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ASHOK GEHLOT Chief Minister, Rajasthan



A Historic, **Humane Decision**

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A Major Step towards Employee Welfare and Development of the State

Rajasthan Government in its 2022-23 Budget has announced to implement the Old-Pension Scheme (OPS) for all government employees appointed on or after 1 January, 2004. Under this, employees will get benefits like pension/family pension, gratuity and commuted pension amount, making them much stronger socio-economically.

10% monthly salary deduction under NPS has been stopped and employees are getting increased salary from 1 April 2022. Additionally, amount remaining after adjustment of Pensioner Medical Fund (RGHS) from salary deduction will be given with interest on GPF upon retirement.

Rajasthan **Implements Old Pension Scheme**

Shortcomings of New Pension Scheme

No guarantee of pension

Mandatory 10% contribution by employee

National Human Rights Commission has asked Govt of India to set up Committee for review of NPS for safeguarding human rights of employees

Second National Judicial Pay Commission has recommended that NPS should not be implemented for Judicial Services

Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have set up committees to review NPS

The New Pension Scheme was not implemented for Armed Forces. This clearly shows that the Old Pension Scheme provided sufficient social security to these employees.

CAG has revealed shocking facts about implementation, planning and monitoring of

- Even after 15 years from introduction of NPS, rules on service conditions/retirement benefits in respect of employees covered by NPS are still pending for finalisation
- There is neither any indication whether actuarial evaluation of the Scheme was conducted once in 2 years, nor has there been adoption of any other mechanism to assess the viability of the Scheme
- Assurance on 100% coverage of eligible employees is still lacking in the Scheme

Advantages of the **Old Pension Scheme**

Pension Guarantee: Employee gets 50% of the last monthly salary as pension every month

Employee does not have to pay any contribution

Dearness relief for securing employees against inflation

Commutation of pension up to 33%

Positive Impact of **OPS on State's Development**

Personnel will be more motivated towards work, leading to good governance.

More meritorious and talented candidates will apply for new vacancies.

Implementation of old pension scheme will not result in deduction of even a single rupee from development expenditure of the state and welfare of its people.

#Rajasthan_NPS2OPS

Department of Information and Public Relations

Government of Rajasthan

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

urement T. No. SE(AM)/AP/GNT/Ep/05/2022-23, Dated: Online tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer (AM) Guntur from the reputed firms. (i) Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Machinery for e-NAM Market Yards across the State of Andhra Pradesh. (ii) Providing Assaying services in e-Market Yards across the state of Andhra Pradesh. (iii) Supply and installation of 18 Nos Desk Top computers. Eprocurement site opens on Dt. 25-4-2022 @ 4.00 P.M. Any other information can be had from the www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.ir or from the office of the Superintending Engineer (AM) Guntur.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (AM) O/o. Commissioner and Director of Agrl. Marketing, Govt. of A.P, Guntur.



RAIL WHEEL FACTORY Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064

7/5= Dated 22/04/2022

On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager invites Electronic Open Tender from experienced OEMs / Manufacturers or authorized agents for supply of the followin ems on the Indian Railways e-portal www.ireps.gov.in. The tender documents and the orrigendam to the Tenders, if any, will be available on the portal only.

l	SI. No.	Tender Number and Item Description	Qty	Tender Closing Date and Time
l	1	P2 215675A: Design, Fabrication, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of PNG Pipeline To SPC Bay.	01 Set	16/05/22 14:00 Hrs.
l	2	P2225255A: Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Swarf Shredder	03 Nos.	16/05/22 14:00 Hrs.
l	3	P3225009 (Global Tender) : Turret Head Assembly for CNC SPM. Make: O.M.G SRL/Italy	02 Set	20/05/22 14:00 Hrs
l	4	P3225010 (Global Tender): Item No.1. Left Hand Mounting (LH Side) Turret, Make: Sauter/germany Only. Item No.2. Right Hand Mounting (RH Side) Turret, Make: Sauter/germany Only.	01 No.	23/05/22 14:00 Hrs.
l	5	P3225012 (Global Tender) : Linear Guide, Make: THK Only.	56 Nos.	23/05/22 14:00 Hrs.

Tender details can be viewed on our website <u>www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in</u> or www.ireps.gov.ir Dy. Chief Materials Manager

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender No. PUCNB-ABS-CNB-CNBI-T-62 **TENDER NOTICE (Single Packet)**

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Project, North Central Railway Project Unit, Kanpur for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-Tender from reputed contractors/JV firms with adequate experience and financial capability, for the following work on Single Packet System up to 15.00 hrs. on the opening date of E-tender mentioned therein. If date of opening is declared a holiday or offer could not he opened due to Technical issue, the offers shall be opened on the next working day

The details of the Tender are as under:						
Name of work	"Supply, Designing, Installation, testing and commissioning of Indoor and outdoor Work in connection with Replacement of Relay based automatic signalling system by electronic interlocking system of CNB - CNBI section of Prayagraj Division of North Central Railway."					
Estimated cost of work	Approx. Cost Rs.28914367.48 only (Rs. Two Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred sixty seven and Paise Forty Eight only)					
Earnest Money	Rs. 294600.00 (Two Lakh Ninety Four thousand six Hundred only).					
Tender form cost NIL						
Completion Period 08 Months						
Availability of tender form	Tender forms shall be available on web site, www.ireps.gov.in 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender.					
Closing Date/Time of Tender	13.05.2022 before 15:00 Hrs.					
Tender Opening Date/Time	13.05.2022 at 15:00 Hrs.					
Place of Opening	Through Online E-Portal www.ireps.gov.in in the office of CSTE/P-III/NCRPU, HQ Office, Subedarganj, Prayagraj (UP)					
Validity of Offer	45 days from date of opening.					
Right of Railway to deal with tender	Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons.					
Tenderers who v	vish to participate in tenders invited on					

www.ireps.gov.in have to register on the website mandatorily. Please refer to website for more details. Tenderers can submit EMD only through online mode. Online payment of earnest money can be made through net banking, debit/credit card etc. Further particulars can be obtained from Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in.

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🔝 U.P.RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION, KASIMPUR (ALIGARH)

E-Tender Notice

Superintending Engineer, Coal Handling Circle, Kasimpur (Aligarh):

1. Tender No. STET-01/CHC/CHD-I'D'TPS/HTPS/2022-23, Cleaning and removal of jammed coal from R.C. bunker of unit no. 7 and shifting of the spread coal if any in coal yard of old Coal Handling Plant in Coal Handling Division-I'D' TPS for the period of One Month". Uploaded on e-procurement system of UP Government https://etender.up.nic.in on dated 20.04.2022. Estimated cost Rs. 1,21,340.00. Earnest Money Rs. 2427.00, ast date of E-bid Submission 04.05.2022.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, O&MC-III, DTPS, HTPS, Kasimpur:

2. SHORT TERM E-TENDER NO.-ST-01/O&MC-III/C&IMD-I/DTPS/HTPS/2022-23, Online e-Bids are invited for the "Maintenance work of C&I field equipments, installed in Boiler, Turbine and BOP area of Unit 8 & 9" F-tender has been published at http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost: Rs. 56,19,855.00 only, Earnest Money Rs. 57,000.00 only, Time period: 01 year. Last date of submission of e-tender: 07.05.2022 up to 14:00 hrs. Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & conditions are as per tender document, available on the e-tender portal. Undersigned reserves the right to cancel the e-bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any, shall be uploaded only on the above website, Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

Superintending Engineer, MMC, Harduaganj 'D'TPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh)

3. E-Tender No.: 2- ET-15/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2022, Name of Supply: Supply of activated alumina for drver no. 1 of instrument air compressor of Unit #7 of HTPS, Kasimpur, Estimated cost of e-tender is Rs. 344560.00. Earnest money is Rs. 5800.00. Tender is uploaded on 19.04.2022. The e-Bid online submission End Date is 25.05.2022

Note- Tender ET- 15 Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers/their Authorized Dealer can participate in this

Note-Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website www.uprvunl.org. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Superintending Engineer (H.Q.) पत्रांक : 14/अधी0अभि0(मु0)/विज्ञापन/कैम्प-1(13)/22 दिनांक 21.04.2022

"Save Electricity Enhance National Productivity"

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice E-TENDER NOTICE NO.- ECR-CAO-CON-

NORTH-ETN-01-22-23 E- TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK.

Name of work: Supply of 1,00.000 cur 50mm size machine crushed track ballast as per RDSO specification for B.G. Railway track & loading the same into any type o railway wagons F.O.R. Pakur for various projects under CAO/Con, ECR. Approx cost of the work: Rs 13.68.82.000/- Farnest money: Rs 8.34.400/- Date and time for closing of tender: 17.05.2022 at 14.30 hrs. Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc. The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR

Note: Tenderers are requested to visit th website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in response to

MHX, Patna.

CAO/Con/North, E.C. Rly. MHX, Patna PR/0127/CONN/Engg./T/22-23/40

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RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD

NIT NO. 01/2022-23

Bid for 1. Construction of MIG -A-42 Nos. (8.00 x 15.00 M) Houses for Board Employees Scheme at MGSAY, Sector-06, Barli, Jodhpur. 2. Construction of HIG-21 and MIG-B-22 Nos. Houses for Board Employees Scheme at MGSAY, Sector-06, Barli, Jodhpur. 3. Construction of HIG-31, MIG-B-07 and MIG-A-17 Nos. Houses at Sector-04, Manpur Housing Scheme Abu Road. 4. Const. of HIG-48 Nos. Houses for Board Employees at Patel Nagar Extn., Bhilwara. 5. Construction of MIG-B-30 and MIG-A-08 Nos. Houses for Board Employees at Patel Nagar Extn., Bhilwara. 6. Demarcation of land and const. of WBM road in main, sector dividing, peripheral and internal road at Sector - 1 to 5, Shivbari Housing Scheme, Bikaner. 7. Demarcation of land and const. of WBM road in main, sector dividing, peripheral and internal road at Sector - 6 to 11, Shivbari Housing Scheme, Bikaner are invited from interested bidders from 26.04.2022 to 16.05.2022 upto 6.00 pm. Other particular of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state & www.urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rhb department website. UBN No. - RHB2223WS0B00032, RHB2223WS0B00033,

RHB2223WS0B00034, RHB2223WS0B00035, RHB2223WS0B00036, RHB2223WS0B00037 & RHB2223WS0B00038

Add. C.E.-II, Jodhpur

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR (Telefax: 0194-2496089, E-mail ID: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in) (Short Term)

GIST of E -NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/10/e-tendering For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited from registered/reputed/experienced firm: with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work	Est. Cost. (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rupees)	Time of Completion (Days)	AA A	Earnest Money (in Rs)	TS No.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing and fitting of ABC and Co2 type extin- guishers and refilling of ABC Powder type fire extinguishers of Govt. State Taxes Department, Solina, Srinagar.	0.55	200	05	EST/ACSTK/ 03-11, Dt:12-04-2022	1100	87 of 12/2021 (AEE-2nd) & 87 of 12/2021 (AEE-2nd)

The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 21.04.2022 (18.00 hrs).
The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 22.04.2022 (10:00hrs) to

27.04.2022 (14:00 hrs) in two (02) cover. The bids unloaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 27.04.2022 (16.00 hrs) or any date

convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinaga

MHCHD/TS/639-43 Dt:-21-04-2022 DIPK-941/22 Sd/ **Executive Engineer** MHCHD, Srinaga

(Open) - Engg/DDU

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Corrigendum Corrigendum 02 of Tender Notice No CE/2021/21, Dated: 31.03.2022. After inclusion of PVC formula in tender document of tender No. 02216483SP. Modified Tender document has been uploaded on website https://www. Ireps.gov.in on 22.04.2022. This instant will open on 29.04.2022 at

Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway/Hajipur 11.30AM. PR/00135/HQ/Engg/C/22-23/16

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **E-Tender Notice** E-TENDER NOTICE NO.- ECR-CAO-CON-

NORTH-ETN-02-22-23 E- TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK

Name of work: Supply of 1,00,000 cum

50mm size machine crushed track ballast as per RDSO specification for B.G. Railway track & loading the same into any type of railway wagons F.O.R. Bakudih for various projects under CAO/Con, ECR. Approx cost of the work: Rs. 13,68,82,000/-, Earnest money: Rs. 8,34,400/-, Date and time for closing of tender: 17.05.2022 at 14.30 hrs. Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc.: The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR, MHX, Patna.

Note: Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in response to this E-tender.

CAO/Con/North, E.C. Rly. MHX, Patna PR/0128/CONN/Engg./T/22-23/40

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Notice Auction Tender Senior Divisional Commercia Manager, Lucknow invites Open tender through E-tendering system on behalf of President of India From Registered Lease holder A & E Category for the Contract of Lessing of SLR (3.9 TONNE) of Mail express train of Lucknow division for the period of 02 year, payment of EMD and Tender Fees is paying through net banking or payment gateway. Details of Trains & Tender notice no. Reserve Price, EMD and Cost of bid document are as under E-Auction LOT NO.: 12555-SLR (PARCEL F1-GKP-H8R-22-2 SPACE), Train no.: 12555, From Gorakhpur (GKP), To: Hisar, Train frequency (in a week): Perday, No of Compartment available (04 tonne) SLR: (01) FSLR-First, Date and Time of Auction Start (all lots): Dt. 10.05.2022 at 13:00 hrs., Date and Time of Close of Auction: Dt 10.05.2022 at 13:30 hrs., Period of contract: 02 years. Web Site address: www.ireps.gov.in (E AUCTION MODULE)

Divl. Railway Manager(Commercial.) CPRO/C-21 Lucknov About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **E-Tender Notice**

e-tender Notice No. 07 of 2022-23

On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/ Engg/ DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPED, BSNL, MES, PWI and other public sector under-taking:-Tender No. 06-DDU-SRDEN-II-22-23) Name of work with its location

., Renovation of Railway Hospital at Gaya under ADEN/Gaya. (ii) Advertised Value: Rs. 5537909.30, (iii) Earnest Money: Rs. 110800.00, (iv) Closing Date & time for submission of etender: 12.05.2022, Up-to 12:00 hrs., (v) Website particulars of e-tender: www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager, . Deen Daval Upadhava Divisio PR/0125/DDU/Engg./T/22-23/32

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E-TENDER

E-Tenders are invited for Sole Advertisement Rights in side of station through specified edia at defined area of platform for a period of one year over Dhanbad Division by visional Railway Manager (Commercial) E.C. Railway, Dhanbad, Details are as under: Date & Time for closing and opening of **Tender:** Date of closing of e-tender at 15:00 hours on 17.05.2022. Date of opening of -tender after 15:30 hrs. on 17.05.2022 Website particulars: https://www.ireps.gov.in. No manual tender will be accepted against -Tendering. 1. E.Tender No.: C775-Com. Pub-Sole -SGRL-22, Station : Singrauli. Earnest Money: 12000, Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.): 118296, 2. E. Tender No.: 775-Com. Pub-Sole -RNQ-22. Station Renukoot, **Earnest Money:** 9700, **Reserve** Price for one year (in Rs.): 96456 . E.Tender No. : C775-Com. Pub-Sole PNME-22. Station: Parasnath. Earnest loney: 8300, Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.): 82368, 4. E.Tender No.: C775-Com Pub-Sole -KQR-22. Station : Koderma Earnest Money: 36200, Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.): 361894, 5, E.Tender No. C775-Com. Pub-Sole -HZD-22, Station Hazaribagh Road, Earnest Money: 5300 Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.) 52416, **6. E.Tender No. :** C775-Com. Pub Sole -HZBN-22, Station: Hazaribagh Town

Earnest Money: 4800, Reserve Price fo one year (in Rs.): 47060, 7. E.Tender No. 775-Com. Pub-Sole -GMO-22, Station I.S.C.Bose Jn. Gomoh, Earnest Money 23100, Reserve Price for one year (in Rs. 230686, 8. E.Tender No.: C775-Com Pub-Sole -GHD-22, Station : Gharwa Road Earnest Money: 4000, Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.): 39936, 9. E.Tender No. C775-Com. Pub-Sole -DTO-22, Station Daltonganj, **Earnest Money** : 4700 Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.) 46336, 10. E.Tender No. : C775-Com Pub-Sole -DHN-22, **Station**: Dhanbad Earnest Money: 272700, Reserve rice for one year (in Rs.): 2726587 11. E.Tender No.: C775-Com. Pub-Sole CRP-22, Station: Chandrapura, Earnest Money: 10000, Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.): 99723, 12. E.Tender No.: C775-Com Pub-Sole -CPU-22, Station : Chopan Earnest Money: 7700, Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.): 76800, 13. E.Tender No. : C775-Com. Pub-Sole -BRKA-22, **Station** Barkakana, **Earnest Money** : 7500 Reserve Price for one year (in Rs.): 74412 Railway Administration reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Dhanbad PR/0126/DHN/Comml./T/22-23/72

iny reason what so ever.



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION HANDWARA



Standard Bidding Document

For

Laying, Fitting, Testing and Successful Commissioning of Delivery and Distribution Pipe network of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves

Construction, Testing and Successful Commissioning of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants

- Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works staff quarters etc.
- at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division HANDWARA of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 03 OF 2022-23 Dated: 23-04-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division HANDWARA 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 HANDWARA 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. Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on over all percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

lo	Particular of the work	Estimated Cost(Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion Of work(days)
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	 ➤ Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves ➤ Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants ➤ Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Division HANDWARA of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jayan Mission (LIM) 	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	60/30 days	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division HANDWARA The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevar Mission (DJJM)..

İ	Publish Date	23-04-2022 at 01:00 P.M
ii	Document Download Start Date	23-04-2022 at 01:00 P.M
iii	Clarification Start date	23-04-2022 from 9:00 A.M
iv	Clarification End date	28-04-2022 up to 4:00 P.M
iv	Bid submission Start date	30-04-2022 from 10:00 A.M
V	Bid submission End date	12-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M.
vi	Date of Bid opening	13-05-2022 at 11:00 A.M.

Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in

The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division HANDWARA. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar

The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division HANDWARA

The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be con

non- responsive. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.iktenders.gov.in.

Queries by email if any should be made at Xenphe2021 @gmail.com Sd/ Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division HANDWARA

sidered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared

No: PHEDK/200-10 DIPK-1034/22

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 04 OF 2022-23 Dated: 20-04-2022

JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Uri 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 Hydraulic Division Uri 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 1* 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. Time of

Sr. No	Particulars of the work	Estimated cost in lacs	Fee (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Validity Period	completion of work (in days)
1	 Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting GI Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves. Construction of Service Reservoirs (SRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants. Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Hydraulic Division Uri of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 	As per ANNEXUR E-I to this bid document.	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	90 days	As per ANNEXURE -I to this bid document.

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Uri.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM) Critical Dates

1	Publish Date	22/04/2022 . 02:00PM
11	Document download/ sale start date	22/04/2022 , 02:00PM
iii	Pre- Bid meeting date	25/04/2022 . 10:00AM
iv	Bid submission start date	27/04/2022 . 10:00AM
v	Bid submission end date	10/05/2022 . 04:00PM
vi	Date and time of bid opening	11/05/2022 . 04:00PM

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.iktenders.gov.in

2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.

3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table.

a. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer Hydraulic Division Uri.

The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

5. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non- responsive.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.

New Delhi

Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphebla@gmail.com. No. HDU/CC-02/272-83

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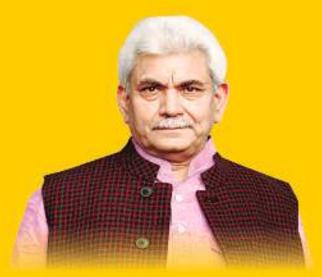
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1 Reserve Price &

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₹ 1.40 Lakhs

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security

nterest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property nortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of India Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is ", and "whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to bank of India from the below mentioned borrower(s) & guarantor(s). The reserve price and the Earnest money deposit are

Details of Borrower/Plant & Machinery/Mortgaged Property/Inspection Date/ Date E-auction/Reserve Price & EMD. Date, Time of E-auction:- 25.05.2022 at 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Followed by three extensions of 10 minutes

Inspection Date & Time of the Property: Till 21.05.2022 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM in consultation with the **Authorized Officer of Patna Zone (Bihar)**

Last Date of acceptance of bids: 23.05.2022

SI. No.	Borrower/Guarantors	Description of the Asset/Property	2.EarnestMoney Deposit(EMD)
	Prasad, Smt. Renu Devi & Sudha Devi) Branch: Bihia Total Due: ₹ 2.33.44.522.37 (Rupees Two Crore. Thirty	(i) Owner of property: All the part and parcel of Property in the name of M/s Sheo Shakti Industries, Situated at: Mauza-Bihia, Khata No375, Plot No2069, Thana No147, Sub Registrar-Jagdishpur, DistBhojpur. Admeasuring-22.95 Decimal. Boundary: North-Industrial Plot NoB/3, South-Industrial Plot NoB/6, East-Industrial Plot NoA/9, West-40' wide P.C.C. Road. (ii) Hypothecated Plant & Machinery. * P&M and land will be sold in a single lot.	₹ 114.59 Lakhs (EMD) ₹ 11.46 Lakhs
	Kumar Singh & Guarantor: Meena Singh. Branch: Arrah Total Due: ₹ 71,74,830.68 (Rupees seventy one lacs seventy four thousand eight hundred thirty rupees and sixty	Owner of property: All the part & parcel of the property consisting of, Khesara No765, Khata No66, Thana No256, Sale deed No4890 & 4887, Situated at Gundi road, Basantpur Near Surya Mandir, Mauza Basantpur, Dist Bhojpur, total admeasuring 29.00 decimal, Boundary for Sale Deed No. 4890: North: Road, South: Niz Lekhakari, East: Subash Kumar Singh, West: Sudeshwar Singh, Boundary for Sale Deed No. 4887: North: Dilip Singh, South: Niz Lekhakari, East: Satya Dev Singh, West: Sudeshwar Singh.	₹ 37.97 Lakhs (EMD) ₹ 3.80 Lakhs
	All the part & parcel of the property consisting of, Khes	ra No339(O),348(N), Khata No109(O),126(N), Thana No53,	₹ 14.04 Lakhs

Durga Singh. Type of Property: Freehold ed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided Bank of India, Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://ibapi.in

Authorised Officer Place: Patna **BANK OF INDIA** Date: 23.04.2022

SBI State Bank of India STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH

2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna- 800001

Sale Deed No. 9904, total admeasuring 36 decimal, Situated at Nathmalpur Near Govt School Mauza Nathmalpur P.S Barhara Dist Bhojpur, **Boundary-** North: Road, South: Pramod Singh, East: Shivkumar Singh & Ramayan Singh, West:

Ph. No. (Office): 0612-2219043, 2219385, Fax: 0612-2219385, E-mail: sbi.05176@sbi.co.in **E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of

Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 25.05.2022 (Wednesday). Other detials of the

e-au	e-auction are as under:								
SI. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13(2) Date of 13(4) under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount			
1.	Sri Akahuri Manoj Kumar Sinha S/o Late Akahuri Siddhnath Lal	Rs. 18,35,346/- as on 27.07.2021 with further Interest from 28.07.2021 plus other charges, costs etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that land & building in the name of Sri Akahuri Manoj Kumar Sinha S/o Late Akhuri Siddhnath Lal, under Mauza-Mathuri, Thana-Dehri, Pragna vo sadar Registry office-Sasaram, Thana No.159, Halka No.06, Khata No.117, Plot No.972 measuring 1 Kattha = 3.125 decimal, Distt-Rohtas of Deed No.11039 dated 03.08.2012. Boundary: North-Jairam Mahto, South-Umendra Kumar Singh Farikan, East-Binder Mahto, West-Nij Vikreta	Akahuri Manoj Kumar Sinha S/o Late Akhuri	27.07.2021 11.02.2022	₹10,35,000/- ₹1,03,500/- ₹10,000/-			
2.	Sri Uday Prasad S/o Satyanarayan Prasad	Rs. 12,08,595/- as on 18.06.2018 with further Interest from 19.06.2018 plus other charges, costs etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that plot of land measuring 2 Decimal in the name of Sri Uday Prasad S/o Satyanarayan Prasad, under Mauza-Amaiyawar, Thana Vo Anchal: Nasriganj, Thana No.67, Khata No.163, Plot No.1373, Dehri, Rohtas of Deed No.675 dated 03.02.2015. Boundary: North-Ramuna Devi, South-Bihari Sarkar (Kharanja Road), East-Ramna Devi, West-Gali.	Uday Prasad S/o Satyanarayan	04.12.2019 23.06.2020	₹7,87,000/- ₹78,700/- ₹10,000/-			
3.	Sri Murari Prasad S/o Late Shivpujan Prasad & Sri Bajrangi Prasad S/o Late Shivpujan Prasad		All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Equitable Mortgage of Land & Building in the name of Sri Bajrangi Prasad & Sri Murari Prasad S/o Late Shivpujan Prasad vide Sale Deed No.7012 dated 25.06.2009 situated at Mauza-Katar, Thana-Indrapuri, Pragana vo Sadar Registry Office-Sasaram, District-Rohtas, Thana No.176, Halka No.9, Khata No.278(O) 206(N), Plot No.442(O) 386(N), Area- 3.125 decimal. Boundary: North-Ram Chandra Sharma, South-Sri Niwas Dubey, East-Ram Nath Dubey, West-Rasta.	Bajrangi Prasad & Sri Murari Prasad S/o Late Shivpujan Prasad	24.02.2020 23.06.2020	₹8,55,000/- ₹85,500/- ₹10,000/-			
4.	Sri Rajnish Kumar S/o Sri Awadh Bihari Prasad	Rs. 18,22,670/- as on 27.07.2021 with further Interest from 28.07.2021 plus other charges, costs etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that land & building in the name of Sri Rajnish Kumar S/o Sri Awadh Bihari Prasad, under Mauza-Amartha, Thana & Anchal-Karakat, Sub Registry Office-Bikramganj, Thana No.568, Halka No.04, Khata No.499, Plot No.1639, measuring 1 Kattha, Distt-Rohtas of Deed No.6115 dated 23/07/2013. Boundary: North-Road than Jamuna Singh Yadav, South-Nand Kishore Singh, East-Kamla Singh, West-Kanti Mahto.	Rajnish Kumar S/o Sri Awadh	27.07.2021 11.02.2022	₹7,90,000/- ₹79,000/- ₹10,000/-			

E-auction Terms and Condition . Date & Time of e-auction: 25.05.2022 (Wednesday); Time: From 01:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.

2. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction". The intending Bidders/Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction

Service Provider's website https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. . MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help): 033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contact no. (for

property related enquirey): 8811060438, 9693532979, 8809057838 The Detailed Terms and Conditions of e-auction sale is available on the website: https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

Date : 18.04.2022 Place : Patna AUTHORISED OFFICER STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA

Government of Jharkhand Rural Works Department JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA) 3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004 NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (VERY SHORT TENDER)

(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement)

Re-e-Tender No.- 05 /2022- PR no- 256809 dated 12.11.2021 (2nd Call)

The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered* in appropriate class with any State/Central Government/State/Central Government Organization for construction and maintenance for five years of the following works of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna, Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (PMGSY-

The bid should be submitted online in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature

Sl. No	District	Block	Tender Package	Road Name/Bridge Name	Length (in Kms.)	Total const. Cost (in Lakhs)	Maint. Cost (in Lakhs)	Total project cost (in lakh)	Total Package cost (in lakh)	E/M (in Lakh)	Time of Period
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Chatra	Hunter-Ganj	JH-LWE-CHA-	Baniabandh to Pandarkola	9.00	672.41	47.03	719.44	1167.14	23.34	15
1	Chatra	Hunter-Ganj	02 /21-22	O-Lerho to Kedimau	4.80	428.25	19.45	447.7	1107.14	23.34	13
	Giridih	Pirtand	JH-LWE-GIR-	Kamlasingha-Pandedih Road	5.15	339.63	27.09	366.72	1412.01	28.24	15
2	Giridih	Pirtand	04 /21-22	Noukonia-chatro Road	3.00	243.49	15.06	258.55			
	Giridih	Pirtand	04/21-22	Harladih-Khetadabar Road	11.95	740.38	46.36	786.74			
3	Latehar	atehar Garu JH-LWE-LAT- 03 /21-22 Garu to Heswa Road		8.10	708.53	32.49	741.02	741.02	14.82	12	

3	Latenai	Garu	03 /21-22	Garu	o neswa Koau	6.10	700.33	32.49	/41.	02	/41.02	14.02	12
De	Details of bid submission is as under:												
	Procurem	nent Officer	Place of Openi	ing	Availability	of tender (on-	Last	late & time	e of	Date	& time of	opening (or	n-
					line) for	r bidding		seeking			line) of	tender	
					From	То	cl	arification	1	Techn	ical bid	Financial b	oid
		1	2		3	4		5			6	7	
	Chief I	Engineer,	Chief Enginee	er,	25.04.2022	04.05.2022	29	9.04.2022		05.0	5.2022	To be	
	JSRRD.	A, Ranchi	JSRRDA, Ran	chi	at 10.30 AM	upto 5.00 PM	I upt	to 2.00 PN	1	at 3.	00 PM	informed la	iter

Non-registered bidders may also submit bid, however the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate

authority before signing the contract.

PR 268876(Rural Work Department)22-23*D

 Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document.
 Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) and Bid Sequents (Security (Security In the Bidding Document). Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) and Bid Security (as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet) shall be deposited in form as mentioned in Bid

Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of ITB clause 12.2 (d).

3. In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document,

he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.

4. Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.

5. Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, any department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to

participate in the above bids. 6. Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s)/made inordinate delay in execution of earlier allotted construction/maintenance

works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.

In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units in BOQ, units as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been prepared shall prevail. Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five working days from the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at jh-ce@pmgsy.nic.in. Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not be considered.

9. Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected.

10. Bidders must not quote rate for routine maintenance. The amount for routine maintenance as indicated in the Bill of Quantities must be

All other details can be seen in the bidding document which is available in website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in** as per schedule mentioned above.

Chief Engineer JSRRDA, Ranchi

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RAL SLIVER PLANT

TENDER NOTICE Please refer below Tender Notice on e-procurement system Government

of india/ Gelvi portal.			
Portal Tender ID	Tender For	Quantity	Bid Submission end date
GEM/2022/B/2116277 Dated- 19-04-2022 on GeM Portal	Waste Bale Press Machine	01 No.	15-05-2022, 5:00 PM
2022_KVIC_685159_1 Dated- 22-04-2022 on CPP Portal	Purchase of Polyester Stable Fibre	120 MT	12-05-2022, 12:00 Noon
2022_KVIC_685281_1 Dated- 23-04-2022 on CPP Portal	Tender for Supply of Paper Tube /Bobbins	For One Year	16-05-2022, 11:00 AM

This is to inform to all concerned interested parties may be submitted tenders on CPP portal / GeM portal respectably. Details can also be seen on our website <u>**www.kvic.gov.in**</u>.

Project Manager

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

Tender Notice No.: 0720222023 Dated : 21.04.2022

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, fo and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. On 18.05:2022. The

Tender	Name of Work	Approx. Cast	Earnest
No.		of Work (₹)	money (₹)
37	Cleaning of Sewer line, Manhole & removal of debris from various colonies and service buildings at Kanpur in the section of SEEWISTN, CPC, HQ, Juhi & SPL-1 under ADENI-YO/CNB for hed years.	₹ 18.74,267.75	₹ 37,500.00

Completion Period: 24 Months

Date of Opening of tender : 18.05.2022

Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: NIL

details of the tenders are as under-

Note: (1) Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on. 18.05.2022 (2) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of ender opening i.e. 18.05.2022 465/22(R)



Stressed Asset Management Branch, Patna, Khajpura, Jagdeopath, Bailey Road, Patna-800014

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcemen

of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) Stressed Asset Management (SAM) Branch, Patna, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is' and "Whatever there is" on 10.05.2022, for recovery of bank's dues from the following borrower and guarantors

SI. No.	Name of the	Description of the Charged/Mortgage	Name of the	Amount of	Reserve Price	Earnest
&	Account	Property	Mortgagor(s)/	Secured Debt	(in Rs)	Money
Branch			Guarantor(s)			Deposit
1.	M/s Sarita Concrete	All that part and parcel of the land and	1. Smt. Pummy	Rs. 3,03,93,444/-	Rs. 38,67,000/-	Rs. 3,86,700/-
SAMB	Prop: Sri Raju	building: In the name of Smt. Pummy	Singh W/o Mr.	(Rupees Three	(Rupees	(Rupees
Patna	Kumar, Reg. Office-	Singh, W/o-Sri Raju Kumar & D/o-Sri	Raju Kumar	crore three lacs	Thirty eight	Three lac
	L-203, Dumrao	Subhas Singh, Sale Deed No.12140 dated	2. Sri Raju Kumar	ninety three	lac sixty seven	eighty six
	Palace, Fraser Road,	29.06.2009, Unit No(shop no.) L-221,	S/o Sri Shyam	thousand four	thousand only)	thousand
	Patna, Bihar, 800001	Second Floor, Area-481 Sq.ft (Super built	Singh	hundred forty		seven
		up area), At-Dumarao Place, Fraser Road,	R/o-Pethia	four only) as on		hundred only)
		P.SKotwali, PO-GPO-Patna, District-	Bazar, PO & PS-	09.02.2018 with		
		Patna-800001, bounded by North-Shiv	Phulwarisharif,	further interest,		
		Narayan Lal (now Hem Plaza), South-Savitri	District-Patna,	costs, other		
		Devi & others, East-Fraser Road, West-Plot	Bihar-801505	charges and		
		of Smt. Indumati RV Singh and land of Sri D		expenses thereon		
		N Sen (now Shanti Vihar). Boundary of Unit		less recovery		
		no. L-221 is North-shop no. D-221, South-		if any		
		Corridor, East-Corridor & Shop no.L-201 &		,		
		L-222 West-Shop no. L-220				

Detail of encumbrance, Outstanding Dues of Local Govt, Electricity, Property tax, Municipal Tax, etc. if any known to the Bank: Not Known Last Date & time for Registration and Submission of EMD amount: 07.05.2022 through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibap Till 5.00 PM

Date & Time of e-auction: 10.05.2022 from 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM at the platform of http://www.mstcecommerce.com with unlimited extension. Bid incremental amount is Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only). Property ID: IDIB1870B

For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri M.P. Singh (Chief Manager) Mob.: 8017007632

For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, Please Visit: (i) https://www.mstcecommerce.com (ii) https://www.ibapi.in

*Applicable tax to be borne by the bidder.

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstcecommerce.com) of our e-auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance please call MSTC HELPDESK No.033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contac ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com. For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://ibapi in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'. Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://ibapi.ir

and www.mstcecommerce.com.

Date : 22.04.2022 Place : Patna

Authorised Officer Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)



STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB) 2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna - 800001 E-mail: sbi.05176@sbi.co.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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SI. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property:	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13(2) Date of 13 (4) under SARFAESI act.	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
1.	M/s Satya Bricks, Prop Kanhaiya Sharma,	₹15,89,962.82 as on 05.09.2017 with further interest from 06.09.2017 plus other charges, cost etc.	1. Equitable Mortgage of all that Part and Parcel of landed property vide Sale Deed No. 2063 dated 02/04/1993 in the name of Smt. Godawari Devi, W/o Ram Janam Singh, property situated at Mauza - Khaira, Bhui Toli, Naya Bazar, P.S Sherghati, DisttGaya, Thane No. 762, Ward No. 03, Khata No. 804 (O) & 108 (N), Plot No. 466 (O) & 2216 (N), Area — 3.50 decimal. Boundary: North: Niz 5 Kadi, South: Saguni Bhuiya, East: Niz Mokir, West: Niz 2 Kadi.	Smt Godawari Devi W/o Shri Ram Janam Singh	14.02.2020 08.07.2021	₹ 21,45,000/- ₹ 2,14,500/- ₹ 10,000/-
2.	Mr. Pramod Kumar (Borrower)	₹15,54,157.00 as on 31.05.2016 with further interest from 01.06.2016 plus other charges, cost etc.	1. Equitable Mortgage of all that Part and parcel of land and Building vide Sale Deed No. 20077 dated 29/11/2012 stands in the name of Sri Pramod Kumar, S/o. Komal Ram, property situated at Mohalla - Kukra, P.S Buniyadganj, Manpur, Distt Gaya, Thana No. 249, Ward No. 10 / 29 / 47, Khata No. 115 (O), Plot No. 276 (O) & 160 (N), Area - 680 sq feet. Boundary: North: Ram Binod Saw, South: Plot Haza, East: Plot Haza, West: Hal Kreta Binod Kumar.	Shri Pramod Kumar S/o Komal Ram,	11.02.2020 07.07.2021	₹ 7,31,700/- ₹ 73,170/- ₹ 10,000/-
3.	Smt. Kumarl Sneh Prabha (Borrower),	₹23,55,553.43 as on 31.10.2019 with further interest from 01.11.2019 plus other charges, cost etc.	1. Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of Land and building vide Sale Deed No. 6158 dated 22/04/2014 in the name of Smt. Kumari Sneh Prabha, W/o. Shri. Ashok Kumar, situated at Mauza Dubhal, P.S Magadh Medical College Gaya, Distt Gaya, Thana No. 328, Khata No. 295 (N), Plot No. 674 (N), Area - 2040 sq feet. Boundary: North:Bikreta, South:Kharidar, East:Proposed 10' feet Rasta, West:Mannu Singh.	Smt. Kumari Sneh Prabha W/o Shri Ashok Kumar	25.02.2020 05.06.2020	₹ 20,77,000/- ₹ 2,07,700/- ₹ 10,000/-
4.	Mr. Blnod Kumar (Borrower)	₹12,52,837.00 as on 13.07.2016 with further interest from 14.07.2016 plus other charges, cost etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that Part and parcel of land Building vide Sale Deed No. 20078 dated 29/11/2012 stands in the name of Sri Binod Kumar, S/o. Shri Komal Ram, property situated at Mohalla - Kukra, P.S Buniyadganj, Manpur, Distt Gaya, Thane No. 249, Ward No. 10 / 29 / 47, Khata No. 115 (0), Plot No. 276 (0) & 160 (N), Area - 680 sq feet = 1.56 decimal. Boundary: North: Ram Binod Saw, South: Plot Haza, East: Hal Kreta Pramod Kumar, West: Plot Haza.	Shri Binod Kumar, S/o Shri Komal Ram	26.11.2019 20.05.2020	₹ 7,32,000/- ₹ 73,200/- ₹ 10,000/-
5.	Mr Ravi Kumar Verma, S/o Gopal Prasad.	₹28,94,570.51 as on 31.07.2021 with further interest from 01.08.2021 plus other charges, cost etc.	(1) Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of land & building bearing Sale Deed No.266 dated 08.01.2007 for Total Area 1080 Sq.ft. (part 540 Sq.ft.) executed in the name of Shri Ravi Kumar Verma S/o Gopal Prasad, At Mauza - Paharpur, Thana- Fatehpur, Sub-Registry Gaya, Dist - Gaya, Thana No 604, Khata No - 68, Plot No 46. Boundary: North: Sri Upendra Pandey, South: Rasta vo Jaglal Yadav, East: Sri Vibhuti Sharan Nankulimar, West: Proposed Rasta vo Kedar Gupta (2) Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of land & building bearing Sale Deed No.7514 dated 24.06.2009 for Area 540 Sq.ft executed in the name of Shri Ravi Kumar Verma S/o Gopal Prasad, At Mauza - Paharpur, Thane- Fatehpur, Sub-Registry Gaya, Dist - Gaya, Thana No 604, Khata No - 68, Plot No - 46. Boundary: North: Sri Upendra Pandey, South: Vijay Prasad Verma vo Mahaveer Prasad Yadav, East: Sri Vibhuti Sharan kaul, West: Rasta vo Shanti Devi.	Shri Ravi Kumar Verma, S/o Gopal Prasad.	09.08.2021 05.11.2021	₹ 26,04,000/- ₹ 2,60,400/- ₹ 10,000/-

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PROPOSED RATIONALISATION

GST Council for

hiking rates of

143 items, asks

states for views

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AS PART of a proposed rate ra-

tionalisation under the Goods

and Services Tax (GST) regime

to bolster revenues, the GST

Council, the governing body for

the indirect tax regime, has

sought views of states for hiking

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lates, chewing gums, walnuts,

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beverages, ceramic sinks, wash

basins, goggles, frames for spec-

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Of these 143 items, 92 per

Many of these proposed rate

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from the 18 per cent tax slab to

changes mark a reversal of the

rate cut decisions taken by the

Council in November 2017 and

December 2018, in the run-up to

the top 28 per cent slab.

These items include papad,

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rates on 143 items.

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The story of Gond artist Jangarh Singh Shyam, who would have turned 60 this year **PAGES 17, 18, 19**

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BCCI set to ban Boria Majumdar for 2 yrs over Saha charges

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, APRIL 23

THE INDIAN cricket board is likely to impose a two-year ban on talk show host Boria Majumdar after a three-member BCCI committee found him guilty of intimidating India wicket-keeper Wriddhiman Saha over an interview request.

"We will be informing all state units of the Indian cricket board to not allow him inside stadiums. He won't be given media accreditation for home matches and we will also be writing to ICC to blacklist him. Players will be asked not to engage with him," a top BCCI official told The Sunday Express on condition of anonymity.

Majumdar did not respond to phone calls or text messages on Saturday.

The issue came to light on February 19 this year, when the 37-year-old Bengal wicketkeeper shared a Twitter post that said: "After all of my contributions to Indian cricket... this is what I face from a so-called 'Respected' journalist! This is where journalism has gone."

Saha also shared screenshots of purported messages that he had received. One of them said: "You did not call. Never again will I interview you. I don't take insults kindly. And I will remember this."

Following his revelation, Saha received widespread support from the cricketing fraternity

ADVISORY TO CHANNELS

I&B flags coverage of Jahangirpuri, Ukraine: misleading and provocative

DAILY FROM: AHMEDABAD, CHANDIGARH, DELHI, JAIPUR, KOLKATA, LUCKNOW, MUMBAI, NAGPUR, PUNE, VADODAR

ANISHA DUTTA NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

CITING COVERAGE of the violence in Delhi's Jahangirpuri last week, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and "certain news debates". the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) issued a strong advisory to all private television channels on Saturday.

The ministry said the coverage "appeared to be unauthentic, misleading, sensational and using socially unacceptable language and remarks, offending good taste and decency, obscene and defamatory, and having communal overtones".

While the advisory listed specific instances, it did not name any channel.

"Incorrect and misleading information was being shown against friendly nations also and the way the news was being shown... the ministry has issued a notice on that and it has also warned TV channels not to repeat such mistakes in the future," Union I&B Minister Anurag

On the Jahangirpuri violence. the I&B advisory said the channels used "provocative headlines and videos of violence that may incite communal hatred... and disrupt peace"; "scandalous and unverified CCTV footages" which could "disrupt the ongoing investigation process"; showed "footages of a specific community thus aggravating the communal tensions": "fabricated headlines, sensationalising and giving communal colours to the

actions of authority". The ministry flagged headlines on some channels like "Delhi mein aman ke dushman kaun?" (Who is the enemy of peace in Delhi?); and "Badi saazish dange wali, Karauli, Khargone vaya Delhi" (Big conspiracy of riots, Karauli, Khargone via Delhi).

"A channel repeatedly carried a video clipping of a man belonging to a specific community CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

ED BOOKS ACCUSED IN JAHANGIRPURI **VIOLENCE PAGE 11**



Panchayat members from Kashmir Saturday arrive in Jammu's Palli village to attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programme today. PTI

PM twin message for J&K today: UAE pacts, grassroot democracy

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, APRIL 23

BESIDES MAKING a push for industrial and infrastructure development in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Palli village in Samba district on Sunday – his first major trip since Article 370 was abrogated in J&K in August 2019 - will carry a sig-

nificant political message. Top business leaders from the UAE will accompany the PM,

underlining the backing of industrialists and investors from a leading Islamic block as the BIP government seeks to pitch a new phase for J&K post-Article 370. Besides, the PM's address, from Samba bordering Pakistan, coincides with the National Panchayati Raj Day, and will see participation of members of rural local bodies from across the state as a projection of grassroots democracy in the state.

In a statement, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said: "Since the introduction of constitutional reforms with regards to J&K in August 2019, the government has been focused on bringing about wide-ranging reforms to substantially improve governance and enhance ease of living for the people of the region at an unprecedented pace... The projects being inaugurated and whose foundation stone is being laid in this visit will go a long way in facilitating provision of basic amenities, ensuring ease of mobility and development of infrastructure in the region."

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Rate cut

reversal

A NUMBER of these proposed rate changes mark a reversal of the rate cut decisions taken by the GST Council in the run-up to the 2019 general elections. This also comes at a time of surging inflation trends.

the 2019 general elections.

Rates for items such as perfumes, leather apparel and accessories, chocolates, cocoa powder, beauty or make-up preparations, fireworks, floor coverings of plastics, lamps, sound recording apparatus, and armoured tanks were reduced in the November 2017 meeting held in Guwahati – and are now proposed to be hiked again. Similarly, GST rates for items such as colour TV sets and monitors (below 32 inches), digital

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Future Retail takeover can't be implemented, says RIL in filing

GEORGE MATHEW

& PRANAV MUKUL MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

A DAY after Future Group's proposed Rs 24.713 crore deal to sell its assets to Reliance Retail was rejected by a majority of lenders to flagship Future Retail Ltd (FRL), Reliance Industries, in a stock exchange intimation Saturday, has said that as such, the scheme of arrangement "cannot be implemented".

On Friday, secured lenders rejected Future Retail's deal to sell its assets to Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd, a subsidiary of RIL.

"The shareholders and unsecured creditors of FRL have voted in favour of the scheme. But the secured creditors of FRL have voted against the scheme. In view thereof, the subject scheme of arrangement cannot be implemented," RIL said in a regulatory filing.

According to the exchange filing, in the secured creditors evoting, 69.29 per cent of the votes of 11 lenders were against the proposal to sell the assets to the RIL subsidiary while 30.71 per cent of the votes of 34 lenders favoured the sale of assets.

However, 78,22 per cent of FRL's unsecured creditors voted in favour of the proposal, the company said in a regulatory update. In the shareholders meeting, 85.94 per cent of the votes supported the sale of assets to RIL and 14.05 per cent of votes were against the proposal.

Future Group owns retail chains including Big Bazaar, Food Bazaar, FBB, HomeTown, Central and Brand Factory.

Some leading banks were not in favour of the proposal stating there's ambiguity on debt recovery. "If top banks are opposing the sale to RIL, the deal is likely to fall through. The next option is to take the IBC route," a banking

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CONTINUED ON PAGE 6 Income Tax hurdle now stands in way of bullet train project

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

RIDDLED WITH delays in progress, the prestigious bullet train project is facing another hurdle — Income Tax. The Japanese side, which is a partner in the project, has warned of "inevitable delays" if its multiple petitions seeking exemption from Income Tax provisions for its consultants engaged in the design aspects of the Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project are not addressed.

Japanese Ambassador to India Suzuki Satoshi has written



Japan envoy Suzuki Satoshi has written to FM Nirmala Sitharaman

to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman calling for a resolution of this impasse and has expressed concern that, if not resolved, the issue will "negatively impact" all projects approved under Japanese grants, apart from further delays in the bullet train project.

The consultants for whom the Japanese want exemption

are employed with Japan International Consultants and IE. the two Japanese firms engaged in design aspects of the project and given a grant by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). It is not part of the loan that Japan has extended to India for the project. JICA is the Japanese government's invest-

ment agency. The crux of Japan's argument is that its consultants should not have to pay taxes on income they receive and additional expenses they incur for doing a job that Japan is providing under a grant for an Indian project.

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Football's own country

What happens when Santosh Trophy comes to a football-crazed town in a footballcrazed state?

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Mumbai Hanuman Chalisa row builds up to assault, jail, and Independent legislator duo

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

ZEESHAN SHAIKH & SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI. APRIL 23

IN A fast-escalating situation in Mumbai over recital of Hanuman Chalisa in public, two legislators were arrested after the Shiv Sena laid a siege at their home, a BIP leader was assaulted exiting a police station, and the Opposition alleged a complete breakdown of law and order in Maharashtra.

At the heart of the incidents, coming a day ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Mumbai, were the husband and wife duo of MLA Ravi Rana and



MP Navneet Rana and MLA Ravi Rana arrested on Saturday. ANI

Navneet Rana Independent legislators used to never being far from the limelight, from sharing the silver

screen with southern heroes like Captain Vijayakanth and Mammootty, to Baba Ramdev playing Cupid at their wedding

While MNS chief Rai

Thackeray called first for Hanuman Chalisa to be recited in public if mosques continued to use loudspeakers for azaan and other announcements, the Ranas scaled this up by threatening to do so in front of Maharashtra Chief Minister and Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's private residence Matoshree.

On Saturday evening, hours after the Ranas announced they were giving up the plan, police arrested them on the charge of "creating enmity between different groups", amid high drama.

Later in the evening, BJF leader Kirit Somaiya who visited Khar Police Station, where they CONTINUED ON PAGE 6



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PUTIN'S WAR ON UKRAINE HASN'T AFFECTED POPULISM. THESE LEADERS AND THEIR **TACTICS SHOW WHY**

Many hoped that Russia's failed invasion of Ukraine would stem the tide of populism. However, populist leaders from India to America have broad-based appeal and often use unconventional tactics to remain in power

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In Assam, Gujarat, Cong protests Mevani arrest; AIUDF MLAs meet him

PTI&ENS KOKRAJHAR (ASSAM), APRIL

THE CONGRESS on Saturday continued its protest outside Kokrajhar police station, where Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani was being held for his purported tweet against the Prime

A delegation of AIUDF, another opposition party of Assam, visited Mevani at the police station on the last day of his three-day police remand.

Mevani, an Independent MLA supported by Congress, was apprehended by Assam Police from Palanpur town in Gujarat on Wednesday night after an FIR under various sections of IPC and IT Act was filed in Kokrajhar over the tweet.

Congress MLAs Bharat Narah and Wazed Ali Choudhury led a sit-in here organised by the Assam Pradesh Youth Congress. On Friday, Assam Congress working president and MLA Jakir Hussain Sikdar had steered the protest. During the day, AIUDF legislators Karimuddin Barbhuyan and Ashraful Hussain met Mevani at the police station. Talking to reporters later, Barbhuyan said, "We enquired about his health. Mevani told us that he wasn't facing any problem and that everyone was behaving properly with him. The food, he said, was okay. We will depute our lawyers, too, to ensure that he gets bail.'

In Gujarat, state Congress leaders, including sitting Congress MLAs Shailesh Parmar, Gvasuddin Sheikh, Imran Khedawala and others, made a representation to Governor Acharya Devvrat on Saturday, requesting him to take action to stop BJP from "creating fear" among people. They equated Mevani's arrest to "commemorating the British Rai".

The People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) and Anhad (Act Now for Harmony and Democracy) in separate statements also demanded immediate release of Mevani.

Raiasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Saturday condemned Mevani's arrest and tweeted (translated from Hindi): "The arrest of Gujarat MLA lignesh Mevani by Assam Police for tweeting against the Prime Minister is an abuse of power. This dictatorial attitude of the central and BJP governments is like a blemish on democracy and is against the constitution.... If politicians are arrested for making statements against the Prime Minister, chief ministers, then perhaps the number of jails in the country will fall short."

Odisha: Collector in Mayurbhanj attacked, faces stone pelting

Baripada (Odisha): Mayurbhanj district collector Vineet Bhardwaj on Saturday came under attack as a group of agitators, annoyed over non-fulfilment of demand for a panchayat building, pelted his car with stones, a police officer said.

The rear windscreen of the car was damaged in the attack at Bada Nuagaon village of Kuliana block but Bhardwai or his driver did not suffer any injury, the officer said. Bhardwaj was on his way to Baripada from Jashipur. ENS

GST Council

and video camera recorders, power banks were reduced in the December 2018 meeting and may now get reversed. GST rates for items such as

papad and gur (jaggery) may move from zero to the 5 per cent tax slab. Leather apparel and accessories, wrist watches, razors, perfumes, pre-shave/after-shave preparations, dental floss, chocolates, waffles, cocoa powder, extracts and concentrates of coffee. non-alcoholic beverages, handbags/shopping bags, along with house construction items of ceramic sinks, wash basins, plywood, doors, windows, electrical apparatus (switches, sockets etc) may see the GST rate being hiked to 28 per cent from 18 per cent. GST rate for walnuts may get increased to 12 per cent from 5 per cent, for custard powder to 18 per cent from 5 per cent and for table and kitchenware of wood to 18 per cent from 12 per

In the Guwahati meeting in 2017, the highest GST bracket was slashed 75 per cent with only 50 items being retained in the 28 per cent slab, and 178 items being moved out from the list of 228 along with a rate reduction for restaurants. The estimates for the revenue loss through these measures were then pegged to be around Rs 20,000 crore.

The GST Council had, within one year of the July 2017 rollout of the GST, reduced rates for one in every four items. The rate cuts on over 350 items out of total 1,211 items in the five broad categories of zero, 5 per cent, 12 per cent, 18 per cent and 28 per cent under GST were estimated to have resulted in a revenue loss of about Rs 70,000 crore in a year.

The GST council is now learnt to have sent the proposal for rate changes to states seeking their

"States were asked for their inputs for the rate changes. Some items where the manufacturers have not transferred the benefits of the rate cuts to consumers should see a rate reversal. But, for other items of common use, the rates should remain as it is," an official of a state government

Queries sent to the GST Council Secretariat by The Sunday Express did not elicit a response. The rate changes may happen in phases since many states are learnt to have raised concerns about the timing of these proposed changes given the rising inflation trajectory. The Wholesale Price Index-based inflation surged to 14.55 per cent in March 2022, while the retail inflation in March surged to a 17-

month high of 6.95 per cent. Economists have said that with higher pricing power with corporates due to market inefficiencies triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic, there may be a trend of WPI inflation collapsing

into retail inflation. The robust GST collections in recent months are being seen as an indicator of growth in the organised segment of the economy and higher inflation rates along with anti-evasion measures including action against fake billers.

GST collections rose to a record-high of Rs 1.42 lakh crore in March, for sales in February – a 14.7 per cent rise from March 2021 and a 45.6 per cent spike from March 2020. The anomalies in revenue stream arising out of earlier rounds of rate rationalisation were noted in the 45th GST Council meeting held in Lucknow in September 2021. After the meeting, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that the revenue neutral rate has fallen to 11.6 per cent from 15.5 per cent.

"The Revenue Neutral Rate of 15.5 per cent coming down to 11.6 per cent is because of course, the Council in its wisdom probably over the years had reduced the rate of many, many items and not just the reduction but the resultant refund due to the inversion have resulted, net net, in the collection coming down from the revenue neutral levels. As a result, we feel that the overall collection has come down. We also feel why it has come down. But if we all put together we can all see that we are far below the revenue neutral rate," she had said.

Following this, two GoMs were formed to look at rate rationalisation and inverted duty structure, and GST system reforms through compliance measures, data analytics and IT systems. A September 2019 report by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had noted that the rationalisation of rates by the GST Council had brought down the effective weighted average GST rate from 14.4 per cent at the time of inception to 11.6 per cent. It, however, said that enhanced buoyancy had been achieved by widening the tax base and removing distortions.

Future Retail

source said.

Banks are now expected to move the bankruptcy court for a resolution plan. While FRL has proposed that over Rs 12,000 crore debt will be transferred to RIL, banks are not convinced about it. In February, Reliance began taking over the rental leases of hundreds of stores once run by FRL and Future Lifestyle Fashions Ltd amid lawsuits and arbitration across India and Singapore. Banks have already questioned the RIL takeover of some of the Future stores and stated that anybody dealing in the company's assets should keep in mind that these are subject at all times to the charge of the lenders.

US retail giant Amazon has opposed the FRL's deal with RRVL. Amazon last week had said the meetings were "illegal" and such a step would not only breach the 2019 agreements when it made investments into FRL's promoter firm but also violate a Singapore arbitral tribunal's injunction on the sale of retail assets to Reliance.

FRI had rejected the Amazon's allegations and said the meetings are "in compliance" with the directions issued by the NCLT on February 28, 2022, to consider and approve the Scheme of Arrangement filed by various entities which are part of the deal.

In a regulatory update on April 16, FRL said "the said order has been issued by the NCLT, after considering all the facts and information submitted by the parties and specific objections filed by Amazon.Com NV Investment Holdings LLC vide an intervening application and the order dated February 15, 2022 issued by Supreme Court on the same subject matter".

The Future Group has been defaulting on repayment since last year. On April 1, Future Retail said it failed to infuse Rs 3.900 crore by way of equity in the company before the due date of March 31, 2022. Further, considering the infusion of capital, there was an obligation on the company to pay an aggregate amount of Rs 5.322.32 crore -- as defined in the one-time restructuring(OTR)plan -- to various consortium banks and lenders before March 31, the com-

pany said in an exchange filing. The setback for Reliance Industries by way of banks rejecting its proposal to buy Future Retail's assets has some similarities to the one where RIL's deal with Reliance Communications Ltd to buy the latter's assets was terminated with mutual consent.

In December 2017, Reliance Jio entered an agreement for the acquisition of specified assets, including spectrum, towers and other wireless infrastructure Anil Ambani-run Reliance Communications and its affiliates for around Rs 17,000 crore.

After this, Reliance Communications decided to resolve its debt at the NCLT, and the DoT threatened to reject the spectrum trading deal seeking repayment of public dues.

In March 2019, the two companies mutually terminated the asset sale deal blaming, among other reasons, lack of consent from lenders and permissions from the DoT for the fallout.

In March 2020, Reliance Communications' lenders approved resolution plans by Delhibased UV Asset Reconstruction Company and an RIL unit for the beleaguered company but the proposal is yet to see approval from the bankruptcy court.

In the resolution plans approved by the creditors, RIL had placed a bid of around Rs 4,700 crore for the tower and fiber assets of Reliance Infratel Ltd (RITL), while UVARCL has made an offer of Rs 14,000 crore for spectrum, real estate assets, enterprise and data center businesses, held by RCom and Reliance Telecom Ltd.

Income Tax

Japan has particular concerns regarding clauses 8, 8A, 8B and 9 of Section 10 of the Income Tax Act in the Finance Bill, which deal with exemption from Income Tax. These clauses talk about foreign nationals, among others, engaged in technical assistance to government projects and drawing salaries in India.

In the Finance Bill 2022. passed in the recent Budget Session of Parliament, these exemptions have been withdrawn, making the consultants liable for tax from this financial year onwards. The memorandum explaining the provisions of the Finance Bill says: "The exemptions... have outlived their utility in the era of simplification of tax laws and where exemptions and tax incentives are being phased out as a matter of stated policy of the government. Further, if under a tax treaty, India gets a right to tax a particular income and the other country is expected to then relieve double taxation by exemption or credit method, providing exemption by India amounts to surrender of the right of taxation by India

in favour of the other country." In his letter to Sitharaman, the Japanese Ambassador wrote: "I am deeply concerned with this situation given that it will significantly raise the risk of negatively impacting the MAHSR."

Japan is seeking from Sitharaman an "assurance of prepayment" to the consultancy firms of the Income Tax and associated charges "as early as possible". "We have to recognize that these costs cannot be borne by JICA's grant aid," Satoshi has said.

The Japan Embassy did not respond to calls and an email seeking their comments. Officials in the know in the Indian Railways told The Sunday Express on the condition of anonymity that efforts are underway to see how best this matter can be addressed. and that deliberations were on.

"It is not about the amount of money involved, but the principle they(Japan) are advocating is that their consultants should not have to pay Income Tax for providing a consultancy service, which we are getting for free for our own project," said a senior official.

The Japanese side has also communicated to the government that the option of "reimbursement" would not be feasible as the consultancy companies in question are small in size and do not have such a pool of funds to bear the expense. Among the other projects un-

der JICA grant that may be affected, as per the Japanese side, are ones for power supply improvement in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a strategically important project for both countries: and an Advanced Traffic Information and Management System Bengaluru. For these two projects, Japan has agreed to the principle of reimbursement, but it has said it is not acceptable for MAHSR as it is a huge project.

The bullet train project is already progressing at a slow pace due to land acquisition issues in Maharashtra. Recently, a muchawaited tender for construction of an undersea tunnel had to be scrapped because of unavailability of land for the tunnel-boring machines to enter.

Officials are now concentrating on the Gujarat portion of the corridor, where work has started in earnest. Sources said it would be at least 2027 before the commercial service rolls out in the

Hanuman Chalisa

were kept, was attacked by Sena workers, who pelted stones and chappals on his vehicle while he was leaving. Somaiya sustained

injuries on his face. Slamming what had happened, Maharashtra Leader of the Opposition Devendra Fadnavis said: "If the Mumbai Police can't provide security to a person with Z-plus security then it represents a breakdown in the law and order of the city. Police are acting like servants of this government and democracy is being trampled in this state.'

Before the Ranas were arrested, Shiv Sena workers laid siege to the building where they stay, demanding that they apologise before they would be allowed to leave. They also tried to force their way into the building, but were stopped by police.

Officers then persuaded the couple to come to Khar Police Station with them. The couple initially resisted, telling police they would not budge until criminal cases were also registered against Shiv Sena leaders who had "threatened" them. Later, they were led away in police vehicles, and subsequently booked.

The Ranas also submitted a complaint asking Mumbai Police to register a case against Uddhav Thackeray, and Sena leaders Anil Parab, Sanjay Raut apart from 500 other Sena workers for allegedly attacking their house at Khar and Amravati. They claimed a plan to "eliminate" them. Mumbai Police registered a case against several Shiv Sena workers based on the

Modi will be in Mumbai Sunday to receive the first Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award, instituted in memory of Lata Mangeshkar.

The dominant political brain among the Rana couple is seen to be Ravi Rana, 43, a three-time Independent MLA hailing from Amaravati, who represents

Ravi Rana's mercurial rise began with this seat, which he wrested in 2009 as an Independent against an NCP candidate. Rana's following among the youth is believed to have helped, with his rivals' dismissal of him as "Flex Kumar" -- for his penchant for putting up flex posters with his picture - cutting little ice. As his political graph rose in the region, so did his land holdings, allege rivals.

His wife Navneet Rana, 36, grew up in Mumbai. In 2004, she entered the tinsel world with a Kannada film. In a conversation earlier with The Indian Express, she had said: "I have worked with well-known film Vijayakanth, Junior NTR. Mammootty. I am proficient in seven languages.'

A chance meeting with Baba Ramdev changed the script of her story. Ravi Rana was already in Ramdev's good books after organising 'Yog Shivirs' in Amravati. The two of them are said to have met at one such Yog Shivir, and got the final nudge to tie the knot by Ramdev himself. The two married in 2011 at a mass wedding ceremony organised by the Yoga guru alongside over 3,000 couples. For many in Amravati, what

puts the Ranas apart from other politicians is their political fluidity, untethered to any party discipline by virtue of their 'Independent' status. This has allowed them to overcome political divides with great felicity, particularly leaning towards the ruling side in Maharashtra. For example, despite Ravi

Rana spearheading various agitations in Maharashtra planned by Ramdev against the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre before 2014, wife Navneet Rana had managed to get a ticket from UPA constituent NCP, to take on sitting Shiv Sena MP Anandrao Adsul from Amravati, in the 2014 Lok Sabha election. This ticket didn't prevent the

Ranas from also simultaneously supporting the BJP-Sena government in Maharashtra. The Amravati fight was the first time the Ranas found themselves in personal conflict with the Shiv Sena, with Navneet complaining of harassment by Adsul, and breaking down on live TV. The episode did not help her though, and she lost the election. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the duo placed their bets on the Congress-NCP. Navneet fought the Amravati Lok Sabha seat again, as an Independent candidate with NCP support, and this time defeated Adsul. After the close 2019 Legislative Assembly elections in Maharashtra, the Ranas flipped again. Ravi Rana sided with the BIP, offering to elicit support for the party from other Independent MLAs as well. Once the NCP, Sena and Congress pipped the BJP to power, the Ranas went back to being "neutral".

The current row, where the couple threatened to recite the Hanuman Chalisa on loudspeakers outside Matoshree, indicates a return once more to the BIP.

Sources said the latest U-turn was the result of Adsul accusing Navneet Rana of fudging her caste to contest from the Amravati Lok Sabha seat, which is reserved for Scheduled Castes. In March 2021, Navneet complained to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla that Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant had threatened her. In June 2021, the Bombay High Court cancelled Navneet's caste certificate. Her appeal against the order is pending in the Supreme Court. In January this year, the ties between the Ranas and the Shiv Sena saw another dip when Ravi Rana was booked for attempt to murder for allegedly assaulting the Amravati Municipal Commissioner. Rana claims he was not present at the spot at the time of the incident.On Saturday, Sena MP Sanjay Raut challenged Navneet Rana to get elected from the Amravati Lok Sabha seat again, adding: "We urge them(the Ranas) not to mess with the Shiv Sena. Don't disturb Matoshree. Else, they will be buried 20 feet below."

PM twin

Sunday will mark the first panchayat day celebrations in J&K. Palli is being celebrated as the country's first carbon-neutral panchayat, with all its 340 houses getting solar power.

On the industrial investment front are proposals worth Rs 38,082 crore, touted as the largestever private investment coming into the region in the past 75 years.

Modi will also be inaugurating the Banihal-Oazigund road tunnel, built for around Rs 3,100 crore. The 8.45-km-long, four-lane tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir, and seeks to replace the existing Jawahar tunnel which, apart from being at a higher elevation of 7,198 feet, has a limited capacity of 150 vehicles per day in

either direction. The Banihal-Qazigund tunnel being lower, at 5,870 feet, makes it less prone to avalanches. Officials put the expected fuel savings per year due to the reduced

distance between Jammu and Kashmir through the tunnel at Rs 400 crore per year.

Modi is also scheduled to lay the foundation stones of the 850 MW Ratle and the 540 MW Kwar hydel power projects over the Chenab river, and the foundation stone of three road packages of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, which is being built

at a cost of over Rs 7,500 crore.

UAE firms are expected to propose investments amounting to over Rs 3.000 crore – a first for I&K's infrastructure development. The UAE has largely taken a neutral stand on the Kashmir dispute, resisting Pakistan's efforts to involve the Islamic world in it. The Valley is likely to be keenly watching the cues coming from the event Sunday.

Among the private firms expected are DP World, Emaar Properties, Lulu Group, Royal Strategic Partners and WizzFinancial. "Yes, all are coming," J&K Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Ranjan Prakash Thakur said, adding that projects are likely to be announced in infrastructure, IT, hospitality and food processing. Investment is likely to also come from Qatar, Thakur said.

"It is a historic turnaround, as until now the Islamic world used to avoid investments and maintain status quo with respect to J&K, in view of both India and Pakistan staking claim over its areas," said K B Jandial, a political analyst and ex-bureaucrat. He called it a success of the Modi government's efforts in conveying that their investment in J&K will be fully protected and that all is well in the UT. The UT administration has invited all the 33,000 elected members of I&K's rural local bodies to the Palli function, deploying special buses and booking most of the hotels in Udhampur Katra, Jammu Samba and Kathua for their stay, sources

After abrogation of Article 370, the PM had briefly visited J&K to celebrate Diwali with armed forces in Nowshera district on November 4, 2021. This is his first visit since

WITH INPUTS FROM ENS,

I&B flags

carrying a sword," it said. Footage headlined "Hinsa se ek raat pehle saazish ka video" (video of conspiracy night before violence) was aired by some to claim that "it was pre-planned to spread violence in a religious procession,"

The ministry also objected to a news debate titled "vote bank vs majoritarian politics" aired by a channel on April 19.

Citing Section 6(1)(c) of the Programme Code barring criticism of friendly countries, the advisory said that with regard to the Ukraine-Russia conflict, "channels have been making false claims and frequently misquoting international agencies"; using "scandalous headlines/ taglines that are completely unrelated to the news item"; and "many of the journalists and news anchors of these channels made fabricated and hyperbolic statements in-

tending to incite the audiences". "One channel aired a news item 'Ukraine mein atomi hadkamp' (Atom bomb scare in Ukraine)... during which it mentioned that Russia is planning a nuclear attack on Ukraine. It further sensationalised the situation and mentioned that the attack will happen in the coming few days. The report misquoted international agencies also," it said.

"Another channel indulged in war mongering... factless speculation to an extent that had the tendency to infuse fear... as it claimed that Russia has given a 24-hour deadline for the nuclear attack on Ukraine," said the advisory. It listed use of headlines/ taglines like "Parmanu Putin se pareshan Zelenski" (Zelenski worried about nuclear Putin); "Parmanu action ki chinta se Zelenski ko depression" (Zelenski in depression over worry of nuclear action); "Ukraine se Putin ka parmanu plan taiyar?" (Putin's nuclear plan against Ukraine ready?) and "unverified claims misquoting" international agencies that World War-III has started.

One channel showed footage with false claims that the Russian President was carrying a "nuclear briefcase" with him, it said. "Another channel misreported and made unverified claims (that) 'US agency CIA believes that Russia will use nuclear weapons on Ukraine'... One of the channels frequently made sensational claims of nuclear war... The channel made several of these exploitative and scandalous 'war promoting' claims multiple times," it said.

"It was found that one channel ran a sensational speculative commentary on the active conflict during prime time. It used fabricated headlines such as 'atom bomb girega? Teesra vishwa yudh shuru hoga?'(Atom bomb will fall? Third world war will start?) on April 19... Anchors of many of these channels talk in hyperbole and make factually wrong comments even misquoting other sources. One such news titled 'Mariupol finished! Full and

final' on April 20," it said. The advisory said a journalist, while reporting for a channel from Mykolaiv, made several comments that seemed to be promoting war like "Russia parmanu hamla kab karega? Kahan karega?" (When and where will

Russia's nuclear strike happen). The ministry said some channels also broadcast debates having "unparliamentary, provocative and socially unacceptable language, communal remarks and derogatory references which may have a negative psychological impact on viewers and may also incite communal disharmony and disturb the peace at

large" "Some are also found to be disrespectful, passing on insulting remarks or giving reference to the different religions or faiths or their founders," it said.

"A news channel broadcast a programme titled 'Hunkar' on April 20. During the debate, several speakers used unparliamentary and derogatory language towards each other. It was also found that the overall tenor and tonality of the show remains very aggressive and disturbing. Such ambience has a tendency to negatively impact the viewers especially children and may have a long lasting psychological distress and subliminal impact on them,"

It said that during a prime time show aired on April 15, a iournalist of a channel used instigating statements and derogatory references.

Expressing "serious concern" over such incidents, the ministry "strongly advised" the channels "to immediately refrain from publishing and transmitting any content which is violative of... The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and the

rules thereunder". Boria Majumdar

Former India coach Ravi Shastri urged BCCI president Sourav Ganguly "to dive in". Taking cognizance of the social media post, the BCCI formed a committee comprising vice-president Rajeev Shukla, treasurer Arun Dhumal and apex council member Prabhtej Bhatia to probe Saha's allegation. While deposing before the committee, Saha identified Majumdar and alleged that he

was "bullied" for an interview. Meanwhile, Majumdar accused the cricketer of "doctoring" the screenshots of the WhatsApp messages he had posted on Twitter and later shared with the

Idol vandalised at temple in Gurgaon, FIR registered

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, APRIL 23

AN IDOL was allegedly vandalised at a temple in Bhondsi by unknown persons on the night of Friday and Saturday. Police said they have registered an FIR and initiated a probe

The complainant, Bhagirath Raghav, nambardar, Bhondsi, said that their village has an ancient Dadi Sati temple. "Some unknown persons vandalised the idol of the deity with a sharp object. People are outraged by the incident and it has hurt everyone's sentiments. Strict action should be taken against the culprits," alleged Raghav.

He added, "When a villager went to offer prayers and to carry out cleaning, he noticed that the idol had been vandalised and informed me. A similar incident had occurred at a farmhouse in the village a few years ago, but this is the first time this has happened at the temple here. Police should check the IDs of people living within a kilometre of the temple as we suspect the role of some outsiders. The situation could deteriorate due to anger among people if action is not taken.

Karni Sena president and Haryana BJP spokesperson, Suraj Pal Amu, went to the village and alleged a conspiracy behind the incident. Amu alleged, "The faith of the area and lakhs of devotees is associated with this temple. An attempt is being made to provoke us. We know the way Rohingya and Bangladeshis have set up their camps in areas nearby. Police should conduct proper ver-



Haryana BJP spokesperson at the village

ification of these people and conduct a thorough probe. The way the atmosphere has been spoiled in Delhi and Rajasthan recently, they want to do the same in Haryana. I have spoken to the administration officials and they have said that within two days, the culprits will be arrested. If they don't catch, we will."

Police said they received information about the incident and rushed to the spot. Devender Kumar, SHO, Bhondsi police station, said, "An attempt was made to vandalise the idol in the temple. We have registered an FIR against unknown persons and are conducting a probe. The culprits will be arrested soon. The situation is peaceful."

An FIR was registered against unknown persons under IPC sections 153-A (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), 295 (injuring or defiling place of worship, with intent to insult the religion of any class), 295–A(deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) and 427 (mischief causing damage) at Bhondsi police station, said police.

3 OTHERS INJURED; SUV DRIVER ARRESTED

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car. The offending car was im-

pounded and the driver, Vipul

Dhingra (31), was arrested on

Bagh, police said, adding that he

was released on bail as the sections in the case are bailable.

Dhingra lives in Shalimar

According to police, Hemant,

a civil defence volunteer, was

with his cousin and his wife on

the bike. Speaking to *The Indian*

Express on Saturday, Hemant al-

leged, "I was going to the hospi-

tal with my relatives when a

speeding car hit us. We were

flung into the air and fell metres

away. I thought the car driver

April 20," the DCP added.

Civil defence volunteer loses part of his leg in hit-and-run

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

FOUR PERSONS, including a civil defence volunteer, were severely injured after an SUV allegedly rammed into a bike and an autorickshaw in South Delhi's Saket last week. Police arrested the driver, a wholesaler, three days after the accident.

The incident took place at 3.55 am on April 17 near Saket court, Officers received a PCR call from locals informing them that a car had hit a bike and the driver fled from the spot. Footage from a CCTV at the spot shows three people who were on the bike being flung into the air after the car hit them. The accused's vehicle then rammed into the autorickshaw, said police.

The injured were identified as Hemant Kumar (23), his cousin Krishan Kumar (26), Krishan's wife Meena (26) and the autorickshaw driver Ram Prayesh (43). While Meena is critical, Hemant lost part of his left leg. Police said Ram and Krishan have been discharged

from the hospital. DCP (South) Benita Mary Jaiker said police rushed to the spot and found a damaged autorickshaw and a motorbike. "The four injured persons were shifted to AIIMS Hospital. The team also inspected the spot and found that a part of the car's bumper, with the number plate, had fallen off," she said.

Based on the statement of eyewitnesses, a case was registered under sections of rash driv-



CCTV footage from the spot shows three people who were on the bike being flung into the air after the car hit them. Express

would stop to help but he reversed and ran over my leg. I lost my leg because of him. How will I work now? My mother and sisters are dependent on me. We lost our father years ago. I want ished. He ruined our lives.'

Hemant and Krishan's sister Natasha, said, "We feel helpless. My mother keeps crying... My bhabhi is critical... she has iniuries all over her body. We don't know if she'll survive. Hemant was going to get married next month. We don't know what will happen now."

The family said Krishan and Meena got married two years ago. Meena ran a salon and also worked as a social worker with schools and other organisations. The couple had come to meet Hemant's family in Deoli and were on their way back to Sonepat when the accident took

Police said further investigation is on to ascertain whether Dhingra was under the influence of alcohol at the time.

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So, all persons interested in the land specified in the above schedule may, submit their claims within after publication of this public notice, either in person or by a legal practitioner, to the undersigned otherwise the amount of compensation shall be finalized as per the prevailing rules.

Competent Authority/Special Land Acquisition Officer

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling "Access Control Provisions in Section from Saharanpur bypass to Ganeshpur Section of Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor" in respect of the stretch of land from Km. 3.000 to Km. 10.500 [Section of National Highway no. 307 (Old National Highway no. 72A)] in the district of HARIDWAR in the state of UTTARAKHAND

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	Taluk: Bl	nagwanpur						
	Village: A	Mawalpur						
1	124	Private	Agriculture	0.0447	Subhash Kumar S/o Mahendra Singh R/o Gram			
2	36	Private	Agriculture	0.006	Hukam Singh S/o Phool Singh R/o Gram			
3	414	Private	Agriculture	0.0627	Deepak Kumar and Shekhar S/o Late Rajkumar; Binesh Devi W/o Late Raj Kumar			
	Village: A	Auarangjebpur						
4	114	Private	Agriculture	0.004	Rajkumar S/o Amar Singh			
5	115	Government (Chakmaarg)	Non Agriculture	0.002	Government (Chakmarg)			
6	121	Private	Agriculture	0.019	Imran S/o Jamait R/o Sherpur pargana Muzaffarabad Tehsil Behat District Saharanpur; Rajnish Kumar and Kuldeep Kumar S/o Rajkumar; Anil Kumar S/o Dilawar Singh R/o Samauli Salempur Pargana Daurala Teh. Sardhana Meerut; Rajni Devi W/o Rajnish Kumar R/o Village			
7	122	Government (Bandhaa)	Non Agriculture	0.012	Government (Bandha)			
8	201	Private	Agriculture	0.002	Mukesh Kumar Rana S/o Uday Singh Rana R/o H.No. D-1 Nehru Colony Dehradun			
9	202	Private	Agriculture	0.005	Mukesh Kumar Rana S/o Uday Singh Rana R/o H.No. D-1 Nehru Colony Dehradun			
10	204	Private	Agriculture	0.023	Zaheer Fatma W/o Mohd.Akhter N.2 Tunnel Road Clemman Town Dehradun; Satish Kumar S/o Kabulchand R/o Village Bairagiwala Lakhanwala Pargana, Vikasnagar Tehsil; Manoj Kumar Sharma S/o Madanlaal Sharma R/o Sahastradhara Road Gujrada Mansingh Dehradun; Tarachand S/o Fakirchand & Shailendra Singh S/o Tarachand R/o Lane No. C-12 Turner Road Clemtown Dehradun			
11	205	Private	Agriculture	0.053	Md. Israr, Md. Sayyad and Abdul Khalik S/o Late Isahak; Akhtari W/o Late Isahak R/o Sherpur			
12	206	Private	Agriculture	0.002	Sandeep Jain S/o Sushil Kumar Jain R/o H. No.15 Indra Nagar Dehradun			
13	211	Private	Agriculture	0.133	M/s Uttaranchal Biodiesel Ltd. C/o Managing Director Atul Kumar Lohia S/o Girdhari Lal R/o 32/49 Tegbahadur Road Lane No. 4 Dehradun Registered Office F- 45 Bhagat Singh Market New Delhi			
14	503	Private	Agriculture	0.002	Narendra Singh, Rajendra Singh and Mahendra Singh S/o Late Shri Kartar Singh R/o Chanchak; Achint Kumar S/o Late Surendra Kumar R/o Chanchak; Radha W/o Late Surendra Kumar R/o Chanchak			
15	504	Government (Chakmaarg)	Non Agriculture	0.001	Government (Chakmarg)			
16	505	Government (Naali)	Non Agriculture	0.001	Government (Nali)			

18	508	Private	Agriculture	0.007	Vivek Kumar S/o Raghuraj Singh R/o No. H. No. 9 Street No. 1 Keshav Vihar G.M.S. Road Dehradun
19	509	Private	Agriculture	0.024	Dharmesh Kumar S/o Shyam Lal R/o 9/3 Tyagi Road Dehradun
20	510	Private	Agriculture	0.024	Dharmesh Kumar S/o Shyam Lal R/o 9/3 Tyagi Road Dehradun
21	511	Private	Agriculture	0.047	Dharmesh Kumar S/o Shyam Lal R/o 9/3 Tyagi Road Dehradun; Praveen Kumar Kamboj S/o Balbir Singh Kamboj R/o H. No. 58 street no. 7 Sailok Colony G.M.S. Road Dehradun; Vivek Kumar S/o Raghuraj Singh R/o Keshav Vihar Lane No. 1 Majra Dehradun
22	519	Private	Agriculture	0.063	Kuntadevi W/o Motiram R/o Ambehta Tehsil Nakud District Saharanpur; Ashwani Kumar Mittal and Deepak Raj Mittal S/o Motiram R/o Ambehata Tehsil Nakud District Saharanpur; Vijay Kumar Singhal S/o Anant Prakash R/o 7 Kishore Bagh Saharanpur; Atul Kumar Singhal S/o Jitendra Kumar Singhal R/o Mission Compound Saharanpur; Mukesh Kumar Gupta S/o Mitthan Lal Gupta R/o C-58/X-3 Dilshad Garden Delhi (Category 1ga); Tilak Raj Arora S/o Ramdatta Mal R/oC-57/X-3 Dilshad Garden Delhi (Category 1ga); Vishal Arora S/o Tilak Raj Arora R/o B-164 First Floor Surya Nagar Ghaziabad (Category 1ga); Shanky Gupta S/o Mukesh Kumar Gupta R/o A-143 G.F. Yojana Vihar Delhi (Category 1 ga)
23	520	Government (Sector Road)	Non Agriculture	0.003	Government (Sector Marg)
24	521	Government (Naali)	Non Agriculture	0.002	Government (Nali)
25	522	Private	Agriculture	0.096	Mithlesh W/o R.P. Singh R/o 45 Valli Chowk Dehradun; Mangalesh Verma W/o Sudesh Verma R/o185 Patel Nagar Dehradun; Sweety Arora W/o Naresh Kumar Arora R/o A-16 Chandralok Colony Rajpur Road Dehradun
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26	29	Private	Agriculture	0.044	Rakesh Das S/o Joseph Das R/o H. No. 308 (Near water tank) Basharatpur West Gorakhpur U.P.
27	37	Government (Naali)	Non Agriculture	0.001	Government (Nali)
28	38	Government (Chakmarg)	Non Agriculture	0.002	Government (Chakmarg)
29	39	Private	Agriculture	0.006	Manoj Kumar and Pradeep Kumar S/o Ramkumar R/o village Fatehullapur Tehsil Behat District Saharanpur
30	45	Private	Agriculture	0.004	Subhashchand and Bhushan S/o Darshanlal R/o Sherpur Khanzadpur; Shubham S/o Omprakash R/o Sherpur Khanzadpur; Krishna Devi W/o Omprakash R/o Sherpur Khanzadpur; Munish Kumar S/o Late Jitendra Kumar R/o Sherpur Khanzadpur; Sushma W/o Late Jitendra Kumar R/o Sherpur Khanzadpur; Virendra Kumar R/o Sherpur Khanzadpur; Virendra Kumar, Vinod Kumar and Rakesh Kumar S/o Ramchandar R/o Sherpur
31	46	Private	Agriculture	0.002	Anand Kumar and Swatantra Kumar S/o Banarasi Das R/o Khedi Shikohpur; Manish Kumar and Ashish Kumar S/o Late Bhushanlal R/o Khedi Shikohpur; Indubala W/o Late Bhushanlal R/o Khedi Shikohpur; Pradeep Kumar, Sudhir Kumar and Manoj Kumar S/o Raghuveer Singh R/o Khedi Shikohpur
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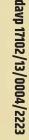
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at least for the time being.

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has also remained between 4.6

and 4.8% over the last three days,

when the daily tests went up and averages at the current 21,890.

tion number (R-value), which

indicates the spread of Covid-

19, was recorded at 2.1 this

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fected person is infecting two

others in the national capital,

according to an analysis by IIT-

Madras as reported by PTI. A

similar estimate was generated

by researchers from Chennai's

Institute of Mathematical

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THE AAM Aadmi Party Saturday

protested at Delhi's Sriniwaspuri

against what it claimed was a

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It shared a purported notice

BJP-led central government.

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

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Days after demolition drive, hint of normalcy in Jahangirpuri, security cover remains

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI APRIL 23

A WEEK after communal violence broke out in Northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri, and three days after a demolition drive was carried out in the area, residents are trying to return to their regular lives and businesses amid heavy deployment of police and CRPF personnel.

Sheikh Sabdar, who runs a small grocery store in one of the bylanes of C block, pointed to a gate near his store that opens onto the main road: "The gate has been shut all these days, ever since the incident a week ago. It was opened today. I have been opening the store over the past week, but a little later than usual



in C Block, said his shop was still shut, "Businesses here have been hit for a week now. My shop is shut today as well... people haven't been coming," he said.

A few street vendors selling fruits and vegetables in carts were on the main road on Saturday evening, amidst the patrolling security forces. Some grocery and meat shops were open. "People from some distance away frequent the market here for the meat stores and vegetable shops," Sheikh Sabdar said. Mir Sahanul Islam watched

from the main road as other ven-

dors got their carts ready. "I would

have liked to get back to business too. But my cart was destroyed when they came that day. It was a metal one," he said. He had two carts to make and sell kebabs, he said, and the smaller of the two still stands in one of the bylanes. "Now that the means to do business has been taken away, I'll have to look for other work, maybe at a mandi or as a worker somewhere else. There's no money to buy an-

other one. The first two were al-

ready bought with a loan," he said.

He had his cart running on the main road for around nine years, he said. "Some vendors on the main road are back, but several of the shops are still closed. The place is usually busier," he added.

Rafig, a resident of C Block who is a government employee, said, "People are waiting for things to return to normal. There is no anger here. This sort of thing is new for us... it has never happened before. An Aman (peace) Committee meeting was held last evening, and maybe the gates were opened after that."

Tabrez Khan, a member of the Aman Committee in the area, said that a 'Tiranga Yatra' would be organised by the committee on Sunday evening. The yatra, in which people belonging to different communities will participate, is expected to be a show of harmony.



A woman gets the precaution dose, Saturday.

An R-value, which is indicative of the rate of increase in active cases or current infections. of less than 1 would mean that the infection is waning in the community as one person would be infecting less than one person. An R-value of more than 1 indicates an increase.

And, the number of cases in Delhi did increase suddenly over the last 12 days, bringing back the mask mandates that were removed at the beginning of the month. The number of cases went up from over 200 to over 1,000 within nine days.

been sharper during the omicron-driven wave witnessed in December-end-January, with the number of cases increasing from over 200 to over 1,000 within six days and to over 2,000 within eight days. There were 28.867 cases reported at the peak of the wave, which is the highest Delhi has ever seen. However, hospitalisations and deaths during the January wave were fewer as compared to last year's Delta variantdriven wave in April-May.

There were 28,395 cases reoorted in a single day on April 20 last year at the peak of the previous surge in cases and a comparable 28,867 cases on January 13 at the peak of the current surge in cases. However, hospitalisations peaked at 2,734 on January 19 as compared to 20,142 on May 3 during the previous wave.

The highest number of deaths recorded in a day during the January wave was 45 as reported on January 22. The highest single day toll during the previous surge was 448 reported on May 3, as per the data shared by the Delhi government.

just because it wants to loot

money from the temple's gullak.

AAP has made up its mind — we

will not allow BJP to demolish

the temple; we are standing here

with the people of Sriniwaspuri

and we will fight back. No matter

how much force BJP puts in, AAP

BRIEFLY -

Officials from Kerala visit govt school

New Delhi: Senior AAP leader and MLA Atishi Saturday met educationists and dignitaries who expressed the desire to implement mindfulness and happiness curricula in their schools. Victor T I, the regional secretary of CBSE School Management Association, Kerala; Dr M Dinesh Babu, the Treasurer of Confederation of Kerala Sahodaya Complexes; and other dignitaries visited a 'Connected Classroom', a STEM lab and a library of the school, and lauded the "world-class" facilities.

Jahangirpuri violence: Five sent to police custody

New Delhi: A Delhi court sent five men booked under the National Security Act, in connection with the communal violence in Jahangirpuri, to police custody for eight days. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate sent accused Ansar, Salim, Ahir, Dilshad and Sonu to eight-day custodial interrogation after police told the court that remand is required to confront all coaccused persons with each other to link the chain of the incident and to ascertain the role of each accused person properly.

Rs 100 coin to commemorate Delhi Univ's centenary year

New Delhi: The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Friday issued a gazette notification announcing the minting of a 100 rupee commemorative coin on the occasion of DU's centenary year. "The coin of one hundred Rupees denomination shall only be coined at the mint for issue under the authority of the central government on the occasion of, "CENTENARY YEAR OF UNIVERSITY OF DELHI"," Manisha Sinha, Joint Secretary (Coin and Currency) said in a notification dated April 22.

Four men held for murder of **BJP** worker

New Delhi: Days after a BJP worker was shot dead outside his house in East Delhi's Mayur Vihar, police arrested four men. Police said the accused, who lived near the victim's house, wanted to take revenge on him. Police said on Wednesday night, the assailants called Jitender Chaudhary outside his house on the pretext of work and shot him dead. ENS



Police personnel at Jahangirpuri, Saturday. Abhinav Saha

on both ends, with several per-



An iftar walk at Jama Masjid with author-historian Sohail Hashmi

RINKU GHOSH NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

"Mohabbat ab sharbat ban gayi hai, nafrat ko bhulao (Love has now dissolved into a sherbet, let's forget hatred)," says Asif Qureshi, pouring milkshake into a tumbler and offering it to everybody making their way to Jama Masjid to break their Ramzan fast. With a smile on his face, he churns the milk with the juiciest bits of watermelon, dunking in blocks of ice before the sweltering heat can melt them. The refreshing drink washes away every anxiety under the dulcet glow of the masjid strike the gong for iftar.

As the forecourt fills up with people, carrying floor mats and food to share with one another, writer and historian Sohail Hashmitakes us through the food street, a beehive of restaurants, cart vendors, stalls and squatters. It is a multi-sensory experience of food - the splashy tang of fruits, the sweet aroma of milk curdling in vats, and the smoky aroma of half-roasted meats. This street has an unparalleled array of produce, be it fruits and nuts from around the world. vegetarian spreads of chaats. savouries, confectionery, sweetmeats, breads, flower syrups and lassis and, of course, an extensive non-vegetarian platter," he says as he shows us a variety of dates. from Rajasthan, Afghanistan, Algeria, Morocco, Iraq and Iran.

And there's logic in breaking the day-long fast with dates. "You thirst for water and that fills up your belly all too soon. Dates help you transition to the heavy meal, besides having disease-fighting properties," says 72-year-old Hashmi. Having mapped the trellis of the Old City, from a forlorn corner to rich havelis, he is a true heritage keeper, conducting walks for both children and adults.

Hashmi takes us past shops selling heaps of pheni, cobweblike rings of the finest vermicelli heaped up like tyres. "This is perfect sehri food, the dawn meal that's had before fasting. Dropped in hot milk, it dissolves quickly. Made of maida, it is heavy but sits easily on the stomach because vou have it in small bowls. You don't feel thirsty through the day," he says, picking up an old Delhi speciality of khajla. This one is a crispy, flaky, puffed up, giant poori, which is dropped in milk with a sprinkle of sugar, again, a complete meal. As cooks ready their griddle for preparing the freshest country chicken and river sole tikkas at Rafiq's, pakoras of leafy greens sizzle on the other side. And it is in this tehzeeb of culinary confluence that street food in Old Delhi patented the keema gujia and the keema samosa.



Historian Sohail Hashmi (left) said most of these shops came up after the 1950s to cater to the new inhabitants. Photos: Prem Nath Pandey

Inside the masiid, the gong has been struck, the lights come on and families, the old and the young, pass the food trays around, merrily having what each has to offer, from home-cooked food to street eats, even biscuits and juices, Says Hashmi, "The tradition of a commune-like iftar feasting is

But it is a great way of building camaraderie. making friends and children just love it. Nobody feels alone during the difficult time of fasting. It is a heaving mass of humanity united

fairly recent.

in prayer and spirit, drawing everybody in, no questions asked. The food street, too, came up

EXPLORING DELHI'S

PAST AND PRESENT

at the turn of the last century. "Historically, eating out was looked down upon because of social hierarchies. Intermingling wasn't allowed. For Hindus, it was caste. Muslims had a deep cleavage between the high-born and low-born. These parts were largely inhabited by the artisanal community, lower down in the pecking order, and the area had not been gentrified. These shops were meant for travellers, who came to the city to pick up supplies in bulk. Local Dilliwallas never bought anything here. Things changed with the British Raj shifting capital in 1911. Construction began in Kingsway camp and in New Delhi. So, a row of hotels and inns came up around the periphery of the Jama Masjid, where overseers, contractors and material suppliers stayed. The labourers slept on the grounds here, as New Delhi was a wilderness. Food stalls came up for labourers and then the overseers and supervisors also had their meals here.'

A sociological change happened post-1947 when the Punjabi settlers came in and normalised the culture of eating out.

'Most of the Khatri families were followers of the Arva Samai and stopped eating meat at home. Women would follow vegetarianism

IN THE CITY as they visited temples regularly. But the men needed their drinks with meat and would come here. Most of these

shops came up after the 1950s to cater to the new inhabitants," says Hashmi. Over time, there were other settlers, like the Kashmiri Muslim migrants, mostly belonging to the houseboat, transport, packaging and fruit trade, who fled as militancy robbed them of their livelihood. That's how Kashmiri restaurants developed from just "hole-in-the-walls". Now, neat little cafes like Ebony right behind the Masjid cater to the younger, aspirant crowd who want to break their fast over pizzas, pastas and hazelnut coffees instead of chai.

As food gives way to prayers, with some devotees performing rituals till the break of dawn, the food street never sleeps. At Rehmatullah's, the scent of spices spirals out of the cauldron of the thick meat broth or yakhni, considered to be a healing food for Ramzan. The whole spices are wrapped and tied in a muslin cloth to make a potli and dipped into the pot. Once the aroma of the spices has been absorbed by the meat and rice, the potli is taken out and the rice is cooked on a slow coal fire. Of course, the distinct influence of the Mughal courts lies in the nihari, which the shahi khansama and the shahi hakim of emperor Shah Jahan invented in the 17th Century to build immunity against a virulent flu. The robust spice-packed meat stew, slow-cooked overnight, is still the favourite.

While the grilled delicacies and kebabs smoke up over redhot charcoal, there's no dearth of the soft and spongy dahi vada, chole or chane ki daal. "What everybody forgets is that the jewellers here hold a food festival featuring no less than 150 chaats during Dussehra or Diwali," says Hashmi.

It is said that Ramzan is the time to "break free from the deceptions of this world and indulge in the sweetness of imaan". And what better way to do it than indulge in old Delhi specialities like imartis, balushahis, the nutcrusted sheermals and the distinctive paneer jalebi. "This, the khova samosa and the classic black jalebi made of mawa (evaporated milk solids) are made here only this time of the year. So that the aftertaste stays with you," says Hashmi, who always ends his heritage walks for visitors with some sweet talk. If the food is about a celebration of the five senses, then harmony sits in a corner with the Hindu Kanya Vidvalava adjacent to the house of the *baoli* keeper of the Jama Masjid. It was started by Dr Annie Besant to localise girls' education in the neighbourhood. As they

say, good food is fuel for the soul.

by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, which read, "It has been noticed that you have AAP MLA Atishi led the erected/occupied the said religious structure at the project protest at Sriniwaspuri site of Sriniwaspuri. It is an established fact that this is Government of India/L&DO land Sriniwaspuri region. and you have unauthorisedly occupied/encroached upon this Government Land. Further, as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India judgment dated 29.09.2009, it has been decided

church, mosque, or gurdwara, etc on public streets, public parks or other public places, etc." The Ministry could not be reached for comment.

tion shall be carried (out) or per-

mitted in the name of temple,

The temple is called Neelkanth Mahadev Mandir in

"Being the land-owning agency of Government of India, it is hereby informed to vacate the entire premises unauthorised construction in the name of religious structure, within of this notice, failing which the same will be got evicted forcefully and demolished with the help of local police," states the notice dated April 13.

AAP MLA Atishi, who led the protest on Saturday, said: "BJP is not only bulldozing the temple but the faith of crores of people

will not allow bulldozers to run over a single temple in Delhi." In response, BJP spokesperson Harish Khurana said it was a "rumour". "There is nothing like this... The BJP government at the Centre is not going to demolish any temple. These are just rumours. They are showing a socalled notice: nobody knows where that notice came from. The people of Delhi are angry with the Kejriwal government

ing spread to divert attention from these issues," he said. The row comes days after the North MCD ordered an antiencroachment drive in riot-hit Iahangirpuri where several structures, including the outer gate of a mosque, were taken

that they have not uttered a

word against the stone pelting on people at the Hanuman

Prior approval needed for protests, action against those who destroy property: DU

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

DELHI UNIVERSITY (DU) has issued a notice reiterating that it is mandatory for the university community to give information to the proctor's office before any protest or gathering, adding that action will be taken against the organisers if they indulge in violence or "destruction to public property".

Proctor Rajni Abbi said the notice had to be put out as the rules were not being followed. "Prior intimation of gathering/protest/ demonstration anywhere in the university is mandatory. Although protests/demonstrations are the legal right of every individual, prior permission from the proctor's office is mandatory," she said in a notice Friday.

"It is also directed that the participants shall refrain from using violence and any destruction to public property, failing which the organiser/s will be held responsible for any damage and strict action will be taken," she added.

As per the notice, organisers are required to furnish the information at least 24 hours in advance. This includes the name of the organiser, college or department, contact number, email adAs per the notice, organisers are required to furnish the info at least 24 hrs in advance

dress and course name.

Apart from this, details of programmes also have to be provided. These include the nature of the programme (whether it is a speech, rally, dharna etc), duration, use of logistics, list of speakers and expected number of participants.

Asked why the notice was put out, Abbi said, "It was already on the website. We just corrected it because nobody was taking permission or informing. Recently a student said he was on a hunger strike for four days and we had no information or knowledge about it. It is for the safety of the students also so that no mischievous element enters their demonstra-

tions and makes it violent." Asked which part of the notice was "corrected" and if any new element was added, she said, That they should not destroy

university or public property." Abbi said while there had not been many such cases of violence or destruction of public property recently, "past experiences have

police custody **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

Gangster

involved in

GTB shootout

escapes from

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

A LOCAL gangster who was allegedly involved in last year's GTB hospital shootout escaped from police custody at Karkardooma court, said police Saturday. Police said Mohit Badani is a member of the Gogi-Bishnoi gang and is allegedly involved in several cases including murder, armed robbery and carjacking.

Police said last year in March, Badani and his associates allegedly helped gangster Kuldeep Fajja escape from police custody at GTB hospital by opening fire and throwing chilli powder at the police team. Fajja was killed in an encounter, while Badani was arrested in October.

On Friday afternoon, Badani escaped after he was produced at Karkardooma court in the hospital case. Police said he was last seen with a constable around 1 pm, after which he allegedly managed to free himself and flee.

(Shahdara) Sathiyasundaram said, "Badani is an undertrial prisoner at Mandoli iail. He was taken to court by the third battalion of Delhi Police, He managed to escape after being produced at 1.20 pm. An FIR has been registered and teams have been sent to nab him."

After spike, cases at

1.094 CASES ON SATURDAY

1,000 for fourth day WITH 1,094 cases on Saturday, the Covid-19 trajectory in the capital seems to have stagnated, There were around 1,000 cases recorded in Delhi over the last four days, as per the daily

Praveen Khanna

demolish temple, BJP says rumour

AAP claims Centre planning to

New Delhi

made us wiser".

government. The positivity rate proportion of samples tested that return positive, which is indicative of the spread of the infection in a geographical area -

GOVT & POLITICS

Proposal to open commandant posts in BSF for IPS officers

DEEPTIMANTIWARY

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

EVEN AS a proposal to debar IPS officers from central deputation if they don't have a prior stint with the Centre as SP or DIG remains pending with the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Home Affairs is considering another proposal to open commandant-level posts in the Border Security Force for IPS officers.

Currently, IPS officers can join forces such as CRPF, BSF and ITBP only at the level of DIG and above. The move will create more posts for IPS officers at the SP-level in the central armed police forces and central police organisations where 50% such posts are vacant.

The proposal, sent by the BSF to the ministry earlier this month, has asked for change in recruitment rules of the border guarding force to ensure IPS can come on deputation at the commandant level.

The proposal has caused much disappointment in the rank and file of the CAPFs who are of the opinion that if it is approved for the BSF, it will eventually find its way to the CRPF and ITBP. The cadre officers of the said forces have been facing severe career stagnation and there is apprehension that reserving more posts for the IPS officers will only exacerbate the problem.

They have already reserved 40% posts at the DIG level for themselves even though rarely it happens that DIGs come on deputation, and the posts remain vacant. Now, they want to stifle our promotion chances further by claiming a share in the commandant pie as well. If the MHA approves this proposal, we are going to challenge it in court," a senior CAPF official said.

Already, CAPF officers have filed multiple petitions in courts, demanding that IPS deputations at DIG-level be abolished or the quota reduced as posts remain perennially vacant. They have argued that because of non-availability of promotional avenues in the forces, many officers are re-

tiring at assistant commandant level, which is the entry-level post in the CAPFs. This, they have argued, has had demoralising effect on the officers and has led to high attrition rate in the forces.

Recently, the MHA wrote to all CAPFs asking for their opinion on a proposal to change the designation of second-in-command ranks in the CAPF to "Additional Commandant". The MHA wrote that this was required as officers retiring at 2IC levels found it difficult to explain their rank to the society as it had no parallel in any other force and thus faced embarrassment. CAPF sources said this was an admission of the fact that a large number of CAPF officers were retiring at 2IC level.

IPS officers, however, argue that the move is not aimed at making CAPF officers suffer, rather is a preparation for what the government is planning in terms of IPS deputation, "The Centre is taking many steps to ensure states send the quota of IPS officers as fixed for central deputation. In due course, as various proposals in this direction are passed and accepted by the states, the Centre will need to have enough posts available to accommodate these officers. Also, now, we are having IPS batches as large as 200. Where will these officers be accommodated," a senior IPS officer asked.

According to IPS officers in the BSF, this was also seen to be operationally important. "The commandant is a field officer with units being directly under him. So, if an IPS officer joins at commandant level, he will have hands-on field experience and will also command respect among the rank and file when he goes to senior posts as he has done the field assignment," an officer said, adding that in the SSB and CISF such arrangements already exist.

The MHA recently sent a proposal to the PMO to bar IPS officers who do not join the Centre at SP or DIG level from any further central deputation. Currently, an IPS officer must have at least three years of central deputation at IG level for any further deputation with the Centre.



CHOUHAN MEETS PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi on Saturday. During his meeting with Modi, Chouhan briefed the PM about various initiatives of the Madhya Pradesh government. The two leaders also discussed a host of other issues. After the meeting, Chouhan called Modi a "man of ideas" and said the PM's suggestions would be implemented in the state. PTI

KARNATAKA MINISTER QUIT AFTER CONTRACTOR DEATH

Forgery in letter seeking nod for projects: official

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, APRIL 23

AN OFFICIAL of Karnataka's Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, which is at the centre of a controversy over the death of a civil contractor whose bills were allegedly not paid by the department, has filed a police complaint about alleged involvement of forgery in clearance provided for the civil work reportedly implemented by the deceased contractor in Hindalga village of

Belagavi district. Senior BJP leader K S Eshwarappa was forced to quit as state state Rural Development minister last week after being named as first accused in the case of alleged abetment of suicide.

The case was registered by



Udupi police on the basis of a complaint filed by Prashanth

Eshwarappa

has claimed

no link with

Santhosh Eshwarappa has claimed he is not linked in any way to the death. A deputy director in Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Ramesh D, has filed a complaint with Vidhana Soudha police in central Bengaluru stat-

Patil, brother of the deceased con-

ing that jottings of approval on a letter dated February 2, 2021, sent by then Hindalga gram panchayat president Asha Aihole, were forged. No official of the department had given any approval for

various works in Hindalga village, the complaint said. Santhosh Patil was found

dead on April 12 at a lodge in

Udupi. Before his death, he had alleged that then minister Eshwarappa had failed to clear his bills, worth more than Rs 4 crore, for 108 civic works he had carried out in Hindalga based on informal approvals. In the police complaint, filed

two days ago, it has been stated that Aihole had sent a letter dated February 2, 2021, seeking clearances for implementing 108 different pieces of work for improvement of drainage and roads in Hindalga. The complainant stated that the letter was received by Rural Development Department on February 17, 2021.

Later, it stated, an unidentified person made a noting on the letter in green ink, mentioning that a decision will be taken on March 5, 2021, on the demands in the letter. Another noting with the date February 26, 2021, at the end of the letter stated that orders for clearances had been issued.

Pentagon: Don't

want to see India

relying on Russia for defence needs

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, APRIL 23

THE US is discouraging India from relying on Russia, its largest defence supplier, for its defence needs, citing the crippling im-

pact the Western sanctions will

have on Russian military-indus-

trial complexes after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, top

growing disquiet in Western cap-

itals over India's refusal to directly

condemn the Russian aggression

in Ukraine and its decision to pro-

that we don't want to see them

rely on Russia for defence needs.

We've been nothing but honest

about that and discouraging

that," Pentagon Press Secretary

John Kirby told reporters in

value the defence partnership

that we have with India. And as

was evidenced a week ago, we're

looking at ways to improve that

going forward. That's going to

continue because it matters and

rity in the region and we value

"India is a provider of secu-

"At the same time, we also

Washington on Friday.

it's important," he said.

that," Kirby said.

"We've been very clear with India as well as other nations

cure discounted Russian oil.

The remarks come amid

American officials have said.

"Daily communications received by the department are filed and brought to the notice of senior officials. No notes are written on the letter itself," Ramesh D stated in his complaint. "Somebody has forged the signature of government officials and caused hindrances to the government and functioning of the government. These persons must be traced and brought to book."

Before his death, Santhosh Patil had stated that K S Eshwarappa should be held responsible if something happened to him.

MRI MACHINES TO GLOVES

Supplies from West hit, Russia looks at Indian medical gear

RITU SARIN

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

EXISTING SUPPLY chains from US and Europe disrupted because of its invasion of Ukraine, Moscow's trade promotion body, Russia Business Council, is in talks with India for supplies of a wide sweep of medical gear: from implants to prosthetic devices, X-ray, ECG and MRI machines to surgical needles, instruments and gloves.

A meeting between the Indian and Russian stakeholders as well as the Ministry of Commerce is scheduled for April 29 and Olga Kulikova, Business Ambassador to India, told The Indian Express from Moscow that among the eight broad categories of medical devices Russia was looking at includes dental equipment, medical furniture and cosmetology devices.

Russia, incidentally, had become one of the largest importers of cosmetics and cosmetology equipment from South Korea but the invasion of Ukraine has stalled that trade. Russia imports a significant share of its medical equipment from the European Union and the United States — estimated at \$1.6 billion a year.

"There is no shortage of most medical devices in Russia yet but despite medical devices not being on lists of sanctions, supplies coming from our partners in UK, the USA, France and Germany have been badly hit," said Kulikova. "So the situation is unpredictable. We hope India will pay attention to this potential which has opened up in the Russian market.'

"Our stocks of crucial medical devices were adequate but now it is not possible for Russia to import medical equipment, implants or devices from the Western world. We are looking to India since it is a manufacturing leader for several categories of medical devices such as orthopaedic implants and syringes," she added.

Early this month, Business Russia Council and the Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (AiMeD) began talks with the Indian organisation having sent a list of around 100 registered Indian medical device manufacturers to

On the agenda for the upcoming talks is the registration of Indian medical devices and equipment in the Russian Federation and the EAEU (Eurasian Economic Union) and processes needed for the documentation and translation as well as sampling and testing of medical devices and equipment.

According to Rajiv Nath, Forum Coordinator for AiMeD. a major advantage was the fact that a Memorandum of Understanding was already signed in 2020 between them and All Russia Public Organisation Business Russia for cooperation in the sector.

"Russia is a huge potential market for Indian medical devices and equipment and we are looking towards a favourable Rupee-Rouble exchange rate and the easing of regulatory barriers for fasttracking such exports" he told

The Indian Express. According to a Reuters report, exports of essential medical devices to Russia from the West has been "partly restored, reducing the immediate risk of life-threatening shortages after a near-total collapse when the war in Ukraine began.'

"While medical devices and prescription drugs are exempt from sanctions, their delivery to Russia has been hit by transport, insurance and customs hurdles caused by the war and by the restrictive measures,' Reuters reported.

Naresh Patel meets Kishor, denies joining Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, APRIL 23

SHREE KHODALDHAM Trust (SKT) chairman and Rajkotbased industrialist Naresh Patel on Saturday said he met political strategist Prashant Kishor on Friday but denied reports that he is joining the Congress next month. "I went to attend a wedding in

Delhi yesterday. Prashant Kishor was also there, and I met him. But the talk about me joining Congress on May 2 is not true," Patel told the media on landing at Raikot airport on Saturday.

RAJASTHAN TEMPLE ROW





Naresh Patel: Prashant Kishor

"There were many political leaders at the event (wedding)," he said. "There was no formal talk...I will not disclose names of leaders I met (there)'

To a question, he said that state Congress working president Hardik Patel has also met him (Naresh Patel), "to sort out some issues he had with the

Congress", the Patidar leader said. Asked about Hardik keeping his options open, including that of joining BJP, Patel said that is "his personal view".

> with Congress leaders in Delhi to make the party battle-ready for 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Patel had last month an-

Kisĥor has been holding talks

nounced his readiness to join active politics and said that he had offers from BJP, Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party. He had later said that SKT was conducting a field survey on whether he should join politics, and which party he should join.

On Saturday, Patel said he

will announce by May 15 whether he will join active politics. "I am also very confused...I have to be answerable to you and the society.... I don't want to take a hasty decision and get trapped," he told mediapersons.

To a question whether the political parties reach out to him, (or he to them), Patel said, "You all know that each time there is talk about elections, every political party contacts me...I am also in touch with everyone...whenever necessary, we hold discussions.'

Asked if he will join BJP if cases against Patidars were withdrawn, Patel said, "All cases are not vet withdrawn."



Union Home Minister Amit Shah during Veer Kunwar Singh Vijayotsav at Jagdishpur in Bhojpur district of Bihar on Saturday. PTI

Last time, it was Raje in the dock, as RSS flung barbs like 'Aurangzeb'

HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR, APRIL 23

AS THE BJP builds up its attack on the Rajasthan Congress government over the partial demolition of two temples in Alwar as part of an anti-encroachment drive, the tables are turned from the last time a similar row erupted.

Between 2012 and 2015, primarily under the tenure of Vasundhara Raje-led BJP government starting December 2013, in Jaipur alone, 93 religious structures including temples and some mazaars were removed or shifted. The reasons were varied, from the structures posing "obstruction" to Metro work and transportation, or illegal construction or encroachment on government land.

The demolition of the temples hastened Raje down a collision course with the RSS. While most of the temples were demolished under the district admin-



In 2015, RSS called the Raje government's attitude worse than that of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb"

istration's drive against illegal structures, in line with Supreme Court orders, it was the demolition and relocation of six temples in the Walled City, to make way for Jaipur Metro, that apparently was the tipping point.

In July 2015, the RSS called the Raje government's attitude "worse than that of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb" and summoned nine BJP MLAs to its headquarters in Bharati Bhawan in Jaipur, asking them to explain their "inaction"

Backing a 'Mandir Bachao Sangharsh Samiti', the RSS and its affiliates also called a two-hour "chakka jam", amidst other steps.

Those close to Vasundhara Raje contested that the RSS was just using the issue to target the CM, who had a standing independent of the Sangh and had never submitted to it. "People have not really protested against the demolition of these temples. If they had, the administration would not have been able to carry out the exercise with such ease in the first place. The Sangh has found a ready opportunity to take on Raje," a BJP leader had

told *The Indian Express* then. The Congress too had largely taken a backseat in the protests over the demolition, letting the BIP fight its internal wars. But close to the 2018 elections, the party had fallen back on the row. In a speech in August 2018, then state Congress president Sachin Pilot had claimed that over 300 temples were demolished in the state capital for the Metro, while accusing the BJP "of doing politics with temples at the centre".

Incidentally, Raje was not very keen on the Jaipur Metro, having said early on in her second tenure as CM in late 2013 that it would be a loss-making venture. At the inauguration of the Metro line in June 2015 too, her ambivalence was clear. She reiterated that the Metro's design of the 9.63-km corridor was "flawed" and hampered the "beauty of the historic city".

Raje might appreciate the irony of the row surfacing now, ahead of the 2023 Rajasthan Assembly elections. Relegated to cold storage by the BJP leadership after the 2018 Assembly poll loss, Raje has only now started making her way back, One of her strategies has been to take on a strident Hindutva line, from temples to focusing on 'Dharma Neeti', to "fit in".

On Bihar visit, Shah honours 1857 Rebellion hero Kunwar Singh should be buland (strong) on the

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, APRIL 23

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said all important heroes of the freedom struggle would be duly honoured. He also announced installation of a statue of Revolt of 1857 hero Kunwar Singh at Ara, the district headquarters of Bhojpur.

He was speaking on the birth anniversary of Kunwar Singh at Jagdishpur (Ara), the birth place of the 1857 war hero. Around 78,000 national flags were waved collectively as a matter of world record, beating previous world record of collective waving of about 57,000 national flags by Pakistan.

"Spirit of all nationalists

occasion. Let all of you wave the national flag and say Bharat mata ki jai," he said.

Playing up the development card of PM Narendra Modi, Shah said the current government had been working on making India number one by 2047. Talking about welfare measures of the Centre, he said free ration

scheme for the poor had been

going on for the last two years. Mentioning Union Minister of State Nityanand Rai for inviting him to the function, Shah said: "I am 58 and have attended many big functions but I have not seen such a display of nationalism as being seen with unfurling of national flags on the occasion... History has not done justice to

Babu Kunwar Singh. Historians have not written about him in the manner he deserved."

Top Bihar BJP leaders, including former Union Minister Ravi Shanker Prasad, Raiva Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi. Ara MP and Union Minister RK Singh, Union Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Bihar Deputy CMs Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi, and Bihar Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha were present.

Targetting the RJD, Shah said: "One still has not forgotten jungle raj of Lalu Prasad. It is Nitish and Sushil who had taken Bihar out of jungle raj."

He said the Barauni refinery was being expanded and a new airport at Darbhanga was being constructed for Rs 100 crore.

New Delhi

Centre over violence in Jahangirpuri

Pawar slams

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, APRIL 23

SLAMMING THE Centre for the recent violence in Delhi's Jahangirpuri, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Saturday said that people at the helm in the Union Home Ministry "should have ensured that the nation's capital remained united".

He said, "Who rules Delhi? The (Arvind) Kejriwal government. But the Delhi Home ministry is with the Centre, with BJP, and (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah. Those who held the Home Ministry should have ensured that the nation's capital remained united. They should have taken necessary steps towards that, but he has not done so." 'You (NDA) are ruling the na-

tion, vet you can't take care of the national capital.... If anything happens in Delhi, the message goes out to the world that there is instability in this country,' Pawar he said at NCP's 'Sankalp Sabha' in Kolhapur.

Calling for relentless efforts to oust a "communal party like BJP" from power, Pawar said that in the backdrop of the violence in BJP-governed states, the nation is facing the challenge of remaining united today. "We have to work relentlessly to oust a communal party like BJP from power across the country."

On the situation in Karnataka, Pawar said, "A few days ago, I had gone to Karnataka. I was told that a place like Hubli had seen violence. Boards are being put up, warning people not to purchase goods from shops owned by minorities... What should we make of this?...Be it Karnataka or Delhi, wherever BJP rules, the situation is similar. That's why we are all facing a big challenge...'

Express Network

the Nagrota Corps under which

Doda falls, expressed his dismay

at the removal of the tweet.

"There was nothing wrong in the

tweet. It should have been vigor-

ously defended. The Army holds

iftar in the insurgency-prone area

because reaching out to the local

population is an integral part of

fighting the militants. And the

Muslims in this part of the J&K are

more Indian than you or me. The

Army would do the same thing

for any other religion if there was

strife in that area and which it was

tackling. In fact, we do so in the

northeast too by reaching out to

the Christian population. This has

nothing to do with religion or pol-

itics and it is purely an instrument

to fight militancy by taking peo-

Mor too defended the original

tweet. "Indian Army has been at

Retired officer Maj Gen Yash

ple along with you," he said.

2 UP teachers booked for 'locking students on terrace' to protest transfer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, APRIL 23

TWO GOVERNMENT school teachers were booked in Lakhimpur Kheri's Behjam Block after they allegedly confined around 25 students to the terrace of the school to protest against their transfer orders, police said on Saturday.

Officials said three contractual teachers were recently transferred from the Kasturba Gandhi school for girls to other schools in the district over complaints of "groupism" among teachers.

Police identified the two teachers as Manorama Mishra and Goldi Katiyar. They have been booked under IPC sections 342 (wrongful confinement), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 336 (act endangering life or personal safety of others). The FIR was registered at Neemgaon police station based on a complaint from district coordinator for girls' education, Renu Srivastav.

Lakhimpur Kheri Basic Shiksha Adhikari Laxmikant Pandey said Saturday, "On Friday, some students of the residential school were confined by two teachers at the school as they were apparently unhappy about their transfer orders. There was some groupism among teachers at the school, due to which three teachers were transferred to a school in different blocks in the same district. To protest against this, the two teachers took the students to the terrace of the school and locked them there from inside."

"We had to call the police to control the situation... The students said they were coaxed by the two teachers to protest against their transfer orders," said the BSA.

An official said, "On Thursday, after they received their transfer orders, the two resorted to coaxing girl students to put pressure on the department to cancel their transfer orders.'

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Defence PRO deletes Twitter post on iftar hosted by Army in J&K after 'criticism'

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23

THE DEFENCE Ministry's public relations officer (PRO) in Jammu allegedly deleted a tweet highlighting the Indian Army's tradition of holding an iftar party in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda, after the post came under attack from the editor-in-chief of Sudarshan News.

On April 21, the PRO tweeted photographs of an iftar held by the Army in Doda saying: "Keeping alive the traditions of secularism, an Iftaar was organised by the Indian Army at Arnora in Doda district." The photographs showed the iftar gathering, the General Officer Commanding of the Delta Force of the Army's Rashtriya Rifles interacting with local Muslims and

a uniformed person offering namaz with civilians.

Later that day, Sudarshan News CMD and editor-in-chief. Suresh Chavhanke tweeted, "Ab ye bimari Bhartiya sena mein bhi ghuss gayi hai? Dukhad..." (Now this disease has spread even in the Indian Army? Sad). The comment drew widespread support from several Twitter users.

While there was no reaction from the Army or the defence PRO to Chavhanke's remarks, the PRO defence (Jammu) deleted the original tweet highlighting the iftar. Lt Col Devender Anand, PRO defence (Jammu), declined to comment on the deletion of the tweet when contacted.

Reacting to the development, former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Command, Lt Gen Tej Sapru (retd), who commanded

the forefront of interfaith harmony. We as officer's take pride in the fact that we have NO religion, we just adopt the religion of the troops we command," he tweeted.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Lt Gen H S Panag (retd), former GOC-in-C, Northern Command, said. "The concerned PRO and the Army should have had the guts to defend the tradition of holding iftar during Ramzan. There is nothing wrong in it. This is part of the Army's policy to win the hearts and minds of the local population. We run Army Goodwill Schools for the local population too and all these measures are meant to take the local population along as we fight a foreign-sponsored militancy. And the locals appreciate these efforts. In any case, there is nothing new in holding an iftar in J&K and this has been a practice for many years," he said.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, in Guwahati on Saturday. PTI

Centre's interlocutor assures NSCN (IM) of solution based on Framework Agreement

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KOHIMA, APRIL 23

THE CENTRE'S interlocutor A K Mishra on Saturday held a third round of talks with NSCN (IM) and assured it that the final solution to the vexed Naga political issue will be based on the Framework Agreement of 2015.

The assurance was given by Mishra to the outfit's general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah, who led a 29-member team, during a closed door meeting at Chumoukedima Police Complex, NSCN (IM) 'home kilonser' (minister) M Daniel Lotha told PTI in Kohima.

Asked if any major decision was taken, he said, "The talks for a final solution will continue between NSCN (IM) and the Government of India based on

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the Framework Agreement."

A fourth round of negotiations will be held between Mishra and Muivah at the same venue on Monday, he added.

The interlocutor also met a delegation of the Naga Hoho (apex body of Naga tribal bodies) during the day and assured them that the solution to the vexed political issue will be "honourable and acceptable to all Nagas", a release by the body's media cell said.

The Naga Hoho has members from Arunachal, Assam, Manipur besides Nagaland.

The six-member Naga Hoho team was led by its president H K Zhimomi and general K Elu Ndang.

Mishra is likely to meet the state government's core committee on Naga Political Issue headed by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and

also Naga civil societies on TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD Sunday, officials said

Rajnath: India won't hesitate to cross border to tackle terrorists Guwahati: Defence Minister rorism will be strongly dealt

Rajnath Singh said Saturday that India would not hesitate to act against terrorists who target the country from across the border.

Speaking at a programme, where Assam-based veterans of 1971 India-Pakistan War were felicitated, Singh said the government was working to wipe out terrorism from the country.

"India has been successful in giving out the message that ter-

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On the withdrawal of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act from different parts of northeast, he said the government did so wherever the situation improved.

He said, "When I was the Union home minister, AFSPA was lifted from Arunachal Pradesh (most parts) and

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BJP, along with the Left and Samajwadi Party, had opposed the Bill, questioning the degree of autonomy it sought to give to foreign institutions setting up campuses in India. In 2015, the Centre advised HRD Ministry to consult with Niti Aayog, which was in favour of allowing foreign universities.

Besides drafting a legal framework. Kumar said, the committee will attempt to frame broad outlines of institutional structures required to invite foreign universities to start operations in India. But he made it clear that the major thrust will be on research.

"The idea is to create an

ecosystem to enable global educational institutions to set up campuses in India, particularly in emerging areas including Artificial Intelligence (AI), data sciences," he said. "Attempts will be made to attract institutions in areas of science and technology. We would like them to grow into research institutes; it will help students in India to access

world-class education.' The UGC believes that if its efforts strike success, top educational institutions here will benefit through collaborations with their foreign counterparts. Earlier this week, the Commission had issued amended regulations to promote tie-ups between domestic and international institutes for offering dual-degrees, joint degrees and twinning programmes.

Kumar said that initially institutes among top 500 in various global rankings, such as the ones issued by Times Higher Education or Quacquarelli Symonds(QS), are likely to be approached once the regulations are in place. He said the existing UGC Act need not be amended to allow such an arrangement in the future. "We have studied the UGC Act and felt that no amendment is required. Regulations are needed, which the five-member committee is drafting," Kumar said.

Govt advisory against studying in Pak leaves J&K students on edge

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, APRIL 23

SOURAV ROY BARMAN

THE UNIVERSITY Grants

Commission (UGC) has formed

a five-member committee to

prepare regulations to allow for-

eign higher education institutes.

placed among the top 500 glob-

ally, to set up campuses in India,

particularly in areas of science

is the first step in preparing the

ground for opening up the

higher education sector to for-

eign universities, a key proposal

in the National Educational

Policy (NEP) to "internationalise"

UGC chairperson Prof M

Jagadesh Kumar told The Sunday

Express that the committee, set

up on April 11, is expected to sub-

mit its report by April-end. "The

committee's mandate is to frame

draft regulations so that foreign

universities can start function-

ing in India in tune with the NEP.

It was given three weeks to pre-

panel members, Kumar said it is

being headed by a "top academic

with a legal background". The

other members are also reputed

academics, including from IITs.

Without giving out names of

pare its report," Kumar said.

the higher education sector.

The committee's formation

and technology.

NEW DEI HI APRII 23

THE CENTRE'S decision to debar students who study in Pakistan from higher studies and jobs in India has created anxiety among students in the Valley.

They say the order is ambiguous and doesn't talk about those who have studied in Pakistan in

While there are no official figures, the number of students who have completed their MBBS to be over 400, while a few hundred have studied other courses like engineering. "We are victims of politics," says a student, who was study-

degree from Pakistan is believed

ing in Pakistan but hasn't been allowed to go back after he returned home for vacation before the Covid breakout. "If a student who studies in

Bangladesh or any other central Asian country is eligible for jobs and higher education why have they singled us out? We have already lost a year because of this politics. Like other countries, we had to appear for the MCI certification before being eligible for

On Friday, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education(AICTE) debarred those studying in Pakistan from jobs and higher studies in India.

On the trigger for such a circular, UGC chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar said the higher education regulator wanted students to be careful while picking countries to pursue advanced education.

"There are no immediate triggers as such. It is our responsibility to ensure that students are sufficiently aware while making these choices. As regulators, we are concerned about our students and want to ensure they don't face any difficulties," Kumar said, citing the examples of Indians studying in Ukraine and China.

Kumar said the circular would spective basis. The order is also not clear about the seats earmarked under the SAARC quota for medical and engineering.

SHRI AMARNATHJI SHRINE BOARD NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

For and on behalf of Chairman, Shri Amarnathii Shrine Board, sealed tenders on the prescribed format affixed with Revenue Stamps worth Rs. 6/- are invited from reputed professional Firms/ Companies for Selection of Operator for Installation, Operation, Maintenance & Management of ecofriendly tents at different locations enroute to the Shri Amarnathji Shrine in Jammu & Kashmir.

SASB/2022/DNITNo.36 23.04.2022

Last Date of Submission of Bids: 09.05.2022. Pre Bid Conference on 29.04.2022 The DNIT, Bidding Document and other details can be

obtained from the official website: www.shriamarnathjishrine.com

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1	SE/Hydro	2419	1				
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JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E)** NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e.NIT No . 01 ELC of 2022-23 Dt: 22/04/2022

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu. The Executive Engineer, Electric Division. Municipal Corporation, Jammu is inviting online tenders from

No.		Qty. in No.	Amount (in Lacs)	NIT Doc. In Rs.)	Securing Declaration	Completion
1.	Balance work of Baba Yamuna Puri Community Hall with Kitchen Shed in Channi Himmat Ward no. 51 (Electrical Part)	As per BOQ	8.19	600/-	Bid Securing Declaration Form as per format enclosed at Annexure 'C'	30 days
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The complete bidding process will be online

day convenient to the tender opening committee

Documents required to be uploaded online for Technical Bid.

Scanned copy of Bid Securing Declaration Form as per the form enclosed.

Cost of bidding document in shape of e-Challan/Single Window Challan of JMC pledged to Chief Accounts Officer JMC/tender fees receipt through online payment

Scanned copy GST Card. Scanned copy of Pan Card.

6. Scanned copy of duly filled Annexure "A" and Annexure "B" on Letter head of the contractor. Note: - Non Submission of any of the above documents online shall render the bidder as non responsive and his financial bid shall not be opened.

Jammu Municipal Corporation.

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender Notice No. - TM/E-OPEN TENDER /01/ 2022-23, Date: 20/04/2022 On line (through e-tendering) Tender for the

following work is invited by Dy. Chief Engineer (Track Machine), Plant Depot, East Central Railway, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay for and on behalf of the President of India, from reputed Firms E-Tender Closing Date: 12.05.2022.

1. Name of the work with its Location S/1: TT/2021 6043-Rail clamp Roller with main Drawing No.- UD150-1 V Z, etc. (05 Items). Make-Plasser or Equivalent. Approx. Cost of the work: S/1: Rs 14,42,900.00, **Earnest money** : S/1 : Rs. 28,900.00,

2. Name of the work with its Location: S/2 : TT2022 6000- Servo Valve, Plasser Pt. No.- ELT-76-00MO, Star- Hydraulic U.K. Part. No.- 650-191K, Qty.- 18 Nos., Make-Plasser or Star - Hydraulics (U.K.). Approx. Cost of the work: S/2: Rs. 24,84,018.00, Earnest money : S/2 : Rs. 49,700.00 Date and time for closing of E-tender 12.05.2022 upto 16.00 hrs., • Website particulars of e-tendering.:

Available Status of Technical Sanction: Submitted 03 Years

 The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule:

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 Date of publishing of Tender Notice 20.04.2022 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents From 21.04.2022 0900 Hrs to 27.04.2022, 1800 Hrs 4. Bid Submission End Date 27.04.2022, 1800 Hrs Date & time of opening of Technical Bids 28.04.2022 at 1100 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Spl. Sub- Division Gandor

> (Er. Sheikh Mushtaq Ahmed) Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Spl. Sub-Division, Gandoh

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2 Dalit men tortured,

BRIEFLY



Ripun Bora

WEST BENGAL Ripun Bora appointed TMC Assam president

Kolkata: Former Assam state Congress chief Ripun Bora, who recently switched over to the Trinamool Congress, was appointed the party's president in the northeastern state on Saturday. Bora, a former Assam minister, had joined the Trinamool last Sunday in the presence of the party's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

WEST BENGAL

19 crude bombs. pistol found in auto-rickshaw

Kolkata: 19 crude bombs, one country-made pistol and two cartridges were recovered from an abandoned auto-rickshaw near a children's home in south Kolkata's Haridevpur area, police said on Saturday. A senior police officer said, "We are checking CCTV footage of the area to find out how the bombs came there." The development has triggered a war of words between political parties. BJP state president Sukanta Majumdar said, "This is nothing new. This has been going on for a very long time. Without bombs and arms, TMC cannot carry out extortion. The recovery of bombs and arms are nothing but the tip of the iceberg." Left Front chairman Biman Bose said, "Today manufacturing of bombs and arms have become an industry in West Bengal. Maybe people are being encouraged to enter this industry in the absence of an actual industry. This must end immediately." TMC MP Subhasis Chakraborty retorted that miscreants are dumping

NEW DELHI

of the police

Allot unfit grain to ailing poultry industry: NECC

bombs as they are scared

New Delhi: The National Coordination Committee(NECC)hasappealed to the Government of India to allot at least 2.0 million tonnes of damaged wheat, paddy and/or broken rice - unfit for human consumption — for use in poultry feed, as a partial substitute for maize so as to enable farmers to tide over the crisis caused due to acute shortage and steep increase in the price of maize and soya meal in the domestic market. The price of maize has increased from Rs 18,000/per tonne to approximately Rs 25,000/- and it is expected to increase further to Rs 30,000/-. ENS

RAJASTHAN

ACB nabs IAS, 2 RAS officers for taking bribe

Jaipur: The Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Rajasthan Police Saturday arrested an IAS officer and two others including an officer of the Rajasthan Administrative Service (RAS) on bribery charges, officials said. ACB DG BL Soni said that IAS officer Nannumal Pahadia, who till recently was posted as the Alwar district collector, was arrested Saturday along with RAS officer Ashok Sankhla and a middleman named Nitin Sharma. The ACB trapped Sankhla and Sharma while they were accepting the bribe, said officials. **ENS**

PRAYAGRAJ

2-yr-old among 5 of family killed, 4 held killed in Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW. APRIL 23

ATWO-YEAR-OLD girl and three women were among five members of a family found murdered with severe head injuries at their residence in Khebrajpur village in Prayagraj district in the early hours on Saturday. Police have detained four suspects and formed seven teams to investigate the case.

Police identified the victims as Rajkumar Yadav (55), his wife Kusum (50), their daughter Manisha (25), daughter-in-law Savita (30) and granddaughter Mitakshi (2). Five-year-old Sakshi, another granddaughter of Rajkumar, the head of the family and a cattle trader, was found alive, said a senior police officer. Kusum died on her way

to hospital while the other four were found dead with severe head injuries, the officer added.

A portion of the house was burnt but the bodies were found in a separate room, police said. The reason behind the fire is not clear yet, said police, adding that a total of six family members were in the house on Friday night when the incident took

"The incident came to light when neighbours spotted smoke coming out of the house and tried to find out about it. When they looked inside the house, they found the bodies lying on separate cots," said an of-

Prayagraj SSP Ajay Kumar said on Saturday, "Post-mortem reports have come, and according to the reports, the deaths were caused due to severe head



Police investigate after five members of a family were found dead inside their home at Khebrajpur village, near Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, on Saturday. PTI

injuries inflicted by a hard and blunt object. There are no visible signs of sexual assault on external parts. The doctors have made

ports will come soon."

"We have picked up four

slides for internal parts, which will be sent to labs and the repeople, who are part of a criminal group indulged in murder, assault and robbery. We are interrogating them. These gangs generally attack houses with the purpose of robbery," added

UP ADG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said a case has been registered under the IPC section for murder. "We have registered a case based on a complaint lodged by a family member," said the ADG.

A statement issued by the Prayagraj police said, "Around 5.30 am, the police were informed about the incident. Immediately, police teams with field units and dog squads reached the spot. They found that a woman was still breathing and one five-year-old girl was alive and fine. There were four dead bodies at the house.

KIRAN PARASHAR BENGALURU, APRIL 23

TWO MEN were tortured and killed in Karnataka's Tumakuru district on Thursday night. Both the men belonged to the Dalit community, but police said it could not yet be determined whether their killing was linked to their caste. According to police, the duo

were "involved in theft cases". The deceased were identified as Girish Mudalagiriappa (30) and Girish (32), both residents of Tumakuru's Peddanahalli village, about 120 km away from Bengaluru. Their bodies were found on Friday.

According to police, one of the accused convinced both the victims on Thursday night to accompany him to a secluded place in the village, where other alleged assailants were waiting. They

were then beaten and tortured, with the accused setting fire to dry leaves near the victims' feet, police said. Police added that one of the victims died on the spot, and the other tried to escape but was bludgeoned to death. Both their bodies were then allegedly thrown into a pond.

Tumakuru district SP Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad told The Indian Express that 12 people were arrested in connection with the case. "The victims were involved in theft cases, including motors from a farm of an accused," he said.

"We cannot come to any conclusion about whether they were killed because they were Dalits. The probe is still underway, and we will be able to tell only after interrogations and investigations," he added.

Dalit organisations in Tumakuru have demanded strict action against those responsible for the attack on the two men.

JAHANGIRPURI

ED charges prime accused in violence with money laundering

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has booked Mohammed Ansar — a key accused in the Jahangirpuri violence case who has been arrested by the Delhi Police – under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

"The Delhi Commissioner of Police had sent us relevant case papers asking us to probe Ansar for alleged money laundering. We have examined the papers and his financial activities and found that prima facie there is a case for investigating him under PMLA. We have thus registered Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR)," an ED official said on Saturday.

Sources said if there is evidence of money laundering, the ED will proceed with attachment of Ansar's properties and assets. "We will also take his cus-

SUNJWAN ENCOUNTER

ARUN SHARMA

JAMMU, APRIL 23

TWO KASHMIR residents were

taken into custody in connection

with the Friday's Sunjwan en-

counter in which two suicide

bombers of Pakistan-based Jaish-

e-Mohammed (JeM) were killed

when they were on a "big terror

mission" aimed at sabotaging PM

Narendra Modi's April 24 visit to

Police(ADGP) for Jammu Mukesh

Singh said they were looking for

two more conspirators involved

in the planning and transporta-

tion of the terrorists from Sapwal

near the International Border in

According to one of the ar-

rested persons, the slain terrorists

spoke in Pashto, the ADGP told re-

porters here in the evening.

"During investigation, police on

the basis of technical analysis suc-

ceeded in effecting the arrest of

Shafiq Ahmed Sheikh of Mir

Mohalla village in south Kashmir's

Tral, who had facilitated the stay

of terrorists in Jalalabad area of

said, one more person,

Mohammad Iqbal Rather of

Malwan village in south Kashmir's

Kulgam, in whose residence at

Jalalabad the terrorists had taken

On the disclosure of Shafiq, he

Jammu," Singh said.

Samba district to Jammu.

Additional Director General of

Jammu, police said on Saturday.

tody in due course after Delhi Police has finished examining him," said another ED official.

According to sources, Ansar was allegedly involved in various illegal activities including gambling. He was earlier named in several cases related to assault, gambling and under the Arms

"We will probe if money generated through these criminal activities was used to foment trouble in Jahangirpuri," said an ED official.

While at least 20 people have been arrested for the communal clashes in Delhi's Jahangirpuri last week, Usha Rangnani, DCP (Northwest), had earlier said that Ansar was one of the main accused and a key conspirator.

A resident of B-Block of Jahangirpuri, Ansar is originally from West Bengal. The BJP, AAP and TMC have been trading charges, each claiming that Ansar had links with the other.

2 locals arrested for sheltering,

transporting terrorists: police

shelter, was also detained.

The ADGP said on the basis of

technical analysis and other evi-

dence, police had zeroed in on

Shafiq who was working at a wal-

nut factory in Narwal, an area

which was not far from Sunjwan's

Iallalabad area where the en-

counter took place on Friday

Singh said Shafiq's brother Asif had created an ID on Telegram

(social media app) by the name of

"Pagal jamaat" through which the

former contacted the Pakistan-

based Jaish commander code-

named "Veer" who asked him to

"take home some suicide attack-

ers brought by someone from

Jammu", he said. Though the Jaish

commander did not disclose

name, the ADGP said that police

have identified him as Bilal

Ahmed Beig of Kokernag in

Anantnag on the basis of techni-

set out from Pulwama on the

morning of April 20 and reached

Jammu the same evening and

stayed at Transport Nagar there,

the ADGP said. Around midnight,

he left for Sapwal in Samba district

where he picked up both the ter-

rorists in a truck and moved to-

At Jalalabad, Shafiq took the

wards Jammu's Jallalabad area.

terrorists to his house where they

stayed the whole day and dis-

cussed the plan with their han-

Following directions, Bilal had

cal analysis and other evidence.



COLOURS OF BIHU

2 JeM terrorists

killed in Kulgam

Srinagar: Two Pakistani ter-

rorists of the Jaish-e-

Mohammad (JeM) outfit

were killed in an encounter

with security forces in

Mirhama area of Kulgam

district of Jammu and

Kashmir on Saturday, police

said, adding that the opera-

tion was still on. A police

spokesperson said based on

specific input, a cordon and

search operation was

launched. Terrorists started

firing indiscriminately, lead-

ing to a gunbattle, he said. In

the ensuing encounter, two

JeM terrorists were killed

and their bodies retrieved

dlers in Pakistan. "When Shafiq

was made to hear Pashto, he im-

mediately recognised the lan-

guage of the terrorists which in-

dicate that they were either from

an area of Pakistan border near

Afghanistan or Afghanistan it-

self," he said. The plan was to

take them to the nearest security

location and inflict maximum

causalities on the security forces,

to sabotage the PM's April 24

visit to Palli village in Samba dis-

from the site, he said. **PTI**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday attended a Rongali Bihu event organised by Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal at his residence in New Delhi. He also interacted with the artists and other guests. PTI

Forced to pay Priyanka Rs 2 crore for MF Husain work: Rana Kapoor

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA MUMBAI, APRIL 23

YES BANK co-founder Rana Kapoor has told the Enforcement Directorate that he was "forced" to buy an M F Husain painting from Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and the sale proceeds were utilised for medical treatment of Sonia Gandhi in New York, as per chargesheet filed by the federal anti-money laundering agency in a special court here.

Kapoor also told the ED that he was told by the then petroleum minister Murli Deora that the refusal to buy the painting will not only prevent him from building a relationship with the Gandhi family but also prevent him from getting the 'Padma Bhushan'.

The statements of Rana Kapoor are part of the second supplementary chargesheet (overall third) filed in the special court recently against the Yes Bank co-founder, his family, Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL) promoters Kapil and Dheerai Wadhawan, and others in a money laundering case.

Stating that he had paid a cheque for Rs 2 crore, Kapoor said "Milind Deora (son of the late Murli Deora and former Congress MP) later conveyed to him confidentially that the sale proceeds were utilised by the Gandhi family for the medical treatment of Sonia in New York".

Kapoor also told ED that late Ahmed Patel had told him that by supporting the Gandhi family at an opportune time, I (Kapoor) had performed a good deed and it would be duly considered for the 'Padma Bhushan'.

The banker is currently in judicial custody following his arrest in the case in March 2020. "First of all I wish to state that it was a forced sale for which I was never ready," the chargesheet said about the painting Kapoor allegedly bought from Priyanka.

Milind Deora had made several visits to his (Rana Kapoor's) house and office to persuade him for purchasing an MF Husain painting from Priyanka, it said. "He had even made me several calls and messages also in this regard from multiple mobile numbers. In fact, I was very much reluctant to go for this deal and I had tried also to avoid this deal several times by ignoring his calls/messages and personal meetings," Kapoor told the ED, as per the chargesheet.

"Despite my best efforts to avoid this deal they were exceptionally persistent to finalise the deal rapidly," Kapoor claimed, adding, "...I could not afford to invite any form of enmity with the two powerful families involved and thus I had to hesitatingly proceed given the looming and overhanging threat involved."

Kapoor told the ED that formalities for closing the deal were held at Priyanka's office, the chargesheet says.

"Milind Deora had actively coordinated this final closing meeting. I wish to state that for this deal, I had made a payment of Rs 2 crore through a cheque of my personal account in HSBC Bank," he added.

HC admits Goa govt appeal against Tejpal

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI. APRIL 23

acquittal

Goa on Saturday granted the Goa government leave to appeal against the acquittal of Tarun Tejpal, former editor of Tehelka,

in a 2013 rape case. Rejecting the preliminary objections raised by Tejpal's counsel, Amit Desai, about the maintainability of the state government's application seeking leave to appeal against his acquittal, Justices MS Sonak and R N Laddha said, "...We believe that deeper scrutiny and reappreciation may be necessary of the evidence of the Respondent's (Tejpal's) SMS, Whatsapp, and email messages sent to the vic-

KERALA CPM WORKER'S MURDER

'Suicide bombers spoke Pashto'; Wanted RSS leader held from near CM's house in Pinarayi, row erupts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

A POLITICAL row has erupted over the arrest of a fugitive RSS ideologue, wanted for the February murder of a CPM worker, from a house near Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's residence at Pinarayi in Kannur.

Police on Friday had arrested Parakkandi Nijil Das, 38, one of the accused in the murder of CPM worker Punnol Haridas in Kannur in February this year. from an uninhabited house barely 200 metres from Vijayan's residence - an area that is well guarded by the police.

The house where Das reportedly stayed for nearly a week before his arrest belonged to a couple – school teacher PM Reshma and Prasanth who works in the Gulf — said to be the supporters of the CPM.

Reshma, 42, was also arrested

for providing shelter to the accused and granted bail by a local secretary MV Jayarajan told the court in Thalassery on Saturday, media that the party has no links while Das was sent to judicial custody

Soon after the arrest of Das on Friday night, unidentified people attacked the house of the couple with crude bombs and ransacked the furniture. State Congress president K

Sudhakaran said CPM should explain "why an RSS leader, wanted in a murder case, sought refuge at Pinarayi". "It points to a conspiracy between RSS and CPM. The school teacher, Reshma. comes from a CPM-sympathiser family. After her arrest, the house was attacked. Who else other than CPM men would dare to hurl bombs at Pinarayi village which is party's stronghold. How can a murder accused stay so close to Vijayan's house," said Sudhakaran.

CPM leaders at Pinarayi admitted that Reshma and Prasanth were party sympathishave found that the teacher was constantly in touch with the RSS leader over the phone. The couple are BJP followers. Reshma was providing food to Das," said Jayarajan. Reshma's father Rajan, however, told the media that they have traditionally been CPM

with the couple, "There is some

mystery behind the RSS leader

finding a refuge in Pinarayi. Police

sympathisers and never sided with the BIP on any issue. "We are all with the CPM. My daughter has no links with the arrested RSS worker. His (Das's)wife is our family friend. The house was given for his stay

volved in a crime," Rajan said. After Reshma's arrest, pro-CPM groups on the social media have started a slanderous campaign against her, who teaches at Amrita Vidyalaya in Thalassery.

without knowing that he was in-

tim. This examination is essential for several reasons that need not be elaborated." The high court also said some

of the inferences drawn by the trial court that acquitted Tejpal needed to be revisited.

POLICE SUB-INSPECTORS' RECRUITMENT EXAM

Karnataka: Cong releases audio raising doubts about test

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, APRIL 23

EVEN AS the Karnataka CID's inquiry into the police sub-inspector recruitment scam is underway, a new audio clip has surfaced raising suspicions about

Releasing the audio clip at a press conference, Congress MLA Priyank Kharge said on Saturday, "With the audio evidence, it seems that even the PSI exam, which was supposed to be held (in February), to fill 402 posts was also on the verge of being compromised," he said.

The money reaches the high

officials of the government and politicians. Without their involvement, such a huge fraud cannot be committed," Kharge said, adding that those arrested in the scam were small fish but the kingpin was yet to be caught. At least 300 aspirants were involved in rigging the exam held to recruit 545 police sub-inspectors in October 2021, he alleged. After Kharge's press meet, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in Bengaluru, "The investigation would consider any material that is related to the case. It contains a conversation between two persons. Who are they? What is their credibility? All these will be known when probed," he said.

Checking executive, legislative excesses courts' constitutional responsibility: CJI

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CHIEF JUSTICE of India N V Ramana said on Saturday that the judiciary is vested with immense constitutional responsibility of maintaining the rule of law and checking executive and legislative excesses. He was speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony for a nine-storey administrative block of the Madras High

Court in Chennai. CJI Ramana who completed one year in office Saturday said the Supreme Court Collegium headed by him had made 180 recommendations for High Court judges in the last one year of which 126 appointments were made while 54 are still pending with the government. He said that "from day one, it has been my endeavour to fill judicial vacancies" and that "as on today, out of 1,104 sanctioned posts of High Court judges, there are

388 vacancies". CJI Ramana recalled that during his tenure, he has been highlighting various issues affecting the country's legal system and added that "the biggest issue affecting all institutions nowadays. including the judiciary, is ensuring sustained faith in the eyes of the public". "We have the duty of upholding and enforcing the constitu-

tional values. It is no doubt a heavy burden. But it is one that we have gladly chosen on the day we took our constitutional oath. This is the reason why strengthening judicial institutions has been my top priority,"

CJI N V Ramana

The CJI pointed out that though "conflicts are inevitable for any society...constructive resolution of conflict is integral to maintain the social order".

"Constructive conflict resolution is not a mere technical job. Particularly in a country like India, judges cannot blindly apply the rules, procedures and statutes. After all, conflicts have a human face. We are constantly aware about our duty to render justice, not merely procedural, but also substantial," he added.

Pointing out that the world is moving fast, he cautioned that "real justice will" however "be a casualty if we strive for instant

A strong proponent of the

New Delhi

Indianisation of the justice delivery system, CJI Ramana said this was needed to reach out to the people and fulfil their justice needs. Elaborating, he said that by Indianisation, I mean moulding the Indian judicial system for the benefit of the Indian populace. It is a multidimensional concept. It calls for inclusivity, providing access to people to participate in the proceedings, removal of language barrier, reforms in practice and procedure, filling up of vacancies, augmenting the strength of judiciary and "There are certain barriers

that have prevented local languages from being adopted in proceedings before the High Courts. With innovation in science and technology, and advancements such as artificial intelligence, some of the issues associated with introduction of local languages in High Courts may be solved in the near future," he said.

12 SUNDAY STORY

Football's own country

What happens when Santosh Trophy comes to a football-crazed town in a football-crazed state? Life hits a pause, little 'Ronaldo' and 'Messi' accompany their grandfather to the stadium, and the beautiful game goes on long after the match ends. SANDIP G watches from the bleachers



IGHTY MINUTES into a scruffy encounter between Kerala and West Bengal at Manjeri's Payyanad stadium, amidst a billowing mass of humanity, the fans have not stopped chanting and the bands have not stopped playing. Seized by a ceaseless flow of energy, the chants become louder and the beats become thunderous as hosts Kerala search frantically for a deadlock-breaking goal in the Santosh Trophy game on a soggy outfield, where the players slipped and stumbled.

The self-designated conductor of the band is Bhaskar ettan (elder brother), a spry man in his late fifties in a Castro hat, the ends of his long hair hugging the shoulders. He has elastic wrists that he contorts to his will. Bhaskar ettan used to play the drums for a circus group. "When the elephants played cricket and leopards leapt around," he says, bursting into peals of laughter. He wanted to be a footballer, but now satisfies himself playing drums on the football field around Malappuram, the most football-mad district of the football-mad state.

There are other musicians in the 25,000strong crowd that has converged to the suburb in Manjeri from distant corners of Kerala's Malappuram district (from Ponnani and of the district (Thrissur and Kozhikode), with banners and crackers, whistles and drums, passion and fervour. The stadium is not con-

just for this occasion, a couple of state transport buses have been arranged to ferry people from the neighbouring town of Perinthalmanna.

nected by bus, but

The stretch has no human settlement. There are no buildings or tea stalls, not even a streetlight. only trees and canopies as far as the eyes go. But on match days, it turns into a shrine for football pilgrims of all agegroups.

bunch of teenagers, some in brand-new football jerseys, are here with the drums and clarinets they stole from

the school band. A local party member had snuck out of an important meeting, lying that he had tested positive for the coronavirus the face mask is his weapon of disguise. Majeed, a man in his late 20s, who works in Kuwait, is on leave for three weeks "to watch the tournament peacefully" with his friends - he lied to his boss that his mother was sick.

When football fever grips, everything else pales. "How can I focus on my work when my hometown is hosting a football match? If you lose a job, you will find another; but if you miss a game, you can never recreate that experience," Majeed reasons.

All these sacrifices are for the Santosh Trophy, a tournament that lost its grandeur and glamour long ago — a national tournament that faces an existential pang. Forget the country's best footballers, even the second best hardly appear for Santosh Trophy, even if they are not tied by club duty. But it never fails to fascinate the audience in Kerala. To them, it sits alongside the European league competitions, the Champions League, the World Cup and Euros, and now the Indian Super League (ISL) in fervour. Most of the 25,000 seats for the Kerala versus Bengal game were sold out days in advance, most in the audience have purchased season tickets. Even those matches that don't feature the home

side are reasonably well-attended. In a sense, the fans here are football citi-

zens of the world. Their worlds jostle between Brazil and Argentina, Real Madrid and Barcelona, Kerala Blasters and Gokulam FC, Manchester United and Liverpool. The heroes that adorn their walls range from Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi to Sunil Chhetri and Abdul Sahal Samad, the brightest contemporary footballing talent from Kerala. More than those of politicians and actors, it's the faces of Ronaldo and Messi that peer at you from the shops, T-shirts, and even sling bags. Textile shops have an enormous collection of jerseys not just of the elite players of the elite clubs, but even those of players from little-known European clubs such as Watford and Osasuna.

No Santosh Trophy match strikes a bigger emotional chord than those between Kerala and West Bengal, two erstwhile powerhouses, two cultures that sentimentally cling onto the glory days of football when they competed in churning out the best players for the country. Bengal has the bragging rights — they have won the trophy a record 32 times; Kerala has triumphed just six times.

Back on the field, the moment the crowd has been waiting for finally arrives. Local boy P N Noufal slips the ball past the onrushing goalkeeper to the bottom-right corner, sendthe air all night. They let a roar so loud that it would have been heard as far as the Unity Hills, a tourist haunt that's some 10 km from

A LETTER FROM

MANJERI, KERALA

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MALAPPURAM

ARABIAN SEA

Thiruvananthapuram

Payyanad.

Bhaskarettan begins to pound his drums with the frenzy of a temple oracle, but his beats get drowned in the percussion of 25,000 pairs of clapping hands. Plumes of yellow and grey flares smokefrom grenades wrap the stands. The banners wave like mainsails in a storm. Policemen rush to the iron barricades to prevent a few potential pitch invaders. And then, the crowd sings that tweaked version of a staple political slogan loop: "Vanganaatile

vankanmare, thotta charithram njangakilla!" Literally translated: "Listen, the fools of Bengal, we don't have a

history of losing."

The scoreline: 2-0. For the next hour, from the last goal to the moment the team bus leaves, the celebrations go on — dancing, chanting, singing, picking souvenirs, clicking selfies in the backdrop of the gallery that's painted green and yellow, and thronging the team bus as it leaves. The stadium, in the wilderness of columns of teak, rubber and mahogany, is now an island of joy

- an independent, football-obsessed planet. "It's the night to celebrate," shouts

Bhaskarettan, giving his drums a loud thud. It's not different from what Brazil's greatest playwright Nelson Rodrigues wrote about the country's fixation with football. "Abroad, when you want to learn about people, you examine their fiction. In Brazil, football plays the role of fiction.'

Rodrigues's Brazil might as well have been Manjeri or Malappuram.

Minutes before the match began, as dusk descends over the Payyanad Stadium, Mujeeb, in his 20s, and his friends begin their search for a quiet corner where they can offer the evening prayers. They find a verandah in the adjoining building, where they spread the mat. The sta-







(C'wise from left) Salam Haji with his grandchildren "Ronaldo kuttan" and "Messi mon"; Local boy P N Noufal celebrates after scoring a goal; Over 25,000 people came to the suburb in Manjeri for the match. Sandip G/Kerala Football Association

dium falls silent, as the muezzin calls for the Maghrib from the Pandulur Masjid.

Prayers offered, Mujeeb, a kerchief wrapped over his head, and his friends, rush back to their seats. The Kerala team has just begun to practise and he can't hide his excitement. "Look at the pony-tailed left-back Saheef, he is quite fast... Captain Jijo Joseph has a killer

In his enthusiasm, he has forgotten to break the fast. A friend reminds him and he opens a shiny polythene bag filled with local delicacies onion samoosas (not samosa), stuffed pathiri, dates and almonds. He distributes some to those sitting around him. So do many others in the stadium as the galleries, for a few minutes, host a full-scale iftar party.

Both football and faith are integral to the locals. There are as many football grounds as mosques and temples in Malappuram – from

grass-turfs to asphalt ones, from concrete to cobblestone, from sand to mud grounds.

Mujeeb adds: "We play football even inside our house. The moment we see a piece of land, the first thought is, can we play here?"

Mujeeb is from Mampad, the seven-aside or Sevens football hub of Kerala, some 30 km from Manjeri. Sevens are Kerala's version of Brazil's pelada, though without much rule-tweaks. Sevens was once much-maligned by the puritans of the conventional 11-a-side brand. But now, with Sevens becoming a supply chain to the state side, after the emergence of Anas Edathodika, Ashique Kuruniyan, Mohammad Rafi and C K Vineeth, it has shed its stigma.

For Mujeeb, it does not matter whether they are playing five-, seven- or eleven-a-side. "I pray five times a day and I used to play football almost as many times a day," he says. The routine has been drilled into his mind since he was a child. "You play in the morning, then go to school, come back, then play again till the evening prayers, and then play for half an hour more," he says, ruing that the government job he does in his village in Edappal has eaten into his football-playing hours.

Many of the Sevens players play out of passion. Only those in the top teams earn a sustainable income. Their teams comprise mostly Sudanis — the catch-all term for all Africans that's without any pejorative undertones — who are the most sought-after stock

in the Sevens league. "Football is a slice of our lives," says Salam Haji, fondly called Hajikka (elder brother Haji). He is accompanied by two of his grandchildren to the stadium. He introduces the elder one as "Ronaldo kuttan" and the other as "Messi mon" (kuttan and mon are terms of endearment re-

served for little boys). Hajikka wanted to name one of his four sons Zico, after the Brazilian great, but his wife would have none of that.

A football tragic who boarded a train to Madgaon in Goa for the ISL final between Kerala Blasters and FC Hyderabad and lingered on though he did not manage a ticket for the game, Hajikka says he teaches his grandchildren verses from the holy Quran as well as the rules of the game. "Both sports and religion play an important role in our lives. Here, parents don't stop children from going to two places — the mosque and the grounds," he says.

He then strikes a moralistic position: "It's better to play football than to idle around eating, smoking or watching movies. It teaches you discipline and makes you strong," he says, proudly flaunting his taut biceps.

A football match is also where new friends are made and old acquaintances dusted up. Hajikka has stumbled onto a distant cousin of his, whom he last met during an I-League match of Gokulam FC at the same ground last year.

The day after the match. Manieri wakes past its glory days as the headquarters and military centre of the Kingdom of Mysore under Tipu Sultan or its significance as centre of politics during India's struggle for Independence — is still hung over from the previous night's football-induced intoxication. Some of the restaurants have skipped the breakfast hours; some of the 24-hour medical shops in the vicinity of the Manjeri Medical College stayed shut till noon. Just a handful of road-side tea vendors are open, and they complain of dull business. "The day after any match, our business is always dull. There is hardly anyone on the streets," says a

tea vendor, between wide yawns. Beside the stall, under a bright-blue shamiana, a group of teenage football fans, who were part of the 25,000-strong crowd at the Payyanad Stadium, sit reminiscing the night before — the euphoria as the ball pierced into the net and the helpless shriek of the Bengal goalkeeper who wore a pink jersey "like (Italian footballer) Gigi Buffon".

One of them had his pair of new sneakers stamped by a fellow spectator. Another is still wearing his shirt that got torn when he leapt from his seat to celebrate. Another shows a recent selfie with PN Noufal. "Noufal ikka is my friend. He is my uncle's neighbour," he says, proudly stroking his chin.

They recall how the Kerala coach knelt onto the turf and kissed it after the team's win, their futile attempt to leap over the barricades that were fastened to each other with ropes that resembled pythons, the pride they felt when the Kerala players waved and applauded them for their ceaseless support. They also speak about the countless goal-scoring chances the home side's strikers fluffed, the referee who they felt was a "moyanthan (stupid)".

The group is so ecstatic that they decide to bunk their tuition class and head to an abandoned piece of land behind the Manjeri Medical College for a game of football. The seven of them divide themselves into two groups — three on one side and four on the other. How will that work? "Come here after 10 minutes. There will be more than 11 players in a team," says one of them.

Sure enough, barely five minutes later, the ground is filled with teenagers running and spinning, passing and dribbling. Some play in sneakers or trainers, others barefoot; some in shorts, others in jeans and lungi.

Not far away, on a street barely wide enough for a car to pass, under dangling overhead wires, a bunch of adolescents are running behind a ball. They bump into kerbs and walls and into each other. Somewhere in the distance, you can hear the pounding of Bhaskar ettan's drums.

Across **THE AISLE**



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There were 6,64,369 villages in India in 2019. Assuming that 20% of these were too

remote and therefore not affected by the pandemic, that leaves over 5,00,000 villages. Even if, two persons in every village had died due to Covid (a gross underestimate), that will out deaths at 10,00,000. Add the number who had

died in towns, cities, we will

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Counting death, poverty and taxes

IN NORMAL life, we keep a count of time; we count money; we count games, runs and goals; we count successes and failures; we count votes and seats, and so on.

There is no shame in counting accurately – except, it seems, in counting the dead. The coronavirus pandemic caused death every where. How many died because they were infected could be known accurately only if every sick person had been traced, tested and treated when alive or the body had been subjected to a post-mortem. That was possible in countries with a relatively small population or with advanced healthcare facilities. India in 2020 did not have either advantage.

How Many Deaths?

Owing to the virus, people died all over India. Most certainly, not all of them were diagnosed or treated; and not all of them died in hospitals. We found that bodies were thrown into rivers or dumped on river banks. The bottom line was that there was no accurate count of the dead. Everybody accepted that fact - except the government which maintains that the number of persons who had died owing to the virus (as on the morning of April 22, 2022) was 5,22,065.

Study after study has debunked that number. The first expose was done in Gujarat. By collating the number of death certificates issued by government authorities, a newspaper proved that more people had died in the pandemic year(s) than in the pre-pandemic years and the difference could be attributed only to the virus. The 'difference' was larger than the official number of pandemic-related deaths. When the exercise was done in municipalities in other states - by comparing the number of death certificates or number of cremations — it was proved again and again that more people had died due to the pandemic than the government was willing to admit.

SCIENCE AND COMMONSENSE

At this point, science stepped in. In a study published in January 2022 in Science, it was estimated that the number of pandemic-related deaths in India was over 30,00,000. A second study published in April in Lancet estimated the number as 40,00,000. A third, year-long study sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO), yet unpublished, has also put the number at 40,00,000. (Globally, the number was estimated to be 90.00.000.

If the number of pandemic-related deaths was between 30,00,000 and 40,00,000, the government of India can be accused of failure on a number of grounds. Despite six years at the Centre, and for many more years in the states, the BJP governments failed to invest adequately in healthcare. Despite early warnings, the government was totally unprepared to face the health disaster. Its decisions on banning travel, lockdown, creating temporary healthcare facilities, placing orders for the vaccines, etc. were hopelessly delayed.

Be that as it may, what is alarming is the unwillingness of the government to admit that the true number of pandemic-related deaths is 6-8 times more than the official number. Instead, the government is picking holes in the studies. The Ministry of Health has objected to the 'methodology' adopted by the WHO study that involved experts from around the world!

Leave the methodology aside, let's go by common sense. There were 6,64,369 villages in India in 2019. Assuming that 20 per cent of these villages were too remote and therefore not affected by the pandemic (a wrong assumption), that leaves over 5,00,000 villages. Even if, on average, two persons in every village had died due to the virus (a gross underestimate), that will make the number 10.00,000. Add the number who had died in towns and cities (urban population is 35 per cent), we will arrive at a total of 15,00,000.

POVERTY AND TAXES

Another count has also kicked up a controversy, though the government is pleased with the outcome. A working paper of the World Bank said that extreme poverty in India declined by 12.3 per cent from 22.5 per cent (2011) to 10.2 per cent (2019), with rural areas showing a better result (decline of 14.7 per cent). I agree that poverty has declined, but there are many caveats. Firstly, the study stops in 2019 and does not take into account the devastation caused by the pandemic. Secondly, all the indicators since March 2020 have pointed downward and Azim Premji University has estimated that 23 crore people were, since 2020, pushed into poverty. Hence, the presumed gains made until 2019 have been wiped out. Thirdly, the negatives have not yet been overcome: the bulk of the lost jobs have not come back, the increase in household debt has not been reversed and

new job opportunities are still scarce. Yet another count is controversial. In Washington, the Finance Minister claimed that "Our revenue to rescue the economy was not going to come from taxing people. No 'COVID tax' was levied on anybody". That's a tall claim, considering that the Central government had collected during 2020-21 and 2021-22 through fuel taxes alone Rs 8,16,126 crore and through other contributions to the exchequer from oil companies (thanks to super profits) Rs 72,531 crore.

There is no shame in admitting that Covid deaths are understated, the reduction in poverty is overstated and crippling taxation is not stated at all.



USEFUL FALL GUY

WHEN PRIYANKA Gandhi Vadra first suggested Prashant Kishor's name as the right man to lead the Congress poll campaigns, there was general resistance. Even close lieutenants of Rahul Gandhi were opposed as it would clip their wings. But with Sonia Gandhi personally meeting Kishor and listening to his presentation of how to handle the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the Gandhi family seems to have come around. For the Gandhis, Kishor would serve as a convenient fall guy should the party fail yet again at the hustings. The blame will shift from Rahul to Kishor. Of course, any victory will still be ascribed to the Gandhis' magnetism. A sticky point of difference between Kishor and the Congress remains as to how the partnership should be worked out. Kishor wants to focus only on the 2024 general election, liaising also with other Opposition parties, many of which have been his clients. The Congress feels he should first test his mettle by handling the difficult Gujarat Assembly elections due later this year. In fact, the Gujarat Congress leadership is still sitting idle, expecting Kishor to chalk out a plan.

DOUBTFUL LOYALTY

But nothing is ever certain in the Congress. And party persons are already questioning just whose side Kishor is on. For instance, this week he congratulated Ripun Bora who quit the Congress to join the TMC in Assam, a move seen as exposing his divided loyalties. The buzz in the party is that when a senior Congress leader in a conversation with Kishor sought to compare his proposed role to that of the late Ahmed Patel, Kishor protested that Patel was a party minion while he saw himself as a stake holder. Kishor's game plan for the Congress suggests he personally work out the seat-sharing numbers in states like Telangana, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand in 2024, a move acceptable neither to the regional parties nor to the Congress.

FITTING THE BILL

Vinay Mohan Kwatra was a surprise choice as Foreign Secretary. The low-profile Kwatra was posted in Nepal, a relative backwater in the pecking order of ambas-

sadorial postings, and did not graduate from snobby St Stephen's College, the preferred alma mater of our foreign secretaries. Actually, Kwatra's qualifications suited the Prime Minister perfectly. After the 2014 polls, when Modi was new to the job, Kwatra as joint secretary had volunteered to act as Modi's interpreter and his foreign policy background helped smoothen the flow of discussions with foreign heads of state. Kwatra's strength is his fluency in Hindi, unlike many senior IFS officers who speak several foreign languages but falter in the use of Hindi. Modi is comfortable with Kwatra as he has served in the PMO. As India's ambassador in Paris, he played a key role in the finalisation of the Rafael fighter jet deal. Kwatra was later posted to Nepal in 2020 because someone reliable was needed to stabilise what was then a shaky relationship with the neighbour.

EYEING NEW PATEL

During the last Assembly election, the young fiery Hardik Patel was the hero of the Patel agitation and Rahul Gandhi wooed him aggressively. Despite objections of old-time Congresspersons, he was later even appointed working president of the state unit. But Hardik, despite his impressive title, grumbles publicly that he has no say whatsoever in running the party. The Congress now has little use for Hardik and is instead keen to enlist Naresh Patel, who heads the Khodaldham complex near Rajkot, as its point person for the Patels. Naresh's advantage is that he is a Leuva Patel, the dominant faction, while Hardik is a Kadva Patel. More importantly, Hardik like Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and Anandiben Patel is from North Gujarat. (In fact Modi, Shah and Anandiben's home bases are in a 70-kilometre radius in the Gandhinagar-Mehsana belt). Since in the last 21 years no one from south and central Gujarat or Saurashtra has wielded real power in the state, Naresh's biggest plus point is that he is from Saurashtra.

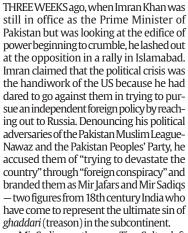
NOT MEDIA FRIENDLY

Most Punjab chief ministers had one thing in common: they all preferred to run the government from home rather that the Civil Secretariat. The new CM, Bhagwant Mann, is no exception. Even Mann's videos are made from home. Initially a studio was set up for him at his secretariat office, but after the contents of the first video were leaked, a studio was organised at his residence. The AAP government is following the example of BJP governments in keeping the media at bay. Unlike the glasnost during Congress regimes, AAP's ministers in Punjab are reluctant to speak to the media.

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Of traitors & Mir Jafars and some uneasy truths

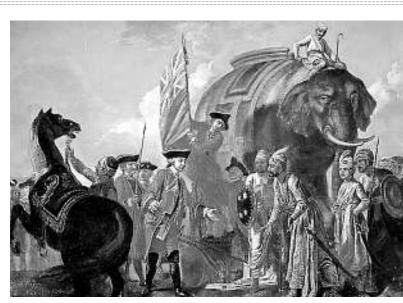


Mir Sadiq was the man Tipu Sultan left in charge of Sreerangapattanam fortress when he went for his last battle. Unknown to him, the British had already crossed Mir Sadiq's palm with silver — so when Tipu, battle-scarred and exhausted, needed to beat a tactical retreat, he found the doors of the fortress barred. Unable to retreat, Tipu kept on fighting till he breathed his last in a rare example of valour against the British on the battlefield. In trying to convey the impression that he was fighting as valiantly as Tipu, Imran was somewhat inaccurate in comparing his adversaries to Mir Sadiq, because unlike Tipu, he was not really let down by someone he had placed his trust in.

The other allusion, to Mir Jafar, has more resonance in subcontinental memory and is more frequently resorted to — albeit in most cases somewhat incorrectly

Syed Mir Muhammad Jafar Ali Khan Bahadur was a Mughal warrior aristocrat in the Subah of Bengal, who, during the days of Nawab Alivardi Khan, rose as high as the Subehdar of Orissa before temporarily falling from grace for his failure to stem the Maratha raids. He was later rehabilitated, and when Alivardi was succeeded by his grandson Siraj al-Daulah, Mir Jafar was given a high military rank befitting his status, being a nephew of one of the wives of Murshid Quli Khan, the architect of the de

facto independent Subah of Bengal. In the nationalist lore, Siraj al-Daulah was the brave Nawab who dared to confront the increasingly ambitious and unscrupulous East India Company in mid-18th century. He even threw the Company out of its base in the burgeoning township of Calcutta because they dared not defer to his authority over the Subah of Bengal. The Company fought back, wrested Calcutta,



Robert Clive, who led the Company troops, meeting Mir Jafar after Plassey. Oil on canvas by Francis Hayman. Wikipedia Commons

and conspired to oust Siraj after defeating

From all accounts, Siraj was doing well in the battle before Mir Jafar advised him a retreat instead of pressing home the advantage, and that he advised him so because he was a part of a conspiracy to topple Siraj, and had been promised the gaddi of Bengal.

Ever since, Mir Jafar has been considered the personification of betrayal, with $out\,which-it\,is\,argued-British\,conquest$ of the Indian subcontinent may never have really begun. By invoking this particular trope of ghaddari, Imran was invoking not only the nationalist ire against the infamous "foreign hand" that has dogged the postcolonial political imagination of the subcontinent, he was also invoking the trope of a Muslim ruler being let down by ghaddars (who happened to be Muslims) in his struggle against non-Muslim foreign powers.

Of course, the nationalist lore never really bothered to explain why the British would want to commit their resources in a military adventure even as they had just embarked on the Seven Years War (1756-63). A large segment of people who have since studied the history of British India tend to turn the nationalist lore on its head. In their reckoning, Siraj was a tempestuous personality well set to become a tyrant, whom neither the bulk of Muslim aristocracy of Subah Bengal, nor the overwhelmingly Hindu banking fraternity (led by were unable to oust Siraj by means of any palace coups, hence a conspiracy to topple Siraj was hatched in the Murshidabad court.

Upon the Company's successful recapture of Calcutta from Siraj, the conspirators of Murshidabad decided to use the Company troops as guns-for-hire. The understanding was Mir Jafar was to replace Siraj, and the officials of the Company were to be rewarded with an unfettered access to the fabled Murshidabad treasury. So Sira may not really have been victim of a grand "sell-out" to a foreign adversary, but a petulant tyrannical ruler who was overthrown by the political class of his own polity.

That Mir Jafar was himself ousted in 1760 when he tried to stand up to the British had not been originally factored into the conspiracy — an inconvenient detail that

the nationalist lore conveniently overlooks. Mir Jafar, in other words, has historically been the victim of bad press. What he had actually tried to do was pretty routine in politics (yes, even in the 21st century), and, historically speaking, the charge of ghaddan does not really stick. Nearly the same is true of those whom Imran charges with being like Mir Jafar and Mir Sadiq.

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Bulldozing to instill terror

LAST WEEK, I said that the real victims of the bulldozers in Khargone were the rule of law and the Indian Constitution. Sadly, this has happened again. This time in a Delhi slum. It has also become clear that there is nothing random about where the bulldozers go. There is a pattern. So, the homes and businesses smashed to smithereens in Delhi were in a Muslim area from which stones were thrown at a Hindu religious procession. The BJP chose its most aggressive spokesmen to defend this policy on primetime. "Who are these secularist lawyers who manage to get to the Supreme Court so quickly?" screeched one particularly belligerent spokesman before asking "why is it always Azhar and Ahmed that violate the law and not Arjun or Ajay". To name this spokesman would be to dignify the hate and venom he spewed. Suffice it to say that he is virtually the TV face of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Meanwhile, in the Supreme Court, the Solicitor General of India, Tushar Mehta, had this to say. "It is an ongoing demolition drive... No one can point a finger that a particular encroachment was removed just because the encroacher belonged to a particular community or participated in the communal riots." To say that it was just a coincidence that bulldozers turned up at the exact spot where the Hindu procession was attacked is disingenuous. But personally, I have been disappointed more with what Opposition political leaders have said. Those who hotfooted it down to this neglected, relatively obscure slum concentrated on making the point that it was Muslim homes and businesses targeted. Not true. Among the saddest images from this bulldozer attack was of a small Hindu boy picking through the debris of his father's juice shop to retrieve what little he could. The other was of a Bihari Hindu paanwala weeping over the wreckage of the frail handcart from which he sold his ware.

The bulldozers did not distinguish between Hindus and Muslims, nor did they distinguish between legal and illegal structures. There are clear rules that must be followed before demolition squads arrive, and these were not followed in Delhi, just as they were not followed in Khargone the week before. The message that the bulldozers hammer home is that the Indian State is prepared to disrespect the rule of law to instill fear and obedience. If the rules of the jungle are needed to silence those who oppose the might of the State, then so be it.

What sickened me most about the events of last week was the support that the demolition squads got from major TV anchors. One famous anchor tweeted jokingly about how there could soon be a shortage of bulldozers in the country. And another famous lady anchor declared in a panel discussion before a live audience that people should be careful not to defy the might of the State. These ladies showed a lack of empathy and servility that prove that the Indian media is now truly worthy of being called 'godi media'.

If there was one pillar of democracy that stood tall, it was the Supreme Court. It has stopped the bulldozers for 15 days to examine what really happened and whether rules were broken. And it has said clearly that it will take very seriously any instances of the bulldozers continuing with their bulldozing after it issued orders to stop. Municipal officials in charge of the demolition squads did continue their activities in defiance of the Supreme Court until Brinda Karat, whom I am proud to have known from school, physically stood in front of a bulldozer with the order in her hand. As the heroine of the day when she was later interviewed on television, she said that what was truly distressing was that the victims of the bulldozers were among our poorest citizens.

This was something that disturbed me too, because it brought back horrific memories of Sanjay Gandhi's 'beautification drive' during the Emergency. The poorest of Delhi's citizens had their sad little homes bulldozed that time as well and they were 'resettled' across the Yamuna. They were thrown on to a wasteland on which tiny plots were marked out in chalk to indicate where they should build their new homes. The result was that slums like Jahangirpuri came into existence. Somehow, the resettled people managed to survive and even thrive despite not being given any of the utilities that municipalities provide, like water, electricity, and garbage collection.

Instead of slums on this side of the river, India's Capital now has slums on the other side of the river where visiting prime ministers and presidents do not go. They stop as Boris Johnson did in Rajghat. Speaking of Boris, did nobody warn him that posing for pictures on a bulldozer was very bad timing? What does it matter, though, since the people whose homes and businesses have been bulldozed have no time to worry about visiting dignitaries.

What does matter to them is what the Supreme Court will decide. We must hope that it declares in the clearest possible terms that when the officers of the State start to violate the rule of law, they lose the right to uphold it. The Supreme Court cannot show weakness, or in India we could be in serious danger of having blindfolded Lady Justice replaced with a new symbol. The bulldozer.

HATE NEEDS loud slogans, blaring songs and increasingly a bulldozer. Love needs no language

It is perhaps due to this that it is easy to overlook love. Swamped by puny men with their bulging neck veins, desperately seeking valour and validation in roughing up harmless adversaries, it's easy for us to forget that most people, every day, choose an act of love over one of hate, an act of tolerance over malice, an act of accommodation over exclusion.

I come away full of this hope and music from a recent wedding involving two people from different corners of the world, coming together in a third, smaller part, that seems by every definition far re-

Giving love a chance

moved from its cosmopolitan counterparts. But here, where the increasingly vicious battlelines of I&K are drawn and redrawn every day, different cultures rushed towards each other, mixing, swirling, rising and bursting forth in a profusion of senses — of smells, tastes and sights — that for those two days made every kind of integration possible

Hearts were full there, and hearts were open and big. For a bride who could switch from sindoor to dancing shoes, touching feet to swigging wine. For a groom who could leave curly long hair uncut, sport tattoos and piercings, and declare his love in song. For friends and family who spoke at least four languages between them – rendered in four times four accents - but moved in one beat to

Bollywood's evergreen band and baaia. And yet, even here in the background, a TV set beamed images of mobs clashing in Jahangirpuri in the national Capital next to where people tucked into paranthas to pancakes, idlis to sausages, in that cornucopia of a hotel buffet. The assembled guests, who had skirted the issue just hours earlier of two religions seamlessly exchanging vows in front of the "holy" fire, turned their eyes away or vented anger at "those" people who were behind all the violence.

In the hypocrisy of that scene, the food bathed in the warmth of an evening well spent, untouched by any veg, non-veg wars, moved a hijab-wearing restaurant staff. She seemed unfazed with multiple demands of the excited guests, not looking at the TV, but not looking away either from the wariness with which we caught each other's eve. What if she asked then which kind of inter-faith love had social

sanction, and which could not be condoned, I wondered.

But I also could not ignore in the other faces around, across four and more generations, the distance travelled so far already, if not with a leap then with small steps. From the time that the women of the house could not show their faces to "other men". The veil then shrunk to a head covering, to next a stole flung casually over the chest, to one that could go on and off as per convenience, to sharing the dance floor with one's in-laws. The lines shifted because love is, above

all, generous. The lines shifted so as to expand the boundaries especially of women's lives. One afternoon at the wedding, we had around us potential aspirants in everything from the Army to fashion, business to robotics, literature to software, every

step taken by them setting them forth from their homes, north to south, east to west. There were no glass ceilings here only ones that could mirror their hopes.

Many of the paths being forged that afternoon would take these girls to where it all began, with love. For, is not every grisly re-enactment of "love jihad" an affirmation that love always finds a way, cities to villages, colleges to fields, mobiles to postcards. No matter what manly name the latest Sena gives itself as it fights all of two people on the other side.

And when it's the turn of these girls to stand on that side — add the numbers. house to house, city to city, village to village, college to college — the Senas might find themselves, well, bulldozed.

National Editor Shalini Langer curates the 'She Said' column

Houston: Oil slid nearly 5% for the week on Friday, as weaker global growth prospects, higher interest rates and Covid curbs in China hurt demand, even as the EU weighs a ban on Russian oil. Brent settled down at \$106.65 and US WTI crude at \$102.07. REUTERS

'NEED TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO LANKA'

FM to World Bank:

Rescue countries

facing debt stress

SECTOR WATCH BANKING

Capex push, rising inflation fuel credit offtake growth to over two-year high

GEORGE MATHEW & SANDEEPSINGH MUMBAI, APRIL 23

AFTER ALMOST two-and-ahalf years, credit growth in the banking sector hit double digits with offtake by borrowers rising by 11.2 per cent year-onyear(y-o-y)as on April 8, 2022, riding on the back of a big capital expenditure (capex) plan by the government and corporates, and demand for working capital requirement.

Among other factors, a senior banking official said, "Rising inflation has led to enhanced working capital requirements across various sectors leading to a jump in credit growth." With the Covid-19 pandemic hitting the economy, credit growth had dipped to 5.3 per cent in the same period of last year, according to latest Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data.

In absolute numbers, credit offtake more than doubled by Rs 12.03 lakh crore in the 12-month period ended April 8 as against Rs 5.50 lakh crore a year ago. Total credit outstanding was Rs 119.88 lakh crore as on April 8, the RBI data shows

Growth in bank credit was 14.5 per cent y-o-y during the fortnight ended March 15, 2019. Credit growth had since then declined and fallen below the 10-per cent level in October 2019.

The fortnight ended April 8 witnessed credit offtake of Rs 96,708 crore. Normally, the last fortnight of the financial vear shows substantial rise in growth as banks release the credit in the last few weeks of the fiscal, said a senior banker.

Further, the central bank's decision to keep the key policy rate - repo rate - at 4 per cent is expected to boost the lending activity. "Investment activity may gain traction with improving business conficontinuing support from government capex and congenial financial conditions," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said while unveiling the monetary policy last week.

State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest commercial bank, last week raised the marginal cost of funds-based lending rates (MCLR) for the first time in three years, signalling that the soft rate regime that has prevailed since 2019 may be over.

Banks expect the reporate to go up from June onwards as the Reserve Bank seeks to suck out liquidity from the system to rein in inflation.

Indicating upward pressure on interest rates, the vield on 10-year benchmark government bonds has reached 7.15 per cent, rising 24 bps in less than two weeks. On the other hand, the cost of funds is set to increase, prompting



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banks to hike lending rates.

On April 8, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee restored the policy rate corridor under the liquidity adjustment facility to the pre-pandemic width of 50 basis points (bps) by introducing the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) at 3.75 as the floor of this corridor. SDF is an additional tool employed by the RBI to absorb excess liquidity. In essence, overnight rates were hiked to 3.75 per cent.

In response to the 250-bps reduction in the policy repo rate since February 2019 when the current easing phase started - the WALRs on fresh and outstanding rupee loans had declined by 213 bps and 143 bps respectively. This cycle is now being reversed.

Industry-wise deployment of gross bank credit data for the month of February shows that while the overall credit demand from the industry rose by 6.5 per cent, the credit demand from the infrastructure segment rose by 11.5 per cent during the month.

Food processing and petroleum witnessed double digit growth. Drugs & pharmaceuticals and textiles saw credit growth of 9.9 per cent

Personal loans showed a growth of 12.3 per cent to Rs 33.06 lakh crore as of February 2022. On the other hand, outstanding deposits increased by 10.06 per cent to Rs 167.42 lakh crore as on April 8. Deposits increased by Rs 15.30 lakh crore in the last 12 months.

According to RBI data, the credit disbursement in the fortnights ended November 5, 2021 (covering Diwali, Dussehra and Navratri) amounted to Rs 1,50,278 crore, significantly higher than that in 2020, when it amounted to Rs 81,361 crore in the two fortnights covering the three fes-

tive periods. The credit disbursement this year was even higher than that in the two fortnights of 2018 and 2019 when it had amounted to Rs 1,18,050 crore and Rs 70,799 crore, respectively.s

TELECOM SECTOR REFORMS

DoT plan for foreign cos: Easing investment, spectrum bid norms

AASHISHARYAN NEW DELHI, ASPRIL 23

THE NEXT set of reforms for the telecom sector, set to be announced before the quarter ends in June, is likely to further ease the norm on allowing foreign companies to start telecom services in India. This will be over and above the 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) allowed through the automatic route, sources in know of the development said.

One of the major changes, an official said, will be allowing these foreign companies to come and start operations in India without them needing to tie up with an Indian company to bid for and retain spectrum bought in auctions.

'The (telecom) ministry is of the considered view that the current situation of only three private telecom companies, of which one

'NO CUT IN LICENCE FEE PLANNED'

■ The DoT may not go for further cut in licence fee and other statutory fees, an official said, adding that the number of telecom users in India is far more than most other geographies

is ailing under debt, is not sustainable in the long run for the health of the sector. The norms will be eased so that foreign companies can either set up shop in India or invest more in domestic firms. The relevant rules will of course have to be followed," said the official,

asking not to be named. The decision will be a part of

the next set of reforms for the telecom sector and will follow the first part of reforms announced in September 2021. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is currently working on the final aspects of the next set of telecom reforms, another official said.

"The target is to get more players in the domestic market so that there is competitive bidding for precious national resource such as spectrum," the official added.

The DoT, however, may not opt for further reduction in licence and other statutory fees, one of the officials said, adding that the number of telecom users in India is far more than most other geographies and hence a cut does not make much "economic sense".

The official added, "Right now, we have about 700 million internet users in India, and that is set to double in within the next five years. Spectrum is a national resource and it must be used judiciously to ensure optimal revenue for the government."

Last September, the Union Cabinet had approved a set of nine structural and procedural reforms to address the short-term liquidity needs as well as long-term issues of telecom companies.

Among the steps announced then, one of the major reforms was to provide a four-year moratorium on payment of all dues arising due to the Supreme Court's September 1, 2020, judgment on adjusted gross revenue (AGR).

A moratorium of four years on payment of spectrum purchased in past auctions, barring the 4G spectrum auction of 2021, had also been offered to the telcos.

Of the three private telecom players, Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel had opted for the four-year moratorium, while Reliance Jio Infocomm had refused the option.

per cent, the Coal Ministry said in

cent to 622.64 MT in FY22 from

596.24 MT in FY21, while that of

SCCL grew 28.55 per cent to 65.02

tion of captive mines has in-

creased to 89.57 MT. During FY21

it was only 69.18 MT. Total coal dis-

patch during FY'22 increased by

18.43 per cent to 818.04 MT

CIL accounts for over 80 per

Heat waves across several

parts of India, the consequent in-

crease in power demand, and

fears of a coal shortage have trig-

gered planned blackouts in many

states in the country, including

Maharashtra, WITHPTI

against 690.71 MT in FY'21.

cent of domestic coal output.

At the same time, coal produc-

MT from 50.58 MT a year ago.

CIL's output rose by 4.43 per

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with World Bank

Group President David Malpass in Washington DC. PTI

Washington: At a meeting with World Bank Group President David Malpass Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman — who is in Washington, DC to attend IMF-WB Spring Meetings 2022 – on Friday underlined the need to rescue countries facing debt stress due to the uncertainty from Covid and geo-political developments.

"On account of the pandemic and the recent geo-political developments, there is a need for the World Bank to come to the rescue of countries facing debt stress. In particular, the World Bank needs to pay special attention to Sri Lanka..." Sitharaman said, as per a Finance Ministry statement.

Meanwhile, a global shortage of food grains in the aftermath of the Ukrainian war, countries like India which have the potential to address this by exporting agricultural products, in particular cereals, are facing difficulties from the World Trade Organization (WTO), Sitharaman said. To these concerns, WTO Director General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said the organisation is looking at it very positively and hopefully it would be sorted, Sitharaman told reporters.

Later, the Finance Minister also met Boeing Defense CEO Ted Colbert and discussed opportunities for investments and growth in maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) and aircraft leasing in India. Colbert mentioned that Boeing is expanding its India operations and is committed to the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, PTI

Russia stance: 'US must understand India shouldn't be weakened

LALITK JHA WASHINGTON, APRIL 23

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman has said India is taking a "calibrated position" on matters like Russia given the geographical locational realities. emphasising that if the US wants a friend in India it should understand that the friend should not be weakened.

Sitharaman was here to attend the annual spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Interacting with a group of Indian reporters here, the Finance Minister said the bilateral relationship between India and the United States has moved forward and deepened and saw more and more windows of opportunities opening post the Ukrainian war.

During her visit, she also held a host of bilateral meetings and participated in many multilateral meetings. She interacted with several top officials of the Biden administration. PTI



'71% of polluting cos optimistic of achieving green goals'

About 7 in 10 domestic companies across 10 sectors, are confident of meeting their emission reduction goals, as per a Boston Consulting Group survey

~51% of respondents ranked pressure from stakeholders as one of their top reasons to invest in sustainability initiatives

~ 71% of respondents are confident of

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

BEATING MARKET estimates,

ICICI Bank on Saturday reported a

59.4 per cent year-on-year jump in net profit to Rs 7,018.7 crore for

the guarter ended March 2022, as

against Rs 4,402.61 crore in the

and improved asset quality boosted the bank's bottom line.

proved a dividend of Rs 5 per

share for the shareholders.

According to the private lender,

net interest income (NII) in-

creased 21 per cent from Rs 10,431

crore a year ago to Rs 12,605 crore

in Q4 of FY 2022. The net interest

margin was 4 per cent as com-

(NPAs) fell to Rs 33,919 crore (3.60

per cent of advances) as of March

Gross non-performing assets

pared to 3.84 per cent last year.

Higher net interest income

The bank's board has also ap-

same period a year ago.

MUMBAI, APRIL 23

United Nation's (COP26) Sustainable business practices

achieving goals committed at

being adopted by organisations for select reasons including brand image, growth, and pressure from investors and stakeholders

ICICI Bank Q4 net rises 59.4%;

NPAs ease, loan book expands

■● profit

A MULTITUDE of factors -

improving asset quality, fall in provisioning, rise in

interest income — led to

ICICI Bank posting a near

60% rise in Q4 net profit.

2022 as against Rs 41,373 crore

(4.96 per cent) a year ago. The

bank said recoveries and upgrades

of NPAs, excluding write-offs and

sale, rose to Rs 4,693 crore in Q4

from Rs 4,209 crore in Q3 of FY22.

fourth quarter were Rs 2,644 crore

and the provision coverage ratio

on NPAs was 79.2 per cent as of

March 31, 2022. On a standalone

basis, the bank's profit after tax

(PAT) grew by 44 per cent year-

Gross NPAs written-off in the

Factors

that drove

Survey details: Ten sectors — auto, cement, consumer goods, financial services, oil & gas, manufacturing, metals, power & utilities, professional services, and technology – and feedback Source: Boston Consulting Group/PTI

Joshi: Sufficient coal available, stock being replenished daily FY21, recording a growth of 8.55

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

COAL MINISTER Pralhad Joshi on Saturday said the country has sufficient availability of the dry fuel, with 72.50 million tonnes (MT) available at different sources and 22 MT at thermal power plants.

The minister asserted that available coal stocks will last for a month and availability is getting replenished on a daily basis with record production. Joshi said that at present 72.50 MT of coal is available at different sources of Coal India Ltd (CIL). Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL) and coal washeries among others.

According to the provisional data from the government, the total coal production last fiscal was at 777.23 MT as against 716 MT in

on-year to Rs 23,339 crore in

FY2022 from Rs 16,193 crore in the

cluding rural loans, grew by 20 per

cent year-on-year and 6 per cent

sequentially, and comprised 52.8

per cent of the total loan portfolio

as of March 2022. Including non-

fund outstanding, the retail loan

portfolio was 43.8 per cent of the

The business banking portfo-

lio grew by 43 per cent year-on-

year and 10 per cent sequentially,

and the SME business - compris-

ing borrowers with a turnover of

 $under\,Rs\,250\,crore\,-\,grew\,34\,per$

cent year-on-year and 11 per cent

wholesale banking portfolio was

contingency provision of Rs 6,425

crore, the bank held total contin-

gency provisions of Rs 7,450 crore.

10 per cent year-on-year.

Growth in the domestic

Including the Covid-19 related

sequentially at March 31, 2022.

bank's overall portfolio.

The retail loan portfolio, ex-

fiscal ended March 31, 2021.

HDFC Bank declares 1550% dividend for

shareholders

New Delhi: HDFC Bank on Saturday declared a 1550 per cent or 15.50 per share dividend to its shareholders for fiscal 2021-22.

The board at its meeting has recommended a dividend of Rs 15.50 per equity share of Re 1 (1550 per cent) out of the net profits for the year ended March 31, 2022, HDFC Bank said in a filing, adding this is subject to the approval of the shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

The record date for determining the eligibility of members entitled to receive dividend on equity shares is May 13, 2022, it said. Last Saturday, the private sec-

tor lender reported a 23 per cent jump in standalone net profit to Rs 10,055.20 crore for the March quarter, led by growth in loan demand across categories and lower provisioning as bad loans were trimmed. PTI



NITI AAYOG V-C ELECT JOINS

(From right to left) NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, with Member VK Paul and Suman Bery, who was appointed as a full-time member of the government think-tank on Saturday. Bery will take charge as the organisation's vice chairperson on May 1. via Twitter @NITIAayog

BRIEFLY —

Tata Motorshike

New Delhi: Tata Motors hiked passenger vehicle prices by an average of 1.1% to partially offset rising input costs.

Data framework

New Delhi: The Centre will release a framework within 10 days comprising the use of non-personal data for providing better service to people, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. PTI

IACC, Sebi chief

New Delhi: The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) felicitated Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and shared interest in future collaborations. ENS

AGREEMENT ON DIGITAL SERVICES ACT COMES AFTER OVER 16 HOURS OF NEGOTIATIONS

EU sets new online rules for Google, Meta to curb illegal content make sure that what is illegal of-

FOO YUN CHEE BRUSSELS, APRIL 23

ALPHABET UNIT Google, Meta and other large online platforms will have to do more to tackle illegal content or risk hefty fines under new internet rules agreed between European Union countries and EU lawmakers on

The agreement came after more than 16 hours of negotiations. The Digital Services Act (DSA) is the second prong of EU antitrust chief Margrethe Vestager's strategy to rein in Alphabet unit Google, Meta and other US tech giants.

Last month, she won backing from the 27-country bloc and lawmakers for landmark rules



EU antitrust chief Margrethe Vestager. The Digital Services Act (DSA) is the second prong of her strategy to rein in Alphabet unit Google, Meta and other US tech giants. Reuters file

called the Digital Markets Act (DMA) that could force Google, Amazon, Apple, Meta and Microsoft to change their core business practices in Europe. "We have a deal on the DSA:

The Digital Services Act will

fline is also seen and dealt with as illegal online - not as a slogan, as reality," Vestager said in a tweet lawmaker

Charanzova, who had called for such rules eight years ago, welcomed the agreement. "Google, Meta and other

large online platforms will have to act to better protect their users. Europe has made clear that they cannot act as independent digital islands," she said in a statement. In a statement, Google said:

"As the law is finalised and implemented, the details will matter. We look forward to working with policymakers to get the remaining technical details right to ensure the law works for

evervone.'

Under the DSA, the companies face fines up to 6 per cent of their global turnover for violating the rules while repeated breaches could see them banned from doing business in the EU. The new rules ban targeted

advertising aimed at children or based on sensitive data such as religion, gender, race and political opinions. Dark patterns, which are tactics that mislead people into giving personal data to companies online, will also be

Very large online platforms and online search engines will be required to take specific measures during a crisis. The move was triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the related disinformation.

New Delhi

The companies could be forced to hand over data related to their algorithms to regulators and researchers The companies also face a

yearly fee up to 0.05 per cent of worldwide annual revenue to cover the costs of monitoring their compliance. EU lawmaker Martin

Schirdewan criticised the exemption granted to mediumsized companies.

"Under pressure from the conservatives, an exception rule for medium-sized companies was integrated, this is a mistake. Due to the large number of companies that fall under this definition in the digital sector, the exception is like a loophole," he further said. The DSA will be enforced in 2024. REUTERS

Bank veteran, will take over as CEO of Aditya Birla Capital, the non-bank lender said Saturday. Mulye, who was the executive director of ICICI Bank in charge of the wholesale banking portfolio,

Mumbai: Vishakha Mulye, an ICICI

Aditya Birla

Mulye CEO

Vishakha

Capital names

will take over her role on June 1, Aditya Birla Capital told exchanges. She will be the first female to join Aditya Birla Management Corporation, the conglomerate's top decision making body. Mulye replaces Srinivasan, who is taking up other

responsibilities within the group, as per the exchange filing.

The appointment has been made as per the recommendations of the company's nomination, remuneration and compensation committee, it said. PTI

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-MX-5-22-1 Car at Tapri Railway Station. Start: 05.05.2022 at 10:00 hrs Close:05.05.2022 at 3. Date & Time for e-auction 11.00 hrs . Website particulars where complete details of https://ireps.gov.in E-Auction can be seen All contractors who intend to participate in the e-auction Prereauisite conducted through E-Auction Leasing. module of IREPS should fulfil following mandatory requirements before they can submit

> Registration on IREPS for E-Auction.Leasing module - Active IREPS User Account for E-Auction Leasing Module Payment of One Time Registration Fee Current Account in State Bank of India Integration of SBI Bank Account with IREPS Account

Lien Marking of Funds Updation of Turnover Details. Contractors who do not have IREPS account for any module of

REPS can submit their online request for registration by clicking on New Vendors / Contractors- (E-Tender /E-Auction Leasing

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(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement)

e-Tender No.- 07 /2022-23 Dated: 22.04.2022

The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered* in appropriate class with any State/Central Government/State /Central Government Organization for construction of road and

The bid should be submitted online in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid.

Last date for Availability of tender Procurement Place of Last date Last date Date & time of submission of (on-line) for bidding opening (on-line) of Officer Opening & time of and time Hard Copy of seeking of bid tender Bid Correctness From To clarificatio submissior Technical Financial Affidavit and bid bid n Bank Certificate Chief Chief 28.04.202 12.05.202 05.05.2022 12.05.2022 13.05.2022 Engineer 13.05.2022 Engineer. 2 upto 2.00 upto 5.00 at 5.00 informed at 10.00 upto 5.00 JSRRDA. upto 3.00 PM JSRRDA

* Non-registered bidders may also submit bid, however the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authority before signing the contract.

Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document

Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) and Bid Security (as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet) shall be deposited online in form as mentioned in Bid Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of ITB clause 12.2 (d). Online payment through RTGS/NEFT should not be made through SBI.

Non submission of Hard Copy as specified in col. -07 shall make the bid non responsive.

In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/ uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent

statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.

Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.

to participate in the above bids.

Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s) / made inordinate delay in execution of earlier allotted construction

In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units/amount in BOQ, units/amount as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been

prepared shall prevail. Discrepancy in amount shown in Form of Bid Part-II in words and figures shall make bids non responsive Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five working days from

the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at jh-ce@pmgsy.nic.in. Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not be considered.

1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected. Bidders must not quote rate for routine maintenance. The amount for routine maintenance as indicated in the Bill of Quantities must

For unbalanced bids, extra security will be required to be deposited by the bidder by the time of Agreement. 12. All other details can be seen in the bidding document which is available in website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in as per schedule

covered under Election Model Code of Conduct. Chief Engineer JSRRDA, Ranchi

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rights and interest in any of my propertie Now onwards they Cease to be their legal he for all purposes whatsoever. Anybody dealir with him shall be at their/his own risks, cos and responsibility for which my client shall n

onsible in any manner. Sd/- AADESH KUMAR SARASWA

(ADVOCATI Office: 104, F.F. RG METRO ACRADI SECTOR-11, ROHINI, DELHI-E

LOST AND FOUND

Chaiwat Chaichuthaporn sor

of Sh. Tarlochan Singh R/o 11

Phiron Garden, 41, Sukhumvi

Road, Bangkok-10110

Thailand, declare that I am

owner of Flat No. GA-W-05-01

Grand Arch, Sector 58

Gurugram, Haryana with my

son Sh. Derek Chawla as join

owner. I declare that the

original documents namely

Flat Buyer Agreement

Agreement to sale with the

original allottee, Allotmen

letter in the name of origina

Allottee and attorney in favour

of Sh. Anuj Gupta in respect of

the above flat are missing. The

Police complaint vide LR No

334081/2022 has been filed

Finder may contact my lawyer

Sh. Anil Jain Advocate a

LOST AND FOUND

I Chaiwat Chaichuthaporn sor

of Sh. Tarlochan Singh R/o 11

Phiron Garden, 41, Sukhumvi

Road, Bangkok-10110

Thailand, declare that I am

owner of Flat No. TPD-A-F17

1702. THE PALM DRIVE

Sector 66, Gurugram, Haryana

and Flat No. TPD-B-F07-702

THE PALM DRIVE, Sector 66

Gurugram, Haryana. I declare

334120/2022 has been filed.

Finder may contact my lawyer

Sh. Anil Jain Advocate at

9818133700.

Location

9818133700.

<u>Classifieds</u>

PERSONAL

I Bansu Sharma s/o Rajesh Kumar Sharma r/o 585/586 kesari mohalla, shahdara, delhi 110032; declare that my father's name is Rajesh Sharma in my educational documents but his actual name is Rajesh Kumar Sharma which may be amended 0050195678-1 accordingly.

I,hitherto KNOWN AS SYED KHADIM RAZA,S/o S. MEHDI RAZA.R/o-G301 Vivekanand Apartments plot.no.2, sector-5,Dwarka,New Delhi-110075, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as 0040611185-5

JAVED RAZA. I,Vinod Rajagopalan S/o Aniyath Rajagopalan R/o 803, 2nd floor near DPS School, Arun Vihar, Sec-29, Noida G.B.Nagar U.P-201301 have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Rajagopalan for all

0040611192-1 purposes. I,VASVI POOJA MITTAL W/O SUMIT GOEL.R/O F-22/74. SECTOR-3, ROHINI, DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO VASVI GOEL. 0040611185-3 I,Sonu W/O Manjeet Singh,D/O Phool Singh Dhankher R/O-556.Sector-5. Gurgaon. Haryana-122001, changed my

name to Sangeeta Kataria. 040611185-2 I,Simranjeet Kaur W/o-Kuldeep Singh R/o-33,Ambedkar Nagar, Police Line, Pali Rajasthan-306401,have

changed my name to Simran 0040611185-6 Kaur. I.Saiian Kumar.S/o-Jaqdish Prasad Chachan, R/o-7/236, First-Floor,Outer-Ring Road, Sunder-Vihar, Paschim-Vihar, New-Delhi-110087,Have Changed My Name To Sajjan Kumar Chachan, For All, Future

I,SUBHAM ATRI,S/O SHRI.NIWAS ATRI.R/O.R 86,GALI.NO-15A, SWATANTER-NAGAR NARELA.DELHI-110040, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM SUBHAM ATRI TO SHUBHAM ATRI,FOR ALL 0040611185-1

I, Gurjeet Kaur, W/O S. Lakhbir Singh, R/O J-5/56 Rajouri garden ND-110027, Have changed my name to Gurjit Kaur for all future purposes

PURPOSES.

0040611190-1 I, Emenval 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 Emenual David for all 40611032-1

purposes. I,Rubeena Noor,W/o Mohammad Shariq Qureshi R/o.H.No.776, Ground-Floor, Sector-9A, Gurugram, (Haryana) -122001, have changed my name to Rubeena 0040611191-9 Sharia.

I,R Suman,D/o K Raja,R/o H-1-247, Madangir, Dr. Ambedkar-Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110062, have changed name of mine and my father, from R Suman, D/o K Raja to Suman,D/o Raja.In future I will be known as Suman, D/o Raia.for all purposes.

0040611191-5 I,PARAS SINGH GUJRA,S/O NANAK SINGH,H.No-6/118, Subhash Nagar, Delhi -110027. have changed my name to PARAS SINGH, permanently.

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I,PANKAJ KUMAR JAIN,S/O JAI KUMAR JAI, R/o-1/11160 A.SUBHASH PARK NAVEEN-SHAHDRA DELHI-110032, have changed my name to PANKAJ 0040611191-7

I.Nidhi Setia alias Nidhi Mahendru,W/o Amandeep Mahindru, R/o B-2, Kirti Nagar Delhi-15, have changed my name to Nidhi Mahindru.

0040611191-1 I,Manish Garg S/o Krishan Ram R/o M-28,Vikaspuri New.Delhi 18, have changed the, name of my minor daughter, from Gayatri Garg to Mehr Garg

for,all purposese. 0040611185-8 I.MOHAMMED HAMZA SIDDIQUI,S/O-ADIL SHARIF SIDDIQUI,R/O.D-219,2ND-FLOOR ABUL-FAZAL-ENCLAVE JAMIA-NAGAR,OKHLA,NEW-DELHI-110025, IN MY PASSPORT MY DATE-OF-BIRTH.6-11-1996 IS NOT-CORRECT MY CORRECT

DATE-OF-BIRTH-25/09/1996 AS MY CBSE-MARKSHEET. 0040611191-6

I,Kanchan Bansal W/o-Akshay Goel R/o-Hno.81 Block-03 DDA Flats, Four Storey, Garhi East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Kanchann Goel for all 0040611184-1 purposes.

LHARBANS LALS/O THAKUR DASS R/O HNO.2270-B,SECTOR-15,PART-2,SONIPAT-131001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARBANS LAL 0040611185-4 THAKKAR.

I,Ex.No-9089576X, Naik Ab Shakoor Ganie.In my service record the name and D o B of my children's has been wrongly mentioned as Twoseef Shakoor (B o B -05-05-2000), Tahseena Shakoor (Do B-29-09-2004) instead of Towseef Shakoor (26.05-2006)and Tehseena Shakoor (25 -10-2007).It needs correction. objections be filed to Zaila Sainik welfare Office

Batmaloo within seven days. 0020437980-1

I.Bharti Kalra W/o Vijender Kumar R/o-H.No.200-A, Sector-24, Huda, Panipat, Haryana 132103 have changed my name to Bharti for all-purposes. 0040611216-4 I,Deepika,W/o-Sandeep Kumar,R/o-Flat No.146 Plot No-1, Janhitkari Apartment, Sector-6,Vasundhara Ghaziabad-201012, have changed my name to Deepika Khandwaliva for all 0040611216-8 purposes.

I,Baldev Mahendru,S/o Ram Lal R/o B-2, Kirti Nagar Delhi-15, have changed my name to Baldev Singh Mahindru. 0040611216-1

I.Amandeep Mahindru, S/o Baldev Singh Mahindru, R/o B-2,Kirti-Nagar,Delhi-15,have changed my minor daughter's name,from Jannat Mahendru to Jannat Mahindru(DOB-09/09/2010). 0040611216-2

I,Aishwarya Verma D/o Late Devendra Verma R/o M-120, Jagat-Ram Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Ashwarya Verma.

0040611216-5 **I,** Vikash Jain S/O Sumer Chand Jain, R/o 144 Second Floor, Sector-15 Escortsnagar Faidabad, Haryana-121007. have changed the name of my minor Son Tanisshk Jain aged about 3 Months and He shall hereafter be known as

Tanishkk Sethi. 0070782243-1 I,Paramjeet Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh R/o-Plot-No.130, U.G.F., DDA-1, New-Rajender Nagar, New Delhi-110060, have changed my name to Parmjit

0040611216-3 I. Tanvi Mer D/o Thakur Gurmeet Singh R/o Panchkula, Haryana-134112. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known

As Tanvi. 0070782205-1 L Sunit Dua S/o Roshan Lal Dua R/o G-45, Green Park Main, New Delhi-110016, have changed my name from Sunit Dua to Sunil Dua for all future

purposes. 0040611168-1 I, Subhashree Rinky Mishra, W/O Devashis Misra R/o B-88, First Floor Suncity Gurgaon Sector-54, Gurgaon Sector-56, Harvana-122011, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Subhashree

0070782244-1 Misra. I. Shreva Sharma Narula W/O Amit Narula, R/O B1-602, 6th floor, Tower 12, Purvanchal Royal Park, Sector 137, Noida, 201305 has changed my name to Shreya Sharma for all future

purposes. 0070782239-1 I, Seema Chopra W/o Sumit Kumar Chopra, R/o-A-170 2ndfloor,Hri Nagar,Gandhi park front-portion delhi-110064. Have change my name Sheeta Chopra to Seema Chopra, for all

future purposes. 0040611178-3 I, Saurabh S/o Rajender Parshad, R/o B-401, Peace Tower, Sikka Karmic Green Sector-78, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Saurabh Singhal in my minor daughter Ishita Singhal aged 10 years in her School Records

The actual name of mine is I, Raju alias Ashwani Kumar S/O Shkuntla Devi, R/o WZ-15 Plot No-82, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known

as Ashwani Kumar. 0070782241-1 I, Preety Nanda W/o Bharat Bhushan Nanda.R/o K-111B Krishna-Park Extn.Tilak Nagar West-Delhi-110018,have change my name Preety kalra to Preety Nanda, for all future

0040611178-2 purposes. I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Late Davinder Singh R/o H.No.667, Gali No.2, Punjabi Basti, Anand Parbat, N.Delhi, have changed my daughter's name from Gursimren Kaur to Gursimran

Kaur, for all future purposes.

0040611148-1 I, Neetu Sharda, W/o Sharad Bhatnagar, R/o B-108, Vivek Vihar, Noida, Sector 82, Salarpur Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P. -201304, do hereby solemnly declare that my name is Neetu Sharda in all my documents however in some documents it is written as Neetu Bhatnagar henceforth, have changed my name from Neetu Bhatnagar to Neetu Sharda, Now I will be known as

Neetu Sharda, for all future I, Namrata Dhar, W/O Ajay Dhar R/o House No-623-B, Sector-23, Near Gate NO-3, Choma-62, Carterpuri, Gurgaon, Haryana 122017. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known

as Aswatha Dhar. 0070782240-1 I. Mradul Mishra S/O Prafulla Krishna Mishra, R/o 347/324, Old Tikait Ganj, Rajajipuram, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226017, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rishabh Mishrra

0070782246-1 I, Madhulika Jain W/o Ankur Gupta R/o-29, Old Geeta Colony, East Delhi-110031, have change my Son name from Hunar to Hunar Gupta for all purposes. 0070782285-1

I, Aakashdeep alias Aakashdeep Aarve S/O Kishan Lal, R/o House No-R-500, Gali No-8A, Near Narela Railway Station, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi-110040, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Abhay 0070782242-1

I,RAJAT JAIN S/O.NIRMAL BARARIA, ADD-403/D 4/KLJ PLATINUM PLUS SEC-77, BALLABHGARH-FARIDABAD HARYANA-121004.Changed my name to RAJAT JAIN BARARIA, for all, future

I, MOHD SHAKEEL S/O ABDUL WAHEED R/O 700/34 ST. NO 18-A V BLOCK, VIJAY PARK, MAUJPUR, NORTH EAST DELHI-110053, DECLARE THAT NAME OF MY FATHER HAS BEEN WRONGLY WRITTEN AS ABDUL VAHID IN MY EDUCATIONAL RECORDS.THE ACTUAL AND CORRECT NAME OF MY FATHER

ACCORDINGLY. 0070782260-1 I, Khushbu Sureshrao Khandare w/o Akshay Kumar Thote r/o NS-24, first floor, back portion. Paschim Vihar, Sunder Vihar, Delhi-110087 have changed my name to Khushbu Thote.

IS ABDUL WAHEED, WHICH

MAY BE AMENDED

0040611183-1 I, Gagina Gambhir W/o Harman Singh Gambhir R/o-D-130, Sector-49, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, have changed my name to Gagina Marwah

for all future purpose. 0070781571-1 I, Devashish Misra S/O T.P. Misra, R/o B-88 First Floor Suncity Gurgaon Sector-54, Gurgaon Sector-56, Haryana-122011, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Devashis Misra.

I, Arun Kumar S/o Chandu Ram R/o-P-10/3, DLF City, Phase-2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, have changed my name to Arun Kumar Rakheja

0040611178-1 Permanently. , Anand Kumar Jain S/o Shri Ramkumar Jain, R/o 2380/T27, Bawana Road, Narela, North West, Delhi-110040, do hereby declare that I have changed my name to Anand Jain for all purposes. Even though in some of my documents, my old name is registered. From now onwards for all purposes, my name should be considered as Anand Jain.

0040611176-1 Sunita Jain W/o Sh. Parveen Kumar Jain R/o 1/7581-Second Floor, Gali No-9, East Gorakhpark, Shahdra, Delhi-110032, have changed my name from SUNITA RANI to SUNITA JAIN for all future

0040611156-1 purposes. I Nita Sonkusare D/o Sh. Trimbakrao Sonkusare W/o Sh. Vinit Sinha R/o Flat No.J-506. Amrapali Silicon City, Plot No.GH-01/A, Sector-76, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 have changed my name after marriage to Nita Sinha for all purposes.

0040611150-5 I Jani Begum Rizvi D/o Syed Ashraf Hussain Rizvi R/o 238/70, Katra Abu Tarab Khan, Lucknow Chowk Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226003, have changed my name to

Fatematuz Zehra. 0070782280-1 l Himanshu S/o Deelip Kumar Rawat R/o Baragadi, Bargadi Magath, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-227202, have

changed my name to Ishan Deep Rawat. 0070782256-1 Hemant Prabhudeo Shrote S/o Prabhudeo Shrote R/o 22 First Floor Ashirwad Sec 2C Vaishali Ghaziabad have changed my name from Hemant Shrote to

Hemant Prabhudeo Shrote 0050195725-1 I Fulo Devi W/o-Shambhu Sah R/o-B-27, Vijay Vihar, Phase-2, Rithala. Delhi-110085 declarethat my-name & my-Daughter name wrongly-written in my-Daughter School-Record as Neha Devi & Aradhya Kumari

instead of Fulo Devi & Aradhna I.SUMAN JAIN.W/O.NIRMAL BARARIA, ADD-403/D 4/KLJ PLATINUM PLUS SEC-77, **BALLABHGARH FARIDABAD** HARYANA-121004.changed my name to SUMAN DEVI

BARARIA, for all, future 0040611191-4 Purposes. I. Indraieet Sohdi S/o Jeewan Singh Sodhi R/o-GH-8/612 Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-110087 have changed my name to

Inder Jit Sodhi Permanently. I,NIRMAL KUMAR JAIN.S/O.TARA CHAND BARARIA, ADD-403/D4/KLJ PLATINUM PLUS SEC-77.BALLABHGARH-FARIDABAD HARYANA 121004. Changed my name to NIRMAL BARARIA, for

all, future Purposes. 0040611191-3

It is for general information that I,Gouarv Singh S/o Ishwari Prasad Morya, residing at VillageKachura Teh. Kirawali, Distt. Agara, U.P. declare that name of mine has been wrongly written in Army Certificare No.2896156A Hav Rank-9 Raj Rif,.The actual name of mine is Gourav Singh, which may be amended accordingly. 0040611084-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Binay Kumar Dubey S/o Satya Narayan Dubey R/o A-53, Alpha-1, Greater Noida G.B.Nagar U.P., have lost my Allotment letter & Allocation letter (Allotment No.A010070). of A-53, Alpha-1, Greater

Noida, U.P.

I,Ashok Nagpal S/o B R Nagpal have lost my property.Original.Documents Allotment-Letter of,Flat No.51-B,Jhang Co-operative G.H.S Ltd. Rohini Sector-13 Delhi-85, finder Contact-9212718533. 0040611216-9

I,Rajesh Manak,S/O O P Manak, have lost my allotment-letter & all-original pmt receipts of UGF-355.Sumanglam.Rai-Nagar, Gaziabad, If found-pls cont.9999975090.

SITUATION VACANT

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public notice is given to the general public that my clients namely Mahesh Chand Sharma S/O Late Dhuni Lal Sharma Alo Ata Dhuni Lal Sharma and Sharda W/o Mahesh Chand Sharma R/O H No.-D-157, Gali No-11, Bhagirathi Vihar, Gokal Puri, North East Delih-110094, have severed their all relations with their son namely Pawan Kumar Sharma S/o Mahesh Chand Sharma they have disowned him from all their movable and immovable properties and my clients shall not be held responsible for any act of him.

Chamber No. 618, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court Delhi-110054

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namely GAGAN PREET SINGH MEHTA AND H WIFE RAMNEET KAUR MEHTA and debarro

now my clients desire to make good relation with the son GAGAN PREET SINGH MEHTA and his wit RAMNEET KAUR MEHTA and my client turth declare that their son GAGAN PREET SING MEHTA and RAMNEET KAUR MEHTA shall hav full right on my clients moveable and immovab proportics of the their death.

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N/O SH. SUKHDEV DHAWAN R/O NO.E-513, PIYUSH HEIGHTS S SECTOR-89, GREATER FAR HARYANA, IS THE ABSOLUTE AND R

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PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the public at large that Shri Inderji Singh S/o Shri Puran Singh and Smt. Suman Singh W/o Sh. Inderjit Singh are the "Title Holder's in possession of 'Freehold Built Up Property Bearing Plot No.27, Pocket-C-7, Sector-7, Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, New Delhi and measuring area 48.00 sq. mtrs', hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property

virtue of Sale Deed dated 13.07.2020 to Mrs. Ranu Mandal & Mr. Abhinav Mandal a Mr. Abhinav Mandal and now Mrs. Ranu Mandal & Mr. Abhinav Mandal has approached Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd. for linancial assistance and therefore shal be mortgaged with the said Bank. We give this public notice that if any person having any claim/objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said mondrour or any part of the said or the said mondrour or any part of the said control or the said mondrour or any part of the said or the said mondrour or any part of the said or the said mondrour or any part of the said or the said mondrour or any part of the said or t ownership and/or dealing hiorigage the said property or any part of the said property in favour of Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd. is/are hereby requested the notify the same in writing to undersigned. with supporting documentary eviden-at the address mention below within

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is hereby given to genera public that Mrs. Firdaus, who claimed to be owner and in possession of the First Floor, Pvt. Bearing No. FF-02, without ord rights, Part of Built up Property No. RZ-243 N1 E-55, area measuring 60 Sq. vid. No. 4017, situated in the revenue estate of village palar and colony known as Raj Nagaril Palam Colony, New Delhi-110077; by virtue of Sale Deed dated 13.07.2020 now Mrs. Firdaus is selling said property

savered all relationship with her daughter namely Harneet Kaur debarred him from her movable & immovable properties/ assets due to her disobedient and arrogant responsible for any kind of transaction relationship or any legal and illegal incident if take place in future from her

Mohit Bal (Advocate Enrol No.D-3234-12; M : 9891121274

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to public at large th my client **Sh. Virinder Mohan Thareja** S_r Late Sh. Radha Krishan Thareja **R/o Hous** No.30, Pocket GG-3 Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018, has severed all his relations from his son Sh. Anil Thareja, his wife Smt. Rashmi Thareja, their legal heirs and the associates, disowned and debarred all o them from all his movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because o

PUBLIC NOTICE my client has no control over them, anyone deals with them in future.

h. no. 271, Western Wing, Tis Hazari ourt, New Delhi - 54 M.: 9810777879

in e-auctions

will be at his / her own risk. My client will not be responsible for that in any manner as my client has severed all her relations with them in every nanner for all purp

VISHAL TOMAR (ADVOCATE

to contact, in Case of any

JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)

maintenance for five years of the works (List of schemes shall be displayed in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in) of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (RCPLWEA).

Details of bid submission is as under:

Ranchi \mathbf{AM} PM

Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, any department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed

maintenance works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.

Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act

It is a centrally sponsored scheme and it has been sanctioned much before the beginning of Panchayat Election Process. It is not

PR 268882 Rural Work Department(22-23)D

be acceptable to bidders.

New Delhi

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Aggarwal as her surname. Sd/- KARTIK SRIVASTAVA

DELHI HIGH COURT

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On behalf of my client Smt. Kawaljeet Kaur Gandhi Wo Late Sh.Harvinder Singh Gandhi resident of 33, Church Lane, Jangpura, Bhogal ND-14, that her daughter Ms. Harmeet Kaur (28yrs) is not the family norms and living in her own lifestyle. She is not resident with our client since 2 years and even she did not contacting to our client therefore our client disowned and savered all relationship with her

proper uses with immediate effect occasion in harassment, torfure, cruelty, atroctities committed by them against my client. Any Person dealing with them shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequences. My client shall not be responsible in any manner for the same.

A.K. Verma (Advocate) Enrol No. D/636/13

The public atlarge is hereby informed that my client Smt. Kamlesh Grover Wo Late Sh. Ramesh Lal Grover Rio 319–320, Double Storey, New Rajender Nagar, New Delhi-110060 has debarred her son Manuj Grover and his wife Shefali (daughter-in-law) from her life, all her movable and immovable properties due to their immovable properties due to thei bad conduct / quarrel and disobedience towards my client. Now

LE PEN RACING HARD

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will meet Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy next week, as he steps up diplomatic efforts to "silence the guns" in Ukraine. Guterres will visit Moscow where on April 26 he will have a working meeting and lunch with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and will be received by President Vladimir Putin, Eri Kaneko, Associate Spokesperson for the Secretary-General said.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



IMF raises global food insecurity issue. Reuters

World Bank, IMF urge quick action to address food security

Washington: The leaders of the International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization and the World Bank on Friday called for quick work on a new action plan on food security to be prepared by international financial institutions. "It is truly pressing to get it to move so we avoid people dying unnecessarily," IMF Director Managing Kristalina Georgieva told an event held as part of the spring meetings of the IMF and the World Bank. World Bank President David Malpass said one critical step would be to get greater transparency about countries' food stockpiles to help markets function better. **REUTERS**

JAPAN

Search on for missing boat with 26 on board: Report

Tokyo: Japan's coast guard dispatched patrol ships and aircraft to search for a sightseeing boat that went missing with 26 people on board after reporting it was sinking off the northern island of Hokkaido on Saturday, public broadcaster NHK said. Authorities lost contact with the crew of the "Kazu 1" after the crew reported water was flooding into the stern of the vessel and it had started to sink, NHK said. There were 24 passengers, including two children, on board and two crew members, the broadcaster said. REUTERS

NEPAL US team talks bilateral ties with Deuba

Kathmandu: A US Congressional delegation led by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand paid a courtesy call on Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba on Saturday and exchanged views on various aspects of bilateral relations, including on institutionalising democracy. Prime Minister Deuba thanked the US Congress for its continued support to Nepal, specially during the difficult times of the 2015 earthquakes and the recent Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said. PTI **ZELENSKYY: ALLIES DELIVERING WEAPONS, BETTER ABLE TO MOUNT DEFENCE**

Russia renews assault on Mariupol, missiles hit Odesa killing 6: Ukraine



Missile destroyed houses in Lyman, Donetsk region, on Saturday. Reuters

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KYIV/MARIUPOL, APRIL 23

RUSSIA RESUMED its assault on the last Ukrainian defenders holed up in a giant steel works in Mariupol, a Ukrainian official said on Saturday, days after Moscow declared victory in the southern port city and said its forces did not need to take the plant.

Russian forces were hitting the Azovstal complex with air strikes and trying to storm it, presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovych said, adding "the enemy is trying to strangle the final resistance of Mariupol's defenders".

The reported assault on the eve of Orthodox Easter came after the Kremlin claimed its military had seized all of the shattered city except for the Azovstal plant, and as Russian forces

Kyiv: The Ukrainian military

claimed on Saturday that it de-

stroyed a Russian command post

in the southern region of

Kherson, which has been largely

under Russian control since the

Ukrainian defence ministry said in

a statement that the Russian com-

mand center was located near a lo-

strike Pak Army

Islamabad: At least three

Pakistani soldiers were killed af-

ter militants from across the bor-

der in Afghanistan fired indis-

criminately at their military

check post, the Pakistan Army

said on Saturday. The militants

opened fire from across

Afghanistan border in Dewagar

area of North Waziristan, to

which Pakistan troops "re-

sponded in a befitting manner,"

the use of Afghan soil by terror-

ists for activities against Pakistan

and expects that [the] Afghan

government will not allow con-

duct of such activities in [the] fu-

ture,"he Army statement said. PTI

"Pakistan strongly condemns

the Army statement said.

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early days of the war.

Militants in

Afghanistan

RUSSIA TO DEPLOY SARMAT MISSILES BY AUTUMN

London: Russia said on Saturday it plans to deploy its newly tested Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missiles, capable of mounting nuclear strikes against the US, by autumn. The target stated by Dmitry Rogozin, head of the Roscosmos space agency, is an ambitious one as Russia reported its first test-launch only on Wednesday and Western military experts say more will be needed before the missile can be deployed. REUTERS

pounded other cities and towns in southern and eastern Ukraine. Two missiles struck a military

'Russian command post in Kherson destroyed'

cation of active clashes between

the two forces and two high-rank-

ing Russian officers were present

at the time of the strike. The claim

could not be independently veri-

fied and there was no comment

Oleksiy Arestovych, a former

Ukrainian military intelligence

officer who is now an adviser to

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

A DEFIANT Sri Lankan Prime

Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on

Saturday dismissed calls to form

an interim government to tackle

the unprecedented economic

crisis in the debt-ridden island

nation, saying he would anyway

head any such dispensation if it

Rajapaksa, meanwhile, wel-

comed investments, technology

transfers and financing for na-

tion's sustainability efforts and

cooperation for debt restructur-

ing to support the economic re-

covery during this critical time.

Gotabava

COLOMBO, APRIL 23

is required.

President

In a separate statement,

from Russia's military.

TWO RUSSIAN GENERALS KILLED IN STRIKE: KYIV

facility and two residential buildings in the Black Sea port city of Odesa, and two more were destroyed, the southern air command of the Ukrainian armed forces said. Ukrainian presidential aide Andriy Yermak said six people had been killed and 18 wounded. A 3-month-old baby was among six people killed.

President Zelenskyy said Russia's invasion was just the beginning and that Moscow has designs on other countries. "We are the first in line. And who will come next?" he said. He also said Ukraine's allies were finally delivering weapons Kyiv has asked for.

Meanwhile, Boris Johnson, told Zelenskyy that Britain would give Ukraine more military aid, including protected mobility vehicles, drones and antitank weapons, according to Johnson's office.

the Ukrainian president's office,

said that about 50 senior Russian

officers were in the command

center at the time of the attack.

think it must be miserable," he

said. The Ukrainian military

claimed later that two Russian

generals were killed and another

critically injured and had to be

Lanka PM Rajapaksa says won't

resign; will also head interim govt

Sri Lankan

Prime

Gotabaya, addressing the 4th

Asia-Pacific Water Summit in

Japan's Kumamoto via video link,

said despite considerable resource

constraints, made far worse

through the pandemic and the

ongoing financial crisis, the island

nation's commitment towards

development and sustaining a

progressive agenda on the envi-

'Neth FM', PM said: "What use of

Speaking to radio station

ronment remains unchanged.

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INDIA EXTENDS ADDITIONAL \$500 MN CREDIT LINE

"Their fate is unknown, but I

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He told a news conference in Kyiv that he would discuss the kinds of weapons that Ukraine needs to battle Russia's invasion. Zelenskyy spoke of the plans Saturday during a press conference. He did not immediately share more detail about the visit from Antony Blinken and Lloyd Austin. The White House de-

Zelenskyy has for weeks urged

Kyiv today, says Zelenskyy

US Secretary of

State Antony

Blinken and

Secretary of

Defence Lloyd

Austin will

travel to Kyiv on

Sunday and

hold talks with

Ukrainian

President

Zelenskyy, the Ukrainian leader said on Saturday.

Department or the Pentagon has said Austin would be in Germany next week for meetings about

interim governments when peo-

ple with varying policies can't

see eye to eye? There has to be

accord which is not possible. If

there is a need for an interim

government it should happen

nomic crisis, Rajapaksa, 77, said,

"People need to show patience

to face it (the economic crisis).

They can keep on protesting if

Meanwhile, India has agreed

they don't want to have talks."

to extend an additional \$500

million credit line to help Sri

Lanka import fuel. India has al-

ready agreed to defer \$1.5 billion

in import payments that Sri

Lanka needs to make to the

Asian Clearing Union.

Commenting on the eco-

only under my leadership."

Blinken and Austin to visit



clined to comment on Saturday.

Western allies to send Ukraine more weapons. The US State

France runoff today, **Macron in pole position**

SYLVIE CORBET PARIS, APRIL 23

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron is in the pole position to win reelection Sunday in the country's presidential runoff, yet his lead over far-right rival Marine Le Pen depends on one

major uncertainty: voters who

could decide to stay home. A Macron victory in this vote - which could have far-reaching repercussions for Europe's future direction and Western efforts to stop the war-would make him the first French president in 20 years to win a second term.

All opinion polls in recent days converge toward a win for the 44year-old pro-European centrist yet the margin over his nationalist rival varies broadly, from 6 to 15 percentage points, depending on the poll. Polls also forecast a possibly record-high number of people who will either cast a blank vote or not vote at all.

Overseas French territories allowed voters to start casting ballots Saturday in polling stations that ranged from near the Caribbean shore in the Antilles to the savannahs of French Guiana on the South American coast. Back on the French mainland, workers assembled a stage Saturday beneath the Eiffel Tower where Macron is expected to make his post-election speech, win or lose.

France's April 10 first-round vote eliminated 10 other presidential candidates, and who becomes the country's next leader—Macron or Le Pen — will largely depend on what supporters of those losing candidates do on Sunday.The question is a hard one, especially for leftist voters who dislike Macron but don't want to see Le Pen in power either.

Le Pen's campaign this time has sought to appeal to voters struggling with surging food and energy prices amid the fallout of Russia's war in Ukraine. The 53year-old candidate said bringing down the cost of living would be a top priority if she was elected as France's first woman president. AP



and French far-right presidential candidate Marine Le Pen,

Macron or Le Pen: why it matters for France, others

THE FRENCH will decide on Sunday whether to re-elect probusiness centrist President Emmanuel Macron or blow up decades of mainstream consensus in favour of far-right Marine Le Pen.

Economy

Le pen has transformed the former National Front, turning her father's freemarket, small-government party into a bigspending, protectionist

one. She wants to implement a "Buy French" policy for public tenders, cut the minimum retirement age to 60 for those who started work before 20, scrap income tax for those aged under 30, and cut VAT on energy to 5.5% from 20%. Macron plans to double down on supply-side reforms he has implemented during his first mandate, with the main plank of his manifesto being an increase in the minimum pension age to 65 from 62.

Europe

Le pen insists she has no "secret agenda" for France to leave the 27-nation bloc, its single cur-

rency or its passport-free Schengen zone. Macron would continue his push to develop what he calls Europe's "strategic autonomy" in defence, technology, agriculture and energy and reduce the bloc's dependence on other powers.

West

Le Pen wants to pull France out of NATO's integrated command, in a challenge to the West's post-Cold War security architecture. Opponents accuse her of

being too close to Moscow. Although Macron ruffled feathers across the trans-Atlantic alliance, notably in eastern Europe and Germany, when he called NATO "brain-dead" in 2019, he would nonetheless seek to make Europeans less dependent on the US military for security. He has also pushed the EU to focus more on the Indo-Pacific and China's rising influence in the region. However, he clashed with Washington, London and Canberra after Australia ditched a massive submarine deal with France.

For France's Muslims, choice between lesser evils in vote

NORIMITSU ONISHI & AIDA ALAMI

BONDY, APRIL 23

ABDELKRIM BOUADLA voted enthusiastically for Emmanuel Macron five years ago, drawn by his youth and his message of transforming France. But after a presidency that he believes

leader who has long worked with troubled young people, was torn. He likened the choice confronting him in France's presidential runoff Sunday as "breaking

harmed French Muslims like

himself, Bouadla, a community

your ribs or breaking your legs." Macron and Le Pen are now fighting over the 7.7 million voters who backed Iean-Luc Mélenchon, the leftist leader who earned a strong third-place finish in the first round of the election. Were they to break strongly for one of the candi-

dates, it could prove decisive. Nearly 70% of Muslims voted



The Mosque of Bondy in the Seine-Saint-Denis region outside Paris. NYT

for Mélenchon, the only major candidate to have consistently condemned discrimination against Muslims, according to the polling firm, Ifop.

By contrast, Macron garnered only 14% of Muslim voters' support this year, compared with 24% in 2017. Le Pen got 7% in the first round this year. Nationwide, according to Ifop, the turnout of Muslim voters was a couple of percentage

race, Macron's prospects may rest partly on whether he can persuade Muslim voters like Bouadla that he is their best option - and that staying home risks installing a chilling new anti-Muslim leadership. Most polls show that Macron's lead, but as Éric Coquerel, a national lawmaker

and a close ally of Mélenchon,

said, the turnout by Muslim vot-

ers could tip the balance if the

race "becomes extremely tight."

points higher than the average.

it out in the closing days of a tight

As the two candidates battle

Much of Muslim voters' anger toward Macron centers on his pushing a widely condemned 2021 law and the subsequent closing of more than 700 Muslim institutions that authorities say encouraged radicalization, a charge that many Muslims and some human rights groups dispute. But it remains unclear how this resentment might be transformed into a political force. **NYT**

RATES STALLING IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES WHERE WHO'S AIMS TO IMMUNISE 70% PEOPLE IN EACH NATION

Drive to vaccinate world against Covid is losing steam

REBECCA ROBBINS & STEPHANIE NOLEN APRIL 23

IN THE middle of last year, the World Health Organization began promoting an ambitious goal, one it said was essential for ending the pandemic: fully vaccinate 70% of the population in every country against Covid-19 by June 2022.

Now, it is clear that the world will fall far short of that target by the deadline. And there is a growing sense of resignation among public health experts that high Covid vaccination coverage may never be achieved in most lowerincome countries, as badly

needed funding from the US dries up and both governments and donors turn to other priorities.

"The reality is that there is a loss of momentum," said Dr Isaac Adewole, a former health minister of Nigeria who now serves as a consultant for the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Only a few of the world's 82 poorest countries — including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia and Nepal – have reached the 70% vaccination threshold. Many are under 20%, according to data compiled from government sources by the Our World in Data project

at the University of Oxford. By comparison, about two-



Mainland China reported 24,326 new infections on Saturday. AP

thirds of the world's richest countries have reached 70%. The consequences of giving up on achieving high vaccination coverage worldwide could prove se-

vere. Public health experts say that abandoning the global effort could lead to emergence of dangerous new variants that would threaten the world's precarious efforts to live with the virus.

"This pandemic is not over yet far from it – and it's imperative that countries use the doses available to them to protect as much of their population as possible," said Dr Seth Berkeley, CEO of Gavi, nonprofit that runs global vaccine clearinghouse COVAX.

Countries in different parts of the world, including some in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, have seen their vaccination rates stagnate in recent months at one-third or less of their populations. But Africa's vaccination rate remain the most dismal.

Fewer than 17% of Africans have received a primary Covid immunisation. Nearly half of the vaccine doses delivered to the continent thus far have gone unused. WHO officials attributed the drop to mass vaccination pushes being replaced by smaller-scale campaigns in several countries.

Some public health experts point to reasons for optimism that the global vaccination campaign still has steam. There is also hope that a global Covid summit White House plans to co-host next month could be an opportunity to generate momentum, funding.

The African Union still aims

to vaccinate 70% of its population by the end of 2022. But with countries slow to use up donated vaccines, the bloc has not exercised its options to order more doses of the shots from Johnson & Johnson and Moderna.

The Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine maker, stopped its production of Covid shots in December, when its stockpile grew to 200 million doses; Bharat Biotech, another Indian firm that was a major producer, also stopped making vaccine in the face of low demand. The companies say they have no further orders since their contracts with the Indian government ended in March.

Biden quotes Xi: US strengthening Quad against Beijing

LALITKJHA WASHINGTON, APRIL 23

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Friday said his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping once told him that he was

strengthening Quad against China.

"I indicated to Xi Jinping that I was going to pull together the Quad: Australia, India, Japan, and the United States. He said, 'You're just doing that to affect us.' I said, 'No, it's because we're trying to put together those folks who have an opportunity to work together in the Indo-Pacific'," Biden said during a party fundraiser event at a private residence in Seattle.

"The point being that one of

the things that the autocrats fear the most — and India has its own problems; all those countries have their own problems — is the notion that somehow we can work together in concert and contrary to what are essentially dictatorships, which a lot of countries have become, particularly not only China but Russia and other countries...the Philippines," he said. Biden said when he got

elected, Russian president Vladimir Putin thought that he would easily be able to break up NATO. "That's what part of his objective was from the very beginning. And I know I've been saying that for eight years, but it was part of his objective," he said.

THE SUNDAY EXPRESS MAGAZINE



ARTSetc The Lives of Others

Despite the many shortcomings in its depiction of the colonised, period drama Bridgerton Season 2 allows for a satisfying slow burn over eight tantalising episodes



• Review of Arun Shourie's The Commissioner for Lost Causes Review of GN Devy's Mahabharata. The Epic and the Nation



IMAGINE A FOREST

Ahead of a celebration of his art, the story of Gond artist Jangarh Singh Shyam, who would have turned 60 this year, and his journey from a village in Madhya Pradesh to some of the finest museums in the world

Vandana Kalra

RTIST VENKAT Raman Singh Shyam distinctly remembers the morning of July 3, 2001, when he received the news that his uncle and mentor angarh Singh Shyam was no more. He was in the middle of painting a hoarding in Bhopal and found it difficult to believe that a homesick Jangarh had committed suicide during a three-month residency at the Mithila Museum in Japan's Niigata. This was Jangarh's third visit to the country. He seemed to have been enthralled by Japan and had even named his daughter Japani, but he had been reluctant about this trip. "He wasn't really keen to go. He was also displeased when the trip was extended. He was missing his family and friends," says Venkat.

The death of Jangarh at only 38 shook the art world. It was also a personal loss for the younger artists of his tribe of Pradhan Gonds who had been following in his artistic footsteps. Until then, most of his kin had been assisting Jangarh, as he brought global recognition to the largely oral myths and legends of the tribe by transforming them into visual

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Shimla Manali (6D) May 11 - 39000

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Leh Nubra Pangong Hanle (10D) May 31-72K

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narratives. Through dotted lines, he created jagged patterns to tell the tales of their gods and goddesses and the waves and squiggles embodied movements of the animals that inhabited the deep forests. He single-handedly established a new school of painting: "Jangarh Kalam".

In the year that marks his 60th birth anniversary and 20 years after his demise, Jangarh will be celebrated at the 13th edition of the India Art Fair that begins on April 28 in Delhi. The event will have a special section devoted to his works from the private collection of Delhi-based art collector Ajay Kumar Gupta. Several booths will showcase works of other practitioners of Gond art, including those of his protégés. In addition, an exhibition at Delhi's Ojas Art Gallery features works of artists Bhajju Shyam and Durgabai Vyam, alongside contemporary artists such as Ranbir Kaleka, GR Iranna and Jagannath Panda. Another parallel exhibition in the capital's India Habitat Centre will include Jangarh's works from the collection of Niloufar and Mitchell Abdul Karim Crites, who knew him for over 15 years, from the time Mitchell first met him at the Surajkund Mela in Haryana in 1987. "One of the first Gond artists to use acrylic on canvas, his un-





FABULEUX ART

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(Above) Artist Jyoti Bhatt's portrait of Iagdish Swaminathan with Jangarh Singh Shyam and his wife Nankusiya Shyam; one of Jangarh's works, Krishna Leela (2001), acrylic and serigraphy on canvas, to be shown at the India Art Fair

conventional colours for the time were distinctive of his style. Ahead of his times, he had a contemporary take on what was a traditional art form," says Jaya Asokan, director,

Though Jangarh received acclaim during his lifetime, in the last decade, Gond art has flourished and taken diverse trajectories, on canvas and beyond. While urban themes are now commonplace, the repetitive lines and minuscule dots have come together to illustrate several books and also entered homes in the form of murals and everyday objects.

Born in Patangarh in Madhya Pradesh in a

family of Pradhans, the bards of the Gonds, at a young age Jangarh was forced into manual labour due to financial compulsions. A flautist, he liked to play Ram in village Ram leelas and painted murals with natural pigments on grainy walls that the villagers often admired. It was serendipitous that around the same time artist J Swaminathan was sending teams to the interiors of Madhya Pradesh to scout for talent, ahead of the opening of Bharat Bhavan, a multi-arts centre in Bhopal in 1982. During one such excursion, artist Vivek Tembe spotted 17-year-old Jangarh's Hanuman in *peeli mitti* and requested him to paint on paper, taking the sheets back to Swaminathan, who invited him to work in Bhopal. A keen learner, he soon became adept with acrylics and the techniques of printmaking. Though his narratives often centred around indigenous traditions and folklore, $the\,urban\,surroundings\,were\,also\,embraced$ and imbibed and his palette ranged from paints in vivid hues to black ink line drawings.

While his innate talent garnered attention and monetary appreciation, it also led to resentment. In his book Jangarh Singh Shyam: A Conjuror's Archive (2019, Mapin Publishing), art historian Jyotindra Jain writes, "He (Jangarh) said that when he was initially appointed as an attendant at Bharat Bhavan, he was rudely asked by some of his modern-art colleagues to serve them tea or clear away empty cups and plates, often with a sarcastic comment that 'you have now become a big artist.' Jangarh found these insults difficult to bear and often complained to Swaminathan, who was the director. Eventually, Jangarh was given the position of 'artist' at Bharat Bhavan, a special designation created for him."

Jangarh's works travelled the world before him. In 1988, the artist made his first trip abroad when he visited Japan for the opening of the travelling exhibition "Art of the Adivasis" at Museum of Modern Art, Saitama. Next year, he was one of the five Indian participants in the landmark exhibition, "Magiciens de la Terre" at the Centre Pompidou in Paris.

However, even as the dotted patterns made headway in contemporary art spaces overseas, closer home Jangarh found himself caught in the delineation between the mainstream and the marginal.

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All the Wheels

When Mother Nature forgot to invent the wheel

TREALLY is a bit galling: you think of any "great" invention of ours and you'll find that good old Mother Nature and her evolutionary engineering department had got there, done it millions of years earlier, turning us into nothing but copycats — and nowhere as good as her. So, she had planes: bats, those monstrous flying lizards, birds and insects; helicopters: spiraling seed pods; submarines: fish; and parasailing baby spiders, et al. She could produce very efficient cold light in the blackness of the ocean depths and had the technical prowess to zap you with a 600-volt electric shock. She could sense the Earth's magnetic and gravitational fields and the faintest electrical signals given out by living bodies. She was in the arms race and into chemical warfare much before we thought they were ideas we could use. She seemed to have invented everything needed - offensive or defensive - for the survival of billions of life forms she evolved.

Then I grinned: aha, there was one little thing she'd left out of her box of tricks — and thus was our biggest triumph of all! She hadn't thought of inventing the wheel. This was a toughie because even we only got serious about the wheel during the Bronze Age and two ancient civilisations actually discarded it as being useless. But for Mother Nature to not think of it at all: Curious really, because a man on a bicycle is 25 per cent more efficient than a man walking, 15 per cent more efficient than an automobile and 400 times as efficient as a cockroach walking. So, why did nature miss out on this form of locomotion?

Well, there were several technical problems she found impossible to surmount. For one, a wheel needs an axle which will give it the motive power to rotate. All living creatures need blood vessels and nerves to operate them — to provide energy and get rid of waste, and the wheel would need that, too. But a single rotation of a "natural" living wheel would strangulate any attached veins or nerves, shutting down the system. But Mother Nature is ingenious, so why didn't she think of attaching wheels to their axles with dead tissue — like the keratin in our hair and nerves? The motive power could come from the usual leg muscles: in other words, why could rats (and cats) not zoom around on wheels resembling roller skates? We'll come to the answer in a moment, after tackling some of the other major issues Mother Nature is

A wheel is a totality in itself – you cannot think of half



HORSING AROUND Why legs may be better than wheels

a wheel or quarter of a wheel. Mother Nature, unfortunately, doesn't get full-blown brainwaves (or eureka moments) like the wheel demands. She has a completely different methodology. She goes about making infinitesimal improvements to her existing genetic designs often taking million of years to achieve perfection. Even her starting points must have some survival value — otherwise she would discard them. For example, the development of the eye started with light-sensitive cells whose performance improved when they were concentrated in pits, because the organism was now more sensitive to light, shade and movement, which in turn helped it to survive. From here developed the lens, the rods and cones, the diaphragm and iris: the eye. But if she were given, say, a quarter of a wheel to start off with, what would she do with it? It had no intrinsic value in the first place!

A natural wheel would have to grow — and, if attached to the axle with dead tissue, how would that happen?

The big question, however, was: were wheels really of any use to Mother Nature's menagerie and its philosophy of survival? I keep grinning when I imagine rats, cats and dogs racing after each other on roller-skate-like wheels, but they'd need a minister like our honourable Nitin Gadkari to build them the roads for that! Extrapolate those to elephants and hippos and they'd need expressways! In their natural environment — and even in cities they'd be tripping and flipping over all the time in potholes, kerbs and ditches! Even we do. I remember the sheer disdain with which a Great Indian bustard (may its soul rest in peace) outpaced our Bucking Bronco Jeep with easy strides in the Karera Wildlife Sanctuary (now extinct). Imagine cheetahs chasing impala on the African plains - both on wheels! Powerful, strong legs were easily the better option. So, even if there was a way Mother Nature could evolve wheels — she wouldn't.

To be sure, there is one, minute bacterial creature that does use a "wheel". Using a rotary motor, the flagella of the prokaryote cell freely spin like a wheel, creating a corkscrew-like movement in a filament, to which it is attached to move the cell around. This system, however, can only work at the molecular level and can't be scaled up for larger organisms. Ah, you may argue, what about the pangolin that curls up into a globe and that spider in the desert that rolls itself into a ball and zooms down the dunes, and tumbleweed drifting for miles across the desert? Well, here the entire animal turns itself into a "wheel", just like a child somersaulting, and that doesn't really count!



Benita Fernando

HERE'S A perfectly admissible explanation for the Kate Sharma-Appa-Bon-Didi problem, Perhaps, Kate's mother was Tamil, and "Appa" is Kate's way of honouring her roots. Perhaps, she calls Edwina "bon" (the Bengali "bone" means younger sister) as an inside joke between the two. Edwina is fluent in Marathi, which is understandable as the Sharmas are from Bombay. Perhaps, their father, a clerk, was smart to learn the local language (Gujarati would have been of interest, too). Any number of conjectures could untangle this caricature of an Indian family that Bridgerton served this season, drawing flak from Indian audiences for its wilful ignorance and poor understanding of India's complexities.

Paromita Vohra, filmmaker and founder of Agents of Ishq, a multimedia platform on sex and desire, says, it is indeed perplexing that people just can't seem to get the textures of Indian identity right. She says, "In Bridgerton, one takes nothing seriously, to be honest, not the exaggerated panting of the main leads and not the hilarious masala chai, Rather, like older Bollywood, a certain preposterousness comes with the territory. And yet, it is definitely part of an entire history of gadbad representation of Indian characters, whether it is Mangal Pandey being denoted as Bengali, or Bon and Appa being words of address in the same family.'

Season 2 is currently Netflix's mostwatched English-language series with 627.11 million hours of viewership in their first 28 days on the OTT, beating Season 1 by 1.62 million hours. The second season focuses on a match for the eldest Bridgerton, Anthony – a viscount and the man of the house. His sights are set on Edwina as a suitable match even as his heart aches for Kate. The series is set in 1813-14, in a fantasy version of the Regency era, where the reigning queen is black, the East India Company (EIC) doesn't exist, and colonialism, like racism, is unheard of. Tea, spices, and the sheer cotton shirt that sticks to Anthony's chest (a role reversal of Bollywood's obsession with wet-sari scenes) have been stripped of their dark connotations and somehow landed in *Bridgerton* despite the absence of colonialism. Kate dismisses "this pitiful excuse for tea the English so adore" and makes her own chai with spices — a move that has won brownie points from Indian audiences for the show. In reality, tea wasn't a popular

The Lives of Others

Its many shortcomings aside — anachronisms, portrayal of the colonised, confused cultural references — period drama Bridgerton Season 2 is a satisfying slow burn

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mainstream Tamil cinema

beverage among Indians until a century later, as Krish Ashok, author of Masala Lab: The Science of Indian Cooking (2020), confirms. A majority of the Indian population did not have a morning or evening beverage. In some parts, a carb-heavy rice milk was consumed by those who performed hard labour.

Ashok says, "The only people drinking tea in the early 19th century were British officials, some indigenous people in Assam and elite

Indians who picked up the habit from the colonial masters." In 1903, the government's tea board (now Tea Board India) started heavily marketing the brew in India. The Indian response was to initially reject tea's subtle flavours and infuse it with ginger and cardamom, giving rise to masala chai's popularity.

Bridgerton also dismisses tea's controversial links with opium. In the early 19th century, the only teas available were from China, supplied to Britain in exchange for opium from India — a trade that would result in the infa-

mous Opium Wars in the mid-19th century. How far can storytellers go in their attempts to revise history? Shashi Tharoor, Lok Sabha MP and author of Inglorious Empire: What the British did to India (2017), says that while he hasn't watched Bridgerton, he has, for long, had a problem with the "gauzy romanticism" with which the British like to view the colonial era. He says, "It wasn't all tea parties and croquet on the lawn... Colonialism rested on the cruel edifice of racism and exploitation, and to gloss over that is rank dishonesty... Colour was an indistinguishable factor governing the way people were perceived and treated, well into the middle of the twentieth century."

Perhaps, Kate invents masala tea in this fantasy Bridgerton. And while she is welcomed here, historically, things were not easy for Indian women in elite British circles. Arup K Chatterjee, professor at OP Jindal Global

> University and author of Indians in London: From the Birth of the East India Company to Independent India (2021), says that Indian wives, begums and mistresses who travelled with Europeans to London led relatively unfortunate lives compared to the men. He says, "Indian or Indian-origin

women in Britain were unremittingly yoked to their racial identity and their ability to imbibe 'Englishness' by virtue of mimicry of English manners and contracting expedient romantic alliances, preferably with EIC officials and soldiers." These didn't always guarantee successful integration.

Chatterjee cites the example of Halima Begum of Awadh, who travelled with a French mercenary soldier General Benoît de Boigne in 1796 and began living in London, rechristened as Helene Benoit or Bennett. Her husband left her for the daughter of an exiled French ambassador. Eventually, she retired to Sussex, where she lived the rest of her life on a small pension arranged by friends. She carried on with a few vestiges of her bygone begumhood, one of them being the habit of smoking hookahs. Yet, she was generally regarded as a pious Catholic woman — having converted to her husband's religion before marriage. It has been speculated that the Romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley saw her roaming about St Leonard's Forest as a "Black Princess".

Bridgerton 2 deftly escapes the timeworn tropes of an exotic, mysterious Orient. By casting two British-Tamil actors — Simone Ashley and Charithra Chandran — in leading roles, Bridgerton has done a better job than mainstream Tamil cinema, where dark Dravidian female actors are mostly seen in roles signifying a lower-economic class, an oppressed caste or rural India.

If history has to be sacrificed at the altar of fantasy, such rewards could be worthwhile. Hamilton, Lin-Manuel Miranda's Pulitzer-winning hip-hop musical that premiered in 2015, reimagined America's Founding Fathers as people of colour through a diverse cast. Productions like these allow Bipoc (Black, indigenous, and people of colour) actors to participate in period settings that are otherwise solely associated with slavery, racism and colonialism. There may not have been space for the Sharma sisters in Regency England, but there certainly is for Ashley and Chandran in roles that don't portray them as oppressed in a historical setting that was predominantly White and upper class.

Vohra believes filmmakers can go as far as they want when it comes to rethinking historical facts so long as the work has artistic and ethical integrity, allowing viewers to follow the filmmakers' logic, whether it's factually rooted, an imaginative creative or political gesture.

Recent criticisms of Bridgerton have attacked its complacent acceptance of the dowry system and its use of an upper-caste surname. Sure, there is a lot to hate about it, but what is Bridgerton, if not desire persevering? The series seemingly upholds courtship, but has lovers unite despite strict moral codes. It should appeal to India, where love matches are violently regulated. Besides, if we can accept a Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, why not the fictional Sharma family mash-up? If we allow ourselves, we can appreciate Season 2 for what it is - one long foreplay session, lasting nearly till the end, so that it achieves a stronger climax. Or, as genteel folk call it — a slow burn. The gloves should come off, but sometimes it's okay to do that under a gazebo, in the arms of a lover.

»FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE

FEW MODERNISTS attended his first solo at Dhoomimal Gallery in Delhi in 1984 and his work customarily found space at craft museums rather than art galleries. Even today, though he is recognised as an established master and his works are in prestigious international museum collections, including London's Victoria & Albert Museum, the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) in India does not own a single work by a Gond artist. "We have been promoting folk and tribal art through other initiatives and have reached out to artists pursuing the genre in recent years. It is important to give artists pursuing indigenous art forms their due and we are considering acquisition of works that we hope to have in our collection soon," says Adwaita Gadanayak, director general of NGMA.

The cornerstone of Gond art might be the tribe's oral tales, but over time, there have been reinventions. In his short career span, Jangarh produced a substantial body of work, experimenting with themes and mediums, illustrating for a children's publication Chakmak and maps for the Dastkari Haat Samiti. Much larger than his own work, his contribution extends to the numerous artists he trained to carry forward his idiom. At all times, his Bhopal studio had apprentices who'd assist him in filling fine patterns and fulfilling his pictorial vision. For architect Charles Correa, who designed Bhopal's Vidhan Bhavan in 1996, the mammoth murals Jangarh was commissioned to paint involved a team of

IMAGINE A FOREST



artists he tutored. Some of them are now prominent names, including Ram Singh Urveti, Subhash Vyam and Bhajju Shyam. "He encouraged us to develop an individual language of expression. He'd say, Bhajju bano, Jangarh nahi (become Bhajju, not Jangarh)," says Bhajju, 51. He was working as a night watchman when Jangarh asked him to work for him as his apprentice for Rs 600 a month. As the 2018 Padma Shri awardee prepares for a solo at Kolkata's Aakriti Art Gallery in July, he recalls his first sale by Jangarh when he sold five of his paintings for Rs 1,200 in Delhi in 1994. 'Most collectors used to travel to Bhopal to buy his works but he always promoted younger talent," says Bhajju.

The art form that Jangarh birthed, ironically,



DOWN TO

EARTH (From left) Venkat Shyam's Mother Earth; Bhajju Shyam's Mitrata (Friendship); Durgabai Vyam's Fireflies and Cow



found a renewed life after his death. The artist's tragic demise under suspicious circumstances away from home drew curiosity to his art. Within his community, too, Venkat, 51, notes, the artists he'd handheld were compelled to explore independent avenues and individual talents. In Finding My Way (2016, Juggernaut), he writes: "It was only after Jangarh's death that I felt the calling to be an artist.'

Notwithstanding their inherited legacies, each artist in the genre has developed their individual vocabulary. "Somewhere along the line, each artist evolved a signature style based on their individual manner of creating patterns using dots, strokes, lines. Bhajju Shyam's parallel lines and running chain, and Ram Singh's chevron or arrowhead patterns, for example, became the hallmarks of these two

artists' works," writes Jain.

Recipient of this year's Padma Shri award, Durgabai Vyam, 49, says reinventing is crucial for sustained interest and growth. Though she'd assist her mother in making digna patterns (geometrical patterns) on the walls and floor, she was introduced to acrylics by her cousin langarh, after her marriage to Subhash, "The oral narratives also have various versions and each artist's individual experience reflects in their work," she says. She's also illustrated numerous publications - from Bhimayana (2011, Navayana), where she and Subhash illustrated BR Ambedkar's life story, to the feminist utopia Sultana's Dream (2018, Tara Books) by Begum Rokeya. "Books require much more detailing, but the reach is much wider," she adds.

While no Gond artist has managed to surpass Jangarh's 2010 record of garnering Rs 14.5 lakh at a Sotheby's auction, the category has seen a steady price rise in recent years. "The demand has been increasing, as have the prices. The collectors are primarily expats and when compared to their contemporary counterparts, the prices fetched by Gond artists are relatively much lower. We are seeing increased interest among Indian institutions," says Anubhav Nath, director of Delhi's Ojas Art Gallery, where indigenous art has been sharing space with the contemporary for over a decade.

With popularity comes its downsides. Bhajju, who's been teaching and conducting workshops, says youngsters now sell reproductions at cheaper prices, adding, "Going forward, if people don't learn and practise, art will suffer." Like Bhajju's, Durgabai's house in Bhopal teems with eager youngsters. "We want our next generation to get more opportunities, to be able to tell the world about our art and tradition," says Durgabai.

As It Happened

Arun Shourie's new book offers vignettes of the idiosyncrasies that defined the political class and newsrooms of his time and his journey as an editor through it all

Coomi Kapoor

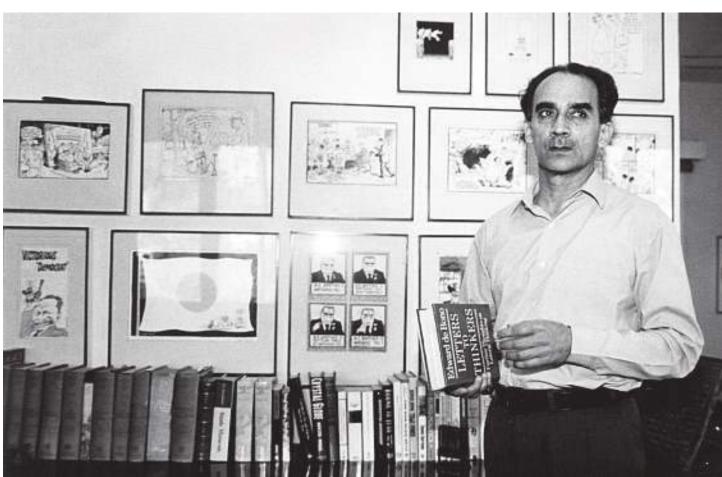
RUN SHOURIE rocked the rather staid Indian newspaper world back in the Seventies and Eighties. Though trained as an economist, he left an indelible mark on Indian journalism with his insightful, well-researched crusading campaigns which, at times, changed the course of politics; brought about new legislation and focused public attention on governmental corruption. Some of the investigative series he either wrote or oversaw — the prolonged detention of thousands of undertrials, the blinding of prisoners in Bihar to serve as a deterrent, the Kamala case which exposed trafficking of women, the scandal of the missing Kuo Oil deal file, the Antulay trusts and Bofors — are landmarks in journalism history and public interest litigation. The Indian Express stories regularly sparked off a furore in Parliament, compelling the government to respond.

Shourie opened the windows of *The* Indian Express to permit the winds of change to blow through. As a reporter at the Express at that time, I was one of those fortunate ones to benefit from the changes he brought about. He joined The Indian Express shortly after the Emergency; the highly stratified hierarchy of the newsroom was a very different place from when he left. We watched in awe and delight as he trashed the concept that the editorial pronouncements by a few elite editors cooped up in their own tiny echo chambers was the soul of the newspaper. The newspaper's strength lay in its reporters, he proclaimed. We were encouraged not to simply report news like stenographers, but what we wrote should be news. A byline and placement on the front page began to be determined by newsworthiness of the story and not on the basis of the seniority of those writing the piece, as was often the case. There were no taboos in Shourie's selection of topics or his writing style. Even the normally sacrosanct courts were not exempt from his scrutiny and he would pore over and dissect judgments, astounding everyone with his intellectual arguments.

Another of his trademarks was deluging a reader with details, analysing documents – whether files or rule books or judgments. Some of his envious colleagues dubbed his writings more in the style of a pamphleteer or a lawyer's brief than a newspaper article, but his aim was to make a watertight case.

Shourie was spotted by Ramnath Goenka, the legendary founder of The Indian Express. He recognised his talent, drive and dedication, even as he sometimes wondered whether the racehorse he had hired would wreck his paper.

One of the book's high points is Shourie's vivid anecdotes of the newspaper baron who



had the guts and guile to take on governments, when he disagreed with their policies. Goenka's colourful language, replete with expletives and imagery, has been reproduced by the author, who obviously kept detailed notes to illustrate just how canny, courageous and ruthless Goenka was.

Since the time of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, there was not a leader whom Goenka could not talk to and address by their first name. Both he, and later Shourie, regularly appealed to the courts as the forum for last appeal. When Indira Gandhi decided to take over his newspaper during the Emergency, he fought back fiercely. According to the author, at one point, Goenka even summoned a wellknown lawyer to convey a message to the prime minister that if she arrested his son and daughter- in-law, he would release the letters from Kamla Nehru to JP's (Jayaprakash Narayan) wife Prabhavati, exposing Panditiji's neglect of his wife and her ill-treatment by his sisters.

Sometimes, his powerful friends would protest against an item in the newspaper and the proprietor could simply feign ignorance and chastise his editor roundly in front of the

FINE PRINT Shourie in his office at The Indian Express, in October 1995

complainant. Immediately afterwards, he would tell the editor privately not to pay any heed to those objecting.

The relationship between Shourie and his proprietor was both close and stormy. Shourie jokes he was the only editor with the distinction of being sacked twice from the same newspaper.

The book makes for a fascinating read since, with his puckish sense of humour and sharp insight, the author brings out vividly the many idiosyncrasies and behind-thescenes happenings in governments of the day. Devi Lal, as deputy PM, used the choicest abuses and threats against the newspaper for writing about his son (Om Prakash) Chautala's brazen ballot stuffing in the 1990 Meham by-election.

According to Shourie, VP Singh as PM pulled the Mandal Commission (in 1990) out of cold storage simply to counter the threat from Devi Lal. Then cabinet secretary Vinod Pandey had relied on his blind faith in astrology to run the country. Shourie discloses that once he rushed from Goenka's residence to the Rashtrapati Bhavan to urge president Zail Singh not to sign a letter calling for the dismissal of Rajiv Gandhi as prime minister. Though he believes, in retrospect, that Singh

enacted the farce of pretending to send the letter, to serve as a warning to Rajiv Gandhi, the ruse worked.

Shourie once advised me as a reporter that when writing a piece one should not include all sides of an argument since it detracts from the central point you want to make. With apologies to my mentor, I must, however, add a caveat or two to my praise and admiration for the book. There is a thin line between self-righteousness and being self-centred. The uncharitable digs at his fellow editors - from S Nihal Singh and Kuldip Nayar to George Verghese and S Mulgaokar — all journalists of great repute, are uncalled for, and, perhaps, in poor taste. Perceptions vary when seen from different angles and Shourie sometimes suffers from tunnel vision.

One does also wonder when the author expounds at great length on his past investigations, whether 35 years down the line, a younger generation is really interested in knowing every last detail of corruption scandals of yesteryears, when the political situation has since undergone a sea change.

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Peeling the Layers

The biography of the late Anthony Bourdain explores the legacy of the popular chef through the narratives of friends and family

Pooja Pillai

IOGRAPHIES, IT is well-known, are not entirely reliable as far as telling the truth is concerned. This has been so right from when the art of the biography started to be recognised as a distinct branch of literature: James Boswell was accused of manipulating quotes to suit his perspective in *The Life of* Samuel Johnson (1791), while Elizabeth Gaskell was pilloried for trying to scrub away all evidence of her subject's "immorality" - such as her love for a married man – in The Life of Charlotte Brontë (1857). Trouble with the "truth" — however one might interpret the word seems to plague all kinds of biographies even today and it could be the same with Bourdain in Stories, the biography of the late Anthony Bourdain. Laurie Woolever has however sought to evade this genre-specific problem. For, instead of attempting the encyclopaedic approach of most biographers, Woolever has presented the charismatic chef, writer and TV personality through 91 different people - his mother and brother, ex-wives and girlfriends, daughter, former kitchen and TV colleagues, other famous chefs/TV personalities, journalists, employees, friends, publishers and agents.

What emerges is not so much a portrait as a puzzle. Who really was Tony Bourdain — a writer with a burning ambition, a victim of near-crippling imposter syndrome, a celebrity made deeply uncomfortable by his fame, a heroin and crack addict, a hedonist, a mentor, a middling chef, an overgrown child? This complexity is not a bad

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thing at all, because what Woolever ends up doing is exposing the lie at the heart of any such enterprise: That we can ever, truly, know anyone. In Bourdain's case, perhaps more so. As a colleague from Bourdain's time in New York's kitchens says, "Tony was always playing with how he looked to other people; he was very conscious of it."

This is an especially good ap-**BOURDAIN IN** proach to take when writing about Bourdain, someone many **STORIES** viewers thought they knew well BY LAURIE not just because they had WOOLEVER watched him eat and talk his way Bloomsbury around the world on critically-acclaimed shows like No Reservations (2005) and Parts Unknown (2013). Television's

Anthony Bourdain was a carefully-crafted persona, designed to make viewers think of him as "Tony", a louche, wise-cracking but sage figure who, one suspected, would be as interested in their lives as he was in the lives of everyone he met on his shows. His death by suicide in 2018 was mourned globally, even as fans wondered why someone so famous, respected and even loved had taken his own life. The cracks finally showed in the picture.

Woolever, understandably, offers no solution to this particular mystery. Instead, she busies herself with complicating Bourdain's slickly-marketed public persona, to whose appeal certain, carefully-selected dark episodes – such as his long "bad behaviour" phase as detailed in Kitchen Confidential (2000) — were essential. Despite being his long-time assistant and confidante, Woolever doesn't insert her own version of Tony into the book. A wise choice, perhaps, considering the wealth of voices the book already contains, as well as the fact that Woolever does, ultimately, get to craft the narrative, deciding whom to interview and whose voice to exclude. The filmmaker Asia Argento, who was his girlfriend at the time of his death and who had a sexual assault allegation against her, is a notable exclusion, although other interviewees talk about the volatile, troubled relationship between her and Bourdain and discuss how this impacted his ties with those around him.

In fact, Woolever's decision to let her interviewees talk about Bourdain as they saw him, has made for a powerfully moving, riveting read. Everyone has stories (most of which don't sandpaper the edges) about the man they're celebrating, whether about the time (preworldwide fame) he almost worked for Robert De Niro's film company in a movie about a corrupt cop or when he practically kidnapped the cat belonging to his second wife (then girlfriend) Ottavia Busia-Bourdain so that she would spend more time with him. But what the book really turns out to be is a memorial or a wake which everyone who knew him - including his readers and fans – would have wished to join in.

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Sailing Against the Wind

THE PAST in India, as in most other parts of the world, has, often been a contested terrain. Official interpretations, including those in textbooks, are known to privilege the victors. Scholars have, of course, engaged creatively with lesser-known aspects of the past and contested official history creditably. However, such history writing rarely sees light outside academia and scholarly circles.

The 1946 revolt by ratings – common sailors - of the Royal Indian Navy is one such event. Despite enjoying popular support, the sailors couldn't convince the dominant sections of the country's nationalists. After Independence, their heroism was almost completely blanked out of official discourse.

Writer and publisher Pramod Kapoor's 1946 Royal Indian Navy Mutiny: Last War of Independence (henceforth, 1946) is an attempt to set the record

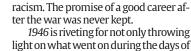
straight. Relying on memoirs, contemporary newspaper reports, official documents, and the works of other scholars, 1946 is a blow-by-blow account that sheds light on what happened at the docks in Bombay on five days in February 1946, the support for the sailors in large parts of the country as well as the "betrayal" of the established sections of the national movement.

Kapoor prefaces the account with a description of another breach of promise — of the colonial state. Forced by World War II to bolster its navy, the British government launched a massive recruitment drive promising young men the prospects of a good career on the seas with dignified working conditions.

Despite their well-documented bravery, the naval subalterns were betrayed. They had to make do with terrible quality food, cramped quarters, and daily



1946 ROYAL **INDIAN NAVY** MUTINY: LAST WAROF INDEPENDENCE BY PRAMOD KAPOOR Roli Books 432 pages ₹695



light on what went on during the days of the uprising but also for detailing the planning that went into the insurrection. Kapoor introduces us to heroes effaced from India's official history: BC Dutt, Kusum and PN Nair, Rishi Dev Puri, YK Menon, MS Khan and Madan Singh, among others.

But 1946 is more significant for another reason. It shows how an uprising at a Bombay dock quickly turned into the "last war of Indian Independence", one that hastened the end of the Raj.

Kapoor talks of the inspiration by the Indian National Army, the support of young nationalists like Aruna Asaf Ali, Minoo Masani and Jayaprakash Narayan, and leftist cultural associations like the IPTA and, importantly, underlines the ways in which the ratings saw themselves as a part of the national movement.

Flying the flags of the Congress,

Muslim League, and Leftists was a part of an attempt to build bridges with the nationalist struggle in the country. It was remarkable in its emphasis on communal amity and focus on the working class.

Unfortunately, other than the communists and young socialist nationalists like Aruna Asaf Ali, the leaders of the national movement not only dismissed the sailors' calls for support but repeatedly asked them to call off the strike - perhaps, the last occasion when the Congress and the Muslim League were on one page. After the surrender of the sailors, India's national movement failed to honour its promises to them.

1946 belongs to the league of history writing that shows how the freedom movement was not just about the Congress party, privileged in official writings. Shorn of jargon, without compromising on rigour, the book shows that the past is always layered and complex, and therein lies the joy of reading history.

KAUSHIK DAS GUPTA

The Landscape of Identity

GN Devy's secular exploration of the Mahabharata yields the kind of confident scholarship about Indian thought that is becoming increasingly rare

Aakash Joshi

THE MAHABHARATA, in its most important aspect, is a sublime work of art in the sense the German philosopher Martin Heidegger used the term. Through it, an entire world is opened up, terms of reference and relationships defined.

But it is not easy, in the times we live in, to engage with the layers of history and memory, the archetypes and the cliches, that form the Mahabharata in its many versions. GN Devy's Mahabharata: The Epic and the

Nation is literary criticism at its best: It gives the reader perspective and insight, finding novelty in the familiar, and unpacks for her the complexity of the epic.

Devy does not shy away from engaging with the epic as history, its influence on language and religion, and its deep philosophical import. For example, he deals with the question of whether or not the Bhagavad Gita is a later interpolation to the Bharata (it likely was) — the many additions, in fact, make it "great" - but adds that this does not reduce the significance of either. The notions of time, of living history, of perception; and



THE EPIC AND THE NATION BY GN DEVY Aleph Book Company 152 pages

of caste, violence and gender of an entire subcontinent are reflected, and perhaps formed, by this epic in Devy's reading of it. Devy's argument is complex and seductive. His hermeneutic exercise does not attempt to categorise for convenience, or sanitise out of fear. After all, the epic's enduring novelty arises from this complexity. In essence, Devy argues that the Mahabharata is a method by which India understood itself.

What makes the epic's appeal both universal and enduring? Like the Ramayana, it has been told and retold. From TV and film to treatises and interpretations, almost every Indian is acquainted with Arjuna and Karna, Krishna Vasudev and Duryodhan. There is, of course, the Heideggerian interpretation, the richness of the text itself and the role it has played in social identity. Then, the function it performs for society, as alluded to earlier — as a way of remembering (both history and social lessons) as well as understanding suffering, relationships and violence - Devy's Mahabharata delves into all of these explanations.

But, perhaps, his most important insight is a sociological one. The Mahabharata, despite being a story of kings and wars, was not the repository of the Brahmins unlike,

say, the Vedas. This — perhaps, obvious to those who have engaged academically with the Indian epics — conclusion is also a revelation. It maintains, as a living cultural phenomenon, the essence of the oral tradition. It accumulates the stories of valour and injustice, of the tragic futility of violence, into an incohesive whole.

None of this is to say, as Devy points out, that the Mahabharata does not justify deeply inegalitarian values that have defined "civilisational" Hinduism. The caste-varna order is upheld, individual moral responsibility is subsumed under notions of dharma and karma that irk — as they should — modern sensibilities. But, at the same time, it is a work of honesty, a work without villains or heroes, or ideal men and women.

In a larger sense, Mahabharata: The Epic and the Nation is an example of the kind of confident scholarship about Indian thought that is rare. Devy's book is certainly a work of great academic value. He seamlessly weaves Western analytical categories, without being beholden to them and understands the epic on its own terms, in its context. Yet, this kind of writing and rigour is unlikely to please the powers that be, who are only too keen to throw out phrases like

vishwaguru and vasudhaiva kutumbakam but are afraid of the shades of grey, the selfcriticism and social analysis inherent in India's many great literary, and even religious traditions.

As a lay reader, one is left with a somewhat odd thought at the end of Devy's masterful essay. The abiding influence of the Mahabharata and the Ramayana is as visible today as ever, from saas-bahu serials and Sooraj Barjatya films, to sci-fi novels and film series such as Gangs of Wasseypur (2012). Is the epic so powerful in its influence that we cannot, creatively and culturally, break out of its clutches? Like American cinema's conquest by the superhero genre, India's cultural imagination often seems to be unable to transcend its epics. More importantly, though, are the values the epics set up so perennial that India is truly destined to be governed by a philosophical construct

hose sociological basis is inequality? These are, perhaps, the wrong questions to ask and certainly ones with no answer. Yet, in New India, it is rare that work on the country's cultural, collective consciousness leads one to them. For that reason, among many others, Devy's work is of great significance.

Archery World Cup: Indian men bag team gold

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INDIAN MEN'S compound archery team of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini downed France by one-point in a thrilling final to win the gold medal at the World Cup Stage 1 here on Saturday.

This was the men's compound team's first World Cup gold medal since Shanghai 2017. The Indians won 232-231 to clinch the gold. India, however, lost out on a second medal after the compound mixed pair of Verma and Muskan Kirar went down 156-157 to Croatia in the bronze medal playoff.

In the compound men's team final, the Indian trio started off with a one-point deficit, losing the first end 56-57 to their French rivals of Jean Philippe Boulch, Ouentin Baraer and Adrien Gontier.

India slowly improved on their first-end score by one-point but the French team had a near perfect set of 59/60 comprising three four 10s, including arrows closer to the centre (X) to extend their lead (113-116).

Trailing by three points, Indians showed amazing resilience to drill in a perfect end of 60/60 with two Xs to win the third set 60-58, and curtail the deficit by one-point

There was no stopping the Indian trio thereafter as they shot a 59 in the fourth end, with the under-pressure Frenchmen managing 57 to go down by one-point.

'Mentally we were really strong today, and we've been preparing for this event only and we have the Asian Games coming up this year which is something we also want to do well at," 24-year-old Saini, who bagged his first World Cup gold, said. "After the gold medal that gives us a great confidence boost especially for the other world cup events, it will hopefully help us."

On Sunday, India's recurve mixed team pair of Tarundeep Rai and Ridhi Phor will be vying for a second gold after having defeated Spain in the semi-final 5-3.

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AMAN SAINI

COMPOUND ARCHER, INDIA

Bajrang's silver medal raises several red flags

Lack of cohesiveness and rehab mismanagement impacts wrestler's preparation

MIHIR VASAVDA

MUMBAI, APRIL 23

BAJRANG PUNIA settled for a silver, but there's barely any silver lining to his Asian Championship medal.

The only consolation, if any, was that the Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist reached the final in his first international competition since the Games last year. But the gold medal bout, against the junior world champion from Iran Rahmad Mousa Amouzadkhalili, should be a forewarning.

If the Tokyo Olympics bronze medal bout was a show of sheer bravado – with Bajrang flinging aside his knee strapping and going all out, even risking his injured knee in the process - Saturday's Asian Championship final was the very antithesis of that bout. It was conservative, cagey and lacked the velocity that's usually associated with the Indian star.

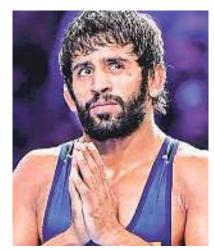
In that sense, Bajrang's performance was similar in nature to the one at last month's selection trials for the continental championship, where he was far from convincing in his narrow win over Rohit Singh in the final.

It can partly be put down to rustiness. Bajrang, after all, has rarely been away from the mat for such a long period. But largely, it can be attributed to mismanagement on the part of everyone involved in managing the wrestler.

In the eight-month gap between his two international tournaments, Bajrang has primarily been trying to recuperate from his knee injuries. He hurt his right knee during a tournament in Russia just before the Olympics last year. Then, in January, while he was still recovering, he injured his left knee as, he claimed, all the pressure came on one leg. However, after the selection trials last month, he claimed he was undergoing rehab, without a full-time physiotherapist who could monitor his rehab.

"I was recovering from a knee injury and doing my own rehab with no doctor or physio. I had their services till the Olympics. After that, I requested... but no one was made available... I have not been able to train continuously because of the injuries. Had there been a physio, I would have been fit by now and played in the ranking series," Bajrang, who had to skip two international tournaments this year because of the injury, had said after the selection trials.

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and the Sports Authority of India pointed fin-



Wrestler Bajrang Punia took longer than expected to recover from his knee injury. File

gers at the Railways for not releasing Dr. Anand Kumar, whose services Bajrang had requested in an email dated November 22. 2021. Then, they blamed Bajrang for not choosing to avail services of two physios at the national camp.

Post Olympics, the WFI has discouraged wrestlers from working with personal physios. On the other hand, Bairang, until now one of the fittest Indian athletes, has claimed he needs one since 'he has been getting injured more frequently'.

Simply put, it's been an example of how not to support an athlete, least of all an Olympic, world and Asian medalist and someone who firmly remains a contender for the Paris Games in two years' time.

On Saturday, the effects of these decisions and delays were visible. Throughout his bout against Amouzadkhalili, Bajrang looked hesitant to go all out in attack, perhaps still not confident about the recovery of his knee, at on occasions, seemed lacking a strategy as he got undone by the Iranian's underhooks and leg-holds. Bajrang, favourite to win the gold in a relatively weaker field, succumbed to a 3-1 defeat.

It's only going to get tougher for the Indian in the upcoming tournaments, especially the Asian Games where his nemesis Takuto Otoguro of Japan is likely to return. By then, Bajrang, who said at the trials last month he was 90 percent fit, will hope to reSimply put, it's been an example of how not to support an athlete, least of all an Olympic, world and Asian medalist and someone who firmly remains a contender for the Paris Games in two years' time

cover fully and have a proper support system

Dahiya's golden hat-trick

While Bajrang stumbled at the final hurdle, Ravi Dahiya has emerged as the undisputed best in Asia in the 57kg weight category once again. The Olympics silver medalist won his third-straight continental gold, beating Kazakhstan's Rakhat Kalzhan by technical superiority – that is, with a point differential of 10.

Dahiya, who won a silver medal at the Don Kolov tournament earlier this year, has been unstoppable since winning his first Asian title three years ago. Since then, he has medalled in almost every tournament he has taken part in, including the Tokyo Games. And on Saturday, he extended his dominance, swatting aside his opponents with ut-

In each bout, Dahiya conceded points early on but in his trademark style, he bounced back with his tremendous speed and skill. He outsmarted Japan's Rikuto Arai by technical superiority and then defeated Mongolia's Zanabazar Zandanbud 12-5 to reach the final, which he made a one-sided affair and won halfway into the second period to clinch the gold.

It was a day when, as expected, all five Indian wrestlers earned podium finishes. Gourav Balian, competing in the 79kg

class, was impressive in his silver-winning effort, especially in the final against Iran's Ali Bakhtiar Savadkouhi, which he lost on criteria. Balian was trailing 0-8 in the second period but staged a remarkable comeback to end the bout with scores tied 9-9. However, since his Iranian opponent had a high-scoring four-point move, Balian lost

Naveen, in 70kg, and Satyawart Kadiyan (97kg) won bronze medals.

Arsenal dent Man United's top-four hopes with 3-1 win

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LONDON, APRIL 23

ERIK TEN Hag looks increasingly likely to be taking over a Manchester United team missing from the Champions League.

Potentially a squad of superstars in dis-

Despite Cristiano Ronaldo making an emotional scoring return, United was beaten -1 at Arsenal in the Premier League on Saturday and dropped six points off its rival in the race for a top-four finish.

Granit Xhaka blew kisses to the home fans – who have often criticized him – after his long-range, 70th-minute strike clinched victory for Arsenal in a wild game at Emirates Stadium that saw the hosts lead 2-0 after 32 minutes on goals by Nuno Tavares and Bukayo Saka before withstanding a fightback from United launched by Ronaldo's 100th Premier League goal.

The Portugal superstar, who missed the 4-0 loss to Liverpool on Tuesday while grieving the death of his newborn son, raised his left arm and pointed to the sky after scoring in the 34th minute.

Ronaldo might have had a chance to score an equalizer when United was awarded a penalty in the 55th after the ball struck the raised hand of Tavares at a corner. But instead of Ronaldo taking the spot kick, compatriot Bruno Fernandes took over and sent a weakly hit effort against the outside of the post following his trademark stuttering run-up.

To make matters worse for Fernandes, it was his miscontrol that gave Xhaka the opportunity to take aim and claim the crucial third goal for Arsenal, which climbed into fourth place above north London rival Tottenham. "If you look at the table," interim United manager Ralf Rangnick said, 'I don't think it's very realistic to dream and think of the top four." Sixth-place United has four games left of a miserable season that will end with no trophies – for the fifth straight year — and see Ten Hag take over from Rangnick, the second of two caretaker managers installed by the club since Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was fired in

Ten Hag has a major job on his hands to rebuild United into the trophy-winning force of old. Rangnick said Friday the team needed open heart surgery as opposed to cosmetic changes and he was just as blunt a day later in assessing United's current problems. "I think the whole group get on reason-

ably with each other — I'm daring to say they get on well with each other," Rangnick said. "Quite obviously it's hard to motivate ... to keep the energy level high," he added.

"That's why it was still important to show some improvement and a reaction today, which was the case. Obviously there is no

Arsenal's Granit Xhaka celebrates with Alexandre Lacazette after scoring the team's third goal. Reuters

AWAY BLUES

Number of consecutive away matches Manchester United have lost in the league. It's the first time they've lost these many matches in a row since a run of six between December 1980 and March 1981, according to Opta.

substitute to success."

This was another worrying defensive display after United's mauling by Liverpool.

Club captain Harry Maguire was left out by Rangnick, because of a combination of the England defender's poor recent form and the fact he received a bomb threat at his home during the week. "After all the issues Harry had to deal with, it was a tough week for him," Rangnick said.

Saka went off injured midway through the second half but he had already done his damage by then. It was his curling shot that was palmed out by David De Gea straight to the feet of Tavares, who turned the ball home from close range in the third minute.

Then Saka scored a penalty for the second straight game - after doing so in the 4-2 win over Chelsea on Wednesday — after he was bundled over by Alex Telles. Eddie Nketiah pounced on the loose ball and converted his shot but was adjudged offside, only for VAR to spot the foul on Saka in the buildup.

Man City extend lead

Four goals from Brazilian forward Gabriel Jesus earned Manchester City a 5-1 win over relegation-threatened Watford. The victory moved champions City on to 80 points from 33 matches played, four clear of Liverpool ahead of Sunday's Merseyside derby, while Watford head towards relegation, sitting 19th seven points from safety.

BRIDGE

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH **♦** KQJ10 **♣**J5 3H ♠ A1095 **105** ♦ A652 **\$**0109

West leads the king of spades. You signal with the ten and West continues the suit. South ruffs the second round and draws two rounds of trumps with the sur. South rims in the security and and unless with orbitals on unitys with the ace from his hand and the queen from dummy. West shows up with two hearts so you know that South started with six of them, not seven. Next North leads the king of diamonds. It is dangerous to play low on this since South might have a singleton. So you take it, West signaling with the eight. This looks like a highish diamond so it is likely that West is showing a doubleton. If South has just one diamond, he is about to discard a lot of clubs on

dummy's diamond winners. What card should East return? The West Hand: S-KQ42H-94D-9874C-A82
The South Hand: S-A H-AK8732D-3 C-K7643
Actually, the question is not which card East should return but which suit East should avoid returning. It looks like the diamond suit might be a worry but it is not a worry if you think about the right things. Try counting. What should East count here?

East should count everyone's points and he should try to count South's dis-tribution and he should also count declarer's tricks. On this hand it is the tricks that are important. How many heart tricks does South have? Six. How many diamond tricks does South have? Three. How many spade tricks does South have? He has none, and won't get any either. How many club tricks does South have? Unknown. But you do know that if South does have a club trick, he will have ten in all. And if he has the ace and king of clubs, he will have ten in all. And if he has the ace and king of clubs, he will have eleven in all. What you need to find is a layout where South gets no club tricks. If he has the ace you can't do anything about it but if he has the king, your partner has the ace and between you and your partner you will be able to keep declarer from getting a club trick. Unless you lead one yourself. What's your best play? Anything but a club. Say you lead a diamond. Dummy will win. At some time declarer will lead a club to his king and you will get your partner's ace and your queen. If you had led a club, thinking there was some urgency to this hand, declarer might guess to play low and that would force your partner's ace, giving declarer a trick with his king. Count, count, count. I have given this advice many times and will give it again ler: North Vulnerable: East/West

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•	854	♦ 763		
•	₽ AQ10	♣ 8743		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	
	10	Pass	1S	
Pass Pass	3S	Pass	Pass	

South rejected his partner's invitational 3S bid and West got off to the lead of a trump. What should East do with this lead?

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

JUMBLED WORDS

the answer for the given quip.

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Each life makes its own imitation of

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2370

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

12. Netting (4) 14. Big she-cat (7)

15. Is very economical (7) 17. Write a musical piece (7)

19. Aggravate, anger or annoy (7) 20. Diplomacy (4)

22. Convincingly final (10) 25. Inflated or pretentious? (9)

26. Furious (5) 27. Cursed or took an oath? (5)

DOWN

1. Sum up (5)

2. Miniature world (9) 3. Horned mammal (10)

4. Place of entering (7)

5. Nomadic people (7) 6. Loose flowing garment usually worn by ladies (4) 7. Rich cake (5)

8. With utmost speed? (4-5)
13. Making impossible by previous

action (10)

14. Positions; settings (9) 16. A beggar (9) 18. Thrift or frugality (7)

19. An unknown person (French) (7) 21. Belief system (5)

23. An Arab chieftain or prince - "ere me" anagram? (5)

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

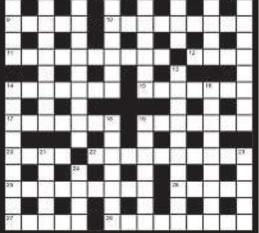
1. He never adds anything new to his collection (9)

6. Eight kings of England were entitled to be called this (5) 9. Dashed with the fish-hook I

assembled for one of England's Indian run-makers (5)

10. Reservoir should be so sound (4,5) 11. Soft prelude EP confused rock band 12. International development agency

students were initially girls!(4) 14. Get out of control - like pins, perhaps (4,3) 15. Gee! Our French mate after Asian



 $17.\,Secures\,damages\,and\,saves\,(7)$ 19. Record first the foreign

20. Spots indications of junior officers

22. Shady rumba participants seen by

George and Uncle Sam (10) 25. Arraigns him guillotined with very

pretty girls (9) 26. Consider getting work in Ecuador

initially(5) 27. Stares in wonder at the space available in the two courses (5) 28. Lacking the resolution to provide

strong joint support (4-5)

England (9)

1. Pungent end pieces of celeriac free (5) 2. Attempts to kidnap queen's daughter - hides here? (9)

3. Money you don't get for nothing? (4,3,3)4. Longing to redevelop this art (7) 5. One taken to be burnt on a celebrated

occasion(4,3) 6. Warmonger seen in a mortarboard? 7. It isn't the journalist who's famous (5) 8. Hero engaged in risky manoeuvres in

18. Miss Piggy as a mother getting round home difficulty in a way (7 19. Aria Sue belted for a very big hunk? 21. Go at university and make it more

23. Blue tricycle ends in place (5) 24. Means of identification (4)

Solutions to 2369 QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Vitriolic, 6 Basic,

9 Chiffon, 10 Tangent, 11 Scourge, 12 Mountie, 13 Tricolour, 15 Tenor, 16 Desks 19 Nonpareil, 22 Officer, 23 Debacle, 25 Screech, 26 Aimless, 27 Yanks, 28 Prognosis. **Down**: 1 Vices, 2 Tripoli, 3 Inferno, 4 Lunge, 5 Catamaran, 6 Banquet, 7 Sweeten, 8 Cathedral, 13 Tediously, 14 Ownership, 17 Saffron, 18 Success, 20 Albumen, 21 Eschews, 23 Draco, 24 Eases, CRYPTICCLUES Across: 1 Unlimited, 6 Bevel, 9 Fag-ends, 10 Ear-plug, 11 Detects, 12 Fondant, 13 Garibaldi 15 Congo, 16 Nudes, 19 Made a note, 22 Unslain, 23 Citadel, 25 Not a pro, 26 Red wine, 27 Rapid, 28 Eco-sphere. Down: 1 Unfed, 2 Lighter, 3 Mini-cab, 4 Tusks, 5

Lightsome, 13 Gun-runner, 14 Lemon sole

17 Desktop, 18 Stamped, 20 Acted up, 21

If it's your Birthday

Sunday April 24

You do seem to be facing chances to make unusual offer, but the responsibility may lie with you to take the initiative.

Monday April 25

Tuesday April 26

The key to success over the coming year is careful timing. and getting everything finished in the right order. You can do it.

Sun-Moon alignment. You've got all angles covered, which means you have lots of options. Make compromise the key to success over the coming year.

There's a major advantage in your current

Wednesday April 27

If you don't set aside time for enjoying yourself, you'll definitely be missing the fun. A new person you meet now could become a friend for life.

Thursday April 28

You will be making the most of every golden opportunity which comes your way. Don't take other people's goodwill for granted or you'll lose some support over the next year.

Friday April 29

The Sun's smooth movement is keeping you on the straight and narrow. You could also be facing a burst of the emotional wobbles, so stay out of trouble over the next few weeks.

Saturday April 30 You're feeling sensitive. Hopefully friends

and family will shower you with affection. The key to happiness is that you should be free to follow your deep, inner interests.

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.-Stephen King (11) **EHYLMT** SUDOKU **ILPRMY**

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 481

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Planetary aspects come and go,

measuring and describing monthly, daily and even minute-by-minute changes in mood. Yet a long and intensely harmonious pretty-well permanent fixture.

You may now feel

become even more

that you must

committed to a

This is the cause of all the professional drive and upheaval TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)



person or a project if the tidal wave of change is to rush on. Yet, during the course of the month, you will also come under mounting pressure to say farewell to one particular

emotional commitment

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You do not have to accept what is currently on offer: for it is clear that developments in the family are under vour control. You may act decisively to influence the course of events, not just out of

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Jupiter, the great

self-interest, but for

everyone's good.



peculiarly lively impact on your personal affairs. By the end of the month some of you will already be feeling the pleasant stirrings of rewards for past efforts, others will be experiencing a sense of hope as old doubts are dispelled.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Yours is a sign which

habitually deals in grand gestures, but the major planetary aspects at present are not those which naturally reinforce your sunny nature. It is work, responsibility and routine which figure large.

This is a period when you must

practical foundations with great care and patience. VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

put down emotional and

Mercury, Venus and Mars, the so-called personal planets, all

come to your support, suggesting that this is the moment for you to take personal charge of a number of areas in which you have allowed your control to slip. It seems likely now that vague fears will be cleared up.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Nobody knows better than you that

varied problems. Yet now that the Sun is so tough and the Moon so gentle, you must see way. Indeed, what once

there is no easy way to deal with life's

seemed to be an insurmountable problem may now appear to be a source of



Venus and Mars, three planets which are calculated to boost your personal image. It is time to temper your secretive tendencies, permitting partners and colleagues access

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) The Sun is exerting a decisive impact on

chart related to

to the information they require.

too, you might think, in view of the fact that you're ready to expand your horizons. What is really being released is your thirst for romantic adventure. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

connections. Very convenient

travel and overseas

You are now in a strong position to air any grievances or deeply-held opinions, encouraged by generous Jupiter's challenge to

meaning efforts to help you as an attempt to dominate AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

your sign. However, do not

mistake other people's well-

The reason why business partners and friends have been so off-hand lately should now be clear, and you may see that no ill-will was intended. Indeed, you must let go of all old and stale feelings, realising that bitterness and

resentment are alien to the true

Aquarian spirit. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Your approach to work of all kinds is creative and

innovatory, You must press ahead with all speed, for life will not always give you the opportunities it does now. One further word of warning; look after your everdelicate Piscean health, and wrap yourself in cotton-wool if

Attack fails, defence works

Gujarat Titans big-hitters fail to post tall score, but bowlers help team bounce back against Kolkata Knight Riders

just short of taking KKR home as GT scraped through by 8 runs

ABHISHEK PUROHIT NAVI MUMBAI, APRIL 23

GUJARAT TITANS squandered a strong base to collapse at the death but Alzarri Joseph dismissed Andre Russell in the last over even as he seemed set to drag Kolkata Knight Riders to victory. His exit brought GT their sixth win in seven games, and KKR slumped to their fourth successive defeat on a sticky DY Patil Stadium surface.

Russell does it, almost

A ball after the powerplay, KKR had lost captain Shreyas Iyer and were struggling on 34 for 4. Having seen how KKR themselves had bowled, GT too hit the hard back of a length and their pacers easily ripped out the top order, which featured another fresh opening pair of Sam Billings and Sunil Narine.

Rinku Singh kept them in the chase through the middle overs with the odd boundary as GT erred on the fuller side and paid the price. But the impressive Yash Dayal provided the breakthrough in the 13th. In the next over, Rashid had Venkatesh Iyer caught superbly at deep midwicket on the shorter boundary by Abhinav Manohar off a wrong 'un.

At 98 for 6, only Andre Russell stood in between victory and GT. Dayal had him on the third ball with a vicious bouncer that leapt at the Jamaican, who could only fend it to fine leg. But it turned out to be a noball and Russell went on to rain six sixes on GT's hopes; either targeting the shorter side, or the straight, Russell took KKR to within two maximums needed with five

But now Alzarri Joseph got his bouncer on target. Lockie Ferguson first ran in too much from fine leg, but changed direction just in time to swallow Russell's top edge. And that was the match there for GT.

GT lose 7/23 at death

At 133 for 2 into the 17th over, GT had a solid platform from which to launch towards a total of 175-180. But they managed to add only 23 more runs in a collapse that saw them losing seven wickets.

After the initial couple of overs, KKR had realised that digging the ball short of a length into the pitch, and taking the pace off was the way to go. If they executed that well, it was all but impossible for a new batsman to come in and force the pace right away

Even a set David Miller could not; he tried to flay Shivam Mavi but the ball kicked as Mavi cut it across the left-hander, and lobbed up for a simple catch in the inner circle.

failing to clear the long western boundary, be it with the slog or the cut. That side was around 13-14 metres farther than the eastern one as the pitch for this game was right on one side of the square. Three batsmen failed to get it past Rinku Singh in the deep on the longer rope in the last over alone bowled by Andre Rusell.



TEAM	M	W	L	PT	NRR
GT	7	6	1	12	0.396
SRH	7	5	2	10	0.691
RR	7	5	2	10	0.432
RCB	8	5	3	10	-0.472
LSG	7	4	3	8	0.124
DC	7	3	4	6	0.715
KKR	8	3	5	6	0.080
PBKS	7	3	4	6	-0.562
CSK	7	2	5	4	-0.534
MI	7	0	7	0	-0.892

GT hit only two boundaries in the last five overs, both came from Rahul Tewatia, including one off an outside edge. Tewatia was sent in at No 5 at the fall of Miller, perhaps to keep the left-right combination going with Hardik. But GT also promoted Rashid Khan next ahead of Abhinav Manohar, perhaps due to his exploits in their previous game against Chennai Super Kings. But none of their moves worked this time.

Hardik the injured lone warrior

Skipper Hardik carried the GT batting once again with his third successive halfcentury, but also hurt himself again. Tewatia pushed for a quick single at the end of the 17th over and as Hardik ended up rushing all the way to the edge of the circle, he seemed to have aggravated the groin injury that had kept him out of the CSK game. He immediately called for the physio and was gone off the next ball he faced from Tim Southee, finding no power or distance as he sent a tired-looking heave to deep

Until his fall in the 18th, Hardik had deftly guided GT's progress. Batting for the first time this season at No 3 instead of No 4, he came in at the start of the second over. A couple of fours to the shorter side off Southee got him going, although the New Zealander missed a clear run-out chance to send back the GT skipper.

Hardik tried to force-hit a boundary every now and then, but the ball just wasn't coming on well enough for him to time those on-the-up drives. The only time that came through was when he correctly judged Mavi would overpitch the next ball after his short ball was guided over

With GT playing four specialist fast bowlers plus Rashid and Tewatia, perhaps Hardik wasn't going to have bowled even if he hadn't injured himself further during the match. In the seventh over, he ended up jogging after a Rinku Singh drive to the wide long-off boundary, put in a futile dive at the last instant and left the field soon after He'd hover around the dugout for the rest of the game, with Rashid taking over the reins on the field again.

BRIEF SCORES: Gujarat Titans 156 for 9 in 20 overs (Hardik Pandya 67, Andre Russell 4/5) bt Kolkata Knight Riders: 148 for 8 in 20 overs (Andre Russell 48, Mohammed Shami 2/20, Rashid Khan



Hardik Pandya's half-century led Gujarat to a decent total despite losing seven wickets in the last three overs. Sportzpics for IPL

A Royal implosion: Bangalore batsmen no challenge for SRH pacers, bowled out for 68

SYNOPSIS: Jansen's Test-match length does the trick. Kohli perishes for another golden duck

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

THIS HAS been their trend. Every now and then, Royal Challengers Bangalore would come up with a batting disaster-class, when collectively they would implode.

Last year, they were bundled out for 92 against Kolkata Knight Riders in Abu Dhabi. In 2017, they had folded up for 49 against KKR at Eden Gardens. The only solace from their 68 all out in 16.1 overs against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Saturday could be that it came fairly early into the season, with RCB on 10 points from eight games and still a lot of cricket left in this IPL

Once RCB had lost three wickets in Marco Jansen's first over, their recovery depended on Glenn Maxwell and Dinesh Karthik. The former perished for 12 and Karthik, for a change, got out without opening his account. For Sunrisers Hyderabad, it was about getting to the victory target quickly and improving 12 overs to spare, took them to 10 points and upped their net run rate to 0.691. Abhishek Sharma was the enforcer with 47 off 28 balls.

Test-match length

Sunrisers arguably boast the finest pace attack in this tournament, along with Gujarat Titans. The advantage of having four quality

SRH's Marcus Jansen took three RCB wickets in his first over. Sportzpics for IPL seamers is that attack can be relentless. As Jansen had RCB on the mat upfront, his pace partners ensured that there was no fightback from the opponents. Jansen played a big part

in South Africa's home Test series win against India in the winter. Here, his Test-match length undid the RCB top order. The first ball of his first over had nipped into Faf du Plessis. When he made the next ball hold its line, du Plessis was outwitted. The RCB captain, squared up by the length, played down the wrong line and was bowled neck and crop. Virat Kohli departed on his heels – another

outside edge to Aiden Markram at slip. In the final ball of the over, Anuj Rawat jabbed at an away-goer without conviction and Markram took another fine catch at slip. That threewicket over broke the backbone of the RCB batting. There was still the small matter of removing Maxwell, who had warmed up with a couple of fours against Jansen. But mistim-

ing a T Natarajan delivery cost him dear, as he looked to clear the in-field. Kane Williamson took a fine diving catch at mid-off. Sunrisers' catching was excellent. Natarajan, meanwhile, returned with 3/10 from three overs. Jansen's figures read 3/25 from four.

As for Karthik, gloving an innocuous delivery down the leg side from left-arm spinner Jagadeesha Suchith was an anti-climax. The RCB innings had only two double-digit scores.

Kohli's golden duck

Back-to-back golden ducks would increase the clamour around Kohli. To be fair to him, he got a very good ball to start with. Jansen bowled it full and it also swung a bit. Kohli made a mistake by approaching it with hard hands and pushing at it, but more than anything, it was typical of a batsman going through a wretched run of form. The rub of the green has deserted him. Whether a break from cricket, as advised by Ravi Shastri, would serve him well, is completely Kohli's call.

Advice at the moment is coming thick and fast though. As Kohli departed for another firstball duck, former India captain Mohammed Azharuddin posted on Twitter: "Virat Kohli deserves a much-needed break from some matches. A little rest should rejuvenate him." nt matches so far th

has scored 119 runs. Quitting captaincy hasn't augured well for him.

BRIEF SCORES: RCB 68 all out in 16.1 overs (Suyash Prabhudessai 15; Marco Jansen 3/25, T Natarajan 3/10) lost to SRH 72 for 1 in 8 overs (Abhishek Sharma 47, Kane Williamson 16 not out; Harshal Patel 1/18)

Pant told Amre: 'Sir, will you go and

talk to the umpires? Or else I will go'

BRIEFLY -

Daruvala finishes second in F2 race

Imola: Jehan Daruvala took his third podium finish from as many rounds this season on Saturday after crossing the line second in the Formula 2 championship at Imola. The Indian started third on the grid for the sprint race but got a good getaway to gain a place and slot into the spot behind race leader, and eventual winner, Marcus Armstrong. Daruvala finished ahead of teammate Dennis Hauger, who finished third to complete a double podium for Prema in their home event.

Pujara scores second ton of County season

Worcester: Out-of-favour veteran Cheteshwar Pujara continued his good form in the English County championship with a second successive hundred for Sussex against Worcestershire in an away match but couldn't stop his team from being enforced follow-on. Pujara scored 109 off 206 balls, his 52nd first-class century, following his 201 not out against Derbyshire in his first game of the season. Pujara, whose knock was laced with 16 boundaries, took Sussex to 269 all-out in reply to Worcestershire's first innings score of 491, riding on skipper Brett de Oliviera's 169.

Delhi among 5 venues for SAT20s in June

New Delhi: Delhi, Cuttack, Vizag, Rajkot and Bengaluru were named as the host cities for the five-match T20 series against South Africa to be held from June 9 to 19. Following an apex council meeting on Saturday, the BCCI also confirmed that the three-team women's challenger will be held in Lucknow from May 24 to 28. It was also decided that the first play-off and eliminator of the IPL will be played in Kolkata on May 24 and 26, followed by second play-off and final at Ahmedabad on May 27 and 29 respectively. Capacity crowds will be allowed for the IPL matches in Kolkata and Ahmedabad.

Mumbai City suffer 0-6 loss in ACL

Riyadh: Indian Super League side Mumbai City FC were eliminated from the AFC Champions League after suffering a 0-6 drubbing at the hands of Al Shabab of Saudi Arabia in a group B match here. It was Hattan Bahebri's hat-trick which confirmed Al Shabab as the winners of group B on Friday night. Unbeaten in five and with 13 points to their name, Al Shabab march into the next round, joining city rivals Al Hilal and Oatar's Al Dul Round of 16. They conclude their group stage on Tuesday against Al Jazira, while Mumbai City have been officially eliminated and will look to improve their place on the table when they face Air Force Club PTI & ENS

Dhoni, Miandad, Kohli & importance of a calm mind

SANDEEP DWIVEDI NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

EARLY IN the week, the internet, that evereager celebrator of all events, was raising a toast to Javed Miandad's 1986 last-ball six, and also recalling Chetan Sharma's waist-high full toss. Days later, late at night, it was busy glorifying MS Dhoni's last-ball four and trolling Jaydev Unadkat's shin-The Miandad moment was iconic, it

shaped the destiny, defined the demeanour, of India and Pakistan cricket. In contrast, Dhoni's four was routine. It was just another IPL spark in this long T20 season of daily But it did provide a reminder that elite

sport, despite the change of formats and rules, isn't always about skills. At the highest level, where most players have been child prodigies as juniors and proven match-winners as adults, most top sporting battles are won and lost in the mind. Pundits say that the secret of batsmen

like Dhoni middling the ball more often than not in the slog overs is their capacity to 'retain their shape'. These nonplussed clinical hitters are praised, and envied, for their stillness at the crease. The lesser discussed, and a far more important, attribute of their batting is the stillness of their mind.

When in pressure situations, the Zen masters don't think about the consequences of winning or losing. They don't start imagining the hugs of their mates, the applause of the crowd, or the pictures in the newspapers the next day. They also don't let the fear of failure cloud the immediate task at hand - facing the ball and sending it



Former India and RCB captain Virat Kohli has endured back-to-back **golden ducks in the IPL.** Sportzpics for IPL

A study on anxiety in sports conducted on table tennis players threw up an interesting observation. When top paddlers tried too hard to win or were too scared to lose, they tended to fix their gaze on the ball. This diminished their ability to pick cues that would give an idea about the stroke and strategy of their opponents.

Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, these days, seem to be missing the trees for the woods. Rohit, on Friday, got out to the softSports psychologists have an explanation. They call Kohli's situation 'Paralysis by Analysis' - it is the inability to perform routine acts because of overthinking. Players, in this state. let their minds wander. They forget to look for clues, scan data, or calculate risks and reward

A day later, on Saturday, Kohli was up against the South African pacer Marco Jansen, the young left-arm pacer that had a deep impact on the Indian batsmen in the Test series late last year. Jansen needed just one away moving, full-length ball to dismiss Kohli. Like so many times during a long slump, across formats, the RCB batsman edged the ball behind the stumps.

So has Kohli lost the ability to play this stock ball of pacers around the world?

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Back to the Dhoni-Unadkat duel. Watch the over again and see how Dhoni seemed to have second-guessed every variation that left-arm pacer had planned.

The first ball the Dhoni faced was

bowled over the wicket and travelled diag-

onally across the pitch. It was cross-seamed

and full. The reputed finisher seemed to have anticipated the Unadkat stock ball. He clubbed it brutally, over the bowler's head. England's best-known cricket analyst Simon Hughes would tweet: "He had made his point, This kind of shot is totally demoralising to any bowler. Had the desired effect." He was spot on. When 'full' doesn't work, what would a

rattled pacer do next? Dhoni was ready for the short ball. Unadkat did exactly that, he came up with his slow bouncer. Dhoni saw it coming. He stays in the crease, plays the horizontal bat shot, connects, and the ball sails over the fine leg fielder for four. It finally boils down to 4 runs from the fi-

nal ball. True to the predictable script, it was an almost-yorker. Dhoni took it on full and sent it across the fence behind square. The private man. Dhoni isn't known to

way with words. On the anniversary of his six off Chetan Sharma, an old newspaper clipping cropped up on Twitter. It had a story from the day after the final where Miandad, sitting at

talk about his heroics. But Miandad has a

Sharjah's famous host Abdul Rehman Bukhari's office, spoke about the six. "As I surveyed the field and sized up where the men were standing on the line on the on-side. I had a hunch that Chetan would try to bowl the ball at a yorker length. What else could the poor lad try? I had decided that I would step up just a shade to convert the length if the ball was dipping to

tween mid-wicket and long on". Just replace Chetan with Unadkat in the above quote and you would have Dhoni speaking about his final ball four. Greatness is about staying calm while in chaos.

the blockhole. I had an easy job, I got a juicy

full toss. It was easy work to whack it be-

DEVENDRA PANDEY

MUMBAI, APRIL 23

"SIR, WILL you go and talk to the umpires? Or else I will go." That is what Delhi Capitals skipper Rishabh Pant is believed to have told coach Praveen Amre while protesting against the much-talked about umpiring decision during the game against Rajasthan Royals last night.

After DC batsman Rovmen Powell had hit the third six off RR pacer Obed McCoy, Pant, along with others around him in the dugout, were seen gesturing to the umpire, asking for a referral to check for no-ball. At that stage, DC, needing 36 runs from the final over, were staring at a winning target of 18 runs from the last three balls.

Had the umpires ruled that McCoy's high full-toss was above the waist, as the DC dug out was vehemently demanding, RR would have to bowl an extra ball and also concede a free hit. Pant. David Warner. along with coaches Amre and Shane Watson, were seen signalling a no-ball from outside the boundary line as soon Powell sent the full toss out of the ground.

When the on-field umpires, Nitin Menon and Nikhil Patwardhan, were unmoved by the shouts of referral from the sidelines. Pant seemed to be getting restless. He first signalled the on-field batsmen - Powell and Kuldeep Yadav – to walk off the field. When that didn't materialise, he was seen speaking to coach Amre.

Those in the know say that Amre was initially not keen to go and tried to quell his captain. But Pant was in no mood to give up.

New Delhi

"Pant told Amre that 'Sir, will you go and

On Saturday morning, the IPL governing body came down heavily on Pant, Amre and Shardul Thakur. Pant was fined 100 percent of his match-fee which is close to Rs 1 crore rupees. Thakur was charged with 50% percent of match fee while assistant coach Amre was handed a one-match ban for the offence

talk to the umpires or shall I go?'. At that stage, Amre felt it would be unwise for the skipper to walk on to the field and that is why he went and spoke to the umpires," said a source the DC dug out.

In hindsight had Pant gone inside, he might have faced a one-match ban, the punishment that Amre meted out for crossing the line. On Saturday morning, the IPL governing body came down heavily on Pant, Amre and Shardul Thakur. Pant was fined 100 percent of his match-fee which is close to Rs 1 crore rupees. Thakur was charged with 50% percent of match fee while assistant coach Amre was handed a one-match ban for the offence.

After the match Pant commented on the incident. "Everyone was frustrated because it was not even close, so I thought it was only a no ball. Everyone on the ground saw that. I think the third umpire should have intervened in between and said it was a no ball, but I can't change the rule myself

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Ghaziabad, the new haven for luxury living

Competitive prices in this well-connected NCR hub have meant that professionals can upgrade to bigger apartments that are equipped with smart amenities

NTHE midst of the Covid pandemic and with work-from-home becoming the new normal, more people have started buying homes, boosting residential real estate investment. People are interested in more than affordable housing; sales of luxury and ultraluxury homes (costing more than Rs 1.5 crore) have shot up as they look for enhanced and multi-use spaces. Real estate developers in Delhi and the NCR region have responded by building more luxury homes in response to this growing trend. According to Anarock Property Consultants, 17 per cent of the 10,570 housing units launched in Delhi-NCR during the first six months of this year were in the premium sector. Luxury homes accounted for less than 9 per cent of total housing construction last year.

In the Delhi-NCR region, 11,300 new luxury units have been launched between 2018 and June 2021. The lowest share of luxury dwelling supply was in 2020. In FY 2021-22, the real estate sector grew dramatically, with considerable increases in residential and commercial real estate investments. According to an industry research report, the real estate sector will contribute 13 per cent of India's GDP by 2025. By 2040, the market is estimated to rise by Rs 650 crore. The real estate market has also seen amazing post-pandemic expansion, since it has enticed many on the fence to make a final decision. According to a recent report, Noida contributed for 55 per cent of net absorption between January and March 2021, followed by Gurugram with 38 per cent.



Many metropolitan towns, like Gurgaon, Noida and Ghaziabad, have seen a 96 per cent increase in house sales and a 24 per cent increase in new projects and launch debuts. Home sales in Gurugram increased by 129 per cent in FY 2021-22, while housing sales in Noida increased by 116 per cent. Residential sales in Delhi increased by 100 per cent, Ghaziabad increased by 84 per cent, and Greater Noida increased by 58 per cent. Sales are improving, according to numerous developers, and will soon return to prepandemic levels.

After Bengaluru and Pune, Delhi NCR is in third place, with more NRIs and HNIs looking to invest in luxury properties in the NCR. Around 31 per cent of HNIS are interested in investing in luxury residential real estate. The region has experienced an exponential increase in high-rise residences built by well-known and trusted real estate companies, making NCR one of the most in-demand regions.

In the NCR region, premium homes, particularly 4BHK and huge houses, are in high demand. As a result, 2021 is

estate. Because of the tremendous demand, developers are eager to start new projects and finish those that are currently under construction. This will provide the real estate sector a significant boost in the coming year.

Ghaziabad is an emerging hotspot.

shaping up to be a good year for real

From being a densely-packed suburban city in NCR, its planned infrastructure development, improved connectivity and expansion possibilities have made it a most sought after real estate haven. Besides the Metro rail network, the Eastern Peripheral Expressway connects it radially with the other highways in the north and south of the national capital. Ghaziabad has always been known for its affordable housing but now Vaishali is comparable to Noida Expressway for luxury homes, with both regions having properties at similar price points. Siddharth Vihar is a new area and has an "automated smart home" project. Ostensibly, the competitive prices have meant that professionals and retired bureaucrats are upgrading to bigger apartments that have better amenities. There is a good demand from IT companies and hospitals for leasing.

Investment is on the upswing in areas such as Crossing Republik, Vaishali Sector 1, Vaibhav Khand and Govind Puram. Rental returns are also high.

Many real estate agencies have begun to adapt to online transaction methods. Increased sales momentum requires digital marketing and online registrations. This has boosted the real estate market's expansion in the Delhi NCR region, resulting in more sales and

Revenues for real estate developers have increased significantly this year and the trend is expected to continue. Many new launches, handover of completed projects and infrastructure development are expected in the next one or two years. Customers are looking for the ideal properties to invest in and developers are willing to provide both time and support to their customers.

Despite COVID-19 stifling real estate project growth in the short term, real estate projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities are booming. In FY 2021-22, the market saw tremendous growth, and it will continue to rise to pre-pandemic positions. The rebound of the real estate market has also pushed investors and developers to start additional projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities, based on client demand. Due to decadal low borrowing rates and desire for residential ownership due to the pandemic, housing sales in the NCR increased by 73 per cent from 23,210 units in 2020 to 40,050 units in 2021.



Veridia – Taking lifestyle to the next level

AVE CITY, the first operational hi-tech smart city in North India, seamlessly amalgamates the latest technology, sustainable development and eco-friendly practices, and modern-day luxuries. Spread across 4,300 acres, the township is strategically located on NH-24. The estate is designed to provide an enriching lifestyle, ticking all the boxes of smart, sustainable, and green living. It is the world's largest green precertified Platinum Rated township. The project's seamless connectivity makes it an alluring prospect for buyers. The area is flanked by a wide and congestion-free network of roads besides good hospitals, schools, and utility marts. It offers a bouquet of residential innovations from sky villas, independent floors, plots, apartments to homebuyers and embodies a mix of technology and tradition, while providing for holistic living in its truest sense.

As industries across the globe are advancing towards the technology-driven process and offerings, the real estate is not far behind, and a plethora of well-known real estate entities are heavily investing in home automation to diversify their offers and secure a foothold in this competitive sector. Homebuyers, especially millennials, desire complete control of their residence at their fingertips. To relieve you from the pain of finding your perfect digital home, we at Wave City present our uber-luxury residency, Veridia. It's the perfect embodiment of luxury amassed with numerous high-tech home automa-

Veridia, designed in the backdrop of the breathtakingly beautiful, lush green landscape, is the new sought-after address in Ghaziabad. An ultra-luxurious residency that boasts thoughtful layouts, immaculate design, and modern amenities that sets it apart from any other property on NH-24. As a thoughtfully designed and ultra-luxurious residential project, Veridia is nestled on a 57-meter wide road with state-of-art amenities for a smart lifestyle like home automation system, front door digital lock, video door phone, and EV charging point at every car parking.

Veridia offers 4 BHK Floors and 5 BHK Sky Villas that exuberate extravagance and elegance for the contemporary home buyer. The 4 BHK floors host spacious living with 4 grand bedrooms, furnished fittings, and a smart set-up that makes it a complete home. The 5 BHK Sky Villas with grand doubleheight ceiling is the epitome of style, design, comfort quotient in tandem with luxury lifestyle.

Veridia ensures utmost privacy as there are only 2 apartments on each floor. All apartments are fully air-conditioned, well-ventilated, and sunlit. Veridia offers spacious balconies with spectacular scenic views. All the residents of Veridia get exclusive access to ultra-luxurious clubhouse with a wide array of amenities to indulge in. The clubhouse includes a swimming pool, modern gymnasium, world-class squash court, grand multi-purpose hall, and provision for fine dining to savor exquisite delicacies. Veridia is extremely secure as it includes 3tier security along with being a gated community. To top it all, 5 BHK Sky Villas comes with a ravishing private splash pool, mesmerizing sky garden, and prefitted wardrobes with dressers.

The unit size of the 4 BHK floors is a massive 2385 sq. ft, and their starting price is Rs 1.20 crore. On the other hand, the 5 BHK Sky Villas boast of a 4089 sq. ft unit size and their starting price is Rs 2.11 crore.

Veridia is 30 minutes from the famous Akshardham Temple in Delhi and 15 minutes away from Indirapuram and Noida's Sector-62. Veridia is six minutes away from the Eastern Peripheral Highway and five minutes away from a proposed Metro station. On top of that, well-known schools, colleges, and hospitals are within a 2-km radius from





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