sarika (22) was trapped with her, along with her four children.

Sitting at the entrance of their



Mansura (22) said she has been stuck inside for hours with her toddler and relative. *Praveen Khanna*

red brick house, Sarika pointed towards an electricity meter installed outside and said, “We pay our bills. Ever since the violence, there is a lot of anger and people have branded us as Bangladeshi Muslims. My family comes from Kolkata and we belong here.”

The house has been here for two decades, the family said. The family of 10 resides inside two rooms and sells cattle feed for a living. They buy it for Rs 3 per kg and sell it at the local markets,

managing to make Rs 300-400 a day.

Sarika’s husband Alam (32) piled white gunny sacks at the entrance of his house to help his family. “I was trapped for five days inside the house because police stopped us from leaving since the incident took place. Now my wife and her children are trapped inside without electricity. We will try and make a makeshift staircase to get them out,” Alam said.

**ABHINAV RAJPUT**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

WEDNESDAY’S ACTION in Jahangirpuri by the North MCD flies in the face of its usual practice of sending a notice at least five days in advance in cases of encroachment.

The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act 1957 states that the civic body needs to give at least five days’ notice to a person who has carried out the alleged illegal construction. During this time, the person can be asked to make alterations, failing which the corporation has the power to demolish or seal the unauthorised structure.

“Where the erection of any building or execution of any work has commenced or has been carried out, or is being completed... in contravention of any of the provisions of the bylaws, the commissioner may make an order directing that such erection work shall be demolished by the person at whose instance the work has been carried, not being less than five days from the date on which a copy of the order of demolition with a brief statement of the reasons has been delivered to the person,” reads the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act 1957.

While this is the case of unauthorised construction on private land, in case of public land, the corporation has extended jurisdiction. The Act states that the commissioner may, without notice, remove any “stall, chair, box, ladder or other things whatsoever placed, deposited, projected attached or suspended. Secondly, any article placed whatever hawked or exposed for sale on any public street or in other public place in contravention of this act, and vehicle, package box or any other thing on which such article is placed”.

Officials said it is this rule that the corporation has used in case of Jahangirpuri to carry out a demolition exercise which is bigger in nature than is generally



The MCD used 4 bulldozers, 8 trucks and 4 small trucks to clear a 2-km stretch. *Praveen Khanna*

carried out on footpaths and roadsides, senior officials from Delhi’s three civic bodies said.

Structures demolished in Wednesday’s drive include the outer gate of a mosque, vending carts, the concrete extension of a juice corner, and the staircase of a household.

“The notice has to be issued for permanent construction, not for temporary construction. In this case we have not touched any permanent construction,” said Ankita Mishra, deputy commissioner of Civil Lines Zone, when asked about Wednesday’s action.

Another official of the SDMC, who was part of the special task force constituted to clear encroachments in the city by the DDA, said that such drives, where notices are not served, have in the past largely been limited to roadside stalls or temporary sheds. “If we demolish a concrete structure like a juice shop or conduct demolition near a religious place, due process of serving notice is followed,” said the official.

Another North body official said it is surprising to see the force in such large numbers — more than 1,000 personnel were deployed on Wednesday — being provided by the police on such short notice. The corporation

used four bulldozers, eight trucks and four small trucks to clear the 2-km stretch near Kushal Cinema.

North MCD Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh, when contacted, said there was no need to send notices as the drive was mainly to clear traffic and remove sacks of waste being kept on the road. Asked about the outside gate of a mosque being demolished, he said, “I am not aware of the masjid gate, and in the case of the juice corner, only the extension has been demolished.” He said the action should not be linked to communal clashes four days ago as similar drives have been carried out earlier too.

The civic body’s continued action despite the Supreme Court ordering a “status quo” at the site also raises questions. In a 1987 ruling in Vinod Kumar Singh vs Banaras Hindu University & Others, the Supreme Court had held: “When a judgment is pronounced in the open court, the parties act upon it and conduct their affairs on the basis that it is in judgment of the court and that the signing of the judgment is a formality to follow. A judgment to be operative does not await the signing thereof by the court. If what is pronounced in the court is not acted upon, the litigants would be prejudiced; their confidence in the judicial process would be shaken. A judgment pronounced in the open court should be acted upon unless there be some exceptional feature, like, soon after the judgment is declared in the open court, a feature, not placed for consideration before the court earlier, is brought to its notice by either party to the cause, or the court discovers some new facts from the record or the court notices a feature, which should be taken into account, or a review is asked for, which is granted. In such a situation the court may take up the matter again for further consideration, and it has to give good reasons if the judgment delivered by it is not to be operative.”

## PICKING UP THE PIECES AFTER MCD ACTION

## ‘Saw my shop being demolished on the TV’

**PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

AS A bulldozer reached near the mosque in C-Block at Jahangirpuri on Wednesday, an anxious Shadab sat in front of his TV at his house in H block, a few metres away. “I tried to go to the shop twice, but police did not allow me to enter. I saw it happen on TV and in the media. They demolished the shed and the shut-

ter. I do not even know the extent of the loss as I am yet to see the damage in person,” said the 25-year-old, who has been running a wholesale mobile parts shop, ‘Shadab Mobile Parts’, for over five years.

While the drive was on near Kushal Chowk, police had confined people behind gates in the colony. Shadab said: “I pleaded with the police to let me go once, but they pushed me back. This is the first time I have seen an en-

croachment drive with bulldozers here in five years. The MCD usually comes to pick up the garbage and some carts.”

Confined to their homes, many struggled to count their losses. Jamaluddin (74) sat outside his house on a chair as his grandchildren picked up bricks and rubble after his family’s bathroom and water supply pipeline were destroyed. A native of Madanpur, West Bengal, he said he moved to Jahangirpuri

four decades ago and sells vegetables. He lives with a family of seven in a small house.

“Peene ka paani bhi nahi hai, sab tod diya (We don’t even have water for drinking). I woke up today and there was a frenzy in the area. As the bulldozer came charging towards my house, I pleaded with them (to stop), but who can stand in front of a bulldozer? For the first time, we are being called names like Bangladeshi and being made to feel like outsiders. We

have lived in peace and harmony for years. The incidents of last week are damaging,” he said.

Alauddin (17) said that the shed of his family’s cycle repair shop near the mosque was destroyed. “We earn Rs 500-600 a day. Since Covid, work has already been slow and now after the violence, it has come to a halt. There are illegal colonies everywhere and suddenly, this area is the priority for MCD to bring in its bulldozers,” he said.



SCHOOLS TO REMAIN OPEN

Fresh Covid cases cross 1,000; govt reimposes fines for mask violations

GAYATHRI MANI  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

MASKS HAVE been made mandatory in public places in the national capital once again, with the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) reimposing a fine of Rs 500. This comes even as the number of fresh Covid cases in Delhi shot past the 1,000-mark on Wednesday.

All schools, colleges and other educational institutions would remain open with strict Covid protocols in place, and a separate Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be prepared for schools in consultation with experts, said officials present in the meeting. The enforcement drive against mask violations is likely to start on Thursday.

The city reported 1,009 cases, a sharp spike as compared to Tuesday when 632 cases were registered. The positivity rate, which saw a dip a day ago, rose to 5.7%, and one death was recorded.

Fines for not wearing masks were lifted on April 2, when the city



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recorded 131 cases. Cases had been dipping from the last week of March and were in double digits for two days on April 4 and 5. On April 13, 299 cases were recorded, following which, it increased by a minimum of 100 every day till April 19, and by

377 on Wednesday.

During the meeting, chaired by L-G Anil Bajjal and attended by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, Revenue Minister Kailash Gahlot and senior officials from the health and revenue

departments, the Delhi government informed the DDMA that the Chief Minister is closely monitoring the situation, and that the deputy CM has already issued an SOP to schools, said officials.

“Aggressive Covid testing in Metro and railway stations, and airports will restart soon. More emphasis will be laid on vaccination as it has helped to fight the disease, and Rs 500 fine for not wearing masks will be imposed, along with strict enforcement drives,” said an official.

On April 13, Ajay Bisht, deputy secretary of the Health and Family Welfare department, had also issued an order to all districts magistrates to continue services of doctors and staff hired for vaccinations, testing, surveillance, and management of the infection in Covid hospitals and DHCs till July 30.

Officials said the authority has asked to keep a close watch over XE variant, which is likely to be more transmissible. The DDMA has also sought genome sequencing tests on all RT-PCR positive samples. All RT-PCR samples collected from April 9-

12 will be sent for sequencing at ILBS to ascertain new variants, said officials.

Hospitalisation trends will be also closely watched over the next fortnight, said the official. Testing of people with symptoms will be scaled up and district authorities have been directed to promote vaccination for all eligible age groups. Special attention and care will be given to people with co-morbidities, said the official.

Further, departments and authorities concerned have been directed to keep an eye on gatherings like weddings, protests and other events.

District authorities, meanwhile, said the government has issued an order to engage civil defence volunteers again for the enforcement drive.

“We are yet to obtain an official order. Once we receive it, the enforcement drive and action plan will be implemented to control the spread of cases. We expect it will come by this evening,” said a senior district official.

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Boy peeps out of school bus, dies after head hits pillar

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A CLASS III student died after he peeped out of the window of his school bus and allegedly hit his head against a pillar in Ghaziabad on Wednesday morning. According to police, the victim has been identified as Anurag Bharadwaj (11) who lived with his parents in Modinagar.

While police are ascertaining the sequence of events, the boy's family has registered a complaint alleging murder against school authorities. Based on the family's complaint, police have filed an FIR under IPC section 302 (murder) against the bus driver and school authorities including the principal. “We received information that

a minor died while on his way to school on Wednesday morning. It appears that he had put his head out and came in contact with a structure. The family has alleged murder on part of the bus driver and school authorities. We are investigating the case,” said an officer from Modi Nagar police station.

As per police, the bus picked up the boy at 7 am. Eyewitnesses said that the child felt unwell and put his head out to get some air just as the bus took a turn, and he hit his head against a pillar. Anurag was rushed to the nearest hospital where he was declared dead on arrival.


The driver is absconding, said police. The family has alleged that the school withheld information about the incident and he died due to direct negligence of school authorities.

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# THE ENCROACHMENT

Due process lies at the heart of citizens' rights and freedoms. A bulldozer ran over it in the national capital

THE BULLDOZER IS at the door, due process is underfoot, and the Supreme Court cannot unsee the danger. The sequence of events speaks for itself: At Jahangirpuri in northwest Delhi Wednesday morning, seven bulldozers rolled in, accompanied by over 1,000 policemen, to demolish “illegal encroachments” in an area still tense because of the flaring of communal violence on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti on Saturday — and they continued on their mission to raze for well over an hour after the Supreme Court ordered them to pause. Evidently, the BJP-led North Delhi Municipal Corporation follows the BJP’s agenda ardently, even when the Court directs it to hold its hand, even when it goes against the law. At Jahangirpuri, the fig leaf — of illegal constructions — is so thin it does not even require a puff of Delhi’s acrid air to be blown away. After all, in dense urban sprawls across India, encroachment of public spaces is so widespread that it is not remarkable anymore — what is striking is the selective action taken in its name by the state. In Jahangirpuri, as in Khargone in Madhya Pradesh only days earlier, the timing was a dead giveaway. “Illegal encroachment” has become the pretext for a BJP administration to target “rioters” after the eruption of communal violence, who belong overwhelmingly to one community.

No notices were sent to the residents of Jahangirpuri before bulldozers were sent to demolish structures, many in the vicinity of the mosque that was at the centre of the communal clashes Saturday. Bylaws call for a notice except in the case of public land encroached by temporary structures — what is temporary and what is not needs to be settled as per due process. Therein lies the rub. A bulldozer’s damage can’t be reversed and that’s why this flagrant flouting of due process, and the bid to brazen it out even after the court stepped in to caution and restrain, makes victims of those who were at the receiving end in Jahangirpuri. But it is not only they who are in danger of being left without recourse in the face of this brutish bulldozer politics. Any attack on due process, much less one that is as high-profile and therefore as unabashed as this one, affects all citizens. It goes to the fundamental promise that lies at the heart of a constitutional democracy — to protect lives and safeguard rights. Due process is not just what is written into the rule-book. It is inscribed in the everyday relations between institutions and citizens and government. It is what keeps them honest, and respectful of each other’s freedoms and spaces.

The spectacle in the national capital Wednesday, the intimidatory deployment of bulldozers and police force, the attempt to cock a snook at the judiciary, should set many alarm bells ringing, especially in the court. Illegal encroachments in public spaces need to be addressed — but as per the law. It’s for the Supreme Court to underline this principle, it is the only bulwark for the citizen against a transgressing state. It must act. It cannot kick this can down the road. For the citizen’s sake — and for its own.

## FULLER CARE

Initiatives to resuscitate traditional medicine are welcome. There is need to iron out regulatory flaws, remove misapprehensions

INAUGURATING THE WHO’S Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) at Jamnagar in Gujarat on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked of the possibilities offered by therapeutic approaches that are different from the allopathic medicine system. Their emphasis on “holistic care” makes traditional medicine systems particularly potent in dealing with the challenges posed by modern lifestyle disorders like diabetes and obesity, he said. Conversations on medical pluralism — one of the stated objectives of the new medical centre — are welcome. They could pave the way for a healthcare ecosystem in which healing approaches based on diverse knowledge systems learn from, and complement, each other. For that to happen, however, there must be thorough stocktaking on why practitioners of different medical systems rarely see eye to eye today. This would involve clearing misapprehensions but also, and equally importantly, ironing out regulatory deficits.

According to WHO data, 65 to 70 per cent of people in India use traditional therapies at some stage in their lives. The turnover of the AYUSH (ayurveda, yoga and naturopathy, unani, siddha and homeopathy) industry has gone up six times in the past eight years. Paradoxically, however, there is a lot of misinformation about such cures and their practitioners are vilified at times. A part of the blame for this must be laid at the door of a section of practitioners who make unsubstantiated claims. During the pandemic, for instance, Baba Ramdev sought to exploit mass anxiety by making wildly inaccurate claims for the products manufactured by his Ayurvedic pharmacy, Patanjali Ayurved. The yoga guru disparaged the allopathic system as a “force” and alleged that lakhs of people had died because of the faulty treatment by doctors practising this system of medicine. Reports of traditional medicine practitioners prescribing allopathic drugs and steroids are also common. At the same time, the grouse of such physicians, about being judged according to criteria designed primarily to ascertain the efficacy of allopathic medicines, deserves serious attention. The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020 does try to resolve this predicament — the act was amended in 2021. But accomplishing one of the major objectives of this law — “ensuring the availability of quality medical professionals of Indian systems of medicine and adoption of the latest research” — will take time.

A growing body of scholarly literature today documents the efforts of a section of traditional medicine practitioners to sync the practices of these systems with modern research protocols. Regulatory bodies and initiatives such as the GCTM would do well to rope in such professionals.

## HOW TO GET A TV SHOW

Here’s how, from Piers Morgan’s playbook: Make outrageous statements, play the martyr

In the age of hyperbole, everything is either “awesome” or “atrocious”, “the best movie ever” or so “problematic” that it represents all that ails society. Yet, even by the standards of the widespread penchant for exaggeration, TV show host and right-wing provocateur Piers Morgan’s claim that he is “like Nelson Mandela when he came out of prison” and that his on-air tantrums and job search are a “long walk to the freedom of expression” is a bit much. And yet, given the sharp lines that have been drawn in the “culture wars”, Morgan’s sense of self-importance is likely to be rewarded by many.

Last March, Morgan walked off his ITV show, *Good Morning Britain*, after a co-panelist confronted him on his statements about Meghan Markle’s interview with Oprah Winfrey. In essence, Morgan said that Markle was faking mental illness in order to gain public sympathy and tarnish the royal family’s image. After a backlash, Morgan was asked to apologise — he quit instead. Now, he claims that his new show on the Rupert Murdoch-owned TalkTV will “stand up for democracy” and against cancel culture.

Shorn of the rhetoric, all that has happened is that a powerful, extremely well-paid person has switched jobs. And even the most ardent opponents of cancel culture will agree that not being on television for a year is hardly the same as being imprisoned for decades and fighting Apartheid. Perhaps Morgan’s life has been such a bed of roses that he has lost all sense of perspective. More likely, though, he has figured out — as so many seem to have across the world — that the best way to be on TV is to upset half the people, make outrageous partisan statements, and use guests on panels to further an agenda.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

ANYONE WHO HAS ever genuinely immersed themselves in *Ramcharitmanas* will recognise the singular poignancy of one moment in the *Sundarkand* where Hanuman meets Sita. Until that point the story is hurtling towards disaster. Sita has been abducted. Ram is distraught and unsure of himself. But the moment Hanuman meets Sita is the point at which the epic turns; the confidence that order will be restored reappears. Hanuman drops Ram’s ring from the tree. Sita experiences contradictory emotions: joy at recognition of the ring; fear about what its presence might mean. (In Tulsidas’s rendition: *Harsha vishaad hridaya akulani*). Sita is thinking many things. Suddenly Hanuman’s words of reassurance break out as he identifies himself. In all musical renditions, whether by Channulal Mishra or the underrated version by Mukesh, the gentle line “*madhur vachana bole Hanumana*” (Hanuman spoke, his words like honey), always stops you in your tracks. Its power is not just the simple poetry but the magical calm it produces, an almost irresistible effect that, for a moment at least, bathes you in gentle reassurance and bliss. That moment is itself the deliverance from all worry, and from evil.

It is a measure of our perversion as a society that Ram and Hanuman are now tropes to prepare the ideological groundwork for pogroms. The communal frenzy that has accompanied Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti, spread across several cities, should leave us in no doubt about the direction in which India is headed. On the surface, the narrative circulating in society is simple “Hindus were taking out processions celebrating festivals. We were asserting our right. We got pelted by stones or worse. The minorities are responsible for this. It shows Hindus are not safe nor do they have space in their own country”. And then the ominous “We need to get rid of them.” This narrative is designed to feed the most contrived sense of Hindu victimhood. This is an old playbook.

What should give us nightmares is this. The simple fact is that this narrative is very widespread. All the arguments that we used about majoritarian communalism in India no longer hold. Its logic is no longer merely instrumental (as if that is not bad enough), that will pass with election cycles. It is no longer

New Hinduism is about wide acceptance of vile prejudice, contempt for rights, glorification of violence

episodic where we can take reassurance that it will somehow pass of its own accord. It is not local in nature, but has taken on a national character. The orgies of hate and prejudice are not aberrations. They are now the norm. They are the norm because the highest levels of political authority, including the prime minister, by silences or dog whistles, condone it. They are the norm because elites openly spout it, without shame. They are the norm because being communal in some ways has become almost a necessary condition of political advancement and is fast becoming the default common sense of civil society.

But what is more ominous is this. Think of what might happen to a society whose dominant religious sensibility literally inverts everything of value. Religion has often been misused and put to grossly perverse and violent uses. But can you think of another occasion in the history of modern Hinduism where everything sacred has become ominous, forms of worship have become fearsome, singing and text weapons, acts of public piety menacing, a sense of community murderous, and any talk of decency or civilisation constraining? That is the fearsome image the organised mobs that masquerade as religious processions now evoke. Let us be very clear. This new form of Hinduism you are seeing unfolding is not an expression of genuine pride and piety. It is meant to be a raw assertion of power and violence to intimidate minorities. It is meant to literally extract reaction (even one photograph will do), that can be used as a pretext to construe all minorities as a threat. The number of seemingly well-meaning people for whom stone-throwing on threatening processions can become a vindication of the deepest prejudices against minorities is truly alarming. It is the one factoid they are looking for to sustain their insidious lie that Hinduism will not be safe unless minorities are shown their place if not erased. This was the mission and the aggressive processions accomplished that. It sustains the insidious lie that the murderous perversion of modern Hinduism, now sustained by state power, is entirely reactive; a belated self-assertion against a minority that dominates us, rather than what it is: Increasingly a drive to violence and cruelty.

Writing on communalism has become a futile act. Who is it addressed to? Certainly

not the state whose ideological practices and power fuel the crisis in the first place. Not civil society, because there is not much of civil society left. Not religious groups. To the votaries of new Hinduism, the only discourse of communalism that matters is one they can use in a discourse of revenge. To Muslims, what reassurance can we now give that asymmetry of numbers, state power and ideological zeal will not be used in a project of their cultural erasure? Those who claim to be secular are bulldozed by the lie that secularism is minority appeasement. To those who want to speak the language of human dignity beyond the vortex of communal identification? Is anybody left in that camp? To the Opposition parties who have no courage of conviction or a grammar of politics that can combat majoritarianism?

There is a comforting fallacy out there that somehow a pragmatic, instrumental logic will at some point assert itself over the politics of Hindutva: Inflation and unemployment will show up the cracks. But this communalism is not always rooted in material conditions. The fact that hordes of young men are seeking vindication and self-esteem through a public display of collective narcissism and violence suggests that communalism is now so deep that even social discontent has to express itself in the language of communalism.

Almost all the preconditions for widespread pogrom-type violence are now in place in India. You almost dread the thought that India has reached a point where the question is not “if” but “when.” What else would you call the widespread acceptance of vile prejudice, the dismantling of any semblance of conscience, the alignment of the state with majoritarian power, the complete effacement of the individual by imposed communal identification, the self-justification of the majority that has cloaked itself as the victim, the total contempt for rights, the glorification of violence, the search for the slightest pretext for revenge, and the radical othering of minorities?

Even Hanuman Jayanti is not the deliverance from evil but us hurtling into it, with eyes wide open.

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ADITI NARAYANI PASWAN

IT WOULD BE a profound injustice to recognise Babasaheb Ambedkar, whose 131st birth anniversary was recently celebrated, as only a Dalit leader. He also worked hard for the cause of women’s rights, believing that a society’s political, economic and social aspects can only be ameliorated when men and women have equal rights. This piece is therefore a tribute to all the women from the periphery who have either not been heard of or written about but are important. We can’t celebrate Ambedkar without giving due respect and acknowledgement to these women.

The historical and cultural narratives of India have failed to acknowledge the contributions of the women from the margins, as they are either androcentric in approach or reflective of the dominant castes. Remembering unsung Dalit women heroes and their stories of struggle and bravery from across the centuries, will broaden these narratives and help address the institutionalised discrimination Dalit women have faced for centuries.

The story of Sabari from the Ramayana has been used as an example of acceptance, selflessness and unconditional love, and adapted into bhajans and poems. The coming of bhakti saw the emergence of women from the Mahar caste, such as Sant Nirmala and Soyarabai, questioning Hindu orthodoxy. Nangeli fought against the cruel “breast tax” system, which imposed a tax on women of the lower castes who covered their breasts. She cut off one of

# UNSUNG DALIT WOMEN HEROES

Their stories must become part of historical, cultural narratives

her breasts and presented it to tax collectors, inspiring other women in the community to cover their breasts unapologetically.

Every section of society attempted to combine social and political liberation during the freedom struggle. Kuyili, who commanded the army of Velu Nachiyar, the queen of Sivaganga in Tamil Nadu, was a Dalit woman who fought against the British around 1780. Jhalkaribai, another fearless Dalit warrior, played a pivotal role in what is known as the First War of Independence in 1857, as the most trusted companion and advisor of Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi. Born in Ujirao, Lucknow, Uda Devi formed a battalion consisting of Dalit women under the leadership of Begum Hazrat Mahal.

Among social reformers, there was Savitribai Phule, a pioneer in education for Dalits, who started a school in 1848 with nine girls. By 1851 this became three schools with around 150 girl students. She also started a school in 1849 with her friend Fatima Sheikh, the Mahila Seva Mandal in 1852 to raise awareness about women’s rights and the Balahatya Pratibandhak Griha, where widows and rape survivors could deliver their babies. Born in the Kaibarta caste community, Rani Rashmoni, protested practices like sati and child marriage and atrocities against lower caste people and even submitted a plea against polygamy to the Company. Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar fought against the

exploitative Devadasi system. In 1936, she published a Tamil novel on Devadasis and wrote the fictional series Damayanthi in 1945.

Dakshayani Velayudhan was the first and only Dalit woman to be elected to the constituent assembly in 1946. She was also a part of the provisional parliament from 1946-1952. Her contribution in civil disobedience and satyagraha is a story that needs to be told.

The bravery of Dalit women has not only been visible in their deeds but also in the words they wrote. In Maharashtra, writers like Shantabai Kamble, Mallika Amar Sheikh and Kumud Pawde shone a light on Dalit feminism through their autobiographies. In Tamil Nadu, writers like Bama and P Sivakami explored gender discrimination as a two-fold oppression. Marathi writers like Urmila Pawar and Meenakshi Moon worked to make Dalit women visible in women’s movement and, through their research and testimonies, brought out the grim reality of the missing voices. Dalit women like Dulari Devi and Mayawati also need to be celebrated. Her conviction and social engineering skills made Mayawati chief minister of UP four times, and through her art, Devi, a Mithila painter from Bihar, tracks the interplay between meaning and power within the hierarchical structures of religion, caste, gender and politics.

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## APRIL 21, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### PM IN SAUDI ARABIA

INDIA AND SAUDI Arabia underlined the importance of maintaining an atmosphere conducive to further negotiations between Islamabad and New Delhi, to attain the objectives of non-aggression and non-use of force. They agreed that consolidation of Indo-Pak relations would contribute to the security, stability and peace in South Asia, and the entire region according to a joint communique issued at the end of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi’s four-day visit hailed as heralding a new year in Indo-Saudi relations. The communique says that India stressed its desire to establish peaceful and

harmonious relations with all countries including Pakistan.

### US FALKLAND MISSION

The United States mission to bring about a settlement of the Falkland dispute between ally Great Britain and semi-ally Argentina has entered into a twilight zone of sorts. The United States envoy Alexander Haig has returned to Washington. He has not succeeded. But he hasn’t failed either. An Argentine proposal talks of flying both Argentinian and British flags over the Falkland islands. The proposal has to be transmitted to Britain.

### BAR AGAINST BENCH

SUPREME COURT LAWYERS threatened an indefinite strike unless the chief justice and other judges withdraw the circular that list steps for speedier disposal of cases. The circular said: “The Chief Justice and other judges are anxious to consider and take steps for the speedy disposal of cases in the Supreme Court and as a step in that direction, it has been considered that certain categories of matters should be disposed of by circulation (in chambers)”. The nine categories proposed also include proceedings under section 144 and 143 CrPc, transfer petitions, bail applications and others.



# India's wheat opportunity

It must not rush to encash it. Not delivering on quality or not honouring commitments sustainably can have counterproductive long-term effects



DEVESH ROY AND NEELKANTH MISHRA

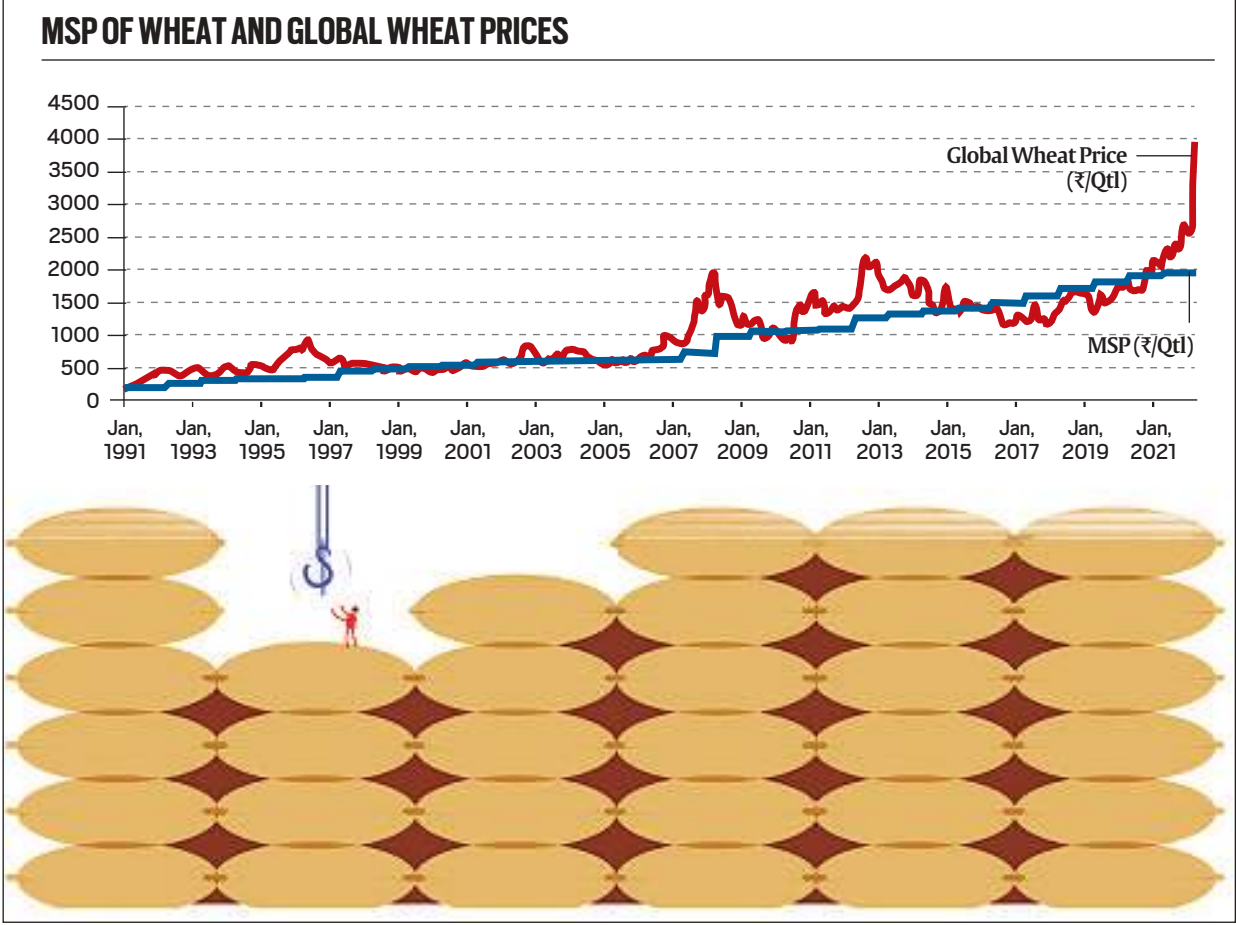
THE EFFECTS OF conflicts show up in countries geographically distant from the war zone. India faces strong headwinds to growth from the surge in energy costs due to the Russia-Ukraine clash and the resultant sanctions. The elevated geopolitical uncertainty also threatens global growth, which hurts Indian exports.

On the other hand, distant countries also get an opportunity to fill the void left by conflict areas being unable to export. Russia and Ukraine together accounted for nearly 30 per cent of global wheat exports. This sudden shortage of wheat in global markets and the surge in prices has spawned a discussion in India on how best to capitalise on the opportunity. India's wheat output has consistently exceeded its demand for the past five years, as seen in the buildup of inventory. Wheat inventory was 23 million tons at the end of February. The rabi harvest, which is projected to be around 111 million tons (this has some downside risk), would augment it significantly. When the last rabi harvest ended in June 2021, with output at 100 million tons, stocks of wheat with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) touched a record high of 60 million tons, two-and-a-half times the buffer norms for July.

It would, therefore, appear that India is ready to reap windfall gains. Yet, on closer look, the prospects for sustained wheat exports appear limited. To start with, the available surplus of around 25 million tons (including the seven million tons exported last year) accumulated over five years, implies an average annual surplus of five million tons. Not only is this a fraction of the nearly 60 million tons of wheat exported annually by Russia and Ukraine, but even at \$500 per ton, it would be worth just \$2.5 billion annually.

Further, given how little political appetite exists in most countries for food price increases, particularly for cereals, exporting foodgrains also requires political resolve. Exporting all the surplus stock would push up domestic wheat prices, potentially inviting restrictions on future exports, similar to the recent hikes in export tariffs on palm oil in Indonesia. Exporting for a year and then banning exports is bad for trade relationships. In agricultural trade, India has the dubious distinction of being an unreliable trading partner, which partly explains its 1 per cent share of global wheat exports despite being the second-largest producer in the world. Rushing to "encash the opportunity" can potentially dent the long-term prospects for agricultural exports.

A bigger concern from the perspective of a sustained opportunity is that Indian wheat is not competitive globally in most years. As the government (through FCI) buys 40 per cent of all the output at the minimum support price (MSP), and FCI holds most of the surplus grain at a high cost, exports only occur when export prices far exceed the MSP (Figure 1). Under WTO commitments, the government (read FCI) may not sell procured grain for commercial gains. For private play-



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ers to route the surplus to exports, a large gap is necessary given the additional intermediary (FCI releases wheat into the market, traders buy from the market and then export). As the MSP only rises every year, in years where global prices fall, exports would be difficult.

Consideration of the export parity price (EPP) amplifies the lack of competitiveness. The price a producer can expect to receive is the FoB price (the price when loaded onto the ship) minus the cost of getting the produce from the farm or factory to the border or the port. If the latter is high, as it is in India, the EPP falls for the producer, which further constrains exports. At Rs 1.2 to move one ton per kilometre, domestic rail freight costs are higher than the global average. A study conducted by IIM-Kolkata found that road transport costs from wheat producer-states were even higher — Rs 4.5 from Uttar Pradesh and Rs 2.8 from Madhya Pradesh. Domestic logistic costs in aggregate are over 13 per cent of GDP compared to the global best practice of 8 per cent. There is inefficiency at the ports too. While wheat also uses dry-bulk shipping, in container handling, India's cost per container of \$1,374 is substantially higher than those of other agricultural exporters like Thailand and Vietnam at \$759 and \$913, respectively. The question is: After meeting all the costs, does India remain competitive and leave enough margins for sellers? The crisis can be an opportunity for India to fix the fundamentals, like its "time to trade" and "costs to trade", which are among the highest globally.

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Perhaps the most important constraint on sustainable Indian exports is the composition of importers and the role of non-price attributes like food safety, quality, and variety of wheat. Russia exports to Turkey, Egypt, Turkey, and Bangladesh, and Ukraine to Indonesia, Philippines, North Africa, Bangladesh, Korea, Thailand, and Spain. Neighbouring Bangladesh importing wheat from Russia and Ukraine when India is accumulating surpluses deserves scrutiny.

Bangladesh, Korea, Thailand, and Spain. Neighbouring Bangladesh importing wheat from Russia and Ukraine when India is accumulating surpluses deserves scrutiny. Generally, though, several of these markets are high value, demanding food safety and quality, and have preferred varieties of wheat. A recent ICRIER study showed that Indian agriculture produce faces more rejections in key export markets compared to other developing countries. India has the highest number of consignment rejections in both European and US markets despite a comparatively low level of agricultural exports. Addressing these challenges, whether concocted or real, would be more helpful in boosting the sustainable export opportunity.

Lastly, a long-term sustained export strategy must incorporate the changing nature of global trade. India's opening up of its trade follows the "heterodox" approach: Open on the export side while being restrictive on the import side. This creates political difficulties in trading relations, but may also not be good economics.

Rushing into opportunistic export deals would thus appear to be short-termism, and cannot be a strategy for agricultural exports. Not delivering on quality or not honouring commitments sustainably can have counterproductive long-term effects, hurting India's reputation. Much of the expansion in trade historically has occurred through new products and varieties and new customers, which requires new links, agreements, and looking at opportunity costs of wheat production, market structures within the country (like the FCI's role), as well as reducing the risk of frequent policy interventions.

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# In a free fall

The politics and economics of freebies are deeply flawed, they are a quick passport to fiscal disaster



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INDIA IS A Union of states. It is not a confederation of states. It is not a question of holding together but of coming together. The Union is indestructible. The configuration of the states which constitute the Union can change. The Union, therefore, is integral to both the Centre and the states. The strength of the Centre lies in the strength of the states.

Therefore, the macroeconomic stability of the Union is contingent on the macroeconomic stability of both the Centre and states. That is why in grappling with the complex issues of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, of which I was the chairman, we devoted the entire Volume-IV to the states. Each state in this volume of the report has been analysed at great length. So have their individual deficits, debts and macroeconomic stability, which includes the developmental challenges each of the states face.

The political dialogue built around freebies is fraught with danger. There is great ambiguity in what "freebies" mean. We need to distinguish between the concept of merit goods and public goods on which expenditure outlays have overall benefits. Examples of this are the strengthening and deepening of the public distribution system, employment guarantee schemes, support to education and enhanced outlays for health, particularly during the pandemic. All over the world, these are considered to be desirable expenditures.

Therefore, it's not about how cheap the freebies are but how expensive they are for the economy, life quality and social cohesion in the long run. We must dread the thought of replicating the culture of competitive freebie politics. We must go the route of achieving higher rates of economic growth. The race to efficiency is the race to prosperity.

There are seven reasons why. First, freebies undercut the basic framework of macroeconomic stability. The politics of freebies distorts expenditure priorities. Outlays are being concentrated on subsidies of one kind or the other. What, therefore, does this mean to fiscal sustainability for states which are already debt-stressed?

Illustratively, in the case of Punjab, while estimates vary, some have speculated that the promise of freebies might cost around Rs 17,000 crore for their implementation. If we take everything impacting the debt ratio of Punjab into account, there is going to be an additional impact of 3 per cent of GSDP. As we know, the debt-to-GDP ratio of Punjab is already at 53.3 per cent for 2021-22, which would worsen on account of these new measures.

Second is the issue of the distortion of expenditure priority. Take, for instance, the change to the new contributory pension

scheme from the old scheme, which had a fixed return. Rajasthan announced that it would revert to the old pension scheme. This decision is regressive as the move away from the old scheme was based on the fact that it was inherently inequitable. The pension and salary revenues of Rajasthan amount to 56 per cent of its tax and non-tax revenues. Thus, 6 per cent of the population, which is made up of civil servants, stands to benefit from 56 per cent of the state's revenues. This is fraught with dangers not only of intergenerational inequality, but also affects the broader principles of equity and morality.

Third, the issue of intergenerational equity leads to greater social inequalities because of expenditure priorities being distorted away from growth-enhancing items.

Fourth, movement away from the environment. When we talk of freebies, it is in the context of providing, for example, free power, or a certain quantum of free power, water and other kinds of consumption goods. This distracts outlays from environmental and sustainable growth, renewable energy and more efficient public transport systems.

Fifth, the distortion of agricultural priorities. This affects agricultural practices which do not depend on extensive use of water and fertilisers. The depleting supply of groundwater is an important issue to consider when speaking of freebies pertaining to free consumption goods and resources.

Sixth, its debilitating effect on the future of manufacturing. Freebies lower the quality and competitiveness of the manufacturing sector by detracting from efficient and competitive infrastructure enabling high-factor efficiencies in the manufacturing sector.

Seventh, this raises the question of whether the time has come to consider recourse mechanisms like subnational bankruptcy. Freebies bring into question market differentiation between profligate and non-profligate states and whether we can have a recourse mechanism for subnational bankruptcy.

The race to the bottom implies government deregulation of markets and business. This means eventually that states compete to underbid each other in lowering taxes, expenditure and regulation. We must strive instead for a race to efficiency through laboratories of democracy and sanguine federalism where states use their authority to harness innovative ideas and solutions to common problems which other states can emulate.

The economics of freebies is invariably wrong. John Maynard Keynes said, "There is no harm in being sometimes wrong — especially if one is promptly found out." In this case, it has been promptly found out that both the economics and politics of freebies are deeply flawed. It is a race to the bottom. Indeed, it is not the road to efficiency or prosperity, but a quick passport to fiscal disaster.

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BALBIR PUNJ

# Ignorance isn't bliss

Understanding trail of hate in India requires honest examination of its origins

HATE AND BIGOTRY feed on each other. They germinate and flourish on a toxic diet of divisive and schismatic ideologies and polarising creeds that discriminate against human beings on the basis of colour, region, gender, faith — and divide them between believers and non-believers — ranging the chosen ones against the idolatrous.

'Calling out hate' by S Y Quraishi (IE, April 15) has little to do with the anatomy of hate or its ongoing malignancy. It is more of an *ad hominem* attack on the ruling dispensation. A complex phenomenon has been over-simplified to suit a convenient political narrative. The arguments are dearly familiar, facts dodgy and conclusions delusional.

For aeons, India has had syncretic traditions inspired by the Vedic aphorism, "Ekam sad vipra bahudha vadanti" (there is only one truth and learned persons call it by many names). Because of this underpinning, Indian society has never insisted on uniformity in any facet of life. Indian philosophy is a smorgasbord of varied ideas and traditions — incongruous at times, but always a part of a harmonious milieu.

This equanimity of Indian society was, however, disrupted by invading creeds claiming only their God, and His messenger were true, and the rest were false and worthy of destruction, along with their followers and places of worship.

The first such incursion came in 712, when Muhammad bin Qasim vanquished Sindh,

and as *Chach Nama*, a contemporary Arab chronicle states, introduced the practice of treating local Hindus as *zimmis*, forcing them to pay *jizya* (a poll tax), as a penalty to live by their beliefs. "Hate" and "bigotry" thus made their debut in India, which was hitherto free from this virus. Pakistan's official website credits this invasion as when the country was born as an Islamic nation in the Subcontinent.

In the 11th century, Mahmud of Ghazni, while receiving the caliphate honours on his accession to the throne, took a vow to wage jihad every year against Indian idolaters. During his 32-year reign, he did keep his solemn promise over a dozen times. The rest is history.

But why go into the distant past? Unfortunately, the trail of hate unleashed over a thousand years ago continues to haunt us even today. The last 100-odd years witnessed the Moplah riots, Partition, and the decimation of Hindus/Sikhs/Buddhists in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and the Kashmir Valley. The recent pre-planned attacks on Ram Navami processions in over half a dozen states, and the onslaught on the Hanuman Janamutsav rally have reminded us that the ogre of hate is alive and stinging.

It's uncanny: While communal mayhem was going on in India, Muslim mobs were fighting pitched battles against the police in dozens of towns in Spain, Sweden and the city of Jerusalem. In Sweden, Muslims were agitated over blasphemy involving the holy

Quran. Protests in Spain are against the imprisonment of a rapper convicted of insulting the monarchy and praising terrorist violence. While the issues involving these sordid episodes may differ, the pattern is common.

Were the Hindu-Muslim relations peaceful in the past and have soured post-2014? The fact is, ties between the two communities were seldom cordial. There were intermittent skirmishes, wars and occasional short-lived opportunistic alliances. Is the current dispensation responsible for Muslim alienation? Remember, even Gandhiji failed to wean Muslims from Muhammad Ali Jinnah's schismatic movement.

In the aftermath of the Moplah violence and communal riots at several places in India, Gandhiji observed in Young India (May 24, 1924): "My own experience but confirms the opinion that the Musalman as a rule is a bully, and the Hindu as a rule is a coward". Nothing much has since changed in the Subcontinent.

Can laws or police fight hate? No. If they could, Kashmiri Hindus wouldn't have gone through the hell they did in the 1990s, and would have been happily back in their homes by now. India is a secular democracy, not because of its Constitution. It's the other way round. When Pakistan declared itself an Islamic Republic in 1947, it would have been natural for India to identify itself as a Hindu state. It didn't, and couldn't have — because of its Hindu ethos of pluralism. A Hindu-dominated India, is, and will always be, catholic,

plural, myriad and a vibrant democracy.

George Orwell said, "The relative freedom which we enjoy depends on public opinion. The law is no protection. Governments make laws, but whether they are carried out, and how the police behave, depends on the general temper in the country".

Can one fight hate selectively? The burning of Graham Staines and his children is reprehensible. So was the lynching of Akhlaq and Junaid. But why the cowering silence on the dastardly gunning down of Swami Lakshmanananda Saraswati and four of his disciples (August 2008) in Orissa for which seven Christians and a Maoist have been convicted? Over a dozen Muslim workers of the BJP have been killed in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India in the recent past. These victims of hate are, of course, ignored. Their deaths don't suit the narrative.

Charged reactions, punctuated with half-truths, deliberate omissions and tailored narratives, offer no real solution. Pusillanimity to face facts will only exacerbate the situation and give egregious results. Ignorance is not always bliss.

In this context, it's relevant to recall what Lester Pearson (14th PM of Canada) said: "Misunderstanding arising from ignorance breeds fear, and fear remains the greatest enemy of peace."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### GAME OF PRIVILEGE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Family game' (IE, April 20). Cricket in India, by all accounts, is alluring — for players, spectators, sponsors and management boards. While the players have to prove themselves to stay in the game, the spectators have to buy tickets, sometimes at a premium, sponsors have to shell out astronomical amounts to catch people's fancy, there are no real constraining factors for those running the whole show. The authority baton gets passed, and quite naturally too, to the next in the family, letting the family members enjoy the status, power and pelf without a break. Even the apex court's interventions have not been able to change this inherent structure. If the government is really keen to usher transparency in the functioning of the cash-rich BCCI, it must step in to stem the rot. But then, the political class and cricket officials make for more than cosy company, don't they?

Vijai Pant, Hempur

### RESPECT HOUSE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Living in a shrunken house' (IE, April 20). The parliamentarians of the early decades of independent India had set elevated standards for their successors by engaging in quality deliberation in Parliament and by showing the utmost respect for parlia-

mentary decorum. The issues of national interest should prevail over partisan consensus on any subject that has been brought in front of the legislature for thorough scrutiny. The anti-defection law ties a parliamentarian's hands during the voting process, but their independent opinion on the floor of the house isn't covered under the purview of the law in normal circumstances. The floor leaders and party whips of different political parties should respect the differences of opinions of their fellow party men and co-equal colleagues.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

### FACE THE TRAGEDY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The dead must count' (IE, April 20). The controversy over the mortality data in the Covid pandemic has reached new heights, with the Indian government's alleged efforts to resist the WHO's report. The virtual collapse of the healthcare system in the second wave, the numerous shallow graves on river banks, and the shortage of vaccines pointed to the government's shortcomings. Unfortunately, attributing failures to a global conspiracy aimed at tarnishing India's image is an oft-used recourse. An impartial, all-encompassing survey on the number of deaths in the pandemic is the need of the hour and would mark the first step towards rebuilding trust and honouring the dead.

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BUSY DAY

THE HOME Ministry was abuzz with activity on Wednesday with Home Minister Amit Shah being present in office. Not only were bureaucrats on their feet with several meetings concerning the ministry, including one on matters related to Goa, being held, several Cabinet ministers also came to meet Shah. They included Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav, Parliamentary Affairs and Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi and Law Minister Kiren Rijiju. By late afternoon, Delhi BJP leaders also came to meet Shah in the wake of the Jahangirpuri demolitions. Shah had largely kept to his residence through much of the pandemic, handling both the ministry and political work from there. With the situation improving over the months, sources said, he has begun spending more time in the ministry, holding all meetings at North Block.

PARTY MATTERS

MANY OF the Congress leaders, who are interacting with poll strategist Prashant Kishor, are not agreeable to his pitch that the party should transform itself into an election machine. As is their wont, they believe strengthening the organisation and bringing clarity on the party's core ideology – in other words what it stands for – is more important. Once that is done, electoral success will follow, they say. But, one senior leader who met Kishor on Wednesday, believes that the past few days of hectic activities have boosted the morale of the dejected cadre. He says there is now hope among the workers that the leadership is gearing up to do something.

SITE VISIT

THE TMC has in the past questioned the visits of delegations of BJP leaders to sites of crime, ranging from political violence to cases of alleged rape in West Bengal. With the communal clashes in Jahangirpuri and the subsequent demolition drive putting the national capital's law and order system under the scanner, the TMC has decided to take a leaf out of the BJP's playbook. On Friday, a team of six women MPs of the TMC, led by Lok Sabha member Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, plan to visit Jahangirpuri on a "fact-finding mission". The team has been asked to submit a report on the matter to West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee.

After Azam camp's swipe at SP, Jayant stirs peace buzz with visit



RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary tweeted the photo of his meeting with Azam Khan's family in Rampur on Wednesday.

ASAD REHMAN  
LUCKNOW, APRIL 20

DAYS AFTER the Samajwadi Party was attacked by an aide of its senior leader Azam Khan for "ignoring" Muslims, SP ally RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary paid a visit to Azam Khan's wife Tanzeen Fatima and son Abdullah Khan at their Rampur residence on Wednesday. The RLD posted the pictures of the meeting from its official Twitter handle.

While RLD spokesperson Surendra Nath Trivedi termed the meeting a "courtesy visit", sources said Chaudhary may have met the Khans to try and mend ties between the family and SP

chief Akhilesh Yadav. Azam Khan remains one of the tallest SP leaders, especially of supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav's time, and the statement from the Khan camp followed talk of Muslim disenchantment with the SP. "Jayantiji was in Rampur for some other programme. Since he was there, he met Azam's family. Azam Khan is a big leader of Uttar Pradesh and he has been in jail for a long time. If the national president of the RLD is visiting the district, then it is but natural that he visits his family," said Trivedi. Sources said Azam Samaj Party chief Chandrashekhar was also scheduled to meet Khan in jail on Wednesday, but had to cancel it as he fell ill.

Job creation, industry my priority: Mamata to investors

'Will create 1.5 cr jobs in five years'

ATRI MITRA  
KOLKATA, APRIL 20

MAKING A strong pitch for big-ticket investments in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Wednesday that her main target in the near future was industrialisation and employment generation and that the state will create 1.5 crore jobs in the next five years.

Addressing a gathering of industrialists during the inaugural session of the Bengal Global Business Summit, Banerjee took a jibe at the former Left government in the state. "We lost 75 lakh man-days every year during the Left Front rule, but now no man-days are lost."

She also urged Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar to speak to the Central government and ensure that industrialists are not harassed by central agencies.

She said, "If you don't mind, Governor sir, on behalf of all industrialists, we want all help from the Centre. In the Governors' conference, please raise this issue. Industrialists will not raise their voice [fearing reprisal]."

"At a time when employment opportunities in the country slumped by 40%, we witnessed 40% growth in the same. Our people are in places like NASA. We want to bring that talent here," she said.

West Bengal was the first state



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar at the Bengal Global Business Summit 2022 in Kolkata on Wednesday. Partha Paul

where the government successfully tackled the Covid-19 situation and returned to normalcy in terms of industry and trade, she said. "The state government has made strides in several sectors. The sun is rising in Bengal. A new Bengal is emerging every morning. Even at the peak of the pandemic, the GDP growth of Bengal was significant while that of the country was in the negative."

Unemployment in the state did not increase during the pandemic since the MSME sector employed 1.36 crore people, she said. She told the investors: "Remember you are coming to Bengal, not some other state. You will be like our family here. Think of Bengal as your home. You can see sun rise from Darjeeling. The best tiger – the royal Bengal tiger – is here in the Sundarbans."

INDIA INC EYES WEST BENGL

- Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani commits to invest ₹10,000 crore in Bengal in the coming years, which he said will create 25,000 jobs
- TCG Group's Purmendu Chatterjee announces the creation of a "one-of-its-kind university" in Kolkata to "realise global research aspirations"
- JSW Group chairman Sajjan Jindal announces the development of a 900 MW pumped storage hydel power project

GLOBAL AYUSH INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION SUMMIT 2022

Ayush visa to be launched soon to boost medical tourism: PM

SOHINI GHOSH  
GANDHINAGAR, APRIL 20

THE CENTRAL government will soon introduce a specific Ayush visa category to boost medical tourism and a digital portal to connect medicinal plant farmers with Ayush product manufacturers, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. The PM was speaking at the inaugural session of the Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit (GAIIS) 2022 at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar where Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth and WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus were present on the dais along with Union Minister of Health Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Minister of Ayush Sarbanand Sonowal, along with Gujarat chief minister Bhupendra Patel.

"The government will soon start an Ayush visa for foreign citizens who come to India for Ayush treatment. With this visa, it will make travel easier for accessing ayush therapies," said Modi.

At a plenary session, BJP Lok Sabha MP from Jhansi-Lalitpur, Anurag Sharma, hailed the plan, saying, "Imagine the boost it will give to tourism in this country. We will have the Kerala model... in Uttarakhand, in the Sunderbans, in the Northeast."

Modi said the idea for an Ayush summit came to him



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a gathering in Dahod, Gujarat, on Wednesday. Bhupendra Rana

"when there was widespread panic across the world" about Covid-19. "Innovation and investment increases capability of any sector... It is time now to increase investment as much as possible in the Ayush sector," the PM said. Pointing at "limitless possibilities of innovation and investment" in this sector, Modi highlighted initiatives planned by the government, including aiding farmers, encouraging start-ups and incentivising medical

Governor seeks 'non-partisan approach' in development programmes

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KOLKATA, APRIL 20

GOVERNOR JAGDEEP Dhankhar on Wednesday invited industrialists to set up business in West Bengal. He was speaking on the first day of the two-day Bengal Global Business Summit (GBGS) 2022 in Kolkata.

Referring to the state-Centre ties, he said: "It will be appropriate for Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to proactively catalyse a development bonhomie with all concerned as it is imperative to distance development from a partisan stance."

He also suggested a non-partisan approach and involvement of Opposition parties in development programmes. "A greater reflection of the political spectrum of the state in participation in such ventures would surely be motivational," he said.

Emphasising coordination with the Centre, he said: "This can fructify by synergistic working between the Government at the Centre and the State, and all other entities. This would certainly result in an economic leap for the state."



Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel and other party leaders at Sonia Gandhi's residence in New Delhi, Wednesday. Anil Sharma

Baghel and Gehlot present, PK stresses on messaging to revive Congress

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

TWO CONGRESS chief ministers – Rajasthan's Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh's Bhupesh Baghel – joined a group of party leaders Wednesday and sat through a presentation by election strategist Prashant Kishor to fine-tune his proposals to make the party battle-ready for 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The two leaders posed several questions to Kishor, including on his bottom-up design to strengthen the party organisation.

Given that both have extensive organisational experience in their previous roles as state Congress presidents and AICC in-charge of states, they are learnt to have focused on Kishor's emphasis on preparing the party cadre at the booth level, besides improving its communication strategy, refurbishing its image and political messaging, choice of alliances and tactics, including creating divisions in BJP states where Congress is strong.

The deliberations will continue for the next two days and the group of senior leaders, who were asked by party chief Sonia Gandhi to cull out actionable points from Kishor's proposals and find areas of convergence, will submit a report to her. On Wednesday, Sonia attended the nearly five-hour-long meeting at

her 10, Janpath residence. On Kishor's presence at the meeting, Gehlot said: "Prashant Kishor has become a brand. He was with (Narendra) Modi and BJP for 2014 Lok Sabha polls; then he went with Nitish (Kumar), and then with the Congress in Punjab. He is a professional. There are many others like him – we get in touch with them, too. But Prashant Kishor has become a big name, so the media is focusing on him."

"We have been taking suggestions from agencies and experts. Since Kishor has become a big name... he is in (the) discussions. If his experience comes in handy... to unite the opposition; to fight against the government (then it will help the Opposition)..."

The group comprising P Chidambaram, Ambika Soni, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Digvijaya Singh, Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik, K C Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala had met on Monday and Tuesday as well. Surjewala said, "We propose to conclude these deliberations over the next 48 to 72 hours." He said they are looking at suggestions by Kishor, as also by "certain very experienced people in the party".

"Those suggestions include the ways and means to strengthen the Congress organisation and connect with the masses, gear up for upcoming polls, leading up to 2024," he said.

J&K admin sets aside 18,000 kanals of land for industrial use

NAVEED IQBAL  
SRINAGAR, APRIL 20

A YEAR after Jammu and Kashmir notified a fresh industrial policy, the administration has made available more than 18,000 kanals of land for the purpose of setting up industrial units. Out of this, 5,747 kanals have been allotted in Kashmir, according to an official.

Ranjan Thakur, Principal Secretary of the Industries and Commerce Department, told *The Indian Express* that land for the industrial units have been provided at multiple locations in the Valley but "largely in Pulwama, where we have cleared up about 2,000 kanals for this".

Lassipora in Pulwama, Thakur said, has emerged as an area of interest among the investors because of its connectivity to the highway. All of this, he said, is state land and the government

has "not acquired a single kanal under the land acquisition Act". Change of land use from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes has been permitted, he said.

According to the administration, investment of more than Rs 52,000 crore has been proposed in the Union Territory. Of this, 52 per cent is in Jammu and the rest is in Kashmir.

The government estimates that the industrial units will generate 4 lakh jobs approximately, which will include direct employment, indirect employment and "non-committed" employment.

The proposed units are in 10 major sectors, including cement/stone crushing, pharmaceuticals, food processing, joinery mills and textiles. The highest investment is in food processing and organics-based units.

In Jammu and Kashmir, 257 and 762 units, respectively, have been proposed.

'Moderate' Raje puts Hindutva foot forward as BJP seeks unity in Rajasthan

DEEP MUKHERJEE  
JAIPUR, APRIL 20

WHILE THE message emerging from the meeting the BJP central leadership had with its senior Rajasthan leaders on Tuesday was of unity, along with an indication that the party would not project a chief minister face, former CM Vasundhara Raje appears to be positioning herself for the role.

In the past fortnight, Raje has adopted a markedly pro-Hindutva stand in targeting the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government, in a shift in her political stance. Her statements followed a visit to Delhi last month, where the BJP national vice-president met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, national BJP president J P Nadda and other senior leaders.

Earlier this month, Raje accused the Gehlot government in Rajasthan of practising "appeasement politics", soon after an April 1 order of Jodhpur Vidyt Vitran Nigam Limited directed 10 districts under its jurisdiction to ensure there were no power cuts in Muslim-dominated areas during Ramadan.

"People in the state are not only observing Ramadan but are also fasting for Navratni in the scorching heat. Why is the state government concerned only about Ramzanis and not other residents?" Raje tweeted on April 5, along with a copy of the order.

On Monday, Raje accused the Rajasthan government of neglecting temples, and promised one in every district if the BJP was voted to power. When her party was in power in Rajasthan,

she said, they had spent Rs 550 crore on the development of 125 temples and Rs 110 crore on a panorama of 50 gods and goddesses and saints.

Known to be among the moderate faces in the BJP, Raje earlier stuck to development in her campaign pitch, steering clear of Hindutva. This was seen as one of the reasons for her alienation from the BJP dispensation of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, and her language now might be a bid to close the gap. "I have never heard her talk so openly about Hindus and appeasement. The statements reflect her efforts to once again come to the forefront of the Rajasthan BJP," said a former member of Raje's Cabinet.

The two-time CM also had Muslim faces in powerful positions in her Cabinet, including



Raje during a visit to Karauli after the violence. @VasundharaBJP

Yonus Khan (2013-2018), who was considered to be Raje's most trusted aide and the second-in-command in her government. He held important Cabinet portfolios such as the Public Works Department.

In the 2018 Assembly elections, Khan had been denied a

ticket from his seat Deedwana in Nagaur district, in what was seen as a snub by the Centre for Raje. He was instead fielded from Tonk, against senior Congress leader and CM contender Sachin Pilot. The only Muslim candidate of the BJP in Rajasthan, Khan had lost by a massive margin.

EXPLAINED

Poll vault

RAJE'S HINDUTVA shift coincides with jostling for one-upmanship within state BJP ahead of next year's polls. It is also as much a surprise for the state as her own supporters.

Apart from the Central leadership, Raje also had frosty ties with senior BJP leaders such as Ghanashyam Tiwari and Madan Dilawar with strong roots in the RSS. After the 2018 elections, Tiwari had floated his own party but was brought back into the BJP in 2020 by state president Satish

Poonia, who is also close to RSS. The shift in Raje's political stance was also evident in her statements on the recent violence in Karauli district, where communal clashes erupted following alleged stone-pelting at a motorcycle rally passing through a Muslim-dominated area on Hindu New Year on April 2, leading to arson.

"The Gehlot government... is trying to impose restrictions on Hindu festivals through administrative orders. This won't be tolerated," Raje said in Karauli while on a visit to the district in the aftermath of the violence.

Asitting BJP MLA and a former minister said: "Muslim leaders such as Yonus Khan were inducted into the BJP by former CM and vice-president Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. It was a tradition that

continued under Raje. The personal image of both Raje and Shekhawat was that of moderates within the BJP. However, with the BJP moving towards more aggressive Hindutva-based politics, the leaders considered moderates are following suit in order to survive in the party."

Raje loyalists in the Rajasthan BJP insist she was "always committed to the BJP's ideology". "We follow the line of action decided by the parliamentary board of our party. Right from the beginning, our party is focused on issues such as Article 370, Ram Mandir and the Uniform Civil Code. Vasundharaji's mother Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia was an active member of the VHP and was involved in the Ram Mandir movement," said BJP MLA and Raje supporter Pratap Singh Singhvi.



Renowned physicist Ajay Sood appointed new PSA

ESHA ROY  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

AJAY KUMAR Sood, a Padmashree awardee and honorary professor of Physics at the Indian Institute of Science, was on Wednesday appointed Principal Scientific Adviser to the government.

Sood has been a member of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council. He will serve as PSA for a three-year term, taking over from renowned biologist K Vijay Raghavan.

Sood completed his masters degree in Physics from Punjab University, Chandigarh in 1972, and went on to do his PhD from IISc, Bengaluru. Between 1973 and 1988, he worked as a scientist at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, before going on to pursue post-doctoral research as a Max Planck Fellow at the Max Planck Institute für FKF in Stuttgart, Germany. Sood has seven patents in his name, getting his first one in 2003 for "Carbon Nanotubes flow sensor and energy conversion device".

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Guru Tegh Bahadur sacrificed life for Hindu dharma, says Shah

DIVYA A  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

GURU TEGH Bahadur sacrificed himself to "protect Hindu dharma", Union Home Minister Amit Shah said at an event at the Red Fort on Wednesday evening to mark the 400th birth anniversary (Prakash Parv) of the Guru.

Shah said the nation stands truly indebted to the great Sikh Gurus.

"When Kashmiri Pandits told him about atrocities being committed on them by Mughals, he (the Guru) said, 'go and tell Aurangzeb that they can convert others (only) after they can convert me'," Shah said.

"He came to Delhi and sacrificed himself right here — at Chandni Chowk....*Sir kalam kame wale toh chale gaye, par jinhome apne sir ka balidaan diya aaj karon log unke marg pe chalte hain* (those who ordered his execution have long gone, but millions follow the path of the one who sacrificed himself).... That's why he continues to be known as Hind ki Chadar even 400 years later."

"There's no one in the country who is not touched by the Guru's

sacrifice — Hindus, Sikhs...every-one respects him," he said.

Shah said India is free today and is celebrating Amrit Mahotsav of 75 years of its independence due to the supreme sacrifice made by Sikh Gurus. He called it Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "good fortune" to witness during his tenure commemorations of three Sikh Gurus — 550th parkash parv of Guru Nanak Dev, 400th Parkash utsav of Guru Tegh Bahadur, and 350th parkash parv of Guru Gobind Singh.

Wednesday's event set the stage for Modi's address from Red Fort a day later, which will mark the culmination of the two-day event organised by the Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee.

A special rendition of the shabad, 'Tilak janju rakha prabh taka', dedicated to Guru Tegh Bahadur, was presented by 400 school students during the three-hour function.

In his speech, expected around 9:30 pm on Thursday by 'shabad kirtan' by 400 ragis (Sikh musicians), PM Modi is likely to focus on relaying a message of interfaith peace.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Red Fort. Prem Nath Pandey

Centre extends ceasefire pact with 3 Naga groups by a year

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THE CENTRE has extended ceasefire agreement with three Naga groups for further period of one year. The groups include National Socialist Council of Nagaland-NK (NSCN-NK), National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Reformation (NSCN-R) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland-K-Khangho (NSCN-K-Khangho).

All these groups are break-away factions of NSCN-IM and NSCN-K and signed the ceasefire agreements with the government over the years.

"It was decided to extend the ceasefire agreements for a further period of one year with effect from April 28, 2022 to April 27, 2023 with NSCN-NK and NSCN-R, and from April 18, 2022 to April 17, 2023 with NSCN-K-Khangho," a statement from the Ministry of Home Affairs said.

The development comes even as NSCN-IM leaders, led by General Secretary Th Muivah, Tuesday met with Centre's representative for Naga peace talks, AK Mishra, at the outfit's headquarters, Camp Hebron near Dimapur.

Former special director of the Intelligence Bureau, Misra, who replaced RN Ravi as the Centre's representative last year, reached Nagaland on Monday to discuss the vexed Naga political issue. He is expected to meet the state government's core committee, as well as the Naga National Political Groups (NNPG) during his stay.

This is the first time that talks on the Naga issue were held inside the NSCN-IM headquarters. The discussions on Tuesday lasted for little more than two hours.

The meeting comes a week after Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio, Deputy CM Y Patton and former CMT R Zeliang met PM Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi to discuss the status of peace talks.

Nashik top cop shifted over azaan controversy

He had disallowed bhajans on loudspeakers near mosques

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DAYS AFTER Nashik Police Commissioner Deepak Pandey announced that no one will be allowed to play bhajan or songs on loudspeaker within 15 minutes before and after the azaan call in a radius of 100 m of any mosque, the officer was shunted out from his post on Wednesday. This also comes after Pandey earned the government's censure for writing to Maharashtra DGP Rajnish Sheth, allegedly terming revenue officials and executive magistrate as RDX and detonators.

Pandey was appointed as the special IG of Prevention of Atrocities against Woman (PAW) — deemed to be a side posting.

While Pandey's announcement had drawn flak from right wing groups, the officer had also issued a directive to religious places in Nashik, instructing them to take permission for usage of loudspeakers by May 3, failing which, legal action will be taken



Deepak Pandey made Special IG (PAW)

against those violating the rule, including being "externed or detained by police".

The directive was in response to an "ultimatum" given by MNS president Raj Thackeray that repercussions would follow if loudspeakers on mosques were not removed by May 3.

In his letter to the DGP, Pandey had alleged that revenue officials were hand-in-glove with the land mafia and were harassing people. He had sought that powers of revenue officials and executive magistrate to be given to the police.

The letter had sparked a controversy, with the state Cabinet earlier this month expressing its displeasure over the language used by Pandey in the letter.

Apart from Pandey, the government on Wednesday appointed Suhas Warke, an officer

from the 2000-batch, as the new joint commissioner of police (Crime). Milind Bharambe, whom Warke replaced and who oversaw several high-profile cases, is the new IG (Law & Order), a post previously held by Warke.

The government also transferred Thane joint commissioner Suresh Mekala to the state CID, appointed DIG Virendra Mishra as the additional commissioner (North Region) in Mumbai and transferred DCP (Zone III) P S Dahiya to the Maharashtra Anti Terrorism Squad as DIG. Vinayak Deshmukh, who was the Jalna SP, was made the additional commissioner of police (West Region).

Further, Krishna Prakash, who was the Pimpri-Chinchwad police commissioner, was transferred as IG (VIP Security). Special IG (Prisons) Ankush Shinde will replace Krishna Prakash as the Pimpri-Chinchwad police commissioner. Ravindra Shive, who was the joint commissioner of police in Pune, has been transferred as IG of state human rights commission.

Punjab: Vishwas, Lamba booked for remarks against Kejriwal

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MOHALI, CHANDIGARH, APR 20

THE ROPAR police Wednesday visited homes of former AAP leader Kumar Vishwas and Alka Lamba of the Congress to serve notices in connection with a case registered over "inflammatory statements" against Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal.

Both leaders have been summoned to Ropar for questioning on April 26. The case was lodged against Vishwas and Lamba in Ropar's Sadar police station on April 12. In a statement, the Ropar police said that a case under Sections 153, 153A, 505, 505 (2), 116 read with Section 143, 147, 323, 341, 120-B of the IPC and under Representation of Peoples Act was registered. In run up to the Punjab polls, Vishwas had accused Kejriwal of supporting separatists. Lamba has been accused of backing his remarks.

The police said: "...notice has been served upon Kumar Vishwas to produce whatever evidence he has to support his allegations..."

SC: Public debates touching upon court domain interference in justice delivery

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DEBATE OR discussion touching upon matters that fall in the domain of courts, such as evidence in a criminal case, on public platforms like television will amount to direct interference in the administration of criminal justice, the Supreme Court has ruled.

A bench of Justices U U Lalit and PV Narasimha said this while deciding appeals filed by four convicts who were held guilty of robbery (Section 394 IPC) and sentenced to life imprisonment by

the Karnataka High Court.

The bench also acquitted the appellants, giving them the benefit of doubt.

The case involved the murder of a woman during the course of a robbery in Bengaluru in 1999. The bench noted that voluntary statements of the appellants were recorded by the police on a DVD formed the basis of the trial court judgment convicting them. "The statement amounted to confession to a police officer which should instead have been recorded before a magistrate," the court said, adding "the DVD statement should not have been relied

upon by the court...What has further aggravated the situation is the fact that the said statements recorded by the investigating agency were played and published on a programme named 'Putta Mutta' by Udaya TV".

Deprecating this, the SC said: "Allowing the DVD to go into the hands of a private TV channel is nothing but dereliction of duty...Evidence must be dealt with by a court... Any such debate or discussion touching upon matters which are in the domain of courts will amount to direct interference in the administration of criminal justice."

7 charred to death in fire near Ludhiana dumpsite

RAAKHI JAGGA  
LUDHIANA, APRIL 20

SEVEN MEMBERS of a family of migrants from Bihar were burnt to death in a fire that broke out in their shanty next to a garbage dump in Ludhiana's Tajpur road Wednesday morning. The dead included a two-year-old boy.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (East) Surinder Singh said the incident took place while they were asleep. The deceased were identified as Suresh Sahni (55), his wife Rona Rani (50), and the couple's children Rakhi (15), Manisha (10), Chandini (5) Geeta (6) and Sunny (2). Their 17-year-old son, Rajesh Kumar, survived the fire.

There are several rag pickers who live around a huge dump of

20 lakh tonnes of garbage near Tajpur road. The family had their hut at the same spot and had been living there for the last 10 years.

Ram Babu Sahni, a relative of the deceased, said Suresh was planning to go to his native village in a day or so for his elder daughter's marriage, which was scheduled for April 30.

Though police have not revealed the cause of the fire, Tibba road police station SHO Randhir Singh said: "Two table fans were running inside the jhuggi and it had a small LPG cylinder as well. Whether it was a short-circuit or any other cause is yet to be ascertained. A case has been lodged after." Forensic experts have taken the samples and the footage of the two nearby CCTV cameras is being examined, he added.

Quick response, trained responders: safety app a hit

REENIVAS JANAYALA  
HYDERABAD, APRIL 20

IN SEPTEMBER last year, a 29-year-old woman from Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district had travelled to New Delhi for a new job when an auto-rickshaw driver started misbehaving with her. She took out her phone, opened an application — 'Disha' — and pressed the SOS button. Within minutes, her distress signal had been relayed to Delhi Police, routed through police in Kurnool, and the matter was addressed.

Disha app, developed by Andhra Pradesh government to provide quick response of women's safety issues, was launched in February 2020 and has been downloaded more than 1.30 crore times. The response



time of less than 10 minutes, and support provided by trained responders, especially women police officers trained to handle specific situations, have made the app so popular that the number of calls through it have overtaken calls to emergency police number — 100 — in Andhra Pradesh.

"It is a first-of-its-kind app in the country to protect women in distress," former state Home minister Mekathoti Sucharita said. "We have deployed special patrol vehicles, which are connected to the Disha control room through



Police personnel interact with students on Disha app in Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh. Express

GPS, where the staff will respond in 4-5 minutes in cities and towns, and 8-10 minutes in villages."

The Disha control room is located in Tech Tower at AP Police Headquarters in Mangalagiri.

According to DIG G Pala Raju, who is in charge of the Disha programme, the control room has re-

ceived more than 10,000 actionable SOS calls since the app was launched, and these have led to nearly 1,500 FIRs being filed.

Based on SOS calls, police have been identifying and geo-tagging sexual offenders, cyber bullies and stalkers targeting women.

The app has also helped

women in other emergencies, such as when a flat tyre left a woman stranded on a deserted road, or when a pregnant woman had to be rushed to a hospital. Disha patrol vehicles have safely dropped such stranded women at their homes or hospitals.

The app's SOS button not only sends an alert to Disha Command Control Centre, but it also alerts five phone numbers that can be registered as emergency contacts. If the app's hand gesture feature is turned on, even shaking the mobile phone five times will lead to an SOS alert being sent. A 'track my travel' feature is also available on the app which can be activated if one is travelling alone.

On March 23, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy flagged off a fleet of 163 Disha patrol vehicles to further re-

duce the response time. Eighteen "Disha Caravans" — buses equipped with a washroom, rest and changing rooms for the convenience of women police officers in the field — were also added to the Disha fleet. Each mobile restroom vehicle costs Rs 19 lakh and 30 have been ordered. Around 900 scooters are also being introduced. Disha patrol now has 900 two-wheelers and 3,000 other vehicles.

Former minister Sucharita said the issue of women's safety became urgent after the November 2019 rape-murder of a veterinary doctor on Hyderabad's outskirts. Since then, besides the app, 18 Disha police stations have been opened to deal exclusively with women's issues. The doctor was given the pseudonym Disha, and the women's safety app was named after her.



# Top court commutes death penalty to 20-year jail in minor’s rape-murder case

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

THE SUPREME Court has commuted the death sentence of a man, who had sexually assaulted and killed a four-year-old girl in Madhya Pradesh in April 2013, to 20-year imprisonment.

Citing Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde’s famous lines “the only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past and every sinner has a future”, a bench of Justices U U Lalit, S Ravindra Bhat and Bela M Trivedi also refused to sentence convict Mohd Firoz to imprisonment for the rest of his life and instead ordered 20-year imprisonment.

“...one of the basic principles of restorative justice as devel-

oped by this court over the years, also is to give an opportunity to the offender to repair the damage caused, and to become a socially useful individual, when he is released from the jail,” Justice Trivedi writing for the bench said in the court’s April 19 order.

The court observed “one of the most barbaric and ugly human faces has surfaced”. “Atinybud like girl was smothered by the appellant before she could blossom in this world. Any sympathy shown to the appellant would lead to miscarriage of justice. This court has not treated such cases as the rarest of rare,” reads the order.

The trial court had awarded death sentence to Firoz and his co-accused Rakesh Choudhary was handed seven-year rigorous imprisonment. On appeal, the Jabalpur bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court acquitted Choudhary but confirmed Firoz’s death sentence.



**READY FOR THE PLUNGE:** *INS Vagsheer*, the sixth and final submarine of Navy’s Project 75, was launched by Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in Mumbai on Wednesday. *Pradip Das*

## Govt focusing on decriminalising bona fide action, omissions: Gauba

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

THE GOVERNMENT is focusing on decriminalising bona fide action or omissions which are not fraudulent, Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba said on Wednesday.

Addressing a gathering of civil servants to mark the 15th Civil Services Day, Gauba said this move was as per the concept of “trust-based governance”, “The risk of imprisonment for actions or omissions that aren’t fraudulent or the

outcome of malafide intent is a huge problem for citizens, for private sector, creating opportunities for harassment and rent seeking,” he said.

On the Prime Minister’s directions, we are now focusing on decriminalisation of such minor offences and violations, he said.

“This work needs to be taken up as a mission by each one of us,” Gauba said after inaugurating the celebrations in Delhi. “We need to constantly learn, innovate and adapt to be able to do justice to these expectations.”

Besides job-specific competencies, we need to be conscious

of the larger context of our actions, of the overarching goals, priorities and our role in accomplishing them, Gauba said.

Gauba said civil servants “need to introspect”.

“We do need reforms like every other institution. If we want to remain relevant, we must focus on delivery. On improving our capabilities and our skills. And above all, on maintaining the highest traditions of civil service in our work and in our conduct.”

The Civil Services Day celebration was presided over by Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh besides senior civil servants.

## Karnataka: Lecturer, 2 others held for harassing woman colleague

KIRAN PARASHAR  
BENGALURU, APRIL 20

POLICE ON Wednesday arrested three people, including a lecturer of a Mangaluru college for alleged sexual harassment of a woman colleague.

Police identified the accused as an economics lecturer, a college correspondent, and a physical education director.

The police sources said, “The accused wrote contact number and email address on the walls of public toilets and bus stands in many places of the state, including Mysuru, Madikeri, Chikkamagaluru, Mudigere, Balehonnur, NR Pura and Shivamogga. The incident came to light when the victim started receiving phone calls seeking sexual favours.”

# At Church event, Union minister raises Islamic terror, ‘love jihad’

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, APRIL 20



Union minister V Muraleedharan

SENIOR BJP leader and Union minister V Muraleedharan on Wednesday said Islamic terrorism has caused much loss to Christian churches across the world as he gave the examples of Iraq, Syria and Sri Lanka.

“Much Christian blood has flowed in Iraq, Syria and even in India’s neighbouring country Sri Lanka. Christians were massacred in Sri Lanka on Easter day in 2018 by Islamic extremists at a time when Pope Francis exhorts to love everyone,” said the Minister of State for External Affairs.

He was addressing a felicitation event held after the consecration of Archbishop Joseph Pamplany at Thalassery in Kannur.

chairman Jose K Mani had shared their concerns over “love jihad” as well but had to retract their statements.

“It is a matter of concern that cases are registered against bishops if they use the word jihad. Who else other than the Church leadership can say that there is a planned attempt to convert Christian women? There are lot of evidences about trapping Christian women in love jihad,” the minister said.

CPI(M) MP John Brittas, in his address, hit back without naming either the minister or the BJP. “Beware of the wolves in sheep’s clothing,” he said.

The Union minister’s remarks at a Church event assumes significance against the backdrop of the state BJP’s move to start a campaign against “religious terrorism”. Recently, state BJP president K Surendran announced that Union Home Minister Amit Shah would attend a state leadership meeting of the party on April 29 and chalk out the action plan against countering “religious terrorism”.

# Welfare of elderly saints, cultural centre on Yogi’s tourism agenda

MAULSHREE SETH  
LUCKNOW, APRIL 20

WITH RELIGIOUS tourism, the welfare of elderly saints and priests and publicity of local history and icons in mind, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday issued a slew of directions to of-

ficials that included forming a “special board” for the welfare of elderly saints, pujaris and purohits, construction of a “Ramayana gallery”, books on the history of each of 75 districts, a “Gaurav gallery” in every university and developing an “integrated temple information system”.

Reviewing presentations by the departments of culture and tourism in the presence of cabinet ministers, the CM also asked officials to construct a “Ramayana cultural centre” in Barabanki and open academies for the development of local languages such as Braj, Awadhi, Bundeli and Bhojpuri.

Fulfilling the electoral promise to “ensure the welfare of elderly saints, pujaris and purohits”, Adityanath instructed officials to form a special board for them so that “the schemes for their overall welfare could be implemented properly”. The ruling BJP had made the promise in its election manifesto for the 2022 Assembly elections.

During his visit to Ayodhya recently, he had directed officials to stop collecting house tax on commercial rate from muth and other religious institutions and advised them to rather collect a token amount, if needed.

In an attempt to promote religious tourism in the state, the CM asked officials to develop an online integrated temple information system within 100 days with detailed information on prominent temples, their history, route map, etc and ordered the setting up of “Bhajan Sandhya Sthals” in Prayagraj, Mathura, Gorakhpur and Varanasi, besides getting a “cultural mapping” done for the Ramayana era traditions.

**WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**Engineering Department**  
**OPEN TENDER- Date-13.04.2022**  
E-Tender on behalf of the president of India acting through Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co-ordination), Divisional Railway Manager (Works), West Central Railway, Jabalpur for the following works: -NIT No.-DRM/W- JBP 53-2022, Name of work with location-Jabalpur-Manikpur: Improvement of drainage system of Limited height subway at Level Crossing No.363, 364 & 366 under Assistant Divisional Engineer (South) Salma Sub-Division. Approx cost of the work (Rs.)-1,89,45,227.49/-, Completion period-03 Months. Earnest Money (In Rs.)-2.44,700/- Last date & Time for submission of tender (Up to 15.00 Hrs. On)-27.04.2022. Tender to be opened at 15:15 Hrs. on-27.04.2022. The complete information of the above tender is available on website "https://eeps.gov.in" and also placed on notice board of the Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, West Central Railway, Jabalpur. Tenders other than in the form of e-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders.

**DRM (Works) WCR, JABALPUR**  
संपर्कित कार्यालय: "विद्युत के अंतर्गत को सुनिश्चित करना।"

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
DRM (Electrical)/ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for execution of the following works: S. No. 1. e-Tender No.: EL/01/OPEN/2022-23, Name of work with location and Completion of work: (A) Electrical work in connection with Improvement of examination facilities at Barwadih intensive examination yard (B) Electrical work in connection with Up gradation and augmentation of freight wagon maintenance facilities at PRTU & PEH in Dhanbad division (C) Rehabilitation of power supply system by replacing over head conductors, transformers & other accessories at BRWD. (Completion period: 06 Months). Approx. cost of the work: ₹90,57,306.58, Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹1,81,200/- S. No. 2. e-Tender No.: EL/02/OPEN/2022-23, Name of work with location and Completion of work: Improvement of illumination levels at par with airport standard at stations having average foot fall more than 2000 per day PNME, HZO, NUQ, RNQ, CPU & SRGL in Dhanbad division. (Completion period: 06 Months). Approx. cost of the work: ₹99,77,284.05, Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹1,99,600/- S. No. 3. e-Tender No.: EL/03/OPEN/2022-23, Name of work with location and Completion of work: Electrical work in connection with upgradation of power supply system by provision of over size overhead conductors, transformers & other accessories at CPU & RNQ. (Completion period: 06 Months). Approx. cost of the work: ₹1,03,73,658.48/- Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹2,01,900/- 4. Date & Time for submission of closing and opening of e-Tender: closing of e-Tender: On 18.05.2022 at 11:00 Hrs. Opening of e-Tender: On 18.05.2022 after 11:00 Hrs. 5. Website particulars: WEBSITE: www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against e-tender

Divisional Railway Manager (Elect.)/ ECR/Dhanbad  
PR/0100/DHN/EGEN/T/22-23/56

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
E-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:- 1. E-Tender No.: ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-03-22-23 Name of work: Maintenance of Track including miscellaneous Permanent way work and other related works in connection with maintenance of New Doubling Track between Magardaha to Mirchadhuri (16.29 Km.) and Mirchadhuri to Karaila Road (8.338 Km.) Section including yards (Total length- 24.628 Km.) under Ramna Singrauli Doubling Project. Approx cost of the work in (Rs.): 1,40,11,388.89. Cost of tender form in (Rs.): 0.00. Earnest money in (Rs.): 2,20,100.00. Period of work completion: 12 (Twelve) Months 2. E-Tender No.: ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-04-22-23 Name of work: Linking of permanent way including transportation of P. Way materials like Rail, Sleeper, fittings etc., NI works and other associated works as per Railway's specification and standard at Koderma yard in connection with construction of new BG Rail line from Koderma to Talaiya under Jurisdiction of Dy.CE/CD/DHN Approx cost of the work in (Rs.): 3,23,86,614.42, Cost of tender form in (Rs.): 0.00, Earnest money in (Rs.): 3,14,900.00, Period of work completion: 10 (Ten) Months Date and time for closing of tender: 10.05.2022 at 15.30 Hrs. Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website: <https://www.ireps.gov.in> Note: In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenders are requested to visit the website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender. Any change/addendum/corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only.

For CAO/Con/South  
East Central Railway, MWH, PATNA.  
PR/00105/CONS/ENG/T/22-23/56

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, KALAHANDI RWS&S DIVISION, BHAWANIPATNA.**  
**CANCELLATION OF BID THROUGH e-TENDERING**  
Bid Identification No.- 01/SE/RWSS/2022-23 Bpt Dated- 02.04.2022  
01. Name of the work:- As per ANNEXURE - A

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding on office hour only.	Date of opening (Technical Bid)
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Superintending Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna	01/SE/RWSS/2022-23/ Bpt Dated- 02.04.2022	16.04.2022 10.00 AM	06.05.2022 05.30 PM
		From	To
		16.04.2022 10.00 AM	06.05.2022 05.30 PM onwards

CANCELLATION OF BID DUE TO SOME UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCE  
Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna  
OIPR-25005/11/0003/2223

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male  
**Age:** Approx 30-35 years,  
**Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'1",  
**Built:** Normal, **Face:** Long, having bearded & Mustache, was wearing Black colour Shirt having White & Red Flower Print and Black pant, was found dead near Chitragupta Road Pink Police Booth. Aram Bagh, Paharganj on 16.04.2022 at 01:02 PM. In this regard a DD No. 48A, dated 16.04.2022 has been registered at P.S. Paharganj, Delhi.

His dead body has been preserved in LHMC Mortuary. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

**SHO**  
**P.S. Paharganj, Delhi**  
**DP/1386/CD/2022 Ph.: 011-23524746, 8750870427**

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE**  
**DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU**  
0191-2561578 (O), 0191-254780 (F), email- [sspiammu@jkpolice.gov.in](mailto:sspiammu@jkpolice.gov.in)  
**HUE AND CRY NOTICE**  
**RULE NO. 712/191**

SP City North, Jammu vide communication No. SPCA/22/6391 dated 11.04.2022, intimated that accused namely Abhinay Singh S/o Munna Lal R/o 845-B Naya Khand-I Indrapuram, District Ghaziabad PIN. 201014 UP, India Mobile No. 8745934403. A/P Plot No. 32 Pransant Enclave-A, Street No. 05, Nagli Vihar Extension Baprala New Delhi 11043 is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 19/2022 U/S 420 IPC of P/S Bakshi Nagar, Jammu since the commission of crime.

It is therefore requested that Hue and Cry Notice of above mentioned accused is being published for the information of Police establishments/Public in general having any clue related to the whereabouts/present location of above name accused, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers.

**Description Roll:**

Name	: Abhinay Singh
S/O	: Munna Lal
R/O	: 845-B Naya Khand-I Indrapuram, District Ghaziabad PIN, 201014 UP, India Mobile No. 8745934403
A/P	: Plot No. 32 Pransant Enclave-A, Street No. 05, Nagli Vihar Extension Baprala New Delhi 11043

**ABHINAY**

**Contacts/Telephone Numbers:**

1. DPO, Jammu	: 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D	: <a href="mailto:sspiammu@jkpolice.gov.in">sspiammu@jkpolice.gov.in</a>
3. PCR Jammu	: 0191-2542000
4. SP City North	: 0191-2547038
5. SDPO City West	: 0191-2580251
6. P/S Bakshi Nagar	: 0191-2580102

For Sr. Superintendent of Police, Jammu  
DIP/J-570

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that this person  
**Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 50-52 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Black Lower, was found Dead at under Shri Ram Sena Hindu Camp Near Gurudwara Majnu Ka Tila, Civil Lines, Delhi on 15.04.2022.

In this regard a DD No. 55A, U/S 174 CRPC dated 15.04.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Civil Lines, North District, Delhi. The Dead Body has been preserved in Sabzi Mandi Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hours for identification.

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

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

**SHO**  
**P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi**  
**DP/2205/N/2022(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23815444, 8750870127**  
MND Sr. No. UIDB-22CL-033

**SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS**

In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Northern Railway has decided to run the following fully reserved Summer Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

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**Accommodation:** First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier

**Stoppages:** Ghaziabad, Meerut City, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur, Yamunanagar Jagadhari, Ambala Cantt., Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt., Pathankot Cantt. & Jammu Tawi stations

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**Accommodation:** First AC cum AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier & Sleeper

**Stoppages:** Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Janghai Jn. & Bhadohi Station.

**Note:** All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Wearing face mask and Social distancing etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**Tender Notice**

**E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO.:- C-470-Sonpur Division-WVM-22** **Date:- 20.04.2022**  
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/East Central Railway, Sonpur for and on behalf of the president of India invites two packet open e-tender for the following work. The last date of online tendering is 15.05.2022 up to 15:00 hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-tender is available on Website:- [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

SL. No.	Name of work	Approx. cost (per annum) (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.) (Non Refundable)
1	Provision of Water Vending Machine at Sonpur Station	1,00,000/-	10,000/-	5,900
2	Provision of Water Vending Machine at Hajipur Station	2,40,000/-	24,000/-	5,900
3	Provision of Water Vending Machine at Muzaffarpur Station	2,80,000/-	28,000/-	5,900
4	Provision of Water Vending Machine at Barauni Station	3,20,000/-	32,000/-	5,900
5	Provision of Water Vending Machine at Begusarai Station	1,00,000/-	10,000/-	5,900
6	Provision of Water Vending Machine at Khagaria Station	1,72,000/-	17,200/-	5,900
7	Provision of Water Vending Machine at Mansi Station	1,00,000/-	10,000/-	5,900
8	Provision of Water Vending Machine at Naugachia Station	1,00,000/-	10,000/-	5,900

The above tender notice is available on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
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**PR/0121/SEE/COM/LT/22-23/80** **Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial) /Sonpur**





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## 20A OF SRI LANKA CONSTITUTION

To douse Sri Lanka fire, an attempt to reduce the President's powers

SRI LANKA'S embattled Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has promised to repeal the 20th amendment to the country's constitution, and to bring back clauses of the 19th amendment (which had been rolled back) as the 21st amendment. An escalation of the unrest in the country is likely after police in central Sri Lanka shot and killed a man protesting food shortages and high fuel prices on Tuesday.

**19TH AMENDMENT:** The 19th amendment, rushed through by the United National Party (UNP) regime led by then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in April 2015, took away the powers of the President to remove the PM and the Cabinet at his discretion.

Following the amendments to Articles 46(2) and 48 of the constitution, ministers could be removed only if the PM ceased to hold office by death, resignation or otherwise, or if Parliament rejected a government policy or the budget, or if the government lost a vote of confidence in the House.

The amendment was criticised as having been brought for political reasons and passed without following proper procedure. Wickremesinghe pushed changes in the draft even during its third reading by Parliament.

**20TH AMENDMENT:** The 20th amendment (known as 20A) passed in October 2020 turned the clock back on 19A. The amendment restored and enhanced to an unprecedented degree the executive powers of the President, and abolished the independent constitutional council for a Parliamentary Council. It gave the President power to dissolve parliament and remove the PM, nominate the country's top judge, and gave him legal immunity for his actions. It also allowed those with dual citizenship to hold political office.

The amendment, which was pushed by



Protest in Colombo amid the country's economic crisis. *Reuters*

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and passed by a two-thirds majority in parliament, was criticised for destroying the balance between the legislature, executive, and judiciary, and for centralising power in the hands of one individual. The changes were opposed by not just Tamils and other minority groups, but also by some Sinhala Buddhists.

The ruling party argued that 20A was needed for reasons of national security and economic development.

**PROPOSED 21ST AMENDMENT:** The changes proposed by Prime Minister Rajapaksa seek to remove several key powers of the President, essentially reducing the presidency to a ceremonial position. It is expected that the amendment might hand over almost all key powers of the President to the PM, except, possibly, those relating to the three armed forces. The attempt is to douse the flames at a time when Galle Face in Colombo is witnessing huge gatherings of protesters seeking the President's resignation, and the government has its back to the wall with very few options left.

ARUN JANARDHANAN

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## EVERYDAY EXPLAINERS

## ECONOMICS

## WHAT ARE DIGITAL BANKING UNITS, AND WHAT SERVICES WILL THEY PROVIDE?

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday reiterated her Budget announcement on setting up 75 digital banking units in 75 districts this year.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** Earlier this month, the Reserve Bank of India announced the guidelines for DBUs, following the report of a working group of the Indian Banks Association. A digital banking unit is a specialised fixed-point business unit or hub housing certain minimum digital infrastructure for delivering digital banking products and services as well as servicing existing financial products and services digitally in self-service mode at any time.

Commercial banks (other than regional rural banks, payment banks and local area banks) with digital banking experience are permitted to open DBUs in tier 1 to tier 6 centres, unless specifically restricted, without needing to take permission from the RBI in each case.

**SERVICES:** As per the RBI, each DBU must offer certain minimum digital bank-

ing products and services. Such products should be on both liabilities and assets side of the balance sheet of the digital banking segment. Digitally value-added services to conventional products would also qualify.

The services include savings bank accounts under various schemes, current accounts, fixed deposits and recurring deposit accounts, mobile banking, Internet banking, debit cards, credit cards, and mass transit system cards, digital kit for merchants, UPI QR code, BHIM Aadhaar and point of sale).

Other services include making applications for and onboarding of customers for identified retail, MSME or schematic loans. These may also include end-to-end digital processing of such loans, starting from on-line application to disbursal and identified government sponsored schemes that are covered under the national portal.

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# Life and legend of Guru Tegh Bahadur, who stood up to the Mughals

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 20

TO MARK the 401st birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh guru who stood up against forcible conversions by the Mughals, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will give an address from the Red Fort on Thursday. The BJP has been trying to reach out to the Sikh community ever since it decided to go it alone in the Punjab elections following the breakdown of the alliance with the Shiromani Akali Dal over the three farm laws.

### The ninth Guru

Tegh Bahadur was born in Amritsar on April 21, 1621 to Mata Nanki and Guru Hargobind, the sixth Sikh guru.

Tegh Bahadur was married to Mata Gujri at Kartarpur in 1632, and subsequently left for Bakala near Amritsar.

After Guru Ram Das, the fourth Sikh guru, the guruship became hereditary. When Tegh Bahadur's elder brother Gurditta died young, the guruship went to his 14-year-old son,

Guru Har Rai, in 1644. He remained on the seat until his death at the age of 31 in 1661.

Guru Har Rai was succeeded by his five-year-old son Guru Har Krishan, who passed away in Delhi in 1664 before he could reach the age of eight. It is said that when asked about his successor, he took the name of "Baba Bakala", his grand uncle. But since Guru Har Krishan hadn't directly named Guru Tegh Bahadur, many claimants cropped up.

Dr Hardev Singh from the Department of Religious Studies, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, said that according to lore, Makhan Shah, a wealthy trader whose ship was caught in a storm at sea, had prayed that if it was saved he would give 500 gold mohurs to the reigning guru. But when he reached Delhi, he learnt that Har Krishan had passed away and there was a line of claimants at Bakala. It is said that he decided that whoever was the real guru would ask him for the exact sum he had promised in his prayers.

He had exhausted his options when he was told about Tegh Bahadur meditating in the *bhora* (basement). Tegh Bahadur took one



Gurdwara Sis Ganj Sahib, built at the site in Delhi where Guru Tegh Bahadur was executed. *Express Archive*

look at Makhan Shah, and told him he had promised 500 coins. An ecstatic Makhan Shah is said to have run to the rooftop and shouted "Guru ladho re (I have found the guru)."

Soon afterward, Tegh Bahadur moved to Kiratpur Sahib. In 1665, he bought land at

Makhwal village and renamed it Chak Nanki (now Anandpur Sahib) after his mother.

### The Guru's times

Aurangzeb was the ruling Mughal emperor. "There were conversions, either through a government order or through coercion. When people were charged with some crime or misdemeanour, they would be pardoned if they converted," Dr Hardev Singh said.

Guru Tegh Bahadur, who started travelling extensively through Malwa and Majha, first came into conflict with the authorities when he started questioning the tradition of worshipping at the graves of *pirs* and *faqirs*.

As his message began to spread, a local chieftain at Dhamtan near Jind in present-day Haryana picked him up on fabricated charges of collecting revenue from villagers, and took him to Delhi. But Raja Ram Singh of Amer, whose family was a long-time follower of the Gurus, intervened and kept him in his house for around two months until he convinced Aurangzeb that the Guru was a holy man with no political ambitions.



Varanasi's Integrated Command and Control Centre, which — like other ICCCs — served as war-rooms for Covid-19 management during the pandemic. *Express Archive*

Internet infrastructure, these centres have since evolved to monitor various other parameters. The ICCCs are now also linked to the CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks and Systems) network under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The ICCC acts of a smart city acts as a "nerve centre" for operations management. It processes a complex and large pool of data sets at an aggregated level. For example, it is now the go-to source for integrated traffic management monitoring.

The ICCC is the nodal point of availability of all online data and information relating to smart services included in a smart city, such as like LED street lighting, CCTV surveillance cameras, air quality sensors, smart parking system, WiFi, electricity and water supply and billing, GIS, e-hospitals, property tax management, estate management, engineering systems, asset management systems, and other services.

During the pandemic, they also served as war-rooms for Covid-19 management.

### How did the ICCCs help in management of Covid-19?

During the peak of the first wave, when countries were struggling to figure out ways

of combating the virus, the government used the ICCCs as war-rooms for managing the outbreak, with real-time surveillance and monitoring of districts across the country that were affected by the coronavirus disease.

Converted into war-rooms, the smart cities' ICCCs used the central data dashboard and provided information about the status of Covid-positive cases in various administrative zones of these cities, officials aware of the exercise said. The war-rooms were also used for tracking people under quarantine and suspected Covid-19 cases.

### What is the current status of the Smarts Cities Mission?

The ambitious project, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, had an initial deadline of 2021 for the first lot of 20 smart cities out of the 100 selected. Although the project was announced in 2015, the cities were selected over a period of two years between 2016 and 2018, each with a deadline of completion within five years from the time of their selection.

On the recommendation of NITI Aayog, the timeline was extended last year until 2023 due to delays caused by the pandemic. In its assessment, the NITI Aayog noted that

# Submarine Vagsheer: features, capabilities



Vagsheer was launched at Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited on Wednesday. *Pradip Das*

deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean. The first submarine *Vagsheer*, from Russia, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on December 26, 1974, and was decommissioned on April 30, 1997. The new *Vagsheer* will be officially named at the time of its commissioning.

### Specifications

Naval sources said *Vagsheer* can take up to eight officers and 35 men. It is 675 metres long and 12.3 metres high, with a beam measuring 6.2 metres. *Vagsheer* can reach top speed of 20 knots when submerged and a top speed of 11 knots when it surfaces.

It has four MTU 12V 396 SE84 diesel engines, 360 battery cells for power, and a silent

Permanently Magnetised Propulsion Motor. The hull, fin and hydroplanes are designed for minimum underwater resistance and all equipment inside the pressure hull is mounted on shock-absorbing cradles for enhanced stealth.

### Features

*Vagsheer* is a diesel attack submarine, designed to perform sea denial as well as access denial warfare against the adversary. It can do offensive operations across the spectrum of naval warfare including anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying and area surveillance.

It is enabled with a C303 anti-torpedo

counter measure system. It can carry up to 18 torpedoes or Exocet anti-ship missiles, or 30 mines in place of torpedoes.

Its superior stealth features include advanced acoustic absorption techniques, low radiated noise levels, hydro-dynamically optimised shape, and it has the ability to launch a crippling attack using precision guided weapons, underwater or on surface.

Scorpene submarines can undertake various types of missions such as anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying, area surveillance etc.

### Road ahead

*Vagsheer* will be commissioned into the Indian Navy's Western Command after 12 to 18 months when sea trials end. It will be based with Western Naval Command, mostly in Mumbai.

The submarine will undergo a very comprehensive and rigorous set of tests and trials, for more than a year, to ensure delivery of a fully combat worthy submarine, capable of operation in all modes and regimes of deployment.

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### Travels beyond Punjab

Dr Amarjit Singh, director, Guru Granth Sahib Department, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, said that a little more than a year after setting up his headquarters in present-day Anandpur Sahib in 1665, the guru spent four-odd years travelling up to Dhaka in the east, and going up to Puri in Odisha. He also visited Mathura, Agra, Benares, Allahabad, and Patna. Guru Gobind Singh was born in Patna in 1666.

On the way back from Dhaka, Raja Ram Singh sought his help to broker a truce with the Ahom king, Gurdwara Dhubri Sahib on the banks of the Brahmaputra commemorates this peace accord. The Guru was also honoured at Guwahati's Kamakhya temple.

According to historians, the Guru rushed back to Punjab on learning about the increasing atrocities by the Mughals.

### The Guru's martyrdom

Back in Anandpur Sahib, the Guru was approached by Kirpa Ram, a Kashmiri Brahmin who sought his protection from local chieftains who had told him to convert or face ret-

tribution. The Guru assured Das and his group of his protection and told them to tell the Mughals that they should first try to convert the Guru.

Aurangzeb considered this a challenge to his authority. According to *Sri Gur Bilas Patshahi Dasm*, a biography of Guru Gobind Singh by Kavi Sukha Singh, the Guru himself went to Delhi where he was arrested by the Mughals. In a paper titled "Who killed Guru Tegh Bahadur?", historian Sardar Kapur Singh wrote that Aurangzeb ordered the public execution of the Guru on November 11, 1675 after he declined to embrace Islam.

He was tortured to death and beheaded at Chandni Chowk along with his three companions, Bhai Mati Das, who was torn asunder, Bhai Sati Das, who was burnt to death, and Bhai Dayalaji, who was put in boiling water. Till the very end they were asked to change their minds, but they remained resolute. In 1784, Gurdwara Sis Ganj Sahib was built on the site on which they were executed.

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ACROSS

1 A tender for the dairy farm perhaps (7)

5 Wrote in a lofty pedantic style (5)

8 Blends a pie's ingredients - it's vital (13)

9 A lot of fish in shallow water (5)

10 Pressing time of day? (7)

11 Hidden talent perhaps (6)

12 It is weighed by a craftsman (6)

15 Make about a thousand to burn (7)

17 Mounts firearms (5)

19 One retired down under has a comfortable berth (13)

20 Has an inclination for men who are dissipated (5)

21 Continue to behave excitedly (5,2)

DOWN

1 Shots knocked off bits (5)

2 Take him for wed perhaps? Far from it! (4,2,3,4)

3 Greek letter varies in slope (7)

4 Went on reduced fare (6)

5 Try and eat a little (5)

6 When most people stop work (6,7)

7 Some hundred Germans at work in the harbour (7)

11 Deuce of a match (7)

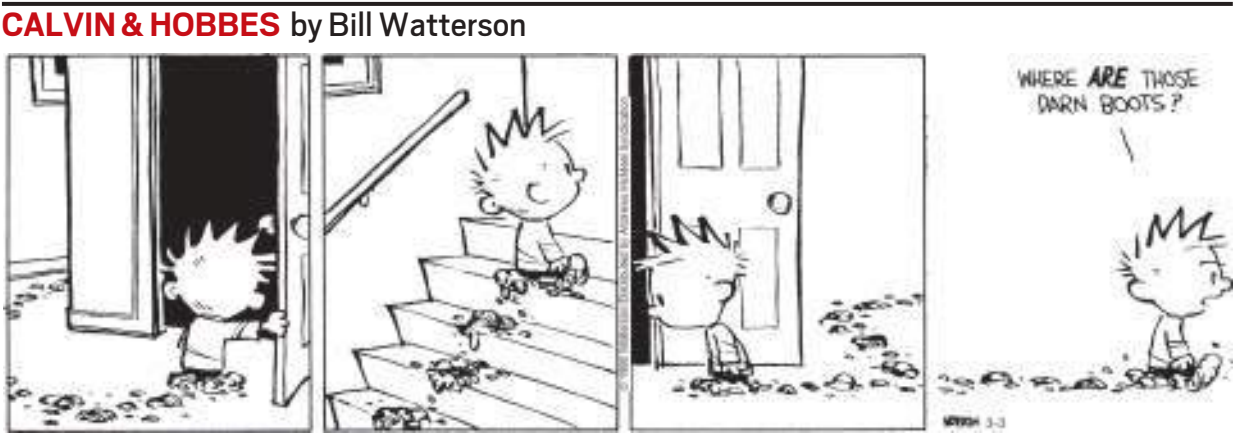
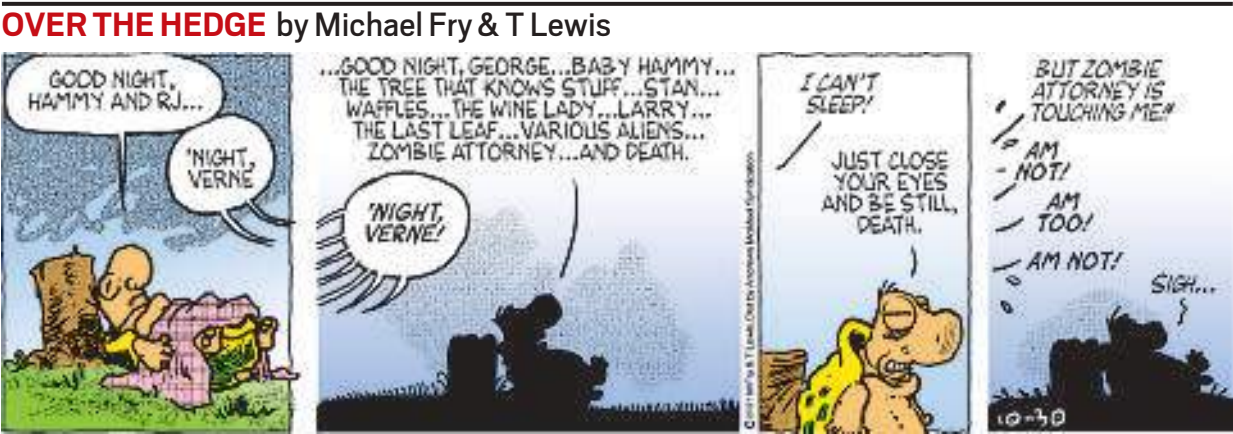
13 An explosive type of reaction (7)

14 Decimal used in some tricky calculation (6)

16 One of three soldiers using strange oaths (5)

18 Battle for the chairman's seat? (5)

Solutions Crossword 4719: Across: 1 Jelly, 8 Engaging, 9 Merge, 10 Downcast, 11 Acute, 12 Ada, 16 Issues, 17 Prison, 18 She, 23 Views, 24 Amicable, 25 White, 26 Omission, 27 Adorn. Down: 2 Exercise, 3 Lights up, 4 Unfold, 5 Rainy, 6 Divan, 7 Agate, 12 Ass, 13 Ape, 14 Finished, 15 Hot water, 19 Hollow, 20 Bacon, 21 Civic, 22 Say-so.



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.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the root of all evil. - George Bernard Shaw (4,2,5)

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Answer: Lack of money is the root of all evil. - George Bernard Shaw

SUDOKU 4811

Difficulty Level 1s Instructions

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

Difficulty Level

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4810

6	5	1	4	7	9	8	3	2
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9	8	3	2	5	6	7	1	4
1	9	4	5	8	2	3	7	6
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3	6	9	7	2	4	1	8	5
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, “e”- PROCUREMENT NOTICE WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-mail: ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

3rd corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) - 27/2021-22

File No - P-IM -Misc-10/2008(Pl.)

The tender invited for the work at (SI No. 06) Improvement and widening to Karapalli Markandi road from 9/850km to 17/380km. (ODR) from SL to DL in the District of Ganjam under NABARD Assistance,

Tender ID No. 2022\_EICCL\_75618\_6 is hereby cancelled.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Chief Engineer World Bank Project, Odisha OIPR- 34003/11/0003/2223

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

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Phone : 080-22265383 Website: www.kiadb.in

e-mail: cdoce2@kiadb.in or jdt@kiadb.in

No: IADB/ENGG/EIA/EC/ETND-EC-11/828/2022-23 Date:20-04-2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER TO PROVIDE CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR OBTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE (EC) (Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tenders under two cover systems for Providing Consultancy Services for preparing EIA, SIS studies etc., to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)/Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Consent for Establishment (CFE) from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and Half yearly compliance report to be submitted as per the statue for EC & CFE conditions, for 3 years for the following Industrial Areas.

Sl. No.	Proposed name of the new industrial area	Approx. Extent	EMD (Rs in lakhs)
1	Hassana Industrial Area, Doddahonnenahalli, Kaachanayakanahalli, Bommanayakanahalli, Kasturavalli, Bustenahalli, Gavenahalli and Aaduvalli Villages, Hassan Taluk & District.	1057-24 Acres (427.99 Ha)	2.00
2	Doothanuru Kaval Industrial Area, K.Aladahalli village, Shanthigrama Hobli, Hassan Taluk & Dandiganahalli Hobli Channarayapattana Taluk, Hassan District.	177-11 Acres (71.74 Ha)	2.00

The firms who are listed as Accredited Consultants in the accredited list of Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi are eligible to participate in the tender. The agency has to apply separately for the Individual Industrial Area. The EMD amount as per the above table should be paid through e-payment in the e-procurement portal only using any of the four modes namely: Credit Card, Direct Debit, National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), and Over the Counter (OTC). Applicants may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Scheduled of dates are as follows:

- Last date to receive pre bid queries: 05-05-2022 up to 5.00 pm
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on: 07-05-2022 at 12.00 noon
- Last date for submission of bid is : 10-05-2022 up to 4.00 pm
- Time and date of opening of Technical bid is on: 12-05-2022 at 11.30 am

Sd/- Chief Engineer-2 KIADB, Bengaluru.

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, ITANAGAR

NO. GAD-21/2021 Dated, Itanagar, the 11th Feb. 2022. SUMMON

Whereas, It has been observed that Shri Nabin Das, PA, APSS(Gen) Cadre posted to the O/o the Director (Research), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar is remaining absent from duty since 2018.

And whereas, it is reported that he did not turn up to appear before the undersigned as per memo dated 26th June, 2021.

Now therefore, he is hereby directed to report or appear before the Secretary (GA) on 28th April 2022 at 12.00 hrs. without fails, failing which necessary disciplinary action shall be taken under CCS (CCA) Rule.

To Sri Nabin Das C/o Sri Chanu Ch. Das Vill- New Ganamun Engineering College Road, PS: Jorhat, PO : Jorhat-7 District: Jorhat, Assam.

Sd/- (Sadhana Deori) IAS Secretary (GA) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Itanagar

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Sd/- Managing Director

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Abhishek @ Tinku S/o Devender Singh R/o WZ-63, Sant Nagar Extn., Tilak Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 256/2022 u/s 452/427/506/509/201/34 IPC PS: Tilak Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Abhishek @ Tinku cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Abhishek @ Tinku has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person Abhishek @ Tinku of FIR No. 256/2022 u/s 452/427/506/509/201/34 IPC PS: Tilak Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 03.06.2022.

By order Sh. Puneet Nagpal Metropolitan Magistrate-07, Room No 289, 2nd Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN-E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1	Name of work	Structural Condition survey by underwater ROV inspection and videography of Bridge no. 31 UP & DN in the section of Sr. DEN-III/NDLS
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3	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 4,100/- (Rupees Four Thousand One Hundred Only)
4	Cost of tender document	Rs. 0.00/-
5	Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	13.05.2022 at 15:00 Hrs.
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Today's planetary pattern is of considerable significance for the coming weeks. You'll be calling on all your past experience, particularly on the fact that all the career changes and domestic moves of the past three years have made you more wise and mature.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Everything I have said about increasing respect at work and comfort at home crystallises around planetary positions over the next forty-eight hours. You now have about ten to twelve weeks to press ahead in pursuit of your goals with total determination on all fronts.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It looks increasingly likely that many of you may soon be taken abroad on account of your or some equally serious purpose. Even if you never leave your front door, something that happens on the other side is due to make its mark on your imagination.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You should consider the financial situation. Your stars today have nothing to say about immediate purchases and everything to say about the need to take care of the long-term, meaning pensions, savings, insurance and sundry guarantees. In all romantic matters your guiding principle should be 'home is where the heart is'.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Your planetary positions in the next two days set the scene for the coming two months as far as you and your loved ones are concerned, so lift your sights from the daily grind and spare a thought for your purpose, place and destiny on this planet.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Don't worry about being exploited or overworked. The more you put yourself out now and over coming weeks, the more amazing will be the consequences over future years. Just don't push yourself so hard that you end up flat on your back. That would never do.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Life is never straightforward, even when it is supposed to be. There's a strange contradiction between romantic inhibitions and social confidence. The result of such a dynamic difference could be to transform your emotional life for better, once and for all.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Don't be deceived if everything seems terribly easy, even when help arrives from unexpected quarters. If you are gearing yourself up to make the greatest effort you've made for many months, then you are truly in league with the heavens. Besides, it's about time you struck a shrewd financial deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Friends and colleagues have different points of view and you seem to have one foot in each camp. Combine selfishness with selflessness in exactly equal measure and you won't go far wrong. Entrepreneurial activities are especially favoured, all the more so if a property deal is on the cards.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

The past few weeks have certainly proved dynamic socially, but there does now seem to be reason enough for an apology of sorts. Hopefully it was someone else who stood on a partner's toes, not you. You can do your bit to create a better atmosphere.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You resemble a number of other people in the depth and profundity of your current planetary picture. Take a deep breath, for whatever you do now will have its full consequences in around six months' time. Don't rush it or you'll overlook the details.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You like to spend time by yourself. In fact, there is a distinctly monastic side to your personality, and I think it should now be indulged. Stay in and enjoy yourself by all means: if other people try to drag you out it will have to be to do something very special indeed.

NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING TENDER

30-Elect-04-T-2022-23-E3 Replacement/Augmentation of existing centralized air conditioning plant with other allied works at Rail Bhawan.

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Address of the office Sr. Civil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

Earnest Money Rs.1766800.00

Date & time of submission of tender 23.05.2022, 12.00 Hrs.

Opening of tender 23.05.2022, 12.00 Hrs.

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PRESS NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON AS PER MAHARASHTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016. (MAHARASHTRA ACT NO. VIII OF 2017) :

GOVERNMENT of Maharashtra (GoM) has enacted Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act, 2005 to regulate water resources within the State of Maharashtra, facilitate and ensure judicious, equitable and sustainable management, allocation and utilisation of water resources, fix the rates for use of water for agriculture, industrial, drinking and other purposes and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Fresh nominations are invited by undersigned on behalf of Selection Committee for the post of Chairperson of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority on or before 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 upto 17.00 p.m. (Candidates who have applied for the said post as per the advertisement published earlier are required to re-submit the new application).

The last date for submission of nomination form for the said post has been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 instead of 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

All the relevant details regarding eligibility criteria, service conditions, details to be furnished along with the nomination as per the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2016 (Maharashtra Act No. VIII of 2017) are available on following web sites.

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Sd/- (R. R. Shukla) Chief Engineer (WR) & Joint Secretary Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra

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6.	Closing date	11.00 Hrs. on date: 16.05.2022
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BRIEFLY

Aakarshi, Priyanshu top BAI trials

New Delhi: Aakarshi Kashyap and Priyanshu Rajawat are set to be picked for the upcoming Commonwealth Games and Asian Games respectively after emerging as winners in women's and men's singles at Badminton Association of India's (BAI) selection trials here on Wednesday. While Aakarshi prevailed over Ashmita Chaliha 21-10 17-21 21-15, Priyanshu saw off Odisha Open winner Kiran George 21-15 18-21 21-10 to top the rankings at the national trials at the IG Stadium Complex here. While Aakarshi, who stayed unbeaten in the tournament, is set to join double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu in the CWG team as the second women's singles player, Priyanshu will get a chance to represent the country at the Asian Games and Thomas Cup. With Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth given direct selection due to their top 15 world ranking, Priyanshu, however, won't get a place in the CWG team. PTI

Top stars to feature in Khelo India 2022

New Delhi: Olympian shooter Manu Bhaker, sprinter Dutee Chand and swimmer Srihari Nataraj are some of the big names to feature in the Khelo India University Games to be held in Bengaluru from April 24 to May 3. Besides, the shooting duo of Divyansh Singh Panwar and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar will also be seen in action in the event, where two indigenous sports — Yogasana and Mallakhamb — will make their debut. A total of 3,878 athletes from 189 universities from across the country will participate in the Games, where 20 disciplines will feature and a total of 275 gold medals will be up for grabs."The large number of participants and the high level of technical conduct of the Games in state-of-the-art venues makes the Khelo India University Games one of the biggest University-level Games in the country," Sports Minister Anurag Thakur said in a press briefing. "I am confident that these Games will throw up many more champions this year." PTI

Pele back in hospital for tumour treatment

Brasilia: Brazilian soccer great Pele returned to hospital on Monday as he continues to receive treatment for cancer, Sao Paulo's Albert Einstein hospital said in a medical note on Tuesday. Edson Arantes do Nascimento's clinical condition is good and stable, and he is likely to be discharged in the next few days, doctors said, using Pele's full name. The 81-year-old had a tumour removed from his colon in September 2021 and has since been in and out of hospital for treatment on a regular basis. Widely considered one of the greatest footballers of all time, the former Santos, New York Cosmos and Brazil player has suffered a series of health issues in recent years, including hip surgery that left him with recurring pain and trouble walking unaided. In February, Pele was admitted to hospital for a round of chemotherapy when a urinary infection was identified, keeping him in longer than was planned. REUTERS

Delhi find reason to rejoice

Despite Covid outbreak in camp, Capitals put up brave display to thrash Punjab by 9 wickets



Delhi Capitals' spinner Kuldeep Yadav (2/24) dismissed Kagiso Rabada and Nathan Ellis on Wednesday.

Sportspics for IPL

**SYNOPSIS:** Bowlers make it a cake-walk for DC. Punjab suffer a night of misery

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

APRIL 13

ONCE PUNJAB Kings folded up for 115, Delhi Capitals' challenge was to up their net run rate. They romped to the victory target in 10.3 overs, winning by nine wickets, getting to six points from as many games and improving their net run rate to +0.942. Such a resounding win amid the Covid scare would bring some joy in the camp. Punjab bowlers had virtually nothing to bowl with. Still, their captain Mayank Agarwal missed a trick by not bringing Rahul Chahar early into the attack, on a surface where three DC spinners — Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav and Lalit Yadav — accounted for six scalps, conceding 45 runs. Chahar was brought on in the seventh over, when Prithvi Shaw and David Warner had already sealed the deal. The leg-spinner dismissed Shaw in his first over, but by then the batsman had raced to a 20-ball 41. Warner remained unbeaten on 60 off 30 balls. "Was grateful to have gotten to play the game," the left-hander said post-match.

Cakewalk for DC

The game, played against the backdrop of a Covid outbreak in their camp, wasn't easy for DC. It's not easy to play cricket when a teammate is battling the virus in a hospital, while another one returned a positive test result on matchday. Also, DC weren't able to train since their last game against Royal Challengers Bangalore, their players and coaching staff coming into this fixture from room isolation.

Leadership becomes important in such situations and the team's young captain Rishabh Pant had head coach Ricky Ponting to fall back on. Warner, too, stepped forward. Before the start of the match at Brabourne Stadium, Pant was having what looked like an on-field leadership meeting, with two Aussie.

IPL TABLE

TEAM	M	W	L	PT	NRR
GT	6	5	1	10	0.395
RCB	7	5	2	10	0.251
RR	6	4	2	8	0.380
LSG	7	4	3	8	0.124
SRH	6	4	2	8	-0.077
DC	6	3	3	6	0.942
KKR	7	3	4	6	0.160
PBKs	7	3	4	6	-0.562
CSK	6	1	5	2	-0.638
MI	6	0	6	0	-1.048

DC also came into this game on the heels of two defeats in their last three games, searching for consistency. Their bowlers stood up to be counted.

The pitch was a bit on the slower side. The ball wasn't quite coming on to the bat and Shikhar Dhawan's soft dismissal gave DC an opening. The left-hander tried to paddle a Lalit Yadav delivery that was going down leg, nicking it to Pant behind the stumps in the process.

Agarwal had a good start, but chopped on a Mustafizur Rahman delivery on to the stumps, playing away from his body. Then, Axar and Kuldeep took over.

Attacking Axar blindly on a pitch like this is risky business. Liam Livingstone was pre-medicated in his charge, making it easier for the left-arm spinner to outmanoeuvre the batsman. Axar just dragged his length back and Pant had an easy stumping.

Kuldeep's first over was a little indifferent and he conceded a couple of fours to Jitesh Sharma. But the chinaman bowler started to bowl faster — 'zorsee dalo' was Pant's advice from behind the stumps — and his wickets of Kagiso Rabada and Nathan Ellis inside three deliveries thwarted Punjab's lower-order recovery. In between, seamer Khaleel Ahmed removed Jonny Bairstow and welcomed

Shahrukh Khan with a hostile bouncer. Shahrukh and Sharma were trying to build a partnership, but a faster one from Axar trapped Sharma leg-before, on umpire's call. Khaleel returned to dismiss Shahrukh, which ensured that Punjab's total didn't attain respectability.

No DC bowler, bar Shardul Thakur, went beyond seven runs per over. Axar was outstanding, returning with 2/10 from his four overs. Lalit Yadav bagged 2/11 from two overs. Kuldeep (2/24) and Khaleel (2/21), too, contributed handsomely to their team's cause. Together, the bowlers made it a cakewalk for DC. "The bowlers did a fantastic job to make ours easier," Warner said.

Punjab's night of misery

One of the reasons for Punjab's inconsistent performance — four defeats in seven games now — is the fact that their middle order, save Livingstone, isn't contributing much.

Bairstow hasn't hit his straps yet, Shahrukh isn't making an impact and uncapped Sharma isn't converting his cameos into big scores.

Agarwal recovering from a toe injury and returning to the fold was a positive for Punjab. But he got out after getting a start, Dhawan and Livingstone fell cheaply and there wasn't much fight from the rest.

The onus was on Bairstow to bat deep, but he pulled a length ball on the hips straight to deep fine leg. At 54/4, Punjab needed a partnership. Sharma and Shahrukh needed to play low-risk cricket for the next eight-nine overs. The former played some fine shots, but became a little greedy and went across the stumps to sweep an Axar delivery. It was wrong shot selection, as the situation demanded a safer approach, a push down the ground. Also, Sharma misjudged the pace of the ball. He would learn from his mistakes.

For the moment though, Punjab need middle-order batting improvement. Just 15 fours and a six in their innings encapsulated Punjab's night of misery.

**Brief scores: Punjab Kings 115 all out in 20 overs (Jitesh 32; Axar 2/10, Lalit 2/11, Kuldeep 2/24) lost to Delhi Capitals 119/1 in 10.3 overs (Warner 60 not out, Shaw 41) by nine wickets**

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Plan's well that works well

Delhi Capitals have two frontline spinners in their XI against Punjab Kings — Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav. But Axar brings the ball into the left-handers, and perhaps they didn't want to risk Kuldeep in the Powerplay, or were saving him for later. So, when



Punjab raced to 27 without loss in three overs, Rishabh Pant handed the ball to Lalit Yadav for some part-time off-spin to Shikhar Dhawan. The plan seemed to be simple — Lalit darted it in full, in an attempt to take out the slog to the shorter leg-side boundary and make Dhawan hit to the longer rope on the offside. Dhawan did exactly that, moving in-

side the line to loft over mid-off for a couple of runs, although he didn't quite time it. He bettered that effort, skipping out to now take one on the full and hit it for a straight four. DC's plan wasn't working, and Lalit speared in a length ball

headed down the legside. Dhawan decided to swivel and slap it past the wicketkeeper. If he had missed, it would have been a wide. And any decent connection would have got four, as fine leg was up. But all Dhawan managed was to feather it for Pant to take a sharp catch. The plan had worked, even if not in the way DC might have envisaged..

Livingstone stranded

For a brief instant when he charged Axar Patel and wasn't to the pitch of the ball, Liam Livingstone found himself in the exact position from where he reckons he hits his biggest sixes.



"The time you hit the biggest sixes against spin is when your last thought is you are not there, I am being done". And you swing your hands through and if you connect, they go further than anything else," he had once said on a demonstration of six-hitting on Sky Sports. But of course, for that you have to connect. Axar had shortened the length and Livingstone was well short but still went for the big swing. However, the bat swished through well inside the line of the ball that turned and bounced into the gloves of Rishabh Pant. Livingstone was left stumped, in more ways than one.

Out of sync with inswing

Vaibhav Arora troubled Prithvi Shaw twice with his inswing, and once with the lack of it, in the opening over of the DC chase, but ended up conceding three fours. Shaw nearly had his stumps disturbed trying a booming drive to the first in-dipper, but an inside edge saved him, as the ball ran away past short fine. Arora bowled the next one wider, and Shaw had a go again, but couldn't get bat to ball as it curled in under his bat. Shaw was third time wiser and offered a relatively straighter bat to the



third inswinger. He barely has a front-foot stride and while that leaves him vulnerable to getting bowled through the gate, it helped him flick the next delivery, much straighter this time, over midwicket for four. By now Shaw was expecting inswing every ball but the last delivery of the over didn't; Shaw threw his bat somewhat inside the line, but fortunately for him, toe-ended it safely over cover for the third four.."

Russians, Belarusians banned from Wimbledon; Medvedev to miss out

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON, APRIL 20

Tennis players from Russia and Belarus will not be allowed to play at Wimbledon this year because of the war in Ukraine, the All England Club announced Wednesday.

Among the prominent men's players affected by the ban are reigning U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev, who recently reached No. 1 in the ATP rankings and is currently No. 2, and No. 8 Andrey Rublev. The women's players affected include No. 4 Aryna Sabalenka, who was a Wimbledon semifinalist last year; Victoria Azarenka, a former No. 1 who has won the Australian Open twice; and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, the French Open runner-up last year. Medvedev, Rublev and Pavlyuchenkova are from Russia; Sabalenka and Azarenka are from Belarus. Wimbledon begins on June 27. The All England Club confirmed in March that it was having discussions with the British government about whether Russians should be able to play in Wimbledon. "It is our responsibility to play our part in the



widespread efforts ... to limit Russia's global influence through the strongest means possible," the All England Club said in a statement first posted on Twitter. "In the circumstances of such unjustified and unprecedented military aggression, it would be unacceptable for the Russian regime to derive any benefits from the involvement of Russian or Belarusian players with The Championships."

Russian athletes have been prevented from competing in many sports following their country's invasion of Ukraine. Belarus has aided Russia in the war. Soccer, figure skating and track and field all banned

Russian and Belarusian athletes and teams from their events because of the war. The Russian men's national soccer team was excluded from last month's World Cup qualifying playoffs, forcing them to miss a chance to reach this year's tournament in Qatar. Wednesday's move signals the first time a tennis tournament has told players from Russia and Belarus they are not welcome, and the ATP was quick to criticize the All England Club for what the men's tennis tour called a "unilateral decision" and "unfair." "Our sport is proud to operate on the

STARS MISSING OUT

RUSSIANS

MEN: Daniil Medvedev, World No.2, US Open champion; Andrey Rublev, World No.8

WOMEN: Anastasia

Pavlyuchenkova, World No. 16

■ 4 Russian men are ranked in the top 30 on the ATP Tour

■ 5 Russian women are in top 40

BELARUSIANS

WOMEN: Aryna Sabalenka, World No.4, 2021 Wimbledon finalist

Victoria Azarenka, World No.18,

2-time Australian Open winner

fundamental principles of merit and fairness, where players compete as individuals to earn their place in tournaments," the ATP said in a statement, adding that the decision "has the potential to set a damaging precedent for the game."

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MUMBAI, APRIL 20

BATTING STALWART Virat Kohli is mentally "overcooked" and needs to take a break from cricket in order to serve the country for at least another six-seven years, feels ex-India coach Ravi Shastri. Kohli has been going through a lean patch with just two 40-plus scores to show in last seven innings for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the current IPL season.

The 33-year-old from Delhi, who hasn't scored a century in the last 100 matches across formats, had stepped down from T20 captaincy both for India and RCB and also quit Test leadership, while he was removed from ODI skipper's role.

Shastri feels the likes of Kohli needs to be handled with care and empathy amid the COVID-19 restrictions which has confined players inside bio-bubbles.

"I am going straight to the main guy here. Virat Kohli is overcooked. If anyone needs a break, it's him," Shastri told Star Sports.

"Whether it's 2 months or a month-and-a-half, whether it's after England or before

England. He needs a break because he has got 6-7 years of cricket left in him and you don't want to lose that with a fried brain."

Kohli was out for a duck on Tuesday night as RCB rode on Faf du Plessis' 96 to claim a 18-run win over Lucknow Super Giants.

"When I was coach at the time when this first started, the first thing I said is 'you have to show empathy to the guys'. 'If you're going to be forceful, there is a very thin line there, from a guy losing the plot as opposed to him hanging in there and giving his best. So you have to be extremely careful.'"

Shastri said there might be one or two players in world cricket going through the same problem which needs to be addressed upfront. Echoing the same sentiment, former England captain Kevin Pietersen said Kohli should take time away from the game as well as social media to rejuvenate himself.

"...the guy has had so much to deal with, from marriage to baby to media scrutiny and all on his personal life. He is the biggest star on show," he said. "Virat Kohli needs to say 'cricket boots, for six months, I will see you later'. Turn off social media, go and get re-energised."

Pollard announces retirement from international cricket

Mumbai: West Indies white-ball captain Kieron Pollard on Wednesday announced his retirement from international cricket though he will continue to freelance in private T20 and T10 leagues across the globe. If one tries to sum up Pollard's international career in a nutshell, he could be termed as a perennial underachiever in maroon jersey. The 34-year-old Pollard, who made his ODI debut back in 2007, fittingly played his last series against India, a country which has become his second home due to his long association with Mumbai Indians.

"Hi all, after careful deliberation, I have decided to retire from international cricket. It was a dream of mine to play for West Indies since I was a 10-year-old boy and I am proud to represent the West Indies for over 15 years in T20 and ODI format of the game," Pollard announced on his official Instagram page.

While he is a feared T20 cricketer, one of the finest that the world has seen, his numbers for the West Indies remain underwhelming with only 2706 runs at just above 26 and 55 wickets from 123 ODIs along with 1569 runs from 101 T20Is at an average of shade over 25. He also took 44 wickets.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



In their maiden Asian Champions League campaign, Mumbai City FC have played four games, winning once, drawing once and losing twice. They are in third place in a group of four, level on points with UAE Pro League club Al Jazira.

At the start of the competition, coach Des Buckingham had given the squad a target—to become the first Indian team to win an Asian Champions League game. The victory over Air Force Club Iraq ensured that their primary goal was met, but now Mumbai could possibly advance in the tournament. They have two more games left.



The winner of the Indian Super League shield wins a spot in the Asian Champions League Group stages while the winner of the ISL playoffs wins a spot in the AFC Cup group stages.

In the 2020-21 season, Mumbai won the ISL shield. This happened after the City Football Group (CFG) bought the cash-strapped club. CFG's entry changed the club's fortunes. They signed Spanish coach Sergio Lobera along with a sizeable chunk of the FC Goa team core that he had curated. Players like Mourdata Fall (still at the club), Ahmed Jahouh (still at the club) and Hugo Boumous (now at ATK Mohun Bagan) were signed along with strikers like Adam le Fondre and Bartholomew Ogbeche. These players helped the Islanders win the league at a canter and helped them become only the second Indian team to qualify for the AFC Champions League.

Four points from four games and a chance to take the second spot in the group with two games remaining puts them in a good position. It hasn't been smooth sailing for the Islanders. They

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The format of the Champions League is such that all winners from their group plus three of the best runners up from each region make it to the Round of 16. Currently, Mumbai are level on points with Al Jazira and Air Force Club Iraq but are on third spot because Al Jazira lead the head-to-head record against the Islanders but then Mumbai lead the head-to-head record against Air Force Club. Al Shabab lead the group with 10 points. Currently there are five clubs (Al-Taawoun with 7 points, Al Rayyan with 7 points, Shabab Al-Ahli with 6 points and Nasaf Qarshi with 5 points and Al Jazira with 4 points) ahead of Mumbai in the race for the knockout stages. The top 3 teams will go through. **SHASHANK NAIR**

**Ulaanbaatar:** Sachin Sahrawat and Harpreet Singh grabbed bronze medals as India's Greco Roman contingent cherished its second best show at the Asian Championship with five medals. Competing in the 67kg category, Sachin won by fall against Uzbekistan's Mahmud Bakhshilloev. Harpreet's (82kg) rival from Qatar did not take the mat due to an injury. **PTI**







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POLICY WATCH  
PRODUCTION-LINKED INCENTIVES

## Drone PLI: Zerodha co-founder-backed firm, Adani JV, 12 others make the cut

SOU MYARENDRA BARIK  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

ADANI'S JOINT venture with Israeli defence firm Elbit Systems, IdeaForge Technology, and drone startup Omnipresent Robot Technologies — backed by Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath — are among the 14 companies that have been selected by the Ministry of Civil Aviation as beneficiaries of the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the drone industry.

The PLI scheme for drones has a total outlay of Rs 120 crore, spread over three years. The eligibility criteria for the scheme includes an annual sales turnover of Rs 2 crore for drone companies and Rs 50 lakh for drone components manufacturers, along with a value addition of over 40 per cent of their sales turnover.

The Ministry has selected five drone manufacturers and nine drone component manufacturers as beneficiaries of the scheme: Dhaksha Unmanned Systems, Idea-Forge Technology, IoTech-World Aviation, Omnipresent Robot Technologies and Raphe Mphibr are the five drone manufacturers selected as beneficiaries, the ministry said. Absolute Composites, Adani-Elbit Advanced Systems India, Adroitec Information Systems, Alpha Design Technologies, Inventgrid India, Paras Aerospace, SASMOSHET Technologies, ZMotion Autonomous Systems and Zuppa Geo Navigation Technologies are nine drone component manufacturers selected for the PLI scheme, it noted.

The ministry said the list of beneficiaries is likely to be expanded further since some more manufacturers are likely



**A drone in New Delhi. The PLI scheme for drones has a total outlay of Rs 120 crore spread over three years. File**

to exceed the eligibility criteria for the full financial year 2021-22, and a final list could be released by June-end.

Under the drone PLI scheme, announced last September, the incentive for a manufacturer of drones and drone components will be 20 per cent of the value addition made by the company in the next three years. The value addition will be calculated as the annual sales revenue from drones and drone components minus the purchase cost of drone and drone components.

The government expects investments of over Rs 5,000 crore in the drone space in the next three years on account of the new drone rules announced last year and the PLI scheme. "The annual sales turnover of the drone manufacturing industry may grow from Rs 60 crore in 2020-21 fold to over Rs 900 crore in FY 2023-24. The drone manufacturing industry is expected to generate over 10,000 direct jobs over the next three years," the Ministry of Civil Aviation had said last year while announcing the PLI policy on drones.

## HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR FINANCIALLY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

## Post-pandemic recovery: FM pitches for coordinated action

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

TAKING NOTE of food, energy securities and debt vulnerabilities, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that there is an urgent need for coordinated action across countries to "enable swift post-pandemic recovery" along with building resilience to future shocks at the G20 Emerging Market Economies meeting in Washington D.C. on Wednesday.

"Discussing #future of #work and #debt vulnerabilities, FM Smt. @nsitharaman said that there is an urgent need for coordinated action across countries to not only enable swift post-pandemic recovery but also to build resilience to future shocks," the Finance Ministry tweeted. She shared her insights on the economic outlook, risks and near-term policy challenges for EMs such as food and energy security and tightening of global financial conditions. The G20 Emerging Market Economies meeting was organised by the IMF on the sidelines of the upcoming G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting.



**Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, along with officials, at G20 Emerging Market Economies meeting, in Washington DC, on Wednesday. PTI**

"Union Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman & Shri @DasShaktikanta @RBI attend the #G20 Emerging Market Economies #EMEs meeting organised by @IMFNews in Washington D.C., today, on the sidelines of the upcoming #G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting #FMCBG," the Finance Ministry tweeted. The Finance Minister also spoke on the need for environmentally sustainable and financially viable alternatives of energy sources and said the International

Solar Alliance can be an effective platform to catalyse efforts.

Sitharaman arrived in Washington on Monday for the annual spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

On Tuesday, she met IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and discussed issues including the impact of the geopolitical situation on global growth, policies to navigate the pandemic, food and fuel price shock and helping the most vulnerable.

## Sitharaman meets FSB Chair Knot

*Washington:* Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has held talks with Financial Stability Board Chair Klass Knot and Vice of the Climate Finance Leadership Initiative Mary Schapiro and exchanged views on dimensions of risk in crypto eco-system and development of GIFT City. **PTI**

## 38% more domestic passengers fly in March against February

*Around 1.06 crore domestic passengers flew in March, about 38% more than 76.96 lakh in February, showed DGCA data*



**Passenger load factors — which means occupancy rates — were above 80% for all Indian private carriers in March, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said in its monthly statement**

## Domestic passengers carried by airlines in March:

IndiGo:	58.61 lakh
Go First:	10.44 lakh
SpiceJet:	10.21 lakh
Air India:	9.36 lakh
Vistara:	8.9 lakh
AirAsia India:	6.98 lakh
Alliance Air:	1.45 lakh

## On-time performances at four metro airports — Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai:

IndiGo:	93.9%
Go First:	93%
Vistara:	91.9%

Source: DGCA/PTI

BRIEFLY  
IPO fee via UPI

*New Delhi:* Sebi streamlined the payment of processing fee via Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system for shares applied for and allotted during an initial public offering (IPO).

## Datsun ops shut

*New Delhi:* Nissan is discontinuing its Datsun brand in India, nine years after its global relaunch began here.

## Goyal on rupee

*New Delhi:* At an event to mark 15th Civil Services Day, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said weakening of rupee would not be in the nation's interest, as it brings inflation, pushes up interest cost and makes products uncompetitive.

## Nidhi co rules

*New Delhi:* The Centre amended rules governing Nidhi companies, which are NBFCs that are into lending and borrowing with their members, whereby its prior declaration will be must for a certain class of such companies to start business.

## FRL holds meet

*New Delhi:* Future Retail Ltd (FRL) on Wednesday held a meeting of shareholders to consider and clear sale of assets to Reliance Retail. It was chaired by Shailesh Hariharakti, FRL said, and it was held via video conferencing.

## EPFO payroll

*New Delhi:* Employees' Provident Fund Organisation in February added 14.12 lakh subscribers, 14% over the year-ago month. **PTI**

## Temasek backs probe; working with investors, says Zilingo

*New Delhi:* After Singapore state investment firm Temasek backed an investigation into Zilingo's accounting practices, the fashion technology startup said it is working closely with its major investors and an independent firm for the probe.

"The major investors of the company authorised the board to put the CEO, Ankanti Bose, on suspension pending an investigation of the matters raised," Zilingo Pte

said in a statement. However, it did not elaborate on the investigation.

"The major investors have hired an independent firm to investigate the matter, and the company is working closely with the major investors and the independent firm for the investigation," it said. Proper due process has been and will be followed, it insisted.

Temasek had on Tuesday stated, "We expect our portfolio companies to abide by the sound

## THE BACK STORY

■ The statement comes after the board of Zilingo put co-founder Ankanti Bose on suspension on March 31 pending an investigation

corporate governance and codes of conduct and ethics. We are,

therefore, in support of the board's investigation into the complaint as a part of good governance to safeguard the interests of the company." This is the second investment firm that has spoken in the favour of a strong governance framework, days after Sequoia India, also an investor in Zilingo, spoke on the subject.

The statement comes after the board of Zilingo put its co-founder Ankanti Bose on suspension on

March 31 pending an investigation. The investigation reportedly is into the way that Zilingo had accounted for transactions and revenue across a platform spanning thousands of small merchants.

Zilingo also counts Burda Principal as well as Singapore's Economic Development Board's investment arm EDB among its investors. It was not immediately clear how much shareholding each investor has in the firm. **PTI**

## Russia tweaks tax code to make it easier for foreign cos to pay in rubles

REUTERS  
MOSCOW, APRIL 20

RUSSIAN LAWMAKERS on Wednesday passed an amendment to the tax code that they said would make it easier for foreign companies to open accounts with Russian banks and pay for Russian gas and other goods in rubles.

Russian President Vladimir Putin last month signed a decree demanding foreign buyers pay for gas in rubles or else have their supplies cut. In practice the measure requires foreign gas buyers to open ruble and hard currency accounts at Gazprombank, which will receive payments in foreign currencies and convert them into rubles via auctions on a Moscow bourse.

Meanwhile, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde expressed their displeasure at the in-person participation of a Russian official in Wednesday's meeting of G20 finance officials, a source said. Lagarde urged Deputy Finance Minister Timur Maksimov, to convey to Russian leaders to end the war.

## 'India builds up forex reserves as China, others eye foreign assets'

## To prevent currency appreciation

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, APRIL 20

WITH COUNTRIES led by China focussing on accumulating assets abroad rather than boosting foreign exchange (forex) reserves, global forex reserves as a share of GDP have fallen from 15.4 per cent of GDP to below 14 per cent in the last six years, says a research report from Credit Suisse. However, countries like India and Switzerland accumulated reserves rather than investing in assets abroad to prevent currency appreciation.

If not for Switzerland and India — which bought dollar assets to prevent Swiss franc and rupee appreciation — global forex reserves would have fallen in absolute terms too. Reserves have fallen sharply in China and Saudi Arabia — which are now investing in assets abroad instead of accumulating forex reserves — and grown slowly in most countries, according to the report. Global reserves increased steadily from \$2 trillion in 1999 to \$12 trillion by 2014, but stagnated thereafter. "As a share of global GDP, after rising from 5.5 per cent in 2000 to 15.4 per cent in

## FALL IN GLOBAL FOREX RESERVES

■ Global forex reserves as a share of GDP have fallen from 15.4% of GDP to below 14% in the last six years, says a Credit Suisse report

2014, they are now below 14 per cent," Credit Suisse said. Forex reserves are foreign assets of a country held in a liquid form by a country's central bank as insurance against financial shocks. India's forex reserves were \$604 billion as on April 8, 2022.

The rise in Switzerland and India has less to do with sequestering the country's savings into safe assets, and more with protecting the local currency from appreciating against the USD, says the report, authored by Credit Suisse analysts Neelkanth Mishra, Prateek Ancha and Abhay Khaitan. A country running current account surpluses will accumulate foreign assets over time. Forex reserves are liquid assets kept with a central, state-owned entity. China and Saudi Arabia are examples of countries that surpassed what was necessary as insurance and shifted their mix of foreign assets away

from forex reserves. This diversification added to safety and promised better returns, either financial or geopolitical, it said. According to Credit Suisse, countries are diversifying and optimising their foreign assets. China and Saudi Arabia continue to accumulate foreign assets, just not as forex reserves. Over the last decade, reserves as a share of China's foreign assets have fallen from 70 per cent in 2010 to less than 40 per cent now. For Saudi Arabia, the fall was from over 60 per cent to less than 40 per cent.

Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Norway have built SWFs (total assets \$10 trillion), and others like Japan and China have allowed their firms to buy assets abroad. "Such assets are hard to use in times of crisis, but are better overall for the economy," it said.

The Credit Suisse report said the share of US dollar in the global forex reserves fell from 71 per cent in 1999 to 59 per cent in 2021. Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY) share is at 2.7 per cent (Russia holds a fourth of these), it said.

For reserves to shift from USD to CNY, the latter needs to be more freely tradeable (a more open capital account), and see a higher share of global transactions (trade and financing-related).

Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)



TOPOF THE  
WORLD

John Lee. AP

## HONG KONG

YouTube takes  
down leader's  
poll channel

**Hong Kong:** YouTube on Wednesday took down the campaign channel of Hong Kong's sole candidate to become its next leader, John Lee, citing compliance with US sanctions imposed against the former No. 2 official. Lee had set up a Facebook page and a YouTube channel to promote his campaign, even though he is running uncontested in the election for chief executive on May 8, in which an Election Committee of about 1,500 people will select the city's leader. Lee had been live-streaming his meetings with media and political figures in the city on both Facebook and YouTube prior to the termination of his YouTube channel. **AP**

## EAST TIMOR

Ramos-Horta  
set to win  
presidency

**Dili:** East Timor's former independence fighter and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jose Ramos-Horta is set to win the presidential runoff election, according to over 60% of the votes counted Wednesday, defeating incumbent Francisco "Lu Olo" Guterres for the second time in Asia's youngest democracy. Official results are not expected until next week, but Ramos-Horta, who led resistance during Indonesia's occupation of East Timor, had 61.72% of the votes counted so far. **AP**

## TAIWAN

TV station says  
sorry for report on  
Chinese attack

**Taipei:** A Taiwan government-backed television station apologised and urged people not to panic on Wednesday after mistakenly reporting a Chinese attack in Taipei, amid rising military tensions with Beijing. During a live news broadcast on Wednesday morning, Chinese Television System mistakenly showed news ticker alerts at the bottom of the screen about military ships and critical infrastructure near Taipei being hit by Chinese missiles, according to local media reports. There were no overt signs of panic in Taipei after the accidental bulletins. **REUTERS**

## MORE THAN 5 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE FLED UKRAINE

No surrender in Mariupol as  
Russian deadline runs out

## REUTERS

APRIL 20

A RUSSIAN ultimatum to Ukrainian troops in Mariupol to surrender or die expired on Wednesday afternoon with no mass capitulation, but the commander of a unit believed to be holding out in the besieged city said his forces could survive just days or hours.

In a video, the commander of Ukraine's 36th Marine Brigade, one of the last units believed to be holding out in Mariupol, asked for international help to escape the siege. "This is our appeal to the world. It may be our last. We may have only a few days or hours left," said Major Serhiy Volyna in a video uploaded to Facebook.

The United Nations said on Wednesday the number of refugees who have fled Ukraine since Russia invaded on Feb 24 had surpassed five million. More than half are children.

Russia has been trying to take full control of Mariupol since the war's first days. Russian-backed separatists said shortly before a 2 pm (1100 GMT) Wednesday deadline that just five people had surrendered.

Peace talks have been stalled. The Kremlin accused Kyiv of delaying the talks and changing its positions. Kyiv accuses Moscow of blocking talks by refusing humanitarian ceasefires, especially



A man and a child ride a bicycle in the southern port city of Mariupol on Wednesday. Reuters

to relieve besieged Mariupol.

Meanwhile, Britain's delegation to a meeting of top Group of 20 finance officials in Washington, including Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey, walked out in protest at Russia's participation, a British finance ministry spokesperson said on Wednesday. "Alongside our allies the US and Canada, representatives from the UK left the G20 meeting as Russian delegates spoke," the spokesperson said.

Moscow tests nuclear-capable  
missile that Putin says has no peer

London: Russia said on Wednesday it had conducted a first test launch of its Samat intercontinental ballistic missile, a new addition to its nuclear arsenal which President Vladimir Putin said would give Moscow's enemies something to think about.

Putin was shown on television being told by the military that the missile had been

launched from Plesetsk and hit targets in the Kamchatka peninsula in the far east.

"The new complex has the highest tactical and technical characteristics and is capable of overcoming all modern means of anti-missile defence. It has no analogues in the world and won't have for a long time to come," Putin said. **REUTERS**

## Israeli ultra-nationalists' Jerusalem march restricted

## ILAN BEN ZION

JERUSALEM, APRIL 20

POLICE APPEAR to have prevented hundreds of ultra-nationalist Israelis from marching around predominantly Palestinian areas of Jerusalem's Old City on Wednesday, an event that served as one of the triggers of last year's Israel-Gaza war.

Police set up large roadblocks outside the Old City walls, closing the main road



Israeli right wing activists gather for a march in Jerusalem on Wednesday. AP

leading down to Damascus Gate, the epicenter of last year's unrest. Bottled up, the marchers waved Israeli flags, chanted and sang.

Earlier in the day, a small group of Palestinian protesters threw rocks at police while hundreds of Jewish visitors entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, known to Jews as Temple Mount.

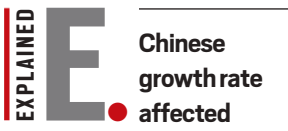
Amateur video from the scene appeared to show police using sponge-tipped plastic projectiles intended to be

New Mexico fines  
'Rust' for willful  
gun safety failures

**Santa Fe:** New Mexico workplace safety regulators on Wednesday issued the maximum possible fine of nearly \$137,000 against a film production company for firearms safety failures on the set of "Rust" where a cinematographer was fatally shot in October by actor and producer Alec Baldwin.

New Mexico's Occupational Health and Safety Bureau said Rust Movie Productions must pay \$136,793, and distributed a scathing narrative of safety failures in violation of standard industry protocols, including testimony that production managers took limited or no action to address two misfires on set prior to the fatal shooting.

The bureau also documented gun safety complaints from crew members that went unheeded and said weapons specialists were not allowed to make decisions about additional safety training. **AP**



THE IMF reduced its forecast of Chinese growth this year to 4.4% from 4.8% due to the shutdowns of Shanghai and other industrial centers. That is down by almost half from last year's 8.1% growth and below the ruling Communist Party's 5.5% target.

Meanwhile, Shanghai started reducing lockdowns gradually in the backdrop of rising anger among the people. Four million more people in the city were allowed to leave their homes from the quarantine rules, taking the total so far to 12 million, a health official in the city said.

## MEANWHILE

## DEMEANED, BERATED BY EX-WIFE: JOHNNY DEPP



Actor Johnny Depp, testifying on Wednesday in a \$50 million defamation case against his former wife Amber Heard, said she was the one who became violent when their relationship soured, hurling insults that at times escalated into a slap or a shove. Depp said that Heard made little digs at him to demean him. The couple had frequent arguments that included "demeaning name calling" and "bullying" by her, Depp said.

US Pentagon  
chief speaks  
for 1st time  
to Chinese  
counterpart

## ROBERT BURNS

WASHINGTON, APRIL 20

Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin on Wednesday spoke with his Chinese counterpart for the first time since becoming Pentagon chief more than a year ago, breaking a communications impasse that American officials saw as increasingly dangerous amid concern that Beijing might provide military support for Russia's war in Ukraine.

Austin requested the telephone conversation with Gen. Wei Fenghe after months of failed effort to speak with Gen. Xu Qiliang, the highest ranking uniformed officer in the Communist Party military structure.

In a brief statement after the call, the Pentagon said Austin and Wei discussed US-Chinese defence relations, regional security issues and "Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine." It offered no details.

The defence ministry in Beijing provided a more detailed account. It said Wei "expounded his solemn position on the Taiwan issue and stressed that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China."

The two men exchanged views on "maritime and air security issues," the ministry said, adding that Wei conveyed to Austin that "China demands that the US stop military provocations at sea and not use the Ukrainian issue to discredit, frame, threaten and pressure China." **AP**



Sri Lankans representing various government establishments during a protest in Colombo on Wednesday. AP

Lanka Opp leader  
quotes Parliament  
Speaker: Gotabaya  
ready to step down

## Three MPs withdraw support to govt

## PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

COLOMBO, APRIL 20

SRI LANKA'S Leader of Opposition Sajith Premadasa on Wednesday claimed that Parliament Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardene had assured that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was ready to resign if all parties request him, media reports said on Wednesday.

There have been growing calls for President Rajapaksa's resignation over the past few weeks over his government's mishandling of Sri Lanka's worsening economic crisis.

Speaker Abeywardene, however, denied informing party leaders that the President was ready to step down, the *Daily Mirror* newspaper reported.

"There is a report circulating on social media that I have informed party leaders of the President's willingness to resign if they (party leaders) make a request. I only said the President is ready to handover the government to anyone who commands majority," the Speaker clarified.

Leader of Opposition Premadasa reiterated that Speaker Abeywardena had said this at a party leaders' meeting.

"You said to the party leaders that all party leaders of his House go and ask him to step down, he is ready for it. We're ready to do that. You give us the opportunity. All of us in the Opposition are ready to unanimously make that statement.

President assures  
inquiry into  
police shooting

**Colombo:** Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Wednesday pledged "an impartial and transparent inquiry" into a police shooting that left one person dead and 13 others injured. The president said in a tweet he was "deeply saddened" over the incident, which occurred Tuesday in Rambukkana and urged "all citizens to refrain from violence as they protest." **AP**

"I am not a fool to distort what you said. Don't deny your statement. You are a Tom Pachaya (blatant liar)," Premadasa said. Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella also confirmed that the Speaker did not say.

The President was dealt a further blow when three more parliamentarians withdrew their support to the government.

Sri Lanka Muslim Council (SLMC) MP Faizal Cassim informed Parliament that he along with MPs Ishak Rahuman and M S Thowfeek will withdraw their support to the government. The three MPs were part of the opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) coalition, including from the SLMC.

Pak values its relationship with  
US, Shehbaz tells Ilhan Omar

## PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ISLAMABAD, APRIL 20

PAKISTAN VALUED its long-standing relationship with the US and wanted to further deepen bilateral cooperation based on mutual respect, trust, and equality, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Wednesday.

Sharif's remarks came amid a new low in US-Pakistan ties after ousted PM Imran Khan accused Washington of toppling his government.

During a meeting with visiting US Congresswoman Ilhan Abdullah Omar, Sharif, highlighted that constructive engagement between the two countries could help promote peace and development in the region.

He hoped that Omar's first-ever visit to Pakistan would lead to deepening people-to-people

MAKE PUBLIC IMRAN'S  
GIFT DETAILS: COURT

**Islamabad:** A Pakistani court on Wednesday ordered the government to make public details of the gifts received by the former PM Imran Khan from foreign dignitaries since assuming office in August 2018. As per reports, the former premier received 58 gifts worth more than Rs 140 million from world leaders. **PTI**

ties and strengthen exchanges between the Parliament of Pakistan and the US Congress, Geo News reported. Sharif also emphasised the need to further enhance cooperation between the two countries, especially in the trade and investment fields.

All-girls varsity  
bans smartphones  
on campus

**Islamabad:** An all-girls university in Pakistan's conservative northwest has banned the use of smartphones by students on campus, according to a TV report on Wednesday.

Samaa TV reported that the university provost issued a notification saying that "smart phones/touch screen mobile or tablets will not be allowed on the premises of Women University Swabi with effect from April 20.

It has been observed that students use social media applications during university timings which affects their education and performance. Therefore, it is directed that students should not use mobile phones on campus, the notification read. **PTI**

## IN NEARLY 2 MONTHS OF WAR, MANY YOUNG UKRAINIANS HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY OR TAKEN UP ARMS, WHILE ELDERLY HAVE STAYED BACK

## In fog of dementia, one grandmother relearns that her country is at war

## VICTORIA KIM

APRIL 20

EVERY MORNING, Olga Boichak's grandmother wakes up at her home in western Ukraine, turns on the television and discovers anew that her country is at war.

Panicked and flashing back to childhood memories of bombings during World War II, she starts packing to evacuate, her granddaughter said. Her husband of six decades hides the house keys and reassures her everything will be all right, and that their home is the safest place for them.

Before long, the war, the fear and the reassurance will dissipate into the fog of dementia — as have all new memories in recent years. Until the next morning, or the next air raid siren, when the reality of the invasion that has subsumed Ukraine for more than 50 days will find her once more.

"She's going through the daily trauma of rediscovering that war has begun, and keeps trying to evacuate," Dr Boichak, who is based in Sydney and speaks to her grandparents and her aunt, a health care worker who looks after them, weekly over video chat. She declined to give her grandparents' names or

their exact location in relatively safe western Ukraine out of concern for their safety.

"It's really heartbreaking," she said.

In nearly two months of war, many Ukrainians who are young and able-bodied have left the country or taken up arms. Many who are elderly, infirm or disabled have stayed behind, unable to make the journey or unwilling to leave the surroundings set up for their needs.

Dementia in particular is a "hidden" disability that can result in patients being left out of humanitarian assistance or protection from responders, according to Alzheimer's Disease



Liza Vovchenko and her grandmother Rita in 2012. NYT

International, an umbrella organization for groups around the

world. Even before Russia's invasion in February, the war in

Ukraine's eastern separatist regions had disproportionately affected elderly Ukrainians.

For Boichak's grandparents, who are in their late 80s, childhood memories of being forced to flee amid Soviet shelling made them all the more attached to their home, and her grandfather is determined to stay despite their children and grandchildren's pleas, she said. Her grandfather, a retired physician, felt strongly about spending his final years in the home they spent decades rebuilding and where her grandmother, a retired architect, tended to a garden for years growing tomatoes, zucchini and carrots, Dr Boichak said.

On day 41 of the war, Dr Boichak, a sociologist and lecturer who has been researching the role of social media in shaping narratives about war and military violence, beginning with Russia's 2014 invasion of Crimea, posted her grandparents' story on Twitter. She described how her grandmother had been caught in a "never-ending loop."

To her surprise, her tweet appeared to resonate around the world; more than 44,000 people liked the post.

Among the people moved by their story was Liza Vovchenko, who immediately thought of her own grandmother in a Russian-

occupied town in the Kherson region of southern Ukraine.


For weeks after the Russian soldiers took control, her 82-year-old grandmother, Rita, kept trying to go on her daily walks to the market in the town center even though the streets were no longer safe. The market had long stopped operating as food became scarce and people ran out of cash.

Her grandmother, a retired teacher who has been showing increasing signs of dementia over the past three years, keeps forgetting about the war and getting angry at the grandson she lives with for not letting her out of the house, Vovchenko said. **NYT**



**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**Corrigendum**  
Corrigendum 01 of Tender Notice No CE/2021/21, Dated: 31.03.2022 Tender opening date of tender No: 02216483SP, which was earlier scheduled to open on 22.04.2022, vide Tender Notice No. CE/2021/21 dt. 31.03.2022, has been extended on Administrative ground & now the same will open on 29.04.2022 with Modified tender document. Modified tender document is available on <https://www.ireps.gov.in>  
  
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**PRESS NIT NO-02 (2022-23)**

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender	Date of release of tender in E-Procurement solution	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through E-Procurement solution
1	Engagement of 10 nos S.G. Beldar for on contract basis for maintenance of sewerage system in Gokalpur AC-68 <b>Re-invited</b>	Item rate	19.04.2022 2022_DJB_220717_1	26-04-2022 3:10 PM

Further details in this regards can be seen at <https://delhi.govtprocurement.com>  
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Advt No. J.S.V 44(2022-23)

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Ex. ENGINEER (T)-2

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**ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute**  
**Campus-Modipuram-250110, Meerut (UP)**

**CPRI**

**AUCTION NOTICE**  
An auction will be held on 22 April, 2022 at Machhri Farm for left over lots from auction held on 12 & 16 April, 2022 of breeder seed and experimental produce remains on the basis of 'as it is where it is'. Please visit Institute website <http://cpri.icar.gov.in> for detailed information  
  
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**Assistant Administrative Officer**

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**E-Procurement Notice**  
Tender notification No: CPMPET-01/2022-23 of APCPDCL/CGM/PAWML Dt: 21-04-2022  
APCPDCL invites online bids under e-procurement for New Transformer Oil With Drums, Tenderers can have further details and download the tender schedules from e-Procurement marketplace from 21-04-2022 i.e., <https://tender.apcprocurement.gov.in> (published by APCPDCL), Ph:0866 2855455 & Email: [cgmpmm.cdcl@apcpdcl.in](mailto:cgmpmm.cdcl@apcpdcl.in)  
  
Chief General Manager P&MM, APCPDCL, Andhra Pradesh

**TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD.**  
**Nadco Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)**

Tender Inviting No.	Specification No. and Description of works / Materials	From time to time for submission of a tender
02 Tender Inviting No. 02/2022	COAL: 1000 Tons to be supplied to the 2011 E-1000 coal train MCA mines namely Himpale, Kharla, Gopeshnagar, Lakshmanpur and Kaila under the E-1000 (HPTDC) mode in cooperation with coal companies, railways and port authorities for supervision of coal loading at mines, transportation of coal by road to nearby railway godown shed sidings, stacking at railway godown shed sidings, transportation, stacking and handling of coal at the nearby port, loading of coal into the vessel and further movement of coal from port to Kanyakumari port, Chennai. Material cost as per the delivery schedule for year 2022.	27.04.2022 up to 11.30 Hours

The tender Specification can be downloaded from website: [www.tnpsc.co.in](http://www.tnpsc.co.in) and [www.tenders11.gov.in](http://www.tenders11.gov.in) <https://tenders.gov.in/tnpsc/app> at free of cost. Tender will be opened through the HVC portal. <https://tenders.gov.in/tnpsc/app> at free of cost. Tender will be opened through the HVC portal. <https://tenders.gov.in/tnpsc/app> at free of cost. Tender will be opened through the HVC portal.

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FROM THE STUDENTS BELONGING TO MINORITY CATEGORY OF DELHI FOR THE YEAR 2021-22	
1.	Reimbursement of tuition fees to the minority students of class I to XII, studying in recognized public/private schools of Delhi
2.	Merit scholarship for students belonging to Minority category studying in Professional/Technical Colleges/ Institutions/ Universities
3.	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar State Award for Toppers in Minority category students

Online applications are invited for above mentioned Scholarship Schemes: [www.edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in](http://www.edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in)

DETAILS OF THESE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING ONLINE BY STUDENTS AND VERIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES ETC., ARE AVAILABLE ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT: [www.revenue.delhi.gov.in](http://www.revenue.delhi.gov.in)

Last date for submission of applications for above mentioned Scholarships has been extended up to 31/05/2022 and no further extension beyond 31/05/2022 shall be considered.

**Pr. Secretary**  
(Revenue Department/ GNCTD)

**Office of the Executive Engineer U.P.R.E.D. Shahjahanpur**  
**Address:- Vikas Bhawan, Shahjahanpur**  
**e-Procurement Notice (2nd Call)**  
**Letter No: 40 /RED/Tender/File No/Bond Clerk/2022-23** dated: 13-04-2022  
The Executive Engineer, U.P.R.E.D. Shahjahanpur on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through e-tendering system from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP RED, in appropriate class A, B, C, and D as the case may be. The Rates floated in Bill of Quantity enclosed with bid document are inclusive of all taxes except GST which will be paid extra to the contractor as per latest Government orders- The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works.  
01. Name of work as per table.

S. No.	Name of District	Name of work	Total estimated cost (in Rupees Lakh)	Bid security (EMD) (in Rupees)	Cost of Bid document/ Tender Fee including if any in GST	Period of completion including rainy season
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
01.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Sarvesh Verma to Pramod Verma's House in village Trilokpur.	19.417	39900	854	04 month
02.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Chandra Pal Verma to Ram Bhajan Verma's House in village Trilokpur.	13.982	28000	767	04 month
03.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Nandram Verma to Siyaram's House to Devsthan in village Prahladpur.	12.066	24200	767	04 month
04.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Jagdish's shop to Siyaram's House in village Vikrampur chakora.	17.990	36000	854	04 month
05.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Nanhey Lal's House to Devsthan in village Vikrampur Chakora.	20.606	41300	854	04 month
06.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Jasant to Nikhela's House in village Vikrampur.	11.113	22300	767	04 month
07.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Lallu Verma's shop to Junior High school in village Bhatpur Mishra.	15.747	31500	854	04 month
08.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Prakash to Shri Meharan's House in village Chak Barachha.	13.626	27300	767	04 month
09.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Kamlesh to Jai Ram Dhanuk's House in village Barachha.	11.538	23100	767	04 month
10.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Sethpal to Ramdas's House in village Parsona khalipur.	17.920	35900	854	04 month
11.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Drain and Interlocking work from Omkar to Piyarela's House in village Kalayanpur.	15.106	30300	854	04 month
12.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of painted road from Shri Nanhe Lal House to Omveer Singh House at village Ritahi Block Klan.	21.500	43000	854	04 month
13.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of painting road from School to Khudagang road at village Bhudya Block Khudagang	32.050	64100	854	04 month
14.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Interlocking work from Kundryia road to Vanshi Lal Temple and inside of temple at village paror	14.860	29800	767	04 month
15.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Interlocking work from Shri Pal's house to Bseer Khan's House at village Phadpur gram panchayat Jorapat Aanchal Block Jatipur.	22.070	44200	854	04 month
16.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of painted road from Jora mud Banthara road to Aananpur sreds	12.150	24300	767	04 month
17.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of CC road in Maura Smaj Gali at Village Bghauni Block Mizapur	16.560	33200	854	04 month
18.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of sob work from Village Nowatiya to Umarsad	23.930	47900	854	04 month
19.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of sob work from Bhitara chauraha to Ex. Pradhan Shri Raja Ram house Village Bleda Bhagwanpur Block Jatipur	16.350	32700	854	04 month
20.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of sob work from Bhubhulagang to Nougwa	22.670	45400	854	04 month
21.	Shahjahanpur	VIDHANSABHA - DADRUAL				
22.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of RCC work IN population area at village Kamahapur Block Kant	36.700	73400	854	04 month
23.	Shahjahanpur	VIDHANSABHA - SHAHAJAHANPUR				
24.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Interlocking work from Ramkran's house to Pankaj's House at village Mau Khalsa	11.367	22800	767	04 month
25.	Shahjahanpur	Construction of Interlocking work from Main road to school side at Khanpudheha	11.676	23400	767	04 month

02. Date of release of Invitation for Bid on line :- 25.04.2022-(at 12.00 Noon )

03. Start date and time of down loading of Bid Documents. 25.04.2022 from 12.00 AM.

04. Start Date and time of submission of bid on tender website 25.04.2022 from 12.00 AM.

05. Availability of bid Documents and mode of submissions. The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <http://etender.up.nic.in>.

06. Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement 09.05.2022 up to 12.00 Noon.

07. Date of Opening of bids through e-procurement 09-05.2022 at 12.30 pm.

08. Any affidavit issued before start of tender process will be accepted.

09. The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-9 on line which will not be published in any newspaper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular which and visit e-tender portal regularly.

For further details please log on to <https://etender.up.nic.in> and down load the bid document.  
**All prospective bidders are requested to read the bid document thoroughly before submission of bid.**

(Er. Shrikrishna Jaiswal)

Executive Engineer  
Rural Engineering Department  
Shahjahanpur  
On behalf of Governor of UP

UPID No. 175047 DATE- 19.04.2022  
WWW.UP.GOV.NIC.IN

## कार्यालय नगर पंचायत ड़ासना गाजियाबाद

पत्रांक: 60/नपडा-वि०निविदा/2022-2023 दिनांक: 19-04-2022

**ई-निविदा सूचना**

एतद्वारा इच्छुक फर्म/निविदाताओं को सूचित किया जाता है कि पत्रांक 294/नपडा-वि०-निविदा/2021-2022 दिनांक 23/12/2021 के द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा में किसी भी फर्म/निविदाता भाग न लेने के कारण उक्त निविदा पुनः आमंत्रित की जाती है उक्त ई-निविदा दिनांक 20/04/2022 से 26/04/2022 तक दोपहर 12 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है। उक्त ई-निविदा दिनांक 26/04/2022 तक दोपहर 2 बजे खोली जायेगी। जिसके विषय में विस्तृत विवरण सम्बंधित वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर देख जा सकता है।  
  
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**उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा सूचना**  
निम्नलिखित कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदायें दो भागों में जी.एस.टी. में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से ऑन लाईन ई-निविदा पोर्टल <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा मूल्य अंतिम तिथि एवं समय तक उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा में किसी भी संशोधन या तिथि विस्तार ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर अवश्य देख लिया जाए। ई-निविदा संख्या- 25/ई.टी.सी.डि./एम./2022

पारेषण खण्ड, अमरोहा के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र गजरीला एवं अमरोहा पर HPSV Switchyard Lighting की मरम्मत का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/- निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/- 2. ई-निविदा संख्या- 26/ई.टी.सी.डि./एम./2022 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, अमरोहा के अंतर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र जी.एस.टी. सहित तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस/ एन.एफ.आई.टी./बैंक गारण्टी के माध्यम से अधिश्रासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, अमरोहा के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, शाखा- जोया (जिला-अमरोहा) में संचालित चालू खाता सं.- (Current Account)- 30723557626, IFSC Code- SBIN 0007413 (MICR No. 244002026) में एण्डर खुलने की दिनांक तक जमा करें। अन्य नियम व शर्त विभाग के निर्धारित नियम व शर्त उ.प्र. पावर कारपोरेशन लि. के फार्म ए/बी के अनुसार होगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। विस्तृत विवरण ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर निविदा खुलने के अंतिम तिथि एवं समय तक उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा में किसी भी संशोधन या तिथि विस्तार ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर अवश्य देख लिया जाए। ई-निविदा संख्या- 25/ई.टी.सी.डि./एम./2022

**DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (P)-2/EE(WW)/PROJECT-I**  
FLAT NO.- E-1, TYPE-IV, STAFF QTRS. JHANEWALAN, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005  
Email: [djeeemii@gmail.com](mailto:djeeemii@gmail.com)  
**Press Nit No- 01 (2022-23)**

NIT No.	Name of work	Estimate Cost	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of Tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time receipt of Tender through e-procurement solution
1	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 150 Nos. tube wells along with Automation, O&M for 2 Yrs. at Niloti and Najafgarh for augmentation water supply	Percentage Rate	28,16,500/-	Tender Id: 2022_DJB_220690_1 Publish Date: 19-Apr-2022 02:00 PM onward	04-May-2022 up to 03:15 PM

NIT along with all terms & conditions is available on DJB website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>  
  
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Sd/-  
EE (WW) PROJECT-I

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**e-Procurement Notice**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. The **Executive Engineer Thalout Division HPPWD, Thalout** on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time period	Eligible class of Contractor
1	Periodical maintenance on Segli-Bagi-Prasher-Jawalpur- Panarsa road Km. 0/0 to 62/035 (Portion Km. 22/510 to 62/035) (SH Providing and laying 30 mm thick bituminous concrete single layer and hot applied thermoplastic in Km. 55/0 to 62/035) MDR No. 068 AMP for the year 2022-23.	Rs. 1,13,94,136/-	Rs. 2,27,900/-	Rs. 5000/-	Three Months	Class "A to D"
2	Periodical maintenance on Bounchari to Sudharani road Km. 0/0 to 14/0 (SH- Providing and laying 30 mm thick bituminous concrete single layer and hot applied thermoplastic in Km. 8/0 to 12/0) PMGSY AMP for the year 2022-23.	Rs. 65,13,254/-	Rs. 1,30,300/-	Rs. 2000/-	Two Months	Class "A to D"
3	Periodical maintenance on Rahi to Dadwas road Km. 0/0 to 17/0 (SH- Providing and laying 30 mm thick bituminous concrete single layer and hot applied thermoplastic in Km. 0/0 to 3/0) PMGSY AMP for the year 2022-23.	Rs. 48,85,009/-	Rs. 97,700/-	Rs. 2000/-	Two Months	Class "A to D"

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. **Key Dates:**

1. Date of Online Publication	27.04.2022 at 17:00 Hours
2. Document Download Start and End Date	27.04.2022 at 17:00 Hours to 05.05.2022 at 18:00 hours
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	27.04.2022 at 17:00 Hours to 05.05.2022 at 18:00 hours
4. Physical Submission of original EMD and Cost of Tender Document	06.05.2022 upto 11:00 Hours
5. Date of Technical Bid opening	06.05.2022 upto 11:30 Hours

4. **TENDER DETAILS:**

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:

i) **Cover 1:** shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".

ii) **Cover 2:** shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. **SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:** The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in **O/O Executive Engineer Thalout Division H.P.PWD, Thalout** as specified in Item Dates Sr. No. 3 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The technical bids shall be opened on **06.05.2022 at 11:30 HRS** in the office of Executive Engineer Thalout Division H.P.PWD, Thalout by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than **120 days** after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Executive Engineer,  
Thalout, Division H.P.PWD,  
Thalout Distt. Mandi on behalf of  
Governor of Himachal Pradesh  
Phone No. 01905- 293767

New Delhi



## E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) E.C. Railway, Dhanbad:

1. E-Tender No. : 01-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Provision of One additional loop line and Kutchha wharf along with yard remodeling work at BES station under ADEN/KQR (Civil Works). 09 (Nine) Months. Approx. cost of work (In ₹) : ₹2,63,33,833.35
2. E-Tender No. : 02-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Upgradation of power supply system by provision of oversize overhead conductors, transformers & other accessories at CPU & RNQ & provision of new panel room at RNQ under Asstt. Engineer, E.C. Railway, Renukoot & Chopan. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In ₹) : ₹44,82,458.35
3. E-Tender No. : 03-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Setting up of water recycling plant on turnkey basis (with guarantee/warranty & operational supervision with consumable chemicals for five years) at Barkakana coaching depot. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In ₹) : ₹1,14,94,227.62
4. E-Tender No. : 04-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Patratu - Augmentation of power supply system by upgradation of electrical assets & provision of new panel, DG and transformer rooms at PTRU. 09 (Nine) Months. Approx. cost of work (In ₹) : ₹43,63,957.86
5. E-Tender No. : 05-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Construction of wards, shaded platform an offices for newly created Division stores depot at Dhanbad. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In ₹) : ₹1,97,88,576.38
6. E-Tender No. : 06-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Reconditioning/Resurfacing of Tongue Rail, Point & crossing in the section under Sr.DEN (Estate)/DHN. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In ₹) : ₹21,37,752.36
7. Earnest Money (In ₹) : Earnest Money is applicable as shown in <http://www.irops.gov.in>, portal. 8. Date & Time for closing and opening of e-tender : Date of closing of e-tender at 17.00 hours on 12.05.2022. Date of opening of e-tender from 12.00 hrs. on 13.05.2022. 9. Website particulars : <http://www.irops.gov.in> No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.)/  
ECR/Dhanbad  
PR/0104/DHN/Engg./T/22-23/72

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	THE ROHTAK COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	PURCHASE OF ARMOURD ALUMINIUM HT 120MM <sup>2</sup> 3CORE AND LT 3.5 CORE 300MM <sup>2</sup> CABLE	21.04.2022 28.04.2022	15000/-	<a href="http://www.vitaindia.org.in">www.vitaindia.org.in</a>	9996577829 vitarohatak@gmail.com

9109/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PATAUDI	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM J.P. HALWAI TO HOUSE OF MOHAMMAD AALAM IN FRONT OF OLD TEHSIL, WARD NO. 06, MC PATAUDI +2 OTHER WORKS	19.04.2022 28.04.2022	EMD 88819/-	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	0124-2672869 secymcpataudi@gmail.com

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DELHI JAL BOARD (Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi) OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (C)-5 THROUGH DY. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER(C)DR-III Kanhaiya Nagar, Delhi - 110035 Phone: 011-27394876 Email: <a href="mailto:eeedr3@gmail.com">eeedr3@gmail.com</a> "STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene" PRESS NIT NO- 01 (2022-23)						
S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV) Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD) (Rs.)	Tender processing Fee Non Refundable (Rs.)	Date of Release of Tender/ Tender Id.	Last date/time of receipt of tender
1.	Construction of 2 MGD SPS and allied works at Gandhi Vihar Resettlement Colony in Adarsh Nagar AC-4.	Rs. 1,48,14,184/- (Civil Work), Percentage Rate [(E&M Work)+ (O&M for 12 years i/c 2 years DLP)] Item Rate	Rs. 10,18,000/-	1500/-	19.04.2022 / 2022_DJB_220586_1	10.05.2022 upto 3.00 P.M.

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

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DELHI JAL BOARD (GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI) OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (C)-4 THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C) DR-VI LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110024 STOP CORONA : WASH YOUR HANDS, WEAR MASK, MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE						
NIT No.	Name Of work	Amount put to tender (In Rs.)	EMD (In Rs.)	Non-Refundable Tender Fee	Completion Period	Last date/time for tender download through e-procurement solution
1	Providing and laying 300 mm to 500 mm nominal dia internal and peripheral sewerage line in Dera Mandi under Chhattarpur assembly constituency, South Delhi Tender ID: 2022_DJB_220609_1	11,89,21,952/-	23,78,500/-	1500/-	12+3 Months Monsoon Period = 15 Months	10.05.2022 upto 3.00 PM
2	Providing and laying 300 mm to 500 mm nominal dia Internal and peripheral sewerage line in Chandan Holi & Satbari under Chhattarpur assembly constituency, South Delhi Tender ID: 2022_DJB_220617_1	59,07,20,924/-	1,18,14,500/-	1500/-	12+3 Months Monsoon Period = 15 Months	10.05.2022 upto 3.00 PM
3	Providing and laying 300 mm to 600 mm nominal dia Internal and peripheral sewerage line in Fatehpur, Asola & Bhati village under Chhattarpur assembly constituency, South Delhi Tender ID: 2022_DJB_220624_1	48,28,78,750/-	96,58,000/-	1500/-	12+3 Months Monsoon Period = 15 Months	10.05.2022 upto 3.00 PM
4	Providing and laying 300 mm to 600 mm nominal dia Internal and peripheral sewerage line in Rajpur Khurd (Maidangarhi) under Chhattarpur assembly constituency, South Delhi. Tender ID: 2022_DJB_220628_1	37,22,08,364/-	74,44,200/-	1500/-	12+3 Months Monsoon Period = 15 Months	10.05.2022 upto 3.00 PM

Further, details in this regard can be seen at <https://govt.procurement.delhi.gov.in>

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 47 (2022-23)

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION BIJBEHARA NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NITNo. 02 OF 2022-23 Dated: 18-04-2022						
Sr No	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (In Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1.	➤ Laying & Fitting of Delivery Mains consisting of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves ➤ Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants ➤ Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Division -- ----- of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	90 days	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Bijbehara

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

## Critical Dates:

1	Publish Date	18.04.2022
2	Document Download/sale start Date	18.04.2022 6.00 PM
3	Pre-bid meeting date	23.04.2022 12.00AM
4	Bids submission end date	10.05.2022 4.00 PM
5	Date and time of Bid opening	11.05.2022 11.00 AM

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in>
2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal <https://jktenders.gov.in>. The intending bidder scan download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading the month tender portal.
3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Bijbehara. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
  - a. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Hydraulic Division Bijbehara..
4. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
5. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
6. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in>
7. Queries by email if any should be made at [phebijbehara230@gmail.com](mailto:phebijbehara230@gmail.com)

No: PHB/451-71  
Date: 18.04.2022  
DIPK-831


Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Bijbehara.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE	
Invitation of Re-Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)	
1	<b>Name of work with its location</b> Strengthening of heavily corroded/perforated of X-girders at Br. No. 233 Up(5X30.5m) on DUK section, 148 (1x76.2m) & 161 (2x45.7m) on SIR-DLPC section and strengthening of heavily corroded/perforated X-girder at Br. No. 140(10x30.5m) on SIR-NLDM section on UMB Division in the jurisdiction AXEN/BL/UMB.
2	<b>Approx. cost of work</b> Rs. 85,97,183.57
3	<b>Completion period of the work</b> 06 (Six) Months
4	<b>Date &amp; time for submission of tender &amp; opening of tender</b> Up-to 15:00 hrs. on 13.05.2022 Opening of tender after 15:00 hrs. on same day.
5	<b>Website particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen &amp; downloaded</b> Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. <a href="http://www.irops.gov.in">www.irops.gov.in</a>

Tender Notice No.: 32-W-140-148-233-MB-UMB Dated: 19.04.2022. 873/22

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person, **Namely** : Unknown, **S/o** : Unknown, **R/o** : Unknown, **Age** : about 45 years, **Height** : 5'8", **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Face** : Long, **Built** : Thin, **Hair** : Black and Grey colour stubble, **Wearing** : Blue colour T-shirt and Brown colour lower has been found dead at Faiz, Road near wine shop, Delhi on 13.04.2022. In this regard a case vide DD No. 46-A Dated 13.04.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in RML Hospital Mortuary, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-

**SHO :**  
**P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi**  
**Central Distt., Delhi**  
**Tel. No. 011-28721115, 28726870**

DP/1391/CD/2022

### SEARCH FOR MISSING



**Idrish**

General Public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely** : Idriish S/o Musafir R/o House No. 425, Gall No. 7, Karan Vihar, Part - I, Delhi has been missing since 12.03.2022 from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 138A dated 02.04.2022 has been lodged at Police Station Aman Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Age**: 22 Years, **Height**: 5'5", **Complexion**: Shallow, **Face**: Long, **Built**: Medium, **Wearing**: Cream Colour Shirt & Blue Colour Jeans and Sleeper in feet.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Aman Vihar, Delhi at E-mail [ld-clc@cbl.gov.in](mailto:ld-clc@cbl.gov.in) or website: <http://cbl.nic.in>

**Phone**: SHO 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
Ph. No. 011-27581812, 27581233

DP/1408/RD/2022

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO.1 RAIPUR (C.G.)		
Tender Notice (1st Call)		
Contractors, Registered appropriate class in Unified Registration System (e-Registration) invited Online tenders for the following works:-		
NIT No./ System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of
1	2	3
8/96913	S.R./M.O.W. and other Deposit works at Kashiram Nagar Section Under Quarter's Raipur (C.G.)	Rs. 50.00 Lakh
5/96914	Ordinary Maintenance and Painting Figuring Work on Various Road and Culvert Under Section No 3, Kashiram Nagar and Kachana Section Sub Division No.-3 Nawa Raipur Atal Nagar	Rs. 25.00 Lakh
16/96915	Exterior Painting Work in 700 Bedded Hospital & O.P.D. Building at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Hospital Raipur (C.G.)	Rs. 112.63 Lakh

Last date of tender Download Date up to 08.05.2022 Time 17:30 PM  
● **Note:-** All eligible/interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on the e Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer  
P.W.D. Raipur Circle No.-1  
Raipur (C.G.)

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GANGA PUMP CANAL DIVISION, SAHIBGANJ	
e-Procurement Very Very Short Tender Notice e-Tender Reference no.- WRD/GPCDIV/SBG/SBD/01/2022-23, Dated :19.04.2022	
1	Name of Department DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF JHARKHAND
2	Name & address of office Inviting tender Executive Engineer, Ganga Pump Canal Division, Sahibganj
3	Name of Work Protection work of Land slide on the right bank of river Ganga at village Sobhapur, Rajmahal (near NH-80) in 210M length, under district Sahibganj. (Lat-25.101432° , Long-87.766321°)
4	Estimated Cost of BOQ 331.65 lakh.
5	Time of Completion 300 Days
6	Cost of BOQ (Tender Fee) Rs. 10,000.00
7	Date of Publication of Tender on website 22/04/2022
8	Bid downloading period 22/04/2022 to 28/04/2022
9	Last date / Time for receipt of bids 22/04/2022 to 28/04/2022 up to 05:00 pm
10	Date and Time of Opening of Tender 30/04/2022 at 03:00 PM
11	Last Date of Deposit of Earnest money & cost of BOQ and place Up to 29/04/2022 (05:00 PM) at all working days. At Office of the Executive Engineer, Ganga Pump Canal Division, Sahibganj
12	Contact no. of Procurement officer 7061542751

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>  
EXBCTIVE ENGINEER  
Ganga Pump Canal Division, SAHIBGANJ  
PR.NO.268613 District(22-23):D

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE	
Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2021-22-10. The details are as under:-	
1.	<b>Name of the work</b> Comprehensive AMC of DG set with its all parts and components including AMF panel at ELS/GZB for period three years
2.	<b>Approx. cost of work</b> Rs. 7,15,874.23
3.	<b>Earnest Money to be deposited</b> Rs. 14,300.00
4.	<b>Last Date &amp; Time of Submission of tender bid of tender</b> 09.05.2022 (11:00 Hrs.)
5.	<b>Date &amp; Time of opening of tender document</b> 09.05.2022 (After 11:00 Hrs.)
6.	<b>Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen</b> <a href="http://www.irops.gov.in">www.irops.gov.in</a>

**Note:** (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) for participating in e-tender system.  
(ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.  
(iii) No manual offers are acceptable.  
(iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No.: 230-TRS-GZB-2021-22-10 Dated: 19.04.2022 882/2022

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ E-Tender No. JHS-N-W-15-22 Date : 18.04.2022 E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE				
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite sealed open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.				
E-Tender No.	Description of work	Approx Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form
JHS-N-W-15-22	Provision of CCTV & Upgradation of Railnet at Rail Spring Karkhana, Sithouli (Gwalior) in Jhansi division.	Rs. 4845191.53	Rs. 96900/-	Nil

Opening of tender : 11/05/2022 Time 15:00  
Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance : 06 Months

• Tender online can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs on 11.05.2022.  
• For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/JHANSI DIVISION-S AND T) 442/22 (SP)

North central railways [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in) @CPRONCR

### JHARKHAND MANTRALYA DPRD BUILDING DHURWA, RANCHI-834004. OFFICE OF THE D.G. & I.G. OF POLICE

#### Tender Ref. No.: 01/2022-23

IG of Police (Provision), Jharkhand Police Headquarters Ranchi, invites sealed Technical & Commercial Bids on behalf of Office of the D.G. & I.G. of Police, Government of Jharkhand for Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of Hardware/Services under "Reflex Shooting Range and Jungle Lane Simulator & Grenade Firing System" Project for Jharkhand Police.

"Reflex Shooting Range and Jungle Lane Simulator & Grenade Firing System" equipment's as per the given in the bill of materials in the tender documents.

A complete set of Bid Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on the submission of a written application to the IG Provision Jharkhand Police Head Quarter, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only)** in the form of Demand Draft in favor of IG Provision Jharkhand Police, Ranchi, payable at Ranchi.

The Bid Document may be purchased personally during office hours on all working days from After publication of Tender.

Bidder can also download the Tender document from Jharkhand Police Web-site [www.jhpolice.gov.in](http://www.jhpolice.gov.in) in case the tender downloaded the bidder has to enclosed a demand draft of Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only) in favour of IG of Police (Provision) along with the tender document.

Interested and eligible Bidders are required to submit the Technical and Commercial Bids in two separate sealed envelopes.

The Technical and Commercial Bids should be accompanied by a bid security as specified in this Bid Document.

The Bid Security (In the form of Demand Draft) should be included in the same envelope containing the Technical Bid.

The Technical and Commercial Bids along with the Bid Security must be delivered to IG Provision Jharkhand Police head quarter, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 on or before **06.05.2022 till 4.00 pm**.

The envelope containing the Technical Bid and the Bid Security will be opened on the specified date & time in the presence of the Bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.

In the event of the date specified for bid receipt and opening being declared as a holiday for the Office, the due date for submission and opening of bids will be the following working day at the appointed times.

The summary of various activities with regard to this invitation of bids are listed in the table below:-

1	Bid Reference No.	01/2022-23
2	Price of Tender Document	Rs. 3000/-
3	Date of commencement of sale of Tender Documents	After publication of Tender
4	Last date and Time for purchase of Tender documents	Till 3.00 pm on 26/04/2022
5	Pre-bid Meeting	27/04/2022 at 11.30 am
6	Last date & Time for submission of Bids	Till 4.00 pm on 06/05/2022
7	Date & Time of opening of Bids	05.00 pm on 06/05/2022

Jharkhand police wants to make Pre-Bid Conference through Google Meet which link is <https://meet.google.com/zsa-pvya-hnm>. Interested Firm can participate or send Pre-Bid inquiry from e-mail on [ig-prov@jhpolice.gov.in](mailto:ig-prov@jhpolice.gov.in). Inquiry must receive in specified Time (Till 05.00 PM on 26.04.2022).

Document related to Pre-Bid queries, response and amendments can be downloaded from Jharkhand Police Web-site "[www.jhpolice.gov.in](http://www.jhpolice.gov.in)".

I.G. of Police (Provision)  
Jharkhand Ranchi.

PR.NO.268669 Police(22-23):D

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

**JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**FBI DIVISION TANGMARG**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

**e-NIT No. 04 OF 2022-23 Dated: 19.04.2022**

**JJM**

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (FBI) Division Tangmarg invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/ of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of FBI Division Tangmarg of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed online on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in two covers viz. **Cover 1<sup>st</sup>** consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and **Cover 2<sup>nd</sup>** consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No	Particulars of the work	Estimated cost in lacs	Tender Fee (In Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Validity Period	Time of completion of work (in days)
1	<p>➤ Laying &amp; Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves.</p> <p>➤ Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants.</p> <p>➤ Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of FBI Division Tangmarg of Kashmir Province of UT of J&amp;K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)</p>	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	90 days	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.

Position of funds: **Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**

The tender inviting authority is **Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (FBI) Division Tangmarg**.

The awarding authority is **District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM)**

**Critical Dates**

i	Publish Date	19-04-2022 at
ii	Document Download Start Date	19-04-2022 at
iii	Clarification Start date	20-04-2022 from 10: AM
iv	Clarification End date	25-04-2022 up to 6: PM
i v	Bid submission Start date	27-04-2022 from 10: AM
V	Bid submission End date	10-05-2022 at 4:00 PM.
vi	Date of Bid opening	11-05-2022 at 4:00 PM.

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer FBI Division Tangmarg. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table.

a. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/E challan in favour of Executive Engineer FBI Division Tangmarg.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/E-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
- Queries by email if any should be made at [kmrphb1a@gmail.com](mailto:kmrphb1a@gmail.com).

**Sd/-**  
**Executive Engineer**  
**Jal Shakti Department**  
**FBI Division Tangmarg**

No. FBID/CC/387-97  
Dated: 19.04.2022

Position of funds: **Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**  
The tender inviting authority is **Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (FBI) Division Tangmarg**.  
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