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e-Tender Notice (Domestic Competitive Bidding)

e-Tender No.: IRCON/3018/DFCCIL-CTP-12/e-Tender/Exca. Support system/08-427 Dated: 22.04.2022
E-Tender in Two Stage Bid System are invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirement for the work "Provision of excavation support system for IR side From CH. 133+320 To CH. 133+540 and ROW side From Chainage 133+760 To CH. 133+580 (Near Bolar, Maharashtra), in connection with DFCCIL Western Corridor (Phase-2), Package CTP-12".

Estimated Cost (Including all taxes & GST) ₹ 1,78,63,436.00

Last date and Time of Bid Submission 03.05.2022 up to 15:00 Hours

For further details, visit website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.

General Manager, IRCON, Plot no. 17/2, Vaishnav Nagri, Atul-Pamera Road, Pamera, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat, Email: ircon.3018@ircon.org

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e-Procurement Notice (International Competitive Bidding)

e-Tender No.: IRCON/ECT/0307-50/INCR/CTP/ONE CONDUCTOR STAGE 2/OTIS Dated: 21.04.2022
E-Tender is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Design, Manufacture & Supply of Contact Wire (150 Sqmm), Messenger Wire (120 Sqmm) and Dropper Wire (5mm Dia) for Stage-2 of Lot-2 for the work of Delhi - Ghaziabad - Meerut RRTS Corridor of NCRTC (Package-19 Lot 1 & Lot 2)."

Estimated Cost of the work : EURO 1,630,307/-

Last Date & Time of Bid Submission : 19/05/2022 up to 17.00 Hrs (IST)

For further details, visit website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.

Chief General Manager/Electrical
C-4, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through
E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No. 01/22-23 dated 21.04.2022

1 Name of work with its location	Various types of Hort. works to improve aesthetic look of NRCH Complex under ADEN/Hort./NDLS.
2 Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 4996921.08
3 Earnest Money	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note :- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016) Rs. 99,900.00
4 Completion period of Work	12 Months
5 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs. on 13.05.2022 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 13.05.2022.
6 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No :- 128-W/269/OET/22-23/NRCH/NIT 01 Dated: 21.04.2022 908/2022

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THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
TOTU, SHIMLA-11

No : 472/P&I-08/21-XXV Dated : 22.04.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

H.P. Milkfed invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the following item on FOR basis :-

01. Rate Contract of job Work for providing labour for manufacturing and packing of bakery biscuits in 100gms, 200gms and 500 gms packing at Milk Plant Totu, Shimla

The Bid document is available online on 25.4.2022 upto 4.00 PM and bid should be submitted in online mode on website hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the above web-site hptenders.gov.in which is free of cost. For submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA).

If the date of the receipt of the tender happens to be a holiday then the tender will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time. Aspiring Bidders should visit in <https://hptenders.gov.in> & <https://hpmilkfed.org> for complete details. Bidders should also check the website from time to time to note the Corrigendum, if any.

Sd/-
Managing Director

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 03/2022

Sr. DSTE/North Central Railway, Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through Online only (E-Tendering) for the following work:

Sr. No.	E-TENDER NO.	Name of work	Approx. Cost of work
1	AGRA-ST-2022-15	Provision of Connecting OFC Between OFC hut to STN, IBH, LC gate/RH of Agra Division.	₹ 5,13,26,315.29
2	AGRA-ST-2022-16	Various Signalling & telecom (S&T) works in connection with CTR/TTR/TRR and other track maintenance works in AGC-DHO, IDH-BXN, IDH-BKI & JAB-TDI sections of Agra Division.	₹ 1,09,38,605.53
3	AGRA-ST-2022-17	Kool-kalan-Provision of true colour integrated train information and coach display system as per RDSO Specification.	₹ 1,93,47,185.61

Tender closing date : 13.05.2022

Note: For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs on above mentioned date. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 449/22(R)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Agra Division

E-Tender Notice No.-Cycle-Sco-Motocyc-AF-22-I Dated: 22.04.2022

E-tender on prescribed forms are invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Offices, North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of The President of India for awarding of Cycle, Scooter, Motor Cycle & Car parking Contract at Agra Fort Railway Station (PF-01, Near Outward Parcel Office circumscribing area) North Central Railway for the period of Five years under "Two packet tendering system". The details of particulars are as follows:-

1 Tender No.	Cycle-Sco-Motocyc-AF-22-I Dated: 22.04.2022
2 Name of work	Cycle, Scooter, Motor Cycle & Car parking Contract at Agra Fort Railway Station (PF-01, Near Outward Parcel Office circumscribing area)
3 Duration of work	5 Years
4 Approx. Cost of the work	₹ 36,84,598/- (for 05 years)
5 Earnest Money Deposit	₹ 20,000/-
6 Cost of Tender form	₹ 3,540/-
7 Validity of offer	90 days from the date of tender opening.
8 E-Tender closing date & Time	13.05.2022 upto 15.00 Hours
9 E-Tender Opening date & Time	13.05.2022 upto 15.30 Hours
10 E-Tender Uploading date	22.04.2022

For full details and submission of bid, please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. 1. Tender can be submitted only online on web portal www.ireps.gov.in 2. Earnest money and tender document cost shall only be submitted on web portal www.ireps.gov.in by net banking. 47/122 FA

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/C, Northern Railway, Moradabad Division, invite e-tender through website www.ireps.gov.in for Cycle Scooter Motor-Cycle Stand at Amroha, Roorkee, Najibabad Railway Station and Car Parking at Haridwar, Moradabad II Ind Entry & Premium Car Parking Dehradun & PCV(Auto-Taxi Stand) at Dehradun Railway Station, whose detailed information is available on website www.ireps.gov.in 917/2022

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Email:- eewb2djb@gmail.com

SHORT NIT No. 02/EE(WB)-II(2022-23)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fee	Date of Release of tender in e-Procurement Solution & Tender ID	Last Date /Time of E-Procurement Solution
1.	Providing & laying 600 mm dia D.I. pipe for supply of treated effluent from Okhla Ph. VI STP to NTPC Eco park Badarpur under ACE(E&M)	Rs. 92773479/-	Rs. 22,50,000/-	Rs. 1,500/-	22.04.2022 2022_DJB_220927_1	29.04.2022 at 3.05 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 55 (2022-23)

Sd/-
Rakesh Kumar
Executive Engineer
RWS&S Division, Kendrapara
OIPR- 25004/11/0015/2223

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ਐਤਵਾਰ, 24 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ 2022

ਸੈਕਟਰ 13-17 ਗਰਾਊਂਡ, ਪਾਣੀਪਤ (ਹਰਿਆਣਾ)

ਆਖਾ ਜੀਵਾ ਵਿਸਰੈ ਮਰਿਜਾਉ॥
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ਰਵਿਵਾਰ, 24 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ, 2022 | ਸੁਭਹ 9 ਵਜੇ ਸੇ ਸੈਕਟਰ 13-17 ਗ੍ਰਾਂਡ, ਪਾਨੀਪਤ (ਹਰਿਆਣਾ)

ਯਹ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਸੰਤਾਂ, ਸਭਾਪੁਰੁਖਾਂ ਕੇ ਆਸ਼ੀਰਵਾਦ ਕੇ ਸਾਥ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ, ਸਾਮਾਜਿਕ ਸਮੂਹਾਂ ਆਰ ਸਾਰੇ ਸੰਗਤ ਕੇ ਫ਼ਾਰਾ ਬੜੀ ਭ੍ਰਮਾਪੂਰਵਕ ਮਨਾਯਾ ਜਾ ਰਹਾ ਹੈ। ਆਪ ਸਮੀ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਹ ਸੰਗਤ ਕੇ ਸਾਥ ਆਕਰ ਗੁਰੁ ਘਰ ਕਾ ਆਸ਼ੀਰਵਾਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰੋ।

ਪਹੁੰਚ ਰਹੇ ਸੁਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧ ਰਾਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਢਾਡੀ

ਸੁਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧ ਰਾਗੀ :- ਭਾਈ ਚਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਲਾਲ
ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੰਗੀਲਾ ਜੀ
ਭਾਈ ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਢੀ ਜੀ
ਭਾਈ ਗਗਨਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੰਗਾ ਨਗਰ ਵਾਲੇ

ਢਾਡੀ :- ਭਾਈ ਨਿਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂਰ ਜੀ
ਪੰਥ ਦੇ ਸਿਰਮੌਰ ਰਾਗੀ, ਢਾਡੀ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰੀ ਕੀਰਤਨ, ਗੁਰਮਤ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਆਰ ਗੁਰੂ ਫ਼ਰਿਦਾਸ ਦੇ ਸੰਗਤ ਕੇ ਨਿਵਾਜ਼ ਕਰੇਗੇ।

ਵਿਸ਼ਵਵਿਖਿਆਤ ਰਾਗੀ :- ਮਾਝੀ ਚਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਲਾਲ
ਮਾਝੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੰਗੀਲਾ ਜੀ
ਮਾਝੀ ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਢੀ ਜੀ
ਮਾਝੀ ਗਗਨਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼੍ਰੀਗੰਗਾਨਗਰ ਵਾਲੇ

ਭਾਡੀ :- ਮਾਝੀ ਨਿਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂਰ ਜੀ
ਪੰਥ ਦੇ ਸਿਰਮੌਰ ਰਾਗੀ, ਭਾਡੀ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰੀ ਕੀਰਤਨ, ਗੁਰਮਤ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਆਰ ਗੁਰੂ ਫ਼ਰਿਦਾਸ ਦੇ ਸੰਗਤ ਕੇ ਨਿਵਾਜ਼ ਕਰੇਗੇ।

ਭਸ ਸਮਾਰੋਹ ਮੇਂ ਲੰਗਰ ਕੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸੰਤ-ਸਭਾਪੁਰੁਖ ਏਵੇਂ ਕੇਤਰੀਧ ਸੰਗਤ ਕਰੇਗੀ।
ਗੁਰੂ ਕਾ ਲੰਗਰ ਅਟੂਟ ਚਲੇਗਾ।

ਸੂਚਨਾ, ਜਨ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਏਵਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਹਰਿਆਣਾ www.prharyana.gov.in | [@DiprHaryana](https://www.facebook.com/DiprHaryana)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, KENDRAPARA
At : Ichhapur, Post : Shree Baladevjew,
Email: eeewsskendrapara@gmail.com
Identification No. RWS/109/2021-2022
Letter No. 3006 / Dated. 13.04.2022
2nd Corrigendum

This corrigendum has been made for the NIT-109 invited online vide this office letter No. 1757 / Dated. 10.03.2022 with date for selling, closing, clarification and opening which was on dt. 19.04.2022 (selling date), 04.05.2022 (closing date), 22.04.2022 (clarification date) 05.05.2022 (opening date) as per 1st corrigendum has been amended and to be read as 29.04.2022, 17.05.2022, 05.05.2022 and 18.05.2022 respectively as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Approx.) Rs. In Lakhs	Cost of Tender Paper	Period of completion	Class of bidder
1	Execution of New 70 LPCD RPWS Scheme to Doliqaon, Ratapanga and Gulidia on clubbed up mode under Mahakalapada Block in the District of Kendrapara (JMM Funds)	₹ 304.62	₹ 10000	360 days	"A" and "Specials"
2	Execution of New 70 LPCD RPWS Scheme to Kallunga, Kantilo of Mahakalapada Block and Mundilio of Derabish Block on clubbed up mode in the District of Kendrapara (JMM Funds)	₹ 316.04	₹ 10000	360 days	"A" and "Specials"

Sd/- (E. R.K.Nayak)
Executive Engineer
RWS&S Division, Kendrapara
OIPR- 25004/11/0015/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF STATE LOTTERIES
ITANAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Selection of Distributors/selling Agents For Marketing of Conventional paper / Online Lottery of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of State Lotteries invites sealed bids from all eligible bonafide parties of sound financial standing for appointment as Distributors/ Selling agents for marketing of Arunachal Pradesh conventional paper/ Online Lottery to be promoted/ organized and conducted by the State of Arunachal Pradesh, under the Lottery Regulation Act, 1998. The Lottery (regulation) Rules, 2010. Arunachal Pradesh Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2013 and any Act or Rules applicable from time to time notified/ amendment by Government of India and State Govt. for marketing Conventional Paper/Online lotteries. Interested parties may purchase the "Request for Proposal" (RFP) document with assignment specifications, terms & conditions, proforma for submitting the proposals and other details on any working day during office hours from the Department of State Lottery, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar by paying Rs. 100000/- (Rupees one lakh) only in the form of non-refundable Demand draft of a Nationalized Bank to be drawn in favour of the Secretary, Department of State Lottery, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, payable at Itanagar.

The submission of bids is from 22.04.2022 to 20.05.2022 upto 1200 hrs (on all Official working days only).

The proposal shall be opened and evaluated on 20.05.2022 at 1400 hrs in the office of the Secretary (SL) at Itanagar.

SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE LOTTERY
GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ITANAGAR.

DIPR/ARN/0214-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD-West Zone
BBMP, 9th Floor, 4th Block,
Jayanagara, Bengaluru - 560 011.

No: EE/SWD/WZ/TEND/01/2022-23 Date: 22.04.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) - 2nd Call
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (STD-KW-2, 3)

The Executive Engineer, SWD, West Zone, BBMP Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/ MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the Works	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Remodeling of Damaged Culvert on 9th Main 3rd Stage of Basave-shwaranagara in Ward No.100 (Call-2)	30.00	60,000
2.	Construction of U Shaped drain & Other development works in Chamarajapete Assembly Constituency (Call-2)	100.00	2,00,000

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from **25.04.2022**. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **07.05.2022** upto 4:00 pm. (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **28.04.2022** at 4:30 pm in the office of the Executive Engineer (SWD-West Zone). (4) Bids will be opened on **09.05.2022** after 4:30 pm. (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid after Approval of Technical Bids through e-Procurement. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or the website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer SWD (West Zone)

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**ANNOUNCES REOPENING OF BRITISH EMBASSY IN KYIV**

Modi has asked Putin several times what on earth he thinks he is doing: Johnson

UK will provide India know-how on building 'battle-winning' fighter aircraft

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

UNDERLINING THAT India and UK are together and confronting their "shared anxieties" on "auto-cratic coercion" around the world, visiting British Prime Minister Boris Johnson Friday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "intervened several times" with Russian President Vladimir Putin "to ask him what on earth he thinks he is doing, and where he thinks this is going". He said Indians want "peace" and the "Russians out (of Ukraine)".

He also announced the re-opening of the British embassy

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with UK PM Boris Johnson in New Delhi on Friday. *Praveen Khanna*

Boris calls Modi his 'khaas dost', they ask negotiators to wrap up FTA by Diwali

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

CALLING PRIME Minister Narendra Modi his "khaas dost" (special friend), visiting British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Friday that they have asked negotiators to reach an agreement on a Free Trade Agreement "by Diwali" this year.

"As the next round of talks begins here next week, we are telling our negotiators to get it done by Diwali in October... this could double our trade and investment by the end of the decade," Johnson said.

Stating that the two sides are working closely and making

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EXPLAINED
E Dealing with the bear

UNDERLINING THE importance of diplomacy and dialogue, India and Britain have called upon Russia to declare an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine. India has so far not criticised Russia's actions. The announcements, especially in the defence sector, suggest that Britain is trying to help reduce India's dependence on Russia for military needs.



Security personnel at the encounter spot in Sunjwan. *PTI*

Two days before PM visit to J&K, two Pak terrorists with 'suicide vests' killed

CISF Assistant SI also dies in firefight near military station at Sunjwan

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, APRIL 22

WITH JUST two days to go for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first official visit to Jammu & Kashmir since the state was split into two Union Territories in August 2019, police and security forces killed two suspected Pakistani terrorists "wearing suicide vests" during a nearly five-hour encounter on Friday near the Sunjwan military station in the Jammu region, according to senior officials.

However, an Assistant Sub-Inspector of CISF, identified as S P Patel, also died as the terrorists fired at a bus carrying security personnel, they said. Nine others were injured in the gunbattle, including police and security personnel.

In two other incidents, officials said four suspected mili-

2 MIGRANTS SHOT AT IN SRINAGAR

SRINAGAR: Militants Friday shot at and injured two labourers hailing from West Bengal in Nowgam area on the outskirts of Srinagar, police said. They were taken to a hospital. Police said they are probing the case.

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Rajiv Kumar steps down, Suman K Bery to be new NITI vice chairman



Suman K Bery (left) will take charge after Rajiv Kumar leaves on April 30

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

ANNOUNCING THE resignation of NITI Aayog Vice-Chairperson Rajiv Kumar, the Centre-appointed economist Suman K Bery to the post on Friday. Kumar will step down on April 30, marking the second successive resignation from the post since the formation of the government think-tank in 2014.

Kumar had taken over in August 2017, replacing Arvind Panagariya who resigned from the post to return to academics.

While Bery will join the organisation with immediate effect, he will assume the role of Vice-Chairperson from May 1, said a government order released late on Friday.

Bery is a former Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), a position he held for a decade from 2001 to 2011. He also served as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, the Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee and the National Statistical Commission.

Prior to NCAER, Bery was with the World Bank in Washington DC and his areas

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Not allowed to take exam in hijab, two Karnataka petitioners walk out

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B P
BENGALURU, APRIL 22

AS THE second-year pre-university examinations started Friday amid tight security, two students of the Government Pre-University (PU) Girls' College in Udupi district, who had moved court over the hijab row, were stopped from taking their tests while wearing the head dress.

Aliya Assadi and Resham walked out of their examination centre at Vidyodaya PU College after they were told they would have to remove the hijab if they wanted to sit for the test.

The two students are part of the group of five Muslim girls that had challenged the government's ban on wearing of hijab



Petitioners and students Aliya and Resham leave the Udupi centre on Friday. *PTI*

inside classrooms in the High Court. The court last month dismissed their plea saying the headgear did not constitute an essential religious practice in Islam.

Ahead of the exam, the students had yet again asked the

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Faiz verses excluded from Class 10 textbook in latest CBSE tweak

SOURAV ROY BARMAN & SHEETAL BANCHARIYA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

■ "We remain strangers even after so many meetings, blood stains remain even after so many rains."

■ "Not enough to shed tears, to suffer anguish, not enough to nurse love in secret... Today, walk in the public square fettered in chains."

FOR OVER a decade, CBSE students have read these translated excerpts from two poems in Urdu by Faiz Ahmed Faiz in the "Religion, Communalism and Politics - Communalism, Secular State" section of NCERT's Class 10 textbook "Democratic

Politics II". The verses have been excluded from CBSE's 2022-23 academic curriculum, which was released on Thursday.

The portion of the curriculum document, which lists the Social Science course content for Class 10, states that the segment on religion, communalism and politics will continue to be part of the course content - "excluding image on page 46, 48, 49".

The images referred to are two posters and a political cartoon.

One of the posters, illustrated with Faiz's verses, was issued by NGO ANHAD (Act Now for Harmony and Democracy), which has social activists Shabnam Hashmi and Harsh Mander among its co-founders.

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RECRUITMENT SCAM

Police exam: Invigilators at former BJP leader's school under CID lens

JOHNSONTA
BENGALURU, APRIL 22

THE ALLEGED role of six teachers who were invigilators at a private school operated by a former BJP functionary - it was among the centres for a written examination to recruit 545 police sub-inspectors for Karnataka Police in October 2021 - has come under close scrutiny of the state Criminal Investigation Department on account of extraordinary performances by a few candidates who took the exam at the centre.

Three teachers from the Jnana Jyothi English Medium School in Kalaburagi - the school is owned and operated by Divya Hagaragi, former president of the women's unit of the BJP in Kalaburagi, and her husband Rajesh Hagaragi - have been arrested by the CID for their alleged role in what is now known as the PSI recruitment scam.

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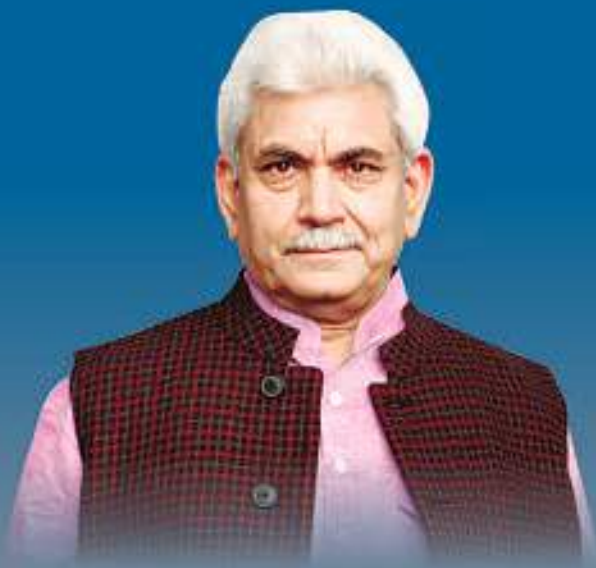
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Manoj Sinha
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Prime Minister

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Narendra Modi
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In the august presence of

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47,064



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OXYGEN SUPPORT **21**
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DELHI TOTAL
CASES
18,72,699

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TOTAL

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965
1,042
3,253*

Recoveries
635
757
18,43,282

Deaths
1
2
26,164

Tests
20,480
22,442
3,76,43,156

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NOIDA	Total		Vacant	
	HOSPITAL BEDS	9,706	9,614	
GURGAON	Total		Vacant	
	HOSPITAL BEDS	2,197	2,165	
ICU BEDS	Total		Vacant	
	HOSPITAL BEDS	2,197	2,165	

NORTHEAST DELHI RIOTS CASE

Umar's Amravati speech obnoxious, offensive, says HC

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

THE DELHI High Court Friday said student activist Umar Khalid's speech at Amravati in February 2020, which forms a part of the chargesheet against him in the 'larger conspiracy' case of Northeast Delhi riots, was offensive and obnoxious.

"This is offensive, obnoxious. Don't you think? These expressions being used, don't you think they incite people? You say things like *aapke purvaj angrezon ki dalali kar rahe the*, you don't think it is offensive. It is offensive per se. This is not the first time that you said so in this speech. You said this at least five times. It is almost as if we distinctly get the impression that it was only one particular community that fought for India's independence," said the division bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar after Khalid's lawyers read the contents of his speech before the court.

The court made the observation when the counsel representing Khalid was reading the portion where he is reported to have said Mahatma Gandhi had launched a non-cooperation movement against the British in 1920, and Jamia Millia Islamia University was one of the first educational institutes to be established after Gandhi's call. Khalid in the speech is further stated to have said that the same varsity was now facing bullets, being maligned and called a den of anti-nationals.

"*Hum inko itihās batana chahte hai. Jab aapke purvaj angrezon ki dalali kar rahe the, toh Jamia Millia Islamia ke chattr, teachers, angreji hukumat se lad rahe the* (We want to remind them of the history. When your ancestors were brokering for the British, the Jamia Millia Islamia students, its teachers were fighting the British government)," Khalid was quoted as having said in the speech.

In the earlier part of the



Student activist Umar Khalid

speech that was read before the court, Khalid, while calling the RSS and Hindu Mahasabha the "ancestors" of "current rulers", allegedly said that the organisations were doing "dalali" of the British and since they are wanting people to prove their ancestry, questions need to be asked about their ancestors too.

The court was hearing an appeal against the dismissal of his bail plea by a lower court in the case. It further asked, "Don't you think it foments religious ferment between groups? Did Gandhi *ji* ever employ this language? Did Shaheed Bhagat Singh ever employ such language, even against the English. Did he? Is this what Gandhi *ji* taught us that we can use intemperate language about people and their purvaj (ancestors). We have no qualms about permitting free speech but what are you saying?"

Senior advocate Trideep Pais, representing Khalid, submitted that it was an opinion of an individual being given in a public speech and that there was "absolutely no incitement" and no reaction among the public afterwards. Pais also argued that speech was made in the context of an "oppressive law" while referring to the Citizenship Amendment Act.

However, the court asked whether the right to free speech extends to making "obnoxious statements" and whether it does not attract the provisions of 153A and 153B of IPC. "All we can say (is) that prima facie this is not acceptable," said the court, adding,

"everything else may be acceptable within the four corners of democracy and free speech, this is not acceptable."

Pais submitted that Khalid in the speech talks about electoral democracy and rule of law. "He says one need not be scared of oppressive law because it is the people's power which will speak truth to power," he argued.

Pais further argued that the court was dealing with a UAPA case where Khalid has been charged with terror. "Your lordship is putting me whether this is 153A or 153B. I am in a bail application," he submitted. He added that it is "so easy to use UAPA today, just get a crew of people to give statements and that forms a chargesheet."

When the court asked whether it was only one particular institution which fought for India's independence, Pais submitted that Jamia was attacked by police during that period. "He is establishing in his speech that these are people who stood for democracy for the constitution and freedom of India."

The court said it was easy to invoke Bhagat Singh but difficult to emulate him. "If I remember history correctly there was a gentleman who was eventually hanged for his activities against the State. After he had done what he was charged with... and he made sure that nobody got hurt in the process, he stayed there to get arrested. He didn't run away," said Justice Mridul.

When Pais submitted that Khalid was not even in Delhi when the violence broke out, the court said that for a conspiracy one does not need to remain present. Pais earlier argued that Khalid is accused of "silent whisper", nothing has been recovered from him, no transaction has been attributed to him and no overt action has been ascribed to him.

The court said it does not plan to keep the bail plea pending for long, and asked police to file a short reply within three working days. The court listed it for further hearing on April 27.

Drones, Aman Committees: After Jahangirpuri, police campaign across capital to keep the peace

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

AFTER COMMUNAL violence broke out in Northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri on April 16, police in districts across the national capital have ramped up patrolling, along with using drones for surveillance and holding frequent Aman (peace) Committee meetings.

Two drones have been deployed for surveillance in the Central district, said DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan. "Drones have been deployed in mixed populations areas to extend our surveillance—one is the Jama Masjid-Chandni Mahal stretch and the other is Hauz Qazi. We deploy police force in the evening, foot patrolling, area dominance... we have police



Two drones have been deployed for surveillance in the Central district. *Abhinav Saha*

presence on roads. We have intensified these drives, and maximum police presence is ensured. Aman Committee meetings are being held nearly every day, at the police station

level or the sub-division level, asking residents not to indulge in rumour-mongering and not share anything that is not verified," she said.

While Aman Committee

meetings and deployment of drones are typically not frequent, the incident in Jahangirpuri has prompted intensified measures, the DCP added.

"We have deployed two drones for now, and we may extend its use. We can watch movement from one place with the drones, so when people gather in one place, we will know," she said. These exercises are likely to continue till Eid and then a call will be taken on whether they should continue, she added.

DCP (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi said that in areas around Lohri Gate, Sarai Rohilla and Sadar Bazaar, patrolling has been intensified, and Aman Committee meetings are being held here too. Police have increased visibility in the evening, he said. WhatsApp groups have

been activated at the residents' welfare association and market welfare association levels to check rumour-mongering, he said.

"Messages have been circulated asking people not to spread rumours, verify information, and keep police officers in the loop," he added.

While DCP (Rohini) Pranav Tayal said Aman Committee meetings and area domination exercises are being carried out, DCP (Northeast) Sanjay Kumar Sain said traditional steps like patrolling are being taken.

"The area has been affected by riots in the past. Border-checking is being done on the UP side. The Nagrik Bhaichara Samithi, which has seven members from the area under each thana, is functioning at the district level," Sain said.

Prayers and political visits mark Friday in riot-hit Jahangirpuri

JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

DAYS AFTER violence broke out in Jahangirpuri, Friday prayers were held peacefully, amid heavy police presence. Residents said they were advised to avoid large gatherings.

Around 11 am Friday, imams and other leaders at three mosques in the Band C blocks announced that men are allowed to come for prayers, but not those below 18. Residents reached the mosques around 1.15 pm, and prayers were held in groups.

Amjad Ali Khan, imam at a local mosque, said, "There's peace now. We were all worried but jumma namaz went well. We asked residents to come in two groups. Some of them were anxious but we assured them that we have police with us. We hope everything goes back to normal – Eid is coming and we want to celebrate without fear."

Work too, resumed in the locality. Shah Rukh (22), a carpenter, said, "My mother is worried but I can't sit at home, I will go to work. Police question us when we step out; it is difficult to even buy milk. But things will get better soon, my Hindu friends also support me."

Iqbal, who owns a chicken shop, said, "I will sell to anyone



In Jahangirpuri on Friday. *Abhinav Saha*

who comes. We were at home when all this happened and have nothing to do with the violence."

The mosque, where an exterior gate was torn down during the demolition drive, also held prayers. One of the religious leaders there said, "All prayers will be held in batches under police presence." Aman, 19, a resident, said, "I stood near the mosque at the time of prayers. They are my brothers, I will ensure everything is safe during Eid."

Dependra Pathak, Special CP (Law and Order), said, "We will barricade for a few days till the situation improves. We are keeping a strict check with CCTVs and are in touch with both communities to maintain peace."

During the day, leaders from Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Hindu Raksha Dal, Samajwadi Party and CPI were stopped at the main chowk. Kapil Khanna, the VHP Delhi president, said, "We are here to help families who were victims of stone-pelting."

D Raja, the CPI general secretary, along with members of his party sat on the road protesting against police. "We want to visit all families. Why are police stopping us? The BJP, their police and MCD have destroyed lives here. One should take some accountability for that." Shafiqur Rahman from the Samajwadi Party said he was "here to support everyone who was victimised by bulldozers".

Sisodia's message to MLAs: Stand firm against BJP's 'bulldozer politics'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

AMID THE exchange of political barbs over the demolition drive in Jahangirpuri, the Aam Aadmi Party Friday accused Delhi BJP leaders and councillors of threatening the residents by demolishing their houses and shops if they failed to pay a bribe.

Days after several shops, small carts and the exterior gate of a mosque were demolished by the North MCD, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Friday wrote to all AAP MLAs to fight back and support the public who are allegedly being "threatened, blackmailed and intimidated" by the BJP councillors, and said that the real reason behind "BJP's bulldozer politics is their lust for money".

Sharing the letter on Twitter,

Sisodia said, "As BJP prepares to leave the MCD, it has decided to extort as much money as it can from people. BJP goons are giving baseless threats to shop owners and landlords of Delhi."

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal retweeted Sisodia's letter and added, "We are receiving several complaints from all over Delhi. The public won't tolerate blatant extortion and hoodliganism."

He further wrote, "Is this why the MCD elections have been postponed?"

Exhorting all AAP MLAs to keep a check on bribery cases and hand extortionists over to the police, Sisodia's letter said, "We have been getting complaints from many people that BJP leaders are now going to homes and shops of Delhiites and threatening people to pay them a certain amount as bribes,



Sisodia Friday wrote to all AAP MLAs

otherwise they will bulldoze their houses too."

Sisodia said he received complaints personally from residents of his constituency, Patparganj. "The BJP wants to fill its coffers during its final days in the MCD. Tell the residents of your constituency that the AAP government is with them. Immediately

inform the government if you witness any such extortion in your constituency," he said.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP leader Adesh Gupta wrote to the South Delhi Municipal Corporation and East Delhi Municipal Corporation, urging them to start an anti-encroachment drives in areas under their jurisdiction.

Responding to AAP's allegations, Gupta said that ever since the bulldozers started removing encroachments in North Delhi, Kejriwal and his AAP leaders are "scared of losing the Bangladesh and Rohingya vote banks in encroached areas".

Gupta said "Delhi knows who is with these Rohingyas and Bangladeshis", and even if the AAP moves court, it will not help them because "the bulldozer justice will again do its work to shut down illegal activities of these elements".

BRIEFLY

Two injured as policeman 'accidentally' fires inside Rohini court

New Delhi: Two people sustained minor injuries after a policeman fired a bullet while dispersing a fight outside Rohini court complex Friday. Officials said a Nagaland Armed Police constable accidentally fired a bullet while trying to stop a fight. It hit the ground and its shell hit two of people, leading to minor injuries, said police. DCP (Rohini) Pranav Tayal said: "There was a quarrel between two advocates and another man... they entered gate number 8 and thrashed each other. A constable with NAP intervened and a shot got fired..."

DU begins webinar series to clear doubts about CUET

New Delhi: In their first webinar to acquaint applicants with the new admission process, Delhi University officials have encouraged candidates to appear in all papers they had in class XII as well as the general aptitude paper in the Central Universities Entrance Test (CUET). On Friday, DU held the first webinar, which is a part of a series, to resolve applicants' queries on the process. **ENS**



SUN-SCREENED

The maximum temperature in the national capital stood at 39.3 degrees Celsius, and the minimum was 22.8 degrees Celsius. *Gajendra Yadav*

EIGHT HEAT WAVE DAYS RECORDED IN APRIL

How western disturbances are keeping Delhi weather in a flux

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

OVER THE past six months, variations in the intensity and locations of western disturbances have brought heavy rainfall to Delhi during some months, and kept the city dry and in the grip of a heat wave at other times.

Last year, the national capital witnessed the rainiest October in 65 years, with the Safdarjung weather observatory recording 122.5 mm of rainfall against a

normal of 28 mm, on account of western disturbances. Western disturbances are storms that originate in the Caspian or Mediterranean Sea, and bring non-monsoonal rainfall to north-west India, according to the IMD.

Excess rainfall was also recorded in January and February this year. In contrast, there was no rainfall in November and March, and the summer saw an unusually early start with heat waves setting in at the end of March. Multiple western disturbances that brought cloud cover had also

kept the maximum temperature low in February, when the lowest maximum temperature in 19 years was recorded. Active western disturbances eluded north-west India in March, and absence of cloud cover and rain allowed temperatures to remain high.

Does climate change have a role to play in the pattern of western disturbances, leading to record-breaking rainfall and heat? Prof APD Dimri at the School of Environmental Sciences, JNU, said the frequency of western disturbances has increased, but not

the precipitation associated with them, partly due to a warming atmosphere.

"Western disturbances are low-pressure areas. If it is a feeble western disturbance it will not have moisture to precipitate. For precipitation, you need moisture, and by virtue of a warming atmosphere, there is less amount of moisture available to precipitate. Simultaneously, because of

warming in atmosphere, western disturbances are going higher in elevation. In general, they move in sub-tropical westerly jet, now they are becoming lighter and moving higher, above 200 hectopascals," he said.

So far, the Safdarjung weather station has recorded eight heat wave days in April, the highest since 2010 when 11 such days were recorded, according to RK

Jenamani, scientist, IMD. Under the influence of a western disturbance, the heat wave spell was broken recently, with the city receiving very light rainfall. The impact of western disturbances is not about their number, but about their location and intensity, Jenamani explained. These are natural variations, he added.

Mahesh Palawat, chief meteorologist and vice-president at Skymet Weather, a private weather forecaster, said, "In 2020, we saw excess rainfall in Delhi in March. This year we saw feeble

western disturbances in March that did not give any pre-monsoon weather activity even over the hills. Similarly, in November, there was little rainfall and snowfall over western Himalayas, though intensity of western disturbances usually increases in November. By March usually, the intensity and frequency start decreasing as western disturbances start travelling in upper latitudes. "Variations will have to be monitored over the next few years to determine what climate change impact might be, he added.



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I,SATYA VIR SINGH,S/O MEGHRAJ SINGH R/O 51,Indraprastha Colony,PH-2, Roorkie-Road,Modipuram,Meerut,UP-250001,have changed my name to SATYA VEER SINGH.

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I,SANDEEP KAKKAR S/-o-DIVENDER SINGH KAKKAR,R/o-53B,B12A, Dhawalgiri,Sector-34,Noida-201307,Uttar Pradesh,have changed my name to SANDEEP SINGH KAKKAR,for all purposes.

0040611080-4

I,RIDHI PUNDIR D/O-PANKAJ PUNDIR R/O-H.NO-102/3,HARI NAGAR,GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122001,inform that RIDHI PUNDIR and RUHI PUNDER,both name are same person,My correct name is RIDHI PUNDIR for all,future purpose.

0040611028-1

I,Nitisha D/o-Om Prakash Dutta,W/o Gajender Malhotra,R/o A-1/295, Second-Floor,Sector-17,Rohini Delhi-110089,have changed my name to Nitisha Dutta.

0040611029-3

I,NIKITA D/O S.H.RAJ KUMAR SHARMA, R/o.H.No.A-1/12,Kirti Nagar,Jharsa Road, Gurgaon-122001,have changed my to NIKITA SHARMA,for all future purpose.

0040611028-3

I,Kiran Kumari,W/o-Daya Chand,R/o-16/295-H,Hardhian Singh Road,Bapa Nagar,Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005,inform that Sujata & Kiran Kumari both are one & the same person.In future my name will be Kiran Kumari.

0040611058-3

I,Kasturi Lal,S/O-Late sh.Ram Plara,R/o-1669/8,Main Bazar PaharGanj,N.Delhi-110055,changed my name to Kasturi Lal Kharbanda in Future,I will be known as Kasturi Lal Kharbanda.

0040611058-4

I,Kanchan Sharma,W/o Mohd Moheeb R/o.H.No.B-431,Gali No.4, Ashok-Nagar, Shahdara,Delhi-110093,have changed my name to Kanchan Gaur.

0040611080-2

I,KAVITA,D/O YAM BAHADUR,R/o F 1704, VVIP HOMES, GARD CITY-2, GREATER NOIDA WEST,GHATAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P.201301,changed my name to KAVITA KHATRI.

0040611028-5

I,JILY L.S.S/O Sudeep Kumar T S,R/O Sudheesh-Bhavan Kulakkada-East P-O Kollam-Dist Kerala,have changed my name,from JILY L.S to JILY L.S,for all future purposes.Vide-affidavit no.IN-DL55974548682038T dtd-27.Nov.21.

0040611032-4

I,Inderjeet Singh Dhillon,S/o Gurmeet Singh,R/o Khasra.No.379,J-Block, Swaroop-Nagar,Delhi-110042,have change my name to Inderjeet Singh,for all purposes.

0040611029-2

I,Himanshu S/O Sagar Dhingra R/O,374, Sunheri Bagh,Apartment's Sector-13, Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Himanshu Dhingra.

0040611080-3

I,GURU CHARAN SINGH S/o HARBANSH SINGH/HARBANS SINGH R/O.108/2,Gali No.2,Thapar-Nagar,Meerut,UP-250001,have changed my name to GURCHARAN SINGH.

0040611027-9

I,Emenvil David,S/o-David Adam,R/o-Plot No.25/26, 3rd-floor,Flat No.303,Chandra Park,Sai-Residency N.S.I.T.,Dwarka,New Delhi-110078,have changed my name to Emenvial David,for all purposes.

0040611032-1

I,David Dhan S/O Cain Dhan,R/O JG-2/161,1st-Floor, Vikaspuri,New Delhi-110018,have changed my Name to Davidson Dhan.

0040611080-1

I,Brijesh Kumar,S/o-Ramesh Chander,R/o-H-149,Kali Bari Marg,Delhi,have lost the Registry of flat.No-10/B-84/203,First floor,Bhramputra Enclave,Sidharat Vihar,Ghaziabad.If found contact on above address.

0040611058-2

I,Bimla Devi W/o Wazir Singh Rana R/o B-10/174, Sector-3, Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name Vinla Devi for all purposes.

0040611029-1

I,BHAWNA VASHISTH,D/O HARIOM VASHISTH,R/o-74-B, VRINDAVAN GARDEN, SAHIBABAD,PASONDA, GHAZIABAD,U.P. 201005,changed my name to BHAWANA VASHISTH.

0040611028-6

I,Abdul Wahid,S/o-Abdul Razak,R/o I-26,Batla House,Jamia Nagar,New Delhi-110025,have changed my name to Abdul Wahid Khan,for all purposes.

0040611032-2

I,Sarafaraj ALAM S/o Navab Alam R/o RZ-285, Nihal Vihar, Delhi-110041 have changed my name SARFARAZ ALAM permanently.

0040610971-2

I,ARSHITA D/O S.H.RAJ KUMAR SHARMA,R/o H.No.A-1/12,Kirti Nagar,Jharsa Road, Gurgaon-122001,have changed my name to ARSHITA SHARMA,for all future purpose.

0040611028-2

I,VAISHALI KULSHRESHTHA D/o TAPESH KULSHRESHTHA R/O-RZ-24A, 09, FRONT-HIMANI BEAUTY PARLOUR, MADANPURI WEST-SAGARPUR, DELHI-110046, HAS CHANGED MY NAME TO VAISHALI KULSHRESTHA.

0040610976-1

I, TAPESH KULSHRESHTHA S/O SUMAN PRAKASH, R/O-RZ-24A, 09, FRONT-HIMANI BEAUTY PARLOUR, MADANPURI WEST-SAGARPUR, DELHI-110046, HAS CHANGED MY NAME TO TAPESH KULSHRESTHA.

0040610976-2

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0040610976-2

I,Sheeja Thakur S/O Ramanand Thakur R/O 45/1, Shyam Vihar, J-Block, Phase-1, Dinpur, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043 have changed my name to ShiW Ji Thakur.

0070782080-1

I,Satender Kumar, S/o Mr. Sunder Singh R/o C-9/9875, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my son's name Rishab to Rishab Dahiya.

0040610989-1

I, Renu Garg W/O Harish Kumar R/O B-188, Street No-7, Ashok Nagar,Delhi-110093,Have Changed my Name to Renu.

0040611027-3

I, Rajiv Khanna S/O, Arun Khanna R/o 1-14, Royale Garden Estate, E-12,sector 61 Noida have changed my name to Rajeev Khanna for all purposes

0040611027-10

I, Rajbala Devi, W/O Chokhe Lal R/O 49, Banwari Bas, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Bala Devi.

0070782088-1

I, Pradeep Kumar S/O Subhash Chand, R/O 70-A Mangu Gadia Mohalla K, Oil Dipot Ghitorni Village Delhi-110030, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Deshika aged about 7 Years and She shall hereafter be Known as Dishika Lohia.

0070782093-1

I, Nishant Aggarwal R/O B-64, F/F, Pandav Nagar, Delhi -92 have changed my name to Nishant Aggarwal vide affidavit date 06-Apr-2022 sworn before notary D.Bir.

0040611046-1

I, Nidhi Saxena D/o Subhash Chand Saxena R/o C-4/11B, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035 have changed my name NIDHI VERMA permanently.

0040610972-2

I, Mukesh Manchanda S/o Sh. Roshan Lal R/O A-290, Block-A, Shastri Nagar, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mukesh Kumar to Mukesh Manchanda for all purposes.

0040610980-1

I, Japika Kaur w/o Karamjeet Singh Chandok R/o J-123, 3rd Floor, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027 have changed my name JAPIKA KAUR CHANDOK permanently.

0040610972-1

I, Kavita d/o Mahesh Prasad Gupta r/o EC-147, First Floor, Tagore Garden Extn., Delhi-110027 have changed my name to KAVITA GUPTA permanently.

0040610971-1

I, Jagdish Gupta S/O-Musadhi Lal Garg R/O B-188, Street.No-7,Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110093,Have Changed my Name to Jagdish Prasad Garg.

0040611027-2

I, Harish Garg S/O Jagdish Prasad Garg R/O B-188, Street No-7,Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110093,Have Changed my Name to Harish Kumar.

0040611027-4

I, HIMANSHU SHARMA S/O JAGDAMBA PRASAD SHARMA, R/O Flat No-E-85-B, TDI The Retreat, Sector-89, Faridabad, Kheri Kalan (113), Kheri Kalan , Faridabad, Haryana-121002 have changed the name of my minor son SON OF CHARU SHARMA aged about 8 Months and He shall hereafter be known as RIHAAN SHARMA

0070782091-1

I, Pramod Arora S/O Bishamber Lal Arora, R/o House No-5 Anmol Vatika Choukhandi Road Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Prince Arora.

0070782089-1

I, Apurva Pathak W/o Sh.Akshit Rewari R/O A-141, Tower-A, Gulshan Ikebana, Plot No-GH-03A Sector-143, Noida have changed my to Apurva Rewari permanently

0040610979-1

I, Aman Deep Mahendru alias Aman Mahindru S/o-Baldev Singh Mahindru R/o.B-2, Kirti-Nagar,Delhi-15, have changed my name to Amandeep Mahindru.

0040611027-5

I, Vishnu S/o Om Prakash residing at Village & Post Office Aring, Mohalla Gameti, Tehsil Goverdhana, District Mathura, Uttar Pradesh-281501 have changed my name to Rabua Ambedkar for all purposes.

0040610968-1

I, Radhish S/o Sh. Raveendran Raghavan R/o House No.3033/A B, Ground Floor, Street No.21, Near Shiv Chowk, Ranjit Nagar, Patel Nagar, Central Delhi, Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Rathish for all purposes.

0040610968-2

I,Neetu Buttan W/o Vikas Buttan R/o Sector B, Pocket-1 , Flat No. 1051, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi -110070 have changed my name to Neetu Sharma

0040611041-1

Harishankar Gupta alias Harishankar Prasad Gupta S/o Sh. Yogendra Sah R/o 19/5 A, Double Storey, Prem Nagar, Janakpuri B-1, West Delhi, Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Harsh Gupta for all purposes.

0040610968-3

I,Harish S/O Jagdish Prasad Garg R/O B-188, Street.No-7, Ashok Nagar,Delhi-110093,Have Changed my Name to Harish Kumar.

0040611027-1

I, SENNEERKUPPAM ARJUNA SRIKANTH, SON OF LATE MR. S.A. BHUPATHY, RESIDENT OF QD. No. 704, BLOCK NO. 6, LODHI COLONY, NEW DELHI-110003, SOLEMNLY AFFIRM AND DECLARE THAT BOTH "SENNEERKUPPAM ARJUNA SRIKANTH" AND "S.A. SRIKANTH" PERTAIN TO ONE AND THE SAME PERSON, AND THE NAME "S.A. SRIKANTH" MAY ALWAYS BE READ AS "SENNEERKUPPAM ARJUNA SRIKANTH"

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It is informed to the General Public that my Client Smt. Pushpa Devi Wife of Late Sh. Kanwar Pal & Dio Late Sh. Shivji Ram Resident of House No. 3111, Gali No. 35, Tuglakabad Extension, (Kalkaji) South Delhi New Delhi-110019 respectively has severed all her relations with her son Devender Kumar (Munim) and her Daughter-in-Law W/o Late Sh. Ravinder Kumar P/o 1st and 2nd Floor of H. No. 3111, Gali No. 35, Tuglakabad Extension, (Kalkaji) South Delhi New Delhi-110019 respectively has severed all his movable & immovable properties and have severed all his relations with them on account of their immoral conduct and intolerable physical & mental cruelties with him. Anyone dealing transacting with them shall be fully responsible for their acts & my client shall not be responsible for any of their acts in future. **Dharamvir Singh Chauhan (Advocate)** Ch. No. 322, Saket Courts, New Delhi- 17

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[Shashi Sareen D/O11-112, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have lost my Property Document (Sale Deed) O.A. Built up Free-Hold Flat No-327 on Ground floor, Under L.I.G. Category/ Area Measuring 42 sq. Mtrs. Block GH-1, Pocket-3, Sector-9, Situated at Rohini Residential Scheme, Delhi in anywhere in Sector-11, Rohini Delhi Could not Trace change my best efforts and have released the above said flat from Sh. Radhe Kisan Lal Sh. Sun Singh, who is the Resident W/O Radhe Kisan both R/O 5237/92 Advasa Camp Nehru Nagar New Delhi-110025. Vide Sale Deed Registered as Document No-314 in Book No-1, Vol No-1280 on Pages 125 to 130 on the Date 26/02/2012-29/02/2012 in the office of Sub Registrar V-B Delhi, S.O. No-332238/2022 dated 18/04/2022.

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Lost & Found
I, PAWAN ARORA S/o Sh. MOOL CHAND ARORA R/o B-297 LOK VIKAR, PITAMPURA, DELHI, I am the owner of Property No. B-297 Lok Vikar, Pitampura, Delhi, has lost the Original Prepaid Sub Lease Deed in respect to the flat in the name of Sh. Mool Chand Arora, Executed on 07/04/1979 and has lodged NCR for the same, vide LR No 33223/16/2022, Dt. 21-04-2022. Any person who may find the said Prepaid sub lease deed shall contact at 9801071261 or at our address.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that my client Mrs. Naina Bedi, W/o. Shri Kanish Aggarwal, R/o. 24/57, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi- 110026, hereby undertakes that she wants to change her surname from Naina Bedi to Naina Aggarwal as she have been married to Mr. Manish Aggarwal and registered their marriage in the office of District Magistrate, Punjabi Bagh, vide Marriage Certificate No. 9073000133261, dated 11.03.2022, and want to adopt this surname i.e. Aggarwal as her surname.

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General Public is hereby informed that my clients Smt. Aruna Checker wife of Late Sh. Narinder Kumar R/o 95, Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have debarred/dismised her son Sh. Amit Checker and his family both residents of 95, Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 from her self acquired House No. 95, Kohat Enclave, Pitampura Delhi and all her moveable & immovable properties and her personal life & ceased all relations with them due to their misbehavior. My clients will not be responsible for their acts & deeds and dealings with any person.

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Madan Gopal Vachar (Advocate)
Chamber No. 234, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi.

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ACCUSED YET TO BE IDENTIFIED
Witness in wife's murder case, man shot dead in Sonipat court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

A 43-YEAR-OLD man, who was a key witness in his wife's murder case, was shot dead in public view in Sonipat's district court around 10.30 am on Friday.

Police said two motorcycle-borne assailants opened fire at the victim, identified as Ved Prakash, outside advocates' chamber number 207 inside the courts complex, and fled.

Investigators said that Ved Prakash was shot at least thrice and died on the spot. By the time a police team reached the scene, the assailants had fled.

According to police, the resident of Mukimpur village was shot when he had gone to the advocates' chambers to meet his lawyer at the court, where his wife's murder case hearing was

No arrests have been made in the case so far. Investigators are scanning CCTV footage from nearby areas to ascertain the identities of the accused and have determined that a black motorbike was used to commit the crime

going on.

"A Crime Branch team and another from the district police rushed to the spot as soon as we received information. Ved Prakash was rushed to Sonipat's civil hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. An autopsy has been conducted to as-

certain the cause of death," said the city police station in-charge, Vazir Singh.

A case has been registered under sections of murder and relevant sections of the Arms Act against the two assailants, who are yet to be identified, police said.

BJP ex-MLAs who joined SP face demolition proceedings

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, APRIL 22

APART FROM former BJP MLA Roshan Lal Verma, whose daughter-in-law's commercial complex was razed by the Shahjahanpur district administration for allegedly being built illegally, two other former BJP legislators who had joined the Samajwadi Party earlier this year are facing demolition proceedings against properties

owned by them over charges of unauthorised construction.
The two other politicians who are facing proceedings are former state minister for Ayush and Nakur MLA Dharam Singh Saini and former Tindwari legislator Brajesh Kumar Prajapati. The three former MLAs joined the SP along with former Uttar Pradesh Labour Minister Swami Prasad Maurya in January. The four leaders had contested the assembly elections on SP tickets, but

lost to BJP candidates in their respective constituencies.
In Saharanpur, the district administration has claimed that 12 persons who own 24 shops, including Saini, in Chilkana area have been served notices for "illegal encroachment".
Speaking to *The Indian Express* on Friday, Saharanpur District Magistrate Akhilesh Singh said, "As per a preliminary probe, some shops in Chilkana were constructed illegally last year. It was found the road in the area should

have been broader, but shops were built on the land meant for the road. Some of the shops were also built over a veterinarian hospital which was there earlier. We will take action as per rules and regulations. We have served notices from Nagar Panchayat-level to people whose shops are encroaching government land as per the report of the primary probe."
Saini on Friday said he has the required documents for the two shops that he owns, and he will submit a

reply to the notice soon. "There are some shops under the Chilkana police station limits. I bought the land for two shops a few years ago. All shopkeepers in the area have been served notices that claim that the construction is illegal. We are challenging the notice. I have all the required papers. I still haven't received the notice personally as it is coming by post," said Saini. Despite repeated attempts, Prajapati could not be reached for comment.

Sulking SP leaders take another step closer, Shivpal meets, backs Azam

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Shivpal Yadav

FROM BEHIND bars, Azam Khan continues to dog Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav. In the latest instance, Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party president and his estranged uncle Shivpal Yadav turned up at the Sitapur jail on Friday to meet Azam, and said the party should have led "a struggle in support of one of its tallest leaders".

Shivpal appeared to also take a swipe at his brother and SP supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav for not leading such a struggle.

A worried Samajwadi Party is said to be lining up a visit by one of its senior leaders to Azam to pacify him.

Lately, Azam Khan has added his political heft to the growing clamour of Muslim disenchantment with Akhilesh. Recently, Azam's close aide Fasahat Ali Khan accused Akhilesh of ignoring him since he was jailed two years ago, as well as not raising Muslim concerns despite having done well in the recent Assembly elections "due to the Muslim vote".

Speaking to reporters outside Sitapur jail after his hour-long meeting with Azam, Shivpal Yadav said: "Despite him being such a senior leader and a founder member of the SP, no help has reached Azam bhai. There are such frivolous cases against him, which are false. Now, only one case is left (where bail is pending). It has been six months since arguments happened."

Shivpal added: "See, I am with him and he is with me."

Asked if he would join the BJP or float a new party and if Azam would leave the SP, Shivpal said:

"There is no such question right now. First, he should come out of jail. When a suitable time comes, such decisions will be taken."

On Azam Khan's jail stint, Shivpal said: "The SP should have led a struggle for Azam bhai. There are several members (of the SP) in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Under the leadership of Netaji (Mulayam), they could have sat in protest, and the PM (Narendra Modi) would have considered the matter. The whole country knows that the PM respects Netaji a lot. The SP people should have raised this issue. It is unfortunate, and it is the SP's misfortune (that it hasn't done so), as the identity of the SP has been protests and struggle."
This was arguably the first time Shivpal suggested that Mulayam had erred. Party sources said Shivpal appeared to have decided to take the plunge having got a clear message that Mulayam would side with Akhilesh in the family fight.

Asked if Azam Khan would join his camp, Shivpal Yadav said that when the time comes, these decisions will be made.

As a counter to Shivpal's visit, sources in the SP said, the party's Lucknow Central MLA, Ravidas Mehrotra, would visit Azam Khan soon. He will try to pacify the senior leader.

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In view of the above, the Company hereby issues this notice under Sub-Sec (2) of the Section 13 of the Act and calls upon you all to pay, a sum of **Rs. 30,11,271/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy One Only)** as on **08-01-2022** with interest from **09-01-2022** with contractual rate of interest, until the date of payment, together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges, within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which the Company shall be constrained to attach, sell and/or take all actions as envisaged in Sub-Sec (4) of Sec. 13 of the Act and/or adopt any other legal proceedings against all of you before the competent Court/Authority.
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Date : 23.04.2022, Place : Dehradun Authorised Officer, Varthana Finance Private Limited**

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2	11, Panchkula	1	2	5-VI, Gurugram	1	2	42, Gurugram II	3	2	24, Faridabad	4	2	21-P, Rohtak	12	2	4, Rohtak	1
3	21, Panchkula	4	3	9, Gurugram	5	3	45, Gurugram II	10	3	18(P-1 & 2), Faridabad	6	3	27-28-26 (P-I), Rohtak	1	3	2, Bahadurgarh	2
4	25, Panchkula	2	4	9-A, Gurugram	6	4	46, Gurugram II	2	4	58, Transport Nagar	2	4	4, Rohtak	3	4	12, Bahadurgarh	1
5	26, Panchkula	2	5	10, Gurugram	4	5	53, Gurugram II	4	5	58, Transport Nagar	2	5	7, Panipat	1	5	6, Bahadurgarh	2
6	30, Pinjore	9	6	10-A, Gurugram	3	6	56, Gurugram II	5	6	58, Transport Nagar	2	6	8, Panipat	2	6	7, Sonipat	1
7	15, Jagadhari	7	7	12-A, Gurugram	2	7	3, Rewari	2	7	58, Transport Nagar	2	7	17, Panipat	1	7	23, Sonipat	11
8	17, Jagadhari	3	8	15(I & II), Gurugram	3	8	4, Rewari	4	8	58, Transport Nagar	2	8	18, Panipat	1	8	12(P-4), Sonipat	1
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13	6, Karnal	3	13	27, Gurugram-II	1	13	1(PART-1), Narnaul	16	13	58, Transport Nagar	2	13	13, Bahadurgarh	4	13	JH-6, Jhajjar	2
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15	18, Kaithal	4	15	30, Gurugram-II	1	15	1(PART-1), Narnaul	16	15	58, Transport Nagar	2	15	13, Bahadurgarh	4	15	7, Sonipat	6
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24	21, Kaithal	7	24	57, Gurugram-II	2	24	1(PART-1), Narnaul	16	24	58, Transport Nagar	2	24	13, Bahadurgarh	4	24	15-II, Sonipat	2
25	21, Kaithal	7	25	4, Rewari	3	25	1(PART-1), Narnaul	16	25	58, Transport Nagar	2	25	13, Bahadurgarh	4	25	15-II, Sonipat	2
26	21, Kaithal	7	26	18-DEF, Rewari	3	26	1(PART-1), Narnaul	16	26	58, Transport Nagar	2	26	13, Bahadurgarh	4	26	15-II, Sonipat	2
27	21, Kaithal	7	27	10, Mahendergarh	3	27	1(PART-1), Narnaul	16	27	58, Transport Nagar	2	27	13, Bahadurgarh	4	27	15-II, Sonipat	2
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PRAISES FOR CM

MADHYA PRADESH Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan appears to be a happy person these days. After a few months of uncertainty and confusion over the leadership in the state, recent developments indicate that the central leadership is quite satisfied with the way his government functions. On Friday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who was in Bhopal for a day for official functions, heaped praise on the Chief Minister and the way the government has been implementing "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision". Chouhan will also be meeting the Prime Minister in Delhi on Saturday, which party sources said was routine. The new developments appear to have disappointed those aspiring to replace him for the top post.

STAR ATTRACTION

BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris Johnson is enjoying all the attention he has got in India. On Friday, he said he had an amazing reception in Gujarat, where he felt a bit like Sachin Tendulkar. "My face was ubiquitous everywhere, like Amitabh Bachchan," Johnson said, eliciting peals of laughter from Indian ministers and officials.

FOR A CAUSE

SUPREME COURT judge Justice U U Lalit has been quite proactive in his role as Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). On a recent visit to Mumbai, Justice Lalit made it a point to visit a school run by Prerana, an NGO working with women and children in the red light areas. Prerana co-founder Priti Patkar gave an overview of the work being done to bring the children into the mainstream. Justice Lalit who was accompanied by his wife Amita Uday Lalit and Justices AA Seyed and SS Shinde of the Bombay High Court, also interacted with the children, who attend the night school. They also spoke to some of the women forced by circumstances into the trade and tried to understand their plight.

7 electoral trusts got Rs 258 cr in donation, gave 82% to BJP: ADR

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SEVEN ELECTORAL Trusts, which declared receiving contributions during 2020-21, said they had received a total amount of Rs 258.4915 crore from corporates and individuals and distributed Rs 258.4301 crore to various political parties, according to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

Out of these, the BJP received Rs 212.05 crore or 82.05 per cent of the total donations received by all parties from Electoral Trusts, the report noted.

Prudent Electoral Trust, among the largest Electoral Trusts, donated Rs 209.00 crore to the BJP, in contrast to Rs 217.75 crore it contributed in 2019-20, while Jaybharath Electoral Trust donated Rs 2 crore of its total income to the BJP in 2020-21. Prudent Electoral Trust donated to seven political parties — BJP, JDU, INC, NCP, RJD, AAP and IJP.

Among corporates, Future Gaming & Hotel Services contributed the highest amount worth Rs 100 crore, followed by Haldia Energy India Ltd with Rs 25

crore and Megha Engineering.

"As many as 159 individuals have contributed to Electoral Trusts in 2020-21. Two individuals contributed Rs 3.50 crore to Prudent Electoral Trust, 153 individuals contributed Rs 3.202 crore to Small Donations Electoral Trust and three gave a total of Rs 5 lakh to Einzigartig Electoral Trust," the report noted. Top 10 donors have donated Rs 223 crore to Electoral Trusts of the total donations received by the trusts during 2020-21. Small Donations Electoral Trust donated Rs 3.31 crore to the Congress.

JDU received Rs 27 crore of the donations received by all parties. Other 10 parties — INC, NCP, AIADMK, DMK, RJD, AAP, IJP, CPM, CPI and Lok Thanthrik Jantha Dal — received a total of Rs 19.23 crore collectively.

In its recommendations, ADR said: "Details of donors to these six Electoral Trusts remain unknown, thereby leading to speculation on whether donations to these trusts were only a means of getting tax exemption or a way to convert black money stashed in tax havens to white in India... details of donors... should also be disclosed..."

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

FROM PLAYING a key role in Narendra Modi's prime ministerial campaign in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, to taking a political plunge four years later by joining the JD(U) and leaving it in a hurry, to negotiating with the Congress for an entry now, Prashant Kishor, a.k.a PK has covered a long distance in Indian politics in the last eight years.

But unpredictability, or rather inconsistency, driven by ambition has been his hallmark. And many political leaders who have engaged with the sharp tactician in the last eight years can vouch for that. Some say he is full of contradictions.

Prashant Kishor's Congress saga is a case in point; it took another twist on Thursday as a

presentation he had reportedly made for the party last year where he suggested a non-Gandhi president was leaked.

On Friday, Kishor had a one-on-one meeting with Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Sources in the party said it was ready to induct him and he was also open to the idea. He could join in the next two weeks, sources said.

In May 2021, Kishor had his first serious set of talks with the Congress. He met Sonia even while he and his political consultancy firm I-PAC were working with the Congress's rival Trinamool Congress in the West Bengal Assembly polls. He gave her a presentation a month later on how to revive the Congress. The Gandhis engaged with him and both Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra met him in July.

But around the same time,



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his British counterpart Boris Johnson at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Friday. *Praveen Khanna*

Johnson: Fugitives not welcome, want them to face trial in India

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris Johnson said on Friday that economic offenders who want to use the UK's legal system to evade the law in India are not welcome in the United Kingdom.

On the question of human rights issues in India, the British PM said that the UK raises these issues "privately" and "in a friendly way". But he also said that India is a "great democracy", where there are "constitutional protections for communities".

Responding to questions about the extradition of fugitives Nirav Modi and Vijay Malviya, Johnson said, "I think there are legal technicalities that have made it very, very difficult but what I can tell you is that the UK government has ordered their extradition and we have said that from our point of view, we want them to be taken back to India for trial."

"We welcome people who have talent and brilliance coming from India to the UK, we don't welcome — I want to make it absolutely clear now — we don't welcome people who want to use our legal system to evade the law in India. So, let me be absolutely clear about that," he said.

Assam Cong leaders protest Mevani arrest

TORA AGARWALA
GUWAHATI, APRIL 22

THE ASSAM Congress held a demonstration outside the Kokrajhar police station on Friday to protest the arrest of Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani.

Mevani, an independent MLA who had in September last pledged support to the Congress, was arrested in Gujarat by the Assam Police on Thursday and flown to Assam where a court remanded him in three-day police custody. The arrest followed an Assam BJP leader's complaint over an allegedly defamatory tweet by Mevani against PM Narendra Modi.

Assam Congress spokesperson Apurba Kumar Bhattacharjee called the arrest "illegal". "The entire process is unconstitutional..."

Kishor also met NCP president Sharad Pawar, and if sources in the NCP are to be believed, suggested a grand plan — merger of the NCP and Trinamool Congress. He is said to have promised the NCP that he could get several "disgruntled" leaders from the Congress and some from the BJP, including two Lok Sabha MPs, to the new entity,

which could replace the Congress and pose a challenge to the BJP and Narendra Modi. "I don't know how he is now discussing with the Congress a plan for its revival. He had shared with us some other plans," an NCP leader said.

Meanwhile, at that time, his talks with the Congress did not fructify. Neither did his NCP-TMC merger idea.

Soon, Kishor publicly turned against the Gandhis. He was also said to be behind the increas-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar talks to Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal during the joint statement of PM Narendra Modi and UK PM Boris Johnson in New Delhi on Friday. *Praveen Khanna*

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said, "On the issue of economic offenders, we have been pursuing this matter for some time at different levels with the UK. Our objective is to bring back those economic fugitives wanted in India to face justice in the country, and the matter did come up... it was conveyed that this is high priority..."

On the human rights issues in India, Johnson said, "How we deal with questions about human rights or democratic values, of course, we have these conversations, but the advantage of our friendship is we can have them

in a friendly and private way."

"And I just want to say it is very important to realise that India has constitutional protections for communities, they are part of its Constitution. India is a very, very different country from autocracies around the world. It is a great, great democracy... that doesn't mean I'm not going to raise tough, consular questions as I have today, and other difficult questions. Of course, we do that, we do that as friends," PM Johnson said.

On Afghanistan, the joint statement said that both sides expressed their serious concern

about the humanitarian situation, violations of human rights and the hampered access of girls and women to education. "Both Prime Ministers called upon the Taliban to allow girls to return to secondary school," the statement said.

The statement said that Prime Minister Modi acknowledged the role of the UK in co-hosting the UN Afghanistan Conference for the humanitarian response on March 31. Prime Minister Johnson acknowledged the role played by India in providing medical and food grain assistance to the people of Afghanistan, it added.

"The leaders reaffirmed the importance of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2593 (2021) which unequivocally demands that Afghan territory not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing terrorist acts and called for concerted action against all terrorist groups, including those sanctioned by the UNSC. Both sides agreed to continue to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan and reiterated the need for a representative and inclusive political system in support of a peaceful, secure and stable Afghanistan," it said.

Hardik praises BJP, says no plans to quit Cong

VAIBHAV JHA
AHMEDABAD, APRIL 22

DAYS AFTER criticising the functioning of the Gujarat Congress, Hardik Patel set off more tremors within the party Friday, suggesting that his options were "open", and lavishly praising the ruling BJP for its "terrific decision-taking" leadership. At the same time, he denied any plans to quit the Congress.

In an interview given to *Divya Bhaskar* newspaper, that appeared on Friday, Patel praised the BJP over decisions such as abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and building of Ram Temple in Ayodhya, adding that he was also "a proud Hindu".

He told *The Indian Express* Friday that a year after he first voiced his grievances against the party's state leadership (while also speaking to this paper), the party had done nothing to redress them,



Hardik Patel

"except change the PCC chief".

At a media interview in Ahmedabad on Friday morning, Hardik said: "Instead of fulfilling its responsibility towards the welfare of people, I see the state leadership stuck in conflicts. If someone speaks up for the welfare of the party, they start making predictions about the person, whether he intends to leave the party. They should rather sit down with that person and try to understand his problems, his thinking

and vision for the party."

He added that he was proud of his Hindu identity. "I come from Raghuvanshi clan, I am from the Luv-Kush lineage and I believe in Ram, Shiv and Kuldevi... On April 28, on the death anniversary of my father, I am going to distribute 4,000 copies of the Gita. I am proud to be a Hindu," Hardik said.

In the interview to *Divya Bhaskar*, he said: "The BJP has a leadership with terrific decision-taking ability. I am not saying this because I am upset with the Congress. They work a lot on their organisation, making regular changes in the role chart..."

Asked specifically whether he would defect to the BJP, Hardik said: "I am very clear on my stance that I will be doing what I can to take Gujarat forward. Many people link me with (Arvind) Kejriwal. The Congress, AAP, BJP... I have all options open."

However, in the media inter-

MP: Shah gives cheques to tendu leaf collectors

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, APRIL 22

IN HIS second visit to Madhya Pradesh in seven months, Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Bhopal on Friday morning to continue the party's tribal outreach ahead of next year's Assembly elections.

Shah on Friday set in motion the process of distributing Rs 125 cores worth cheques among 22.6-lakh tendu patta collectors for the year 2020-21 after inaugurating the Forest Produce Collectors' Convention in the city's Jamburi Maidan.

The tendu patta is the biggest source of livelihood for tribals in the state.

In his address at the convention, Shah said 827 forest villages in 26 districts have been transformed to revenue villages. Spelling out the details, he further said that 827 out of 925 forest villages will start getting facilities like revenue villages. Delineation will be possible here, loans for hous-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah

ing will be available and all the rights of revenue will be provided to the forest dwellers, he said. "The representatives of the forest dwellers who came to the conference will go back today with a sense of self-respect. Works can be done on priority through forest committees in more than 15,600 gram sabhas in the state," Shah said. Madhya Pradesh has the highest tribal population of 21% in the country. "Chief Minister Chouhan made Madhya Pradesh a developed state from a bimaru state," Shah added.

Chouhan said that a campaign is underway to "change the lives of vanvasi brothers and sisters". He also announced that in Madhya Pradesh, instead of Rs 250 per hundred bundles, Rs 300 will be given to the tendu patta collectors.

Chouhan to brief PM on his govt's schemes today

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MADHYA PRADESH Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is set to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi on Saturday morning to update him on the status of his government's policies and programmes.

The meeting comes after Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Bhopal on Friday where he held many official programmes.

Chouhan during the meeting is set to brief PM Modi on the organic farming initiative in the state, wheat procurement, employment and the self-employment avenues. Chouhan is also set to extend an invitation to the Prime Minister for virtual inauguration of start-up policy formulated by the state, and also for the

inauguration of Mahakal corridor.

The PM will also be briefed on the progress over the credit linkages to Self-Help Groups. Madhya Pradesh has seen a jump in number of SHGs in recent years, from almost none in 2012 to about 357,499 today.

Among other initiatives undertaken by the government that are to be discussed in the meeting include the state's 'adopt an anganwadi' policy and ethanol policy. CM Chouhan will also inform the PM on the state's finances and revenue model. The state is presently reeling under a debt of Rs 3.27-lakh crore and GST dues to the tune of Rs 9,000 crore from the Centre are awaited.

The meeting between the two will also discuss the progress of various central government schemes which are being implemented in the state.

MLA, MP wife say will recite Hanuman Chalisa outside Matoshree today

VISHWAS WAGHMODE & SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

A FACE-OFF between the Shiv Sena and Independent MLA Ravi Rana and his wife MP Navneet Rana is likely, as the Ranas on Friday reiterated that they would recite the Hanuman Chalisa outside Matoshree on Saturday to "ward off the calamities that have been hitting the state ever since Uddhav Thackeray took over as chief minister".

Following this, Sena leaders dared the couple to recite Hanuman Chalisa, warning them that they would get a befitting reply from Shiv Sainiks. Last week, the Ranas had asked Thackeray to recite Hanuman Chalisa on April 16 on Hanuman Jayanti while threatening that they would recite the same outside Matoshree if he did not do so.

On Friday afternoon, amid heavy deployment of police personnel outside Thackeray's residence Matoshree, and gathering of a large number of Shiv Sainiks, the CM — who has been residing at his official residence Varsha bungalow in south Mumbai — arrived at Matoshree along with his son Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray and interacted with party workers.

In the evening, the CM left for Varsha, urging party workers to go home. "You please go home. Nobody has the guts to come here (at Matoshree). I request you to please go home. You have been here all day," Thackeray was heard urging party workers while leaving Matoshree.

Sources said Thackeray had come to Matoshree since Shiv Sainiks gathered in large numbers following Rana's threat. The CM also held a meeting with Sena leaders to discuss the situation.

From party to party, Prashant Kishor, the man in a hurry



Kishor had a one-on-one meeting with Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday

ingly vocal idea that a non-Congress leader take over as UPA chairperson. Sonia currently heads it.

After signing up with the TMC for the 2022 Goa Assembly elections — a state where the Congress had deep stakes — Prashant Kishor tweeted in December last year that leadership of the Opposition was not "the divine right of an individual, especially when the party has lost more than 90 per cent elections in the last 10 years". Let Opposition leadership be decided "democratically", he said.

The disastrous Goa foray of the TMC was another turning point in the career of Kishor. His role in designing the party's campaign and hyping up its chances there soon came under question, even in a party where Mamata Banerjee's writ reigns supreme.

It was against this background that Kishor reopened talks with the Congress, the bad

blood of last year apparently forgotten.

Kishor is also said to be keen on joining the Congress — a point that remained unresolved last time too. Apart from working out a role for him in the grand old party with its traditional set ways, there are other issues with this. Kishor's firm I-PAC has lucrative contracts as of now with the YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh and the TRS in Telangana — both states where the Congress has presence.

Kishor is also said to nurse hopes of launching a political outfit in Bihar. His joining the JD(U) was a way of testing the waters.

Were Prashant Kishor to join the Congress, I-PAC working for its rivals would give rise to conflict of interest. It is interesting in this context that the Congress has cleverly made it public that it

is engaging with him, unlike when it held talks with other election consultants. In an interaction with the media last week, AICC general secretary in-charge of organisation K C Venugopal said: "Prashant Kishor has made a detailed presentation for the 2024 election strategy. It needs some detailed discussions and the Congress president will set up a small group to talk about this entire presentation. That group will submit a report within a week's time for a final decision."

Some voices considered close to the high command have also talked favourably of Kishor joining the Congress. Other party leaders also say there is no hurdle in his joining the party, despite huge reservations from a section who fear they will be left redundant in this new direction the Congress is taking.

NATIONAL PANCHAYATI RAJ DAY

PM’s April 24 event in J&K village to be livestreamed

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the gram sabha meeting at Palli village of Samba district in Jammu and Kashmir on April 24, the National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD), it is learnt.

The Prime Minister is also expected to address gram sabha across the country and interact with panchayat representatives, which will be telecast live. The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj has asked all state governments to make arrangements so that people can watch the programme.

In a letter to the Chief Secretaries of all states, Panchayati Raj Secretary Sunil Kumar said, “This year, the national-level function of NPRD-2022 is proposed to be organised at Palli panchayat of Samba district in Jammu and Kashmir.

tract in Jammu and Kashmir, which will be graced by the Prime Minister as the chief guest.”

“The Prime Minister will transfer the award money to the awardee panchayats in addition to his address to all the Panchayati Raj Institutions,” Kumar wrote, adding, “wide-ranging arrangements are being made for nationwide coverage of this programme, which will be livestreamed from Palli”.

The Centre has also asked states to request the in-charge ministers of districts, MPs, MLAs, senior administrative officers, eminent personalities etc. to attend the gram sabha in any of the gram panchayats. “These dignitaries may be requested to confer the awards and plaques to the awardee panchayats,” Kumar wrote.

There are 662 district panchayats, 6,683 intermediate panchayats and 2,55,276 village panchayats across the country.

In a first, Haj committee gets women as top office-bearers

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BJP LEADER from Kerala A P Abdullahkutty was on Friday elected the chairperson of the Haj Committee of India while party colleagues Munnawari Begum and Mafuja Khatun were chosen as vice-chairpersons.

It’s for the first time the panel will have women as top office-bearers. While Begum has been with the BJP for more than two decades, Abdullahkutty and Khatun joined it recently. The two were colleagues earlier as well, both rising through the ranks, in the CPI(M). A national vice-presi-

dent of BJP, Abdullahkutty began his political career with the Student Federation of India, the CPI(M)’s student wing, and rose to become its Kerala unit president in 1998. Kannur ex-MP, he swung into prominence after defeating Kerala Congress chief Mullappally Ramachandran in Lok Sabha polls — first in 1999 and then in 2004.

Mafuja Khatun, a two-time CPI(M) MLA from Kumarganj in West Bengal’s South Dinajpur district, joined the BJP in 2017.

A BJP old-timer, Munnawari Begum is a member of the Central Waqf Council and also of the general body of the Minorities Ministry-funded Maulana Azad Education Foundation.

Pawar house attack: Sadavarte among 115 get bail

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MUMBAI, APRIL 22

A SESSIONS court on Friday granted bail to lawyer Gunratna Sadavarte and 114 others, including striking employees of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC), booked for the attack on the residence of NCP chief Shaard Pawar on April 8.

Additional Sessions Judge R M Sadrani directed that they be released on provisional cash bail. The conditions for their bail include that they cannot induce or threaten witnesses or hamper probe. Sadavarte, who was representing the MSRTC workers in the petition on their strike before the Bombay High Court, was arrested for allegedly being the main conspirator of the protest held at Pawar’s house.

The police, opposing his bail plea, said while Sadavarte had claimed he had not taken any professional fee from the striking workers, probe revealed that he had received Rs 2 crore from the workers to fight their case. The Satara police had also taken Sadavarte’s custody. Thus, he will remain in jail.

Five held for killing man during Khargone violence

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, APRIL 22

Five persons have been arrested by the Khargone police in connection with the murder of 28-year-old Ibraish Khan, the first reported death during the clashes that broke out on the evening of April 10 during a Ram Navami procession.

Those arrested have been identified as Deepak Pradhan, Ajay Karma, Ajay Solanki, Sandeep Verma and Dilip Gangale, all residents of Rahimpur and Anand Nagar. According to the police, Vicky Gangle’s house in Anand Nagar was attacked on the evening of April 10 by a mob that hurled stones and petrol bomb.

In retaliation, the group set out to chase them and caught hold of Ibraish Khan in Kapas Mandi, a gated compound around 300 metre from Anand Nagar on the other side of the road.

Ibraish was found grievously injured at 1.30 am on April 11 and rushed to the Khargone district hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. The police subsequently sent his body 126 km away to Indore’s MY Hospital.



Security personnel near the encounter site in Malwaha village of Srinagar, Friday. Shuaib Masoodi

2 Bengal labourers shot at by militants in Srinagar

Baramulla encounter over, all 3 killed militants identified

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 22

TWO LABOURERS from West Bengal were shot at on the outskirts of Srinagar on Friday evening. According to the J&K Police, both are reported to be stable at the Shri Maharaja Hari Singh Hospital in the city.

The incident took place around 7.50 pm at Nougat. The police said: “Militants fired at the two labourers identified as Najamul-Islam and Anikul-Islam, both residents of West Bengal’s Suthsoo Kalan area in Nowgam. Both of them received gunshot injuries and were immediately shifted to the hospital for treatment.”

The area had been cordoned off and the police were carrying out searches in the area.

Meanwhile, the Baramulla encounter, which began on Thursday, ended late on Friday

night. The police said three bodies of militants were recovered from the encounter site and they had been identified as Yousuf Dar, alias Kantru; Hilal Sheikh alias Hanzalla; and Faisal Dar — all linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). “Arms and ammunition have been recovered. Operation is over,” the police said.

The encounter took place at the Malwaha area of Baramulla in North Kashmir. Four soldiers, including an officer and an official of the J&K police, were also injured in the operation.

IGP (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar said the killed militants included Kantru — one of the top 10 most-wanted militants.

Acting on specific information by the Budgam police, a special police team, along with the Army (62 RR), had launched a joint cordon and search operation. “As the joint party reached the suspected spot, the hiding militants fired indiscriminately at them in which

four soldiers, including one officer, received minor injuries. The fire was effectively retaliated, leading to an encounter,” the J&K police said in a statement.

The police have termed Kantru as “one of the longest-surviving militants”. He had joined Hizb-ul-Mujahideen as an “over ground worker” and was arrested in 2005. “Released in 2008, he joined militant ranks in 2017 and started killing innocent civilians, policemen and political workers. Later, he switched to LeT,” the police said.

He has also been accused of being involved in the killings of SPO Mohammad Ishfaq Dar and his brother Umer Ahmad Dar, a resident in Budgam, in March; BDC Chairman Sardar Bhupinder Singh in September 2020 at Khag; and an NC block president in Srinagar among others.

“Besides, he was involved in recruiting innocent youth for terrorist organisations,” the police said.

APEX COURT QUESTIONS STAND

After saying no hate speech, Delhi Police to file ‘better affidavit’ in SC

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QUESTIONING THE Delhi Police affidavit which ruled out any hate speech at an event organised by the Hindu Yuva Vahini in the city last December, the Supreme Court on Friday gave it time till May 4 to file a “better affidavit”.

The bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Abhay Soka also sought to know if any senior officer had “applied mind” to the affidavit or had only reproduced the investigation report.

The court was hearing a plea filed by Delhi resident Qurban Ali and Senior Advocate Anjana Prakash seeking a probe into the alleged hate speeches at two separate events in Haridwar and Delhi on December 17 and 21, 2021, respectively.

In an affidavit filed on April 13, the Delhi Police had said it had investigated the matter and found that “no hate was expressed in the event at Delhi against any group, community, ethnicity, religion or faith”.

“Some superior officer has seen it? Who has verified it? Has there been an application of mind as to if this stand can be taken on affidavit before the court,” Justice Khanwilkar asked Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj who appeared for the Delhi Police on Friday.

“This affidavit is filed by the Deputy Commissioner of Police? He accepts this position? Is this his understanding or only a reproduction of the investigating officer’s report,” he asked, adding that the court wanted “to understand... the affidavit filed before it by a DCP-rank officer”.

“We hope that he (DCP) understands the nuances as also the

other aspects. If he has merely reproduced the inquiry report, we can understand,” said the bench.

“Are you accepting it as a correct finding? Or you need to have a relook at the whole matter? This is the reproduction of the inquiry report prepared by a sub-inspector level officer or is it your stand,” Justice Khanwilkar asked the ASG.

“We will have a relook and file a fresh affidavit,” ASG Nataraj responded. Allowing this, the bench said in its order: “At the outset, Mr Kapil Sibal invited our attention to the extracts of the speech and the enquiry report of the sub-inspector (police station Okhla industrial area) dated 24.03.2022 as also the counter-affidavit filed by Deputy Commissioner of Police reiterating the same position. In the backdrop of this, the learned ASG seeks time to get instructions from authorities to file a better affidavit... Better affidavit be filed on or before 4 May.”

The next hearing has been scheduled for May 9.

In the affidavit filed earlier this month, the Delhi Police said it had received three complaints alleg-

ing “open calls for genocide of Muslims” at the event. It said that after a “deep enquiry” and “evaluation of video etc”, it “did not find any substance in the video”. “There is no use of such words which mean or could be interpreted as ‘open calls for genocide of Muslim in order to (carry out) ethnic cleansing or open call for murder of an entire community’ in the speech,” it said.

“In the video clip of Delhi incident, there is no utterance against any particular section, community. Hence, after enquiry and after evaluation of the alleged video clip, it was concluded that the alleged speech did not disclose any hate words against a particular community,” said the affidavit.

Objecting to the affidavit, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioners, said on Friday: “In the speech in question, they say, ‘we are ready to kill’ and the Delhi Police say it is to save the ethics of the community.” He urged the court to fix the matter for hearing and decide constitutionally what the ethics are.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRISENDUM

Corrigendum : Notice for e-Auction for temporary lease contract (90 Days) of leasing of parcel space of 10 SLRs compartments published in various English & Hindi Newspapers on 22.04.2022 and Where e-Auction was scheduled to be held on 03.05.2022 is hereby WITHDRAWN due to administrative/technical reasons.

Notice

No. CIID/SLRE-Auction/Apr-22

Further, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Northern Railway, New Delhi, in terms of extant guidelines issued by Railway Board carrying out this e-Auction and for leasing of parcel traffic at the time of e-Auction, invites bids through e-Auction module of IREPS for temporary lease contract (90 days) of leasing of parcel space of following SLR compartments of trains originating from various stations of Delhi division:

S. No.	Train No.	Comptt.	CC (in tonnes)	From - To	Frequency
1	12918	F1	3.9	NZM-ADI	Saturday
2	13414	F1	4.0	DLI-MLDT	Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
3	13430	F1	4.0	ANVT-MLDT	Saturday
4	14018	F1	3.9	ANVT-RXL	Wednesday
5	15128	F1	3.9	NDL-BSBS	Daily

Interested bidders may please visit official Railways website for e-tendering i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for further details and participating in e-Auction.

Important note:

- Bidders, who wish to participate in the e-Auctioning module should have valid Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) and same may be procured from any of the certifying authority of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) Government of India, detail of same may be obtained from www.cca.gov.in.
- Prospective bidders will be required to get themselves registered online at IREPS (Commercial Auction module).
- One time registration fees of Rs. 10,000/- and applicable GST (non-refundable) will be required to be paid online by the entity before participating in any commercial auction.
- For more information, requirement and various aspects regarding this e-Auction, interested bidders are advised to visit <https://www.ireps.gov.in/epsn/jsp/common/learningCenter.jsp>.
- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): 5% of the total contractual bid value to be deposited online during the auction. EMD of the successful bidder will be retained as Security Deposit.
- Railway Administration reserves the full and absolute rights to short terminate these tenders/contracts at any point of time (or for taking any decision regarding the discontinuation/continuation of these tenders/contracts with modified/additional terms and conditions) depending upon the continuation/discontinuation of these trains or commencement of new train services.
- The successful bidder may have to pay applicable Terminal Development Charges & any other charges levied by the Railway Administration over and above the lump sum leased freight for parcel space.
- The successful bidder will also have to pay applicable Goods and Service Tax as imposed from time to time for transportation of goods/parcels over and above the lump sum leased freight for parcel space and applicable Terminal Development Charges.

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Odisha: Police arrange marriage of ex-Maoists

AISHWARYA MOHANTY
BHUBANESWAR, APRIL 22

IT WAS a rare sight at the Kalahandi District Police Reserve campus on Friday. The usual foot stamping by armed policemen at the parade ground was replaced by tents and food stalls, decked up with flowers, to celebrate a wedding. What’s more unusual: the groom and the bride were once Maoists and wanted by the police.



The couple tie the knot in the presence of police personnel. Express

Both Ramdas, 29, and his wife Kalamdei, 25, were once associated with dreaded Maoist groups that are active in Chhattisgarh and Odisha, according to the police. Kalamdei, the eldest daughter in a family of seven, was just 19 when she was allegedly abducted by Maoists and then worked for the BGN division. However, a year later in January 2016, she surrendered to the Kalahandi police. Though Kalamdei carried a bounty of Rs 1 lakh, she was never involved in any major crime. That was unlike Ramdas, who was an active Maoist for 10 years but surrendered in February 2020. He had a bounty of Rs 3 lakh on his head.

Indian Bank

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Indian Bank (erstwhile Allahabad Bank) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 25.05.2022 & 27.05.2022 for recovery as follows.

Sl. No.	Description of the property	Name of the Borrower(s) & Address	Name of the Guarantor/ Mortgagee	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Lot Size & Time of Submission of EMD	Plus Interest till the date of realization and costs, Charges and Expenses	Plus Interest till the date of realization and costs, Charges and Expenses	Plus Interest till the date of realization and costs, Charges and Expenses	Plus Interest till the date of realization and costs, Charges and Expenses
1.	Property Deed No. 3529 dated- 09.03.2009, Khata No-635 & 654, Khates No. 1535, 2428, 1535 & 1561, Area 1180 sqft. Boundary : North : Storace & Plot No-302, South : Branch Road East : Side Sella Bank, West : Side Sai Bank All that part & parcel of the property consisting mortgage assets Plot No-301 on 3rd Floor situated at Lok Priya, Apartment situated at Manuza-Mainpura, Near Alpura Market, Vivekanand Park, Thana-Paliputra, Dist-Patna, Pin-800013	1.M/S Indusstry Prop-Gyandeep Kumar, S/o Barun Kumar Singh, At B-301old & B-13 New, Industrial Area Donar, Durgam 2. Gyandeep Kumar, S/o Barun Kumar Singh (Borrower & Mortgagee), Thana Chowk, Purnani Bazar, PS & Distt. -Lakhisarai, Bihar 3rd residential address: Gyandeep Kumar, S/o Barun Kumar Singh, Near Alpura market, 301 Lokpriya, apartment, Paliputra, Colaba, Patna, Patna Bazar-800013	1.Gyandeep Kumar, S/o Barun Kumar Singh (Borrower & Mortgagee), Thana Chowk, Purnani Bazar, PS & Distt. -Lakhisarai, Bihar 2nd residential address: Gyandeep Kumar, S/o Barun Kumar Singh, Near Alpura market, 301 Lokpriya, apartment, Paliputra, Colaba, Patna, Patna Bazar-800013 3rd residential address: Gyandeep Kumar, S/o Barun Kumar Singh, Near Alpura market, 301 Lokpriya, apartment, Paliputra, Colaba, Patna, Patna Bazar, PS & Distt. -Lakhisarai, Bihar	Rs. 2,29,11,338.00	Rs. 49,68,900	Rs. 4,80,090	Date 23.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM Date 25.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM	Rs. 2,29,11,338.00	Rs. 49,68,900	Rs. 4,80,090	Date 23.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM Date 25.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM
2.	Property Deed No. 1981 dated- 04.02.2015, Khata No-33, Khates No.222, Area 1.00 decimal, Boundary : North : Manju Devi South : Dipak Kumar & Others, East : Mayanka Devi, West : 10' Wide Kalchini Road All that part & parcel of the property consisting mortgage assets situated at Chit Bhagwatpur, Ahilyapur, Anchal-Mushan, Thana-477, Muzaffarpur	1.Manohar Lal, S/o Satnughan Chaudhary (Borrower), 2.Satnughan Chaudhary (Mortgagee), Both are At Chit Bhagwatpur, Ahilyapur, Muzaffarpur	1.Satnughan Chaudhary (Mortgagee)/At Chit Bhagwatpur, Ahilyapur, Muzaffarpur	Rs. 1,16,434.00	Rs. 45,000	Rs. 45,000	Date 25.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM Date 27.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM	Rs. 1,16,434.00	Rs. 45,000	Rs. 45,000	Date 25.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM Date 27.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM
3.	Property Deed No. 21538 dated- 10.10.2006, Khata No-769, Khates No.222, Area 1.00 decimal, Boundary : North : Pramila Devi South : B Kanchhi Road, East : Rukmini Devi, West : 3' Wide Road All that part & parcel of the property consisting mortgage assets situated at Akharahat, Karpuri Nagar, Muzaffarpur, Sikandarpur, Anchal-Mushan, Thana-660, Muzaffarpur	1.Shankar Patel, S/o Gao Nandan Prasad (Borrower), 2.Laxmi Devi, W/o Shankar Patel (Borrower cum Mortgagee), Both are At Akharahat, Karpuri Nagar, Muzaffarpur, Sikandarpur, Anchal-Mushan, Thana-660, Muzaffarpur	1.Sankar Kumar, S/o Shankar Bah (Guarantor) Resident at Road No.-4, Karpuri Nagar, Muzaffarpur, Muzaffarpur 2.Ansh Kumar, Patel, S/o Shagan Patel (Guarantor) Resident at Karpuri Nagar, Muzaffarpur, Muzaffarpur	Rs. 3,32,04,050	Rs. 1,73,000	Rs. 17,300	Date 25.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM Date 27.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM	Rs. 3,32,04,050	Rs. 1,73,000	Rs. 17,300	Date 25.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM Date 27.05.2022 11 AM to 3 PM

Branch Address & Contact No. Darbhanga Branch, 7033765663, Muzaffarpur Branch, Mob : 7888364864

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstccommerce.com) or our e-auction service provider MSTC Ltd. to participate in online bid. Technical Assistance Please call MSTC Help Desk No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd., Please contact ibapic@mstccommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapic@mstccommerce.com. For Property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit : <https://ibapic.in> and for clarifications related to this portal. Please contact help line number 18001025026 and 011-41106131 Note : This is also a notice to the borrower/guarantors/mortgagees of the above said loan about holding of this sale on the above mentioned date and other details.

Place : Muzaffarpur Date : 22.04.2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer Indian Bank (erstwhile Allahabad Bank)

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

3rd & 4th Floor, Chandertek Building, 36 Jangpith, New Delhi-110001, Phone: 23353503. Fax : 23153923. Website : www.cercind.gov.in

Petition No. 48/TL/2022 Dated 19.4.2022

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

An application under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by Powergrid Sikar Transmission Limited (Formerly Sikar New Transmission Limited), B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 to establish "Transmission System Strengthening Scheme for Evacuation of Power from Solar Energy Zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II (Part C)", on Build, Own, Operate and Maintain (BOOM) basis (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") consisting of the following elements:

S. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD from Effective Date
1.	Establishment of 765/400 kV, 2x1500 MVA at Sikar - II with 400kV (1x125 MVAR) and 765 kV (2x330 MVAR) bus reactor, 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA ICT - 2 765/400 kV, 500 MVA spans single-phase ICT-1 765 kV ICT bays - 2 400 kV ICT bays - 2 765 kV line bays - 2 400 kV line bays - 2 125 MVAR, 420 kV bus reactor-1 420 kV reactor bay - 1 330 MVAR, 765 kV bus reactor- 2 (6x110 MVAR) 765 kV reactor bay- 2 110 MVAR, 765 kV, 1 ph Reactor (spare unit) -1 (common spare unit for banks of Bus Reactor & Line Reactor) Future Provision Space for 765/400kV ICT along with bays-2 765kV line bays along with switchable line reactors- 10 400kV line bays along with switchable line reactor-6 400kV bus reactor-2	18 months
2.	Bhadla-II PS - Sikar-II 765kV D/c line	
3.	2 no. of 765 kV line bays at Bhadla-II for Bhadla-II PS - Sikar-II 765 kV D/c line - 765 kV line bays - 2	
4.	1x330 MVAR switchable line reactor for each circuit at Sikar-II end of Bhadla-II PS - Sikar-II 765kV D/c line - 330MVAR, 765 kV reactor- 2 - Switching equipment for 765 kV reactor-2	
5.	1x240MVAR switchable line reactor for each circuit at Bhadla-II end of Bhadla-II PS - Sikar-II 765kV D/c line - 240 MVAR, 765 kV reactor-2 - Switching equipment for 765 kV reactor- 2	
6.	Sikar-II - Neemrana 400kV D/c line (Twin HTLS")	
7.	2 no. of 400 kV line bays at Neemrana for Sikar-II - Neemrana 400kV D/c line (Twin HTLS") 400 kV line bays - 2	

*with minimum capacity of 2100 MVA on each circuit at nominal voltage

Note:

- POWERGRID to provide space for 2 no of 765 kV bays at Bhadla-II and space for 2 no of switchable line reactors at Bhadla-II substation.
- POWERGRID to provide space for 2 no of 400 kV bays at Neemrana.
- TSP shall install the 765kV Line Reactor banks at Bhadla II PS under each of the schemes (Part-B, Part-C and Part-E) and all the associated equipment required for switching arrangement viz isolators, circuit breakers, 765kV & 145kV (neutral) auxiliary buses etc., so that spare 1-ph unit, whenever provided in future, is able to replace any of the faulty unit without its physical movement. Respective TSP shall provide the equipment/facilities at Bhadla II PS such that only supply & installation of 1x80 MVAR spare unit of Reactor, associated LA, 1-Ph Circuit Breaker and extension of 765kV & 145kV buses will be required for completion of switching arrangement in future.
- The spare unit of 765kV, 1x110 MVAR Reactor being provided at Sikar-II PS under "Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II -Part C" shall be utilized as common spare for 6x110 MVAR Switchable Line Reactors to be provided at Sikar-II PS each under "Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II -Part D" and "Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II -Part E".
- The applicant has been selected as the Transmission Service Provider with the lowest leveled transmission charges of ₹1637.05 million per annum on the basis of the competitive bidding carried out by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Central Government under Section 63 of the Act.
- Based on material available on record, the Commission has, vide order dated 16.4.2022 in Petition No. 48/TL/2022, proposed to issue transmission licence to the applicant for establishing the transmission system as noted in para 1 above.
- A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for grant of inter-State transmission licence to Powergrid Sikar Transmission Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website www.powergrid.in or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
- Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by 4.5.2022 at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.
- The application shall be taken up for further hearing by the Commission in due course. Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no T/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

KHWAJA YUNUS CUSTODIAL DEATH CASE

Officials connived with policemen to thwart case: former public prosecutor

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

IN AN email now part of Bombay High Court records, the former special public prosecutor in the custodial death case of Khwaja Yunus said he was questioned by the government over his plea seeking that four more policemen be made to stand trial, and that he was removed from the case on false grounds.

The email was sent by Dhiraj U Mirajkar to Chetan Mali, the advocate representing Yunus's mother Asiya Begum, on February 21.

Appointed as SPP in the 2003 death case in 2015, Mirajkar was removed in April 2018, soon after he submitted an application seeking that retired ACP Praful Bhosale and senior inspectors Rajaram Vhanmane, Ashok Khot and Hemant Desai be tried as accused. The government had earlier denied sanction to prosecute them. The trial has been on hold since Mirajkar's removal.

His email communication is part of the additional affidavit

filed by Asiya in the High Court on March 24.

In his email, Mirajkar says he received no documents pertaining to the case from the government or prosecution. "The disturbing aspect of this case is that some faceless bureaucrat(s) actively connived with the police personnel responsible for causing the death of a person in custody in order to thwart criminal proceedings, and they have successfully managed to cause further delay in an already inordinately delayed trial," he says.

Yunus's family, through a 2018 plea before the High Court, had demanded that Mirajkar be brought back as SPP. The government has taken the line, as submitted by Advocate General Ashutosh Kumbhakoni, that they could not appoint a replacement as long as the family's plea to bring back Mirajkar was being heard. Consequently, no SPP has been appointed, and the trial has been on hold for four years now. Mirajkar, meanwhile, as per his email, continues to work with the state Forest Department.

While repeated attempts to



Khwaja Yunus died in police custody in 2003

contact him failed, sources close to Mirajkar said he did not want to comment as he still holds brief for the government.

At a hearing Tuesday, the High Court said the names of three alternative lawyers for SPP suggested by Asiya were taken by the state government in a "positive way", but that it held the right to select someone else too. It asked the government to appoint one in two weeks and posted the matter to May 4.

Senior counsel Mihir Desai and advocate Chetan Mali, appearing for Asiya, had submitted before the court that it was only after the High Court's intervention that an FIR was filed, "de-

spite stiff resistance from police and executive".

In the email, Mirajkar says that after he filed the application in the trial court to implead four more policemen, he received a call from the Mantralaya asking who had instructed him.

Mirajkar says he then received a call from an official of the state Law and Judiciary Department, requesting him to be present at Mantralaya to meet Additional Chief Secretary (Addl. CS), Home Department. He says that he waited for three hours, but the Addl. CS didn't meet him and finally he was told by the Principal Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, that he need not have come.

Neeraj Dhote, Principal Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, refused to comment on the matter, calling it "subjudice" and adding that he did not hold the post at the time.

Mirajkar writes that after his removal, he was asked to meet Advocate General Kumbhakoni regarding Asiya's plea against his removal. As per Mirajkar, Kumbhakoni asked him just one

question, "whether, if reappointed as SPP in the case, he would withdraw the application". Mirajkar says he refused, "without hesitation". He was told that this was the reply expected of him, and nothing else was discussed, Mirajkar says.

Yunus, a 27-year-old software engineer, had been arrested in December 2002 for questioning in the Ghatkopar blast case. He was last seen alive on January 6, 2003, when he was brutally assaulted in custody as per others arrested along with him. Police claimed Yunus had escaped from custody when being ferried by a team, led by Sachin Waze (now dismissed over the Ambani bomb scare), leading to a fatal encounter.

The CID had found the claim false and booked the four policemen who had accompanied Yunus.

In January, the Supreme Court directed the trial court to decide the application moved by Mirajkar to implead four more policemen in the case. The trial court is likely to proceed with this once the SPP is appointed.

PMLA case: Nawab Malik's bail plea turned down by SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

THE SUPREME Court Friday dismissed Maharashtra minister and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Nawab Malik's plea seeking bail in a money laundering case being probed by the Enforcement Directorate.

Rejecting his appeal against the March 15, 2022, Bombay High Court order that had refused him the relief, a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant said that the case is at an initial stage. "The matter is at a nascent stage. You may approach the special court for the bail," said the court. "We are not inclined to exercise the jurisdiction under Article 136 of the Constitution. The observations of the High Court on merits, it is clarified, are confined to the question of whether interim relief was to be granted. They shall not come in the way of parties taking recourse to their rights and remedies in accordance with law," the SC said in its order.

Appearing for Malik, senior advocate Kapil Sibal contended that he had been arrested in 2022 for something that happened in 1999. He contended that the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) cannot therefore apply as there is no predicate offence. "There is no predicate offence. How does PMLA apply?" he asked.

The ED had filed a chargesheet against Malik in connection with the probe into the money transactions over his land deal with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's sister, Haseena Parkar, through her driver Salim Patel.



Nawab Malik

Cornered by Opp, Stalin seeks full quota from PM

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, APRIL 22

AT A time when the Opposition is attacking the DMK government over the frequent power cuts across the state, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, demanding his intervention to ensure the supply of 72,000 MTs coal per day at Paradip and Visakhapatnam ports as per the FSA (Fuel Supply Agreement).

Urging PM Modi to direct the Ministry of Coal, Stalin's letter said the state was seeking his urgent assistance to ensure adequate availability of coal for the power-generation units in Tamil Nadu. "Provision of sufficient coal from Talcher mines in Odisha is vital for the units in our state. In this regard, the current daily receipt of coal for Tamil Nadu's units is only 50,000 MTs, against the requirement of 72,000 MTs," Stalin's letter said.

Even though the coal production is sufficient to meet the increased summer demand for power, the letter said, the same is not getting transported to ports due to the short supply of rakes by railways. "This, in turn, has resulted in the coal stocks of our state's generation plants reaching critical levels. In the case of TANGEDCO (Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited), 22 railway rakes per day are required for moving 72,000 MTs of daily allotted coal to Paradip and Visakhapatnam ports. However, on an average, only 14 rakes per day are currently being provided by the railways," Stalin said.

The letter said TANGEDCO has to resort to importing coal at historically high prices. "Further, the shortfall in generation is also being filled by buying power at

EXPLAINED
Power pangs

POWER SHORTAGE has for long been a key issue in Tamil Nadu's politics. It was one of the many issues that made the DMK regime (2006-11) unpopular. One of the main poll promises of late J Jayalalithaa in 2011 polls was that she will make the state power surplus in three years' time, a promise that was more or less kept even as there was criticism that the coal and power were purchased at exorbitant rates.

High rates in energy exchanges. Unfortunately, enough power is not available in energy exchanges to meet the requirement of all buying utilities. This serious situation would significantly impact the nascent post-Covid economic recovery and needs to be immediately addressed," Stalin's letter said.

In the state Assembly, Opposition AIADMK staged a walkout on Friday in protest against the alleged indifference of the government to the emerging power crisis. "Yet again, power cuts have become the norm in Tamil Nadu, there is already a huge impact on people's lives," said Edappadi K Palaniswami. "When the AIADMK was ruling in the past 10 years, we always had taken advance measures to stock adequate coal to meet the increased energy requirements during the summer. But DMK is repeating the 2006-11 period (DMK's previous regime)," Palaniswami said.

ILLEGAL APPOINTMENT

IIM-Rohtak Director gets week to reply to govt's show-cause notice

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

THE PUNJAB and Haryana High Court on Friday directed IIM-Rohtak Director Dheeraj Sharma to reply to the Union Education Ministry's show-cause notice over his illegal appointment within a week.

As first reported by *The Indian Express*, the Education Ministry had issued Sharma a notice on March 28 for "misrepresenting" his educational qualification, which led to his illegal appointment in 2017.

He was given two weeks to explain why the government should not initiate administrative and legal action against him for "abusing" his position, "concealing" his Bachelor's degree and bringing disrepute to an institute of national importance. The notice also stated that Sharma committed an act of moral turpitude and acquired financial interest as IIM Director, which was against public interest.

Sharma had petitioned the



Dheeraj Sharma

High Court earlier this month to quash the Ministry's notice on the ground that the government "lacked the jurisdiction" to do so as the institute's Board of Governors was the appointing authority.

However, the High Court didn't quash the notice and instead directed him to reply within a week. But the court also ordered that the government could not take any further action based on his reply till the next date of hearing. On Friday, Sharma's lawyer had argued that even if his appointment was irregular, he had discharged the duties and was entitled to getting paid for it and that the "state could not get any work done from any employee without paying salary".

His side also argued that since Sharma's first term was already over, the show-cause notice was

infructuous.

The Additional Solicitor General of India, Satyapal Jain, argued that Sharma's writ was premature since he would have an opportunity to present his case in his reply to the government's show-cause notice.

Last month, the government, after initially denying any irregularity, had admitted in the High Court that Sharma was appointed head of the Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak, in 2017 despite securing a second division at the undergraduate level. A first-class Bachelor's degree was the prerequisite for the job. The government told the court that it was now "enquiring" how the omission and commission happened and fixing responsibility. A show-cause notice was subsequently served to Sharma on March 28.

However, this admission was made only after Sharma completed his five-year term. He was reappointed for a second term by the institute's Board of Governors on February 28 this year under the IIM Act, despite the Ministry representative's objections.

has also been counselled," it added.

The passenger, Bashi, tweeted: "Thank you for the response but it was definitely not an insert. It was on my seat and many other seats when I arrived."

IRCTC subsequently deleted its tweets. When asked about this, a spokesman cited the use of the word "counselled" which did not convey the right meaning. He also said the company is looking into how the newspapers got inserted into the approved papers.

The Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru also instructed his team to take action on the matter.

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

UGC advisory: Don't go to Pak for higher studies

New Delhi: The UGC issued an advisory on Friday, asking Indian nationals not to travel to Pakistan to pursue higher education. The commission said Indian nationals or overseas citizens of India with a degree from an educational institution in Pakistan "shall not be eligible for seeking employment or higher studies in India". "However, migrants and their children who have acquired higher education degree in Pakistan and have been awarded citizenship by India would be eligible for seeking employment in India after obtaining Security Clearance from MHA," the notice said. **ENS**

TAMIL NADU

18 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees reach TN coast

Chennai: A group of 18 Sri Lankan refugees, including women and children, reached the coast of Tamil Nadu on Friday. They arrived in three fibre boats that entered the coast and sought asylum citing the ongoing crisis in Sri Lanka, a senior police officer in Rameswaram said. With their arrival the total number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees to have reached India since March 22 has risen to 60. Officials said the 18 refugees have been taken to a government facility near Mandapam town in Rameswaram district. They were questioned by the Tamil Nadu Police and central intelligence agencies. **ENS**

RAJASTHAN

3 child marriages reported in Bhilwara, FIR filed

Jaipur: Police in Rajasthan's Bhilwara have lodged an FIR after at least three underage couples were married off in the district earlier this week. Shiv Charan, the investigating officer of the case at Bhilwara's Mandal police station, said, "We lodged an FIR on Thursday evening on the basis of a complaint filed by the district Child Welfare Committee." He said the case has been lodged against unknown persons under sections of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, as well as the Juvenile Justice Act, 2005. **ENS**

IFTAR TIME

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar at an iftar party hosted by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav in Patna. *PTI*

Jharkhand HC grants bail to Lalu in case related to fodder scam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RANCHI, APRIL 22

THE JHARKHAND High Court on Friday granted bail to Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) president Lalu Prasad in the Doranda Treasury case, related to the fodder scam, in which a CBI special court had sentenced him to five years in prison.

Prasad's lawyer Prabhat Kumar said, "The Jharkhand High court on Friday granted bail to Lalu Prasad as he had already served 41 months in custody, which more than half the period already served in this case."

The court on February 21 this



Lalu Yadav, File

year had sentenced Prasad for fodder scam case pertaining to illegal withdrawal of Rs 139.35 crore from Doranda treasury in 1995-1996. A fine of Rs 60 lakh was also slapped on Prasad.

Special Judge SK Shashi had also stated that ED may confiscate assets gathered from the

proceeds of crime and launch an investigation. His lawyer Prabhat Kumar had then said that Prasad has already undergone more than three years in custody and he would apply for bail on this particular ground.

The former Bihar Chief Minister has already been convicted in the previous four fodder scam cases - related to Dumka, Deoghar, Chaibasa and Banka-Bhagalpur treasuries.

He is currently out on bail in the former three cases on grounds that he has undergone half the sentence. The Banka-Bhagalpur case is pending before CBI Patna pertaining to illegal withdrawal of money from the said treasury.

Panel seeks distinct group tag for Assamese Muslims

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, APRIL 22

A PANEL formed by the BJP-led Assam government has recommended that "Assamese Muslims" be issued identity cards or certifications after a census, and a notification be issued to identify them as a distinct group. The panel was formed after Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma last July had met with Muslim representatives to discuss the community's socio-economic issues.

The panel submitted the report on Thursday after months of discussion. The report also made suggestions on matters related to community's education,

political representation, health and women empowerment.

Under the umbrella of the indigenous Assamese Muslim community fall three main groups: the Goriyas, the Moriyas (from Upper Assam) and the Deshis (from Lower Assam). While the Deshis are 13th-century converts from indigenous communities such as Koch, Rajbongshi and Mech, the Goriyas and Moriyas trace their lineage to converts as well as soldiers, artisans, etc. who came to the region during the Ahom rule. Smaller groups such as Julha Muslims also fall under this category.

These groups consider themselves distinct from the Bengali-speaking Muslims who migrated from East Bengal or Bangladesh.

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

RAILWAY PASSENGERS from Bengaluru Friday found copies of an unauthorised publication with controversial articles on the Shatabdi Express to Chennai, prompting the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to issue a warning to its onboard services licensee.

The Bengaluru-based publication, Aryavarth Express, carried articles titled "Genocide of Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, under Islamic rule needs to be recognised" and "UN should label

Aurangzeb as perpetrator of holocaust like Hitler" on its front page, among others.

The licensee for the train, PK Shefi, told *The Indian Express* that the paper got circulated as a supplement inserted by the vendor into the approved newspapers. But a passenger who found the paper tweeted that it was not an "insert".

"Our boys on board who distributed the newspapers did not understand that the newspapers contained this supplement. In any case they don't really read the content of the newspapers they distribute," Shefi said. "I have instructed them to not distribute any supplements or

pamphlets and just distribute the main paper from now on."

"We have warned the licensee. As per contract, the licensee is to provide only complimentary copies of Deccan Herald and a Kannada paper. He should stick to the contract conditions," Rajni Hasija, Chairman and Managing Director of IRCTC, told *The Indian Express*.

The newspaper was flagged Friday morning by a Twitter user, Gopika Bashi, who was on the train.

"This morning I boarded the Bangalore-Chennai Shatabdi Express only to be greeted by this blatantly propagandist publication on every other seat-The

Aryavarth Express. Had never even heard of it. How is @IRCTC official allowing this???" she tweeted along with a photograph of the publication.

Other users, too, raised questions on whether it was being officially circulated by the Railways-controlled company.

In response to the tweets, IRCTC said it has taken action. "The mentioned 'Aryavarth Express' was found inside the regular approved newspaper as insert. The newspaper vendor has been strictly advised to avoid any such inserts in future," it tweeted.

"Onboard monitoring staff will keep a strict vigil of the same. The licensee of the train



LIVING BRIDGES

In unfolding era of strategic convergence, India and Britain are exploring shared possibilities, deepening engagement

IN MODERN DIPLOMACY, optics may not always reflect the substance of the negotiations between leaders. But the public bonhomie that marked talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart, Boris Johnson, is in tune with the expansive ambition that marks bilateral engagement and the rapid progress on a range of issues including trade, defence, advanced technologies, clean energy, climate change, and regional collaboration. Modi noted the special personal contribution of Johnson to the modernisation of bilateral relations. Johnson called the Indian PM a “khas dost” or a dear friend. Persistent prickliness marked the post colonial ties between the two governments until recently. But in the 75th year of independence, the unprecedented comfort level between the top leaders underlines the growing convergence of interests between Delhi and London and a serious political commitment to translate the shared interests into concrete outcomes. In the run-up to Johnson's twice postponed visit, the international chatter was all about the differences on the war in Ukraine sinking the British PM's visit. While the two leaders briefed each other on their respective views on the crisis, Indian officials say there was no pressure from Britain. In the joint press conference, Johnson did not refer to Ukraine; nor did he criticise India in his separate presser. While Modi did not condemn the Russian invasion, he reiterated India's call for an immediate ceasefire and underlined its emphasis on respect for the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty of nations.

The two leaders had more on their plate than Ukraine. At the top of the agenda is the effort to conclude an agreement on Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP). Johnson wants to get the deal done by Diwali and Modi promised that India will demonstrate the same speed and urgency that it did in concluding recent free trade agreements with the UAE and Australia in recent months. Complementing the political push for a historic trade liberalisation agreement is the decision by the two leaders to deepen bilateral defence and security cooperation. While India welcomed Britain's Indo-Pacific tilt, Britain has announced the decision to ease the transfer of defence equipment and technology for India. The two sides are also determined to begin joint research, development and production of advanced weapons and related technologies. Modi and Johnson also issued a statement on strengthening their partnership in the cyber domain to deliver results on governance, deterrence, resilience and capacity building. Beyond defence, security and advanced technologies, they announced plans to boost cooperation on mitigating climate change and promoting clean energy.

Tying all these initiatives across a broad spectrum is the determination to strengthen the “living bridge” between the two nations — marked not only by a large Indian diaspora in Britain but also the immense possibilities for collaboration between various sectors of the two civil societies. These possibilities never disappeared in the immediate decades after India's independence from Britain 75 years ago; but they could not be harnessed because of major political differences between the two nations. But in the unfolding era of strategic convergence, the massive bridge between India and Britain is coming alive.

POWER SHOCK

Measures to ease supply-side constraints will only address immediate stress. Larger issues in distribution segment remain

OVER THE PAST few weeks, several states — Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh — have been witnessing power outages. While governments, both at the central and state level, are taking steps to address the problem, this is not an unusual situation. Last year too, several states had raised concerns over inadequate coal supplies to thermal power plants. This indicates a systemic inability to predict demand accurately and manage supply-side constraints.

The current crisis can be traced to both demand and supply factors. Power demand is rising as the economic recovery from the lows of the pandemic gathers momentum. Demand is only likely to rise further as the country heads into peak summer season, deepening the existing mismatch. On the supply side, the low level of coal stocks at thermal power plants is a matter of concern. As per a recent report by Nomura, during mid April, power plants held only about nine days' worth of coal stocks, significantly below the average stocks held by them over the past few years. In fact, a large section of thermal power plants across the country are currently at “critically” low level of stocks. This, as analysts have pointed out, is due to a combination of factors — notably, the lower availability of railway rakes to transport the coal to the thermal power plants, and high prices adversely impacting coal imports. As reported in this paper, with a sharp spurt in international coal prices, Indian thermal plants, which rely on imports, have cut back — of the 16.6 GW of thermal power generation capacity based on imported coal, 6.7 GW or around 40 per cent is currently not operational.

Considering that coal supplies tend to get disrupted during the monsoon season, unless these supply-side issues are tackled urgently — there are reports of some states, namely, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, planning to import 10.5 million tonnes of coal over the coming few months to address the deficit — the mismatch is likely to worsen. This will exacerbate the power shock across the country, forcing states to either buy power at significantly higher rates or face outages. However, initiatives by the Centre and the states aimed at tackling these constraints will only address the immediate stress. The larger issues of the weakness in the distribution segment, may well linger on.

TREASURE IN TRASH

A South Korean researcher has gleaned insights from what other people throw away

NOT EVERY SPY is James Bond, and espionage hardly ever involves sipping martinis in glamorous settings. More often, it is slow, painstaking work, full of the drudgery common to most professions, in the hope that some useful information might present itself and provide insight and leverage. Kang Dong Wan, a South Korean researcher, is no spy. But, given the dedication with which he has collected and studied the garbage that washes up on the shores from North Korea, he probably should be.

Kang has found — as so many private eyes searching for clues do — that what people throw away can, with the right interpretation, yield a treasure trove of information. From discarded packets of fast food, to candy wrappers, the rubbish from the North has provided him with a sketch of changes taking place in the notoriously isolationist dictatorship. For example, the increasing amount of fast-food waste indicates that Kim Jong-un has been forced to cater to the desire for market-based consumerism. That the packaging of the unhealthy delectables often mimics South Korean counterparts provides hope that, despite a hard border and ideological differences, in their tastes, people remain the same.

Kang was forced to comb the shoreline for garbage as a result of the pandemic: He lost access to goods and people from North Korea in Chinese border towns due to strict lockdowns. He was often stranded on a beach if a ferry didn't arrive and forced to spend the night in inclement weather. Local residents often complained to the police about a strange man eagerly collecting and sifting through trash. The results of his investigations, though, are no secret and he aims to understand his neighbours, sundered from the common community by a history of violence and suspicion. Now that's a goal worth spending time in the dirt for.



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INDIA HAS A long history of communal violence. Just how similar or different are the recent episodes? And what kind of dangers do they pose to the polity and society?

Let me begin with religious processions. It should first be noted that such processions have historically been some of the largest triggers for communal riots. In the dataset I co-created with Steven Wilkinson (Yale University) on communal violence for the period 1950-95, the reported cause of roughly every fourth riot was a religious procession.

Participation in religious processions is not about collective prayer and piety, spiritual restoration, mourning of loss, mending broken lives, extending compassion and seeking forgiveness. Such processions can be, and have been, intensely political, often morphing from the religious to the communal. Communalism in South Asia has always been distinguished from religiosity. It has signified a highly political and often violent use of religion. Religiosity may be about deeper meanings of life, but communalism is about a coercive assertion of power or a bloody search for retribution, often historically construed and presented. If in the Middle Ages some Muslim rulers were repressive or violent towards the Hindus, the modern Hindu communalist would like to take revenge by targeting even poor Muslims, who had nothing to do with the Muslim rulers or aristocrats of the pre-modern era.

Thus, it is not the coexistence of religious processions and riots that is surprising today. The novelty lies elsewhere and is two-fold. First, in our dataset, Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti are not the principal religious processions touching off riots. Barely three per cent of riots are linked to Ram Navami and only one riot — in Chaibasa, Bihar, in 1970 — has Hanuman Jayanti as its precipitant. Ganesh, Moharram, Dussehra and Durga processions have the highest incidence. Along with Holi, they lead by a huge margin.

The larger implication ought to be obvious. Processions that were rarely connected to riots are now being used for creating them. Mahatma Gandhi's devotion to Ram was encapsulated in the saying “nirbal ke bal Ram” (“a helper of the weak”). Gandhi also thought of Ram as “maryada purushottam” (“an epitome of ethical conduct”). For the communalists, Ram is not about helping the weak or eth-

Processions rarely connected to riots are now creating them. Neutrality of state governments is eroding

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The second difference is both more important and infinitely more dangerous. In the past, processions might have caused riots, but the state rarely gave up the principle of neutrality in dealing with them. In many riots, there were doubts about whether the state behaved in an equidistant manner, but neutrality vis-à-vis religious communities was not openly abandoned as a mode of state conduct and intervention. The anti-Sikh riots of Delhi in 1984 and the anti-Muslim riots of Gujarat in 2002 were the two clearest exceptions to this larger principle.

Conceptually speaking, when a state either explicitly favours a community or looks away when a particular community is hounded, intimidated and attacked, it is no longer a riot, but a pogrom. Unleashing bulldozers on any given community without proper process is not simply illegal, it also qualifies as the beginning of a pogrom if the community is ethnically, religiously or racially defined. Had the court not intervened, the devastation of Muslims in Jahangirpuri would have been incomparably greater.

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Consider some other instances of such behaviour. In recent months, we have witnessed the spectacle of calls to murder in *Dharam Sansads* (religious assemblies). Some Hindu religious leaders have openly urged the Hindu community to acquire weapons and kill Muslims. Such speech is criminally liable. India's Constitution prohibits speech that endangers “public order”. But, instead of applying the law correctly, the state has

basically looked the other way, and when arrests have been made, the weak prosecutorial cases have been unable to withstand judicial scrutiny.

While I was doing full-time research on Hindu-Muslim relations in the 1990s, it was invariably hard to find clear evidence of who led the riots. The riot instigators or organisers would almost always be hidden in the shadows of ambiguity. Inferences could be drawn, but no clear-cut evidence would normally be available. The riot leaders now openly proclaim “*desh ke gaddaron ko, goli maro saalon ko* (kill the bloody traitors)”. Such leaders are either not punished, or are merely given a slap on the wrist. Worse, dramatically reflecting the temper of the times, some of them are even celebrated as heroes and rewarded with high office.

These trends are coming dangerously together in the notable growth of vigilante violence, especially in BJP-ruled states. Muslim fruit sellers can be openly harassed and their carts overturned. Muslim traders selling sweets and flowers near Hindu temples can be prevented from doing business. Muslim girls can be stopped from going to school if they cover their heads, but Sikh boys can wear turbans and Hindu boys can wear a *tilak*.

New research on vigilantism makes it clear that vigilantism, especially lynchings, cannot flourish unless the state provides impunity to vigilante groups. By enacting anti-Muslim laws and issuing anti-Muslim decrees, BJP-ruled polities today are providing the impunity that vigilantism needs for its success. The effect is to terrorise Muslims, who are simply doing their regular business, traveling in buses and trains, attending schools, going to government offices for permissions and clearances.

An enduring belief of Hindu nationalism has been that Muslims only listen to the language of force, not to the language of persuasion. To them, force means combining state power above with street power below. Research shows that this kind of belief can easily lead to conditions for a large-scale anti-Muslim pogrom. If that happens, the consequences will be unpredictable.

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OVER THE PAST four years, 137 countries have engaged intensively with the OECD to find a solution to the tax challenges arising from digitalisation. Like any international agreement, finding a middle ground has been difficult and a series of compromises have been made. It was agreed initially that the unique features of the digital economy — firms can operate seamlessly across borders and users and their data contribute to their profits — made it harder to tax such an economy. It was not clear how profits were to be pinned down to any jurisdiction. This became a political issue because the largest technology firms are tax residents of developed countries and redefining digital presence as the basis of taxation would potentially allow large markets like India more right to tax.

The OECD's work reflected the divergence in expectations among countries about the ideal solution. Developing countries wanted that profits from digital operations should be fractionally apportioned to markets while developed countries believe that a fraction of residual profit, mainly arising from marketing functions, should be taxed in markets. Such divergence compelled countries to implement unilateral measures. India was the first country to implement a gross equalisation levy on turnover. This is not covered by tax treaties. So, while the income tax act does not apply to the levy, credit is available for the tax paid by the company in its home country. Similarly, several other countries have announced or imple-

THE DIGITAL TAX CHALLENGE

India must calibrate response to OECD formula, assess compromises it must make

mented a digital services tax (DST).

In 2021, India expanded the scope of the equalisation levy. This pressured the US and OECD to respond. The US initiated the US Trade Representative investigations which found DST to be discriminatory, and then announced retaliatory tariffs. While the tariffs were to be levied on less significant items of the US-India trade, the DSTs encouraged the US to actively participate in finding a consensus-based solution. As talks progressed, the OECD announced that the issue of allocation of taxing rights would be actively considered and adopted a two-pillar approach.

The first pillar was to define the rules for taxing digital companies. After a change in the administration, the US agreed to back the proposal. However, Pillar One was to go beyond digital companies and apply to large companies with annual revenue over € 20 billion. To ensure certainty to taxpayers, the solution will require excessive global coordination. For this, an entirely different process of dispute resolution panels is being created. Whether this will undermine sovereignty, remains to be seen.

Therefore, it is important to consider if the consensus approach is worth pursuing. The collections of the equalisation levy are now close to Rs 4,000 crore. One way to assess the relative gain is to compare the revenue from equalisation levy with the receipts under Pillar One. My estimate is that India may gain only Rs 1,000 crore in the best case scenario. In fact,

the EL may apply to companies that are not covered by the OECD proposal, leaving one to wonder whether it will truly address the tax challenges from digitalisation. In such a case, India's stance on OECD's approach must be calibrated. Current tax collections indicate that the EL can level the playing field between digital and brick and mortar firms through behavioural change or higher taxes. Corporations that argue in favour of simplicity must also consider the potential benefits from an EL like tax that sets aside the complications of attributing profits to complex functions.

As per an estimate of the US Treasury, 72 per cent of the companies covered by EL in India are US companies. Therefore, unless countries negotiate with the US, tax challenges will persist. There is no unanimous support for the Pillar One proposal in the US as well. A reason for this may be that the US could lose about 0.1 per cent of its tax revenues. To compensate for that, the global minimum tax is being proposed as a package deal. In effect, the OECD approach creates a fiction of reallocation, where the profits reallocated through Pillar One could in fact be compensated for by taxing back global profits taxed below 15 per cent. As per Pillar One proposal, DSTs will be removed once the OECD approach is ratified in 2023. It is imperative therefore that countries assess the price of compromise.

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APRIL 23, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

TAX RELIEF

FINANCE MINISTER PRANAB Mukherjee announced a number of minor tax concessions amounting to Rs 15.73 crore in the Lok Sabha. Moving the Finance Bill, which gives effect to his taxation proposals contained in the 1932-83 budget, Mukherjee announced reliefs in direct taxes totaling Rs 11.23 crore and a number of concessions in indirect taxes which are aimed at reducing the burden on small manufacturers. The total taxation effort made by the Finance Minister while presenting his budget amounted to Rs 589.33 crore. Prominent among the concessions is the increase in exemption limit for those who

avail of leave encashment and extension of excise duty concession scheme to small assemblers of cassette tapes, parts of pens and ball-point pens.

ROCKET THEFT

A COURT OF Inquiry into the theft of some rockets belonging to the Air Force from a goods wagon and their subsequent appearance at the Bokaro steel plant and other places has been ordered by the Air Headquarters. Defence Minister R Venkataraman told the Lok Sabha. Members were, however, dissatisfied with Venkataraman's statement that the rockets

might have found their way to Bokaro because they were dumped in limestone wagons by the looters. It appears that those who looted the wagon containing the rockets were in search of valuables.

CHAIRMAN AGAIN

CHINA ANNOUNCED THAT a proposed new constitution would re-establish the post of state chairman or president, abolished during the Maoist cultural revolution. The official New China News Agency said the draft of the new constitution was put to a meeting of the standing committee of the National People's Congress.

Interrogating violence

It is in Gandhi's vision of modernity that we can find an antidote to state-sponsored violence



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EVEN THOUGH ALL of us know that violence in any form — be it in war, intimidation of people, communal discord, police brutality, rape — is essentially horrific, we remain largely indifferent to it as long as we are not affected directly. At times, even when it does directly impact us, we either choose to respond equally violently or helplessly undergo its gruesomeness without taking any steps to stop its recurrence. This is the normal pattern of human behaviour or, perhaps, all animal behaviour. This is because we, like other animals, function within the framework of self-interests. Unlike other animals, humans are endowed with the ability not only to perceive violence as such but to also raise issues about it because of our capacity to use language. Many individuals have, in fact, interrogated violence and tried to figure out how to control its occurrence in human societies. Yet, violence continues to remain a recurrent phenomenon.

As long as humans function from the point of view of self-interest, violence is inevitable. If we think about violence within a framework of economic well-being and human self-interest, it will never get challenged. Normally, we only try to subdue and postpone its recurrence through other violent methods such as the use of police/military force — we try to counter violence with violence. We may also analyse such occurrences and write sociological treatises about such events, their cause and effects but we keep believing in its inevitability.

Since life feeds on life, some form of violence is necessary. But when we are talking about violence, we are talking about avoidable violence. What is required is to put an end to all forms of violence that are not necessary. To my mind, the only person who has given us an overall solution to the problem of violence is Gandhi. In its broadest sense, Gandhi's solution is the idea of learning to function within a framework of Satya, Ahimsa, Sarvodaya (concern for the well-being of all) and aparigraha (non-possession). Gandhi's political philosophy is embodied in his *Hind Swaraj*. But when we look at this broad framework carefully, we notice that Gandhi's solution demands among other things, a stateless society. In fact, the absence of centralised authority is a minimum requirement. Gandhi perceived, and perhaps correctly so, the state as the embodiment of all avoidable violence. But can a stateless human world ever be achieved? Gandhi thought that getting rid of the idea of a state was necessary to live in a violence-free world; a position that is diametrically opposed to all the theories of social contract propounded by Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Rawls et al. From Gandhi's point of view, the inevitability of the state that we take for granted is a product of our orientation towards a metaphysics-led way of life and thought process. Gandhi, like the Buddha, Socrates and Socrates' admirer Zeno, advocated an ethics-led way of life in place of the conventional metaphysics-led one. When viewed from within the prism of an ethics-led way of life, the state with all its institutions would appear, to use Gandhi's expression, "Satanic".

A metaphysics-led way of life always enshrines a notion of some Ultimate Truth,



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whether it is religiously, scientifically or philosophically conceived. The Buddha, Socrates and Gandhi argued that man's disposition to hold on to this belief in an Ultimate Truth is the result of his existential insecurity and the existential angst that ensues from it. Instead of rejecting the idea of an ultimate truth, Gandhi, like the Buddha and Socrates before him, invited us to ground such an idea in ethics. That is, he is requesting us to make ethics our primary concern. Once ethics takes over our orientation, we would become less selfish and our concerns would become other-centred instead of self-centred. With this shift of concern from the self to the other, through the cultivation of Satya, Ahimsa, Sarvodaya and aparigraha, Gandhi thought that our existential angst would disappear. Once that happens, Gandhi thought, we would be in a position to see the desirability of stateless communities in the world. He described such a world variously as Rama Raj/Khuda Raj/ the kingdom of God on Earth. However, more often, he used the term "Swaraj" to name such a political scenario.

Let me explain. Even though Gandhi was not a religious person in any ordinary sense of that term, his vocabulary was Vaishnavite. He used the Vaishnava vocabulary (his parental vocabulary) deliberately in order to avoid the European Enlightenment vocabulary, which he thought was used to justify the British Raj's criminal activities. When he was talking to a predominantly Hindu audience he used "Ram Raj" to designate his version of a stateless society called "Swaraj". If his audience was mostly Muslim he used the phrase "Khuda Raj" and for a Christian audience it was "the kingdom of God on Earth" to designate "Swaraj" or the stateless society that Gandhi envisioned. Two of Gandhi's booklets — *Hind Swaraj* and the

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Constructive Programme — give some details of how one can non-violently try to actualise a stateless society.

Gandhian modernity replaces the European concepts of freedom, liberty and fraternity with truthfulness (Satya) non-violence (Ahimsa), a concern for the well-being of all (Sarvodaya) and justice (niti). It rejects the ideas of a nation-state, capitalism and parliamentary democracy. In Gandhian modernity, direct democracy replaces the parliamentary system. The use of heavy technology is taboo but there is no objection to theoretical science. Instead of heavy technology, it advocates the use of appropriate technology and sustainable development. Development, in a larger context, means the development of freedoms, such as the freedom to eat enough food, drink pure water, breathe pure air, cure curable diseases, freedom from patriarchy, etc. Another name for Gandhian modernity is enlightened anarchism.

The European concept of modernity is a criminal idea; in the past, it justified the European nations' enslavement of the world and the destruction of civilisations. "Exploitation", in fact, is the other name of European modernity/enlightenment. Even today, under the guise of modernity, the resources of the world continue to be exploited by a few wealthy countries thereby enabling them to remain inordinately rich at the cost of the others. This unsustainable resource extraction threatens the very existence of life on this planet. If animal life has to continue on earth for a longer period, Gandhian modernity is, I believe, what we should wholeheartedly embrace.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Unfortunately, Pakistan's political parties do not have much of a record in executing long-term governance and economic reforms. If the economic experiments of the previous government teach us anything, it is that quick fixes don't work."

— DAWN

Change in Churachandpur

In a region that has emphasised ethnicity, elections are imagined as a form of ethnic dominance and assertion. This may be changing



SUANMUANLIAN TONSING AND SANGMUAN HANGSING

LAMKA, CHURACHANDPUR TODAY is predominantly a town inhabited by the indigenous Zo kindred tribes. It is multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and has a cosmopolitan worldview. Inter-ethnic clashes on June 27, 1997, had led to the breakdown of trust among communities and encouraged patronisation of ethnic affiliations. These tensions can be traced to the time of the merger of the princely state of Manipur with the Indian Union or even before to the colonial era. The Khul Union, formed in 1947, which comprises all the hill people in Manipur except the Nagas, to protect their interests and political future, was disrupted due to the assertion of linguistic dominance by the numerically larger ethnic groups. More recently, the anti-tribal bill movement in Manipur in August, 2015 widened the ethnic divide and disrupted communal harmony, especially in Churachandpur. The anti-tribal bill passed by the Manipur legislative assembly was opposed by the hill people of Manipur and a Joint Action Committee against the Anti-Tribal Bills (JACAATB) was formed to articulate the opposition. The subsequent protests led to attacks on the houses of MLAs from the hill areas and nine persons, including a 10-year-old boy, were killed in police firing. However, the ethnic divide came into play and the outcome was the withdrawal of some tribes from the JACAATB.

The ethnic and political divides impact everyday life, sometimes in a subtle manner and at other times in an explicit fashion. It triggers conflict and fuels violence. During elections, ethnic, institutional, money, gun, and muscle power become prevalent. In a region that has historically emphasised ethnicity, elections are not seen as an opportunity for electing lawmakers but imagined as a form of ethnic and geopolitical dominance and assertion. One's candidature in an election is perceived as a representation of one's community socio-culturally and politically. The outcome is that only a minuscule amount of space is provided to minority tribes like the Simtes, Gangte, Vaipheis, Mizos, Zous, and others to articulate their rights in a democratic manner.

Thangkhangin Ngaihte, the president of Lok Janshakti Party in Manipur and a member of the Simte community, has lost eight elections to the assembly and Parliament. He says, "Ethnic organisations govern our land, and our votes are cast on ethnic grounds. For a minority tribe like the Simtes, come a thousand years, the chances of getting their representative elected are still futile. Considering ethnicity as the ground for vote casting, a qualified candidate's chances

to get elected are nullified."

This convoluted state of ethnic politics is further complicated by money, guns, and muscle power. It was alleged that Rs 16 crore was paid to Manipur militant groups ahead of elections to influence voters in the assembly election held in February. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh alleged that elections in Churachandpur and Kangpokpi districts in the first phase on February 28 were undemocratic because payments had been made. Demands were made for a repoll in 30 polling stations across Churachandpur and Kangpokpi districts.

The entry of James Khuma Hauzel, an independent candidate in 58 AC Churachandpur, into the electoral fray became interesting because he refused to follow the dominant pattern of political discourse. He sought to break the symbolic, social, and cultural norms ascribed to political elites during his campaign. He attacked corruption, gun power, kinship, and institutional politics from a position that combined the Zo worldview and Christian ethics and morality. On the day of the election, Khuma and his wife, Ing Borang, visited several polling stations, exposing the redundancy of the security provided to the candidates.

Churachandpur 58 AC recorded the lowest voter turnout in the state with 71.53 per cent. However, this is still the highest voter turnout for the district after several decades of public disinterest in politics. The turnouts in 2012 and 2017 were 64.13 per cent and 62.56 per cent respectively. Khuma secured only 2,244 votes while the leading candidate, LM Khaute of JD(U), secured 18,321 votes. However, Khuma's campaign against corruption, money and muscle power, kinship, and institutional politics had a resonance among young people, who desperately yearn for a change in the political discourse. This is how a supporter put it: "Khuma paved the way for new ways of seeing politics. Winning or losing doesn't matter." On March 26, 2022, a month after the Manipur assembly election, the town held a "Pakhuma Night" at Lamka public ground with a large young crowd in attendance to take forward the issues Khuma highlighted in the campaign. Addressing the crowd, Mang Taihul, a journalist from the Zou community who hosted the event, said: "Tonight, a Gangte artist sings, a Zou hosts the event. If only all the tribes in our town came together like this, why wouldn't Lamka be a convivial place?.. There is no reason for Thadou, Paithe, or Zou (tribes) to segregate... The Church, tribe and ethnicity have failed to bring Lamka together. Only Pakhuma and music can bring us together..."

Although Khuma lost, the election has become a catalyst to unite people of different political persuasions in Churachandpur, a region that has been riven by divisive ethnic politics. Hopefully, these non-ethnic mobilisations driven by the belief in the power of democracy to transform the society and end corruption in public life will not dissipate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WORK IN PROGRESS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A high-resolution tool' (IE, April 22). It focuses on the relatively faster speed of the resolution process compared to the IBC's predecessors but avoids the more serious issues of low resolution and low recovery rates. Most cases referred end up in liquidation, yielding meagre recoveries for banks and creditors, defeating the purpose of the Code. In terms of speed of disposal, too, it falls well short of the stipulated time. The resolution process needs critical attention if there are such few successful turnarounds, especially the role of re-solvency professionals, who are key participants in the resolution process. The IBC is a useful instrument for creditors and should be made more effective by removing procedural infirmities in the resolution process.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

A SENSE OF DOOM

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'With eyes wide open' (IE, April 21). India's political discourse and its collective consciousness appear to be suffering from a dissociative disorder. Bigotry and targeting of minorities — as well as dissenters — is being done through contorting the spirit of the law and Constitution, with an ideological zeal that is plain to see. On the other hand, mouthpieces of the powers that be utter, with almost no one challenging them, that the current regime functions through "sabka saath". Its leaders make the vilest statements on the campaign trail, then try to appear saintly,

Unfortunately, the sense of foreboding and doom in the article seems prophetic.

Biswadeep Chatterjee, via email

PLAY THE FIELD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Wheat worries' (IE, April 22). India now faces a two-pronged challenge in the wheat crop domain. One is to ensure a close-to-normal harvest and the second is to explore the export potential. While the former is pertinent for the country's food security in uncertain times, the latter is an opportunity in the war-hit global market. We cannot afford to overlook either. Inking bilateral agreements with nations by banking on the comparative advantage theory, like a wheat-for-fertiliser deal, is a possible way forward. Care should also be taken in procurement, storage and transportation domains to ensure efficient utilisation of the rabi crop.

Anjali Bhavana, Thiruvananthapuram

A LAPSE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Corbevax for 5-11 years: Panel seeks nod for emergency use' (IE, April 22). The expert panel recommending the use of the Corbevax vaccine for the age group 5-11 years is a major step forward. It's worrying to see, once again, the gradually increasing number of Covid-19 cases across the country. With the opening of almost all the economic activities, the public may have become carefree, resulting in a lapse vis a vis the pandemic.

Vandana Chopra, Chandigarh



TAHIR MAHMOOD

Correcting a wrong, belatedly

Fervour over HC verdict on divorced Muslim women's rights is misplaced

ON APRIL 18, the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court rightly overruled an appellate court's decision on the maintenance right of a divorced Muslim woman. The case was a routine one but, strangely, it is being blown out of proportion and enthusiastically commented upon in a section of the media as if it were a novel judicial ruling.

To the well-known legal maxim "ignorance of the law is no excuse", the late Justice VR Krishna Iyer had once jokingly suffixed the words "except for the lower courts" — since their decisions in disputed cases often go against the relevant law and are overruled by higher courts. The truth of what Justice Iyer had said in a lighter vein is particularly evident in cases under Muslim law. Remarkably, even high court decisions in such cases sometimes show half-baked knowledge, if not total ignorance, of the settled law and the apex court of the country has to set them aside in the final appeals.

In the case under comment, a divorced Muslim woman of Uttar Pradesh's Pratapgarh district had approached a lower court seeking a maintenance order against her husband under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code of 1973 (CrPC). The

trial court rightly ruled in her favour. But this decision was appealed against before an additional sessions judge who superseded it, holding that the CrPC law was no more applicable to her and the case should have been decided only under, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986. This decision was then appealed against before the Lucknow Bench of the state high court. Deciding the appeal, Justice KS Pawar observed that "in view of the judgment of *Bano vs Imran Khan* rendered by the Supreme Court in 2009 I have no hesitation in holding that the view taken by the revisional court is contrary to the law laid down by the Supreme Court. The revisionist wife, being a divorced Muslim woman, was entitled to claim maintenance under Section 125 CrPC."

Justice Pawar was referring to the *Shabana Bano v Imran Khan* case. Details of the case can be found in the law reports of 2010. This was neither the first nor the last apex court decision affirming the continued application of the CrPC law on providing maintenance to divorced Muslim women, irrespective of the Muslim Women Act of

1986. In fact, the main issue in this case was the jurisdiction of family courts to entertain and decide cases under the said Act which mentions a magistrate's court as the forum for its purposes. Justice Dipak Misra said in his judgment that "the basic and foremost question that arises for consideration is whether a Muslim divorced wife would be entitled to receive the amount of maintenance from her divorced husband under Section 125 of the CrPC and, if yes, then through which forum."

Before this appeal was decided, the law on the maintenance liability of Muslim men towards their divorced wives had been already settled by the apex court in several verdicts. Hence in *Shabana Bano*, Justice Misra just said that "a cumulative reading of the relevant portions of judgments of this Court in *Danial Latifi* (2001) and *Iqbal Bano* (2007) makes it crystal clear that a divorced Muslim woman would be entitled to claim maintenance from her divorced husband as long as she does not remarry. This being a beneficial piece of legislation, the benefit thereof must accrue to the divorced Muslim women." The last sentence in this observation in *Shabana Bano* is being ignorantly attributed in the me-

dia to the Lucknow judge, Justice KS Pawar.

On the other point mentioned in the prefatory observation in *Shabana Bano*, Justice Misra had held that "a bare perusal of Section 20 of the Family Courts Act makes it crystal clear that the provisions of this Act shall have an overriding effect on all other enactments in force dealing with this issue" — and he was absolutely right. All family law statutes originally mentioned district courts as the forum for entertaining and deciding the cases arising under their provisions. By virtue of the Family Courts Act 1984, their jurisdiction automatically got transferred to family courts.

In the Lucknow case we are discussing here, a lower-level appellate court's incorrect decision had been appealed against in 2008. It was disposed of by the high court a good 14 years later. The case thus also bears testimony to the saying, "justice delayed is justice denied", which remains the order of the day in judicial settlement of family disputes. The fervour over the case in media reports is misplaced.

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New Delhi



‘BJP has declared a war on Muslims... AAP, Congress have no ideological moorings left’

HYDERABAD MP and AIMIM president **Asaduddin Owaisi** speaks to **Manoj CG** about recent incidents of communal violence across the country, the BJP, and Opposition parties such as the AAP and the Congress.

There have been reports of communal flare-ups in the country this month. How do you see these incidents?

The BJP, wherever they are in power, there is no pretence left. They are openly claiming that they will be biased against the Muslim community. They have declared a war on the Muslim community. Secondly, because of the competing politics of who is a bigger Hindu between the Congress, the AAP and the Shiv Sena, you see all these issues have cropped up. What happened in Karauli in Rajasthan, what happened in Jharkhand, and what is happening with regard to the controversies in Maharashtra. It is a never-ending cycle now. Because every other political party has no ideological moorings left anymore. So they are trying to say that we are bigger and better party to practise the politics of Hindutva... What has happened in Sandhya in Madhya Pradesh?

Unfortunately, the media has not reported the ground reality. It is far worse than what happened in Khargone. There are Muslim families who have not eaten for three to four days because their houses have been demolished on the suspicion that stones were pelted from those houses. The BJP is now indulging in what I call vigilante justice... The whole edifice of rule of law and fundamental freedoms, which are guaranteed in the Constitution, is at stake.

You also visited Jahangirpuri on April 20, the day the demolitions happened...

In Jahangirpuri, the authorities violated the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, Section 343, Delhi Development Authority Act, 1947. Then, your newspaper reported that a woman named Mansura was stuck on the second floor because the staircase was demolished. Your report itself says there is a valid electricity meter. Now, if the BJP is so hellbent on demolishing all encroachments, in 2019, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development said there were 1,797 unauthorised colonies in Delhi. I challenge the BJP government. Will you go and demolish



Sainik Farms, Vasant Kunj enclave, Chhattarpur enclave, and Saidulajab Extension? Remember, this is the capital of our country and not some far-flung or mofussil area. It is controlled by the Union Home Minister. This is the fourth violent incident that has happened under the auspices of Amit Shah – the first was the lawyers’ agitation, the second was the

December 22 pogrom, then the farmers’ agitation, and now this.

What about the stance taken by other parties?

The AAP supported the demolition that happened because the PWD (Public Works Department) comes under the Delhi government. The hypocrisy of the AAP is they are fighting a case in the Supreme Court saying the Union government has taken away their (Delhi government’s) rights... At the end of the day, it is Muslims and Christians who are suffering.

What is the choice before minority communities?

What is the choice? We cannot blink, we cannot act as cowards or be afraid of such hate politics. We have to democratically fight back, we have to take our cases to courts of law, and we will have to stand firm. We cannot hide and close our doors and windows. When history is written it will mention that there were a few people who stood up to autocratic and fascist governments.

Are Muslims losing faith in the secular parties?

Where were they when demolition was taking place? The AAP

has over 60 MLAs and even Muslims have voted for them. You have a chief minister who is on a maun vrat (vow of silence). When the 2020 riots and pogrom were taking place, the chief minister went and sat at Gandhi samadhi. Why don’t you open your mouth? Because you are competing with the BJP in Hindutva politics. And what about the Congress? You wake up after I go over there. You have ruled Delhi for years and years. You had MPs from that area. But you do not even react on that day. You don’t even have the courage to go that day itself.

And you are often called the ‘B team’ of the BJP.

It doesn’t matter. You can use more adjectives, expletives and allegations whatever the English language allows you to use. The fact of the matter is where is the Congress party in Madhya Pradesh? In Khargone and Sandhya, you are not there. You are not there in Karauli. In Jharkhand, you are sharing power but you are not to be seen. In Delhi, where the people gave you power for three terms, you are not there on the ground.

FULL INTERVIEW ON www.indianexpress.com

CB-CID PROBE

Body police cremated in 2020 was of missing BHU student

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, APRIL 22

MORE THAN two years after he went missing, the Uttar Pradesh Police’s crime branch central investigation department (CB-CID) has found in its probe that a body cremated by local cops at the time was that of the 24-year-old Banaras Hindu University student.

Shiv Kumar Trivedi, a BSc second-year student at the varsity who hailed from Madhya Pradesh, had gone missing on February 12, 2020. The identification of the body was done after a DNA test was conducted as the CB-CID investigating officer found that the unclaimed body was likely to be that of Shiv Kumar’s.

The body was found in a lake under the jurisdiction of the Ramnagar police station in Varanasi on February 15 that year, while a missing person’s complaint was lodged by victim’s father Pradeep Kumar Trivedi (50), a farmer, the next day. The cause of death was found to be drowning as per the post-mortem report.

On August 20, 2020, the Allahabad High Court took cognisance of a letter-petition over the disappearance of the student who was last seen at the city’s Lanka police station on February 12. In November, the High Court had transferred the investigation to the CB-CID. The CB-CID in the



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course of its inquiry found that the youth’s body was found in a lake 5 kilometres from the Lanka police station and that it was cremated as an “unclaimed body”.

Soon after his disappearance, Shiv Kumar’s father had claimed that the cops did not inform him that he was brought to the police station the night he disappeared.

The 24-year-old was brought to the Lanka police station after a call was received, it was learnt. The youth was picked up by “certain police personnel from the amphitheatre ground of the BHU and was taken to the police station”, Pradeep had said.

Additional Government Advocate Syed Ali Murtaza, who represented the state government in the HC, on Friday said, “The investigating officer of the local police had ignored the unclaimed body found in a lake. But the CB-CID got DNA test done on the teeth and hair retrieved from the body. The DNA matched with the father’s blood sample.”

The matter was heard by HC Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice Piyush Agrawal on Thursday and has been listed for further hearing on July 14.

Rajasthan Class 12 Board paper has 6 questions on Cong, BJP cries foul

DEEPMUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, APRIL 22

A POLITICAL row has erupted in Rajasthan after it came to light that the Class 12 political science examination of the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education (RBSE) held on Thursday had six questions on the Congress, leading the opposition BJP to accuse the Ashok Gehlot-led government in the state of “politicising education”.

These were some of the questions asked: ‘Discuss in brief the Congress as a Social and Ideological Alliance.’ ‘Which party dominated the first three general elections in India?’ ‘How many seats did the Congress win in the 1984 Lok Sabha Election?’ ‘Who gave the slogan ‘Garibi Hatao’?’ ‘The General Election of 1971 proved to be an election for restoration of Congress. Explain the statement.’ ‘Under what circumstances did the Congress contest the 1967 General Election and what mandate did it get?’ Explain’.

The paper also included questions about the Bahujan Samaj Party, notable personalities, world affairs, the 2004 Lok Sabha election and the 1989 National Front government.

“The ruling Congress party in Rajasthan has ensured the politicisation of education. It appears from the political science question paper of Class 12 that the Congress

party will make the student who knows much about the Congress, the party’s permanent national president. Since now the party has a working president, it seems the permanent president will be made based on answers in this paper,” BJP MLA and chief spokesperson Ramlal Sharma said, taking a jibe at the Congress.

The BJP also demanded that those who were given the responsibility of setting the question paper be suspended.

RBSE Public Relations Officer Rajendra Gupta said that the question paper was made as per the NCERT syllabus and a panel of subject matter experts had prepared it. The experts’ panel decides the structure of the question papers, Gupta said.

The Congress hit back, terming the contents of the question paper as ‘historical facts’. ‘The accusations of the BJP are baseless. The history of the freedom movement and the Congress is the same and there is no contribution of the BJP in the freedom struggle. Events such as the 1971 war are historical facts, where India defeated Pakistan... The BJP government removed the war memorial for the 1971 war to hide its own failures,” said Congress spokesperson Swamin Chaturvedi. “There is no intention of politicisation in the question paper. It is a fact that the Congress was in power for more time and that is why there are more achievements,” he added.

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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.	UHBVN	PURCHASE OF 750 MW RTC POWER ON MEDIUM TERM BASIS DURING 7TH MAY 2022 TO 6TH MAY 2025 THROUGH DEEP PORTAL OF PFCCFL	22.04.2022 29.04.2022	Rs. 5,00,000/- per MW per month of quantum offered	www.uhbvn. org.in	9812451200 cehppc@uhbvn. org.in
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT:			www.haryanaeaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in			

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NIT No. 01/EE(C) DR XII/2022-23 (Re-invite)

S. No.	Name of Work Tender	Amount Put to Tender	Tender Fee	Date of release of Tender through e-Procurement Solution	Last Date and Time of download and RTGS through e-Procurement Solution
1.	Desilting of 1000 mm size and above diameter peripheral trunk sewer lines in the command of Keshpur STP with vacuum super sucker and jetting cum suction machines with water recycling technology. Tender ID: 2022_DJB_220797_1	Item Rate	Rs. 1000/- Non refundable	20.04.2022	04.05.2022 up to 3.00 PM

The tender has been uploaded on website <https://delhi.govtprocurement.com>.
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Advt. No. J.S.V. 52 (2022-23)

STOP CORONA: WASH YOUR HAND, WEAR MASK & MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

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S. No.	Name of work	Estimate cost in Rs.	E/Money in Rs.	Tender fee in Rs.	Date of release of tender in e procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Rehabilitation and up gradation of various CETPs into STPs at Delhi (Package 1)	367.5 Cr/-	20 Lac to deposit in bank as EMD as 357.50 lacs as BG	1500/-	Tender ID:- 2022_DJB_220905_1. Date: 22.04.2022	24.05.2022 at 03:00 P.M.

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

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Corrigendum
Short Notice Tender No. 6/ACE(M10)/EE(TM-10)/2022-23
Tender ID:- 2022_DJB_220666 Item No. 1 to 4

With reference to circular No. DJB/CEO/2022/D-1338 dated 21.4.2022 in the matter of unworkable rates. Following incorporation is hereby made in the additional information of NIT.

“It has been decided by the competent authority that if L-1 bidder quotes more than 25% below then the justified rates, the bid will be considered as a bid on unworkable rates. In such cases, L-1, bidder shall have to submit the difference between the 25% less amount of justified rates and his quoted rate as additional Performance Guarantee to Delhi Jal Board and only after the additional Performance Guarantee is submitted, the contract would be executed.”

Subsequently, it will be adjusted in all R.A bills against Performance Guarantee.

Therefore, all bidders are requested for its compliance.

The other terms & Conditions of the aforesaid NIT will remain same.

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STOP CORONA: “Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene”

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, सिंचाई खण्ड विकासनगर, (डाकपत्थर) देहरादून

ई-निविदा सूचना
ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-01/अधि03प्रि0/2022-23, दिनांक: 22.04.2022
महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, सिंचाई खण्ड विकासनगर, देहरादून द्वारा निम्न कार्य के निर्माण हेतु धनव्ययन की प्रक्रिया में मद आधारित दायें पर एकल-बिड प्रणाली के माध्यम से उत्तराखण्ड सिंचाई विभाग में समक्ष श्रेणी (श्रेणी डी एवं उच्चतर) हेतु फीजीकृत ठेकेदारों से ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदायें धनव्ययन की प्रक्रिया में आमंत्रित की जा रही हैं।

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NIT No. 01 / EE (C) DR- XV (2022-23)

Name of Work	Tender Amount	Tender Fees	Earnest Money	Date of Release in e-procurement	Last date / time of receipt through e-procurement
P/L/J Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Tajpur Khurd GOC under the command of proposed STP at Tajpur Khurd. 2022_DJB_220796_1	Rs. 174,86,04,919/-	Rs. 1,500/- Non refundable	Rs. 1,84,86,049/-	20.04.2022	11.05.2022 at 3:10 P.M.
P/L/J Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Hasanpur GOC under the command of proposed STP at Hasanpur. 2022_DJB_220796_2	Rs. 60,34,72,212/-	Rs. 1,500/- Non refundable	Rs. 70,34,723/-	20.04.2022	11.05.2022 at 3:10 P.M.
P/L/J Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Tikri Kalan GOC under the command of proposed STP at Tikri Kalan. 2022_DJB_220796_3	Rs. 61,87,21,126/-	Rs. 1,500/- Non refundable	Rs. 71,87,212/-	20.04.2022	11.05.2022 at 3:10 P.M.

NIT along with all the terms & conditions is available on Web Site <http://delhi.govtprocurement.com>.
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“Stop Corona Virus, Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene”

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.,
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E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE Short term tenders is invited through e-tendering for Supply of various make of 11 KV /110 volt PT for 11 KV incoming VCB installed at various 33/11 KV substation under PVVNL against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/MM/18(s)/22-23. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 133000.00, Last Date of tender submission & Time:- 09.05.2022 at 14:00 hrs., Date of tender opening (Part-I & II) & Time:- 09.05.2022 at 16:30 hrs. Note:-** In case of any amendment in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvvnl.org Superintending Engineer (MM-I) “Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: “1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451” **“SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION”** Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-I) पत्रांक:- 4040 दिनांक:- 22.04.2022

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

Tender Notice No. 0320222023 Dated: 18.04.2022

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) North Central Railway, Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders (E-tender) as detailed below-

Sr. No.	E-Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Approx Cost ₹	Earnest Money ₹
1	032022 2023-08	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ Station/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	78,00,000.00	1,56,000.00
2	032022 2023-09	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ Traffic/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	93,00,000.00	1,86,000.00
3	032022 2023-10	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ Rajapur/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	84,00,000.00	1,68,000.00
4	032022 2023-11	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ Naini/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	96,00,000.00	1,92,000.00
5	032022 2023-12	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ Railgaon/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	133,00,000.00	2,16,500.00
6	032022 2023-13	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ SFG/PRYJ, for staff quarters & colony, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	86,00,000.00	1,72,000.00
7	032022 2023-14	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ SFG/PRYJ, for Service Building, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	94,00,000.00	1,88,000.00
8	032022 2023-15	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ D S A / P R Y J , for P . E . 30.06.2023.	69,00,000.00	1,38,000.00
9	032022 2023-16	Execution of annual repairs and maintenance/Zonal works in the Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/ Hospital/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	1,03,00,000.00	2,01,500.00
10	032022 2023-17	Execution of annual maintenance of Horticulture works for Railgaon colony engineers Bunglow, Stadium, Club, Kalrav, Park No. 1,2,3, and in front of quarters lawns etc in the jurisdiction of SSE/ Horticulture/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	66,08,000.00	1,32,200.00
11	032022 2023-18	Execution of annual maintenance of Horticulture works for GM office campurs Nursery SFG etc in the , jurisdiction of SSE/ Horticulture/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	37,86,000.00	75,700.00
12	032022 2023-19	Execution of annual maintenance of Horticulture works for Prayagraj area, GM & DRM bungalow, Prayagraj, Naini & Prayagraj Chheeki stations are etc in the , jurisdiction of SSE/ Horticulture/PRYJ, for P.E. 30.06.2023.	39,70,000.00	79,400.00

Completion Period: 12 Months

Date & Time of Closing of tender: 13.05.2022 at 15:00 P.M.

Note: 1) For full details and submission of tenders, please see Indian Railway website <http://www.irops.gov.in> **443/22(D)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER

Dy.CME/Works for Chief Workshop Manager, N. E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites open tenders through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work. S.No. 1, E-Tender Notice No & Name of the work : IREPS Tender No.- 01-GKP-MWS-2022-23 “Development of facilities for repairing. Handling and Testing of Electro-Pneumatic Braking System of MEMU Coaches in Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur”. Estimated cost (in Rs.) : Rs. 4312035.00/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : Rs. 86300.00/-, Last date of tender submission - Upto 11.00 hrs., Date: 23.05.2022, Cost of the Tender forms - 0.00, Period of Contract : 06 Months. The details of above tender are also available on Indian Railway website www.irops.gov.in

Dy. CME / Works, Chief Workshop Manager, Gorakhpur CPRO/Mech.- 04

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17 REVIEWS CINEMA



Portrait of an artist

THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT OF MASSIVE TALENT

★★
Director: Tim Gormican
Cast: Nicolas Cage, Pedro Pascal, Tiffany Haddish, Sharon Hogan, Neil Patrick Harris

SHALINI LANGER

AS FAR as titles go, this is a smart one. So is the choice of Nicolas Cage to play himself as the protagonist — an actor who is as actively admired by some fans as derided by others, and who finds himself having to accost filmmakers at parking lots now for roles. Plus, there is a mounting debt, an unhappy family, a disgruntled 16-year-old daughter... you get the picture.

Or, you don't. For, having established this basic portrait of the artist as an older man, Gormican — both the film's director and co-writer — is confused about the tone of the rest of the film.

So, while seeking in a way the actor Cage, he keeps tapping into the star Cage. He is flown in a private jet to Mallorca, Spain, to please a slightly fishy millionaire on his birthday, and there he falls into es-

capades of the kind that involve the CIA, secret weapons, security cameras, kidnappings and the like, that belong to only the movies.

The writing is very basic, and the plot strains credulity, but for Cage putting into the role all he has got, *The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent* would collapse under the weight of its own pretensions.

A better movie embedded within the trappings of a regular Hollywood potboiler in the film is the friendship that develops between Cage as Cage and the millionaire

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Javi (Pascal) who has flown him to Mallorca. They are essentially two lonely men straying towards the wrong side of middle age, and it's nice to see them connect at that level, with hearts hanging all out. Preposterous as their meeting be, Pascal and Cage lend a deep vulnerability and depth to their characters.

There are many odes to

Cage the real-life star's trials, tribulations and box-office hits and failures, through actual scenes from the same, and through a shrine fan Javi has built for him. Javi and Nick (as Cage is referred to) don't really need to keep falling back on movie talk to have us hooked either. However, guess once you have taken on the weight of that title, you must live up to it.

A VIDEO game developed by Japanese firm Sega and released in 1991 did well in the action-adventure comedy movie format in 2020. However, the film about an anthropomorphic hedgehog with superpowers can't be a gift that keeps on giving.

So right from the word go, the blue ball of fur that has much too many powers for a guy who is that small and who is that keenly looking forward to his guardians leaving for a trip, barely catches any steam.

Carrey turns up as Robotnik, formerly known as Eggman, and again does not hold back on making his character as outlandish as possible to fit the general all-round tone of absurdity. However, the film never

travels too far or for too long away from its hero hedgehog Sonic (Schwartz), and despite all the flying Sonic does with new-found friend Tails, all the full-throttle fight scenes, and all the things that are blown apart, the story barely plods along.

They are all after a 'Big Emerald' that can give powers and inter-galactic control. Robotnik has with him another anthropomorphic wonder called Knuckles (Elba). This means twice the screaming and the blasting. It also means half the need for any real plot development. **SL**

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

★
Director: Jeff Fowler
Cast: James Marsden, Jim Carrey, and voices of Ben Schwartz, Idris Elba and Colleen O'Shaughnessey



JERSEY

★★★

Director: Gowtam Tinnanuri
Cast: Shahid Kapoor, Mrunal Thakur, Pankaj Kapur, Ronit Kamra, Geetika Mehandru



Off his own bat

SHUBHRA GUPTA

A WILDLY talented cricketer, dealing with a flatlined career and an uncertain future. His wife, at the end of her tether, trying her best to keep everything going. Their young son, who sees the father as an idol, the recipient of unshakeable faith. And the secret which spills out, lighting up a loser who is, in reality, a winner, not just for his family, but for his friends and fellow-players.

The world of Arjun Talwar (Shahid Kapoor) revolves around Vidya (Mrunal Thakur) and Kittu (Ronit Kamra). It's your average middle-class family, based in Chandigarh, dealing with dripping walls and unpaid electricity bills, and the weight of the man of the house who is struggling to find a path for himself.

Jersey, an official remake of the 2019 Telugu hit of the same name and by the same director, has all the elements of an inspira-

tional sports drama. A leading man nursing a crucial secret which curbs his sporting ambitions. Authentic cricketing action in the inter-state Ranji matches, minor skirmishes between players, politics among selectors of the Indian team. And the insistence on keeping it low-key, which instantly makes everything relatable. But the film is too stretched at 172 minutes, and the hero is too hangdog: *Jersey* needed to be a little more rousing to keep us engaged all the way.

In the original, the leading man is 40, and the key relationship between the father and son (Kamra was also in the Telugu film) is more contentious. In the Hindi remake, Arjun Talwar is younger, at 35. And the hero-worship between him and his son doesn't shift, despite everything. It would have been interesting to have more texture in the interactions between Talwar Sr and Jr, like there is in the arc between Arjun and Vidya, which starts from youthful giddiness to the sober realisation that life cannot be lived on love

and fresh air alone.

The film comes alive in the sequences between Shahid and his real-life father who plays his never-say-die coach and mentor. Pankaj Kapur delivers a lovely, relaxed performance, which shows up the constriction of the son, who appears much more in command when he is smashing fours and sixes on the field, and is too morose off it. The reason for his sliding off the scale is left as a big reveal in the remake, but it comes too late: the original version had given us an early hint, and that had helped us understand the depth of the hero's pain. Here, the plot provides Shahid too few moments to let his guard down and show us his vulnerable side; more of those would have left a decided impact.

An emotional end, even if it feels very last-minute, provides the essential drama that a movie like this needs. That, and the message that it's never too late to make your dreams come true. Overall, though, *Jersey* comes off sincere but lacklustre.

A promising start, but...

LONDON FILES

Director: Sachin Pathak
Cast: Arjun Rampal, Purab Kohli, Gopal Datt
Streaming on: Voot Select



hope to find a home and dignity in the UK?

The six-episode *London Files* sets up a brisk pace from the get-go. The rise of feeling against potential immigrants is a hot-button subject, and gives the series a sense of

immediacy. Add to that a slew of characters who have more going on than they are willing to let on, plus an unusual setting, and you have the makings of an intriguing mystery.

The suspense is sustained for a bit. And then we see a group struggling for those very same privileges, up against opposing elements in the government. Soon, everything begins to unravel.

The introduction of a robbed character (Gopal Datt) who holds magnetic sway over his flock of followers, yanks the series into a never-never-land. Seemingly profound lines are found scribbled on walls. Strange marks are seen on bodies. Believers find arms and storm public spaces. The way to make us believe in bizarre situations is to push for believability, but that crucial quotient goes missing. **SG**

A courtroom drama, sans all the judging

GUILTY MINDS

Directors: Shefali Bhushan and Jayant Digambar Somalkar
Cast: Shriya Pilgaonkar, Varun Mitra, Karishma Tanna, Sugandha Garg
Streaming on: Amazon Prime Video

IF YOU'VE been wondering when we will have our own version of iconic legal drama shows as *The Practice*, and the *Law And Order* franchise, here comes the all-*desi*, hugely entertaining and thought-provoking *Guilty Minds*.

What's most striking about the show, which runs 10 episodes, is how real it feels despite the dollops of drama inherent in its stories. All those thundering verbal duels and colourful speeches between rival lawyers, and jousting presiding judges that we've seen in so many of our mainstream movies are replaced by matter-of-fact cross-examination of witnesses, or a straight-forward presentation of facts. Where, oh where are all those *dhai kilo ka haath*, and *mi-laard* type of dialogues, and witnesses who are *khao-ing Geeta ki kasam* galore? Where are all the rattling sabres? I almost fell upon lines featuring *mere kaabil dost* and 'my learned friend', with relief. Not everything about those movies was a lie. Phew.

Seriously, though, *Guilty Minds* proves that it is entirely possible for a show to be contemporary and sharp, reflective of societal mores and biases, and manage to insert

a welcome liberal attitude towards both criminals and perpetrators. Why do people do what they do? What are their compulsions? No one is born evil. What makes some people fling all niceties to the wind, and go down a path of no return? Even the strongest humans have weak spots, and can't those who live in glass houses throw stones when provoked? While, of course, the judges deliver judgements, what's notable is we aren't invited to judge the characters. Instead, we are presented with details, and the extenuating circumstances, and left to make up our minds.

Not all the episodes, written by Manav Bhushan, Deeksha Gujral and the two directors, are equally successful in hitting all these marks. But again, a clear attempt has been made to include diverse issues and sections of society, even if there's a clearly a fan of futurism and artificial intelligence in the writer's room, giving us plots in which machines nearly best men. One features a driverless car (yes, really), another an aggregator of popular tunes leading to a 'brand new' one, and yet another a dating app programmed to cheat desirous young men. But clearly again, not even the most intelligent machine can outwit smart legal eagles: Shefali Bhushan, who comes from a family of well-known lawyers, knows that that is the order of nature.

Speaking of clever *vakeels*, *Guilty Minds* is chock full of them. Shriya Pilgaonkar plays



Kashaf Quaze, who with her partner Vandana Kathpalia aka Vandu (Sugandha Garg), takes up cases on behalf of the meek. Up against these feisty ladies is the very smart Deepak Rana (Varun Mitra), an outsider who has made a mark for himself in a reputed family-run law firm, headed by the formidable 'Your Honour' LN Khanna (Kulbhushan Kharbanda). The younger Khannas comprising brother-sister duo Shubhrat and Shubhangi (Pranay Pachauri and Namrata Sheth) are determined to create a niche for themselves. Benjamin Gilani, nearly unrecognisable, shows up as a

morally upright judge who has to deal with a blot on his escutcheon. Satish Kaushik is present as a dodgy, loud self-made businessman who runs a *sharaab ka dhanda*: Deepak Kalra plays his son, a coarse, carelessly good-natured coke-snorter, with the swag of a very specific Delhi species, a guy able to carry off printed twin-sets and man-buns, and demand: momos, mayo *ke saath*.

It's an interesting ensemble, with many more actors appearing in each episode, which meshes well with each other. Work has been done to make all these characters appear fleshed-out, with lives they lead

when they are not arguing their 'matters'. There's romance and sex, without putting too fine a point on it, and that's good. There's jealousy and green eyes. Faintly, the placement of these elements may remind you of their Western counterparts, but no matter, the plots are *desi* enough: the overriding desire to have a male child, greedy medical practitioners, and firms which conduct clandestine sex determination tests, is so very familiar. An old-school Bollywood composer, played by a terrific Shakti Kapoor is deeply upset by a *dhun chor*; said thief is equally upset that his contraption is not being taken as seriously as it should. Who, really, is the plagiarist, when the OG is god himself? Or herself? The gender politics is mostly spot on too, except by now I'm wondering how important is it for a character to necessarily be lesbian to claim cred: is it already becoming a trope, or is it just my imagination?

This is a well-done, well-acted show. My only quibble is the banal title *Guilty Minds*, which feels un-nuanced for a show which says everyone is innocent until they are proved guilty, and maybe not even then. Just by virtue of the fact that one of the lead characters is Muslim, whose unresolved childhood trauma can belong to anyone — religion, caste, creed no bar — makes it a big win, given our times. And this line by a character goes right to the top of the class. "*Pehle, sawaal poochhne par humein vidrohi kehne thay, aur ab deshdrohi*". More, more. **SG**

STREAMING WATCH LIST



RUSSIAN DOLL SEASON 2

NETFLIX
This acclaimed thrilling time-loop comedy returns with a new season after three years with more twists. The first season of this series had Nadia (Natasha Lyonne), a hard-partying New Yorker, reliving her 36th birthday when she meets an untimely end and finds herself back at the party that her friends threw for her. In its new episodes, which dropped this week, Nadia is planning to celebrate her 40th birthday quietly. However, something really strange happens upending her plans.



KUTHIRAVAAAL

NETFLIX
In this psychological Tamil drama, a man wakes up from a strange dream with a horse tail attached to his body and begins a mind-bending journey to disentangle the real from the imagined. The film with touches of magical realism features Kalaiyaran and Anjali Patil in the lead. The film, inspired by Franz Kafka's *The Metamorphosis*, released in theatres last month to mixed reviews.



THE TALE OF KING CRAB

MUBI
Set in an Italian village in the last 19th century, the story revolves around wandering drunkard Luciano (Gabriele Silli) and his love for the fiery Emma. When exiled to the distant and hostile Tierra del Fuego, there he might find his way towards salvation in a quest for a mythical treasure. The first feature film by Italian director duo Alessio Rigo de Righi and Matteo Zoppis premiered as part of Director's Fortnight at Cannes Film Festival last year.



KING RICHARD

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO
Based on the life of Richard Williams, father of legendary tennis players Venus and Serena Williams, this Reinaldo Marcus Green-directed sports drama shows how parental perseverance can help achieve incredible success. Training them on tennis courts in California, Richard shapes his daughters' unyielding commitment and keen intuition. As Richard, Will Smith delivers a terrific Oscar-winning performance which was clouded by him slapping comedian Chris Rock.

OH MY DOG

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO
In this feel-good Tamil entertainer, three generations of a family train Simba, a blind husky puppy, for a competition. Interestingly, the Sarav Shamugam-directed film bring together on screen real-life grandfather Vijaykumar, father Arun Vijay and son Arnab Vijay to tell a moving story of unconditional love and unusual friendship.



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Common drug found effective against mild & moderate Covid

A COMMON anti-inflammatory drug has been found to be an effective antiviral agent in the treatment of mild and moderate Covid-19 patients. The drug, indomethacin, is widely used to treat various types of inflammation-related conditions. The study on Covid patients, by IIT Madras, has been published in *Nature Scientific Reports*.

THE DRUG: Indomethacin is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug available as capsules and a liquid suspension, to be taken orally. According to the US National Library of Medicine, indomethacin works by stopping the body's production of a substance that causes pain, fever, and inflammation. It is used to relieve moderate to severe pain, tenderness, swelling, and stiffness caused by various kinds of arthritis, and pain in the shoulder caused by inflammation.

THE FINDINGS: A randomised clinical trial was conducted by IIT Madras researchers at Panimalar Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai. Out of 210 patients admitted, 107 were randomly allocated to a control group and treated with paracetamol and standard care, while 103 patients were administered indomethacin along with standard care of treatment, a media release from IIT Madras said.

None of the 103 patients who received indomethacin developed oxygen desaturation, while 20 patients in the control

group were desaturated (saturation levels below 93%). Indomethacin group patients recovered from all symptoms in three to four days, while it took twice that time for the control group, the release said.

Liver and kidney function tests showed no adverse reaction. A 14th-day follow-up showed that nearly half the control group patients had several discomforts while a few indomethacin patients complained only of tiredness, the release said.

EARLIER FINDINGS: In an earlier study by the same team in the *Journal of the Indian Medical Association*, 72 patients were given indomethacin and 72 other patients, paracetamol. Only one patient under indomethacin treatment developed hypoxia, compared to 28 in the paracetamol group. Administration of indomethacin to patients with Covid symptoms prevented the need for ventilation, the release said.

"Indomethacin works with all variants. We had done two trials, one in the first wave and the other in the second wave. The results were the same," researcher Professor Rajan Ravichandran was quoted as saying.

STUDY: 'An open label randomized clinical trial of indomethacin for mild and moderate hospitalised Covid-19 patients', Rajan Ravichandran *et al*, *Nature Scientific Reports*.

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APRIL 22: EARTH DAY

ANNUAL REMINDER ON ENVIRONMENT TO LIVE A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFE

ON FRIDAY, Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on Twitter: "#EarthDay is about expressing gratitude to Mother Earth for her kindness and reiterating our commitment to care for our planet." Earth Day, which is celebrated annually on April 22, is a reminder to protect the environment, restore damaged ecosystems, and to live a more sustainable life.

SINCE 1970: Earth Day has been celebrated since 1970. It was first observed in the United States, when people took to the streets to protest against the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, which killed thousands of sea birds, dolphins, seals, and sea lions.

Earth Day celebrations have played an important role in raising awareness around environmental issues ever since. According to earthday.org, the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, the Earth Day mission is to "diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide". The landmark Paris Agreement was signed on Earth Day in 2016.

THE UNITED NATIONS designated April 22 as International Mother Earth Day in 2009. It is intended to be a reminder that "the healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet – and its people". The

UN links the designation of April 22 with a series of previous global climate actions that started with the UN Conference on the Human Environment 1972 in Stockholm and the establishment that year of World Environment Day on June 5. In 1992, Agenda 21, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development was adopted at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit.

The UN celebrates International Mother Earth Day through the Harmony with Nature initiative, a platform for global sustainable development that celebrates annually an interactive dialogue on topics such as promoting a holistic approach to harmony with nature, and an exchange of national experiences regarding criteria and indicators to measure sustainable development in harmony with nature.

THIS YEAR, earthday.org selected the theme, 'Invest In Our Planet'. "This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must 'Invest In Our Planet'," it said.

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Rules for tapping a phone

Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut has accused the Centre of protecting IPS officer Rashmi Shukla, under probe for tapping the phones of political leaders in 2019. What laws govern tapping; what are the checks in place?

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

ON WEDNESDAY, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut claimed that the Centre is protecting IPS officer Rashmi Shukla, now posted with the CRPF. Shukla is facing an FIR in Mumbai and is being probed for allegedly tapping the phones of Rajya Sabha MP Raut and NCP leader Eknath Khadse in 2019, when she was heading the State Intelligence Department in Maharashtra.

How are phones tapped in India?

In the era of fixed-line phones, mechanical exchanges would link circuits together to route the audio signal from the call. When exchanges went digital, tapping was done through a computer. Today, when most conversations happen through mobile phones, authorities make a request to the service provider, which is bound by law to record the conversations on the given number and provide these in real time through a connected computer.

Who can tap phones?

In the states, police have the powers to tap phones. At the Centre, 10 agencies are authorised to do so: Intelligence Bureau, CBI, Enforcement Directorate, Narcotics Control Bureau, Central Board of Direct Taxes, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, National Investigation Agency, R&AW, Directorate of Signal Intelligence, and the Delhi Police Commissioner. Tapping by any other agency would be considered illegal.

What laws govern this?

Phone tapping in India is governed by the The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

Section 5(2) says that "on the occurrence of any public emergency, or in the interest of the public safety", phone tapping can be done by the Centre or states if they are satisfied it is necessary in the interest of "public safety", "sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of an offence".

There is an exception for the press: "press messages intended to be published in India of correspondents accredited to the Central Government or a State Government shall not



Rashmi Shukla (left) is under probe for alleged tapping of phones of Sanjay Raut (right) and Eknath Khadse (NCP).
File photos

be intercepted or detained, unless their transmission has been prohibited under this sub-section".

The competent authority must record reasons for tapping in writing.

Who authorises phone tapping?

Rule 419A of the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2007, says phone tapping orders "shall not be issued except by an order made by the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs in the case of Government of India and by the Secretary to the State Government in-charge of the Home Department in the case of a State Government". The order has to be conveyed to the service provider in writing; only then can the tapping begin.

What happens in an emergency?

In unavoidable circumstances, such an order may be issued by an officer, not below the rank of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India, who has been authorised by the Union Home Secretary, or the State Home Secretary.

In remote areas or for operational reasons, if it is not feasible to get prior directions, a call can be intercepted with the prior approval of the head or the second senior-most officer of the authorised law enforcement agency at the central level, and by authorised officers, not below the rank of Inspector General of Police, at the state level.

The order has to be communicated within three days to the competent authority, who has to approve or disapprove it within seven working days. "If the confirmation from the

competent authority is not received within the stipulated seven days, such interception shall cease," the rule says.

For example, during the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai, the authorities had no time to follow the complete procedure, and so a mail was sent to the service provider by the Intelligence Bureau, and phones of terrorists were put under surveillance. "The proper procedure was followed later. Many times, in grave situations such as terror attacks, service providers are approached with even verbal requests, which they honour in the interest of the nation's security," an intelligence official said.

What are the checks against misuse?

The law is clear that interception must be ordered only if there is no other way of getting the information.

"While issuing directions under sub-rule (1) the officer shall consider possibility of acquiring the necessary information by other means and the directions under sub-rule (1) shall be issued only when it is not possible to acquire the information by any other reasonable means," Rule 419A says.

The directions for interception remain in force, unless revoked earlier, for a period not exceeding 60 days. They may be renewed, but not beyond a total of 180 days.

Any order issued by the competent authority has to contain reasons, and a copy is to be forwarded to a review committee within seven working days. At the Centre, the committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary with the Law and Telecom Secretaries as members. In states, it is headed by the Chief Secretary with the Law

and Home Secretaries as members.

The committee is expected to meet at least once in two months to review all interception requests. "When the Review Committee is of the opinion that the directions are not in accordance with the provisions referred to above it may set aside the directions and orders for destruction of the copies of the intercepted message or class of messages," the law says.

Under the rules, records pertaining to such directions shall be destroyed every six months unless these are, or are likely to be, required for functional requirements. Service providers too are required to destroy records pertaining to directions for interception within two months of discontinuance of the interception.

Is the process transparent?

There are multiple provisions aimed at keeping the process transparent.

Directions for interception are to specify the name and designation of the officer or the authority to whom the intercepted call is to be disclosed, and also specify that the use of intercepted call shall be subject to provisions of Section 5(2) of the Telegraph Act.

The directions have to be conveyed to designated officers of the service providers in writing by an officer not below the rank of SP or Additional SP or equivalent. The officer is expected to maintain records with details of the intercepted call, the person whose message has been intercepted, the authority to whom the intercepted calls have been disclosed, date of destruction of copies etc.

The designated nodal officers of the service providers are supposed to issue acknowledgment letters to the security/law enforcement agency within two hours on receipt of an intimation. They are to forward every 15 days a list of interception authorisations received to the nodal officers of the security and law enforcement agencies for confirmation of authenticity.

"The service providers shall put in place adequate and effective internal checks to ensure that unauthorised interception of messages does not take place and extreme secrecy is maintained..." the rule says.

It makes the service providers responsible for actions of their employees. In case of unauthorised interception, the service provider may be fined or even lose its licence.

Joint & dual degrees from Indian, foreign univs

SHEETAL BANCHARIYA &
SOURAV ROY BARMAN

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

ON TUESDAY, University Grants Commission chairperson Prof M Jagadeesh Kumar announced that the UGC has approved an amended set of regulations. These are on tie-ups between Indian and foreign universities, first issued in 2012 and amended in 2016.

The University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Education Institutions to offer Joint Degree, Dual Degree, and Twinning Programmes) Regulations, 2022 will govern twinning programmes, joint degree, and dual degree programmes to be offered jointly by Indian and foreign universities.

The regulations allow only full-time courses, and only offline.

Twinning programmes

Students will be enrolled in a degree programme at an Indian institute and will get

an opportunity to take up an exchange programme with the partner foreign university. They will have to complete up to 30% of the course's credits at the foreign institution by means. The same rule will be applicable to foreign students enrolling in a similar programme. The degree will be awarded by the Indian institution.

Dual degrees

Introduced for the first time, these will enable a student to earn two degrees for a course of the same discipline, and at the same level. For example, a student enrolled in a BA English programme in an Indian university can pursue 30% of her course at a foreign institution. At the end of the course, the student will be awarded two degrees, separately and simultaneously, by the Indian and foreign institutions. This shall not be construed as two degree programmes in separate disciplines or subject areas at two different levels, the UGC has clarified — a dual degree in BA English and BSc Physics, or BSc Maths and MSc Biology, will not be allowed.

Joint degree

For these, there will be one degree certificate, bearing the names of both institutions, which will jointly design the curriculum. Students from India will be required to complete at least 30% of their credits at the foreign institution. In the case of joint doctoral programmes, they will have a supervisor at both institutes and will have to spend at least a semester at the collaborating institutes.

Which institutions

Any Indian higher educational institution accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a minimum score of 3.01 on a 4-point scale, or featuring in the top 1,000 of Times Higher Education (THE) or QS World University Rankings, will be eligible to participate. For Indian institutes, being in the top 100 list of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is also an acceptable criterion.

The previous regulations gave the UGC extensive powers to monitor the entire

process of collaboration, from examining MoUs to issuing letters of approval or rejection. The proposed amendments do away with the need for institutes to seek the UGC's approval. However, in the case of professional programmes in disciplines such as engineering, medicine and law, the approval of statutory bodies such as the AICTE will still be needed. Indian institutes will need clearance from their in-house bodies such as board of governors or executive council.

Admission criteria, fees

For twinning, dual degree and joint degree programmes, the fees will be made public during the time of admission. For twinning and joint degree programmes, the student may not have to apply separately to each Indian and foreign higher educational institutions. For dual degrees, she will have to apply and be admitted separately to both institutions. The UGC has not yet released the fee structure of any of the courses, but has said it would be reasonable to make quality higher education accessible and affordable to all sections of society.

Presidential election in France: Marine Le Pen and the stakes for Europe

MIRA PATEL

MUMBAI, APRIL 22

FRANCE'S PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron will face far-right challenger Marine Le Pen in the presidential election run-off on Sunday. This will be the second straight fight between the two politicians and Le Pen's third shot at the presidency, and it is her best chance at winning the office so far.

She has rejected allegations of racism and xenophobia, and positioned herself as a "patriotic moderate" with populist credentials who aims to free France from the clutches of a privileged minority.

In the first round of the presidential election held on April 10, Macron, of the La République En Marche! (LREM) party won 27.8% of the vote, Le Pen of the National Rally 23.15%, and Jean-Luc Mélenchon from the far-left France Unbowed a little under 22%. For a candidate to win an election in the first round itself, they must secure over 50%, a feat that has never achieved since the system was established in 1958.

Issues in election

French voters have traditionally cared more about the cost of living than any other

issue. Amid a crippling power shortage, the cost of energy rose dramatically in 2021, food and commodity prices are currently at their highest levels in decades, and the decline in purchasing power is the most pressing concern for a large number of voters. Long before the coronavirus and Ukraine crises, Macron, a private-school-educated former banker, had felt the heat from protests over economic inequality as 'yellow vest' demonstrators took to the streets across the country in 2018.

Immigration became a flashpoint in French politics following the European migrant crisis of 2015. The waves of migrants arriving primarily from Africa and the Middle East are often alleged to have altered the ethno-cultural dimensions of French society, with many citizens decrying the loss of jobs and social stability. Migrant arrivals are also blamed for a spike in incidents of terrorism, and concerns over national security have been a key election issue.

Macron has lost the temporary boost he got from his efforts to find a diplomatic solution as the war in Ukraine approached. Le Pen has voiced support for Russia" President Vladimir Putin in the past, but polls suggest that has not impacted voter preferences negatively. Macron's handling of the pandemic and climate change are also in play.



Marine Le Pen on Friday, the last day of campaigning.
Reuters

Could Le Pen win?

As campaigning ended on Friday, opinion polls showed Macron pulling away from Le Pen, widening his lead to 57.5% against the 42.5% support for his rival in an Ipsos survey. Some analysts, however, feel the race could be much closer — some earlier polls have put a Le Pen victory within the margin of error.

Despite Macron's attempts to persuade voters that he has capped energy prices, reduced inflation, and lowered unemployment, Le Pen remains popular in France's industrial heartland. While Macron has pledged to curb illegal immigration, Le Pen has proposed a referendum to impose major limits on immigration. She has also said

Muslim headscarves would be banned in public, and promised to raise the bar high for foreigners to benefit from France's generous social services. These pledges appeal to her low-income, industrial-worker base.

It is often said that the French vote with their heart in the first round and with their head in the second, meaning they choose their ideal candidate first and then go with the lesser of two evils in the run-off. Macron's supporters hope Le Pen's extreme views towards immigrants and Muslims will repel more thoughtful voters.

Le Pen on the other hand could benefit from voter apathy. Mélenchon has urged his supporters to not vote for Le Pen, but has not

backed Macron either. If Mélenchon's base deems neither candidate deserving, Le Pen's prospects could improve.

Has Le Pen changed?

Her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, who founded the anti-globalist, anti-immigrant National Front party in 1972, held openly racist and anti-Semitic views and was called *le diable* (the devil) by his critics; Le Pen, who was herself given to making provocative and controversial remarks, was referred to as *la fille du diable*, or 'the devil's daughter'.

In recent years, Le Pen has worked to distance herself from her father, expelling him from the party in 2015, and rebranding it in her image. She has dismissed much of the old guard and modernised the party, improving its social media outreach and making its narrative more palatable to moderates. In 2018, she changed the name of the National Front to National Rally. She has also worked to change her own image, focusing more on bread-and-butter issues, and softening her stance on issues such as gay rights. During the campaign, she has refrained from making openly Islamophobic comments.

Despite all this, she is in essence a politician of a nativist bent, and many of her extreme policy proposals remain unchanged.

What if Le Pen wins?

That is a remote possibility, based on current opinion polls. But if she does win the presidency, it could mark profound changes in France and its relationship with Europe.

Le Pen wants to take France out of NATO's integrated military command structure, wrecking the unity that has been the West's showpiece achievement against Putin's aggression. She has a history of strong ties with the Kremlin, and has spoken against sending weapons to Ukraine.

For Le Pen, France comes ahead of the EU at all times, and while she is no longer calling for her country to leave the union, many of her policies are incompatible with EU principles. In particular, she has declared an intent to unilaterally reduce France's contributions to the EU budget, to restrict the freedom of movement across borders, and to prioritise French law over EU law.

Victory for Le Pen could accelerate Europe's march towards populism, embolden autocrats across the continent, and perhaps tip the scales in their favour in countries like Italy and Poland. But even if she fails to capture the presidency, she has already catapulted the far right into the French and European mainstream — and that, some would argue, is in itself a victory.

Anshu bags Asian silver, with a reality check to boot

20-year-old is outclassed by Japan's Tsugumi Sakurai in the final (57 kg) of the Asian C'ship

MIHIR VASAVDA
APRIL 22

ONLY 25seconds had passed in the final of the Asian Championship when Tsugumi Sakurai, upper body tangled with Anshu Malik's, mustered all the strength she could to wrench her opponent's arms and throw her on the mat.

Ten seconds later, she caught hold of the Indian's right ankle. Then, she executed the ambar – taking hold of Anshu's arm and twisting it, thus putting immense pressure on her shoulder and elbow. And before Anshu could even realize what was happening, she was pinned.

It took just 54 seconds for Sakurai to settle the matter. Not long enough, perhaps, for Anshu to comprehend what had struck her but good enough to appreciate what awaits her going forward in the 57kg weight class. The 20-year-old from Nidani, Haryana, has so far hardly put a foot wrong. The silver medal she won on Friday meant Anshu now has medals of all colours in the Asian Championship, having won the gold last year and bronze the year before that. In her maiden appearance at the Worlds last October, she finished runner-up, becoming the first Indian woman to reach the final of the Championship.

At the national level, there's daylight between her and the rest. In a very quick period, Anshu has grown from being a promising junior to Indian women's wrestling's biggest star, leading the contingent in absence of Vinesh Phogat, who hasn't returned to competitive wrestling after the Tokyo Olympics.

Her rise, however, has been accompanied by an asterisk.

Before Friday, a majority of her medals in the senior tournaments came in events that wrestlers from Japan, China and North Korea – the powerhouses in women's wrestling – had skipped, largely because of the pandemic. This doesn't diminish any of her medals, especially since as a rookie she had to often navigate through tricky draws.

Friday's final, however, was a reminder of how tough it will get for Anshu going forward. The Indian, competing in her first international tournament since the Worlds last October, was hardly troubled en route to the final, beating her three opponents – Uzbekistan's Shokida Akhmedova, Singapore's Danielle Lim and Bolortuya Khurelkhuu of Mongolia – by technical superiority, that is a difference of 10 points.



Anshu Malik had won the gold in Asian Championship last year. File

Outdone by speed

In the final against Sakurai, a much-anticipated affair between two wrestlers of the same age, Anshu, known for her brute strength, got undone by the Japanese wrestler's speed. There isn't any shame in losing to the Japanese, who are considered to be the gold standard in women's wrestling.

To put their dominance at these Championships in perspective, they won seven out of the 10 gold medals on offer in women's wrestling. For many of them, who are still in their late teens, this was the maiden appearance at the senior Asian Championship; a frightful prospect for those who will face off against them in the coming years. In 53kg category for instance, where Phogat competes, 18-year-old Akari Fujinami, the reigning world champion, won the gold medal without conceding even a single point.

In 62kg, a category in which Anshu's close friend and national champion Sonam Malik, who is out injured, usually competes, Nonoka Ozaki blitzed past the field to finish on top of the podium. One of Ozaki's scalps was the eventual bronze medalist from India,

Manisha, who had qualified after defeating Rio Olympics bronze winner Sakshi Malik in the trials. In Anshu's case, she was up against a prodigious talent who won the

world championship gold last year in the 55kg category. Sakurai is now trying to displace the legendary Risako Kawai – twice Olympic gold medalist, three-time world champion and four-time Asian champion – from the Japanese team.

If anything, this indicates the depth of talent in Japan. There's an air of invincibility around them but Anshu's coach Jagdish Sheoran isn't too concerned. "Anshu has beaten the Japanese girls in the past, in the junior and cadet events," he says. "In her mind, they aren't unbeatable."

Sheoran talks about one incident four years ago, when Anshu had defeated Japan's Natami Ruka in the final of the Asian Cadet Championship to underline his point. "After the final, the Japanese girl asked Anshu about her training methods. That shows how good she is," Sheoran says.

Since winning the World Championship silver last October, Anshu and Sheoran virtually have been living at their akhara inside a sports school in Nidani, spotting every tiny flaw in her game and ironing it out in time for September's Asian Games.

Sheoran doesn't give away much about their strategy but says it's designed to make her an even more attacking wrestler. It took 54 seconds for their plan to unravel on Friday.

"But we'll learn from this and come back stronger at the Asian Games," Sheoran says.

Tennis world divided on Wimbledon banning Russians, Belarusians

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
APRIL 22

SOME OF tennis' best players, past and present, and its member bodies like the ATP and WTA, rose in unison against Wimbledon's decision to bar players from Russia and Belarus due to their countries' waging war against Ukraine. The ongoing war waged on Ukraine has prompted sporting bodies to ban Russian and Belarusian athletes and organisations. Even the idea of allowing these athletes to compete under a neutral flag has been shot down across multiple sports.

Wimbledon's statement

The organisers of Wimbledon set events in motion when they said that due to Britain's sanctions across 'industry, sporting and creative institutions to limit Russia's global influence', they would be forced to ensure that no entries from Russian or Belarusian players would be accepted in 2022.

Chairman of All England Club Ian Hewitt said, "We recognise that this is hard on the individuals affected, and it is with sadness that they will suffer for the actions of the leaders of the Russian regime."

Lone Grand Slam

As of now, Wimbledon remains the only Grand Slam to make the decision to ban Russian and Belarusian players. 17 of the Top 100 in the world, including Men's World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev and Women's World No. 4 Aryna Sabalenka are either Russian or Belarusian. The initial French Open entry lists have the names of players from both these countries. According to BBC, there could possibly be changes to this after the second round of the French presidential elections. The United States Tennis Association announced on Wednesday that no decision had been made with regard to players from both countries. The US Open will be held in New York in late August and early September. The ATP has said that players from both countries will still be able to represent themselves in tour-level tournaments as long as they play under a neutral flag.

Russia, Belarus flay decision

Representatives from both Russia and Belarus were quick in denouncing Wimbledon's actions. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said that given the strong standing of his nation and its players in the tennis world, it would be the Wimbledon tournament that would eventually suffer. He also told BBC Sport that it was unacceptable to make athletes hostages to 'political prejudices and hostile actions' towards his country.

The Belarusian Tennis Federation said it would consider legal action against the



Novak Djokovic has termed the decision as crazy. File

PLAYERS UNITE IN PROTEST

PLAYERS FROM past and present condemned Wimbledon's ruling. Be it Martina Navratilova ('In the days of apartheid, South African players would compete but South Africa could not be represented, and that regime was no better than what's happening now') or Novak Djokovic ('I cannot support the decision of Wimbledon, I think it is crazy. When politics interferes with sport, the result is not good.') a large part of the tennis community chose not to support Wimbledon's decision.

RUSSIAN WORLD No. 8 Andrey Rublev had in February become synonymous with certain Russian sportspersons' defiance against their

own government. After a match at the Dubai Tennis Championship, Rublev signed a camera lens with 'No war please'.

BUT AFTER coming to know that he would not be allowed to play at Wimbledon, Rublev questioned the decision, calling it discriminatory and said that the tournament's logic was questionable. He said that when discussions on how to move forward in this politically-sensitive climate were going on, he had urged Wimbledon to consider making Russian and Belarusian players sign a statement to give away all prize money earned to 'humanitarian help'.

Wimbledon organisers due to the damage caused to its players. "Such destructive actions in no way contribute to the resolution of conflicts, but only incite hatred and intolerance on ethnic grounds," said the top Belarus tennis body.

ATP, WTA not in agreement

Both the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) condemned Wimbledon's decision and said that it was unfair on the players from both countries. The ATP said that the decision had 'the potential to set a damaging precedent for the game'. The WTA too came out with a similar statement.

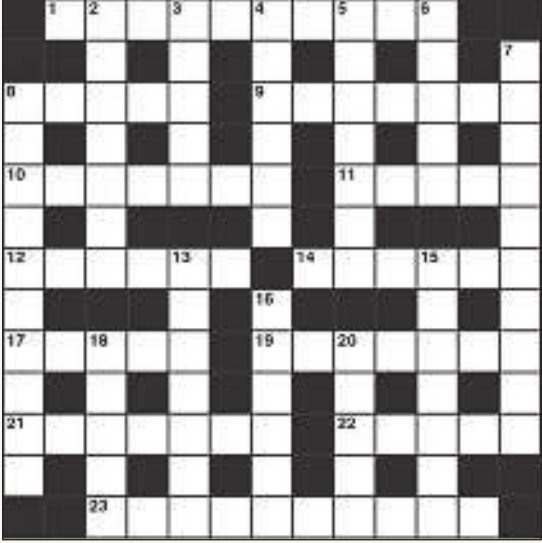
"Individual athletes should not be penalised or prevented from competing due to where they are from, or the decisions made

Ukrainian players in support

Current as well as former Ukrainian players supported Wimbledon's decision. Current World No. 25 and Ukrainian player Elina Svitolina called on tennis' ruling bodies to take harsher stances on Russian and Belarusian players. In a statement on her Instagram account, Svitolina said that 'there comes a time when silence is betrayal'.

She also said that the WTA, ATP and ITF should only allow players from both the countries to play if they actively denounce their respective countries' actions.

CROSSWORD 4722



ACROSS

- 1 It's one live form of broadcasting (10)
- 8 Put up with the Italian in bar (5)
- 9 A lot more complicated musical effect (7)
- 10 A fisherman's actual profit? (3,4)
- 11 Factor eliminated by direct dealing (5)
- 12 Strip - of sheepskin (6)
- 14 Here indeed is one man of genius (6)
- 17 Old woman is little credit to one (5)
- 19 One bill inside another one gets bacteria (7)
- 21 A short month on a Roman road for Antony's wife (7)
- 22 Stick in a sculptor as the answer (5)
- 23 Together they may make a catch (3,3,4)

DOWN

- 2 Unusual spite shown to the French in a letter (7)
- 3 What's more, he gets no credit (5)
- 4 Feel at home with nurse so propose (6)
- 5 I'd learn about part of the British Isles (7)
- 6 A ring in the nose for a halter (5)
- 7 Satisfied I raise no argument (10)
- 8 He does well with his money (10)
- 13 United yet divided (7)
- 15 A land is devastated by a Moslem warrior (7)
- 16 Get on a bit perhaps (6)
- 18 External route maybe (5)
- 20 Strain of the present day (5)

Solutions Crossword 4721: Across: 1 Come by, 4 Stoops, 9 Arousal, 10 Rider, 11 Style, 12 Waylaid, 13 Fashionable, 18 Asphalt, 20 Oasis, 22 Torso, 23 Outline, 24 Models, 25 Merlin. Down: 1 Clause, 2 Moody, 3 Beseech, 5 Tarry, 6 Oddball, 7 Stride, 8 Slow fox trot, 14 Aspired, 15 Apostle, 16 Bantam, 17 Astern, 19 Attoll, 21 Still.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.
Guilt is __ that wears __ - Ayn Rand (4,...4)

LMUER



ABESNT



EMXIO

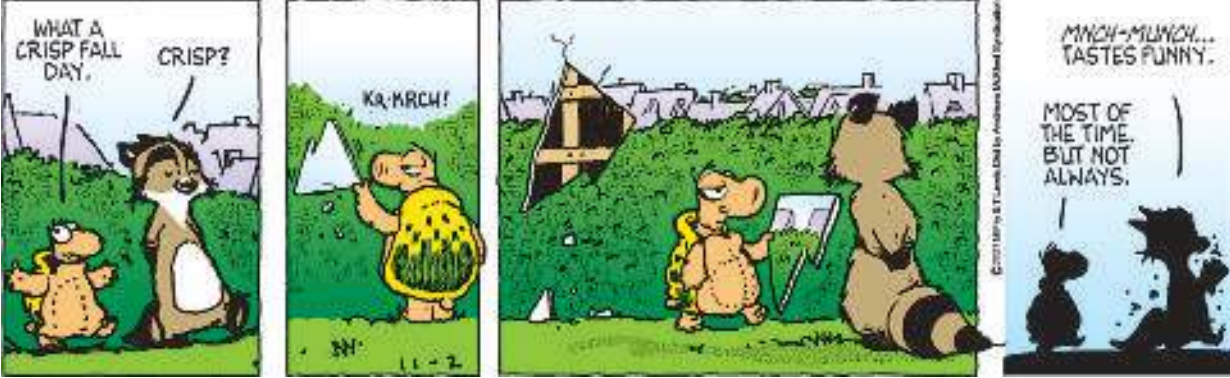


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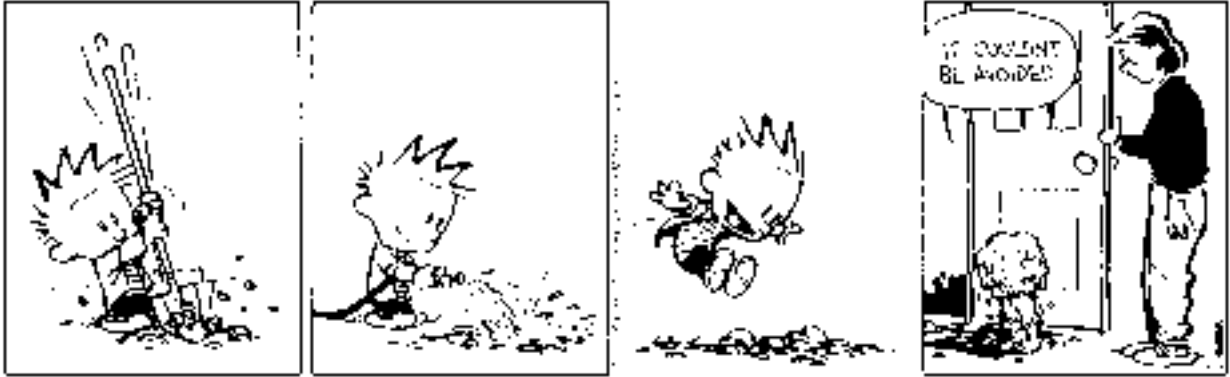


SOLUTION: LEMUR, MURDER, ABSENT, CHAPEL
Answer: Guilt is a rope that wears thin - Ayn Rand

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



Difficulty Level 2s

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

Difficulty Level

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

SUDOKU 4813



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4812



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Anything that happens now in the way of travel or overseas contacts will have major consequences for you or your loved ones over the coming months. If you understand that the most important planetary cycle is a very long-term one, then you'll gain a much better perspective on your daily ups and downs.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You can't bottle your feelings up for ever. Share all your thoughts and feelings today, and take short journeys that are necessary. Perhaps over the next few days, a major family or domestic improvement will be moving from number ten on your list to number one.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's a splendid day to shell out some cash, but the stars are making no distinction between minor purchases and major investments, like a new house or two. There is no way you will be able to cut costs for a little while longer, but at least you can avoid needless waste.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You are in an excellent position to take the initiative, and should do so as soon as possible. Your lunar alignments put you in an almost unassailable position, and you should make sure that work is combined with pleasure. Hopefully employers and people in authority will appreciate your true talents.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

A series of brilliant planetary aspects is setting you up for a very special period. Begin this phase today by making various discreet enquiries and keeping certain feelings to yourself. You should also take practical matters into your own hands, lest other, less competent people, overlook essential details.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Partners may be making extra demands. You may continue to take the line of least resistance and give as much sympathy and support as you can. Don't fret, for any apparent retreat will be an advance in disguise. It's important that you lift your morale by letting your hair down socially.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Relationships dominate your thinking. If this is true, then your stars at the present are absolutely superb, and you should press ahead with radical changes at work or at home. Do realise, though, that everything depends on how other people react. Play your cards carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You may be pulled in two directions, but then that gives you the chance to have your cake and eat it, doesn't it? Actually twenty-five hours per day will probably not be enough to accomplish all that is required at home or at work. Could your expectations be too high? I think they could.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Money and financial transactions are the most important item of the day, but longer-term transits indicate that legal issues, foreign connections and educational aspirations are absolutely central. In matters of the heart it's friendship that you want. Passion can wait.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Home, property and domestic concerns are crucial to your happiness. You may have your own ideas, but you may allow other people to take the lead; a close partner will protect your interests. Give social engagements a very high priority: friends expect no less.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

One very major and historic planetary alignment is now in the past, but another, which is much more specific, is imminent and, whatever your wishes, whatever your ambitions, you should spare no effort over the next three days. There is no time to waste.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You appear to be trying to avoid the important issues, but there is nothing unusual in this. There is everything to be said for enjoying yourself today, for who knows what tomorrow brings? There's absolutely no point in walking around with a long face.

Delhi coach Amre’s on-field protest triggers controversy

SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

UGLY SCENES erupted in the final over with Delhi Capitals’ captain Rishabh Pant sending coach Pravin Amre to protest the umpire’s decision not to award a no-ball. This is what happened: Needing 36 runs from the last over, Obed McCoy was slammed for three-consecutive sixes by Rovmen Powell. The third ball was the controversy starter.

It was a full toss, and just about dipping from above waist-high when Powell smashed it. The on-field umpires didn’t ask the third umpire to check if it was a no-ball and Delhi Capitals dugout went ballistic. Many, including Pant, Amre, Shane Watson and David Warner, had their hands stretched out to gesture the no-ball sign.

The batsmen had a word with the umpires. The non-striker Kuldeep Yadav was even playfully stopped by Yuzvendra Chahal from charging across to the square-leg umpire. But things were turning dire in the DC dug out.

Pant was now seen signalling with his hands, as if he was telling his batsmen to comeback. Or perhaps he didn’t want to resume the play till a decision was taken, we would never know until he opens up. Just then, Shane Watson got up and was involved in an animated chat with Pant.

Just as things seem to be settling in, Amre took one step beyond the ropes, and had a word with Pant, before heading to the middle. Delhi were without their main coach Ricky Ponting, who is quarantining after one of his family members contracted Covid.

“I don’t know who they think they are but that was a huge huge mistake, I just don’t understand the coach running into field of play. He is a senior member. That is unacceptable. I hope that we never ever ever see it again,” Kevin Pietersen would say later.

Meanwhile, on the field, Jos Buttler charged across to the DC dug out and had a stern word with Pant. Pant was trying to explain his case and Buttler shook his head, disagreeing obviously at the decision to send Amre, the coach, to run in on to the field.

Amre was asked by the umpires to go back to the dug-out. Later, Pant would explain the chaos. “I thought that no ball could have been precious to us. They could have checked it. Everyone was frustrated because it was not even close — it was a no ball. I think third umpire should have intervened,” Pant would say. When he was pressed about his decision to ask Amre to go in to argue with the umpires, Pant said, “It wasn’t right, but what happened with us wasn’t also not right. It was heat of moment thing.” Was it a no-ball? Graeme Swann thought so at least.

“It was a no ball but that was no way to react by Delhi. It was an ugly moment and spoiled what was a great game.”

As it turned out all that protest totally changed the momentum and Powell, who had hit three sixes, could only get two runs from the remaining three, and also lost his wicket off the final ball.

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ANNUS HORRIBILIS

MI 0-7: Lone warrior Bumrah, waning Pollard, misfiring Kishan

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, APRIL 22

Theoretically, Mumbai Indians are still alive in this year’s Indian Premier League. In reality, however, their season has become a virtual write-off, on the heels of seven straight defeats. From faulty auction strategy to a lightweight bowling unit and batting blues; a lot of things have contributed to the five-time champions’ downfall.

Lightweight bowling unit

There’s a saying in cricket; a captain is only as good as his team. It can be paraphrased to, only as good as his bowling unit. Bowlers win matches and Jasprit Bumrah, MI don’t have bowling match-winners in their ranks this term.

Bumrah, too, hasn’t taken a bagful of wickets – four scalps in seven matches at an economy rate of 7.56. With very little support at the other end, the opposition batsmen have just played out MI’s best bowler. Murugan Ashwin has taken six wickets at an economy rate of 7.80. Pretty decent, but the leg-spinner hasn’t provided the required impact. MI always had a well-rounded bowling unit, which helped them defend in-between

Buttler is IPL royalty

RR opener scores his third ton of this season, Krishna bowls crucial maiden as RR beat DC



Rajasthan Royals’s Jos Buttler celebrates his century, 116 off 65 balls. All pics: Sportspics for IPL

SYNOPSIS: Buttler’s century, Krishna’s bowling seal it for Royals

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
APRIL 22

SIX SIXES, on the heels of Prasidh Krishna’s wicket-maiden, were required off the final over for Delhi Capitals to clinch an improbable win. Rovman Powell sent the first three balls from Obed McCoy into the stands to set pulses racing. The third ball was a full-toss and Powell felt it was above waist-height and demanded a no-ball. Umpires didn’t agree and the batsman seemingly threatened to walk out.

Eventually, when the game re-started, Powell had lost rhythm, while McCoy had regrouped. Chasing Rajasthan Royals’ 222/2 – the highest total in this IPL yet – DC finished on 207/8 to lose by 15 runs.

Buttler’s century

In the sixth over of RR’s innings, Jos Buttler sprang to life. Until then, he was going at less than a run-a-ball. It matched the oddity of Ravindra Jadeja’s two dropped catches against Mumbai Indians on Thursday.

Khaleel Ahmed had troubled Buttler upfront. A response was due. It came a little late, via a couple of sixes. Buttler moves like a Ferrari in white-ball cricket and becomes a car on flat tyres in the longest format. In the context of the IPL, he is having his finest season, scoring centuries for fun. After his 103 in the previous game against Kolkata Knight Riders, he hammered a 65-ball 116, including nine fours and as many sixes, against DC on Friday. His third century in this edition took his tally to 491 runs in seven matches. The Orange Cap is his to lose.

First the DY Patil Stadium, then Brabourne and now Wankhede have been treated to Buttler’s merry hitting. He has become a crowd favourite in the process. When Mustafizur Rahman pulled out in his run-up

IPL TABLE

TEAM	M	W	L	PT	NRR
RR	7	5	2	10	0.432
GT	6	5	1	10	0.395
RCB	7	5	2	10	0.251
LSG	7	4	3	8	0.124
SRH	6	4	2	8	-0.077
DC	7	3	4	6	0.715
KKR	7	3	4	6	0.160
PBKS	7	3	4	6	-0.562
CSK	7	2	5	4	-0.534
MI	7	0	7	0	-0.892

and made Buttler wait, the Wankhede crowd roundly booed the DC medium pacer.

The highlight of his innings was the way he dismantled the spinners. DC had quality spinners in their ranks, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel spearheading the attack. On the night, Buttler just toyed with them.

Kuldeep was having a fine IPL. On Friday, however, with the Wankhede pitch offering no assistance, Buttler put on his dancing shoes to undo the chinaman bowler. He skipped down the track to cut down the loop and hit a six.

He shimmied down the pitch again and smacked a four to the straight boundary. Buttler wanted to dictate Kuldeep’s length and the two shots had the desired effect. It sapped the spinner’s confidence.

Axar was having an off day and at one point, Buttler treated him with disdain, reverse-sweeping the left-arm spinner between point and backward point for an imperious four. Before that he had made short work of Lalit Yadav and when Kuldeep returned for a new spell, he continued with the momentum – a 15-run over, including back-to-back sixes.

Butter has always been a match-winner in this format. This term, he has embraced consistency to become a ‘Royal’ run-ma-

chine. This is excellent news for his franchise and bad news for their opponents. As for the neutrals, his batting – the audacity with which he swept Mustafizur for a four was breathtaking – has been the tournament’s joie de vivre.

Spare a thought for Devdutt Padikkal, enduring a rough patch, and Jos Buttler, riding a purple patch, were edgy as well as edge-prone against a disciplined Delhi attack. In the first over the energetic Khaleel Ahmed, Jos Buttler twice played and missed the ball, as many times he edged the ball too. Two fours arrived, both off the edge – the first flew over third man, the second hustled beyond the first slip. Padikkal survived a vociferous lbw appeal, before he slashed at a wide ball of his familiar nemesis – Mustafizur Rahman, who had devoured him thrice in 19 balls before this game. The ball screamed off the outside edge, though piercing the narrow gap between short third man and backward point. Capitals were made to curse their wretched fortune, as Padikkal hammered successive boundaries off Rahman, before Buttler reacquainted with his destructive touch, blasting Ahmed for a pair of sixes in the sixth over.

Three consecutive fours against Mustafizur, the first one with a bit of luck, was the trigger his team needed. Until this game, Padikkal was struggling to hit his straps. On Friday, as he scored a 35-ball 54, he looked every bit the player worthy of his Rs 7.75 crore price tag. His 155-run opening partnership with Buttler ran DC ragged before Sanju Samson contributed handsomely at the death with a 19-ball 46 not out.

Krishna’s bowling

On the night, when Trent Boult went for plenty, Royals needed Krishna to stand up to be counted. The pacer had the important wickets of David Warner and Pant in the bag, but his final over was the clincher.

DC had lost their batting stars – David Warner, Prithvi Shaw and Pant. But Lalit Yadav’s cameo took the game to the death overs. Powell was with him, but the asking rate was steadily climbing.

It reached 18 when the penultimate over began. Krishna dismissed Yadav and returned with a wicket-maiden. The drama in the end notwithstanding, that was the game. Krishna ended with 3/22 from four overs. Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal, too, bowled very well in tough bowling conditions.

BRIEF SCORES: Rajasthan Royals: 222 for 2 in 20 overs (Jos Buttler 116, Devdutt Padikkal 54, Sanju Samson 46 not out; Khaleel Ahmed 1/47, Mustafizur Rahman 1/43) beat Delhi Capitals: 207 for 8 in 20 overs (Rishabh Pant 44, Prithvi Shaw 37, Lalit Yadav 37; Prasidh Krishna 3/22, Ravichandran Ashwin 2/32).

weight of his price tag. He has traded his high-octane batting for gaciness. A strike rate of 116.46, opening the innings, has had been below par. The way he got out against CSK, playing down the wrong line to a Mukesh Choudhary delivery, the 23-year-old looked to be under pressure.

Middle-order muddle

The opening blues has had a trickle-down effect. Middle-order has always been put under pressure and collectively, the batsmen failed to perform. MI’s run rate had been below eight in the middle-overs, between seven and 15, in five of their seven games and they lost 19 wickets during that phase.

Kieron Pollard is in the twilight of career, attested by his decision to quit international cricket. And the big man is looking a pale shadow of himself in the IPL. Dewald Brevis has shown flashes of brilliance. But at 18 years of age, he wasn’t expected to carry MI’s batting in his debut IPL season. He is a player for the future. Surya has been batting under enormous pressure almost every time he is coming to the crease, playing the role of an anchor, enforcer and finisher.

This has forced him to curb his natural style and his team suffered as a result. MI have missed Hardik Pandya, but more on

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER



Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

Buttler & Hit-Admirer

There were many astonishing hits from Jos Buttler but he produced one absolute stunner from an awkward position in the 19th over that startled even his team-mate Shimron Hetmyer, whose eyebrows shot up. It was a fairly good delivery from the left-armed Mustafizur Rahman, full well outside off and angling further away; for most of its trajectory and deviation, it seemed Buttler wasn’t in a right position but somehow he leaned across and didn’t just flail at it for a one or two but actually got his bottom hand working over-time to scoop it over long-off. “I tell myself before the ball that I have done all the hard work in preparation and I just need to trust my body to do its thing,” Buttler said in a RR video about his pre-ball routine when he gets out to bat.

His instinct, and above all his amazing skills allowed him to trust his tired body to smash that six. He would get out off the final ball of that over, holing



out to long-on, and Shimron Hetmyer would wait for him to reach the ropes before stepping out with a smile and a shake of head in awe and appreciation at the approaching Buttler.

Royals on the edge

Through much of the power-play overs, Rajasthan Royals were living on the edge. Rather, living off the edge. Both Devdutt Padikkal,



Greedy gamble



Don’t be greedy with you part-time bowler, a sacred white-ball truism it is. Whereas on a good day, or an IPL night, he could be deputised for a couple of tight overs, clinging for too long could backfire. Like Delhi Capitals’ indulging of part-time off-spinner Lalit Yadav. He bowled two thrifty overs upfront – conceding only six runs. But Delhi Capitals could not resist the gamble (or greed) to squeeze an extra over from him or a surface that was drier and holding up a trifle. The play turned not just counterproductive, but catastrophic. The Jos Buttler he ran into in the 13th over was different to the Buttler that he had strangled in the power-play. He was like a deer shoved into a lion’s den. Buttler nailed him for a couple of sixes and a four in the eighteen-run over.

Ashwin buzz & Cheeka’s Chahal chatter

“Sanju! Eranginaana, inda pakkam, anda pakkam paathuko!” (If he charges down the track, look out for either side), basically saying he might fire the ball down leg or off side if Rishabh Pant charges out at him. It was the sixth over of the chase, and just after Ashwin had taken out Sarfraz Khan first ball. But Ashwin didn’t really give Pant a chance to charge out by bowling two from well short of length – Pant whipped the first one for a four and turned the next for a couple. Finally, off the last ball of the over, Ashwin looped it up fuller on length, drawing Pant forward, and nearly had his man too. Pant lunged but was beaten in flight, and just about stretched to push-drive it through mid-off. At the end of the fourth over, Kris Srikkanth had a bit of advice to Sanju Samson. “Dei! Sanju! Ashwin ey kondu vaada! (Oi! Bring on Ashwin!)” Samson



listened to him an over later and was rewarded with a wicket. As soon as Srikanth said that, R Sridhar, former fielding coach of India, said, he would bring the best bowler of the team on, which is Ashwin. Srikanth didn’t bat an eyelid: “Sridhar! Best bowler of the team is Yuzvendra Chahal!” Sridhar tried saying that Ashwin’s discipline has been helping Chahal pick up wickets and Srikanth decided to turn peaceful and mumbled out some sweet nothings.

‘Need to conquer crunch moments’

Mumbai: Mumbai Indians team mentor Sachin Tendulkar has called T20 a “cruel” format where small margins are crucial and suggested that the struggling five-time IPL champions go out and win the crunch moments to arrest their slide. Mumbai Indians have had a disastrous campaign this season. The Rohit Sharma-led side remains winless, having lost all its seven matches so far. “Let’s first understand that in this format there isn’t a team who has not experienced what Mumbai Indians have experienced this season,” Tendulkar told Matthew Hayden during a chat on ‘Star Sports’.

“This format can be cruel. And those crucial moments in a match which don’t go in your favour then literally the margin is like... you lose a game by two or three runs or sometimes even the last ball. And those smaller margins, we need to go out and conquer those moments, those crunch moments in the match are what we have to win. And they haven’t gone our way,” he said.

The cricket icon said the players especially the youngsters will take some time to settle in.

“I would like to clarify one more point: in spite of having had a challenging season the boys have gone out and worked as hard as possibly they could during their practice sessions. This is a new team, a young team. It may take a little more time to settle down.” **PTI**

21 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 57,197.15 ▼ 714.53 (1.23%) NIFTY: 17,171.95 ▼ 220.65 (1.27%) NIKKEI: 27,105.26 ▼ 447.80 HANG SENG: 20,638.52 ▼ 43.70 FTSE: 7,568.25 ▼ 59.70 DAX: 14,246.34 ▼ 256.07

International market data till 1900 IST



GOLD

₹52,472



RUPEE

₹76.48/USD



OIL

\$106.14



SILVER

₹67,707

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of April 21

MARKETS WATCH
FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTORS

‘FPI ownership in stocks falls below pre-Covid levels’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

WITH FOREIGN portfolio investors (FPIs) on a selling spree, the ownership of FPIs in Indian stocks has fallen by around two percentage points in the last two years to 19.5 per cent as of March 2022 based on data reported by NSE500 companies. “FPI ownership levels fell below Covid lows at 19.5 per cent on the back of sustained outflows,” Bank of America (BoFA) Securities said in a report. The month of March 2022 marked the 6th consecutive month of FPI outflows (\$5.4 billion, most severe since March 2020) on the back of continued geopolitical risks, sustained elevated inflation led by supply side issues, rising commodity costs, BoFA Securities said. In 2022, India saw heavy outflows, second only to Taiwan, while Brazil led inflows (\$12.5 billion). While EM funds have steadily increased allocation to India (19 per cent in March 2022 as

against 13.3 per cent in January 2021) versus China (34.6 per cent in March 2022 against 42.2 per cent in January 2021), India’s overweight position is currently near multi-year lows, with outflows potentially stemming/reversing, this could turn around.

In April, however, Indian markets saw outflows slow down (\$1.2 billion), indicating potential stemming or reversal of FPI outflows. In the calendar year 2022, flows stood at \$15.7 billion.

Domestic institutional investors (DIIs), on the other hand, remain upbeat with monthly flows touching new highs at \$6 billion (19 per cent rise month-on-month), crossing \$5 billion mark for the second consecutive month. DII inflows were \$14.6 billion up to the year ended March 2022.

“We expect markets to be sideways near term given inflation impacting volume growth and margins across several sectors...,” BoFA Securities said. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

INTER-MINISTERIAL PANEL TO HOLD REVIEW MEETING

To ease supply strain on coal stocks, Rlys to boost rakes

KARUNJIT SINGH
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

THE RAILWAYS is set to boost the number of rakes for transporting coal to thermal plants, which are reeling under pressure from high power demand during the summer season and low coal stocks.

A government official told *The Indian Express* that Railways will increase the number of rakes for transporting coal to powerhouses to 415 per day from about 380 in the first half of April, after a review meeting by the Ministers of Home, Power, Railways, and Coal.

Coal-based thermal power meets about 75 per cent of the country’s requirements. Several states, including Punjab, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh, have faced power outages due to low coal inventories.

The official added the Railways was attempting to increase the rakes to 445 per day, using “all sources and all means.”

The total rakes of domestic and imported coal dispatched to power houses fell to about 380 per day in the first half of April

A thermal plant in Patiala district. *File*

from about 409 per day in March. The lack of adequate rakes has thus far been a key bottleneck to boosting stock levels, with officials saying that the domestic coal supply chain was not geared to meet the current demand level, given the low supply of imported coal.

A spike in the international prices has led to a number of thermal plants, which use imported coal, stopping supply, and thereby putting increasing pressure on domestic coal-fired plants. India has about 16.7 GW

Govt tweaks norms for pvt power producers

New Delhi: The Power Ministry said it has allowed private power generating stations to secure coal supplies for up to 3 years instead of 1 year. It has tweaked the methodology for the use of coal by Independent Power Producers wherein the timeline for the bidding process has been reduced to 37 days from current 67 days. **PTI**

of imported coal-based thermal power generation capacity, of which around 6.1 GW is currently not operational, according to government data.

Of the total 150 thermal plants, which utilise domestic coal, 89 had critically low levels of coal stock on Thursday — with a total stock of about 20.5 million tonnes, equating to about 8 days worth of coal, as against normative levels of 61.1 million tonnes, which equates to about 24 days worth of stock.

Experts said low levels of coal

inventory during this period could indicate a power crisis later in the year, as stocks at power stations often fall during the monsoon season due to supply issues.

“Couple of months prior to monsoon is the period in which typically power plants accumulate coal so that when there is actual supply disruption due to rains, they have adequate coal in their stock. On the demand side, we are expecting a new system peak will happen soon due to hot weather conditions and reviving economic activities coming together,” said Debasish Mishra, partner at Deloitte India.

“It’s possible that we may see a worse power crisis than in October 2021, given the current coal situation,” he added.

Separately, the national grid operator has called out Gujarat and Maharashtra for overdrawing power from the national grid, which could impact grid stability and potentially lead to grid failure.

A government official said Power System Operation Corporation had petitioned the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission to give a show-cause notice to states that are drawing power beyond set schedules.

‘Infra credit by NBFC-IFCs, banks up 6% in Apr-Dec 2021’

Total infrastructure credit by banks and NBFC-IFCs saw a slower growth of 6% to ₹ 25.7 lakh cr during April-December 2021, an Icr Ratings report said

Share of NBFC-IFCs

(NBFC infrastructure finance companies) in total infrastructure credit rose to 54% as of December 31, 2021 from about 42% five years ago

Tepidness in infrastructure credit was due to:
■ Stagnation in banking sector credit to infrastructure segment
■ Moderation in portfolio growth of IFCs

IFCs’ aggregate portfolio in FY21 continued to grow at a



strong pace led by disbursements related to the liquidity package for distribution companies with PFC and REC as lending partners

Source: Icr Ratings/PTI

MPC MINUTES

‘Inflationary pressures necessitate policy action’

Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has cautioned that the estimates now point to inflation remaining above the upper tolerance band in the near-term even as growth projections have undergone downward revisions, according to minutes of the RBI Monetary Policy Committee meet held on April 8.

“These are indicative of the sheer magnitude of the adverse exogenous supply and price shocks. While the risks to domestic growth call for continued accommodative monetary policy, inflationary pressures necessitate monetary policy action,” Das said.

“The circumstances warrant prioritising inflation and anchoring of inflation expectations in the sequence of objectives to safeguard macroeconomic and financial stability, while being mindful of the ongoing growth recovery,” Das said. “The situation is dynamic... and we should constantly reassess the situation and tailor our actions accordingly.” **ENS** *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

‘Telcos’ fear misplaced; pvt 5G networks to raise efficiency’

New Delhi: Private 5G networks would drive better revenues for telecom operators as well as increase efficiency and productivity of enterprises, Broadband India Forum (BIF) said, dismissing allegations by telcos, that such networks would result in a revenue loss for them, as “misplaced”.

In a letter to Department of Telecommunications (DoT) Secretary K Rajaraman on Friday, the forum, whose members include Amazon, Meta, Microsoft and Google, made a case for private 5G networks saying that telcos would derive a majority of the revenues from external network services. Private 5G networks allow enterprises and institutions to build their own exclusive networks that can be used exclusively for devices and machines at factory premises, an educational institute etc.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India had this month said non-telecom enterprises would be allocated a 5G spectrum for building their private networks. **ENS**

LIC building in Mumbai. *File*

proach Sebi for cutting the IPO size to less than 5 per cent, though it reckons a 15 per cent green shoe option to be exercised if the issue is over-subscribed would take the sale to 5 per cent or even slightly higher. The move follows feedback from institutional investors, who cited how similar entities were valued globally, but is also influenced by a sustained trend of capital outflows following the war. **FE**

RBI open to let NBFCs in credit card biz

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has hinted at the possibility of allowing non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), including non-deposit taking ones, to undertake credit card business.

However, in its Master direction on cards, the RBI said, “NBFCs registered with the Reserve Bank shall not undertake credit card business without prior approval of the Reserve Bank.” This means NBFCs can issue credit cards if they secure the regulator’s nod.

The pre-requisite for this is a minimum net owned fund of Rs 100 crore and subject to such terms and conditions as the Reserve Bank may specify in this regard from time to time, the RBI master direction said. **ENS**

FM’s investment pitch to US Inc: Financial inclusion, upskilling

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with FedEx president & CEO-elect Raj Subramaniam. *via Twitter @FinMinIndia*

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday discussed with CEOs of major American companies various investment opportunities in India.

In Washington DC, she met FedEx president & CEO-elect Raj Subramaniam, who said he is positive about India and has significant expansion plans, including in skillings. She also met Accenture chair & CEO Julie Sweet. In a meeting with Mastercard CEO Miebach Michael, Sitharaman told him about the government’s commitment to digital financial inclusion.

Separately at the FATF ministerial meeting, Sitharaman reaffirmed India’s political commitment to fight money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing. At the Ministerial Dinner for Development Committee members, she said it was necessary to address conflict and violence to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity. **ENS**

UPI in UAE: How will it work?

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

TOURISTS OR migrants to the UAE with Indian bank accounts will be able to make UPI payments at shops, retail establishments and other merchants in the gulf nation, as a result of the tie-up of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the UAE-based Mashreq Bank’s NEOPAY going live.

How will users make payments?
It will be mandatory for users to have

an Indian bank account with a UPI activated on their accounts. They will also need an app to make UPI payments, such as BHIM. “With the acceptance of BHIM UPI in the UAE, Indian tourists can now make seamless payments through BHIM UPI across NEOPAY enabled shops and merchant stores,” NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPIL) said.

Will UPI be accepted everywhere?

No, payments using UPI will only be accepted at those merchants and shops, which have NEOPAY terminals.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

DFSSecy, PSBs

New Delhi: Financial Services Secretary Sanjay Malhotra, at a Manthan 2022 meeting, asked top executive of public sector banks (PSBs) to boost balance sheets and raise capital from markets.

BoB home loan

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda (BoB) has cut interest rate on home loans to 6.5% per annum from 6.75% till June 20.

Mistry on merger

Mumbai: HDFC vice-chairman and CEO Keki Mistry said fall in HDFC and HDFC Bank shares after merger announcement was due to lack of “clear” communication on its merits.

Dow drops 2%

Washington: The Dow fell 2.2% to 34,012 on Friday (as of 2:42 pm ET) amid certainty around rate rises. Brent was down \$2, or 1.85%, at \$106.32 by 1:40 pm ET.

Yellen on tariffs

Mumbai: Low tariffs on China goods was worth considering, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said. **REUTERS**

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Corrigendum.

NCRA-TIFR Recruitment Advt. No. 1/2020, 2/2020 and 3/2020 stands cancelled.

For details refer www.ncra.tifr.res.in

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Online E-tenders are invited for TN-15217(RVU2223GLOB00191) Supply of Complete set of Spur Girth Gear and Pinion for Ball Tube Mills BBD 4760 & TN-27031(RVU2223GLOB00199) Supply of MS ERW pipes (less than 200 NB). Tender details are available on <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> (for e-tender), www.energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/rvuni & www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in.

Raj.samwad/c/22/888 RVUN/PR-3660 Chief Engineer (KSTPS)

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Corrigendum

The date of submission of tender paper published vide NIT No. Tech/NIT/2022-23/01 dated 07.04.2022 has been extended up to 29.04.2022 till 4:00 P.M. and will be opened on 02.05.2022 at 3:30 P.M. Submission of hard copy is on 02.05.2022 upto 3.00 PM and the date of opening of price bid is on 04.05.2022 at 3.00 P.M. All other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender. Kindly visit institute’s website.

Sd/- Registrar

Aligarh Smart City Limited (ASCL)
Manasi Ganga Building, Baraula By-Pass, Aligarh, U.P 202001, India

Notice Inviting e-Tender (NIT)- National Competitive Bidding- RFP No- 48/ASCL/2021-22

Chief Executive Officer on behalf of ASCL invites Bids on two bid system through e-procurement for the following work:-

Name of Work	Earnest Money Deposit	Publication Date & Time	Pre-Bid Meeting date	Last Time for submission of Bid	Date of Technical Bid Opening
Integrated waste management Project in Aligarh with Operation & Maintenance for 05 Years.	Rs. 50 Lakhs	21.04.22 04.00 PM onwards	28.04.22 at 5 P.M	06.05.22 up to 4 P.M	06.05.22 at 4.30 P.M.

The time and date for opening of financial bid to qualified bidders shall be intimated separately. A non refundable amount of **Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only)** to be paid as Tender Fee. The detailed RFP is available at the website - <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Apart from the other conditions mentioned in the RFP, Bidder must also fulfil the criteria mentioned in GOI Office Memorandum Number F. No 6/18/2019-PPD dated 23rd July, 2020 issued by Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Public Procurement division. Bid would be summarily rejected in case of non-fulfilment of aforesaid Office Memorandum dated 23rd July, 2020 and EMD shall be forfeited for those bidders. For more details, contact through email: aligarhsmartcityltd@gmail.com

Note: If any holiday occurs in scheduled date, the events shall be considered for next working day.

Sd/- CEO-ASCL

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No.: 3/22-23/SE/PHC/PKD

JJM - 2021-22 - Street Main extension and providing FHTCs (250 Nos) in Pattithara Grama Panchayath Phase III EMD: ₹2,00,000

Tender fee: ₹11,800. Last date for submitting tender: 12-05-2022 03:00:pm

Phone: 0491 2544927

Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-87-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Palakkad

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

E-TENDER: On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website <http://www.irops.gov.in> (Works)

Tender Notice No.:	RWF/M/OT/TQM/2022-23/03	Dated	19/04/2022		
Sl	Tender No	Name of the work	Est. Cost In Rs.	EMD In Rs.	Due date & Time
1	Tender Number: RWF/M/OT/TQM/2022-23/03 dtd. 19/04/2022	Re - Certification of Integrated Management System (IMS) for Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bangalore	2,36,000/-	14700/-	10.05.2022 at 15:30 Hrs

Tender Notice No.:	RWF/M/OT/TQM/2022-23/IRIS/01	Dated	20/04/2022		
2	Tender Number: RWF/M/OT/TQM/2022-23/IRIS/01 dtd. 20/04/2022	Certification of ISO 1282:2004 upto 1.00 PM at Rail Wheel Factory, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560064.	12,82,660/-	25,700/-	11.05.2022 at 09:00 A.M

Completion Period : 36 Months

These tender notices can be viewed on our website - www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/QS

Government of Odisha
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Angul

e-Procurement Notice for Bridge work in Odisha
Bid Identification No. Bridge Online AGL- 01/2022-23
No. 700 //
Dt. 18.04.2022

- Name of the work : Bridge work
- Total No. of work : 1 No.
- Estimated cost : Rs. 518.83 Lakh
- Class of Contractor : 'A' and Special Class
- Period of completion : 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months.
- Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Bridge Online-AGL-01/2022-23	26.04.2022 at 9.00 A.M	10.05.2022 up to 5.00 P.M	05.05.2022 upto 1.00 P.M	11.05.2022 at 09.00 A.M

(1) For detailed Notice inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/- D.Padhi
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul.
OIPR-25180/11/0001/2223

TOP OF THE WORLD



Moon Jae-in and Kim Jong Un in 2018, Reuters

ASIA

Leaders of 2 Koreas exchange letters of hope amid tensions

THE LEADERS of the rival Koreas exchanged letters expressing hope for improved bilateral relations, which plummeted in the past three years amid a freeze in nuclear negotiations and North Korea's accelerating weapons development. North Korea's state media said leader Kim Jong Un on Wednesday received a personal letter from outgoing South Korean President Moon Jae-in and replied on Thursday with his own letter appreciating Moon's peace efforts during his term. Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said Friday their exchange of letters showed their "deep trust". **AP**

PAKISTAN

Imran calls for early election

PAKISTAN'S OUSTED prime minister, Imran Khan, on Thursday demanded fresh elections amid political turmoil after a new government took over and warned it faces an enormous challenge to revive a battered economy. Khan along with his over 100 lawmakers in the lower house of the parliament resigned after he lost a vote of confidence moved by a united opposition. "Whoever has made a mistake, there's only one way to correct it that hold elections as soon as possible," Khan told a large rally in Lahore. **REUTERS**

USA

Former Honduras president to appear in US court

FORMER HONDURAN President Juan Orlando Hernandez is expected to make an initial appearance in a federal court in Manhattan on Friday, one day after being extradited to the US on drug and weapons charges. US prosecutors said Hernandez, once a Washington ally, got millions of dollars from drug traffickers including Mexico's Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman while leading Honduras from 2014 to early 2022. Hernandez used the money to enrich himself and finance his political campaigns, in return for protecting traffickers from arrest, according to the indictment. **REUTERS**

General says Russia wants to seize all of southern, eastern Ukraine

Satellite images suggest freshly dug mass graves on outskirts of Mariupol

PAVEL POLITYUK

KYIV, MARIUPOL, APRIL 22

A RUSSIAN general said on Friday that Moscow wants to seize all of southern and eastern Ukraine, far wider war aims than it had acknowledged as it presses on with a new offensive after its campaign to capture the capital Kyiv collapsed last month.

Rustam Minnekayev, deputy commander of Russia's central military district, was quoted by Russian state news agencies as saying Moscow aimed to seize the entire eastern Donbas region, link up with the Crimea peninsula, and capture Ukraine's entire south as far as a breakaway, Russian-occupied region of Moldova.

That would mean pushing hundreds of miles beyond current lines, past the major Ukrainian cities of Mykolaiv and Odesa.

Ukraine said his comments had given the lie to Russia's previous assertions that it has no territorial ambitions. "They stopped hiding it," Ukraine's defence ministry said on Twitter. Russia had "acknowledged that the goal of the 'second phase' of the war is not victory over the mythical Nazis, but simply the occupation of eastern and southern Ukraine. Imperialism as it is."

Ukraine's general staff said Russian forces had increased at-



Experts remove bombs amid Russian attacks, in Chernihiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Reuters

tacks along the whole frontline in the east and were trying to mount an offensive in the Kharkiv region, north of Russia's main target, the Donbas.

In Kharkiv city, Russian shell-fire hit the main Barabashovo market. Ambulance services said there had been casualties but no details were available yet. A wedding hall and a residential building were also struck.

In Geneva, the United Nations human rights office said there was growing evidence of Russian war crimes in Ukraine, including indiscriminate shelling and summary executions. It said Ukraine also appeared to have used weapons with indiscriminate effects.

Russia denies targeting civilians and says signs of atroc-

ities committed by its soldiers were faked.

Russia said on Thursday it had won the war's biggest fight — the battle for the main port of the Donbas, Mariupol — after a nearly two-month siege. President Vladimir Putin said he had decided not to try to root out thousands of Ukrainian troops still holed up in a huge steel works there, but to barricade them inside instead.

Washington dismissed the announcement.

"We still assess that Mariupol is contested, that it hasn't been taken by the Russians and that there's still an active Ukrainian resistance," Pentagon press secretary John Kirby told CNN.

In a Russian-held section of

AUSTRALIA SANCTIONS PUTIN'S DAUGHTERS

Sydney: The Australian government said it has imposed sanctions and travel bans on two daughters of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's daughter. It follows similar moves by other Western nations including US and UK. Putin is known to have two adult daughters, Katerina Tikhonova and Maria Vorontsova. **REUTERS**

the city, the guns had largely fallen silent and dazed looking residents ventured out on streets Thursday to a background of charred apartment blocks and wrecked cars. Some carried suitcases.

Volunteers in white hazmat suits and masks roved the ruins, collecting bodies from inside apartments and loading them on to a truck marked with the letter "Z", symbol of Russia's invasion.

Maxar, a commercial satellite company, said images from space showed freshly dug mass graves on the city's outskirts. Ukraine estimates tens of thousands of civilians have died in the city during Russia's bombardment and siege.

Kyiv says 100,000 civilians are still inside the city, and need full evacuation. **REUTERS**

HINT OF RELIEF AMID TIGHT COVID-19 CONTROLS IN CHINA

Shanghai to ease rules, HK to end entry ban

JOE MCDONALD

BEIJING, APRIL 22

OFFICIALS IN Shanghai promised Friday to ease anti-virus controls on truck drivers that are hampering food supplies and trade, while Hong Kong's government announced the end of a 2-year-old ban on non-residents flying into the city as its outbreak fades.

Streets in Shanghai were largely empty despite an easing of restrictions that confined most of its 25 million people to their homes. Many residents still were barred from leaving their neighborhoods.

A deputy mayor, Zhang Wei, promised "every effort" to resolve problems that prompted complaints about lack of food



A man gets a Covid-19 test in Shanghai on Friday. Reuters

and fears the shutdown of China's most populous city might disrupt global trade.

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong government said non-residents who are vaccinated and have a negative virus test will be al-

lowed to fly in again starting May 1. That eases one of the world's most stringent travel bans, imposed in March 2020.

An outbreak that infected some 1.2 million people in the city of 7.4 million and killed al-

most 9,000 appeared to be fading. Hong Kong Disneyland and museums reopened this week and restaurants resumed evening dining as new daily case numbers fell.

On the mainland, Shanghai leaders are scrambling to ease the impact of a "zero-Covid" strategy that shut down most businesses starting March 28.

Most factories and offices remained closed despite changes in anti-virus curbs since last week that have allowed 12.3 million people out of their homes.

On Friday, the government reported 11 coronavirus deaths and 17,529 new cases in Shanghai. All but 1,931 had no symptoms. Shanghai accounted for 95% of the 18,598 new cases on China's mainland, of which 2,133 had symptoms. **AP**

SURVEYS SHOW MACRON LEADING LE PEN

France winds up election campaign

ELIZABETH PINEAU

ETAPLES, APRIL 22

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron and far-right challenger Marine Le Pen were on Friday due to make final appeals to undecided voters weighing their fears of what a Le Pen presidency could bring against their anger at Macron's record.

According to the latest surveys for Sunday's run-off, fear may win the day over loathing: Macron the centrist, pro-European incumbent leads his anti-immigration, eurosceptic challenger by between 10-14 points, well outside margins of error.

In recent days, Macron has toned down his often abrasive style with acknowledgments that his attempts at economic

Prospect of upset worries France's allies

OPINION POLLS show that centrist Macron is on course to defeat far-right leader Le Pen in the presidential run-off, but the prospect of an unlikely victory by Le Pen has, nevertheless, worried France's Western allies. They fear that a France under far-right leadership could deal a blow to the

unity of EU and NATO, especially in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This has prompted leaders of Germany, Portugal and Spain to write a joint op-ed this week to warn the French against electing Le Pen, and Canada's Justin Trudeau has publicly endorsed Macron.

and social reform had left many French angry and dissatisfied.

"She (Le Pen) has managed to draw on some of what we did not manage to do, on some of the things I did not manage to do to pacify some of the anger," Macron told France Inter radio on Friday,

citing the concerns of some voters about law and order or hits to their livelihoods. Four separate surveys published Thursday and Friday after a tense TV debate showed Macron's score either stable or slightly rising to reach between 55.5% and 57.5%. **AP**

Large Hadron Collider restarts operations after three-year break

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

PUNE, APRIL 22

THE WORLD'S largest and most powerful particle accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), restarted for experiments on Friday after remaining shut for three years for maintenance.

The LHC, built by the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) and located under a Swiss-French border area near Geneva, will commence full-scale operations in summer 2022.

Upon restarting on Friday, two beams of protons circulating in opposite directions at their injection energy of 450 billion electronvolts, went around the LHC's 27-kilometre ring.

"The LHC itself has undergone an extensive consolidation programme and will now operate at an even higher energy and with the major improvements in the injector complex, it will deliver significantly more data to the upgraded LHC experiments," said Mike Lamont, Director for Accelerators and Technology, CERN, in a statement on Friday.

It is the collider's third run. A first round of experiments took place from 2010 to 2012, and a second from 2015 to 2018. This round is likely to go on till 2026.

A new experiment named the Forward Search Experiment (FSE) will be performed at the upgraded LHC. "The FSE could solve some of the biggest puzzles involving particles in physics, like neutrino masses, nature of dark matter and the imbalance between the matter and the anti-matter in the present-day universe," the CERN statement read.

— WITH AGENCY INPUTS

THE AIRCRAFT WAS A BELOVED SYMBOL FOR ALL OF UKRAINE, BUT PERHAPS NO ONE MISSES IT MORE THAN ITS FIRST PILOT

One Ukrainian war casualty: Mriya, the world's largest airplane

JEFFREY GETTLEMAN

BUCHA, APRIL 22

THE DAY war broke out, one of Ukraine's most decorated pilots stepped onto the balcony of his home and felt a pain in his heart.

A battle was raging at a nearby airport, and from where he was standing, the pilot, Oleksandr Halunenko, could see the explosions and feel the shudders. The Russians were invading his country and something very specific was worrying him.

Mriya. The plane. In a hangar a few miles away rested the world's largest airplane, so special that only

one was ever built. Its name is Mriya, pronounced Mer-EE-ah, which in Ukrainian means The Dream. With its six jet engines, twin tail fins and a wingspan nearly as long as a football field, Mriya hauled gargantuan amounts of cargo across the world, mesmerizing crowds wherever it landed. It was an airplane celebrity, aviation enthusiasts say, and widely beloved. It was also a cherished symbol of Ukraine.

Halunenko was Mriya's first pilot and loved it like a child. He has turned his home into a Mriya shrine — pictures and paintings and models of the aircraft hang in every room.



The Antonov AN-225 Mriya in 2014. NYT

But that morning, he had a terrible feeling. "I saw so many bombs and so much smoke," he said. "I knew

Mriya could not survive." The war in Ukraine, not even two months old, had destroyed so much: thousands of lives, en-

tire families, happiness and security for countless people.

But it has also destroyed material things that mean a lot — homes burned to the ground; supermarkets that fed communities smashed by shelling; toys and prized possessions scorched beyond recognition.

In the case of Mriya, which took a direct hit during the pivotal battle at that airport, the damage to the aircraft has stirred an incredible outpouring of what can only be described as grief. Heartbroken airplane buffs around the world are getting Mriya tattoos. A sad cartoon has been circulating, with tears streaming out of Mriya's eyes.

But there may be no one as broken up as Halunenko, 76, who comes from a generation where emotions are not so easily shared. "If I were not a man," he said, "I would cry."

At boarding school in southeastern Ukraine, he took flying lessons and discovered he had a gift. He became a MiG-21 fighter pilot and then an elite Soviet test pilot. In the 1980s, the Soviet leadership was eager to get back into the space race. Engineers designed a reusable spacecraft called the Buran that looked like the American space shuttle.

But the components were spread all around — the shuttle was constructed in Moscow, the

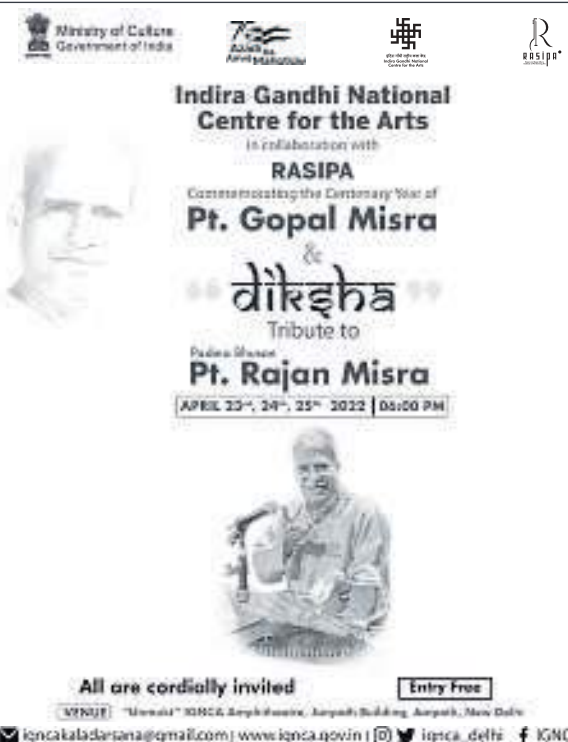
rockets were made hundreds of miles away and the launchpad was in Kazakhstan. The only feasible way to get everything in the same place was to fly the shuttle and the rockets on the back of a plane, a really big one.

And so, at the Antonov aviation company production plant in Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, Mriya was born. It made its first flight in 1988. Halunenko at the controls.

At 276 feet long and six stories high, the plane, designated AN-225, was bigger than any other in the sky. It boasted 32 landing wheels and a wingspan of 290 feet. Its maximum take-off weight stood at a staggering 1.4 million pounds. **NYT**

This is to inform that **Tata Main Hospital**, Jamshedpur is going to destroy its medical records from **01.01.2017** to **31.03.2017**. Anybody requiring a copy of these records may contact Medical records section by **30.5.2022**.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Account/Borrower /Branch	Owner of the property	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of Demand Notice
1.	M/s. Kumar Oil Mill Prop.- Sri Sunny Kumar, S/o, Krishna Prasad and M/s. Mahindra Motors Prop.- Sri Dilip Kumar, S/o, Krishna Prasad BRANCH: PATNA CITY (0381) A/c No. 0381008700013494 038100SG00000127 0381008700013306	Sri Krishna Prasad and his sons Sri Manoj Kumar, Sri Dilip Kumar, Sri Sunny Kumar Sri Deepak Kumar	Hypothecation Of Stocks-- Regd Mortgage of Land and Building vide Deed No-8370 Dated 08.12.2018 situated at Mouza- Mogalpur Lala Toli, P.S. Khjeakalan Patna city, Distt- Patna, Holding No-80A/78/90/91, Circle No 130, Ward No-22/28/47/60 Sheet No-215 MS Plot No-3035, Sub Registry Office- Patna City & Sadar Registry- Patna, Total Area-14 dhur 10 Dhurki RM in Favour of PNB Bo- Patna city (Originally pertaining to Sri Krishna Prasad and his sons Sri Manoj Kumar, Sri Dilip Kumar, Sri Sunny Kumar Sri Deepak Kumar), Boundry:- North- Rajesh Kumar & Mukesh & the heir/s of Jhagru, Prasad, South- Nand Kishore Prasad, East-Kabristan, West- Patna Municipal Corporation Lane.	30.06.2021	19.04.2022	₹ 43,53,824.77 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Four and Paise Seventy Seven Only) and interest thereon
2.	Smt. Premlata Devi W/o, Sri Binod Kumar Jha S/o Sri Awadh Kishore BRANCH: BCP MARG (155620) A/c No. 1556300520010	Smt. Premlata Devi W/o, Sri Binod Kumar Jha	EM of Land and Building vide Sale Deed No-2836 Dated 22.01.1999 Situated At Mauza- Dhelwa -PS- Gaurichak, Thana No- 23, Tauzi- Bihar Sarkar, Khata No-48, Survey Plot No- 322, Survey Thana Phulwari Sharif, A/P Gaurichak, Sub & Sadar Registry Office- Patna, Total Area-1 Katha 8 Dhur 5 Dhurki, Pertaining to Smt. Premlata Devi W/o, Sri Binod Kumar Jha, Boundry:- North- 9 feet wide Road, South- Siwan Jaganpura, East- No Haja Purchaser Digar, West- Lakshminia Devi & No Haja.	22.11.2021	20.04.2022	₹ 19,94,409.00 (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Nine Only) and interest thereon
3.	M/s. Vaishali Enterprises Prop.- Sri Baidyanath Singh S/o. Sri Bramdev Singh BRANCH: BAR COUNCIL (141320) A/c No. 1413250001960 1413210002486	Sri Devanshu S/o. Sri Baidyanath Singh	EM of Land and Building situated at Mohalla-Jalalpur Vastu Vihar, Mauza- Jalalpur, Pargana Phulwari, Survey Thana- Danapur, Present Thana- Rupaspur, Distt- Patna, Thana No-22, Touzi No- 5519, Khata No- 78, Survey Plot No-86, Area- 2 Katha (6.25 Decimal) Vide Sale Deed No.- 28512 Dated 01.12.2011 Pertaining to Sri Devanshu S/o Sri Baidyanath Singh, Boundry:- North- Part Plot No- 86, South- Main Road, East-Part Plot No- 86 Niz Vikreta, West-Part Plot No-86 Aazad Gopal Prasad Gupta.	23.11.2021	20.04.2022	₹ 90,16,972.00 (Ninety Lakh Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two only) and interest thereon
4.	M/s Shalu Store, Prop.- Sri Manoj Kumar S/o Sri Kanhai Lal BRANCH: BAR COUNCIL (141320) A/c No. 1413250002073	Sri Manoj Kumar S/o Sri Kanhai Lal	Registered Mortgage of Land and Building vide Deed No.- 2918 Date 18.03.2019 situated at Mauza- Mohrapur at present Mohalla- Daldali Road, Bakarganj, P.S- Kadamkuan, Dist- Patna, S.R.O & D.R.O.- Patna, under Ward No.- 05 Old New Ward No.- 38, Holding No.- 173 old & New 437/34, Circle No.-13, Sheet No. 45.46, M.S. Plot No.- 427, Area- 520 sq.ft. (Originally pertaining to Sri Manoj Kumar S/o Sri Kanhai Lal) Boundary: North- Sri Bhim Sen, South- Sri Laxmi Narayan & Sri Mohan Prasad East- Sri Sohan Sah; West- Daldali Road	30.06.2021	20.04.2022	₹ 13,41,499.09 (Thirteen Lakh Forty One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety- Nine and Nine Paise only) and interest thereon
5.	M/s. City Book Centre Prop.- Sri Ashwani Kumar Khatri S/o Sri Rambali Prasad Singh BRANCH: PATNA CITY (0381) A/c No. 0381008700013403	Sri Ashwani Kumar Khatri, Amar Nath Khatri And Kedar Nath Khatri All S/o Late Rambali Prasad Singh	EM of Land and Building vide Registered Mortgage situated at Mauza- Mogalpur, Jaggi Ka Chauraha, Thana- Khajekalan, Sheet No-191, Holding No-128/132(old) and 182 New, Ward No- 22/63, Circle No-118, M S Part Plot No-717(old) and 1019 (New) Area- 06.70 Decimal (approx) Boundry:- North- PMC Road, South- Md. Amir Ali, East- Sangar, West- Syed Mehendi Johry.	21.09.2021	19.04.2022	₹ 29,02,423.50 (Twenty Nine Lakh Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three and Fifty Paise only) and interest thereon
6.	Sri Randhir Kumar S/o Sri Raj Kumar Rai BRANCH: DANAPUR CANTT (0142) A/c No. 0142008600000591	Sri Mahendra Rai S/o Sri Ram Narayan Rai	EM of Land and Building situated at Mouza- Mainpur Shankar, Pargana: Phulwari, Thana and Sub Registry Office: Danapur, Sadar Registry Office and Distt- Patna, Touzi No.- 5234, Thana No.- 24, Khata No.- 2, Survey Khesra Plot No.- 661 (p), Area- 2 Katha 16 Dhur (3811 sq.ft.) vide Sale Deed No.- 3534 dated 18.07.2006 pertaining to Sri Mahendra Ray S/o Sri Ram Narayan Rai, Boundary:- North- Sri Ram Narayan Rai, South- Smt. Shakuntala Devi (Hal Khariad Dhanpat Pandit), East-Sri Tulsi Ray, West- Sri Chanarik Ray.	04.02.2022	21.04.2022	₹ 26,61,005.00 (Twenty Six Lakh Sixty One Thousand and Five only) and interest thereon
7.	M/s Priyanka Feeds Prop.- Smt. Priyanka Srivastava W/o Sri Ritesh Khare BRANCH: PATLIPUTRA COLONY (UBI) A/c No. 0991210031985	Smt. Priyanka Srivastava D/o Sri Kameshwar Prasad Srivastava	EM of Flat No. 202 at 2nd Floor along with car parking and proportionate portion in land situated at "RADHA SADAN" at Mohalla- Danapur Chitrakut Nagar, Survey Mouza- Danapur Sahzadpur, Thana, Avar Registry Office- Danapur, Distt. Registry Office and Distt- Patna, Revenue Thana No.- 21, Touzi No.- 5400, Khata No.- 223, Survey Plot No.- 637, super built up area- 1215 sq.ft. vide Sale Deed No.- 13526 dated 13.12.2016 pertaining to Smt. Priyanka Srivastava D/o Sri Kameshwar Pd Srivastava, Boundary of Flat- North- Flat No. 201, South- Open Space of Apartment, East- Open Space of Apartment, West- Open Space of Apartment, Boundary of Apartment- North- Sahayak Sarak, South- Sri Ram Prit Singh and Others, East- Part Plot No. 637, West- Smt. Chandrakanta Devi Part Plot No. 637.	15.01.2022	21.04.2022	₹ 17,92,343.00 (Seventeen Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty Three only) and interest thereon
8.	M/s Pratima Food Products Prop.- Sri Ravi Prakash S/o Sri Gyan Prakash Chaurasia BRANCH: BARH (056900) A/c No. 0569008700010378 056900CF00000238	Smt. Pratima Prakash W/o Sri Ravi Prakash	Mortgage of land & building situated at Mauza-Talilpur, P.O & P.S- Barh Sub Registry office- Barh, Distt- Patna, Revenue Thana No- 56, Khata No- Unsurveyed, S.P No- Unsurveyed, Ward No- 13 New, 12/5 Old of Nagar Parishad Barh, Holding No-227/226 New, 2/3 Old, Area- 2 Katha 15 dhur pertaining to Smt Pratima Prakash, W/o Sri Ravi Prakash vide Sale Deed No-282 dt 15.01.2001, Bounded by North- Gali Nagar Parishad, South- Co Sharer, Gyan Prakash, East- Road, West- Gauri Shankar Mandir.	21.01.2022	21.04.2022	₹ 66,61,219.10 (Sixty Six Lakh Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen and Ten Paise only) and interest thereon

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Stressed Asset Management Branch, Patna, Khajpura, Jagdeopath, Bailey Road, Patna-800014

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Sl. No. & Branch	Name of the Account	Description of the Charged/ Mortgage Property	Name of the Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit
1. SAMB Patna	M/s Baba Narasinghnath Industries Private Limited. Managing Director -Smt. Pinki Singh W/o Sri Manoj Kumar Singh. Director - Sri Manoj Kumar Singh S/o-Indra Kant Kumar Registered address-Vill.-Phulhara, P.O-Kalyanpur Chowk, P.S-Kalyanpur, Dist.-Samastipur, Pin-848302, State-Bihar.	Registered Mortgage (Deed No.16576 dated 19.11.2015) of Land/Property in the name of Guarantors Sri Manoj Kumar Singh, Sri Bijay Bahadur Singh, Sri Arun Kumar, Sri Anil Kumar, located at Mauza-Rampura, Pargana-Kasma, Anchal+ P.S.-Kalyanpur, Thana No.53, District- Samastipur, State-Bihar. 1. Khata No.141, Khesra No.1197,1198,1201, Area- 10 Katha 14 Dhur, Boundary: North-Bishwanath Kuwar, South-Road P.C.C, East-Krishna Kant Prasad Kuwar, West-Krishna Kant Prasad Kuwar. 2. Khata No.41, Khesra No.1464,1470, Area- 9 Katha 3 Dhur, Boundary: North-Road P.C.C, South-Power House, East-Bishwanath Kuwar, West-Anil Kumar. 3. Khata No.158, Khesra No.1237,1254,1258, Area- 13 Katha 15 Dhur, Boundary: North-Niz, South-Road P.C.C, East-Krishna Kant Prasad Kuwar, West-Baidyanath Jha. 4. Khata No.44, Khesra No.1199,1200, Area- 10 Katha 2 Dhur, Boundary: North-Niz, South-Road P.C.C, East-Baidyanath Jha, West-Ranjeet Kuwar. 5. Khata No.58, Khesra No.1209, Area- 1 Katha 6 Dhur, Boundary: North-Road P.C.C, South-Niz, East-Krishna Kant Prasad Kuwar, West-Jiwesh Kuwar. 6. Khata No.130, Khesra No.1216, Area- 6 Katha 6 Dhur, Boundary: North-Anil Kuwar, South-Niz, East-Niz, West-Road P.W.D.	M/s Baba Narasinghnath Industries Private Limited, Sri Manoj Kumar Singh, Sri Bijay Bahadur Singh, Sri Arun Kumar, Sri Anil Kumar	₹4,76,35,086.15/- (Rupees Four crore seventy six lakh thirty five thousand eighty six and fifteen paise only) as on 31.08.2018 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon less recovery if any	₹2,88,56,000/- (Rupees Two crore eighty eight lakh fifty six thousand only)	₹28,85,600/- (Rupees Twenty eight lakh eighty five thousand six hundred only)
	2. Sri Manoj Kumar Singh S/o-Late Indrakant Kumar, Vill.-Phulhara, P.O-kalyanpur Chowk, P.S.-Kalyanpur, Dist.-Samastipur, Pin-848302, State-Bihar.	No.1464,1470, Area- 9 Katha 3 Dhur, Boundary: North-Road P.C.C, South-Power House, East-Bishwanath Kuwar, West-Anil Kumar. 3. Khata No.158, Khesra No.1237,1254,1258, Area- 13 Katha 15 Dhur, Boundary: North-Niz, South-Road P.C.C, East-Krishna Kant Prasad Kuwar, West-Baidyanath Jha. 4. Khata No.44, Khesra No.1199,1200, Area- 10 Katha 2 Dhur, Boundary: North-Niz, South-Road P.C.C, East-Baidyanath Jha, West-Ranjeet Kuwar. 5. Khata No.58, Khesra No.1209, Area- 1 Katha 6 Dhur, Boundary: North-Road P.C.C, South-Niz, East-Krishna Kant Prasad Kuwar, West-Jiwesh Kuwar. 6. Khata No.130, Khesra No.1216, Area- 6 Katha 6 Dhur, Boundary: North-Anil Kuwar, South-Niz, East-Niz, West-Road P.W.D.				
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(Contact Number: 0175-2921547)

Tender Enquiry No.(RIS No.) 34/PSPCL/PC/SOLAR/1000MW/2022/ET4 Dt: 19.04.2022

Office of Dy. CE/IPC, Thermal Designs, T-8, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala-147001, invites bids for purchase of 1000 MW solar power through competitive bidding process (followed by e-reverse auction) from grid connected solar photovoltaic power projects to be set up anywhere in Punjab. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://www.bharat-electronictender.com/> from 25.04.2022, 3:00 PM onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://www.bharat-electronictender.com/> only. C-137/22 13673/PB

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RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF REGISTRAR

The Institute invites application from the eligible candidates for the post of Registrar. The detailed advertisement is available on institute website <http://www.iitram.ac.in> The Last date for online application is 23-5-2022; last date of submission of duly signed hard copy of online application along with supporting documents is 31-5-2022.

Director General
Date: 23/4/2022 Advt-5/2022

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, राँची
कमरा नं० 302, तृतीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन,
कचहरी चौक, राँची- 834001
ई-मेल-eamidran-cemr-jhr@nic.in, midranchi2018@gmail.com
फोन नं० - 0651-2215757

पत्रांक..... / राँची, दिनांक / / 2022

शुद्धि-पत्र

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, राँची का पत्रांक-240 दिनांक- 11.04.2022 द्वारा PR No. 268257 दिनांक 13.04.2022 से प्रकाशित निविदा में निम्नलिखित संशोधन किया गया है:-

1. Date of Publication of Tender on Website- 02.06.2022
2. Last Date & Time of Submission of e tender on website- 09.06.2022 Upto 5.00 PM.
3. Last date & Time of Receipt of Hard Copy, cost of Bid Document and EMD- 10.06.2022 upto 5:00 PM
4. Date of Opening of E-Tender - 11.06.2022 at 2:00 PM

निविदा की शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
PR 268829 Minor Irrigation(22-23)#D लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, राँची

Government of Jharkhand
Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-Operative Directorate of Soil Conservation
2nd Floor Krishi Bhawan, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834008, Jharkhand.
E-mail- directorsolijhr@gmail.com / edjamttc@gmail.com
Mob. No. - 9472769373/9431123397 website- www.jamttc.org or www.jharkhand.gov.in/agriculture

CORRIGENDUM
PR 268144 Agriculture (22-23)-D
NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited in two proposal systems (Technical & Financial). For Empanelment of Manufacturer or Their Authorised Dealer to Supply Mini Tractor, Power Tiller, Self Propelled Rice Transplanter, Self Propelled Reaper, Mini Tractor Compatible Implements, irrigation Pump Sets, Solar Pump Sets, HDPE Pipe, Rice Hullers With polishers, Mini Rice Mill, Mini Dal Mill, Mini oil Mill & others Agriculture equipments/machines to women self help group (SHG) others farmers/group/LAMPS/PACKS etc.

1. In continuations of the implementation of tender notice no, PR 268144 Agriculture (22-23)-D a Pre-Bid meeting was held on 20.04.2022. The decision taken in pre bid meeting due to typing error the some amendment has been incorporated as a part of the tender document published on the website www.jamttc.org or www.jharkhand.gov.in/agriculture.
2. The interested bidder should visit the above mentioned website & the revised Annexure I & III can be downloaded or obtained from the Directorate of Soil Conservation, Jharkhand, Ranchi and the proposal must be submitted in the revised annexure I & III otherwise the proposal will not be considered.

Sd/-
Director, Soil Conservation
Jharkhand, Ranchi

PR.NO.268825 Agriculture(22-23):D

e-Procurement Cell
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

CORRIGENDUM

Sl. No.	Tender Reference No.	Name of Work
1	BCD/ Special Works Division,Ranchi/01/2022-23	Proposed Construction of New Shri Krishna Institute of Public Administration Building Complex(ATI) at Core Capital Area, Dhurwa,Ranchi.
2	Corrigendum Title	Date Extension
3	Corrigendum No.	01

> Date has been extended for the above referenced tender as follows:-

	Previous Date	Date Extended
Date of Publication of Tender on Website	25-04-2022 at 11:00 A.M.	04-05-2022 at 11:00 A.M
Pre Bid Meeting	29-04-2022 at 3:00 P.M.	09-05-2022 at 3:00 P.M
Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	23.05.2022 at 05:00 PM	01.06.2022 at 5.00 PM
Last Date/Time of Submission of Bid Security Money and Tender Fee	25.05.2022 upto 12:00 PM.	03.06.2022 upto 12:00 PM.
Date/Time of opening of Bid	25.05.2022 at 02:00 PM	03.06.2022 at 02.00 PM

Other Terms & Conditions shall remain Unchanged.

PR 268780 Building(22-23)#D Advt. PR. No.- 268136 e-procurement cell, BCD, Ranchi

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 06/JS(PHE)DC OF 2022-23 Dated: 20-04-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Chadoora 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 PHE Division Chadoora 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 in two covers viz. **Cover 1st** consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and **Cover 2nd** consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of Work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated Cost (in Lacs)	Time of Completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1.	WSS Pethyar Bonen	Laying Fitting of pipes including Construction, Successful testing and commissioning of SR, Sluice Chambers, CLF, setting right of old existing system and Head works for WSS Pethyar Bonen	Chadoora	139.77	60	AAY
2.	WSS Surasyar, Yarikalan Kanir	Laying Fitting of pipes including Construction, Successful Testing and Commissioning of Back wash Tank, Sluice Chambers, Chowkidar quarter, for WSS Surasyar, Yarikalan Kanir (Retiro)	Chadoora	125.06	60	AAY
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4.	WSS Kalnag Huffro	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Service Reservoir of 0.40 Lac Gallons Capacity, Sluice Chambers, CLF, Chowkidar quarter etc for WSS Kalnag Huffro	Chadoora	120.42	60	AAY
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15.	WSS Watkuloo Loolipora	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of 1.00 lacs Gallons SR, Sluice Chambers, CLF, Chowkidar quarter etc for WSS Watkuloo Loolipora	Chadoora	97.75	60	AAY
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17.	WSS Kasloo Badipora	Laying Fitting of pipes including Construction, Successful Testing and Commissioning of SR, Sluice Chambers, CLF, for WSS Kasloo Badipora	Chadoora	96.40	60	AAY
18.	WSS Dalipora Badipora	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of 0.75 lacs Gallons SR, Sluice chambers, CLF, Chowkidar quarter etc for WSS Dalipora Badipora	Chadoora	95.09	60	AAY

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Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division, Chadoora

DIPK-865/22

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

Martyr of CISF on 23rd April
CT/GD SHISHU KUMAR MISHRA
ONGC JOURHAT 23-04-1999

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life at altar of duty while fighting with militants. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noblest deed.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
(Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location	Annual repairing and return contract for repairing of faulty cards in Delhi Division.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 4383110 only
Tender Document Fee (₹)	₹ 0 (zero) only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 87770 only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender/ closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time 18.05.2022 upto 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T Branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-AMC-585, Dated: 22.04.2022	912/2022

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: 25-30 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Injury Mark: Head separated from the neck, left leg crushed, right hand crushed, toes cut off, head injury & scratch marks on his body, Wearing: White coloured shirt speckled, Sky blue coloured jeans & Black coloured Slipper in feet, was found dead in Train Accident on 17.04.2022 from KM Pole No.18/13-15, UP Line, Near Prem Nagar-II, Delhi. The dead body has been Preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 hours. In this regard a **DD No.02A dated 17.04.2022** has been lodged at P.S. Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi
Ph.: 011-28711697
Mob.: 8750871308

DP/115/RLY/2022

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
No.- S N T-JU-05-2022-23 Open E-tender is invited by DRM (S&T), Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India for S&T work. Details as below. 1. **Name of Work:** Miscellaneous S&T works in THM-SOUL section of JU division of NW railway. 2. **Estimated cost of the work:** Rs.52,92,089/- (R/O)3. **Address of the NIT Issuing Office:** Sr.DSTE/JU NWR, DRM Office Harish Joshi Marg, Jodhpur. 4. **Earnest money to be deposited.:** Rs 1,05,900/- 5. **Last Date & time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender:** 13/05/2022 Upto 15:00 Hrs. through E-tendering online submission on IREPS. Tender will be opened at 15:00 Hrs. 6. **Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen and participated:** www.ireps.gov.in **Note:** This is a E-Tender, so tenderer can participate through e-tendering process only on mentioned website **24/2C/22**

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E-NIT No. 08/JS(PHE)DC OF 2022-23
DATED: 20.04.2022

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Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division, Chadoora

DIPK-864/22

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 15.04.2022 at Asaf Ali Road in front of Bank of Baroda, Near Humdard Chowk, Kamla Market, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 18 A dated 15.04.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Kamla Market, Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved in MAMC Mortuary for 72 hours for Identification. Identification of unidentified dead body is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: about 45 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Black Pant and Blue & White Lining Shirt.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station Kamla Market, Delhi
DP/1395/CD/2022 Ph.: 011-22230623, 8750870424

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI
WSMP DIVISION SRINAGAR, SOURA SRINAGAR

Sub: This Office e-NIT No. 35/WSMP of 03/2022 dated 30.03.2022 for the work i.e. "Design (Including Geo-Technical Analysis/ Soil Investigation), Construction, successful testing and commissioning including trial run for 06 months of 5.5MGD (25MLD) rapid sand W.T.P comprising of intake chamber, 02 No. Clariflocculator with flash mixers, filter house, Raw water main, Delivery main, Clear water sumps, back-wash tank with all electro Mechanical, instruments/ installation as a composite unit to be constructed at Alusteng".

DATE EXTENSION

The bid submission close and online bidding opening date for above subject Work is hereby rescheduled as under:-

S.No.	Previous Date	Re-scheduled Date
01	Bid Submission Close Date 23.04.2022	05.05.2022 upto 04.00 P.M.
02	Online Bid Opening Date 25.04.2022	07.05.2022 at 02.00 P.M.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the above e-NIT.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Water Supply Master Plan Division
Srinagar

No: WSMP/CC/716-54
Date: 22.04.2022
DIPK-968

NORTHERN RAILWAY
1st CORRIGENDUM

Name of Work: Replacement/Augmentation of existing centralized air conditioning plant with other allied works at Rail Bhawan. The amendments in above said tender are as under:

	Earlier published	Amended
Tender No: 30-Elect-04-T-2022-23-E3		
Name of work	Replacement/Augmentation of existing centralized air conditioning plant with other allied works at Rail Bhawan.	Replacement/Augmentation of existing centralized air conditioning plant with other allied works at Rail Bhawan.
Approx cost of the works in	Rs. 3233.66 lacs	Rs. 3233.66 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divl Elect, Engineer/General, New Delhi	Sr. Divl Elect, Engineer/General, New Delhi
Pre Bid	-	Yes
Pre bid location date and time	-	DRM Office complex (Sr.DEE/GNDLS office), State Entry Road, New Delhi, Pin Code-110055 at 11:00 Hrs on 28.04.2022
Earnest Money	Rs.1766800.00	Rs.1766800.00
Date & time of submission of tender	23.05.2022, 12.00 Hrs	23.05.2022, 12.00 Hrs
Opening of tender	23.05.2022, 12.00 Hrs.	23.05.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

The tender document of above mentioned tender has been modified kindly go through the amended documents available on www.ireps.gov.in and submit your offer accordingly.

Tender No.: 30-Elect-04-T-2022-23-E3 919/2022

Serving Customers With A Smile

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Material Management Department
(e-Tender Notice for the supply of Stores, No.EPS/15/2022)

PCMM/WCR on behalf of the President of India invites the following advertised tenders through e-procurement System. No Manual/ Postal offers shall be entertained. Tenders can be accessed under the link website <https://meps.gov.in> for details and for submission of tender.

S.No	Tender No.	Short Description	Tendered Qty
1	20211554A	Non-Asbestos Based Organic Brake Pad	3524 Set.
2	20212139A	Diode For Hind Rectifier Make	45 Nos.
3	20211853	Moving Contact Bridge Complete	5164 Nos.
4	20224611	Halt Effect, Active Speed Sensor	29 Nos.
5	20214183	Set Of Condition Based Items For Tread Brake	14 Set.
6	20221600	Procurement of Draw Hook Beam Reinforced	6985 Nos.
7	3		